

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

43W301 Plank Road, Hampshire, IL, 60140, 847-464-5721

February 18, 2024

Sunday Service

9:00 am

(Communion celebrated every Sunday)

Children's Sunday School

(Ages 3 - 8th Grade)

September - May, 10:00 am

High School Sunday School

(9th - 12th Grades)

September - May, 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study

10:30 am

Confirmation

5:00 pm

*Sharing the truth of Christ's love
by caring for the needs of everyone!*

Livestream St. Peter's Sunday Worship at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY-0ZhtspZkK7vIpJ7DEY1Q>

MESSENGER

The Hardest Thing You'll Ever Do



Putting others first and yourself last is the hardest thing you'll ever do because we intuitively look out for ourselves. Self-preservation is man's first instinct - but it doesn't work.

Do you know how two goats respond when they meet on a narrow path above a river? They can't turn back and they can't pass each other because they lack even an inch of spare room. The goats instinctively know if they butt each other they'll both fall into the river and drown. How do they handle it? Nature has taught one goat to lie down so the other can pass over it. As a result, both animals survive and arrive at their destination safe and sound. Instead of seeing itself as a doormat to be walked on, the goat sees itself as a bridge to be crossed over. It becomes a win-win.

Philippians 2:5-7 (ESV) says, ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

To put others first you must focus on other people's needs instead of your own rights'. Here's the best part: every time you sacrifice in order to serve someone else, you're serving Jesus, and you're sowing seeds of blessing you will surely reap. The person or persons you are serving have an opportunity to grow in their relationship to God and you and you the server have an opportunity to grow in your relationship to Jesus. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ has died. Christ is risen. He will come again!

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Prayer Requests



Those who are ill:

Elaine Adams, Pamela Andrews, Alicia Briskey (acute leukemia), Doug & Darla Beurman & family, Steve Collins (Linda Butt's son-in-law), Payton Cowan, Don Dorwaldt, Sherry Gehrke (for wisdom with farm dealings), Rose Hartwig, Evelyn Hertrich, Karen Johnson, Ernst Kohn, Daniel Kowalski, Linda Mandell, Paul Mills, Dave Neisendorf, Dan Powell (close friend of Bette Wine's, in recovery after being attacked and shot), Dennis Roush, Andy Schuring, Norm Schuring, Shaquita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother), Robert Schneller (Marilyn Eaves' cousin—cancer), Karen Stojan, Marilyn Thompson, Kathy Voog, Joe Watzlawick (Bobby Watzlawick's father-cancer), Gloria Wine (Bette Wine's sister-in-law, having radiation treatment), and Andrea Zachotina

Those residing in healthcare centers:

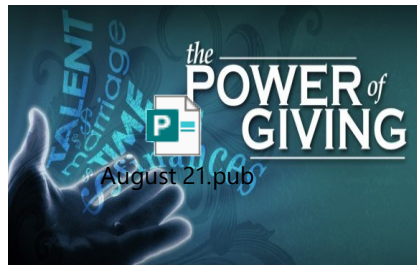
Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Walt Clauss (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living

Those serving in our military:

Aidan Buttrum, Ally Mills, and Steven Schaar (Pastor & Marilyn's son-in-law)



Attendance



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February 4: 46
February 11: 66
February 14: 39
February 18:
February 25:

True Practice of Faith

Giving back to God from what He has given you is a question not of reason or convenience or what God will do for us but of faith in God as our Creator. Giving back involves complete trust in His providential promises.

Altar Guild



Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.

February 18

In memory John Wieg's birthday, February 18.

Given by Betty Kurtz, in honor of Beth Jack's birthday, February 23.

Easter Lily sign-up list is by the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may request them to be in honor or memory of someone or anonymously for someone.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me, my hip surgery, and my recovery. Everything went well! I'm very grateful. I also appreciated the card you all signed and sent to me, and especially the beautiful knitted shawl given to me by the Prayer Shawl Ministry. What a blessing you all are! Denise Kohlmeyer

Lutherans for Life

Life Quote - February 18, 2024

"The state can punish offenders, but it can't give birth to law-abiding citizens. The state cannot love or nurture a child. It takes a family. A radical thought, that, but off limits in our public conversations swept clean of moral discourse. Pray that this will change." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thought - February 18, 2024, Lent I

The Lord God forbid father Abraham from sacrificing his boy Isaac (Genesis 22:12). The lesson extends to us, too. Abortion is immoral because it is unnecessary. Jesus alone serves as beast of burden in the solemn rite of righting wrongs (Mark 1:13). Death always hatches from sin (James 1:15), but we belong in the business of redemption. If God's forgiveness forgets even abortion (Psalm 25:7), we ought to forget about it also.



CONDUCTOR - DR. RICHARD FISCHER
 Dr. Richard Fischer, Distinguished Professor of Music, has served as director of bands at Concordia University Chicago since 1974.

Wind Symphony Tours & Concerts in our area from Concordia University, Chicago

Saturday, March 9
 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 10
 St. Peter Lutheran Church & School, Schaumburg, IL 4 p.m.

Friday, March 15
 Concordia University Chicago
 The Chapel of Our Lord, Home Concert, 8 p.m.

Teen Service Retreat - March 15-18, 2024:
 Why are we called as Christians to serve others? How can service change lives, both ours and others?
 This retreat is set up so you can come as a group or an individual. The retreat begins Friday night at 6:30 (No dinner Friday night, so please eat before arrival) and ends Sunday morning around 10:30 am. Registration fee is \$135.00. More info at www.WALCAMP.org
 The camp retreat will include a facilitator to guide the conversation, team building and camp activities, Worship on Saturday evening and meals. Our goal for the retreat is that our teens will walk away from it secure in the Truth of Christ's love for them personally through time spent in community, the Word, and service together.

The Wind Symphony is the premier instrumental ensemble at Concordia-Chicago.
 The Wind Symphony maintains an active performance schedule, having performed in schools, churches, and concert halls in 43 states, Canada, Eastern Europe, and China. The group has a commitment to the finest traditional and contemporary sacred and secular repertoire. The Wind Symphony has recorded thirteen compact discs of sacred music.

Board of Outreach Activities

Contact Beth Jack with questions for the following activities at elizabethannjack@gmail.com or 630-702-5897.

A signup sheet is in the Narthex to signup for Lenten meals at 6:30 pm. You may bring drinks &/or desserts, plus your choice for meal.

During February we are collecting until next Sunday for care packages for college students & military, i.e.: socks, granola bars, popcorn, nuts, soup, gum, snack items, beef jerky, hand sanitizer, small toys, etc. Eight packages will be sent.

Potluck & White Elephant Bingo will be held **today, February 18**. Meal at 11 am, bingo at noon. All ages welcome.

Easter bunny pics & egg hunt – free: Saturday, March 23 at 10 am until noon.

Outreach meeting dates: Mondays: Feb. 26, Mar. 25, April 22, May 20, June 24, July 22, August 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25 & Dec. 23. All input is welcome!! Volunteers are always welcome.

Food Pantry Needs

Hamburger Helper, cookies, cake mixes, variety salad dressings, kidney beans, pork & beans, ketchup, dishwashing soap, Jell-O, and puddings.

Donations accepted first Saturday of the month (9am - 10am) and Sunday before the Monday distribution (10am - 12pm) at the food pantry, 220 Keyes Avenue, Hampshire.

Mail monetary donations to: Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry, PO Box 651, Hampshire, IL 60140

Annual Lenten Inspiration, Saturday, March 2
 9am-2pm Immanuel Lutheran Church, Belvidere
 Online registration: \$15.00 at www.lwmlnid.org
 Speaker: Rev. Kris Whitby
 Topic: Romans 12:10 "Love & Honor One Another"
 Breakfast: 8:00 am
 Freewill offering
 Ingathering: Collecting gently used blankets, sheets, and food items for Empower Boone food pantry. There is a tote in the Narthex to place your items in. Everyone is invited.

Thank you for your donations!

Worship Assistants

	Elder	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild
2/18	Steve Sporleder	Fern Petersen	Marilyn Eaves	Sonja Sporleder	Fred & Linda Rackow
2/25	Jeff Pergande	Christy Petersen	Bette Wine	Paul Tegtmeier	Fred & Linda Rackow

Birthdays	
2/19	Shana Flatland
2/22	Evelyn Hertrich Jeff Pergande
2/23	Beth Jack
Wedding Anniversaries	
2/19	Ted & Jane Tegtman
2/23	Joe & Donna Rau
Baptism Anniversaries	
2/21	Luke Miller Zach Miller

Lutheran Hour	
February 18 "Redeeming DIY" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Spiritual growth in the season of Lent and dying to self in a "do-it-yourself" world.	
February 25 "When Winning Is Losing" Rev. Dr. John Nunes In Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing. Dr. John Nunes explains what that means.	
Station	City/State Freq Band Day Time
WGN	Chicago 720 AM Sun 6:30am
WGSL	Rockford 91.1 FM Sun 4:30pm
WKKD	Aurora 1580 AM Sun 9:30am
WRMN	Elgin 1410 AM Sun 9:00am
WMCW	Harvard 1600 AM Sun 9:05am
Woman To Woman	
Station	City/State Freq Band Day Time
WRMN	Elgin 1410 AM Sun 7:30am

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in March. The next meeting will be Friday, April 5, 1:00 pm.

This Week		
Sunday, 2/18	Worship <i>Fill The Pews</i> Children's Sunday School <i>(Lesson: Lydia Believes in Jesus, Acts 16:6-15)</i> Potluck White Elephant Bingo	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm
Monday, 2/19	No School - Little Saints Preschool	
Tuesday, 2/20	Dartball @ St. Peter's	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 2/21	Chapel - Deer Path Lenten Worship Lenten Supper Lenten Worship	10:00 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday, 2/22	Bible Study	1:30 pm
Saturday, 2/24	Pew Sisters' Bible study	10:00 am
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 2/25	Worship Children's Sunday School <i>(Lesson: Priscilla and Aquila Help Apollos, Acts 18:1-3, 18-28)</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Monday, 2/26	Board of Outreach meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday, 2/28	Chapel - Deer Path Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Lenten Worship Lenten Supper Lenten Worship	10:00 am 11:45 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday, 2/29	Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Bible Study	11:15 am 1:30 pm
Sunday, 3/3	Worship Children's Sunday School <i>(Lesson: God Frees Peter from Prison, Acts 12:1-19)</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am
Wednesday, 3/6	Chapel - Deer Path Lenten Worship Lenten Supper Lenten Worship	10:00 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Thursday, 3/7	Ladies Aid Bible Study Elders Meeting	12:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm

* Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Rev. Thomas Eaves Pastor 224-242-4151 (office line) 701-340-8324 (cell) pastorflyboy@gmail.com	Pastor's Office Hours M, W, TH, F 10:30 am - 4:30 pm <i>(Before coming in, please call ahead to ensure Pastor is available.)</i>	Mrs. Denise Kohlmeier Office Administrator 847-464-5721 office@stpetersnorthplato.org www.stpetersnorthplato.org Facebook: @SaintPetersHampshire	Church Office Hours M - F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Mrs. Kristina Kolodziej Little Saints Preschool Director 847-464-5134 preschool@stpetersnorthplato.org www.stpetersnorthplato.org Facebook: Little Saints Preschool
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