

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

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February 25, 2024



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

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

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

Dealing With the Devil – Part 1

Nothing thrills the devil more than the current skepticism with which he's viewed. The more we doubt or downplay his existence, the more he's free to hurt and hamper us.

Jesus never doubted the reality of the devil. *Matthew 4:1 (ESV) says, "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." Jesus was victorious and He proved that God uses Satan's schemes to strengthen us. Times of testing, not the temptations that come from our own desires, are actually times of spiritual training. James 1:2-4 (ESV) says, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."*

God loves you too much to leave you undeveloped and immature. *Hebrews 12:5-10 (ESV) says, "And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness."*

When General Patton counterattacked Field Marshal Rommel in World War II, Patton is reported to have shouted in the thick of battle, "I read your book, Rommel! I read your book!" Patton had studied Rommel's *Infantry Attacks*. He knew the German leader's strategies and planned his moves accordingly. When you become acquainted with Satan's moves, learn God's Word, and use God's name and Word you can stop him cold in his tracks. *2 Corinthians 2:11 (ESV) says, "so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs."*

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

MESSENGER

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:

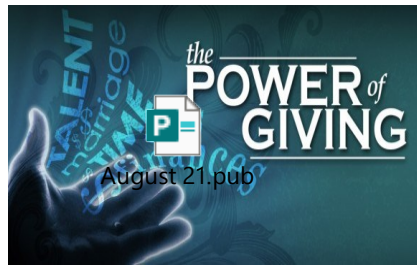
Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Walt Clauss (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living

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:	58
February 21:	24
February 25:	
February 28:	

Altar Guild



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

February 25

Given by Bette Wine in memory of her late husband, George's 80th birthday, February 25.

Lutherans for Life

Life Quote - February 25, 2024

"Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty, especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, so that we don't have to do it on our own." *Pastor Michael Saleminck – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thought - February 25, 2024, Lent II

Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia view aging and affliction as burdens. But Abraham became a blessing in his elderliness (Genesis 17:1-2). And we encounter the glory of the Lord in carrying one another's crosses (Mark 8:34, 38). So let us resist Satan's temptations to take death into our own hands (Mark 8:33). We will rejoice in our suffering (Romans 5:3) and receive neighbors as gifts even in theirs (Psalm 22:24).

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.

The Board of Outreach is asking for donations of colored, plastic Easter eggs and individually wrapped candy to fit inside the eggs. Your donation will support the egg hunt to be held on Saturday, March 23rd and pictures with the Easter bunny. A basket is in the narthex for donations. Thank you! Please see email or call Beth Jack with any questions, elizabethannjack@gmail.com or 630-702-5897.

**Teen Service Retreat
March 15-18, 2024
Walcamp Outdoor
Ministry & Retreat
Center, Kingston, IL**



Why are we called as Christians to serve others? How can service change lives, both ours and others?

Teens can come as a group or as an individual. The retreat begins Friday at 6:30 pm (No dinner Friday night, so please eat before arrival) and ends Sunday morning around 10:30 am.

The retreat will include a facilitator to guide the conversation, team building, camp activities, Saturday evening worship, and meals. Our goal is for our teens to leave the retreat secure in the truth of Christ's love for them personally through time spent in community, the Word, and service together.

Registration fee: \$135.00
More info at www.WALCAMP.org

Walcamp is a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) camp for adults, youth, and families.

**Chicago's Concordia University's Wind
Symphony Tours & Concerts**

Saturday, March 9, 7:00 pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL

Sunday, March 10, 4:00 pm
St. Peter Lutheran Church & School
Schaumburg, IL

Friday, March 15, 8:00 pm
Concordia University Chicago
The Chapel of Our Lord, Home Concert

Dr. Richard Fischer, Conductor and Distinguished Professor of Music, has served as director of bands at Concordia University Chicago since 1974. The Wind Symphony is the premier instrumental ensemble at Concordia-Chicago. They maintain 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 13 compact discs of sacred music.

Board of Outreach Activities

Contact Beth Jack with any questions,
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Free Event: Easter Bunny Photos & Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday Outreach Meeting Dates
February 26, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 24,
July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28,
November 25, December 23. All input and volunteers
are always welcome!

Annual Lenten Inspiration

Saturday, March 2, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Belvidere
Online registration: \$15.00 at www.lwmlnid.org
Speaker: Rev. Kris Whitby
Topic: "Love & Honor One Another" (Romans 12:10)
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
2/25	Jeff Pergande	Christy Petersen	Bette Wine		Fred & Linda Rackow
3/3	Bob Felbinger	Fred Rackow	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Marilyn Eaves	Marilyn Eaves
3/10	Steve Sporleder	Nancy Heine	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Heidi Blezien	Marilyn Eaves
3/17	Jeff Pergande	Fern Petersen	Beth Jack, Betty Kurtz	Ally Mills	Marilyn Eaves
3/24	Bob Felbinger	Christy Petersen	Marilyn Eaves	Denny Sunderlage	Marilyn Eaves
3/31	Steve Sporleder	Fred Rackow	Bette Wine	Bob Felbinger	Marilyn Eaves

Birthdays	
2/25	Nakaila Slaughter Olivia Watzlawick
2/26	Matt Petersen
2/28	Jami Martis Kendall Stoner
3/2	Jennifer Flatland Ryan Muir, Jr.

Lutheran Hour	
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.	
March 3	
"Included in Such Company"	
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler	
The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company.	
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.

Reminders
Please wear your names tags to help people get to know you.
Please remember to check your mailboxes.

This Week		
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
Friday, 3/1	No School Little Saints Preschool	
Saturday, 3/2	Annual Lenten Inspiration <i>Immanuel Lutheran Church, Belvidere, IL</i>	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Looking Ahead		
Sunday, 3/3	Worship <i>Donut Sunday (hosted by church officers) & LWML* Mites Sunday</i> 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
Saturday, 3/9	Pew Sisters Bible Study - <i>Waiting</i>	10:00 am
Sunday, 3/10	Worship Children's Sunday School <i>(Lesson: Paul and Silas Sing in Prison, Acts 16:16-40)</i> Adult Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am

* Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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10:30 am - 4:30 pm
(Before coming in, please call ahead to ensure Pastor is available.)

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