



St. Peter's July KEY

“God Is Still Speaking”

Rev. Mark Milligan, Pastor and Teacher

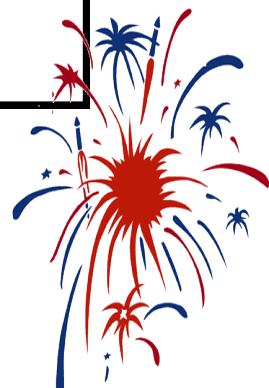


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In the Life of Our Congregation ... *from the Pastor*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

I greet you in the name of the One who was, who is, and who always will be, the Living God.

There is one word that has been striking fear in the hearts of churchgoers for centuries – CHANGE. While change is embraced in our technologies (medicine, computers, cars, telephones), neighborhoods (stores, restaurants, homes, roads) and sports teams (trades, free agents, stadiums, domes), many of us physically cringe when someone suggests changes within the hallowed walls of our worship centers.

There is often an expectation that the way we worship today is the way it has always been done, and the way it should always be done. We often forget, or ignore, that the way things are done today is in response to changes that were instituted in the past.

The Bible that we use today has evolved (a sometimes less threatening word for change) from Hebrew to Greek to Latin to German to King James English (where many people would have it stop, even if they canst even begin to remember when they hast last heareth the word “gazingstock” used, perchance it was fortnight ago) to the Revised Standard to the New Revised Standard. While this list is hardly comprehensive, it begins to show how often change has been involved in the development of the Bible we use today. Noted theologian Adolf von Harnack stated that the Bible should be retranslated each generation so that the message stays alive and relevant for the culture of the day.

Many of the hymns we hold so dear today have also undergone transformations through the centuries. Verses were added, and words were changed to reflect the society and culture of the day. We need to remember that many of the hymns we hold dear today (*Silent Night*, *Away in a Manger*, *What Child is This* [which put new words to a favorite old tune]) began as new hymns that would have been viewed with suspicion because they were not a part of the accepted catalogue of old traditional hymns.

The way we worship God has also undergone tremendous change; many of the changes also occurred in the history of St. Peter's UCC. The most obvious is in the language used during worship – we speak American English, a complete change from the Old German that was used for decades. Men and women sit together, which many Protestant churches (including Evangelical as well as Evangelical and Reformed) did not allow. The Communion table of St. Peter's UCC is open to all believers, with no consideration given to age, color, or denomination. Communion is served using the method of intinction (where people come forward, tear off a piece of bread and dip it in the wine/juice). For decades pew communion was served where trays and plates were passed down each pew. We have used a number of different hymnals as we searched for new ways to offer God our thanks and praise through our hymns.

All these changes, and so many more, have occurred and the Church is still standing. That is because the changes that last are the ones that allow the Word of God to be proclaimed by the people and to the people in a way that reaches them where they live. The message never changes, but the methodology for proclaiming the message **must** change if the Church is to thrive in a new century, a new millennium. We must be open to a critical examination of how we “do” church, with a willingness to change as needed, so that we may be able to proclaim God’s Word in a way that is meaningful and touches the world today.

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From the Pastor ... cont.

Cathy Dutro recently shared an anecdote from the Cruise Night event where she and Dave work the St. Peter's UCC Popcorn Wagon. The bags the popcorn is served in have information about St. Peter's, along with our rooster logo. They are constantly asked why there is a chicken on the bag. One little boy thought it was a bag of chicken food. Even when they explain the significance of the rooster they are often met with blank stares. It illustrates a fact concerning our society today that we must take into consideration, as we strive to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ: most people do not know the stories of the faith. They do not know the prayers, the hymns, the liturgies. When we say that we are going to share the Lord's Prayer they have no idea what we are talking about. We must face the certain fact that most of the members of our culture and society have no religious affiliation or church experience. This must be in the forefront of our minds when creating our worship experience. We can no longer take for granted that people know the stories or practices of our faith.

In the story of Pentecost, we read:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Acts 2:1-6

If we are to be faithful to our call to be Pentecost People, to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world, then we must speak the language of the people to whom we are witnessing. Our message must be understandable and relatable if we are to bring the message of Christ's compassion, justice, and mercy to a world so desperately in need of words of comfort and hope.

May God be with us, so that we might have the courage to live the faith that we profess, and the courage to profess our faith in new ways that reach and touch the lives of the people.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark



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New Council Member Spotlight

Meet Sylvia Tewes

It's kind of amazing to be part of a family who currently has 4 generations of family members attending St. Peter's! This relationship has given me a wonderful foundation and background of our UCC church in Frankfort. But my Christian upbringing did not begin in Frankfort, as did theirs, and so I will present a brief history of how I came to be one of your newest Council members, with just the facts:

I was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, daughter of George and Grace Schmitt, the second daughter in what eventually grew into a family of five children (3 younger brothers). We all attended Catholic grade school in Waterford, WI. My sister and I attended St. Mary's Catholic High School in Burlington, WI. Three years of college, studying to be a P.E. teacher, I married, moved to Illinois and had two daughters, Jennifer (mother of 2 girls, living in Boise, Idaho) and Yvonne (mother of 4, living in Homer Glen). As a single mom (after 18 years of marriage) I somehow managed to make a living doing something I still love doing: sewing, reupholstering, building furniture and using my God-given creative skills to help make other people's homes and hearts a little more beautiful. The right people were placed into my life enabling me to land the job I never sought or imagined: 35 years of teaching adult education Reupholstery Classes at Lincoln-Way High School. This led to encounters with more and more of the "right people" ...

But mostly, I have been blessed! During some difficult years in my life, my earlier faith brought me back to prayer and putting my trust in God. I have received so much more than I ever thought possible as I placed my life in His hands, and He placed people in my life! During my eight years as a single mom, my guardian angels worked overtime watching out for the health and safety of my two girls and me. While not consciously considering the prospect of marriage again, my only other prayer was: "If it is Your will, Dear Lord, please help me find a good, Christian man who would allow me the freedom to volunteer my time and talents to be a blessing to others". I believe the word "VOLUNTEER" STRUCK THE EARS OF THE Almighty and He thought "Girl, have I got the guy and the place for you!" With my new family, we now share a total of 9 grandchildren.

A few things in which I became involved through my association with St. Peter's include: working with a group to help clean up a town in southern (Hull) Illinois after a tornado; Habitat for Humanity; Shepherd's Table; Roast Beef dinners; making curtains for our church kitchen; Shepherd's House Women's Shelter; Women's Fellowship; certification by Will County Health Department; Bible Study groups; Camp Manitoqua dinners; Popcorn Wagon; Fall Festival Walking Taco Booth; Fall Festival parade and float building; mentor to several Confirmands; M&M Committee; Relay for Life; Children's Christmas Pageant costumes; Quilter's Boutique; Trunks for Treats; Garage Sale; Calling & Caring Committee; outdoor Christmas Nativity; Coffee and ...; our 150-year Anniversary Quilt; Sew What; etc., just to mention a few. Our church offers so many opportunities!

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Meet Sylvia Tewes ... cont.

So, after 25 years of being married to Lyle and joining St. Peter's, I just figured it was time to sit with other members on our Church Council and hope that I can learn and contribute some small thing in some small way. I thank you for this opportunity to serve God, through working with you, the members of St. Peter's UCC. I can be found in the Sew What room first and third Saturdays and second and fourth Fridays of each month; at Shepherd's Table the fifth Monday or Thursday of each month; or by phone (if I don't answer please leave a message).

Your friend in Christ, Sylvia

FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Bruce Wille**Celebrating the Fourth of July**

As we celebrate the Fourth of July and honor those that sacrificed for our freedoms we look at our church's position. The reform church was a big part of that history, being the church in the story of Paul Revere. We are a church that supports our veterans, being a USO church, quilts for our veterans, and a place the Frankfort Brass Band can practice (a band supporting our veterans). Yet we are a church of peace, with a peace pole at the entrance of our sanctuary and a dove as one of our symbols.

What does the bible tell us on war and peace? “ **Matthew 26:52-54** - Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.” “ **Luke 22:36** - Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take [it], and likewise [his] scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.” Confusing and contradicting statements, maybe not. Let's look at a few more passages. The psalms of David,” **Psalms 144:1** - Blessed [be] the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, [and] my fingers to fight”. But we also say blessed are the peace makers where does that fit in. “ **2 Corinthians 10:4** - (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)” “ **Isaiah 54:17** - No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue [that] shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This [is] the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness [is] of me, saith the LORD.” War has sacrifices and death which we as a church celebrate and recognize those that have made sacrifices in promoting the ways of the lord, but condemn those who war in the way of power and wickedness. This is why we as a church can both support our veterans and be a church of peace.

This is something we need to do in our everyday lives also. We must think and pray that words and comments we make is of god's will and not of power and wickedness. When we support god's will the lords strength is with us but every tongue that rises against thee (gods people) shall be condemned.

Happy Fourth of July.
Bruce

Polar Blast VBS

17 children, ages 3 through 8, from St. Peter's and other churches came together at Polar Blast VBS on June 19th and 20th to learn that Jesus will always love them. The message was presented through Bible stories, crafts, songs, games and even the snacks.

Helping to make VBS a success were Cathy Dutro, Cheryl Howard, Rachael Muenchow, Monica Nagy, and Darrell and Jennifer Stephen.

Thank you to the parents of Genevieve Andreatta, Brooke Bettenhausen, Mason Cummins, Sten Fleck, Shea Kimsey, Brennan, Brigid and Conor McGarry, Jack Reed, Emily, Jake, and Ryan Scaletta, Aaron Swiercz, Claire Tewes, Vincent Tweedy, and Ben and Mackenzie Williams for your support of the program.



Sonshine Church

The theme this summer in Sonshine Church is stories around the campfire. Our first lesson focused on Psalm 139:14. I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart. Your works are wonderful-I know that very well. We heard the story of Elmer the Elephant by David McKee. The story celebrates tolerance and individuality.



On June 17th we celebrated our love for our fathers by making a plaque that let them know how "nuts" we are about them.



Some of the stories we will explore in July are Horton Hears a Who!. The focus scripture for this story is Matthew 10: 29-31. Everyone is important to God. The Sneetches will relate

to Genesis 1:27 Every person is created by God. We are both alike and different from each other, but God called all of us very good.





We had a great day for the Relay for Life event the sun was shining but it was not too hot. The Relaying Roosters of St Peter's UCC raised \$2966.00 for the American Cancer Society. This money will help finance resources to help find a cure but that is not all. They supply support for patients and their families. They offer rides to treatments, help with hotels if needed, and more. Thank you to Missions for donating \$100, and to the congregation for all the bang the bucket donations that came to \$593. We also want to thank Culver's in Frankfort, Creamery in Frankfort, and Aurelio's in Frankfort for allowing us to hold benefit days. They donated portions of the sales to the team also to everyone who went on the days to purchase. There were several individual donations to the team as well that we are grateful for. But I would like to give a shout out to our team! Thank you for joining to help raise money for a good cause. I know some of us were pretty sore the next day, I most definitely was. My awesome teammates were Margaret Norman, Becky Cleveland, Susan Matthias, Linda Mack, Helen Simpkins, Sheri Kimsey, Ernie Rohr, Gail Roy, Wendy Marotta, Sylvia Tewes, Lynne Doogan, and Josh Miller. And Thank you to Pastor Mark for the prayer to start the walk!

Thanks again everyone one!
Cheryl Miller



St. Peter's Preschool ended the year saying goodbye to families and children heading to kindergarten! Our spring celebrations for all classes were a wonderful way to show all that we have learned throughout the year!

Looking ahead to fall, we are happy to say all classes are full! Waiting lists for each class have been started!

As we finish the outside playground project started last summer, we are asking all preschool, Montessori, and church families to check their garages for donations! We are looking to fill up our Little Tykes car garage outside for all the children to enjoy. Usage over the last seven years by both programs has brought our ride-on toys dwindling in numbers. We would appreciate any ride on cars you are willing to donate!

Have a blessed summer!
Mrs. B



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
M-F, 9AM—NOON
June, July & August



**STILL LOOKING FOR BUYERS
FOR PIANO'S & PEWS!!**
**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE A
COUNCIL OR FACILITIES
MEMBER!**



Attention all former
Confirmands – Do you
remember your
classmates?

Membership and Evangelism wants to reach out to our former Confirmands living in the area to invite them to reconnect to St. Peter's. We want to welcome them to our activities; worship, Christian Education, Women's Fellowship, Quilters, Sew What, Vacation Bible School, etc. There is a lot we do that, perhaps, people do not know about.

If you have names and, if possible, addresses, please give them to Allyn Krusemark Reed or Wendy in the office.

Thank you!

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED -...



**ATTENTION SENIORS
AND
SENIOR WANNABEES**

Membership and Evangelism invites you to a "Flashback Lunch" on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. There is no cost to you, however, you know there is no such thing as a "free lunch!" We are asking you to help identify and date photographs that have been given to the church in recent years. Even if you are new to St. Peter's we could use your help recording data (and socializing!).

Please RSVP to Wendy in the Office, 815-469-2220 by Monday, July 16. Also, let us know if you need a ride.

Concert Outing for Jr. & Sr. High Youth

We're gathering a group to attend this Christian concert on Friday, July 13th, at 7 pm at Olivet Nazarene University. Contact Kari Fleck, Allyn Reed, or the church office if interested.



SHEPHERD'S TABLE

On the 5th Monday or Thursday of the month, St. Peter's cooks and serves lunch at Shepherd's Table, Joliet. We invite our congregation and friends to join us in this humbling service to our community.

2018 dates are:

Monday, 7/30
Thursday, 8/30
Monday, 10/29
Thursday, 11/29
Monday, 12/31



Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.

Cruisin' Frankfort

Thursday's

May 17 - September 13

5-9 pm

Visit the St. Peter's Popcorn Wagon!!!



In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Virginia Osmus, Kathy Milligan, Gordon Nelson, Helen Rachford, Lois Schoen, John Schneider, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Richard Walsh., Robert Yehnert. Also, all service personnel, including: Kevin Rutolo, Capt. Carson Cleveland, Lt. Jr. Grade Kelsey DePorto Lopez, Major Jodi Krippel, Major Steven Krippel, Private Minor, Mstr. Sgt. John Fowler. All anonymous needs and requests. Thank God for all answered prayers.

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July Responsibilities

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 Sylvia Tewes

COFFEE AND...
 T-Kay Nagy

LITURGIST:



CARDS AND NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT CAN BE SENT TO LINDSAY JOHNSON AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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 Y20859
 P.O. BOX 1000
 LINCOLN, IL 62656

Vision statement of St. Peter's United Church of Christ: To become an open, loving, and welcoming community striving to reflect God's love for all creation.

Vision Statement Ministry Team:

Cheryl Howard
 Paul Muenchow
 T-Kay Nagy
 Helen Simpkins

Joey Sparenberg
 Lyle Tewes
 Rev. Tom Norwalk
 Rev. Mark Milligan

Blessings from your prayer chain:

We invite you to contact us with your prayer requests. We continue to lift up needs, requests and praise.

May Jesus's gift of salvation bring you blessings and peace. HAPPY SUMMER!

Please call the office, 815-469-2220 or
 Delores, 815-469-5106.



Operation Christmas
 Child July Collection:



Solar Calculators
 Scissors



FOR JULY MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS
 COLLECTING:

GARBAGE BAGS (KITCHEN & OUTDOOR)
 PAPER TOWELS
 SALT & PEPPER


Membership and Evangelism

At St. Peter's, we "mug" our visitors and guests! The coffee mugs, new and improved, are back!

On Sundays, please help the ushers identify guests and visitors who will, in turn, receive a mug courtesy of St. Peter's.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 Every 3rd Saturday of the month!!

Kup-a-Joe's
 8:00 am

Come for good food, lively conversation and friendly fellowship!!!



Please note: St. Peter's new website address is:
www.stpetersfrankfort.org

New email:
stpetersfrankfort@gmail.com

Birthday Greetings:

- 7/1 Jennie Klier
Delores Kratzenberg
- 7/2 Mary Beth Senesac
- 7/3 Warren Klier
Maxwell Wieclaw
- 7/4 Dawn Doogen-Olson
Gail McLean
- 7/5 Mia Boldrey
- 7/7 Marshall Boyd
Sten Fleck
Elizabeth Grever
Mary Ann Morrison
Derek Paul
- 7/8 Henry Grunert
James Hellrung
Andrew Hess
Kurt Sangmeister
- 7/9 Nathan Bishop
Sheila Vaughn
- 7/10 Leanne Kolar
Bernadine Proudfoot
- 7/11 Zachery Belt
Katherine Fredin
- 7/12 John Perish
- 7/14 Delores Krohn
Ashley Michau
- 7/16 Andrea Johnson
- 7/18 Janet Greenwald
Derek Homann
Jeffrey Stewart
- 7/19 Christopher Gravitt
- 7/20 Leora Batson
- 7/22 Alyssa Franklin
Jake Lee

**Birthdays continued:**

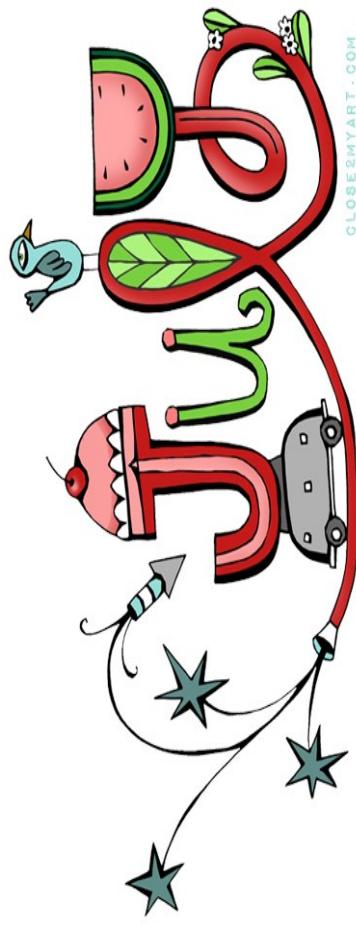
- 7/23 Charlotte Eaton
Emilee Foster
- 7/24 Evonne Fedak
- 7/25 Jerry Nissen
Joan Nissen
- 7/26 Steve Comstock
- 7/27 Roe Abshire Jr.
Jenny Fleck
- 7/28 David Purucker
Brett Warning
Beth Whittinghill
- 7/29 Clay Cleveland
Karen Homann
Geoff Lucas
- 7/30 Lucas Hellriegel
Audrey Ruff
- 7/31 Mark Milligan
Taylor Vucsko

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 7/1/2006 Michael & Amanda Stone
- 7/3/2015 Carson & Christine Cleveland
- 7/8/1967 David & Marla Bettenhausen
- 7/11/1981 James Wahl & Donna Ellis
- 7/12/1957 Robert & Violet Yehnert
- 7/13/2013 Jill & Jeremy Bishop
- 7/15/1978 John & Shelbee Rivard
- 7/16/1994 Marcia & Paul Dalen
- 7/16/2004 Paul & Janaya Scaletta, Jr.
- 7/17/1972 Steve & Nancy Bennett
- 7/23/2005 Kylene & Josh McGarry
- 7/26/1970 Keith & Teri Schram
- 7/30/1983 Rick & Andrea Johnson
- 7/31/1976 Warren & Linda Klier

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Ushers this month are:
Margie Norman
Sylvia Tenes



Summer Office Hours begin, M-F 9-noon

Sewing/Quilting Classes are all held in room #213.
Enter off the east parking lot entrance.

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
1 Worship 9:30am Communion Coffee And...	2 Open Sew 6-9pm	3 Office Closed INDEPENDENCE DAY	4	5 Bible 101 - 10am	6	7 “Sew What” 9am
8 Worship 9:30am	9 M&M Meeting 7pm	10 Open Sew 6-9pm	11 Worship Mtg 7pm	12 Bible 101 - 10am	13 “Sew What” 9am Council Reports Due A.M	14
15 Worship 9:30am	16 Council Meeting 7pm	17 Open Sew 6-9pm	18 Flashback Luncheon 10-2	19 Bible 101 - 10am	20 Summer Lights, 7pm	21 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8am Kup-a-Joe’s
22 Worship 9:30am	23 Key Articles DUE Open Sew 6-9pm	24	25	26 Bible 101 10am	27 “Sew What” 9am	28
29 Worship 9:30am	30 Shepherd’s Table 8:15am	31 Open Sew 6-9pm				

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NEWSLETTER

Address Service Requested.

SUNDAYS— (Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.)

9:30-10:30 am

Sunday School

9:30 am

Worship - Nursery care provided

10:30 am

“Coffee and...” First Sunday only during the Summer

WEEKLY

Tuesdays:

*Open Sew, 6:00 pm

Thursdays:

Bible 101, 10:00 am,

* All sewing/quilting classes are held in room #213 off of the east parking lot

7.1 9:30 am Worship, Communion
 10:30 am Coffee And...

7.4 All Day Independence Day, Office Closed

7.7 9:00 am “Sew What”

7.9 7:00 pm M&M Meeting

7.11 7:00 pm Worship Meeting

7.13 9:00 am “Sew What”
 9:00 am Council Reports DUE
 7:00 pm Summer Lights

7.16 7:00 pm Council Meeting

7.18 10:00 am Flashback Luncheon

7.21 8:00 am Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Kup-a-Joe’s
 9:00 am “Sew What”

7.24 9:00 am KEY articles DUE

7.27 9:00 am “Sew What”

7.30 8:15 am Shepherd’s Table

