



# St. Peter's August 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 we profess as our Lord and Savior, the Risen Christ, and the One who sent him, The Living God.

**"Faith development** requires that we help persons regain their **God-given ability to wonder and create; to dream and fantasize, imagine and envision; to sing, paint, dance and act.** It requires a recovery of our **natural ability for ecstasy; our appreciation of the new, the marvelous, the mysterious..."**

(Emphasis added)

This statement comes from John Westerhoff, a member of the UCC denominational staff and author of the book, *Will Children Have Faith?* John is very clearly stating that if we are to grow and mature in our faith and instill this faith in the young people of the world, then we must be willing to explore the mystery of God's domain using more than words, be they spoken or sung. We must open ourselves, and our worship experiences, to include a myriad of experiences visual, auditory, and tactile.

Let us explore a few of our worship practices here at St. Peter's UCC:

- For Advent and Christmas, we adorn the sanctuary with many visually stimulating symbols, such as the Christmas tree, wreaths, lights, banners, and more. Prior to fire codes a large part of the experience was the fragrant smell of the freshly cut tree and pine boughs dancing through the sanctuary.
- For Lent we place an old, rugged cross in the chancel area.
- During Holy Week we begin by waving palms while shouting hosannas. Those same palms we place at the foot of the cross. We put a basin and towel on the altar as a reminder of the call to servanthood for Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday a crown of thorns and black cloth are draped on the cross as we remember the events of that fateful day.
- For Easter we arrange wonderfully aromatic flowers and plants around the cross to symbolize the garden Jesus appeared in to Mary.
- For Pentecost we behold an explosion of crimson as people clothed in red fill the sanctuary with flowers of red to celebrate the birth of the church.
- For Thanksgiving the chancel area overflows with fruits and vegetables representing the goodness of God's bounty and blessings.

We are willing, and eager, to allow our worship space and experience to be altered from the norm for these times in the liturgical year because they represent the high, holy days of the church. It is fitting and good, that we honor them with special visual effects, music, drama, poetry, and joy.

What Westerhoff is attempting to help us understand is that if we are to grow and develop in our faith then we must see every experience of worship as worthy of our special efforts as are the high, holy days. Whenever we gather to offer our praise and thanks to God in times of worship, we must be open to the mystery and majesty that is God. We must realize that our experiences of the One who is Holy are limited only by our imagination. The essence of God is such that we cannot begin to grasp God's magnificence if we limit our worship experiences to only words, be they spoken or sung.

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### From the Pastor ... continued

As we proceed through this part of the liturgical year referred to as "Common Time" let us remember that there is nothing "common" about our times of worship. Each time we gather as a community of believers to offer our praise to the Living God is a special time, holy and sacred. During this finite event we come in communion with the infiniteness that is God. It is while engaged in moments of worship that we have the opportunity to grow in our faith and spiritual development. Joseph Driskill, professor at the Pacific School of Religion, states very clearly the point in question:

"(spiritual) Growth seems to depend on having leaders and worshipers who are persons of faith who believe that God is present when the community gathers to offer worship and praise. When leaders and worshipers believe that God's presence surrounds and infuses them, there is a compelling sense of the holy that touches the depths of their spiritual yearning."

Each week we, persons of faith, gather to offer worship and praise to God Almighty. We know, with all certainty, that at these times the Spirit of the Living God is moving in our midst. Let us be willing to open our hearts, souls, and minds to experience and witness to the presence of God in ways that touch all our senses and our very beings.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mark

## Church Picnic



**JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, &  
FELLOWSHIP**  
AS WE KICK OFF THE START  
OF THE NEW CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
YEAR  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP SERVICE,  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**  
ON THE GLORIOUS GROUNDS  
OF ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS  
UPCOMING IN THE KEY, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, AND  
SUNDAY BULLETINS





Rachael Muenchow

### Council Spotlight

Hello! My name is Rachael Anne Muenchow, I recently turned 20 years old and I have been attending this church since I was born. I was baptized, confirmed, and am currently the Church Council Secretary here. I've lived in Frankfort all my life and can see St. Peter's steeple and rooster from our kitchen window. St. Peter's has always been close, not just in walking distance but in my heart as well. I've enjoyed my membership here in too many ways to name but have tried to live my commitment by attending Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, serving as an acolyte, working at Shepherd's Table and reading scripture as Liturgist.

I suppose part of the reason I like reading scripture is because not only is this congregation my church family and I feel comfortable speaking to them, but I've watched my dad do it since I was little. My parents are Paul and Mary Muenchow. I have an older brother, Calvin, who has sung in the church choir and continues to share his voice with us. I have three half siblings: Matthew, Melissa, and Michael. They all have beautiful children who we love spending time with. As my mother grew up in downstate LaSalle-Peru, all her extended family lived in the same town and could be called upon for support and guidance. I've always looked at my St. Peter's family that way.

I am currently a student at Joliet Junior College, completing general education courses and continuing to volunteer for the Master Naturalist program through the University of Illinois Extension. I care deeply about the earth God created and want to do all I can to protect its plants, animals, and people. I have learned through the years that from growth comes change and no matter how dark the world might seem God is there and love will always triumph over hate.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7.



### K.F.C. YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

**WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 AFTER CHURCH**

**WHO: EVERYONE ENTERING 4<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**WHERE: ST. PETER'S FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**WHY: TO ENJOY PIZZA & ICE CREAM WHILE WE TALK ABOUT OUR PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US AND LET JENNIFER STEPHEN (815-469-4509) OR CHURCH OFFICE (815-469-2220) KNOW IF YOU'LL BE THERE!!**



FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT: *Bruce Wille*

Attending the Thresher man's show this year got me thinking of the past. Seeing the steam engine powering an Avery corn sheller, and watching one person operating the sheller controls, one person feeding wood for the steam engine, three or four men raking corn into the drag conveyor, one on the corn wagon and one on the cob wagon. Chain driven wheels and open gears on the steam engine over a hundred years old running a sheller built in the eighties. This was the true comradery of farming. The thresher man lunches under the shade tree, while waiting for the wagons to come back from the elevator. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians Ch.3:9 NIV. but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD Numbers Ch.14:21. Is God telling us this is what we are missing in our fast pace, me world of today were if we don't get two hundred acres combined in a day, the size of a large farm in the past, we had a bad day. We need to run and get fast food, not to lose any precious time and place the harvest in our own bins because we don't have time to wait for the wagon coming back from the elevator.

Are we doing the same thing with God. Having so much else going on in my live, I don't have time to spend an hour on Sunday to worship and praise the lord who gives us our bounties, our protection and our guidance. I don't have fifteen minutes sometime in the day just to sit under the shade tree and listen to God before I continue on with my daily chores. I don't have 5 minutes to stop and help a neighbor in need because I'm too busy elsewhere. I yell at the driver ahead of me because he is driving to slow and I have to get somewhere, even though I plan it through and allow enough time to get there. I see a picture in the paper and start rumors, not taking time to talk to the person and get the whole story.

Ever wonder why that 100 year old steam engine is still running, but the computer we bought two years ago is already in the landfill? Maybe we need to take a little time and listen to what God has to say.

*Bruce*

**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.

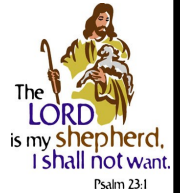
Thank you!

### **SHEPHERD'S TABLE**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> 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                      Thursday, 8/30  
Monday, 10/29  
Thursday, 11/29  
Monday, 12/31

Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.



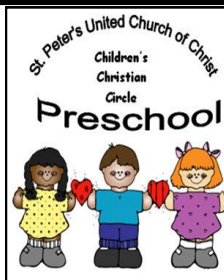
Cruisin' Frankfort  
Thursday's  
May 17 - September 13  
5-9 pm

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



Thanks to the 22 people who attended our "Seniors and Senior Wannabes" lunch! We intend to host another in the Fall. Details to follow.

Thank you, Marcia Steward



School is around the corner!! The staff of St. Peter's Preschool have been enjoying our summer days, but will be on the move to prepare our curriculum, our rooms, and our plans for the upcoming school year. We are grateful for the new carpet we were able to lay in all our classrooms-- the rooms are refreshed for a new school year! Currently all classes are full. We will be welcoming 90 young learners to our classrooms after Labor Day.

Enjoy these last few summer days!

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## In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Steve Comstock, Margaret DeLaughter, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Virginia Osmus, Gordon Nelson, Helen Rachford, Lois Schoen, John Schneider, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Ed Tewes, 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!

**PASTOR MARK'S E-Mail:**  
Email: [mmmrev@att.net](mailto:mmmrev@att.net)



"LIKE" us on Facebook!!



## 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.



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### August Responsibilities

#### USHERS:

T-Kay Nagy  
Dianne Schultz

#### COFFEE AND...

Bruce Wille  
(first Sunday of the  
month only during the  
summer)

#### LITURGIST:

### 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.

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

LINDSAY JOHNSON  
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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	Joey Sparenberg
Paul Muenchow	Lyle Tewes
T-Kay Nagy	Rev. Tom Norwalk
Helen Simpkins	Rev. Mark Milligan

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](http://www.stpetersfrankfort.org)**

**New email:**  
**[stpetersfrankfort@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersfrankfort@gmail.com)**



**Birthday Greetings:**

- 8/1 Barbara Rainford  
Sheri Templin  
Eric Wilhelmi
- 8/2 Allan Mager
- 8/3 Cade Cummins
- 8/4 Marcia Dalen
- 8/5 Jennifer Stephen  
Annie Wilhelmi
- 8/6 Ryan Krohn  
Robert Proudfoot  
Yvonne Stephen
- 8/9 Evelyn Saxton
- 8/11 Paul Muenchow
- 8/12 Nick Coglianesi  
Brett Stephen  
Robert Stewart
- 8/13 Emily Sparenberg  
Richard Trevarthan
- 8/16 Ralph Eisenbrandt  
Lukas Inka  
Monica Nagy  
Michael Stone
- 8/17 Shelley Doogan-Haas  
Jason Homann  
Kellee Rohr  
James Vece
- 8/18 Andrew Grever
- 8/21 Lucas Gravitt
- 8/22 Alan Batson  
Cameron Cano
- 8/23 Helen Simpkins
- 8/24 Madison Homann  
Michael McGarry
- 8/26 Darlene Bourke

**Birthdays continued:**

- 8/27 Dennis Gravitt
- 8/28 Paul Scaletta Jr.
- 8/29 Regan Brown  
Claire Tewes
- 8/30 Emily Comstock  
Sara Comstock  
Richard Krohn  
Liam McGarry

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 8/4/1979 Mickey & Marge Boyd
- 8/5/2006 Todd & Michelle Schultz
- 8/9/1986 Art & Krista Frank
- 8/12/2006 James & Andrea Boldrey
- 8/15/2009 Brett & Linda Stephen
- 8/18/1979 Darrell & Jennifer Stephen
- 8/20/1988 Daniel & Dawn Senesac
- 8/26/1978 Keith & Gail McLean
- 8/26/1978 Mike & Pam Melnyk

**YOUTH & FAMILY**

Sunday school kick-off party is going to be held September 16. We are going to have lots of food, games and fellowship after church service. Please plan to join us to start our new school year off right.

Thanks,  
Brenda Sparenberg





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Sewing/Quilting Classes are all held in room #213.

Enter off the east parking lot entrance.

Summer Office Hours M-F 9-noon



Ushers this month are:  
T-Kay Nagy  
Dianne Schultz

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S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
			1	2 Bible 101 10am	3	4 "Sew What" 9am
5 Worship, Communion Coffee And... 9:30am	6 Y&F Meeting 6pm Movie	7 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	8 Worship Meeting 7pm	9 Camp Quality Cooking 9am Bible 101 10am	10 "Sew What" 9am	11 Altar Guild Appreciation Party 8:30-10:30am
12 Worship 9:30am	13 Movie	14 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	15	16 Bible 101 10am	17	18 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am Kup-a-Joe's "Sew What" 9am
19 Worship 9:30am Charlotte Tewes Baptism	20 Council Meeting 7pm Movie	21 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	22	23 Bible 101 10am	24 KEY ARTICLES DUE "Sew What" 9am	25
26 Laufer/Caruso Wedding 1:00pm	27 Movie	28 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	29	30 Shepherd's Table, 8:15 am Bible 101 10am CCC Fellowship Hall 5:30-8:30pm	31 Fall Fest Parking 4-8pm	

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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, 6:30 pm

**Thursdays:**

Bible 101, 10:00 am

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

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8/4	9:00 am	“Sew What”
8/6	6:00 pm	Y&F Meeting
8/8	7:00 pm	Worship Meeting
8/9	9:00 am	Cooking for Camp Quality
8/10	9:00 am	“Sew What”
8/11	8:30 am	Altar Guild Appreciation Party
8/18	8:00 am 9:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Kup-A-Joe's “Sew What”
8/20	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
8/24	9:00 am	“Sew What”
8/30	8:15 am	Shepherd's Table, meet in the parking lot
8/31	4:00 pm	Fall Fest Parking

\*\*\* Please be aware, for most of the months of August and September, there will be a movie being shot in the area, so don't be surprised at unusual happenings around St. Peter's ... you just may see our beautiful church in a movie!