



St. Peter's October 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 provides the riches and bounties of the earth, the sea, and the sky.

When I was a young boy my family would visit our relatives in East Orwell, Ohio a few times each year. East Orwell is a small rural town 2 ½ hours due east from where we lived. My Aunt Ellen and Uncle Bill owned a huge farm on which they raised cows, chickens, pigs, and a host of crops. There was an annual visit that was held one Saturday in October. We would load the family into the station wagon and take off for our yearly reunion with family and friends. My father's sister and her family would also be there, along with a bevy of second and third cousins, as we gathered for our own family fall festival. Friends and neighbors of my Aunt Ellen and Uncle Bill would also join in the festivities, bringing many different types of food: cooked meats, fried chicken, all sorts of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, and of course, a host of freshly made desserts, especially fruit pies. Even in years when the fields produced less than expected or hoped for, these gatherings took place with the same feelings of joy and celebration as in years when the yield was plentiful. Our annual gatherings were a celebration of family and harvest whose origins harken back to when humans first began to sow and reap.

Sadly, these celebrations have become an almost nonexistent part of our lives. The closest I come anymore to a celebration of harvest is driving to the farm stand located off Vollmer to buy fresh produce. I am afraid that many of us have lost touch with the living cycles of nature that are a part of God's glorious creation. I know that I am the poorer for my insufficient knowledge and understanding of the growth cycles of the earth.

So much of Jesus' teachings revolved around farming and farmers. Some of Jesus' most beloved parables revolved around farming: The Parable of the Sower, The Parable of the Seed, The Parable of the Mustard Seed, The Parable of the Rich Farmer, just to name a few. To understand the radical nature of Jesus' message one must have at least some knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the lives and practices of those who till and work the land.

In this world of fast food and artificial flavoring it is easy for us to forget just how wondrous it is to plant, cultivate, harvest, and eat produce that has been grown by working in harmony with nature. Planting and harvesting brings us closer to God's holy creation as we become more attuned to the cycles of the seasons. It also provides the opportunity to share the harvest with friends and family, gathering together to celebrate the bounty of life and love.



During this month of harvest let us take a few moments to remember those who serve and provide for us through their tireless efforts; those who have committed their lives to cultivating and harvesting the many fruits of the earth which God so lovingly provides. Remember those who till the earth and those who care for livestock; those individuals without whom life as we know it would not be possible – the farmer.

(cont.)

From the Pastor ... continued

Jesus lived his life and shared his understanding of the Kingdom of God in concert with the glory and bounty of God's glorious creation. Let us take a moment to pause in our busy lives to gaze upon the bounty around us and give thanks to those who work the fields to provide for us each and every day.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark



God said: "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth. ... Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

On Saturday, October 6, 11:00 am we will be having a Blessing of the Animals service at St. Peter's United Church of Christ. This service is a recognition of God's love and care for all the creatures of the earth. The service will be at the Prayer Garden located at the southwest corner of the property, at the dead end of Ash St. so, bring your pets, be they furry, scaly,

feathery, cuddly, or hard, so that they may receive God's blessings. This service is not just for pets, but for all God's creatures. Feel free to bring a picture of your favorite animal or one that is endangered; we want to be inclusive of all God's creatures great and small. Please tell all your neighbors and friends and invite them to this celebration of God's creation. If you have any questions call the church (815-469-2220).



During our worship service on Sunday, October 28 we will be observing Totenfest. This is a time when we remember those that have passed away during the last year. If you have anyone you would like remembered during this time, please contact the office (815-469-2220) with their name and your relationship with the person.



New Council Member Spotlight

Jim Hellrung

Hi, I'm Jim Hellrung and became a new council member this past spring. I last served on the council back in the Dale Marshall era. I became a member of St. Peter's in 1983.

My birth place is Alton, IL. I grew up in Wood River/Roxana area. I attended school in Roxana, and was a member and confirmed at the UCC in Wood River. I graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1963 and received my MS from Indiana University in 1964. In the spring of 1964 I met my wife to be, while attending a IU vs. NW basketball game. We were married 2 years later, and that was the beginning of a beautiful ongoing journey. We celebrated our 52 year wedding anniversary this summer.

I was a teacher and basketball coach at Thornton Township H.S.. Sandy was in management with Illinois Bell. We waited 6 years for our 1st born child, Jennifer, and soon within two and a half years came Chris and Todd. Sandy became a full time mom and I began teaching at South Suburban College. Thirty one years later I retired from teaching. I am still involved in Real Estate. Sandy retired as a kindergarten teacher from Summit Hill.

We are very blessed to have our three children nearby and enjoy each of their three children. Our lives greatly revolve around these 9 grandchildren and of course, their parents. I cannot possibly tell you how many sporting events we've enjoyed! Our children and grandchildren are very much into sports. I feel truly blessed to have a loving wife of 52 years, Sandy, and our children and grandchildren all living locally.

I have continued to worship God through St. Peter's and its ministry. The foundation I received in Wood River has continued. I'm proud to have served on the search committee in the selecting of Rev. Mark.

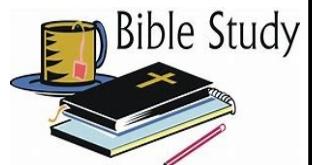
We as a family have been greatly affected by the traumatic turn of events involving our granddaughter, Lauren's health issue we encountered this past spring. I remember vividly telling her as she was being sent to open heart surgery, my favorite bible verse ... in so many words "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

I feel with great gratitude the presence of St. Peter's and the many, many dedicated people who are so actively involved.

Beginning Thursday, October 4 we will begin a study of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted books of the Bible, Revelation. During our study we will:

- Explore the historical roots of this book: who, what, where, when, why.
- Examine the symbolism and metaphors the author utilized.
- See how this story speaks to us today.

There will be two times for the class each Thursday, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. I hope that you will make plans to join us as we delve into this mysterious and enigmatic book. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark.



Don't miss this fun and free family event!

St. Peter's UCC Annual



**Saturday October 27th
11am-1pm
St. Peters Church Parking Lot
(if rain, we will be inside!)**

**Come for lots of fun ...
Face painting, games, prizes, trick or treating,
popcorn wagon, hot chocolate and more!**

This event is open to the public so bring family and friends.

**Sign-up sheet and Candy
Donation Cauldron in the Fellowship Hall**



When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall

by [Kathleen Higham](#)

When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all
Colors bursting with the sun
Rays shine down on everyone.

There is a leafy autumn smell
I walk on softness where they fell
Floating gently to the ground
Touching down without a sound.

Animal are scurrying to and fro
Instinctively the creatures know
The leaves scattered everywhere
Beautifies a place once bare.

Rising up to the bluest sky
A tree looks down, creaks a sigh
Nestled in her hollowed place
Life will wait through winter's race.

When the tress at last have shed
Sturdy branches though not dead
Beneath the earth roots hold tight
Tall and stately through the night.

When autumn leaves begin to fall
The Father orchestrates it all
Blooms in waiting seem to say
He is coming back someday.

Again dressed in a formal gown
Branches filled and hanging down
See the miracle of God once more
Birds leap from her branch to soar.

Here I stand in wonder of this
A soft wind blows to me a kiss
My spirit tells my mind to hush
Peace abounds in Christ for us.

The seasons change, come and go
But this is what I truly know
When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all.



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BEGIN
M-F, 9AM—1:00 PM**

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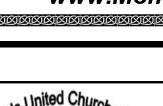




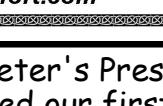


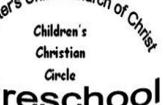


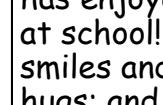


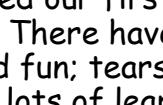




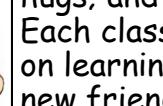


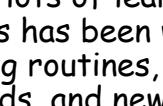




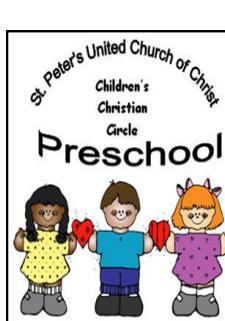








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The St. Peter's Preschool has enjoyed our first month at school! There have been smiles and fun; tears and hugs; and lots of learning! Each class has been working on learning routines, making new friends, and new skills. The children enjoyed our first fun day: Teddy Bear

Day! Everyone brought a special friend to school to share the day singing, dancing, and playing. We have also welcomed our families to Open House ~ letting the little ones give tours of 'their' classrooms! We look forward to all that fall will bring!

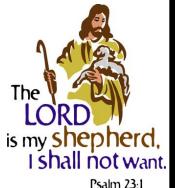
SHEPHERD'S TABLE

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.

2018dates

Monday, 10/29
Thursday, 11/29
Monday, 12/31

Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.



Undy Sunday Collection:

Any Size, for boys, girls, men, women, diapers, undershirts & socks.

K.F.C. YOUTH GROUP MEETING

OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH. YOUTH GROUP RUNS UNTIL 12:15 PM.

JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP ALONG WITH A LESSON.
SEE YOU ON THE 14TH!!!

--JENNIFER STEPHEN



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St. Peter's UCC
3 yrs – 3rd Grade,
Cathy Dutro, Teacher

4th - 8th Grade
Jennifer Stephen, Teacher

3 years to 3rd grade:

Welcome parents, students, and fall!! We have a large class this year. High school students have been volunteering to help me with the class. However, if a parent is interesting in helping, that would be great, too! Just chat with me after class to see what dates are available.

Both Classes:

How exciting this school year has been thus far! These kids are so inquisitive and wise beyond their years.

As you can see from the lessons, the children are learning about the importance of serving God and of showing God's love to others. They really seem to be attentive with the lesson and enjoy making the crafts.

If you haven't done so yet, please complete and return your registration form.

Sunday, October 14th During a portion of Sunday school, the children will help fill pencil bags & fold boxes for the operation Christmas child boxes.

Sunday, October 14th

YOUTH GROUP MEETING AFTER WORSHIP UNTIL 12:30 PM.

What we'll be
studying in
October, 2018

October 14
Mark 10:17 - 31

October 21
Mark 10:35 - 45

October 28
Mark 10:46 - 52



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S OCTOBER EVENT



**Movie night: 'The Shack' on Mondays October 22 & 29
@ 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.

This 2-night event will involve discussion at the end of each night's viewing of half of the movie.

Plan on joining us for the viewing of this movie about renewed faith! RSVP by Sunday, October 21st to the church office (815-469-2220), Cathy Dutro (815-469-3788), or Jennifer Stephen (815-469-4509).



WHAT A FUN TIME!!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH WAS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DAYS GOD PROVIDED US THIS SUMMER.

AFTER A WONDERFUL OUTDOOR SERVICE, NEARLY 100 PEOPLE ENJOYED A PICNIC LUNCH OF HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BRATS, PASTA SALAD, CHIPS, DRINKS AND A VARIETY OF DESSERTS. SNO-CONES WERE PROVIDED BY OLD PLANK TRAIL BANK AND ENJOYED BY ALL AGES.

AN OLD-FASHIONED CAKE WALK DREW A LARGE CROWD, ONCE THE BEVY OF DELICIOUS PRIZES WAS DISPLAYED.

A HUGE 'THANK YOU' GOES OUT TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED BEFORE WITH PREPARATION, DURING WITH SERVING AND AFTER THE PICNIC WITH CLEAN-UP!



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:
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**October Responsibilities**

USHERS:
Dianne Schultz, Darrell Stephen

COFFEE AND...
Jim Hellrung

LITURGIST:
10/7 Paul Muenchow
10/14 Ilse Vogelmann

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

LINDSAY JOHNSON
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:

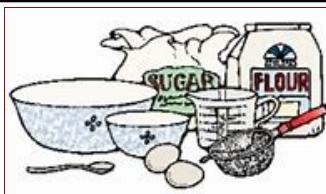
Cheryl Howard
Paul Muenchow
T-Kay Nagy
Helen Simpkins

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

Blessings from your prayer chain:

Welcome to Fall!!! Please give us your prayer requests. We are happy to lift up to God your requests and Praise!

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



FOR OCTOBER MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:
BAKING SUPPLIES

**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:

10/3 Marge Boyd
Allan Creer
Wesley DePorto
Michael Perish



10/5 Eleanore Stewart

10/6 Brennan McGarry

10/8 Vivian Scaletta

10/9 Parker Cleveland

10/12 Anthony Russotto
Mark Schimanski

10/13 Andrew Wahl

10/14 Lisa Ardaugh-Hunter
Deborah Hossbach

10/15 Steven Krippel

10/17 Carson Cleveland
Olivia Michau

10/19 Cody Cleveland
Jean Taylor
Samantha Tewes

10/20 Jacob Dalen
Irma Smith

10/21 Abigail Doyle
Joshua Miller

10/22 Kylee Rinke

10/23 Keith Gustafson
Marcia Steward
Charlene Stewart

10/24 Zachary Hellriegel

10/25 David Ber
Dylan Bettenhausen

10/26 William Miller

10/27 Todd Schultz
Bruce Wille

Birthday Greetings:

10/31 Nicole Goldsmith
Kylene McGarry
Kathy Milligan
Daniel Senesac

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

10/01/2016 Glenn & Shirley Sharpe

10/06/1984 Chip & Lori Krusemark

10/09/2009 Mark & Jessica Baker

10/19/1963 Allan & Diane Creer

10/21/1995 William & Billie Guinta

10/24/2008 Dan & Kari Fleck

10/25/1952 Norman & Betty Hossbach

10/25/2008 Thomas & Jill Hossbach

10/28/1978 Michael & Deborah Hossbach

10/30/1999 Jim & Wendy Rinke

**Pumpkin Time**

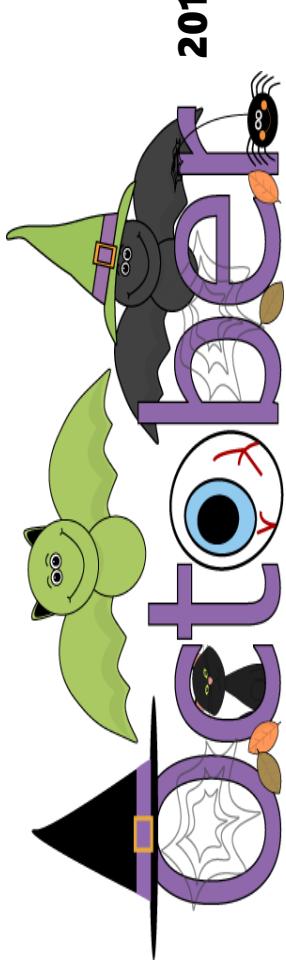
Pumpkin time is here again,
Time to play Trick or Treat.
Pumpkin time is here again,
Our spooky friends we'll meet.

See the costumes we have on,
Monsters, ghosts, goblins too.
See the costumes we have on,
Hear us all shout "Boo!"



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

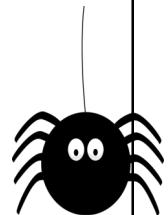
S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
	1 Y&F Meeting, 6pm	2 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	3 Choir 7pm	4 Bible 101 - 10am	5 “Sew What” 9am	6 “Sew What” 9am Blessing of the Animals, 11am
7 Worship 9:30 am Communion Coffee And... 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am	8 M&M, 7pm	9 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	10 Choir 7pm	11 Bible 101 - 10am	12 “Sew What” 9am	13 OCC Kits 9:00am—noon
14 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... 10:30am K.F.C. 10:30am	15 Council Meeting, 7pm	16 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	17 Choir 7pm	18 Bible 101 - 10am	19 “Sew What” 9am	20 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am Kup-a-Joe's
21 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am	22 Women's Fellowship Movie 6:30, FR	23 Open Sew 6:30-9pm KEY Articles DUE	24 Choir 7pm	25 Bible 101 10am	26 Sew What” 9am	27 Trunk or Treats 11:00 am - 1:00 am
28 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... 10:30 am	29 Shepherd's Table 8:15am	30 Open Sew 6:30-9pm Women's Fellowship Movie 6:30, FR	31 Choir 7pm			

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OCTOBER 2018

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

Wednesdays:

Choir, 7 pm

Thursdays:

Bible 101, 10:00 am

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

10/1 6:00 pm Youth & Family Meeting

10/6 9:00 am “Sew What”
11:00 am Blessing of the Animals, prayer garden (end of Ash St.)

10/7 10:30 am Confirmation

10/8 7:00 pm M&M Meeting

10/12 9:00 am “Sew What”
9:00 am Council Reports DUE

10/13 9:00 am Operation Christmas Child kits

10/14 10:30 am K.F.C.

10/15 7:00 pm Council Meeting

10/20 8:00 am Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Kup-a-Joe’s
9:00 am “Sew What”

10/21 10:30 am Confirmation

10/22 6:30 pm Women’s Fellowship Movie Night, Friendship Room

10/23 9:00 am KEY Articles DUE

10/26 9:00 am “Sew What”

10/27 11:00 am Trunk or Treats

10/29 8:15 am Shepherd’s Table
6:30 pm Women’s Fellowship Movie Night, Friendship Room

