



St. Peter's January **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 whose birth ushered in a new era of hope, love, peace and joy for all creation; the one called Emmanuel, God is with Us; the Messiah, Christ the Lord.

As we bring to a close one year and usher in another we find ourselves involved in two thought processes. The first is entering into a time of reflection; a period when we can look back at the previous year and evaluate our efforts. A time for asking the questions: Where did we fall short of our goals? Where did we see true success? What opportunities for ministry did we miss? In what ministries were we faithful in our efforts? This is an essential exercise for all individuals and organizations, especially churches, as we strive to grow in faithful service to God and God's creation.

The second thought process involves looking ahead and planning for the new year. This involves a number of steps:

- Prayers of discernment of God's call to our church
- Prayer
- Prayers of evaluation of the gifts and talents of the congregation
- Prayer
- Prayerful evaluation of the needs of the congregation
- Prayer
- Prayerful evaluation of the needs of the greater community we serve
- Prayer
- Prayerful development of programs and ministries to answer the identified needs
- Prayer

As you can see, there are a number of steps we must engage in if we are to be good stewards in the development of new ministries and programs to serve the congregation and the greater community, but without question the most important is prayer – constant, heartfelt prayer. We must pray for the congregation of Zion UCC, the ministries of the church, the leaders of our church, the community, the greater church, and the world. We must pray for wisdom, for understanding, for strength, for courage. Our prayers must offer God our praise and thanks, confess our weakness of faith, seek intercession for the needs of others, and petition for our needs.

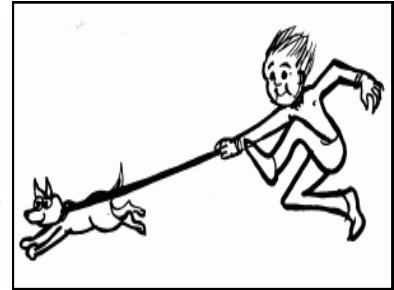
What is most important is that we take the time to listen for God's response to our prayers. We need to always be open to God answering our prayers in ways that we might not have expected. We also must be aware of the actions of others in our lives as God might be using them to answer our prayers. We have to take the time to be silent so that we can hear the voice of God speak to us in answer to our prayers and the prayers of others.

As we usher out 2017 and herald in 2018, let it be a year where we, as individuals and a congregation, renew our prayer lives, so that all our words and deeds, our very being, become a prayer to God.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mark



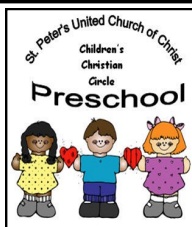
I would like to thank the Women's Fellowship and the congregation for the most generous gifts we received this Christmas. They have both been set aside and will be used after the New Year. Piper T. Dog and I will be attending obedience classes, in the hopes that one of us learns who is the alpha dog.



Pastor Mark



A few shots from the Children's Pageant!



Merry Christmas! The St. Peter's Preschool enjoyed the month of December as we learned, played, and celebrated! Colors of red and green, letters C and J, and shapes were our curriculum focus as well as themes of Christmas like gingerbread, Santa, and the nativity.

The kindness curriculum for each class taught the children giving little things can make the day brighter for those around you. The children painted special prayer rocks for the St. Peter's church members.

Believe it or not, registration for the 2018-19 school year is around the corner! The brochure and registration materials will be posted on the website after the first of the year. Church members have priority over the public. You may register January 15th. If you would like to register or need further information, please email mrsb@stpeters-preschool.com. Information about tours will be on our website as well www.stpeters-preschool.com



*Lincoln-Way
East
Madrigals*



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

**St. Peter's UCC 4th - 8th Grade
Jennifer Stephen & T-Kay Nagy, Teachers**

Brrrrr!!!! Winter has appeared with an angry bite of sub-zero air! But in Sunday school this month, we will be experiencing God & Jesus in a way that will fill our hearts and souls with great warmth!

This month's lessons focus on listening for and following the call of God and ways we can praise Him.

In addition to the lessons listed to the right, the 4th-8th graders, each month, for the remainder of this school year, will be having a area of our Christian life on which we will focus. In January it will be GRATITUDE. Weekly there will be a discussion on the topic. For the remainder of the year, each week the kids will complete a card with something they were grateful for from the previous week. You can see these posted on the Youth bulletin board found to the right of the ladies restroom in our hallway!

We anxiously look forward to continuing to share Christ's love with your children! They truly are a blessing!!

What we'll be
studying in
January 2018

1/14/18
1 Samuel 3:1-10

1/21/18
Mark 1:14-20

1/28/18
Psalm 111

In our prayers...

Patricia Allen, Doris Calkins, Adam Carlson, Jeanne Every, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Kathy Milligan, Joanne Nice, Virginia Osmus, Gordon Nelson, Mary Rahm, Lois Schoen, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillman. 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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MEETING CHANGE:

Missions & Memorials will be meeting the
2nd Monday of each month.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2924265>

**Please copy the above link into your
browser to do your shopping.
St. Peter's get's a cut of your total!!!**

**January Responsibilities**

USHERS: Dianne Schultz, Terry White
 COFFEE AND... Terry White
 Liturgist: 1/14 Rachael Muenchow

Help Wanted

Please note: There is no longer a Tuesday night
AA Meeting at St. Peter's

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.

GENERAL GIVING 12.24.17

Goal: \$208,917.00
 Given YTD: 210,164.27
 Balance: +1,247.27

Whether you are a guest or member, please
remember to sign the pew pads.

Happy New Year and God's Blessings
from the Prayer Chain!



Please call the prayer chain with your needs and requests. We will lift them up by name and need, or anonymously. Please call the office, 815-469-2220 or Delores, 815-469-5106.

Also, please join us at the altar the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:10 am.

Delores K.



Operation Christmas
Child January Collection:
Socks of all Sizes!

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

FOR JANUARY MISSIONS &
MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:

SOUP
CRACKERS



**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

Birthday Greetings:

1/1 Kari Fleck
Alyssa Kadow

1/2 Holly Michau
Ryan Mooney

1/3 Tami Breakey

1/4 Judith Baker
Jeanne Every
Luke Pomes
Paula Shapiro

1/5 Mason Cummins
Timothy Schweisow

1/6 Cathleen Dutro
Lester Janssen

1/8 Andrew Gissler
Bryan Kurtz

1/10 Donald Cranfill
Leo Grunert
Shea Kimsey
Colin Olson
Holly Scaletta

1/15 Terry Donovan

1/16 Josh McGarry
Bernice Voss

1/17 Jennifer Peppmuller

1/18 Laura Haack
Lindsey Hossbach

1/19 Brian Krippel
Brad Templin

1/20 Janice Schaper

1/21 Dean Haack
Kathy Lattz
Janaya Scaletta
Kimberly Warning

1/24 Sheri Kimsey

1/25 Lyla Kimsey
Dianne Schultz

Birthdays continued:

1/26 James Donovan
Kelly Enskat
Norma Nelson
Kathleen Schweisow

1/27 Joshua Foster

1/28 Shannon Edmondson
Daniv Kadow
Danny Walsh

1/29 Justin Belt
Jack Christensen
Jennifer Lucas
Lyle Tewes

1/30 Amy Inka
Lori Wieclaw

1/31 Kristal Belt
Kim Comstock
Linda Klier
Barbara Paul
Cole Senesac

Wedding Anniversaries:

1/20/1978 Tom & Paula Shapiro

1/29/1966 Dean & Barbara Haack



THANK YOU SO MUCH TO WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND
THE ST. PETER'S COUNCIL FOR THE GENEROUS GIFTS.
IT IS A PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE TO WORK HERE.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

SINCERELY,
WENDY MAROTTA

Many Thanks to the following people:

Sandy Donovan for a wonderful Women's
Fellowship Christmas Party!

Dianne Schultz for coordinating the poinsettia &
cookie deliveries for our 80+ members!

Sylvia Tewes for spearheading the cookie and
boutique sale, and for her work on making the costumes
for the Children's Pageant!

And to **EVERYONE** who works behind the
scenes to make St. Peter's work! **YOU** are appreciated!

St. Peter's U. C.C.

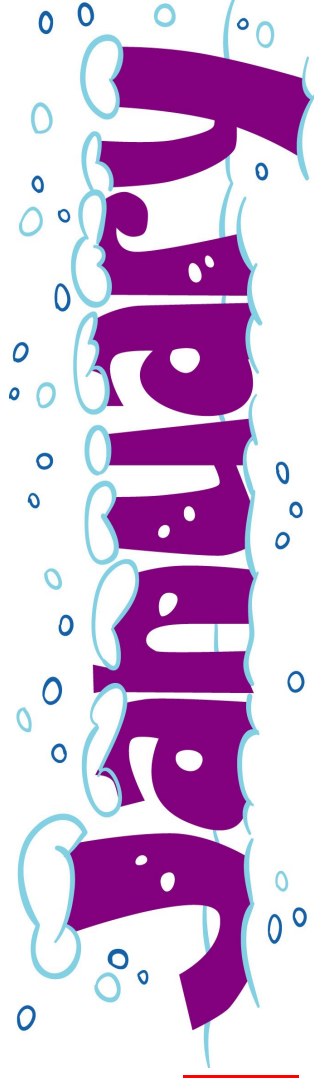
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Ushers this month are:
Dianne Schultz
Terry White

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

2018

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
	1	2 Open Sew 6-9pm	3 Choir 7pm	4 Bible 101 10am	5 Council Reports Due A.M	6 "Sew What" 9am
7 Worship 9:30am Communion Coffee And... K.F.C. 10:30am	8 Y&F Meeting, 6pm M&M Meeting 7pm Council Meeting 7pm	9 Open Sew 6-9pm	10 Worship Meeting, 6pm Choir 7pm	11 Bible 101 10am	12 "Sew What" 9am	13
14 Worship 9:30am Coffee And...	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Open Sew 6-9pm	17 Choir 7pm	18 Bible 101 10am	19	20 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am Kup-a-Joe's "Sew What" 9am
21 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... I.M.P.A.C.T. 11am	22 Women's Fellowship Planning Meeting 6:30 Friendship Room	23 Open Sew 6-9pm	24 Choir 7pm	25 Bible 101 10am	26 Sew What" 9am	27
28 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	29	30 Open Sew 6-9pm	31 Choir 7pm		Happy New Year!	

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JANUARY 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..."

WEEKLY

Tuesdays: *Open Sew, 6:00 pm

Wednesdays: Choir, 7pm

Thursdays: Bible 101, 10:00 am,

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

1/5	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
1/6	9:00 am	"Sew What"
1/7	10:30 am	K.F.C.
1/8	6:00 pm	Youth & Family Meeting
	7:00 pm	Missions & Memorials Meeting
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
1/10	6:00 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
1/12	9:00 am	"Sew What"
1/15	All Day	Office Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/20	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Kup-a-Joe's
	9:00 am	"Sew What"
1/21	11:00 am	I.M.P.A.C.T.
1/22	6:30 pm	Women's Fellowship Planning Meeting, Friendship Room
1/26	9:00 am	"Sew What"
1/28	10:30 am	Congregational Meeting

Bring on
 the
 NEW YEAR!
 2018