



St. Peter's October KEY

"God Is Still Speaking"



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From the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the name of the One in whose name we pray: Our Risen Savior, Christ Jesus; and the One to whom we pray: The Living God.

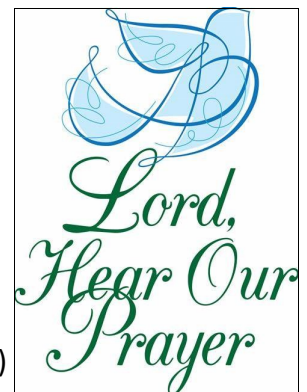
As you know, prayer is one of the most important aspects in the life of a Christian. In the Gospels, we see the many times where Jesus would remove himself from crowds, friends, family and disciples so that he might enter into a time and spirit of prayer with God. We read the teachings of Jesus concerning prayer; how it should and shouldn't be done, where it should be done, how often it should be done, and to whom it should be addressed. No Christian or any congregation can be faithful in lives of discipleship and service without daily engaging in prayer.

There are a number of different types and elements that comprise the practice of faithful prayer. Some of the different types of prayer are: centering prayer, body prayer, meditative prayer, silent prayer, musical prayer, memorized prayer, spontaneous prayer, praying the Scriptures, communal prayer and private prayer. There are seven basic elements of prayer: adoration/praise, thanksgiving, confession, intercession (praying for others), petition (praying for self), guidance, and listening (too often overlooked).

In response to the goal of spiritual renewal that was a component of the Ten-Year Renewal Plan enacted by the congregation in 2010, we are beginning a new Ministry of Prayer at St. Peter's UCC. Those of you who feel so called to participate in this ministry would be asked twice daily, at times of your choosing, to lift up prayers of intercession (prayers for others) for:

1. St. Peter's United Church of Christ;
 - Our congregation
 - Our Council members (Becky Cleveland, Jim Hellrung, Stacy Holland, Rick Johnson, Rachael Muenchow, T-Kay Nagy, Margie Norman, Ernie Rohr, Dianne Schultz, Darrell Stephen, David VanderLaan, Bruce Willie)
 - Rev. Mark Milligan
 - The ministry offerings of St. Peter's UCC
2. Leaders of the UCC (locally and nationally) and leaders of all faith systems around the world.
3. Leaders of our:
 - Village
 - State
 - Country
 - World leaders

(cont.)



From the Pastor

4. Those whose lives have been impacted by violence and natural disasters

For the purposes of this specific ministry of prayer I would ask that you pray that those for whom you are praying might be guided by God's Holy Spirit to act:

- wisely
- courageously
- with a spirit of Holy compassion, justice, mercy, and grace
- with a sense of faithful stewardship of the many blessings bestowed by God
- with a true and certain knowledge that all people, no matter their gender, nationality, race, ethnicity, creed, religious affiliation, abilities, or sexual orientation, are beloved Children of God, our sisters and brothers
- to be open to the power, presence and movement of God's Holy Spirit

As situations arise in the life of our church, or as world events dictate, you would be contacted and asked to lift others up in your prayers of intercession.

This new ministry is one in which all members of St. Peter's United Church of Christ can participate. ***If you can draw breath, you can offer prayers to God.*** It is my prayerful hope that you will join this new Ministry of Prayer and be a part of the vital and moving Spirit that is leading the people of St. Peter's UCC. If you are interested, please contact the office or sign up on the Ministry of Prayer sheet in the church narthex.



May God continue to bless St. Peter's United Church of Christ as we continually strive to discern new ways to live faithful lives of discipleship in praise and service to God.

Blessings and Peace
Pastor Mark

K.F.C. TO DO 'SCAVENGER HUNT' FOR FRANKFORT FOOD PANTRY

On Sunday, October 27, between 10:45 – 12:00, the K.F.C. youth group will be participating in a scavenger hunt for food for the Frankfort Food pantry.

We will be stopping by congregation members' homes within an approximate 6-block radius of church (Sauk Trail, Nevada Ct, Lawndale, Evergreen, Sycamore, Linden, Ash, Nebraska, Oak, Hickory, Walnut, Pacific, & Smith streets).



We hope that, if you live within these areas, you will be home to provide us with some donations to the pantry. If you know you won't be home, feel free to leave your bagged donations at your front door. If you don't live close to church but would like to donate to our cause, please bring your donations to the K.F.C. youth room (the 4th-8th grade Sunday school room) by 10/27/19.

Following is the list of items that are most needed for our 'scavenger hunt':

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|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| *CANNED GREEN BEANS | *CANNED PEAS | *BOXES OF JELLO |
| *CAKE/BROWNIE MIX | *CAKE ICING | *INSTANT MASHED POTATOES |
| *JARS OF GRAVY | *STUFFING MIX | *CANNED PEACHES |
| *CANNED FRUIT COCKTAIL | *DRY LEMONADE MIX | *DRY FRUIT PUNCH MIX |



We thank you in advance for your help in this service project!

Words from your Council President, Darrell Stephen

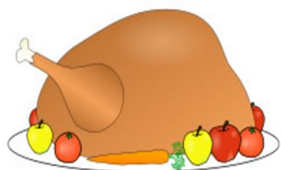
So...have you heard about St. Peter's Garden Club? YES, St. Peter's now has a garden club. There aren't many members yet, but the membership is growing and is anxious to get more members. You might have noticed that many evergreens and a few trees around our beautiful church have been trimmed and, in some cases, dying/dead ones cut down completely. Most of these that were cut down have been there for countless years and way past their prime.



The Garden Club has been formed to help decide what plants and/or bushes should be planted in the locations of those eliminated. This group will then obtain, plant, & maintain these flower beds, etc. Right now, the Garden Club is looking for perennials that you might need to be split from any of the congregation's own flower beds. If you have any perennials that St. Peter's could use, please contact Ernie Rohr or the church office so arrangements can be made to dig, if necessary, and get the plants to St. Peter's for planting.

A couple of other items of note....The council has been working very hard to get the Faith & Mission Statement (aka "The Budget") finalized for 2020. Copies of this will be available soon and a congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17th immediately following our worship service, when we will review and hopefully approve the 2020 Faith & Mission Statement. At the same November 17th meeting, we will be reviewing the proposed changes to St. Peter's Constitution and By-Laws. These changes were created & recommended by a committee that worked closely with Pastor Mark. These revisions were then presented to the church council & approved for presentation to our congregation. The proposed changes to the Constitution & By-Laws will be available to everyone very soon so that everyone will be prepared for the November 17th meeting. Please remember that we need a quorum of at least 50 members to vote on these two **very important** items. See you there!!

Yours in Christ,
Darrell



Women's Fellowship To Provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets

This year, Women's Fellowship, in conjunction with the Frankfort Food Pantry, is putting together 20 Thanksgiving food baskets. A list of the needed supplies for each basket will be fulfilled during our Cozy Mountain Retreat, with the exception of the needed twenty 12-14 pound turkeys. If you are interested in contributing to the cost of one of these turkeys, please visit the Women's Fellowship table during 'Coffee And..' during the month of October. We all have much to be thankful for. Consider helping those less fortunate this holiday season.

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 5, 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)



Pastor Mark

EVER WONDER WHAT GOES ON IN THE CHURCH NURSERY DURING SERVICE?

I AM a
CHILD
OF GOD
JOHN 1:12

You can find out---volunteer! Ask the many people who have participated and they will tell you about the joy they get from spending an hour with God's littlest children.

It's said that it takes a village to raise a child. So come be a part of St. Peter's nursery 'village'! If you can donate one Sunday helping these little ones grow in Christ, please contact Rachael Muenchow (cell/text: 815-685-2470), Jennifer Stephen (cell/text: 815-545-4369) or the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!!!



The Christian Education Department is looking for adult helpers & substitute teachers. If you could help even one Sunday per school year, please contact the church office or Cathy Dutro, Christian Education Director, at 815-469-3788 or cathleendutro@gmail.com.

Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."



As a safety precaution, all exterior doors, EXCEPT FOR THE SANCTUARY doors will be locked at 9:45 am on Sunday's.

We are once again collecting winter gear for Mahalia Jackson Elementary, the school that T-Kay Nagy is the Principal of. Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc ...

Thank you so much.



Thank you so much for all of your generosity dear St Peter's congregation. Students at Mahalia Jackson Elementary School have the necessary supplies to start the school year - all because you!

An extra thank you to Missions and Memorials Committee. We purchased backpacks with the \$500.00.

Our deepest gratitude,
The Staff, Students,
and Families of
MJES



COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 10/21
KEY ARTICLES DUE TUESDAY 10/22



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.

2019 dates: Thursday, 10/31
Monday, 12/30

Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.



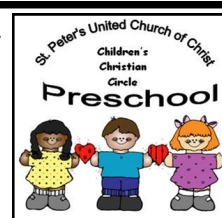
In Loving Memory

During our worship service on Sunday, October 27 we will be observing Totenfest. This is a time when we remember members and loved ones, those who 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 her/his name and your relationship with the person.

St. Peter's Preschoolers have had a great start to the new school year! We have made new friends, found new learning material to explore and welcomed our two new teachers! Our favorite day is

Teddy Bear Day when we bring a special teddy to school to have some fun! We will also welcome our families to Open House the last week of September. It is always fun to show our moms, dads, and siblings around our classrooms.

Christi Breitbarth
Director and 4's Teacher
St. Peter's Preschool
www.stpeters-preschool.com





3 year olds - 3rd Grade - Cathy Dutro

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 interested in helping, that would be great, too! Just chat with me after class to see what dates are available.

What we'll be studying in October, 2019

October 13
Luke 17:11-19

October 20
Luke 18:1-8

October 27
Luke 18:9-14

Believe it or not, we start practice for the Christmas program in November. Our class will primarily be comprising the nativity scene as well as singing. The youngest students will be performing our popular & traditional rendition of *Away In The Manger*.

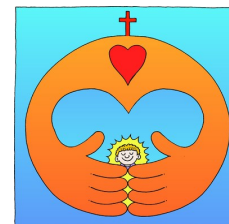
As you can see from the lessons, the children are learning about the importance of God's loves & mercy and ways to praise God. They really seem to be attentive with the lesson and enjoy making the crafts.

4th-8th Graders- Jennifer Stephen

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

Yes, we start practice for the Christmas program in November! Our class will primarily be the speaking/stars of the program as well as singing with the other children.

In the lessons, the kids are learning about the importance of serving God and of showing God's love to others.



FYI...

Sunday, October 27th

Youth group meeting after worship 'til 12:30 PM. An additional adult helper is needed as we will be doing a scavenger hunt for the food pantry.



Garden Club

Did you know that St. Peter's has a garden club!? They do! And they have been busy, as you can see by the pictures! They are collecting Perennials this week to continue beautifying the church. No perennial will be turned down!

- We can pick them up if you dig them up ...
- or
- We can dig them up for you ...

They also want YOU!!!

If you are interested in being part of the garden club, please see Ernie Rohr or call the office at 815-469-2220 or email your questions to:

stpetersgardenclub@gmail.com



Hello, Ladies!!



Wishing you could sneak away for a relaxing time in the mountains?

We've got the perfect plan!

Cozy Mountain Lodge is a relaxing mountain lodge themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, and time for laughter as well as time for quiet reflection.

Our retreat will be held in the Friendship Room on two Sunday afternoons—**October 6th & 20th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM**, and the cost is only \$5 per person! This covers individual retreat supplies, fun and refreshing activities, and snacks.

Call the church office (815-469-2220), Jennifer Stephen (815-545-4369-cell; 815-469-4509-home) or Cathy Dutro (815-469-3788) for more information, or stop by our table at the church each Sunday in August to learn more and register.

Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship, and to draw closer to God.

We hope you'll join us at Cozy Mountain Lodge.

Warmly,
Women's Fellowship Planning Committee



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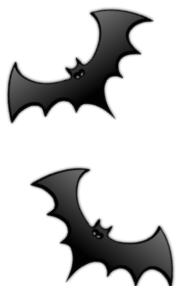
Don't miss this fun and free family event!
St. Peter's UCC Annual

Saturday October 26th
10am - 12pm

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



In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Steve Comstock, Margaret DeLaughter, Bryant Ebert, Kay Fredin, Alice Janssen, Delores Kratzenberg, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Gordon Nelson, Charlotte Pfuhl, Helen Rachford, John Schneider, Dianne Schultz, Renee Smith, Eleanore Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Bruce Stone, Ed Tewes, Dick Trevarthan, Richard Walsh. Also, all service personnel, including: Kevin Rutolo, Capt. Carson Cleveland, 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



"LIKE" us on Facebook!!



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
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.

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9AM - 1 PM

As fall is here, let us continue to Praise our God and ask Him for help with our concerns.

Blessings from your Prayer Chain.

Please join us on the 3rd Sunday at the altar before service, or call the office, 815-469-2220 or Delores, 815-469-5106 so we can lift those in need up in prayer.



FOR OCTOBER MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:

BAKING SUPPLIES



October Responsibilities

USHERS: Becky Cleveland, Ernie Rohr

COFFEE AND... Missions & Memorials

LITURGIST:



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

LUMES
(new larger venue)
8:00 am



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

GENERAL GIVING

9.22.19

WEEKLY GIVING

\$3 041.00

Goal: \$ 224,979.00
Given YTD: \$ 132,412.53
Balance: \$ 92,566.47

WEEKLY GOAL
\$4,327.00

Attendance: September 1 40
September 8 110
September 15 86
September 22 75

Birthday Greetings:

- 10/3 Marge Boyd
Allan Creer
- 10/4 John Edmondson
Tracy Donovan-Hunter
- 10/5 Eleanore Stewart
- 10/6 Brennan McGarry
- 10/8 Vivian Scaletta
- 10/9 Parker Cleveland
- 10/12 Anthony Russotto
Mark Schimanski
- 10/14 Deborah Hossbach
Lisa Ardaugh-Hunter
- 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

Birthdays cont...:

- 10/31 Nicole Goldsmith
Kylene McGarry
Kathy Milligan
Daniel Senesac

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 10/1/2016 Glenn & Shirley Sharpe
- 10/6/1984 Chip & Lori Krusemark
- 10/9/2009 Mark & Jessica Baker
- 10/19/1963 Allan & Diane Creer
- 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

Don't forget to "give" and "get" at the same time!!!
Remember to Support St. Peter's with your
Amazon Smile Order!!!

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

**FRANKFORT HISTORIC BUSINESS ALLIANCE (FHBA)**

Please visit www.finditinfrankfort.com for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- 10/24 Witches & Warlocks
- 10/26 Ghosts around the Green with Frankfort Police Department's Trunk or Treat
- 11/8 Stores Holiday Open House
- 12/6 FAHS House Walk
- 12 7-8 Cookie Walk/Christkindl
- 12/13 Midnight Madness Shopping Event

St. Peter's U. C.C.

12 W. Sauk Trail

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

Enter off the east parking lot entrance.



Ushers this Month:
Becky Cleveland

Coffee And...

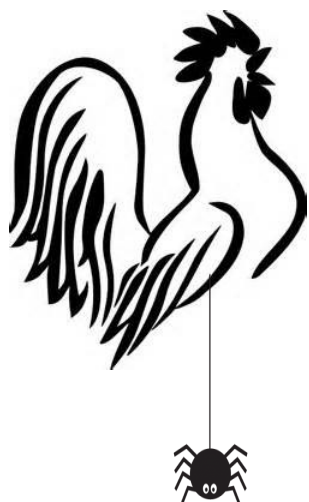
Missions & Memorials
Ministry

2019

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
		1 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	2 Choir, 7pm	3 Intermediate Quilting 9am Spirituality Class 7pm	4	5 "Sew What" 9am Blessing of the Animals 11am Bonfire 5:30pm
6 Worship 9:30 am Communion Women's Fellowship Retreat 1-4pm	7 Youth & Family 6pm M&M, 7pm	8 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	9 Choir, 7pm	10 Intermediate Quilting 9am Spirituality Class 7pm	11 "Sew What" 9am	12
13 Worship 9:30am Coffee And...	14	15 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	16 Choir, 7pm	17 Intermediate Quilting 9am Spirituality Class 7pm	18 Council Reports Due A.M	19 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am LUMES "Sew What" 9am
20 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... Women's Fellowship Retreat 1-4pm	21 Council Meeting, 7pm	22 Open Sew 6:30-9pm KEY ARTICLES DUE	23 Choir, 7pm	24 Intermediate Quilting 9am Spirituality Class 7pm	25 Sew What" 9am	26 Trunk or Treat, 10am
27 Worship 9:30am Totenfest Coffee And... Youth Group 10:30am	28	29 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	30 Choir, 7pm	31 Shepherd's Table, 8:15am 		

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OCTOBER 2019



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

9:30-10:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am “Coffee and...” First Sunday only during the Summer

WEEKLY

Tuesdays: *Open Sew, 6:30 pm

Wednesdays: Intermediate Quilting, 9am
 Spirituality Class, 7pm
 Choir, 7 pm

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

October at a glance (other than mentioned above):

10/5	9:00 am	“Sew What”
	11:00 am	Blessing of the Animals
	5:30 pm	Bonfire
10/6	1:00 pm	Women’s Fellowship Retreat
10/7	6:00 pm	Youth & Family Ministry Meeting
	7:00 pm	Missions & Memorials Ministry Meeting
10/11	9:00 am	“Sew What”
10/18	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
10/19	8:00 am	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Lumes
	9:00 am	“Sew What”
10/20	1:00 pm	Women’s Fellowship Retreat
10/21	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
10/22	9:00 am	KEY Articles DUE
10/25	9:00 am	“Sew What”
10/26	10:00 am	Trunk or Treat
10/27	9:30 am	Worship, Totenfest
	10:30 am	Youth Group
10/31	8:15 am	Shepherd’s Table HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

