

# St. Peter's November **KEY**

*"God Is Still Speaking"*

*Rev. Mark Milligan, Pastor and Teacher*



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## From the Pastor

Dear sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the name of the One who is the giver of all our many blessings.

During our worship services over the last few weeks we have been focusing on gratitude. Through Word and song, we have explored what it means to live lives that express our gratitude to God both as a congregation and as individuals. We have been led to the conclusion that we are called to see that gratefulness becomes a way of life. We have learned that we can only truly express our gratefulness to God for all our many blessings by freely and joyfully sharing our blessings with sisters and brothers in need and by caring for God's glorious creation. Our journey has led us to this time of year set aside to offer our thanks for the bounty that has been bestowed upon us, Thanksgiving.

I have put together thirty thoughts on gratefulness representing many of the great faith systems of the world, one for each day of November. I would suggest that you begin each day by reading one of the thoughts and then offer up a prayer for the courage to be aware to see how it might open your heart, mind, and soul to ways to live your gratefulness. At the end of the day reflect upon how these words of wisdom helped you in your efforts to live a life of gratefulness.

I pray that you may have of truly blessed Thanksgiving filled with joy, love, and especially, gratitude.



Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark

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1) Our hearts can become filled with praise and thanks without the use of words.

-PAUL TILLICH

2) Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

-ELIZABETH BIBESCO

3) Joy is really the simplest form of gratitude.

-KARL BARTH

4) When I am grateful, I am neither rushing nor slouching through my day – I'm dancing.

-BR. DAVID STEINDL-RAST

5) There are many things to be grateful for but, as I ripen with the seasons of life, the many reasons blend into a sacred mystery. And, most deeply, I realize that living gratefully is its own blessing.

-MICHAEL MAHONEY

6) When your real, effortless, joyful, and grateful nature is realized, it will not be inconsistent with the ordinary activities of life.

-RAMANA MAHARSHI

7) Gratitude is the capacity to stare doubt, loss, chaos and despair right in the eye and say, 'I am still here.'

-DIANA BUTLER BASS

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- 8) The grateful heart is a manifestation of one's true self. Nothing sidelines the ego more effectively than a grateful heart.  
-ALBERT NOLAN
- 9) Thankfulness brings you to the place where the Beloved lives.  
-RUMI
- 10) Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.  
-MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO
- 11) Happiness is not what makes us grateful. It is gratefulness that makes us happy.  
-BR. DAVID STEINDL-RAST
- 12) Everything flourishes in the nourishment of our appreciation; plants, people, the Earth, moments. When we live with that appreciation, we flourish.  
-KRISTI NELSON
- 13) When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.  
- MARCUS AURELIUS
- 14) Gratefulness is that fullness of life for which we are all thirsting.  
-BR. DAVID STEINDL-RAST
- 15) The day I acquired the habit of consciously pronouncing the words thank you, I felt I had gained possession of a magic wand capable of transforming everything.  
-OMRAAM MIKHAËL AÏVANHOV
- 16) What would it be to awaken to a day devoted to gratitude, a day of thankfulness for what was and yet will be? Grateful for this life in which we have been feeling our way toward the truth.  
-STEPHEN LEVINE
- 17) Gratitude is the understanding that...the underlying gift of life and incarnation as a living, participating human being is a privilege.  
-DAVID WHYTE
- 18) I wonder if gratefulness is the bridge from sorrow to joy, spanning the chasm of our anxious striving. Freed from the burden of unbridled desires, we can enjoy what we have, celebrate what we've attained, and appreciate the familiar. For if we can't be happy now, we'll likely not be happy when.  
-PHILIP GULLEY
- 19) Gratitude in advance is the most powerful creative force in the universe.  
-NEALE DONALD WALSCH
- 20) Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. It's the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul.  
-AMY COLLETTE
- 21) Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind.  
-LIONEL HAMPTON

(cont.)

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22) Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.

-KARL BARTH

23) Gratitude for the present moment and the fullness of life now is the true prosperity.

-ECKHART TOLLE

24) Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.

-MAYA ANGELOU

25) I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

-GILBERT C. CHESTERTON

26) Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.

-NATIVE AMERICAN PROVERB

27) Gratitude celebrates life with a joyful 'yes' at every knot of the great network in which everything is connected to everything.

-BR. DAVID STEINDL-RAST

28) Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

-MELODY BEATTIE

29) Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude.

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON

30) Thank you for the wind and rain and sun and pleasant weather, thank you for this our food, and that we are together.

- MENNONITE BLESSING



Sunday, November 24, St. Peter's will be hosting an ecumenical Thanksgiving service with our sisters and brothers in Christ from other churches in our community. We will be gathering at 7:00pm for an evening of word and music. Choirs from the churches will each be sharing an anthem, with a final song by all the choir combining their voices in giving thanks and praise to God. Afterwards, there will be a time of fellowship and, of course, food. I hope that you will make plans to join us for the special assembly expressing our gratitude for our many blessings.

## Words from your council president, Darrell Stephen

During the month of November, it is customary to stop and think about the things for which we are thankful. I certainly don't want to disappoint you.

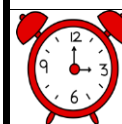
Living in the communities that we do, it is very easy for us to look around and see so many things that we should be thankful for. It seems that we have just about everything we need within minutes of our location. Even though it sometimes doesn't seem like it, we all need to be thankful for our health and those who take care of our health. At this time of year, it's important for us to be thankful for all our farmers and their helpers. The number of hours that they spend in the fields, fighting the weather, often goes unappreciated.

Here at St. Peter's, we need to be thankful for our forefathers who had the foresight to be able to build such a beautiful building in which we have the honor to worship each and every week. It's important that we continue to care for our church buildings so those coming behind us can enjoy them as we have.

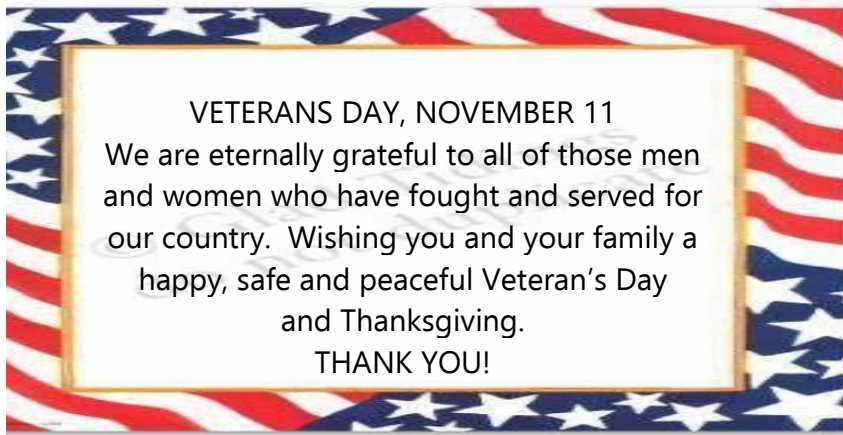
I also would like to remind you of a couple of important events that are approaching. On Sunday, November 10, St. Peter's church council is hosting a gratitude potluck luncheon. This luncheon will take place following our regular worship service. We will be providing the chicken as well as beverages. We ask everyone to bring a dish as a side or dessert. If you haven't signed up during one of the previous Sunday worship services, please call the church office and let us know how many will be attending and what you plan on bringing.

Lastly, I ask that you try to attend the congregational meeting which will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be voting on the approval of the proposed Faith and Mission Statement (previously known as 'The Budget'). We will also be voting on the proposed changes to St. Peter's Constitution and Bylaws. Many people have spent a great amount of time to prepare these two documents that will play an important part in the life of St. Peter's. Both of these documents will be available to you starting Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Christ,  
Darrell



THERE'S STILL  
TIME...



7:00-8:30

...to sing in our holiday choir.



Parsons are Wednesday, . It is such a blessing to serve a song, especially at a time. So come try us out, : these next 8 weeks. You warmly welcomed.

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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 shout out's to Diane Creer, Judy Hageman, Carol Heilstedt and Delores Kratzenberg for their help in the office!

Fondly, Wendy



Don't forget to "Fall Back" on November 3 @ 2:00 am! Turn your clocks back 1 hour ... extra hour of sleep!!! YAY!

COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 11/18

KEY ARTICLES DUE FRIDAY 11/22

FRANKFORT HISTORIC BUSINESS ALLIANCE

(FHBA) Please visit [www.finditinfrankfort.com](http://www.finditinfrankfort.com) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

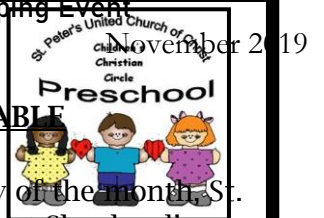
11/8 Stores Holiday Open House

12/6 FAHS House Walk

12/7-8 Cookie Walk/Christkindl



12/13 Midnight Madness Shopping Event



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.

2019 dates: Monday, 12/30

Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.

October has been full of fall fun for all our classes! Some have learned the colors of fall, a pumpkin

nursery rhyme, and the beauty of nature during the fall.

The fours explored all the parts of a tree by looking at the trees around the church and we did a fire safety





scavenger hunt finding all that is in our building to protect us in case of a fire.

But the favorite day of October is Halloween!! The teachers are in costume, the children are in costume and we have fun sharing treats with our friends!

Mrs. B  
Director and 4's Teacher

SAVE THE DATE

**WHAT:** The Milligan's Annual Holiday Open House

**WHERE:** The St. Peter's UCC Parsonage  
8 West Sauk Trail, Frankfort, IL

**WHEN:** Friday, December 13 @ 6:00pm

**WHO:** All our friends and family  
Come dressed in your finest holiday garb, bring a dish to share and a joyous holiday spirit as we gather for an evening of festive food and merriment.



### **3 year olds - 3rd Grade - Cathy Dutro**

Believe it or not, we start practice for the Christmas program in this month. Our class will primarily be comprising the nativity scene as well as singing songs during the program. The younger students will be performing our popular

& traditional rendition of *Away In The Manger*. With the size and age of the students in this class, I can always use help, especially during program practice. If a parent is interested in helping, just chat with me after class to see what dates are available.

### **4th-8th Graders- Jennifer Stephen**

We will also start practice for the Christmas program in this month. Our class will primarily be the speaking/stars of the program & some Nativity members & will be singing with the other children.

### **Both:**

During this month (and in December), we will spend a portion of the class time on the lesson and the other portion practicing for the Christmas program.

As you can see from the lessons, the children are learning the importance of purity in their lives. The crafts we do reinforce these lessons.

November 17th, during the Ingathering Sunday Service, the children will bring non perishable food goods brought by them and other congregational members.

What we'll be studying in November, 2019

**November 10**  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

**November 17**  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

**November 24**  
Colossians 1:11-20

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## A 'HUGE' Thank You from Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship would like to send a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who donated toward the purchase of the twenty 12-14 pound turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets we are providing this year, in conjunction with the Frankfort Township Food Pantry. It is a true blessing that we can help those less fortunate this holiday season.



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"  
Matthew 25:40



### Thoughts on MERCY

On Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class' lesson was about mercy. Nate Gaines assisted Jennifer Stephen with the lesson. One of the ways Nate helped the kids think about mercy was to help them create an acrostic poem using the word MERCY with ideas or thoughts that have to do with mercy. An acrostic poem is a poem where certain letters in each line spell out a word or phrase. Typically, the first letters of each line are used to spell the message, but they can appear anywhere. Below are the poems they created:

*HUMBLE*

*MIRACLE*

*BELIEF*

*HUMBLE*

*RESPONSIBLE*

*RESPECT*

*CONSIDERATION*

*CARING HONESTY*

*PRAY*

(Written by Madi Gaines, Nate Gaines, Jimmy Hellrung, Maddie Hellrung, Brigid McGarry, Michelle Nagy, and Evan Sparenberg.)



## St. Peter's Trunk or Treat was a Spooktacular success!!



November 2019

### In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Clarence & Bev Carlson, Steve Comstock, Margaret DeLaughter, Kay Fredin, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Gordon Nelson, Charlotte Pfuhl, Helen Rachford, John Schneider, 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

Thanksgivings Blessings from your prayer chain!"

"Any concern too small to be turned into a small to be made into a burden."

— Corrie Ten Boom



prayer is too

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.

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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FOR NOVEMBER MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:



Items for the Thanksgiving table, along with  
canned vegetables; green beans, cream corn,  
etc.

### 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.**

*On Sunday, November 26, immediately following worship, we will be  
sharing in The Hanging of the  
Greens. This is the time when we prepare the church for the seasons of  
Advent and Christmas with the decorations  
and symbols of the holidays.. We will deck the halls with holly and ivy, trees  
and lights, candles and wreaths,  
banners and nativities. It is a joyous and sacred time as we transform the  
church, and ourselves, in anticipation of Christ's nativity.*

*Pastor Mark*



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

**LUMES**

8:00 am

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



Office Hours: Monday - Fri  
9am - 1pm

***November Responsibilities***

USHERS: Jim Hellrung, Stacy Holland

COFFEE AND... Youth & Family Ministry

LITURGIST: **HELP!!!**



**Birthday Greetings:**

- 11/5 Patricia Allen
- 11/7 Beth Enskat  
A.J. Krusemark
- 11/8 Lois Cranfill
- 11/9 Keith McLean
- 11/10 Darren Lattz
- 11/11 Don Hellriegel  
Phillip Hess, Jr.  
Scott Klier  
Sandra Robinson  
Jeri Vece
- 11/13 Robert Allen  
Paul Dalen
- 11/14 Allison Goldsmith
- 11/15 Charlotte Pfuhl
- 11/16 Cheryl Miller
- 11/17 Robert Schultz
- 11/18 Madison Cummins  
Cheryl Howard
- 11/19 Arthur Frank  
Mike Melnyk
- 11/23 Allyn Krusemark-Reed
- 11/25 Teri Schram
- 11/26 Erik Lynch  
Alexis Meyer  
Audrey Yoshioka
- 11/29 Cressa Perish  
Wendy Rinke  
Terry White

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 11/10/1979 Dennis & Rebecca Cleveland
- 11/23/1975 Bill & Marla Krippel
- 11/23/2008 Matt & Nancy Srednicki
- 11/26/1983 Ken & Rose Carlson

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>

**K.F.C. Scavenger Hunt a 'HUGE' Success!!**

On Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the K.F.C. (Kids For Christ) youth group went on a scavenger hunt within the neighborhoods surrounding the church. They were 'hunting' for items to give to the Frankfort Food Pantry to help with meals for the holidays. The kids came back with nearly 100 food items to add to other items that were already donated by congregation members who lived in the neighborhoods but were not going to be home as well as others who just wanted to help. St. Peter's kids and congregation members continue to show how we can serve God by serving others!!

*"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."*

Hebrews 6:10

**Attendance:**

10/6	91
10/13	75
10/20	88
10/27	88







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				1	2 “Sew What” 9am
4 Youth & Family 6pm M&M, 7pm	5 Open Sew 6:30- 9pm	6 Choir 7pm FFBB Practice 7pm	7 Intermediate Quilting 9am Compassionate Life Class 7pm	8 “Sew What” 9am	9
11 	12 Open Sew 6:30- 9pm	13 Worship Meeting 6pm Choir 7pm	14 Intermediate Quilting 9am Compassionate Life Class 7pm	15 Council Reports Due A.M	16 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am <b>LUMES</b> “Sew What” 9am
18 Council Meeting, 7pm	19 Clean Sanctuary 9am Preschool Paint Party 4- 9:30 Open Sew 6:30- 9pm	20 Clean Sanctuary 9am Choir 7pm FFBB Practice 7pm	21 Intermediate Quilting 9am Compassionate Life Class 7pm Thanksgiving Feast Preschool 7am-Noon	22 Sew What” 9am KEY ARTICLES DUE	23
25	26 Hanging of the Greens 9am Open Sew 6:30- 9pm	27 Choir 7pm	28 	29 Office Closed	30



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Members this Month  
Jim Helrung  
2220

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3	Worship 9:30 am Communion Coffee And...
10	Worship 9:30am Baptism Gratitude Pot Luck
17	Worship 9:30am Congregational Meeting Family Harvest Sunday Youth Group 10:30 am
24	Worship 9:30am Coffee And... Ecumenical Thanksgiving 7 pm

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**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

Compassionate Life Class, 7pm

Choir, 7 pm

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

November at a glance (other than mentioned above):

November 2	9:00 am	“Sew What
November 4	6:00 pm	Youth & Family Ministry Meeting, FR
	7:00 pm	Missions & Memorials Ministry Meeting, FR
November 8	9:00 am	“Sew What”
November 10	10:30 am	Gratitude Pot Luck
November 11	All Day	VETERAN’S DAY
November 13	6:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting, FR
November 15	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
November 16	8:00 am	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Lumes
	9:00 am	“Sew What”
November 17	9:30 am	Family Harvest Sunday
		Congregational Meeting
	10:30 am	Youth Group
November 18	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
November 19	9:00 am	Clean Sanctuary
November 20	9:00 am	Clean Sanctuary
November 22	9:00 am	KEY Articles DUE
November 24	7:00 pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving at St. Peter’s
November 26	9:00 am	Hanging of the Greens
November 28	All Day	Happy Thanksgiving, Office Closed
November 29	All Day	Office Closed