



St. Peter's May KEY

"God Is Still Speaking"

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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 Living God, whose Holy Spirit empowered the disciples on that first Pentecost and brought the Church into being.

On Sunday, May 20 we will be celebrating one of the three holiest days of the Church year, Pentecost (the other two being Christmas and Easter). The story of the first Pentecost is found in Acts 2. It tells of the moment when the Holy Spirit came bursting upon the apostles as they were gathered together in a house. The Spirit appeared to them as tongues of fire that rested upon the heads of each apostle. When the Holy Spirit came into each, they found they could all speak in different tongues as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now I can only speak for myself, but I would be completely freaked out if this ever happened to me! I would probably curl up in a corner, assume the fetal position, and cry like a little baby. This experience would be so outside my reality that I would be overwhelmed to the point of hysteria. Fire does not just float into a room, and it surely doesn't rest upon my head; not without causing a great deal of pain and agony!

What truly amazes me is that this was not the response of the apostles. This terrifying experience happened to them and they went out into the city and proclaimed the Gospel message to all the Jews who had assembled in Jerusalem to celebrate Shavuot/Pentecost. For the Jews of the post-Temple period this holiday commemorated when God created a people who were known through their relationship with God, a relationship defined by the commandments and laws of God. For the Jews this is the Torah, the 613 laws God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai to present to the Hebrew people; the people God had saved from bondage in Egypt; the people to whom God promised a land flowing with milk and honey; the people to whom God said, "I will be your God and you shall be my people."

In the midst of a city filled past its capacity with religious pilgrims, and after going through what in my mind would have been a mind numbing experience, these followers of the Risen Christ left the safety and security of their house and spoke in languages foreign to their minds and tongues, proclaiming the message God had laid upon their hearts. The people around wrote their behavior off as the antics of those filled with new wine (drunk); but Peter stood amongst the crowd and boldly stated:

"Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.'"

It was through these brave actions and bold proclamations that the Church of Jesus Christ was born. It is my hope and prayer that we can be equally as brave and bold, so that the Church might continue to proclaim the Gospel message, by word and especially by deed, to all the world.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark

**!!!!!!DON'T FORGET TO WEAR RED ON SUNDAY, MAY 20 IN
CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST!!!!!!**



From your Council President: Bruce Wille

Saint Peter's Gifts

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians Ch.4:11-12 New Living Translation

We at Saint Peter's are blessed with God's gift to our church, a pastor and teachers to equip us with the training to do God's work, but as a church we need to go further.

As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 1 Corinthians Ch.12: 20-25 NIV

We need to give our gifts back and build up the church, the body of Christ. As stated in Corinthians we have much talent and need to involve them in the missions and services of the church. This is one thing that attracts me to Saint Peters, we have many members active in giving back their talents. We have a mission program where the church is tithing, a strong presence in the Joliet soup kitchen and many other missions. A talented music program, and participants leading and assisting the worship ministries. Numerous people providing their talents in the facilities ministries from electrical to plumbing to parking lot repairs to building planter covers. We have people providing their talent sewing and quilting, from veteran's quilts to prayer shawls to jump ropes. Other people active in the social and Christian education for our youth and adults. Some are active in our technology, creating and maintaining our web site to putting our services on u-tube. We have others active from contributing, to collecting, to managing, to auditing of our finances. Plus all other gifts not mentioned, Thank-you.

And do not forget to do well and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews Ch.13:16 NIV

But we still need more. It may be the addition of new missions or adding to existing missions. But to please God we need your talent, how big or small.

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians Ch.3:9 NIV

Finally we need to work not as individual parts, but as one body. This is the hard part as we are different bodies and different minds, which don't always agree. But we all come from one heavenly father.

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. 1 Corinthians Ch.1:10 NIV

And God's final Blessing:

but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD Numbers Ch.14:21



Thursday, May 3 is the National Day of Prayer; an annual observance day which is the first Thursday in the month of May. On this day, Americans are encouraged to give thanks and to turn to God in prayer and peaceful meditation.

The first National Day of Prayer can be traced back to 1775 when the Continental Congress allocated a daily prayer while they were forming the new nation. In 1988, President Reagan signed an amendment to the law that designated the first Thursday of May as the National Day of Prayer.

People observe this holiday by taking time out of the day to visit the church of their choice or to pray to the deity of their choice. Each year, almost 40,000 prayer gatherings are held all over the United States. Which means that millions of people across the country take advantage of the day to pray.

St. Peter's United Church of Christ sanctuary will open 9:00 am-3:00 pm for anyone who wishes to come in for some quiet time for prayer, meditation, or reflection. We hope that you take a few minutes during this day to offer up to God your prayers of thanks and praise.

Pastor Mark



BEGINNING MAY 6, MISSIONS & MEMORIALS WILL BANG THE BUCKET FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY "RELAY FOR LIFE." PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE BY BRINGING YOUR EXTRA CHANGE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS.



Relay for Life has made a change this year.

It is now designated on the website as Greater Will County Relay for Life. It will be held at Lincoln-Way North on Saturday, June 23, 3:00 - 11:00 pm. St. Peter's is again hoping to support this fund raiser with our team of "Relaying Roosters". We also hope to have several benefit days.

Sign up at: <https://mobileacs.org/2qHrpdX>

Membership and Evangelism

An unheralded ministry of St. Peter's is the **Calling and Caring Committee** – which takes care of us by sending members birthday cards, get well wishes, etc. These ladies meet periodically to assign months and divide tasks so that members are reminded that they are valued as part of our church family. Sometimes communication is incomplete and these ladies do not always know when a birthday, get well or even sympathy card should be sent. Please share and update information so that we all can **Keep in Touch**. Current members include Karen Shiner, Gail Roy, Mary Ann Morrison, Delores Kratzenberg, Muriel Long, and Betty Hossbach. Anyone is invited to join.

Feel free to leave information with Wendy in the office or with Committee Chair Mary Ann Morrison.

Thank you Calling and Caring for Caring!!



Women's Fellowship Upcoming Visit to the *Shrine of Christ's Passion*

On Sunday, June 3, 2018 after worship service, all ladies are invited to join us as we will be traveling to St. John, Indiana to visit the Shrine of Christ's Passion. This is an interactive half-mile winding pathway that begins with the Last Supper and Garden of Gethsemane. Forty (40) life-size bronze figures are artfully placed in dramatically landscaped gardens that look and feel like the Holy

Land. It is as though you've been transported back over 2000 years. Each setting has a listening station featuring the voice of veteran broadcaster Bill Kurtis that provides a description along with a meditation.

R.S.V.P. needed by no later than Monday, May 14th to Jennifer Stephen, Cathy Dutro, or the church office.

If wheelchair assistance is needed, please indicate this at the time of your R.S.V.P.

For more information on the Shrine of Christ's Passion, visit their website: www.shrineofchristspassion.org



On Monday, April 23rd, Women's Fellowship hosted a service project get-together where we made colorful pillowcases for the organization Ryan's Cases for Smiles (caseforsmiles.org). They are a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to help children cope with the stress and emotional impact of treatment for cancer and serious illnesses by providing them with a bright and cheery pillowcase to make them feel more 'at home' while being hospitalized.

Fourteen ladies met and cut, pinned, and sewed forty (40) pillowcases. The evening was filled with loads of organized fun and delicious goodies while we scurried around assembling these gifts of God's love. Thanks goes to Cathy Dutro and Sylvia Tewes for planning and overseeing this service event!!

Please consider joining us for any of our upcoming events to share meaningful fellowship.



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.

2018 dates are:

Thursday, 5/31
Monday, 7/30
Thursday, 8/30
Monday, 10/29
Thursday, 11/29
Monday, 12/31



Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.

Psalm 23:1



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

There are so many people around the world that are finding it increasingly more difficult to provide their families with a safe place to live, adequate food, potable water, clothing that is appropriate for the seasons, hospitals and medicine to treat the simplest of illnesses, or schools where their children can strive for a better way of life. One of the most effective ways we can reach out to help these people in need is by supporting the programs and ministries of Church World Services

Church World Service (CWS) was born in 1946, in the aftermath of World War II. Seventeen denominations came together to form an agency "to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone." The mission: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, shelter the homeless. More than 70 years later the mission remains and is supported through efforts of 37-member denominations, of which the United Church of Christ is one.

Their web site states:

We believe that there is enough food, water, and justice for everyone in our world. Our work to build alliances among faith groups, civil society, advocates, and those in need, and provide programs and services that are impactful, is as critical now as it ever has been. In the past year alone, we've been able to make differences in tens of thousands of lives in more than 30 countries.

CWS has worked for seven decades with one goal: building a world where there is enough for all. We affirm the power of individuals and communities to take ownership of their future. We meet them right where they are, helping them create solutions they can maintain – and build on. That means a refugee family who is able to start a new life. Or someone rebuilding after disaster finds safety with dignity.

This year St. Peter's UCC will be participating in two of CWS ministries of support: Blanket Sunday, on Mother's Day (May 20) and Tools of Hope, on Father's Day (June 17). Everyone will have the opportunity to donate to these two funds in honor or memory of loved ones. What better way to honor and remember parents than to help other parents around the world provide for their children and family. I pray that you will be generous in your support of these two ministries.

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
who are members of my family, you did it to me.*

Pastor Mark



The ladies of St. Peter's Women's Fellowship would like to thank everyone who purchased goodies at our bake sale held on Sunday April 22nd. We hope everyone enjoyed their purchases and look forward to making more of our baked delights for everyone in the future!!



Women's Fellowship GAME NIGHT!!!

Come join us on Wednesday night, May 16th at 6:30 PM for an evening of fun & fellowship along with loads of laughter as we play various board and card games. Snacks and drinks will be available. This is a repeat activity based upon requests due to how much enjoyment is had by ladies of all ages! Please plan on coming!
R.S.V.P. to Jennifer, Cathy, or church office by Monday, May 14th.

BOUQUET

Today, while I was busy at my tasks
 She came to me, and proudly held to view
 The flowers she had gathered, with the words
 "See Mommy! I have picked them all for you."

I smiled with high delight, and gathered close
 The limp grey weeds, the wilted dandelion...
 And placed them all in water, in a vase
 Upon the window sill to catch the shine!

I often think, Lord, this must be Your task
 With prayers and deeds we bring to You each night,
 How poor and small they are, they fall so short!
 And yet, how beautiful within Your sight.



To understand our aims, unworthy deeds ...
 And bless the "flowers" shining through the weeds!

– Submitted by Charmian Blattner from Philo,
 CA

In honor of Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13 will be **CWS Blanket Day**. Our neighbors deserve warmth and comfort. Together, we can help even more families stay warm this winter. Won't you join us by making a gift.
 Each blanket costs only \$10.00.



Sunday, May 20
 Pentecost Sunday
 Strengthen the Church
 Collection





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

4th - 8th Grade
Jennifer Stephen, Teacher
T-Kay Nagy, Teacher

What we'll be
 studying in
 May, 2018

May 13
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

May 20
Acts 2:1-21

Spring has sprung and the flowers and trees are in full bloom! What a beautiful place God has provided for us to live!!

3 years to 3rd grade:

May 20th will be our final class for this Sunday school year. However, during the summer we offer 'Son'shine church. Children begin in church with their parents and after the children's sermon, leave to enjoy a short lesson, craft, and snack!

I look forward to seeing your children in church during the summer and this fall again in class. It has been a true blessing to teach your children this past Sunday school year!

4th-8th grade:

In addition to the lessons listed to the right, each month for the remainder of this school year we will be having an area of our Christian life on which we will focus. In MAY, it will be the TEN COMMANDMENTS, focusing on honoring your mother and father. Weekly, there will be a discussion on this topic. There will also be handouts or take-home items to help the youth remember what they have learned.

Just as a reminder: In January, we focused on GRATITUDE. The kids have been completing a card each week with something they were grateful for from the previous week and clipping it to a bulletin board we created classroom hallway! They will continue to do this through the end of the Sunday school year. Please join us in adding to the 'Board of Gratitude'!

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



STILL LOOKING FOR BUYERS
FOR PIANO'S & PEWS!!
IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE A
COUNCIL OR FACILITIES
MEMBER!

Wonderful Mother
~Pat O'Reilly

God made a wonderful mother,
 A mother kind yet bold,
 He made her smile of the sunshine,
 And He molded her heart of pure gold;

In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
 In her cheeks fair roses you see,
 God made a wonderful mother,
 And He gave that dear mother to me.

In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Virginia Osmus, Kathy Milligan, Gordon Nelson, ,Helen Rachford, Lois Schoen, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Richard Walsh. 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!

Greetings 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 peace. Happy Easter

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



PASTOR MARK'S E-Mail:
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<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!!!



Operation Christmas Child May Collection:

Fishing Supplies
Including: fishing line, hooks & weights



FOR MAY MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:
PET FOOD, KITTY LITTER & PAPER TOWELS

May Responsibilities

USHERS:	Stacy Holland Bruce Wille
COFFEE AND...	Margie Norman Sylvia Tewes
LITURGIST:	5/6 Paul Muenchow

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

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.

A big THANK YOU to Linda Klier for planting and tending to the flowers in the parking lot for the last several years. But, she has decided to hand the baton over to someone else. No experience required! Just pick up where she left off! Thank you Linda for your dedication to making St. Peter's a beautiful and inviting place to be.



Birthday Greetings:

5/2 Cayla Frodyma
Lori Krusemark

5/3 Edward Tewes

5/4 Cory Brown

5/5 Grant Meyer
Laura Pomes
Craig Warning

5/6 William Goldsmith
Lisa Gravitt
John Rivard

5/7 David VanderLaan

5/8 Jack Lucas
Marcella Tewes

5/9 Dennis Cleveland
Miranda Prentice
Jim Rinke
Mason Scaletta

5/10 Logan Stephen

5/11 Karen Homann

5/12 Jack Reed
Ernie Rohr

5/13 Carter Schultz

5/14 Erin Rinke

5/15 Allison Carlson
James Dobrovich
James Hellrung

5/16 Joshua Moore
Brandon Warning

5/17 Sydney Brown
Daniel Senesac, Jr.
Tom Shapiro
David Trevarthan
Bradley Winnie

5/18 Bill Doogan

Birthdays continued:

5/19 Rebecca Cleveland
Aiden Peppmuller
Robert Pomes
Natalie Templin

5/20 Ryan Fleck

5/22 Donna Ellis
Theodore Rivard
Rylee Senesac

5/23 Davis Inka
Ryann Olson

5/24 Cailey Whittinghill

5/25 Lynsee Hoisington
Kaylee Mark
Wendy Zaker

5/26 Morgan Haag
Gabrielle Rivard

5/27 Jim Breaky
Ian Luscombe

5/29 Michelle Schultz

5/30 Adam Stewart

Wedding Anniversaries:

5/10/1980 Harry & Nancy Kooyenga

5/16/1987 Ernie & Kellee Rohr

5/21/1977 David & Cathleen Dutro

5/22/1993 Steve & Roxanne Purucker

5/24/1997 John & Shannon Edmondson

5/27/2005 Terry & Corrie Lee




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



Ushers this month are:
Stacy Holland
Bruce Wille

2018

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
		1 Open Sew 6-9pm	2	3 Bible 101 - 10am	4	5 "Sew What" 9am
6 Worship 9:30am Communion Cinco de Meow!! 	7	8 Open Sew 6-9pm	9	10 Bible 101 - 10am Ascension Day	11 "Sew What" 9am	12
13 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... 	14 M&M Meeting, 7pm	15 Open Sew 6-9pm	16 WF Game Night 6:30pm	17 Bible 101 - 10am	18 Council Reports Due A.M	19 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am Kup-a-Joe's "Sew What" 9am
20 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... KFC 10:30am	21 Council Meeting 7pm	22 Open Sew 6-9pm	23	24 Bible 101 10am	25 Sew What" 9am	26 Clay Cleveland Wedding
27 Worship 9:30am Coffee And...	28 Office Closed 	29 Open Sew 6-9pm	30	31 Bible 101 10am Shepherds Table 8:15am		

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MAY 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

Thursdays:

Bible 101, 10:00 am,

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

May 5	9:00 am	“Sew What”
May 6	10:30 am	Cinco de Meow
May 11	9:00 am	“Sew What”
May 14	7:00 pm	Missions & Memorials Meeting
May 16	6:30 pm	Women's Fellowship Game Night
May 18	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
May 19	8:00 am 9:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Kup-a-Joe's “Sew What”
May 20	10:30 am	K.F.C.
May 21	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
May 25	9:00 am	“Sew What”
May 28	All Day	Office Closed - Memorial Day
May 31	8:15(ish)	Shepherd's Table (see Sylvia or Marcia)

