



St. Peter's June 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 breath brings life to all creation, the Living God.

The trend in huge mega-churches and churches experiencing large, rapid growth is to bombard the senses of church goers every minute of the service with sights and sounds. The prevailing thought is that people will return to a church only if they are being constantly stimulated and entertained by outside stimuli. Now, who am I to argue with practices that bring thousands of people into worship services each week? You never know when something a person experiences during this cacophony of religiosity might spark and grow. Services like this are living embodiments of Jesus' Parable of the Sower; the church's responsibility is to sow the seeds of faith by whatever means, in hopes that it will land in fertile soil and grow strong and true.

While I see the numerical success these churches produce, I cannot help but be a bit apprehensive because of the many essential elements of the Christian faith that are given little, if any, mention. The one aspect I am concerned that might often be ignored is that of silence. Silence has become something to be avoided at all costs in the mega-churches, and in most churches today. We fill our worship services with prayers, music (hymns, choral, and instrumental), litanies, and sermons. All are important components of Christian worship, but components that call for us to be the speakers while God is relegated to the role of listener; players to an audience of one, God. There is precious little time set aside for God to speak and for us to listen. When we do have a time of silent prayer most people (both in the pulpit and in the pews) become anxious and fidgety after just fifteen seconds.

"There is precious little time set aside for God to speak and for us to listen."

When Kathy and I were first married we spent a year attending a Quaker prayer meeting each Sunday for our worship. We met at the large farm house of one the members. The meeting began with everyone sharing the peace of Christ with loving kisses and warm embraces. We would arrange ourselves in a circle in the family room, where one of the members, one selected by the congregation to serve as leader that Sunday, would call us into our time of worship with prayer. The gathered faithful would then begin a time of silence. During the period of worship some would read Scripture, some would write their thoughts or feelings, some would pray.

Sometimes during the time of worship a member might be led to share a passage of Scripture, a poem or other short reading; sometimes a person might begin singing a hymn, which some in the circle would join in singing and some would just listen, taking in the holiness of the words. Some of the times of worship were the most spiritually fulfilling experiences I had known.

After an hour or so the leader would bring the service to a close by offering a prayer of benediction. After the service we would all join in the kitchen and dining room for a potluck feast. At this time in our lives, we were both full time students, money was a rare commodity, so our friends would always bring enough that we would be supplied with ample food to tide us over until next we would meet for our time of holy worship and fellowship.

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From the Pastor ... cont.

Now I know that the idea of an hour of silent prayer, worship, reflection, or whatever you may call it, scares most people to death. Please hear me: I am not proposing that this become the norm for worship at St. Peter's UCC. What I am thinking is that this might be something to add to the life of our church; something to offer the community, those searching for ways outside the mainstream to experience the Divine. Imagine a group gathered for a time of silence; some with only their thoughts, some with a song book, some with poetry, some with a Bible, some with a journal, some with a finger labyrinth. It has been shown that people are searching for a way to experience the presence of God in ways that are not being made available in most churches; we know this because most people do not attend church.

I believe that it is time for us at St. Peter's UCC to expand our ministry of offering new ways for people to be present with God. This fall I will be suggesting to the Worship and Music Ministry that we provide a time of silent worship for all who might wish to try this ancient practice of being with God and community. If we are going to continue as a strong congregation then we must be open to new offerings and ways of helping people to find God and discover their calling in life.

May God continue to bless us as we strive to be faithful disciples of the One in whose name we gather and serve, the One in whose life and teachings we discover our path to God, the One we call Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Blessings and Peace
Pastor Mark



Hello! My name is Darrell Stephen. I've been attending St. Peter's since birth and was confirmed in this church. I've been a member for most of my life, been very active in the life of the church and have been on council several times in the past, serving twice as its president. I am currently the council representative on the facilities committee.

I've been married to my wife, Jennifer, for almost 39 years. She, too, is very active in St. Peter's. We have two children who both grew up and were confirmed at St. Peter's. They have blessed us with five beautiful grandchildren. In my spare time, I enjoy golf and traveling as well as spoiling my grandchildren.

It is a great honor to once again serve the church by being on the council. Should you have any concerns regarding the building and grounds or any issue you feel the council needs to address, please feel free to speak with me on any given Sunday or contact me via phone, email, or text.

Saint Peters Gifts Continued, by Bruce Wille - Council President

We have just finished the celebration of Pentecost last month. Even though we did not have many thousands in church that day, we do have many converted to serve. The day of Pentecost is noted in the Christian church as the day on which the Spirit descended upon the apostles on which under Peter's preaching so many thousands were converted in Jerusalem (Acts 2).

Our facility mission and its volunteers are investigating upgrading our insurance policies, repairing unsafe sidewalks, patching holes in the parking lot, installation of flower enclosures and flowers in front of sanctuary, electric for the rooster, plans to update sanctuary lighting, ccc carpeting, plus all the general maintenance required to keep a 100-year-old building operational.

Our financial mission is serving on upgrading our accounting policies and software to give us a more accountable accounting system along with the working to keep the church financially operational.

We have volunteers converted to serve by updating our web pages daily, putting our church services on u-tube and working on better methods of communication on church activities and history to our members and community. Visit our web site @stpetersfrankfrot.org. We are also serving by updating the inconsistencies and antiquated sections of our constitution.

Our Sunday school volunteers are busy with Vacation Bible School, Sunday school program and many other youth programs.

Mission and Memorials our Saint Peter's Roosters have had Relay for Life fundraisers with Culvers, Creamery and Aurelio Pizza this June 16. They also have been supporting many of our world wide and local church missions.

Music and Worship/Choir/Personnel have been presented new opportunities replacing our choir director, church organist, and bell choir director. We wish the best to Dick, Joyce and Nancy and hope they will always feel a part of Saint Peter's family. Our prayers are with Dick. Also due to political reasons the Madrigals will not be part of our Christmas program this year.

Quilters and Sew What and Centennial committee volunteers are looking at better ways to display our history.

It is easy to be converted to serve at Saint Peters, just say What can I do Lord. It can be as simple as being a part of Frankfort Brass Band appreciation and support of our troops. We had only 10 at the last one on Armed Forces day or tell us what you want to see at Saint Peter's.

Let's follow our vision and make Saint Peters a more serving community.

Proverbs 18:1 An unfriendly person pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels.

Bruce

Muchas gracias mis amigos!!!

The K.F.C. youth group would like to thank everyone who participated in our 'Cinco de Meow' fundraiser for the Tinley Park P.A.W.S. Animal Shelter. We hope you enjoyed the walking tacos, chips & cheese, chips & salsa and baked goodies while sitting in the Mexican cantina setting. Almost all of those in attendance got a chance to have their picture taken in the new addition—the hacienda photo booth! Some great shots were obtained! Take a moment to see a sample of them on a compilation 8" x 10" photo on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We had a blast preparing the food & drink and serving you! But most of all, we are happy to help our furry, four-legged friends at Tinley Park P.A.W.S. Not only did we make a profit of \$560.00 but many of you provided much needed supplies for the shelter. Thank you again—or should we say "muchas gracias"!!



Dear Parents,

Do you want your children to know how cool Jesus love is? That's just what will happen while attending Polar Blast VBS located at St. Peter's United Church of Christ 12 W. Sauk Trail in Frankfort, IL.



For \$5.00 your child will be a part of fun Bible learning they can see, hear, and touch. Team-building games, lively Bible songs, and active Bible adventures are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.

Polar Blast VBS is great fun for children 3 years through 3rd grade; older children (4th grade through Young Adult) will enjoy signing on as assistants for the younger children.

The fun takes place June 19th and 20th, 2018 from 10:00-11:30. To register for this life-changing adventure return the registration form with payment by June 3, 2018 to St. Peter's U.C.C. 12 W. Sauk Trail Frankfort, IL 60423. Feel free to register your friends also.



If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Dutro at or cathleendutro@gmail.com.

Polar Blast VBS
Registration Form
(one per child)

Crew No. _____
Amt. Pd. _____
Cash Check # _____
For Church Use Only

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Last School Grade Completed _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail address _____

In case of emergency, contact:

_____ at (____) _____
(Name of contact) (Phone Number)

_____ at (____) _____
(Name of contact) (Phone Number)

Allergies or dietary restrictions _____

Medical concerns _____ Other concerns _____

Please return this form to St. Peter's U.C.C. 12 W. Sauk Trail Frankfort, IL 60423 by June 3, 2018 with payment of \$5.00 for one child or \$10.00 for two or more children from the same family.

We will be posting pictures of VBS activities on Facebook and St. Peter's website. Please inform us if you do not want us to include your child in the photos we will be posting.



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**Attention all former
Confirmands – Do you
remember your
classmates?**

Membership and Evangelism wants to reach out to our former Confirmands living in the area to invite them to reconnect to St. Peter's. We want to welcome them to our activities; worship, Christian Education, Women's Fellowship, Quilters, Sew What, Vacation Bible School, etc. There is a lot we do that, perhaps, people do not know about.


If you have names and, if possible, addresses, please give them to Allyn Krusemark Reed or Wendy in the office.

Thank you!

**ATTENTION SENIORS AND
SENIOR WANNABEES**

Membership and Evangelism invites you to a "Flashback Lunch" on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. There is no cost to you, however, you know there is no such thing as a "free lunch!" We are asking you to help identify and date photographs that have been given to the church in recent years. Even if you are new to St. Peter's we could use your help recording data (and socializing!).

Please RSVP to Wendy in the Office, 815-469-2220 by Monday, June 11. Also, let us know if you need a ride.



AURELIO'S FUNDRAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

WHAT: Please bring this certificate

WHERE: Aurelio's Frankfort, 9901 W. Lincoln Hwy.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 6, 11:00 am until Close

WHY: To support the Relay for Life Cancer Benefit Of Frankfort on June 23, and the efforts of ST. PETER'S RELAYING ROOSTERS.

HOW: 25% of your total bill will be donated to this Event!!! (15% from Aurelio's, 10% from Town Center Bank)



**THE FAMILY PIZZERIA
SINCE 1959**



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Sausage Muffins, by Cheryl Miller

1 lb. breakfast sausage
 1 cup bisquick
 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 5 eggs scrambled

Cook breakfast sausage then mix all ingredients. Grease muffin pan, put in pans and cook in oven at 375 degrees.

*Regular muffins take 25 minutes, makes 12
 Mini -muffins take 15 minutes, makes 30*

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
 M-F, 9AM—NOON
 June, July & August



MISSIONS & MEMORIALS WILL BANG THE BUCKET FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY "RELAY FOR LIFE", UNTIL THE EVEN WHICH IS JUNE 23.



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".

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

Concert Outing for Jr. & Sr. High Youth

We're gathering a group to attend this Christian concert on Friday, July 13th, at 7 pm at Olivet Nazarene University. Contact Kari Fleck, Allyn Reed, or the church office if interested.

**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:

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



Cruisin' Frankfort

Thursday's

May 17 - September 13

5-9 pm

Visit the St. Peter's Popcorn Wagon!!!



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 blessings and peace.

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



PASTOR MARK'S E-Mail:
Email: mmmrev@att.net



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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!!!

**June Responsibilities**

USHERS: Margie Norman, David VanderLaan

COFFEE AND... David VanderLaan

LITURGIST: 6/3 Cathy Dutro
6/10 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



Operation Christmas Child June Collection:

Sunglasses & Flip Flops



FOR JUNE MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:

PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, GRANOLA BARS & BOXES OF RAISINS

**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:

- 6/2 Kyle Gissler
Aiden Lattz
- 6/4 Conor McGarry
Chloe Monstovich-Cahill
Darrell Stephen
- 6/5 Clarence Carlson
Christine Cleveland
- 6/6 Jake Gissler
- 6/8 Sarah Enskat
Tyler Keller
- 6/10 Matthew Bennett
Lisa Hellriegel
Rachael Muenchow
- 6/11 Mark Eaton
Jill Hossbach
- 6/12 Ken Hawke
Todd Schroeder
- 6/16 Norma Schneider
- 6/17 Courtney Stillman
- 6/18 Keith Schram
Violet Yehnert
- 6/19 Elana Pomes
- 6/20 Cristine Delgau
Ryne Foster
- 6/21 Jill Bishop
Joshua Gravitt
- 6/22 Elizabeth Ber
- 6/23 Diane Creer
Nancy Kooyenga

Birthdays continued:

- 6/24 Samantha Mooney
- 6/25 Tyler Bettenhausen
Alexander Lucas
John Scaletta
- 6/27 Nancy Tewes-Srednicki
- 6/28 Gail Roy
- 6/29 Allison Hess
Caleb Schultz
Jordan Walden

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 6/6/1959 George & Delores Kratzenberg
- 6/6/2003 Josh & Cheryl Miller
- 6/7/1975 Gary & Barbara Niedermeier
- 6/10/1967 Robert & Patricia Allen
- 6/10/1995 David Kadow & Sherri Bracken
- 6/11/1977 Wayne & Charlene Stewart
- 6/17/2011 Steven & Holly Michau
- 6/19/1971 Al & Jean Taylor
- 6/22/1968 James & Sandra Donovan
- 6/22/1968 Roger & Barbara Rainford
- 6/25/1960 John & Trisha Nystrom
- 6/29/1975 Carl & Audrey Yoshioka
- 6/29/1991 William & Amy Goldsmith
- 6/30/1984 James & Cheryl Ber

**STILL LOOKING FOR BUYERS
FOR PIANO'S & PEWS!!**

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE A
COUNCIL OR FACILITIES
MEMBER!**

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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	2 "Sew What" 9am
3 Worship 9:30am Communion Coffee And... WF Trip to Shrine of Christ	4 Summer Office Hours begin, M-F 9-noon	5 Open Sew 6-9pm	6 M&E Meeting 10:30am Aurelio's Frankfort Relay for Life Fundraiser	7 Bible 101 - 10am	8 "Sew What" 9am Pastor Vacation	9
10 Worship 9:30am Pastor Vacation	11	12 Open Sew 6-9pm	13 Flashback Luncheon 10-2pm	14 Bible 101 - 10am	15 Council Reports Due A.M	16 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am Kup-a-Joe's "Sew What" 9am
17 Worship 9:30am FATHER'S DAY 	18 Council Meeting 7pm	19 VBS 10-11:30am Open Sew 6-9pm	20 VBS 10-11:30am	21 Bible 101 10am Key Articles DUE	22 Sew What" 9am	23 Relay for Life Lincoln-Way North 3-11pm 
24 Worship 9:30am	25	26 Open Sew 6-9pm	27	28 Bible 101 10am	29	30

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JUNE 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, 6:00 pm

Thursdays:

Bible 101, 10:00 am,

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

6/2	9:00 am	“Sew What”
6/3	10:30 am	Women’s Fellowship Trip to Shrine of Christ
6/6	10:30 am All Day	M&E Meeting Aurelio’s Fundraiser
6/8	9:00 am	“Sew What”
6/13	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Flashback Luncheon Worship Meeting
6/15	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
6/16	8:00 am 9:00 am	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast “Sew What”
6/17	All Day	Father’s Day
6/18	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
6/19	10:00 am	VBS
6/20	10:00 am	VBS
6/21	9:00 am	KEY Articles DUE
6/22	9:00 am	“Sew What”
6/23	3:00 pm	Relay for Life, Lincoln-Way North

