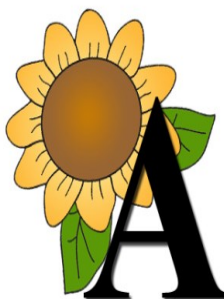
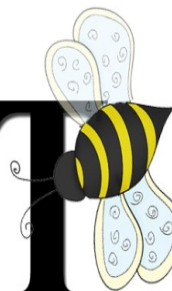




St. Peter's August **KEY**
"God Is Still Speaking"
Rev. Mark Milligan, Pastor and Teacher



AUGUST



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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 Holy Spirit of the Living God through whose guidance and power we grow in our faith and in our discipleship.

A few days after Easter I went into the sanctuary and noticed the lilies that had not been claimed were drooping. Upon further examination I found that the soil was extremely dry. Being one who values all God's creation I went downstairs to get a pitcher of water so that I could hopefully save the poor plants. I found a pitcher, took it to the kitchen sink, turned on the tap and began to fill the container. After what seemed like an hour, the pitcher was only $\frac{1}{2}$ full. I impatiently went to turn the hot and cold knobs to fully open, but they already were. By this time the level of water in the pitcher had increased only minutely, so I took the next logical step - I shook the pitcher. As you can probably guess, this had no effect whatsoever, except to splash water all over my pants. Finally, after an agonizingly long interval, my pitcher was full. (It should be noted that this entire process took around one minute) I turned off the water, picked up my now finally full pitcher of water, and went to complete my lifesaving task. As I turned, I hit the pitcher on the front of the sink causing me to lose my grip on the pitcher and I dropped it back into the sink. I watched in horror as all my hard effort and precious time went flowing down the drain. I collected myself, picked up the pitcher, dried it off, and placed it back where I had found it. As I walked to my office, frustrated that this simple task took way more time than I had allotted, I pondered the deep theological question of whether plants go to heaven when they wither and die.

In this age of instant gratification, instant information, instant banking, and now instant macaroni and cheese, we have become unable to wait for anything. When we see something, we expect to obtain it immediately. We are in an age when people will spend thousands of dollars to purchase a new computer nanoseconds faster than the one they own now. Now a nanosecond is an unbelievably small fraction of time. The blink of an eye takes about 500 nanoseconds, so my guess is that the normal human being could not tell if her or his computer was a nanosecond slower than their neighbor's computer. What is involved is the principle - we want it fast; we want it now!

When we set a goal, we also want it met right way; with a minimum of effort on our part. The best example is weight loss. We are inundated with new diets on an hourly basis that promise weight loss with no sacrifice required; you know - no pain, no gain. There are products on the market claiming you can eat all you want, take their pills before you go to bed and while you sleep the pounds will magically disappear. This is the way we want things done - fast and easy!

Unfortunately, this is the way many approach their faith and spiritual development. They want a book, tape, pictures, CD-ROM, or lecture that will tell them all they need to know about God. Having absorbed this material, they now know all they need to know about God, Christ, and their place in God's empire. For many, this moment came early in life, so they are now middle-aged individuals with the faith and understanding of a twelve or thirteen-year-old; you know, when they were confirmed. If by some miracle they do decide to delve into the world of theological thought it is confined to "Chicken Soup" or "... For Dummies" book. Again, they search for quick easy answers.

Faith and spiritual development are not, never were, nor never will be achieved in this manner. To achieve a mature lasting faith requires a lifetime commitment to growth and struggle. In Luke 11:9 Jesus makes very clear that we are to:

Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

(cont.)

From the Pastor continued ...

Jesus is telling us that being a disciple requires a willingness to act. The answers are there for us if we take the initiative to ask, search, and knock. These are verbs calling us to be active and intentional about our faith and its development.

Later, in the Gospel of Luke (17:5-6) the disciples approach Jesus with the request, "Lord, increase our faith!" Jesus replies to them, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Well, we know that a mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds, but it can grow into a huge bush if it receives the proper nutrients. It can become a place where small animals find shelter and protection; where birds can nest. Our faith is the same way. If it receives the proper nutrients (study, prayer, discipline) it can become a place where not only we, but also others, can find shelter and protection from the trials and tribulations of the world. Our faith can grow so that we may do things others would view as impossible; not by our power, but by the power of God's Spirit moving in and through us.

With all of this in mind, and after much prayerful consideration, I feel called to begin a program of faith renewal and spiritual growth here at St. Peter's UCC. I have been doing a great deal of research, spiritual reading, talking to other churches, and praying as I try to discern how and where God's Holy Spirit will lead us. The entire faith community needs to be a part of this new ministry from its inception, as it evolves and develops.

On Thursday, August 22, 7:00 PM I invite anyone interested in exploring this exciting new opportunity for spiritual growth and faith development to join me in the Friendship Room to see where God's Spirit may lead us. I am excited, and a bit nervous and scared, by where I feel God is calling us here at St. Peter's UCC. The potential is unlimited if we open ourselves to hear God's call and have the strength and courage to accept. May each of us prayerfully consider this opportunity and be open to growing in our faith and commitment to the Living God.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark

Cranberry Hootycreeks

1/2 C softened butter

1 egg

1 t vanilla

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1C plus 2 T all purpose flour

1/2 C rolled oats

1/2 t baking soda

1/2 t salt

1/3 C packed brown sugar

1/3 C white sugar

1/2 C dried cranberries

1/2 C white chocolate chips

1/2 C chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350'.

Beat together butter, egg, and vanilla.

Add other ingredients. Mix together by hand.

Batter will be dry and somewhat lumpy. Drop by heaping spoonful's onto baking sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until edges are brown.

**** Enjoy ****

Linda Klier

A Message from Your Church Council President, Darrell Stephen

It's hard to believe, but it won't be long and summer will be over. In a little over two weeks, school will be back in session. For many of us, vacations have been taken and the preparation for school & fall is ready to begin.

In about a month, Frankfort Fall Fest will be upon us. As most of you know, the Fall Fest parking lot is our biggest fundraiser of the year. I know many of you enjoy working the parking lot every year. Sign up sheets will be available very soon for all to select the time slot that is best suited for you. If you have any questions, please contact T-Kay Nagy or Becky Cleveland, as these two are, once again, chairing this event.

St. Peter's Sunday School will resume with the kickoff on Sunday, September 8th. Cathy Dutro and Jennifer Stephen will return as our Sunday school teachers. These two teachers are always looking for helpers throughout the year. They would welcome any help that you would be able to give them. It is a lot of work for just two people to take on so please consider giving it a try.

Our nursery during worship will begin on September 8th as well. The nursery takes care of children from birth to age three. Feel free to utilize this service if desired. Even though a schedule has been made to ensure there are two caregivers each Sunday, the nursery staff would welcome anyone who would be interested in helping out. If interested, contact Jennifer Stephen or Rachael Muenchow.

Finally, with the start of school upon us, please remember that St. Peter's is continuing to help support Mahalia Jackson Elementary School in Chicago. St. Peter's own T-Kay Nagy is the principal of this school, where many of the students arrive each day with very few school supplies, warm clothes, and/or food in their stomachs. If you could help in any way, that would be awesome. School supplies are especially needed at the start of the school year and are greatly appreciated by these kids. Items you would be donating can be placed in the designated area on a table in Fellowship Hall.

There are so many ways here at St. Peter's for all of us to help and show Christ's love to others. Let's keep up the good work and continue to spread His good will.

Yours in Christ,

Darrell

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



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.

Don't Forget ...

Coffee And... is only served on the first Sunday of the month for August.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER/FALL BOOK CLUB

Women's fellowship is hosting a summer/fall book club. The book will be read during the summer: while you're sitting on the beach, around the pool, between your kid's games, while taking a long relaxing bath....wherever your heart desires. Then on Sunday, September 15th, following worship service (and few moments at "Coffee And..." to get a drink & snack), we'll meet in the Friendship Room to discuss our thoughts about this book.

The book chosen to be read is *Joshua: A Parable for Today* by Joseph Girzone. Following is a summary/introduction to the book:

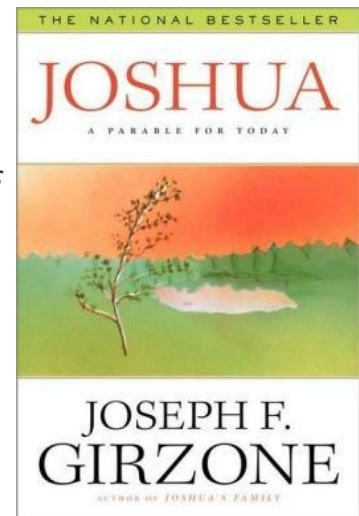
When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are mystified by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports himself by working as a carpenter. He charges very little for his services, yet his craftsmanship is exquisite. The statue of Moses that he carves for the local synagogue prompts amazement as well as consternation.

What are the townsfolk to make of this enigmatic stranger? Some people report having seen him carry a huge cherry log on his shoulders effortlessly. Still others talk about the child in a poor part of town who was dreadfully ill but, after Joshua's visit, recovered completely.

Despite his benevolence and selfless work in the community, some remain suspicious. Finally, in an effort to address the community's doubts, Joshua is confronted by the local church leaders.

If you are interested in reading this book, Women's Fellowship will have them available in paperback for \$5.00. Please let the office or Cathy Dutro know that you would like one and we will get it to you ASAP so you can begin reading this fascinating book.

We hope you enjoy reading this book and look forward to seeing you on Sunday, September 15th.



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.

Summer Office Hours:
M-F, 9:00 am - Noon



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, 8/29
Monday, 9/30
Thursday, 10/31
Monday, 12/30



Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.



Please join us and feel free to bring a friend:
Golf Outing Green Garden Country Club
Sunday, September 29, 2019

\$20.00 golf 9 holes w/cart

\$20.00 for burger/hot dog buffet (if we have enough people)

Thus \$40.00 for golf and dinner, and \$20 for those who just want to socialize and dine.

Please call Wendy in the Office to sign up BY September 22.

We must give the Golf Club our numbers in advance.

We are once again collecting for Mahalia Jackson Elementary, the school that T-Kay Nagy is the Principal of. Their "needs" list is as follows:

Backpacks, crayons, markers, pencils and more pencils, headphones, Kleenex, primary paper, scissors, folders, and spiral notebooks.

Monetary donations are also welcome! Please put them in the offering plate with a note specifying "Mahalia Jackson".

Thank you so much.



Frankfort's Upcoming Movies on the Green
Shown at dusk, approximately 8:30pm

August 13 - Angels in the Outfield (PG)

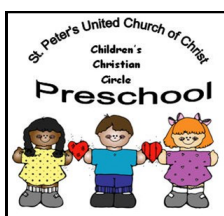
Popcorn will be available!



The morning of July 9th and 10th found 20 children attending Avalanche Ranch VBS, a wild ride through God's word. The first day they heard the story of Joshua and the Israelites crossing the Jordan River (Joshua 3-4). They colored a diorama of the story and created a placemat to remind them that "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9), and he was with Joshua and the Israelites on their journey. The Smores snack reminded them that God sticks with us. During the game each group had a turn crossing the Jordan River safely carrying the Ark of the Covenant to the other side the same way the Israelites did. The story for the second day told how God helped knock down the walls of Jericho (Joshua 6). Each student created a trumpet to use during the recreation of the story. They also made a barbell to remind them that the Lord is their strength and he is strong (Psalm 118: 14). The final craft was a banner to show God keeps his promise, just as he did in the story when he felled the walls of Jericho. Our snack was a barbell created out of cookies and a pretzel rod to symbolize God is strong.

Helping Brigid, Conor and Brennan McGarry, Brooke Bettenhausen, Lexx Milligan, Colton and Kaitlyn Woodward, Jack Reed, Avery Wilhelmi, Claire Tewes, Nathan Bishop, Calvin and Blair Baker, Sten and Soren Fleck, Oliver, Addy and Amelia Lavin, and Ben and Mackenzie Williams on their wild ride through God's word were Jennifer Stephen, Cheryl Howard, Cathy Dutro, Evan and Emily Sparenberg, Michelle Nagy, Abby Doyle, Zoey Brown and Kylee Rinke.

A great time was had by all.



St. Peter's Preschool has enjoyed the summer break ~ we spent time with our families and spent time planning for the upcoming school year. Miss Kathy and Mrs. K have moved on to other positions - both will be missed!

We welcome Brandi Roderique as our new four year old teacher and Amanda Caruso as our new three year old teacher. Both are current preschool families and have teaching certificates. It will be a great first year for both of them!

School is around the corner and the preschool rooms will be full of little ones! Currently every class is full! Everyone is looking forward to learning, playing, and smiling faces!

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



Thank you to each and every woman and member who donated to the funeral of Robert R. Yehnert.

Each of you are a great group.

Thank you,

Violet Yehnert

Wish to Thank all volunteer's of this great church. We are blessed to be a part of this wonderful church. I know my husband would have liked to attend each and every Sunday.

Thank you,

Violet Yehnert

In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Steve Comstock, Margaret DeLaughter, Bryant Ebert, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Mary Ann Morrison, Gordon Nelson, Charlotte Pfuhl, Helen Rachford, Lois Schoen, John Schneider, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Bruce Stone, Ed Tewes, 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



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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.

Summer Blessings from your prayer chain..

Please call the office, 815-469-2220

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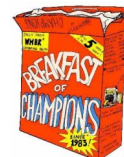
Delores, 815-469-5106 so we can lift those in need up in prayer.



FOR AUGUST MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:



CEREAL
 PANCAKE MIX



August Responsibilities

USHERS: Darrell Stephen, David VanderLaan

COFFEE AND... Facilities Ministry

LITURGIST: 8/18 Paul Muenchow
 8/25 Kate Dougherty

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!!!



August is like the Sunday of Summer

Birthday Greetings:

- 8/1 Joseph Frank
Barbara Rainford
Sheri Templin
Eric Wilhelmi
- 8/2 Allan Mager
- 8/3 Cade Cummins
- 8/4 Marcia Dalen
- 8/5 Jennifer Stephen
Annie Wilhelmi
- 8/6 Robert Proudfoot
Yvonne Stephen
- 8/11 Paul Muenchow
Dawn Porter
- 8/13 Emily Sparenberg
Richard Trevarthan
- 8/14 Joey Sparenberg
- 8/16 Ralph Eisenbrandt
Monica Nagy
Michael Stone
- 8/17 Kellee Rohr
James Vece
- 8/22 Alan Batson
- 8/23 Helen Simpkins
- 8/24 Michael McGarry
- 8/26 Darlene Bourke
- 8/27 Evan Sparenberg
- 8/28 Kim Capps
Paul Scaletta, Jr.
- 8/29 Regan Brown
Claire Tewes
- 8/30 Emily Comstock
Sara Comstock
Richard Krohn
Liam McGarry

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 8/1/1998 Chad & Sheila Vaughn
- 8/4/1979 Mickey & Marge Boyd
- 8/5/2006 Todd & Michelle Schultz
- 8/9/1986 Arthur & Krista Frank
- 8/12/2006 James & Andrea Boldrey
- 8/18/1979 Darrell & Jennifer Stephen
- 8/19/2006 Michael & Dawn Olson
- 8/20/???? Craig Brown & Courtney Stillman
- 8/20/1988 Daniel & Dawn Senesac
- 8/26/1978 Keith & Gail McLean
- 8/26/1978 Mike & Pam Melnyk



Our wonderful "seniors and senior wannahees"

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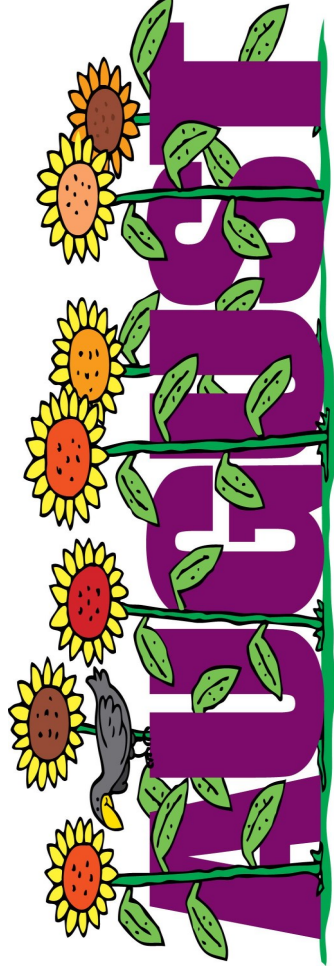
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Sewing/Quilting Classes are all held in room #213.

Enter off the east parking lot entrance.



Ushers this Month:
Darrell Stephen
David VanderLaan

Coffee And...
Facilities Ministry

2019

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
				1	2	3 "Sew What" 9am
4 Worship 9:30 am Communion Coffee And ...	5 Youth & Family 6pm M&M 7pm	6 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	7	8 Camp Quality Cooking	9 "Sew What" 9am	10
11 Worship 9:30am	12	13 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	14 Worship & Music Meeting, FR, 10am	15	16 Council Reports Due A.M	17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am LUMES "Sew What" 9am Altar Guild Breakfast, FH 9-noon
18 Worship 9:30am	19 Council Meeting, 7pm	20 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	21	22 Faith Exploration, 7pm	23 Sew What" 9am KEY Articles Due	24
25 Worship 9:30am	26	27 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	28	29 Shepherd's Table 8:15am Marking parking lot for Fall Fest	30 Fall Fest Parking Montessori First Day	31 Fall Fest Parking

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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

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

August at a glance:

8/3	9:00 am	“Sew What”
8/4	9:30 am	Worship, Communion
	10:30 am	Coffee And...
8/5	6:00 pm	Youth & Family Ministry Meeting
	7:00 pm	Missions & Memorials Ministry Meeting
8/8	2:30 pm	(@ Camp Quality) Cooking for Camp Quality
8/9	9:00 am	“Sew What”
8/14	10:00 am	Worship & Music Ministry Meeting
8/16	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
8/17	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Lume's
	9:00 am	“Sew What”
	9:00 am	Altar Guild Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
8/19	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
8/23	9:00 am	KEY Articles DUE
	9:00 am	“Sew What”
8/29	8:15am	Shepherd's Table
	Afternoon	Marking for Parking for Fall Fest
8/30	9:00 am	Montessori First Day
	Afternoon	Fall Fest Parking
8/31	All Day	Fall Fest Parking