

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

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**“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”**

Matthew 19:14

Sunday, January 29th, 2023

* - In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

Welcome & Announcements

Tim Frahm

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Scottish Melody” (*Martin*)

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 36:5,7-8)

Tim Frahm

Leader: Your steadfast, love, O Lord, extends to the heavens; Your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: **How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

Leader: They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

People: **For You are the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.**

*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

*Song of Worship

“Here I Am, Lord”

#559

Scripture Reading

Psalm 127

Tim Frahm

Children’s Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Fantasia On ‘O How I Love Jesus’” (*Krug*)

*Response

“Doxology”

#34

Sacrament of Baptism

Livienne Jolynn Schneider

Song

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

Insert

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:13-16

Sermon

“Love Stories: Jesus Loves the Little Children” Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Fanfare” (*Martin*)

Today, we celebrate the baptism of Livienne Jolynn Schneider.

Livienne is the daughter of Jeff & Becky Crivokapich. Her grandparents are Jeff (deceased) & Barb Schneider, and Bob & Teresa Crivokapich. Sponsoring Livienne’s baptism are Jon and Jamie Gilbert.

We at St. Peter’s are praying for:

Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Brian Koop, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Heather Phillips, Mary Ann Price, Keith Myers, Marge Myers, Sandy Erickson, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin, Megan Breckenridge, Neal Currier, Russ Koehn, Pamela Nolan, Alexis Verhulst, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Bucky Burrell, Delores Hartman, Patricia Regnier, and the family of Harry Baker Jr.

Announcements

Adult Study Hour (Sundays @ 9 am): Join us during the 9 a.m. Christian Education Hour in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall located in the church basement. We just began our study on the Book of Acts this morning. Did you miss it? It's okay. Jump in any time. Last week's lesson & notes are available on our church webpage under Christian Education.

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): On February 5th, the youth will have lunch after service and then go to Sky Zone in Schererville, IN, from 1-3 p.m. They will be back by 4:30 p.m. For more details, visit our Facebook page or go to our church website at www.stpetersgp.org, (Under Ministries Section). You can also contact Josh (815) 693-5341 or Neal (815) 549-5911.

Fusion Lunch Sign-Up: There is a sign-up list sheet on the back table in the sanctuary for individuals, families, friends, groups, (however you want to do it) to provide lunch for the Fusion Youth Group each month. You may sign up to cover a month by bringing lunch and serving it, by providing it and letting them serve it, or providing a monetary donation to offset the cost of the lunch. Josh Hamann or Neal Currier will be in touch with you prior to the month that you sign up for to confirm the date (which is normally the 1st Sunday of the month). On average, there are nearly 20 students and leaders to feed. Fusion truly appreciates your support as this allows them to keep the gatherings free for the students and the overall cost of their monthly gatherings at a lower amount.

The Beecher Food Pantry: is asking for any non-food items.

2023 “SOUP”er Bowl of Caring Luncheon: It will be held on Sunday, February 12th, following our worship service. All donations given will go towards a local food pantry/ministry.

What is the SOUPer Bowl of Caring? It's a fun, creative way to encourage our youth to make their own soups at home and bring them to church on Sunday to share with the congregation. Each youth is to make a crock-pot or large pot of their favorite soup. Then, they will serve someone else's soup so that no one knows who made which soup. Everyone is invited to try samples of as many soups as they want. They will then vote for their favorites. The winning youth will win an award. ***Adults are encouraged to bring their best chili to serve as well. A vote will be taken for the winner. Stay, fellowship with one another, and enjoy raising money for a local food pantry/ministry.

Zion UCC in Dyer, IN: Zion UCC will be hosting their annual homemade pork sausage sale. They are taking pre-orders (please contact Becki at (219)-384-0794) or you can buy 5 lb packages for \$25/package. Order deadline is February 8th. Sausage pick up will be Sunday, February 19th, from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.. The Women's Guild will be holding a bake sale during the sausage pick up. Hope to see you there!

Feed My Starving Children: Members of Zion Lutheran Church of Grant Park have scheduled a 'servant project' with Feed My Starving Children (Aurora, IL). We wish to invite our closest neighbors to join us for a food packing event! Join us on Monday, April 10, 2023, @ 4:30-6:15 pm to go to Aurora, IL, to 'pack meals' for those in need of food. Carpooling will be established among those attending--departure will be 3 pm that day from Zion's (GP) parking lot. Children (age 7 and older), youth, and adults are all encouraged to participate. A 3:1 student to adult ratio is recommended. Call Zion, GP's church office at 815-465-6011 to place yourself on the volunteer list. Check out <https://www.fmssc.org/about-us/faqs> for more information.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Members of several Grant Park churches, in support of the Fusion Youth Group at St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park, are raising funds and hands-on support to provide beds and bedding to children without them so that they don't have to sleep on floors.

The missions' project the area churches will be supporting is called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (www.shpbeds.org). The ministry is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

To purchase and assemble 30 beds (at a minimum), an amount of \$7,500 needs to be raised (\$250 per bed). Once the minimal goal is raised, the beds will be ordered and a date/location will be set for assembly by anyone in the area who is willing to help.

There are several options to donate to the fund:

Direct cash/check donations may be made to the church. Please put in the memo line/or on the envelope that the donation is towards "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Project.

You may give online by going to www.stpetersgp.org/give and choose the "Give to: Sleep in Heavenly Peace" category.

All donations are tax deductible.

Stay tuned to the Grant Park facebook page and St. Peter's website for updates on amounts raised, upcoming assembling date/location, and more.

On behalf of the Fusion Youth, we appreciate your support.