



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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Sunday, September 24th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Rhiannon Currier

Ring of the Bell

Prelude

“Sabbath Echoes” (Bradbury)

Lighting of the Candles

Aria Schroeder

*(This symbolizes bringing the light of Christ
into our presence as we worship the Light of the World together).*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Thomas said:

People: **“Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my hand in His side, I will not believe.”**

Leader: We are often skeptical people who are driven by our senses, and rely on that which we can hear, see, or prove.

People: **Our Lord asks us to see the invisible, to trust in the Spirit, and to have faith. Lord, give us faith!**

Leader: Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions, by wishful thinking, and by popular trends that pull us in.

People: **Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful as Thomas was. Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things and open our eyes for spiritual realities.**

Leader: Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

*Opening Worship

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

#496

Children's Moment

Larry Ohm

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 73:23-26, 28

Rhiannon Currier

Song of Worship

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

#476

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Father, We Thank Thee for the Night” (*Peeters*)

*Response “Doxology”

Scripture Reading

John 20:24-29

Larry Ohm

Message

“Faith to Believe”

Larry Ohm

***Closing Hymn**

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

#554

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude & Extinguishing of the Candles**

“Postlude in E” (*unknown*)

(Please remain in your pews in silent reflection as our acolyte extinguishes the candles and leads us out with the Light of Christ).

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Gene Sievers, Brian Koop, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Heather Phillips, Mary Ann Price, Sandy Erickson, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin, Pamela Nolan, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Ann Wessman, Roger Sturm, Delores Thiessen, Bill Riley, Larry Erickson, Dean Lohrbach, and Shearlene Bartman

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Please join us each Sunday at 9 a.m. for adult Sunday School. We just started the book of Philippians this morning. Feel free to join us at any time.

Confirmation Meeting: There will be a confirmation meeting following church service today.

Treats and Drinks: We are looking for someone to provide, set up, and clean up treats and drinks for the kids after their Sunday School/choir hour on October 1st, 8th, and 15th. Please contact the office if interested. Thank you.

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): On Saturday, October 7th, Fusion will have a bonfire/hayride at 7295 N. Vincennes Trail from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Hot dogs and smores will be provided. 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.

The Beecher Food Pantry: is asking for dish soap, paper towels, laundry soap, toothpaste, shampoo, pasta noodles (all kinds), tuna, cereal, hearty soups, beef stew, and ketchup. Donations may be dropped off in the baskets located by the courtyard entrance. Thank you.

Holy Land 2025 Trip: There is still plenty of time to consider traveling with us. Contact Pastor Kyle for more information.

Dartball: Dartball is still seeking players. You are welcome to join at any time, so if you are interested, please contact Tim Frahm at (872) 222-1408.

Bunco Night: We will be having a Bunco Night on October 13th at 7 p.m. As always, we are looking for players, card tables, snacks, and raffle items. Please contact Anita Bush or the church office to reserve your table of four.

Turkey Supper and Raffle: November 4th will be here before we know it. For the Turkey Supper to be a success, we need “many hands to make light work.” We are in need of about 30 workers Sunday, October 29th, after church to carry in groceries, prepare sweet potatoes, set up tables/buckets for peeling potatoes, coffee pots/ lemonade coolers need washed, set up the serving room for coffee, drinks, etc., cut bread for dressing, clean/organize the kitchen and dessert room, set up seating rooms, fry the sausage, and lay down cardboard on the kitchen and lounge floors. As always, we need about 50 turkey roasters and 50 desserts (9X12 dishes). We are in need of about 30 workers on Friday, November 4th, starting at 8 a.m. Come and go as you can. There will be a lot of food preparation. We also need about 10 turkey carvers for Saturday morning, November 5th, along with as many workers as possible to finish the food prep. We need many servers, people in the pie room, return foods and dishwashers, carry outs, and kitchen workers during the event. If you can help with anything, please contact Josh Hamann or the church office. We are also in need of raffle basket items. This has become a huge money maker for us in recent years. We like to raise some money to buy some more big ticket items, along with the regular donated baskets. Our number one item was the blackstone griddle. Other top prizes were the lottery tickets baskets, a pressure cooker, Chicago Wolves family pack tickets, and a Honey Baked Ham gift card. Please see Jackie Timmons if interested in donating a basket or money toward a bigger raffle item.

Turkey Supper: There will be a Turkey Supper meeting on October 1 after church.

Euchre Tournament: On Saturday, November 18th, we will have a Euchre Tournament here at the church. We will begin at 6 p.m. and it will last until about 10 p.m. Contact the church office if you are interested in playing.



The flowers on the altar are in memory of Clyde Lange's 19th year of passing from Judy and their children.

Congratulations to Steve and Jennifer Radostits on the birth of their twins! Tyler Christian was 6 lbs, 18 inches long and Mackenzie Kay was 4 lbs 3 oz, 17 inches long. The carnations on the altar are in honor of their birth. The grandparents are Kevin & Debbie Mussman and Steve & Lynn Radostits. Great grandparents are Bill & Shirley Riley.