

THE KEYS

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GRANT PARK, IL



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God is still speaking.



Have you found Jesus?

It sounds like a funny question and some may feel prone to reply by saying, “I didn’t know He was missing.”

However, it is an important question in each of our lives.

The last few months we have been examining the Gospel of Matthew and asking ourselves, “Who is Jesus?”

This sermon series has challenged us to see Jesus as Matthew reveals Him. More importantly, it is challenging us to ask ourselves, “Does Jesus have a role in my life today?”

If you have not been able to join us for worship in-person or online, I strongly encourage you to find time to join us in this journey.

Now that Easter is upon us we will be looking at the significance of Jesus as Savior. If Jesus rose from the dead, now what? What does that mean for us today, or what should it mean?

My prayer is that you are asking yourselves these important questions each day as you search for your purpose and God’s will for you.

Hope to see you soon,

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Holy Week

Ever wonder what was happening in Jerusalem during Holy Week on a day-by-day basis? Here's a short timeline with suggested readings for each day:

- Palm Sunday: Jesus approaches Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9)
Jesus at the Temple (Matthew 21:10-17)
Jesus' Return to Bethany (Matthew 21:17)
- Monday: Jesus curses the fig tree (Matthew 21:18-19)
Jesus cleanses the temple (Matthew 21:12-13)
Crowd's reaction (Mark 11:18-19)
Jesus leaves Jerusalem (Mark 11:19)
- Tuesday: Fig tree withers early in the morning (Mark 11:20-26)
The Greeks seek Christ (John 12:20-36)
The end times are predicted (Matthew 24:1-26)
- Wednesday: The plot to kill Jesus (Matthew 26:1-5, Luke 22:1-2)
Judas betrays Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16, Luke 22:3-6)
- Thursday: Jesus washes disciples feet (John 13:1-20)
Jesus foretells His betrayal (Matthew 26:21-25)
The Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25)
Peter's denial predicted (Matthew 26:30-35)
Jesus' prayer (John 17:1-26)
Jesus prayer in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46)
Jesus betrayal and arrest (Matthew 26:47-50)
Peter cuts off ear of Malchus (Matthew 26:51-55)
The disciples flee (Matthew 26:56, Mark 14:50-52)
- Friday: Hearing before Annas (John 18:13-24)
Peter's 1st denial (John 18:15-18)
The trial before Caiaphas (Matthew 26:57-68)
Peter's 2nd denial (John 18:25, Matthew 26:71-72)
Trial before the Sanhedrin (Luke 22:66-71)
Peter's 3rd denial/rooster crows (Matthew 26:73-75)
Trial before Pilate (John 18:28-38)
Trial before Pilate (part 2) (John 18:28-38)
Trial before King Herod (Luke 23:6-16)

Holy Week (cont.)

- Friday (cont.) Pilate delivers Jesus to be crucified (John 19:1-16)
Jesus mocked by soldiers (Mark 15:16-20)
Simon carries the cross (Matthew 27:31-35)
Criminals on the crosses (Mark 15:16-20)
Jesus last words:
 “Father forgive them.” (Luke 23:34)
 “Today you will be with me” (Luke 23:43)
 “Dear woman, here is your son...” (John 19:26-27)
 “My God, My God,....” (Matthew 27:46)
 “I am thirsty” (John 19:28)
 “It is finished” (John 19:30)
 “Into Your hands I commit...” (Luke 23:46)
Temple curtain is torn/earthquake (Matthew 27:51)
Centurion, crowd reaction (Matthew 27:54)
The soldiers break criminals’ legs (John 19:31-32)
Jesus’ side pierced with sword (John 19:33-34)
Joseph/Nicodemus take Jesus’ body (Luke 23:50-53)
- Saturday: Women rested (Luke 23:56)
Jewish leaders request guard (Matthew 27:62-66)
- Sunday: Women at the tomb (Mark 16:1-8)
Jesus appears to the women (John 20:14-18)
The report from the guard (Matthew 28:11-15)
Jesus appears to Simon Peter (Luke 24:34)
Jesus appears on road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
Jesus appears to disciples (Luke 24:36-43)
Jesus appears to doubting Thomas (John 20:24-29)



Holy Week



A Job Well Done!

St. Peter's UCC would like to recognize and thank Marcia Langlois for her 33 years of faithful service to our congregation as our Office Manager.

Her friendly smile and warm welcome has made members and visitors feel welcome for over three decades.

We wish Marcia well in her retirement!

Thank you Marcia for all you have done! Words can't express our gratitude!

But a time of fellowship sure can help!

Join us on Sunday, April 18th as we recognize Marcia during our worship service and honor her with a time of fellowship and celebration after the service with cake and punch!

*Thank
you*

Thank you

Dear Church Members,

We wanted to send a huge thank you for the prayers, cards, food sent to us during this difficult time. We are getting better and look forward to being back at the church very soon.

Love, Ken & Sandy Erickson

Worship Service Information

We know things continue to look different, but as we continue to do our best to provide a safe and healthy environment for all, here are a few things to take note of:

Communion: We will be participating in the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of the month with a few guidelines in place for your protection. Communion will also be served on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

- (1) A disposable cup, with lid, will be provided with a piece of bread/cracker. These will be prepared in advance by someone who has had their temperature checked, is wearing gloves, and wearing a mask.
- (2) Communion elements can be picked up by each individual prior to the service at one of the tables in the sanctuary.
- (3) If you do not feel comfortable participating, we completely understand.

Mask Requirements: We are still requiring individuals to wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Also, anytime you are walking around, a mask is encouraged.

****During Easter we ask that the 9 am service is fully masked.**

We know that wearing a mask can feel uncomfortable, but so does wearing pants – and trust me, we all want Pastor Kyle to wear his pants each week.

Remember, this is about showing kindness and respect to others who are vulnerable. Worship is about glorifying God and serving others – not our own “feelings” and “opinions.”

How to Worship With Us Online

Facebook: Search for our church page by typing in St. Peters UCC Grant Park. Click on Videos and a list of our videos will appear. We will try to have each day's service posted on or before our normal time that we would have had it (10:30 Sunday mornings, 7 pm evening, etc.)

YouTube: Go to www.youtube.com. In the search engine, type Pastor Kyle Timmons and search (you may need to scroll through to find), or the more direct way is to put in the following <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5nYMleHefrhCB4v4qHd4Q>

Church Website: FYI – It's fresh! It's New! Check it out – new content will be added as we continue to develop the site, but now you can access the most recent services. Go to www.stpetersgrantpark.org or www.stpetersgp.org On the top menu go to Media, Choose Sermons, and click the one you want to watch.

Upcoming Worship Services

April 1st (Maundy Thursday) – 7 pm

April 2nd (Good Friday) – 7 pm

April 4th (Easter) – 7 am, 9 am, 10:30 am

April 11th – 9 am SS, 10:30 am Worship

April 18th – 9 am SS, 10:30 am Worship

April 25th – 9 am SS, Confirmation Sunday – 10:30 Worship

May 2nd – 9 am SS, Confirmands 1st Communion – 10:30 Worship

May 9th – 9 am SS, Mother's Day – 10:30 Worship

May 16th – 9 am SS, 10:30 am Worship

May 19th – Grant Park High School Baccalaureate Service (7 pm)

May 23rd – 9 am SS, 10:30 am Worship

May 30th – Memorial Day Weekend (9 am Worship) – Outdoors?

Upcoming Events!!!



Rummage Sale

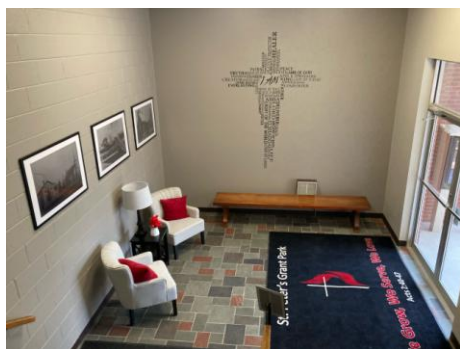
Spring is in the air and you what that means: spring cleaning! What better way to get rid of your gently used items you no longer need than to donate them to the church rummage sale.

We will be having the sale Friday, May 14, from 9am to 5pm, and Saturday, May 15, from 9am to noon.

Drop off for rummage sale items will be May 10-13 from 9am to 1pm or by appointment.

We will need help setting up tables on Sunday, May 9, and volunteers that week to sort, price, and set up items on the tables. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at (815) 466-4048. Thank you!

Look at What's Going on at St. Peter's



The courtyard lobby entrance has recently taken on a new look! A special thank-you to Heidi and Tim Frahm, Karen Ekhoﬀ, and all those who helped plan and decorate.

The entry way received a new paint job, a new welcome rug, two new chairs with a table/lamp, a new wall decal, and three blown up historical pictures of St. Peter's.

We look forward to continue freshening up the church over the months ahead.



Students in Grades 6-12

Stay tuned for some fun options this spring and summer to share in Youth Ministry!

Electronic (EFT) Giving

Are you interested in learning more about setting up your giving to St. Peter's electronically? No more worrying about checks, offering envelopes, etc. Let Pastor Kyle know if you'd be interested in giving electronically and we'll help you set it up. This is a GREAT way to make sure you are giving on a regular basis (even if you miss church due to illness, vacation, weather).

Want to Give, but forgot your cash/check?

In addition to EFT giving (see that announcement), there is another avenue that you can plug into your phone right now and it's safe and protected. You can provide a credit card number or a bank account and set it up to give as frequently as you desire. Feel free to share the web address with others. <https://tithe.ly/give?c=696160>

Monthly Church Council Minutes

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the previous month's council minutes, please contact the church office. An e-mail copy can be sent or we can supply a printed version. Thanks!



The Missions' Team at St. Peter's would like to encourage everyone to be involved in being the "hands and feet" of Jesus. There are several ways you can actively and financially supporting local and church missions' projects:

BEECHER FOOD PANTRY

The Beecher Food Pantry is in desperate need of our support. They are asking for donations of non-expired foods, hygiene products, and other items such as paper towels, detergent, kitchen soap, etc. If you are able to assist, donations can be placed in the basket located in the entrance of the courtyard doors.

ST. PETER'S UCC BLESSING BOX

Don't forget that we have a "Blessings' Box" outside the courtyard church entrance. Feel free to donate to it as you can. *Several area youth often check it out to see if there are snacks and other families have relied on it over the years.

April's Ministry Partner

Fortitude Homeless Shelter - Fortitude is a local ministry which began in 2017 to connect needy and homeless individuals with resources and assistance. Fortitude provides food, hygiene, cold protection items, sweatshirts and coats, and snacks to a location in Kankakee and also provides emergency sheltering from October – April. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

**(Or, see the next page for a unique way
of supporting Fortitude)**



St. Peter's (Pastor Kyle)
vs.
Zion Lutheran (Pastor Cory)

It's all in good fun and its all for a good cause!

Pastors Cory and Kyle are challenging their congregations to raise financial support for Fortitude.

The two pastors will be sleeping out on the street on Friday, April 16th to raise awareness about local homelessness and poverty.

Your donations (make checks/cash payable to your church and label – Fortitude Challenge) help provide funds for the emergency shelter and future purchase of a permanent site, provide financial assistance for guests obtaining permanent housing, and more.

The church that raises the least will travel to the other church this summer and serve the other church ice cream!

Please have your donations made by the end of April!

What's Your Mission: Check out the updated webpage to see ways you can be involved. <https://stpetersgp.org/2816-2/>

Mission's Support Available

Are you, or someone you know, in need of financial assistance or support? Perhaps assistance in paying a bill? Food assistance? Help with a mission trip?

Request forms can be requested from the church office and submitted to the Mission's Team.

If you'd like a form, please email stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net, pastorkyletimmons@live.com, call us at (815) 465-6191, or check out our forms on our church website.



We are looking for a new office manager to fill our vacancy here at St. Peter's UCC. If you are interested, please submit your resume in a sealed envelope to the church by April 25th.

The position is currently 16 hours per week.

You may drop your resumes off at the church office or mail them to us at PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, James Caton, Delores Caton, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Sherrie Hruby, Austin Delaney, Linda Havely, Ken Erickson, Sandy Erickson, Jerry Regnier, Taylor Cleary, Craig Schneider, Nancy Lewke, Dennis Balmann, and the families of Lyle Lehnert and Joyce Segert

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS

Mrs. Louise Sievers Riverside Senior Life 85 Burns Road Bourbonnais, IL 60914	Minnie Pfingsten 703 N East Street Hudson, IL 61748	Mildred Katz PO Box 215 Grant Park, IL 60940
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Pauline Mitchell
Bickford Sr. Living
100 Jones Drive
Room 227
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Rev Frank Hoss
601 Lutz Road
Bloomington, IL 61704

APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST

These birthdays are compiled from church membership records.
Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections

Shelly Lehnert	2	Shirley Loverin	17
Alan Bakhaus	3	Shelby McKinstry	18
Ellen Toppen	5	David Dickson	18
Ron Claussen	6	Laura Erickson	18
Madison Meherg	6	Nancy Sturm	19
Connie Schneider	7	Marge Myers	20
Joni Reynolds	8	Ryleigh Schneider	20
Janice Bonifield	8	Lucas Schneider	20
Mary Toppen	10	Madison Langlois	22
Dawn Schroeder	11	Austin Langlois	25
Vicki Kuhn	13	James Schneider	26
Ethel Zimmerman	14	Jennifer Radostits	27
Justin Schriefer	16	Nathan Kuhn	29

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	7:00 PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY (WITH COMMUNION)
2ND	7:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY (WITH COMMUNION)
4TH	7:00AM	EASTER SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
	9:00 AM	EASTER SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
	10:30 AM	EASTER SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
5TH	7:00 PM	4H MEETING
6TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM MTG
11TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
16TH	5 PM – MID	PASTOR KYLE FORTITUDE CHALLENGE
18TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	11:30 AM	LANGLOIS RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
	11:30 AM	CONFIRMATION CLASS (PICTURES TAKEN)
25TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
27TH	7:00 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



*Please note: Larry & Shari Ohm host a coffee/hot chocolate & treat hour each Sunday around 9:30 am in the Clyde E. Lange Fellowship Hall. Feel free to stop down, grab a treat, and fellowship before the 10:30 service.

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor

Marcia Langlois, Office Administrator

Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary

Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director

Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director

Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Peg McCraw, Custodian

Jessica Bornemann & Kole Stadt - Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann – Connect Leaders

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

Max Toppen, President

Brian McKinstry, Vice President

Heidi Frahm, Secretary

Michelle Claussen, Treasurer,

Karen Ekhoft, Assistant Treasurer

Rhiannon Currier, Larry Voigt, Carrie Langlois & David Lehnert



***No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here***