

THE KEYS

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



February 2022



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St. Peter's

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OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



Many are familiar with the 23rd Psalm. It's rich in beauty and meaning. In verse six, David reminds us of the great certainty of God's goodness in our lives.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23:6)

This is a certain reminder, a guarantee so to speak, of our eternal destiny. David was **certain** that God's Word was truth. David was **certain** that truth provided hope for our eternal future and our earthly protection from God.

In the past few months, I have encountered more and more people struggling with the feelings and anxieties of uncertainty. Will Covid go away? Will I ever be able to retire? Will I see my loved ones who have died ever again? Will I be able to make it through this illness or disease? Will the future be okay?

While none of us can predict the future of this earth in which we live, King David reminds us of one certainty that we can ground our hope in when days are tough. When life's worries have us flustered, remember with certainty, that you have a God who has promised His goodness and mercy to you while you dwell on this earth. You have a God who promises you will have an eternal home in glory when your time on earth is done.

Love in Christ,

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING
2ND	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
2ND	8:00 PM	DART BALL PLAYOFF GAMES
3RD	7:00 PM	MISSIONS TEAM MEETING
6TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
6TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
6TH	11:30 PM	DINNER AND A MOVIE FUSION EVENT
7TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
9TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
9TH	8:00 PM	DART BALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
13TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
13TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
16TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
16TH	8:00 PM	DART BALL ALL STAR GAME
20TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
20TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
20TH	11:30 AM	CONFIRMATION
20TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
22ND	6:30 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
23RD	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
27TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
27TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
27TH	11:30 AM	WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

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STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor
Jacquelyn Timmons, Office Administrator
Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary
Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director
Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director
Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists
Jake Ewoldt, Custodian
Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Youth Advisors
Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Connect Leaders

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

David Lehnert, President
Brian McKinstry, Vice President
Heidi Frahm, Secretary
Larry Voigt, Treasurer
Rhiannon Currier, Assistant Treasurer
LouAnn Hamann, Shirley Koehn, Carrie Langlois, & Jim Schneider



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



The Missions' Team at St. Peter's would like to encourage everyone to be involved in serving Jesus. **There are several ways you can actively and financially support local and church missions' projects:**

BEECHER FOOD PANTRY

The Beecher Food Pantry housed at St. Luke's 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. on a regular basis. 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.

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? If you'd like a request form, please email stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net, pastorkyletimmons@live.com, call us at (815) 465-6191, or check out our forms on our church website. Forms are to be submitted to the Mission's Team.

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, or 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 that is 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.



You are the Body of Christ!

*If you haven't been to church in a while....
It's okay – we are ready to have you back.*

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 am Sunday mornings, 7:00 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: 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.

2021-2022 Confirmation Class

Confirmation will meet on February 6th at 9 am during Sunday School and on the 20th after church (11:30 am).



Students in Grades 6-12

As the Fusion Youth Program has been re-energized, several people have asked how to financially support the program.

Financial gifts may be given at any time through your offerings or dropped off at the church office. Please be sure to note that your gift(s) are for Fusion Youth Group so that the money is allocated appropriately.



Youth Support



A special thank you goes out to Anna Timmons for providing the coffee fellowship hour on Sunday, January 30th, in the absence of Larry & Shari Ohm.

Did you know that every Sunday morning during the Sunday School program year, there is a coffee/fellowship hour with goodies (healthy & not-so-healthy) available?

Stop down before service from around 9:45 am until 10:15 am.



**Join us Sundays in February for worship at
10:30 am as we study I Corinthians 13
Sermon Series: “Love is”**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Tom Wieghaus	1	Denise Bettenhausen	17
Kristine Rausch	2	Carol Kulczyk	18
Ryken Schneider	2	Jacob Dickson	18
Max Markland	3	Nancy Marcotte	19
Dornita Hamann	5	Adam Jacobson	24
Will Schneider	5	Dalton DeBold	25
Krysta Farina	9	Dustin DeBold	25
Rebecca Timmons	9	Harper St. Peter	26
John Lewke	13	Kyle Heldt	26
Max Currier	14	William DeBold	26
Kevin Mussman	15	Benjamin Hastings	27
Jill Claussen	16	Levi Pickens	27
Sara Senesac	16	Daren Lehnert	28
		Steve Lawrence	28

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Marge Myers, Heather Phillips, Austin Delaney, Linda Havely, Taylor Cleary, Nancy Lewke, the family of Dennis Balgemann, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Cheyenne Jones, Donna Dorrough, and the family of Louise Sievers

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

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Pauline Mitchell
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Room 227
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Rev Frank Hoss
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Bloomington, IL 61704

Announcements

Christmas Eve (Part 2): We will celebrate Christmas Eve February 20th at 7 pm. Join us for a special evening of music, communion, and candlelight as we enjoy a re-do of our missed Christmas Eve service.

Undecorating: We will be undecorating the church on Sunday, February 20th, after the Christmas Eve service. If you are able to stay after to help, it would be much appreciated.

Church Keys: If you have a key to unlock the church, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Worship Opportunities: We are looking for lay readers and ushers. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Dinner and a Movie: Fusion (Grades 6-12) will have an event February 6th after church. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon movie and taco dinner.

Rummage Sale: Rummage Sale season will be upon us soon. Please keep this in mind as you are cleaning out your things to get rid of. We will be doing sales in June and September. Would you rather “purchase” a parking spot and sell your stuff? We will be doing that too. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 815-466-4048 or text 567-249-5141. Thank you.

Bunco: Bunco will be held Friday, April 8th, at 7 pm. Tables of four people will be \$5 a person (\$20 a table). You can bring your own dice or three will be provided for you. Drinks and snacks will also be provided, along with raffle items. Tickets will be 6 for \$5. We will play four rounds with prizes awarded for each round. Please call the church office to reserve a table at 815-465-6191. All reservations need to be done before April 7th. Thank you!

Our Condolences

Louise Sievers, age 91, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, January 15th, 2022.

The family has expressed their gratitude for the phone calls, texts, and other means of communication over the past week.

They have also asked that we share that memorials may be made to St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Grant Park in memory of Louise.

Memorial donations can be dropped off at the church marked (Louise Sievers Memorial) or mailed to St. Peter's UCC, PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940.

Additionally, our prayers are with the family of Dennis Balgemann, brother of Marcia Langlois who also passed away this month.



Join us Sunday, February 6th, 2022 for our 10:30 am worship service as we celebrate the baptism of Henry “Hank” Scott Toppen.



Support the Fort

Pastor Cory Estby of Zion Lutheran and Pastor Kyle Timmons of St. Peter's UCC will be combining on foot for a 20-mile journey from Grant Park to Kankakee to raise support for the new build of "The Fort" – a homeless shelter for area residents.

We invite you to join us February 18th at 5:00 pm at 310 N. Meadow Street (St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park) for an official send-off.

Additionally, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting their capital campaign with a financial gift. To help meet the financial goal of \$5,000, your gifts may be offered (by the end of February) to Zion Lutheran Church, St. Peter's UCC Church, or Fortitude in honor of the Crazy Duo's walk.

Use the Scan Me Link above to go directly to the Miles for Missions' page or you can access the site

<https://stpetersgp.org/miles-for-a-mission/>

All contributions from the walk will be designated towards the Capital Campaign for building "The Fort" with a planned opening in October 2022!!