

THE KEYS

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



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St. Peter's

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God is still speaking.



The years seem to fly by faster the older we get! In fact, it seems like just 12 months ago I was writing a New Year's greeting as well. (smile).

To say that 2021 was another challenging year would be an understatement; however, from my perspective I have seen many reasons to give thanks for all that St. Peter's has done over the past year. We have a bright hope for our church family in the years ahead.

We confirmed seven new students!
We celebrated our church's 150/151st Anniversary!
We resumed our annual Turkey Supper!
We shared in worship with our local community during
Oktoberfest weekend and Thanksgiving Eve!
We were treated to our children/youth Christmas program!
We were blessed to have our Adult Choir resume singing!
We celebrated our Dart Ball team winning the mid-season
trophy.
We supported many local families and ministries prayerfully
and financially through missions!
We've been re-energized in our youth program with the
leadership of some adult volunteers.
And so much more.....

And while we celebrate what God has done in our church over the past year, let us all look forward to and play a part in what God is going to do in 2022.

Happy New Year,

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
2ND	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
2ND	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
3RD	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
4TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING
5TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
5TH	8:00 PM	DART BALL @ MATTESON
9TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
9TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
9TH	11:30 AM	BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE MEETING
12TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
12TH	8:00 PM	DART BALL VS. MATTESON
16TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
16TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
16TH	11:30 AM	CONFIRMATION
19TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
19TH	8:00 PM	DART BALL @ PEOTONE
23RD	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
23RD	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
25TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
26TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
26TH	8:00 PM	DART BALL VS. PEOTONE
30TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
30TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
30TH	11:30 AM	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
30TH	12:00 PM	CONFIRMATION (AFTER ANNUAL MEETING)

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Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8AM – 11AM

Friday 8AM-12PM

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

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

Max Toppen, President

Brian McKinstry, Vice President

Heidi Frahm, Secretary

Michelle Claussen, Treasurer

Karen Ekhoﬀ, 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***



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 January 16th after church (11:30 am) and on the 30th (after the Congregational Meeting).



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

JANUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Julie Schneider	1	Vicki Gawlinski	13
Karen Ekhoﬀ	2	Donald Claussen	15
Andy Bakhaus	3	Ian Hamann	16
Paula Cadieux	3	Kathy Buttle	18
Reyna Hammerlund	6	Rhonda McKinstry	20
Kevin Langlois	8	Gretchen Greenholt	21
Shirley Koehn	8	Bonita Heldt	24
Karla Lehnert	9	Tony Brunello	24
Carrie Langlois	10	Steven Jacobson	29
Betty Jones	11	Jeanine Overbeek	30
Kelly Toppen	11	Laurie Bakhaus	30
Dan Schneider	12	Branden Lacer	31
		Dianna Claussen	31

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Marge Myers, Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Nancy Lewke, Dennis Balgemann, Joy Currier, Patrick Pahl, Cheyenne Jones, and Donna Dorrough.

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

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



Many of our children and youth helped share the spirit of Christmas during our Sunday worship service on December 12th. Following the service, Santa and Mrs. Claus showed up for photos with the children!

Additional photos with Santa and of the program are available on our website stpetersgp.org under Media and photo galleries. To obtain the password, please contact the church office.

Announcements

Church Custodian Hired: Congratulations to Jake Ewoldt! We welcome Jake to our staff here at St. Peter's. He has helped fill in the past few months and has done a spectacular job!

Undecorating: We will be undecorating the church on Sunday, January 9th, after 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.

Newsletter: This month's version of the Keys will be the last mass mailing. If you are not already receiving the Keys by email and would like to, please contact the church office to update your email address.

Worship Opportunities: We are looking for lay readers and ushers for the month of January, starting with January 9th. If you are interested, please contact the church office.