

THE KEYS

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



July 2021



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St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Throughout years of church ministry, I have heard many different reasons why people have avoided attending church. Whether it was due to work, kids’ sporting events, camping, family gatherings, or simply needing extra time to get things done around the house, we are all aware that it simply comes down to priorities.

Do you need to go to church to be a good Christian? No.

However, you do need to be active in church to be part of God’s plan for the church. The Bible calls the church God’s household, His family. The church should be the home to all who belong to God.

Therefore, when you are not active in church, you are not participating in the family that belongs to God.

We NEED the church (and to be honest, the church needs YOU).

Why do we need the church? Thanks for asking. We need the church for authentic Christian fellowship. We need the church for breaking bread together. We need the church for prayer. Simply put, we NEED the church.

Hope to see you soon,

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

JULY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Garry Junker	1	Tracey Claussen	14
Michelle Claussen	1	Connie Schrage	15
Peyton Greenholt	1	Nancy Eckhoff	16
Kimberly Lorenz	2	Nick St. Peter	16
Haley Hamann	3	Ashton Loitz	23
Kaleb Frahm	3	Mardele Engleking	23
Carlie Langlois	4	Wendy Markland	23
David Greenholt	4	Isabelle Currier	24
Ryder Greenholt	4	Kaitlyn McMahan	25
Melissa Benson	7	Erin McMahan	27
Dana Dickson	8	Heather Erickson	27
Eleanor Tyson	9	Eugene Sievers	28
Craig Schneider	10	Mark Lawrence	29
Brooke St. Peter	12		

***We would like to wish Del Engleking a special happy birthday
this year for turning 90!**

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
4TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE W/COMMUNION
5TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
6TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING
11TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
17TH	4PM – 7PM	VBS “BE COURAGEOUS”
18TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (VBS CELEBRATION)
	10:00 AM	WORSHIP TEAM/ANNIVERSARY CTE MEETING
25TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10:00 AM	BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING
27TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING

stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net

Church Website: www.stpetersgp.org

Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park

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

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

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***



Vacation Bible School – “Be Courageous” (July 17th & 18th)

We’re trying something different for Vacation Bible School this year! VBS will be on Saturday, July 17th, from 4pm to 7 pm.

Children of all ages are invited to join us for a Bible lesson, crafts, games, music, and more from 4 pm – 6 pm.

At 6 pm, there will be a short program, followed by a cookout for the kids and their families.

Each child and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, July 18th, at 9 am for our worship service where they will receive a special VBS gift and will provide a special song during our service.

A registration form has been included in the newsletter and can be mailed back to the church or dropped off. If you don’t have a child, perhaps give it to a neighbor or a friend!

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

Ice Cream Celebration!

Over 150 attended the ice cream fellowship celebration presented by Zion Lutheran and St. Peter's UCC.



The celebration was a thank-you to the two churches and the community for coming together to raise over \$10,000 for the Fortitude Homeless Center in Kankakee.

If you would like more information in regards to Fortitude, please reach out to either church.

Again, thank you to EVERYONE for their support!



Save the following dates for upcoming events and celebrations:

- **September 12th** (TBA) – Community Worship Service at Community Center as part of Oktoberfest weekend.
- **September 19th** (9:00 am) – Rally Day for Sunday School followed by worship at 10:30am.
- **October 3rd** – 150th Anniversary Sunday with Luncheon. Details soon.
- **November 6th** – Turkey Supper Day. Details soon.



Students in Grades 6-12

***Help with VBS from 3:30pm – 7:00pm on July 17th**

Contact Information Update

If you have not contacted the church office to update your contact information, please do so. We would like to have as up-to-date information as possible for church newsletters and special letters sent out to the congregation throughout the year. If you have not already, Jackie will be calling/emailing to do so. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you soon.

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).

SPECIAL INVITATION!



Ed & Anita Bush cordially invite you to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a special time of fellowship on Sunday, August 1st following the 9 am worship service in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall.



We are very proud of all our students and the outstanding work they continue to do inside and outside of the classroom.

Congratulations to Keaton Lacer, Kade Lacer, Sawyer Loitz, Clayton McKinstry, Troy Reynolds, Owen Reynolds, Wesley Schneider, and Nick Timmons, along with the Grant Park High School baseball team, on making it to the Sweet 16 of the IHSA baseball tournament.

Do you have or know a student that has something worth deserving a “shout out?” If so, please contact the church office and we’ll make sure to include it in our next edition.

Join us July 4th!

Join us Sunday, July 4th, at 9 am as we celebrate Independence Day during our worship service.



A service of patriotic music, other special music, a time to thank our Veterans past & present, and communion out of WWI communion cups! Thank you to all the brave men and women who have served and are currently serving our great country!



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. 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.

July's Ministry Partner

July's Missions' ministry partner is the Emmaus ministry.

Emmaus provides financial support to adults with developmental disabilities in the St. Louis region, and helps continue community services while allowing those with disabilities to live the life they want.

Bathroom Project in Khun Yuam, Thailand



In 2015, several American believers, including Donn Schroeder, stood in a village of nearly 7,000 in Khun Yuam, Thailand, located in the mountains.

The Christians prayed that soon a place of worship would be built and now, that prayer has been answered.

Recently, the doors and windows of the church have been paid off, but now, a restroom project is underway.

To be completed, the church needs \$2,500, which the Mission's Team here at St. Peter's has agreed to supporting in its entirety by the end of this summer.

Currently, we need just under \$2,000 to complete this project. Would you pray and consider making a special financial gift of any amount towards supporting this Christian ministry in Thailand?

Checks can be made out to St. Peter's UCC and put in the Memo Line: Thailand Restroom Project.

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?

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.

Wait...Why am I getting this newsletter?

Many of you already receive the newsletter on a regular basis; however, for the majority of you, you probably haven't received a mailed hard copy in quite some time.

If you are receiving this in the mail, we still consider you a part of our church family (whether active, non-active, living far away, or whatever your situation may be).

We want to let you know what has been going on at St. Peter's and provide you with other information in regards to our church.

If you do not wish to receive the newsletters in the future, please let us know by emailing stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net or leaving a message at the church (815) 465-6191.

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 (9am 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.

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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Melissa Mort,
Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke,
Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Nancy
Lewke, Dennis Balmegann, Joy Currier, and Donna
Dorrough

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

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Beginning August 2nd, St. Peter's UCC will have new
office hours for the Office Manager.

Monday – Thursdays (8-11 am)
Fridays (9-12 am)



Are you a handyperson? Or, simply willing to do a task or two around the church?

We are in need of everyone's help to accomplish tasks big and small in and around the church grounds.

A list will be on the bulletin board near the church office soon, or you can contact the church office for a list and description of things that need to be done.



St. Peter's is looking for someone (or more) to voluntarily lead our Fusion Youth Ministry as Kole Stadt and Jessica Bornemann have recently announced that they are stepping down.

Fusion is for students in grades 6-12 and leaders will be asked to plan and lead missions projects, monthly gatherings and events, or plan unique and fellowship style events for our youth. To learn more, please see Pastor Kyle.

St. Peter's United Church of Christ **Vacation Bible School**

Saturday, July 17th

4 PM-7 PM, Program at 6 PM, Cookout: 6:15 PM

Student Registration Form

Director Contact: Pastor Kyle Timmons

(815) 465-6191 or pastorkyletimmons@live.com

(Please print)

Child's Name _____

Child's Age _____

Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Home phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____ Preferred Contact _____

Emergency Information

Contact 1 _____ Phone _____

Contact 2 _____ Phone _____

Doctor _____ Phone _____

Allergies or Special Needs _____

Dismissal

Who may pick up your child at the end of VBS?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

