

THE KEYS

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



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God is still speaking.



Angry Christians! It seems that there are an abundance of Christians these days that are full of anger.

Unfortunately, it's not a righteous anger; however, it is anger directed at other people, perhaps on the roadways in response to how others are driving, or maybe it is just something we don't like about other people.

I'm guilty of it as well.

Whether it is the server at a restaurant, a referee, a coach, a neighbor, a teacher, an employer or employee, or some random person throughout the day, we find ourselves more impatient with others nowadays than ever before.

Listen to what the book of James says, ***“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.”*** (James 1:19-20).

As Christians, our call is to listen to others and to be patient with them. Nowhere does James say that it applies only to your spouse, child, friend, etc. but this is a command that we must apply towards everyone.

Remember, our human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. That should be our prayer, to strive towards righteousness.

Hope to see you soon,

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Worship Service Information

We know things still 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.

- (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.

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.)

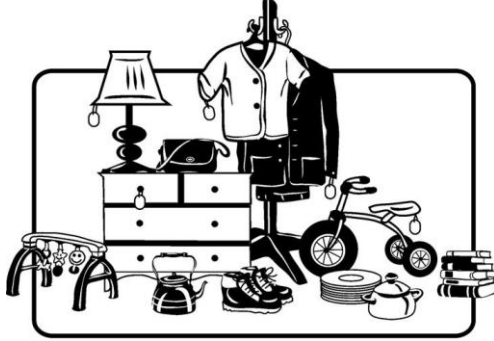
YouTube: Go to www.youtube.com. In the search engine, type Pastor Kyle Timmons and search (you may need to scroll through to find), or the more direct way is to put in the following <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5nYMleHefrhCB4v4qHd4Q>

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

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)

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!

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



Baptism of Kaylee VanSwol on April 25th. Welcome, Kaylee, to our church family.

The 2021 Confirmation class was confirmed on April 25th.

Congratulations to Max Currier, Ryder Greenholt, Lexi Hamann, Mitchell Hiland, Kennedy Marcotte, Kaylee VanSwol & Emily Voigt!



On April 18th, 2021, we celebrated the retirement of Marcia Langlois.

Congratulations, Marcia, on 33 years of service to our church.



Students in Grades 6-12

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



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

Congratulations to Jaden Ewolt on being awarded with the Kiwanis scholarship!

Congratulations to Clayton McKinstry on recently being awarded with the John Locke Memorial Scholarship from the Kankakee Lodge No. 627!

Congratulations to Paige Sherwood on being recognized as one of two students from Grant Park High School who earned the Illinois State Scholar recognition!

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.

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 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.

Welcome our "New" Office Manager

The Church Council voted on April 27th to accept the resume of Jacquelyn Timmons as she was the only person to submit a resume for the position of Office Manager.

Jackie has been serving as a substitute for the open position for the past few months. The council is thankful for her assistance and is looking forward to her ministry here at St. Peter's.



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.

May's Ministry Partners

The St. Peter's missions' team partners up with community and world ministries throughout the year. Our May partners include World Hunger Ministry and the St. Luke's Food Pantry in Beecher.

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.

Fortitude Challenge Update:

The challenge between Pastor Cory and Pastor Kyle has been a very successful battle through the month of April.

We will announce the final totals of the competition and some more details in next month's newsletter.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, James Caton, Delores Caton, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Austin Delaney, Linda Havely, Ken Erickson, Sandy Erickson, Taylor Cleary, Craig Schneider, Nancy Lewke, Paul Loverin, and Dennis Balgemann.

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

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Rev Frank Hoss
601 Lutz Road
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MAY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

LaDonna Swanson	1	Sandi Heldt	16
Richard Heldt	2	Theo Mussman	17
Kimberly Sherwood	4	Paul Loverin	19
Samuel Hamann	4	Jerry Lorenz	23
Cynthia Jacobson	6	David Heusing	25
Erin Williamson	7	Minnie Pfingsten	26
Tammy Reaman	10	Tim Toppen	26
Amy Schneider	11	Sandy Erickson	27
Mark Ekhoﬀ	12	Kyle Jacobson	28
Tom Morris	12	Ken Heldt	30
Marcia Langlois	14	Trisha Meherg	30
Pam Lawrence	15		

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
2ND	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
	11:30 AM	CHURCH BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
3RD	7:00 PM	4H MEETING
4TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM MEETING
9TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
14TH	9 AM–5 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
15TH	9 – NOON	RUMMAGE SALE
16TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
19TH	7:00 PM	BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
23TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
25TH	7:00 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
30TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE



Dear St Peters,

Thank you to Pastor Kyle for the recognition in church and the Church Council for the party and gifts. I would also like to thank the ladies who made the fellowship hall so beautiful with the pastel colors, flowers and goodies. Thank you to all those who shared the fellowship of the day and all of the cards and gifts. I am blessed to have been able to serve St Peter's for all of those 33 years. I hope in that time I have been helpful. Thank you again,

God's Blessings,
Marcia Langlois

We would like to thank everyone for all the well wishes and prayers during Lyle's brief illness. We also greatly appreciate all the condolences and prayers shown to our family after his passing. Thank you for the meals, cards, phone calls, and memorials. A very special thanks to Pastor Kyle Timmons for his visits and prayers. We will never forget your kindness.

The Lyle Lehnert family



*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

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 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***