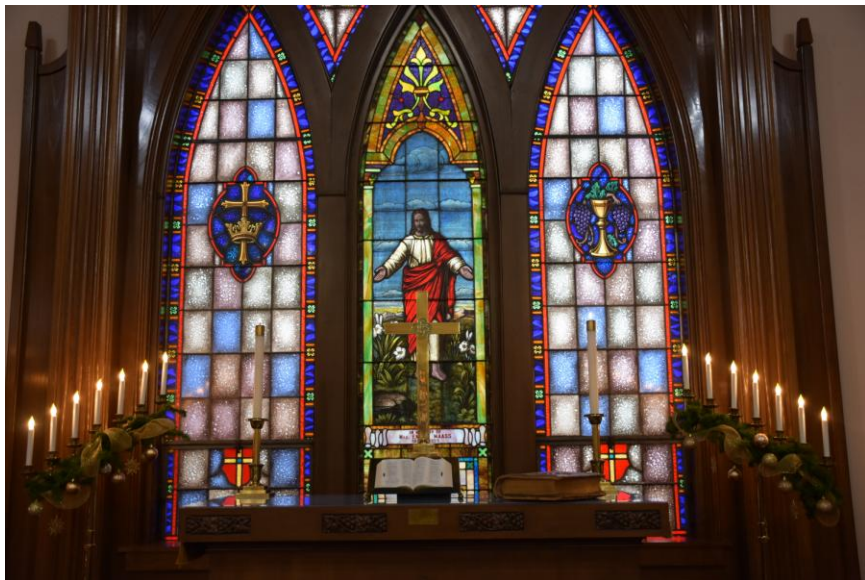


# THE KEYS

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



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God is still speaking.



If you haven't received the news, I announced in early April that I have accepted a new call to ministry in Waterloo, IL. The opportunity is exciting, yet, there is a bitter-sweet feeling in my heart knowing the relationships we've built and the ministry that has been invested in over the past six years is soon to be complete on my end in a few months.

This does not mean the ministry at St. Peter's is complete! Some things to remember as the future transition takes place:

1. God is with St. Peter's at all times! Hebrews 13:5 promises that no one is forsaken or forgotten. While pastors come and go, the presence of God is more vital to the life of a church than any pastor.
2. God is in control! The apostle Paul insists that God works all things out according to His good, perfect, and pleasing will.
3. God planned and plans this entire transition! Romans 8:28 reminds us that God works all things together for the good of His people! ALL things!
4. It's okay to experience sadness. Read Acts 20:36-38.
5. Ministry will, and must, always go on. Easter's sermon reminded us of OUR great commission. Go and make more disciples!
6. The church must not scatter! Don't run away; don't leave and wait for a new pastor or for someone else to fill a void. Step up, be a part of the new, exciting transition, and make your church everything you hope and pray it can be!

Pastor Kyle



### **St. Peter's UCC (Grant Park, IL)**

In November, Pastor Kyle presented a sermon titled, “Keep Our Story Growing.” On behalf of the church council, he presented a 25/25 challenge for the 2025 calendar year. Most of you should have received a mailing with more information about the challenge. If you did not, please feel free to ask for a copy of the letter.

As of the time of this writing, we’ve received six responses back. Four have pledged to add \$25 extra a week to their giving, one is pledging an additional \$15/week, and another an extra \$50/month. That’s an extra \$6,580 for the year! Imagine how much more we can still receive.

This is encouraging as the pledge cards are just starting to come in.  
\*Reminder – if you haven’t sent yours in, please do so!

Also, please note, if you are planning on making an end-of-year financial gift to the church, please do so before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**TOTAL BUDGET: \$68,212 CURRENT OFFERING: \$57,931**  
**BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$72,248 BUDGETED DEFICIT: \$3,941**  
**\*\*\*REFLECTS JANUARY 1, 2025-APRIL 25, 2025**

## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>4-H MEETING</b>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN ED MEETING</b>
<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUTS MEETING</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE (GRADUATION SUNDAY)</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>2:00 PM- 5:00 PM</b>	<b>JUDY LANGE'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>BUDGET MEETING</b>
<b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>		<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>

## **JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>		<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>4-H MEETING</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN ED MEETING</b>
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>		<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>		<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>		<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>29<sup>TH</sup></b>		<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>

**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.

**stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net**

**Church Website: www.stpetersgp.org**

**Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park**

**Office Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8AM–11AM  
Friday 8AM-12PM**

**STAFF**

**Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor**

**Jacquelyn Timmons, Office Administrator**

**Debbie Mussman, Financial Secretary**

**Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director**

**Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director**

**Shari Ohm, Ann Smith, & Rebecca Timmons, Organists**

**Laura Foushi, Custodian**

**Josh Hamann, Youth Advisor**

**2025 CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Larry Hamann, President**

**Neal Currier, Vice President**

**Julie Schneider, Secretary**

**Erin Hamann, Treasurer**

**Audrey Lehnert, Assistant Treasurer**

**Ken Bonifield, Jill Claussen, Justin Langlois, & Kevin Mussman**



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

## How to Worship With Us Online

**Facebook:** Search for our church page by typing in St. Peters UCC Grant Park. Follow our facebook page.

**Church Website:** Go to [www.stpetersgp.org](http://www.stpetersgp.org) . On the top menu, go to Media, Choose Sermons, and click the one you want to watch.



## 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.*

**Announcement Deadlines for Bulletins & Newsletters:** Just a friendly reminder that announcements for church related functions need to be submitted to the office by Thursday, 10 a.m., to be included in the bulletin for that week. Newsletter items need to be submitted prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month (or the Thursday just before the 25<sup>th</sup> if it falls on the weekend). Lastly, if you'd like something included on the church facebook or webpage, please let the church office or Pastor Kyle know. Thank you.

# Announcements

**Help Needed:** St. Peter's needs a few people to help in a variety of ways. If you are interested in helping in any of the areas, please contact the church office. Each area of service does not take a lot of time, or training, but are vital in keeping the ministries of our church going.

**Audio/Sound System:** We need an individual, or two, to learn the basics of turning on and adjusting the sound for our microphones.

**Facebook Live Streaming:** An individual, or two, that can log in to our St. Peter's facebook page 5 to 10 minutes before each service and press live stream. If willing, to move the camera/stand to record each person/choir/etc. participating in the service. Finally, someone to press "finalize" on the ipad at the conclusion of the service.

**Funeral Planning & Information Form:** Most of us don't want to talk about dying; however, like taxes, it is inevitable. While many individuals pre-plan their funeral arrangements with a funeral home, cemetery, and/or attorney, we believe it could also be a relief for your loved ones if your plans for the service were also on file. This saves them from the stress of planning it themselves. We have Funeral Information Forms available at the church office or they are located on the church website at <https://stpetersgp.org/funeral-pre-planning/> Feel free to pick up or print a copy and fill it out. You may want to leave it with your family in a known location at your home and/or leave a copy with the church office to keep on file. It's never a bad idea to be prepared in life or in death. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



**Girl Scouts:** Did you know that our local Girl Scouts meet at the church on Friday afternoons? If you have a daughter that would like to be part of their group, please contact the church office for more information.

**Zion UCC in Dyer:** Zion UCC is having their annual Tea Party on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Kids of all ages are welcome to come to this free event. They will have a Story Teller here also. For more information, please contact the church.

**Beverly Junker Youth Music Scholarship:** St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park is committed to encouraging and financially supporting students as they enhance their skills and love of music/fine arts activities. The Beverly Junker Scholarship may be used to attend a music camp, musical lessons, or toward fees associated with music related expenses (i.e. instrument, etc.). Scholarships up to \$150 will be awarded based on availability and submission guidelines, and will be available to students entering grades 4-12.

Students must be currently studying music in some capacity. Students will complete a scholarship application and submit it to St. Peter's UCC for consideration. Students should be a member of St. Peter's, but not necessary. Consideration towards St. Peter's members will be a priority, along with students who attend worship and youth activities. Students may earn the scholarship a maximum of two times. To apply, contact [stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net) for a copy of the application form.

**Social Hall Rental Policy:** If you are interested in renting the social hall, the cost is \$50 for the rental and \$40 for the custodial fee for members. Non-members would pay \$150 with a \$75 custodial fee.

**Judy Lange's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party:** Mark your calendars for May 18<sup>th</sup> to attend Judy's party. Come and go as you please from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hope to see you there!



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 seeking of toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, pasta (all kinds), pasta sauce, tuna, canned chicken, pancake mix, pudding, and jello (regular and sugar free for both). Thank you for your continued support.

### **ST. PETER'S UCC BLESSING BOX**

Don't forget that we have a "Blessings' Box" outside the courtyard church entrance. We could use some items to fill it up as people are regularly going through it. 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](mailto:stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net), [pastorkyletimmons@live.com](mailto: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.

## MAY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

LaDonna Swanson	1	Pam Lawrence	15
Richard Heldt	2	Sandi Heldt	16
Kim Sherwood	4	Tyler Couwenhoven	16
Luke O’Nions	4	Theo Mussman	17
Samuel Hamann	4	Paul Loverin	19
Cynthia Jacobson	6	Daniel Erickson	20
Erin Williamson	7	Gianni Sanchez	20
Tammy Reaman	10	Jerry Lorenz	23
Amy Schneider	11	Richard Rodriguez	23
James Crocker	11	David Heusing	25
Mark Ekhoﬀ	12	Tim Toppen	26
Sophia Pappas	12	Sandy Erickson	27
Tom Morris	12	Kyle Jacobson	28
Annie Breier	13	Ken Heldt	30
Marcia Langlois	14	Trisha Meherg	30

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

**Rev Frank Hoss**  
601 Lutz Road  
Bloomington, IL 61704

## **JUNE BIRTHDAY LIST**

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

Madelyn Dickson	3	Judy Schneider	13
Tim Markland	3	Randy Schneider	13
Julie Wade	4	Stephanie Loitz	13
Judy Lange	6	Natalie Lacer	14
Audrey Trahan	7	David Schroeder	15
Michael Trahan	7	Michelle Graf	16
Ryan Dulin	7	Rita Morris	17
Jake Stadt	8	Richie Rodriguez	18
Ione Engleking	9	Rhiannon Currier	19
Julia Hammerlund	9	Dylan Marcotte	20
James Crocker III	10	Debbie Mussman	22
Karl Hamann	11	Josh Hamann	23
Bill Lewke	11	Lexi Hamann	26
Justin Langlois	12	Brianne Karstensen	29
Summer Mussman	12	David Koehn	30

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

Reverend Frank Hoss, Heather Phillips, Linda Havely, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Jeff Jones, Sandy Erickson, Ken Erickson, Kristopher Meyer, Tim Langlois, Dornita Hamann, Tim Miller, Anita Bush, Ed Bush, Brad Fisher, Betty Jones, Jillien Pettit, Colette Lawrence, the family of Janet Harvey, and the family of Minnie Pfingsten