



09/19/2021

WELCOME

It's Rally Day!

We are thankful that you are here to join us as we offer God our thanksgiving and praise! It is GOOD to be in the House of the Lord! Let us rejoice together!

Order of Service

- Ringing of the Bell
- Prelude **"Shout to the Lord"**
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship & Opening Prayer
- Song of Worship **"Praise Him! Praise Him!" #95**
- Old Testament Reading **Ezra 3:10-13**
- Children's Moment & Presentation of Bibles
- Song of Praise **"Great is Thy Faithfulness" #72**
- Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- Responsive Song **"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #96**
- New Testament Reading **Matthew 7:24-29**
- Sermon **"Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth"**
- Closing Song **"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" #405**
- Benediction
- Postlude **"Let There be Peace on Earth"**

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFIRMATION MEETING

Today (following Balloon Launch)
Students (and a parent/guardian) who plan on participating in this year's confirmation class are asked to meet in the sanctuary following the balloon launch.

TURKEY SUPPER MEETING

Today @ 3 PM
If you are on the Turkey Supper Committee, or would like to help with this year's event, please join us at 3 pm today here at the church.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP

Today @ 4 PM
All hands on deck! Please join us at 4 pm today as we tidy up the church building and grounds. We will order pizza for dinner!

DART BALL

09/22/2021 v Matteson (8 pm)
The dart ball team will be at home this Wednesday.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
October 3rd, 2021

Make plans now to join us for our special service celebrating our past history and preparing for our future!

RADA CUTLERY

We are having a special fundraiser for our church – purchase useful items for yourself or plan ahead for birthday or Christmas gifts.

RADA Cutlery has more than just utensils – check out a catalog in the church office or on one of the tables inside the sanctuary.

BIRTHDAY CARD!

Please take a moment to sign the Birthday Card for Louise Sievers on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Louise will turn 91 on October 1st!

Celebrating Over 150 Years!!!

Today is the final day to submit your RSVP's for the Anniversary Luncheon on October 3rd. Forgot yours? That's fine, leave a message on the church answering machine by the end of today with your name and how many you are RSVP'ing for.

We are pleased to announce that our special guest "preacher" for the Anniversary Service will be Judy Lange!



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education Classes: We believe Christian Education is vital to being a healthy Christian and congregation. We strongly encourage you to participate in one of the opportunities listed below:

Children – Youth (Sundays @ 9 am) – There are classes for Preschool – 4th Grade, 5th – 8th Grade, and 9th – 12th Grade. Please let us know if you have any questions as to where the classes meet.

Online (Virtual) Class – Are you busy? We understand! This opportunity is designed for you to work at your own pace. To receive a weekly lesson/lesson plan, please email Pastor Kyle Timmons at pastorkyletimmons@live.com.

Adult Sunday Class (9 am) - Bad Characters in a Godly Person – We will meet on Sunday mornings from 9 am – 10 am in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall. Coffee (and maybe treats) will be provided. All are welcome to join us at any time as we explore characteristic traits of a faithful Christian.

Man-to-Man Group – Faith, Fellowship, Food, and maybe Football. ALL men are welcome to join us on Mondays at 7 pm beginning September 20th. We will discuss some books (don't worry, you don't have to buy/read the book if you don't want to) written by Retired LTG William G. Boykin, former Commander of the U.S. Army Special Forces. There will be great fellowship, plenty of food, and if you want to stay and watch football with us that evening, you may do so as well. Currently the plan is to meet in the church basement, but stay tuned for any changes just in case.

Serving You Today

Minister: Kyle Timmons

Organist: Judy Schneider

Lay Reader: Bev Junker

Greeters: Tim & Heidi Frahm

Council President: Max Toppen

Vice President: Brian McKinstry

Secretary: Heidi Frahm

Treasurer(s): Michelle Claussen
Karen Ekhoﬀ

Other Council Members:

Rhiannon Currier, Carrie Langlois, David Lehnert & Larry Voigt

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP - September 19th, 2021



Christian Education Hour – 9:00 am

Worship Service – 10:30 am

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Our First Reading today is from the Book of Ezra, chapter 3, verses 10-13:

¹⁰ When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the LORD, as prescribed by David king of Israel. ¹¹ With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD:

“He is good;

his love toward Israel endures forever.”

And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. ¹² But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. ¹³ No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

Today’s 2nd Reading comes from Matthew, chapter 7, verses 24-29:

Hear these words from Jesus:

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.