

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking

Maundy Thursday Service

Prelude

“O Lamb of God” (*Paris*)

Judy Schneider

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: Welcome to you who call upon the name of Christ. We gather tonight to recall the story of the night Jesus was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the feast of Jesus, the Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

People: By the grace of God, we are.

Pastor: Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden – indeed, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God’s will for you?

People: By the grace of God, we are.

Pastor: Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!

People: God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is Your name to be praised in all the earth. Bring us to this feast of remembrance with open hearts!

Personal Prayer of Confession (to be read silently)

O God, I have sinned against You. Yes, I’ve sinned because of how I’ve treated You and others. I admit that I’ve been selfish, greedy, and full of pride. There are some people with whom I’m always finding fault; and some whom I actually hate. At times I don’t serve Christ or others as I should, not believing his Word or living by the power of his Spirit. In fact, there are times I deny Jesus – even betray him! O God forgive me! I need You and I need Jesus! I want to love and serve him by being true to him and his ways. Lord, be merciful to me! Create in me a clean heart and a new spirit...tonight! In the name of my Savior I pray; Amen.

Scripture of Assurance

Psalm 103:8-12

Hymn of Invocation

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

#508

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-22 & Matthew 26:20, 26-29

Hymn of Praise

“My Savior’s Love”

#277

Maundy Thursday Message

“Are you Old School?”

Pastor Kyle

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession

Communion Hymn “One Bread, One Body”

#689

Presentation of the Bread & Cup

Sharing in the Lord’s Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

#476

Stripping of the Altar

**As the music is played quietly, the altar stripped, and candles are extinguished, depart in quietness and self-reflection.*

Psalm 103:8-12 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will He harbor His anger forever;

¹⁰ He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His love for those who fear Him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-22 New International Version (NIV)

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.[a] 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

20 In the future, when your son asks you, “What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees, and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?” 21 tell him: “We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 Before our eyes, the Lord sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household.

Matthew 26:20, 26-29

²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ Then He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the^[a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

We at St. Peter’s are praying for:

Gary Ekhoﬀ	Gene Sievers	Dennis Balgemann
Carter Fortin	Louise Sievers	Nancy Lewke
Austin Delaney	Mason Beseke	Rev. Frank Hoss
Delores & James Caton	Linda Havelly	Craig Schneider
Ken & Sandy Erickson	Mildred Katz	Pauline Mitchell
Minnie Pﬂingsten	Melissa Mort	Taylor Cleary

The family of Jerry Regnier



We are looking for a new office manager to fill our vacancy here at St. Peter's UCC. If you are interested, please submit your resume in a sealed envelope to the church by April 25th. You may drop off your resumes at the church office or mail them to us at PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940. The position is currently 16 hours per week.



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!



**St. Peter's (Pastor Kyle)
vs.
Zion Lutheran (Pastor Cory)**

It's all in good fun and it's all for a good cause!

Pastors Cory and Kyle are challenging their congregations to raise financial support for Fortitude. The two pastors will be sleeping out on the street on Friday, April 16th to raise awareness about local homelessness and poverty.

Your donations (make checks/cash payable to your church and label – Fortitude Challenge) help provide funds for the emergency shelter and future purchase of a permanent site, provide financial assistance for guests obtaining permanent housing, and more.

The church that raises the least will travel to the other church this summer and serve the other church ice cream!

Please have your donations made by the end of April!



A Job Well Done!

St. Peter's UCC would like to recognize and thank Marcia Langlois for her 33 years of faithful service to our congregation as our Office Manager.

Her friendly smile and warm welcome has made members and visitors feel welcome for over three decades.

We wish Marcia well in her retirement!

Thank you, Marcia, for all you have done! Words can't express our gratitude, but a time of fellowship sure can help!

Join us on Sunday, April 18th, as we recognize Marcia during our worship service and honor her with a time of fellowship and celebration after the service with cake and punch!