

# The ANNOUNCER

## Quick Upcoming

### WORSHIP & LIVESTREAM:

Sundays at 10 AM on YouTube & in person worship.

**October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10AM** – All-Church Fall Workday

**October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** – Micah 6:8 Soup and Study

**October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM** – Women's Guild Meeting

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** – Church Council Meets after Worship

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** – November Announcer articles due

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4PM** – Pet Blessing with C.A.R.E.

**October 28<sup>th</sup> – 10AM** – Haunted Heritage Cemetery Walk at St. Peter's UCC Cemetery

**October 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:00PM** – 5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche Play!

**HOW** you can **HELP**

### RUMMAGE PACK UP –

Please come help us Tues & Fridays get everything leftover packed up and ready to be donated!

### PET BLESSING RAFFLE

**DONATIONS** – Pet items wanted for our Pet Raffle at the Pet Blessing.

### MINI-FOOD PANTRY

donations are always needed!

## FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

I spend a lot of time working on my sermons. I thought I would share with you what my plans are for my sermons in the coming months. Like I did for this past summer, this fall I created another of what I call “The Lanford lectionary.” Normally I follow the New Revised Common Lectionary, an ecumenical calendar of days of worship, with suggested Scriptures for each one. I have it on my United Church of Christ Desk Plan and Calendar. Once in a while though, I depart from the lectionary for a season and “do my own thing,” selecting topics to preach on and then finding Scriptures that I think will relate to the chosen subjects. It is extra work on the front end, for sure, but at least I know I'll have Scriptures chosen with an idea in mind, unlike submitting to the lectionary readings. You can preach out of the lectionary and find yourself dealing with Scriptures that just don't spark any preaching ideas in you. Also, the Lanford lectionary makes it a lot easier to make sermon titles! In September, some of you know, I have preached on Labor, on Christian Education, on Hanging on, and on Dealing with Difficult People. These subjects deal with the church and the world, our personal situations and perhaps those of others we know. I will continue this general thrust into October! I plan to preach on Fear on World Communion Sunday,

October 1st. Fear is one of the prevailing dynamics of our society right now; what are faithful responses to it? The next week I'll lead us in a look at Anger, another powerful, present emotion in our era. The middle of October brings us to another common thing in life, Resentment on the 15th. What do we do with the resentments we may carry? What would Jesus have us do? October continues with a message on the 22nd called Priorities in Life, and you can bet one of the passages will be Exodus 20:1-17 (the Ten Commandments). On October 29th we mark Reformation Sunday, and an infant baptism is also on the schedule! Huzzah. I will, I hope, be out of the pulpit the first Sunday in November, with another preacher bringing you the Word. Vacation Sunday! Upon returning, the next two sermons will be on facets of stewardship. On November 26th I'll lift up both Thanksgiving and Totenfest. Totenfest always opens itself up to a sermon on eternal life, or mortality / heaven. Then it's on to Advent and a return to the New Revised Common Lectionary, Year B! I hope you find some sermons that, if you can attend worship in person, on-line, or at least catch the podcast a few days after the Sunday, will speak to you and make a difference to you. Let us be encouragers of one another. Keep the faith, Rev. Richard Lanford

## St. Peter's & C.A.R.E. host annual Pet Blessing on Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm

Calling all Pet Parents, furries, tails, whiskers, feathers and scales! You and your pets can be blessed by our beloved Reverend Lanford who will also officiate a brief service honoring our cherished pets and our love for them. Afterwards you can enter our amazing raffle and enjoy lite refreshments. This will be held at St. Peter's UCC, in our gymnasium. We hope to see you and yours!

## ALL CHURCH FALL CLEANUP/WORKDAY

**October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 1PM** please join us for an all-church fall workday! Help us get the church ready for all our wonderful fall and holiday events. Items on the list include Rummage Sale cleanup and outdoor winter prep. Please let the trustees know if you have other suggestions and thank you for your help!

## You Are Invited to the Sunday, October 8th Micah 6:8 Soup & Study Meeting!

The Micah 6:8 Committee's Soup-and-Study meeting is just a few days away! Join us in the Memorial Room **starting 5pm, Sunday, October 8th** for a light supper—vegetarian minestrone soup and lentil stew are on the menu—accompanied by good conversation. We will view and discuss a video recording of Rev. John Dorhauer's April 2023 talk at Elmhurst College, "Christian Nationalism: A Threat to Both Democracy and Christianity." If you haven't done so already, please feel free to contact Pastor Lanford ([revlanford@aol.com](mailto:revlanford@aol.com)) or Peggy Reins ([peggy.reins@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.reins@gmail.com)) for more information or to RSVP for the soup supper.

SCAN ME



## St. Peter's UCC Skokie & Evanston Pride present 5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche. Get your tickets now!

**Saturday, Oct 28th at 5pm** in the Memorial Room followed by Q&A with the actors and food! St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Skokie and Evanston Pride have partnered to present 5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche, brought to you by Mosaic Players, a traveling theatre troupe whose work embraces social justice, human rights, and equality. Enter our basement on this fall afternoon and you will find members of the Susan B. Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein, a coterie of egg-headed widows gathering to eat quiche and kvetch in this absurdly adorable and unapologetic declaration of lesbi-

independence. This show is interactive ... guests are invited to dress in 50's garb and put on a "Hello, my name is" nametag when they arrive! After the performance, there will be a Q&A with the cast and a light meal of quiche and desserts for the audience. Come join us for an evening of fun, food, and the fabulous '50s like you've never seen them before!

Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased ahead of time through this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5-lesbians-eating-a-quiche-tickets-708631946227?aff=oddtcreator>.

Or just scan the QR code above.

## RUMMAGE SALE CLEANUP WILL BE HAPPENING IN THE FIRST WEEKS OF OCTOBER AND WE NEED YOU!

We had another hugely successful sale thanks to all of you, and we had so many donations that we have a lot left over and a lot of help is still needed. We'll be meeting here starting **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10AM to 5PM and Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> also 10AM to 5PM** and asking folks to box items and bring them to Goodwill and Salvation Army. We'll be continuing this on Tuesdays and Fridays with the goal being to empty the gym before the Pet Blessing on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions contact Annie Noorts (847) 772-2717 or Beth Lanford (773) 882-4729. Thanks so much for your help!

## HAUNTED HERITAGE: CEMETERY WALK AT ST. PETER'S UCC CEMETERY PRESENTED BY THE SKOKIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Get spooky with a graveyard tour featuring some of Skokie's local legends just in time for Halloween! **On Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10AM** this will be a casually paced walk with stops at gravesites of interest. The tour will last up to two hours. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$5 per person, St. Peter's UCC Cemetery is located at 8530 Harms Road. For more information call (847) 674-1500.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW AND BAKE SALE**

St. Peter's Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale will be on Saturday **November 4th from 10:00AM to 3PM**. Our gymnasium and Memorial Room will be transformed into a holiday wonderland, and the rooms will be filled with tables upon tables of vendors showing their glorious wares! We'll have over 30 vendors selling items like jewelry, stained glass, knives, knitted accessories, handmade tumblers,

nail art, clothing, blankets and so much more. You'll find gifts for the whole family. Get a jump on your holiday shopping or get it all done at once. Then make sure to stop by our baked goods table, where you'll find delicious homemade treats by the wonderful St. Peter's bakers. They'll also be raffle baskets raffled off, with proceeds going to St. Peter's UCC! All are welcome, come shop with us!

**VENDORS WANTED FOR OUR CRAFT SHOW**

If you, or someone you know would be interested in a table please let either Wendy, Beth Lanford or the church office know so you can reserve your spot. We suggest you reserve your table soon before this information goes out to the previous vendors we've had in the past. Our email to contact us: [st.peteruccbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:st.peteruccbazaar@gmail.com).

**Budget at a Glance, August 2023**

	<u>August Actual</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Operating Contributions	7,287	13,342	95,929	106,733
Operating Expense	13,690	15,493	117,902	123,944
Gain/(Loss)	(6,403)	(2,151)	(21,973)	(17,211)

These numbers exclude line items for directed contribution, directed gifts, interest/investment income and the Clara Melone estate gift.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 10/1 – Nicole Miller
- 10/3 – Doug Johnson
- 10/4 – Gretchen Sterba
- 10/7 – Winfield Meggs
- 10/11 – Gabriel Banoyo  
Jillian Caras
- 10/20 – Sincere Williams
- 10/21 – Shawna Frenzel
- 10/25 – Ryan Loach
- 10/27 – Sean Loach
- 10/28 – Dorothy Panzke  
Rich Suckow
- 10/31 – Mark Aler

*Wishing God's Blessings on your special day and always!*

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10/1 – Amanda & Richard Steegmueller
- 10/4 – Peggy & Chad McCoy
- 10/9 – Laura & Paul Medaglia
- 10/12 – Megan & Steven Caras
- 10/21 – Anna & Hugh Riley
- 10/28 – Kathy Zipperer & Darrell Kerbel

**2023/2024 Women's Guild Meetings**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023** - All members bring your favorite salad to share

Devotions: Ginger Kalensky, Program: TBA

**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Christmas Luncheon

Hostesses: The Board, Devotions: Barb Todd  
Program: Annual Cookie Walk

*January 10<sup>th</sup>/February 14<sup>th</sup> 2024/NO MEETINGS*

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – Soup Luncheon

Hostesses: Barb & Sue Bailey, Devotions: Judy Paige  
Program: 9:30 Clean-up Project

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – Hostesses: Dorothy Panzke & Judy Paige, Devotions: Marlene Russell

Program: TBA or Nomination of Officers

**June 12, 2024** - Annual Picnic at the Todd's

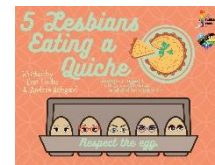
Hostesses: Barb Todd & Guild

**St. Peter's Service with A Just Harvest**

By the time you read this, we will have served our meal at A Just Harvest Community Kitchen. Thank you to all who contributed financially to cover the \$500 cost of the meal. Thank you to Beth L. for placing the grocery order and to Maria A. for delivering the groceries to the Kitchen. Also, thank you to those who volunteered their time at the Kitchen on Saturday, September 30th. Our service mission partnership with A Just Harvest has been going on for a long time but the gratitude we receive from the Kitchen staff (David, Mark and Trina) is never ending. That's in addition to the heartfelt thanks from folks that are served a hot meal. Our next opportunity to serve—which includes buying and delivering the ingredients for a meal and providing volunteers to serve it—is **Saturday, December 30th.**

### Lector/Nursery for October

Oct. 1st	Lector: David I. Nursery: Rita M.
Oct. 8th	Lector: Karen C. Nursery: Mike R.
Oct. 15th	Lector: Annie N. Nursery: Kathy Z.
Oct. 22nd	Lector: Andre/Marcia Nursery: Laurie M.
Oct. 29th	Lector: Beth S. Nursery: Annie N.
Nov. 5th	Lector / Lay Liturgist: Carolyn Van Til Nursery: Heidi T.



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### RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE WRAP UP

Wow, what an amazing weekend we had for the Rummage and Bake Sale 2023! The weather was perfect, and people came out to shop! On Friday we had 405 people shop with us, 135 were there at 9:00 when we opened. On Saturday 299 people walked through the doors. We admit a few of these folks came both days, but there were so many great items to purchase they just had to come in for a second look. As of Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, our total for the two days (and the pre-sale) is \$14,033.40. This includes \$977 from the bake sale and \$4,862 from the boutique!! We know there will be more coming in from the workers, late sales, etc. Watch for the final numbers in the December Announcer. This money goes into the general fund to pay salaries, utilities, etc. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this event. The two days of the sale we had 32 individuals helping out. Thanks to every one of you! Thank you to everyone who donated, set up, sorted, picked up rummage from others, shopped and baked amazing goodies. A special thank you to my partner Beth Lanford for the many, many days she spent at church sorting, pricing and trying to keep me on the ball. It was all worth it! Again, thank you to everyone for your hard work and support.  
Annie Noorts, co-chairperson for the Rummage and Bake Sale.