

The ANNOUNCER

Rummage Sorting in September will be every
Tues 10-12PM; Wed 6:30-
8:30PM, Fridays 10AM-
2PM up until the sale.

- 9/6 9AM – S.S.
-10AM – Worship
w/Holy
Communion
11:15AM – Elders
meet. Svenson
50th special coffee
hour
- 9/7 Labor Day, office
closed.
- 9/11 Patriot Day
- 9/13 9AM – S.S.
10AM – Worship
Board of Finance
Meets on Zoom
- 9/20 9AM – S.S.
10AM – Worship
11:15AM – Church
Council Meets
- 9/22 October
Announcer
Deadline
- 9/25 9AM-3PM
Rummage and
Bake Sale
- 9/26 9AM-3PM
Rummage and
Bake Sale
- 9/27 9AM – S.S.
10AM – Worship

From the Interim Pastor

Dear friends,

I am grateful for all the ways you have cared for me over this past month. I can't begin to tell you how much your cards, hugs, prayers and well-wishes have meant for me as I have said goodbye to my mom, connected with my family and begun to situate my dad for his new life without her. As much as I am trying to be present with you now, a part of my heart remains with them, and my tears remain close to the surface.

By the grace of God, a church is never defined by one person. As I stepped back for a while, I have been witnessing the strength of leadership that you share. Thank you, Laura, for answering phones, receiving rummage and offering care on top of your regular duties. Thank you, Ben, for your willingness to select hymns, create liturgy and skillfully assist in leading worship from behind the scenes. Thank you to Barb, Rich, Peter, Jenn, Kristin, Roy and others who helped to guide Worship in the Park this past Sunday. I am also thankful to Roger Dart for leading the Celebration of Life for Kaye Dufern, then step in to preach for me.

I have also had the privilege of witnessing other safety nets at work in Skokie as life becomes more difficult for an increasing number of people in our area. I am grateful for your participation in A Just Harvest, your support of a French school that is beginning to use our facility and your constant donations to our own little food pantry. I am grateful for the Respite Center, currently housed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and all who have expressed interest in offering support as complications arose. This morning, I was able to attend the dedication of Hersh's Fridge in the parking lot of Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue, providing kosher food for about 50 families per day.

Of course, this continues even as your fall programs ramp up. Sunday School will be starting soon (Rally Day is Sept. 13), choir is making preparations and, of course, Rummage Sale is only weeks away. Each of these meets a profound need in the lives of our congregation and surrounding community.

I am grateful for each and every one of these safety nets that you so graciously support. I can't wait to talk with you even more about what else God might have in mind for St. Peter's. Something big is coming. And as we work and wait, I am grateful for the ways you care for each other, showing God's everlasting love.

- Blessings, Brenda

HAPPY RUMMAGE SALE MONTH!

The St. Peter's UCC Rummage and Bake Sale is September 25th and 26th, 9:00 – 3:00. Please spread the word to your family and friends so they can come and shop all of our great deals. We need lots of helpers from now until the sale, and on the sale days. Sorting will continue on Tuesdays 10-Noon, Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 and Fridays 10-2, or anytime you have free time and want to spend time sorting and pricing. After the sale we always invite not-for-profits and anyone in need to come and take whatever leftovers they can use. If you know of someone who we should invite, please contact Ginger. We will pack and haul away the final leftovers on Friday, October 2nd 10-2, and do the final gym clean up on Tuesday, October 6th, 10:00 until it is done. Please email Annie or the office if you are able to help during the sale days. Please include day(s) and time(s) you are available, and if there is a certain job you prefer to do (or not do).



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 13TH

Join us September 13th at 9AM for Rally Day! All children are invited and welcome to join our Sunday School classes. Thank you so much to our Board of Education and teachers for their hard work putting this new year together, we love you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH A JUST HARVEST IN AUGUST

On August 29th we had 5 people serve at A Just Harvest, thank you to Maria, Marilyn, Paul, Peggy and Chad for volunteering to serve the meal. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our total of \$500 to cover the cost of the lunch. So many people are helped by this wonderful program in Rogers Park. We want YOU to come volunteer with us! If you've never been, it's so easy, you just help fill the plates with food, meet good people and have a rewarding experience. It's only a few hours out of your Saturday, and we only serve on the months with 5 Saturdays. Talk to Chad McCoy to learn more, and again thanks to everyone!

THANK YOU FROM MARLENE FOR HER 90TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The luncheon coffee hour on August 9th was very successful. Thank you to all who set up tables and chair, who arranged rummage out of the way. Heidi for help me with the menu and then picking up and delivering the food, the ladies getting the serving table ready. Barbara T. doing her special punch, Marilyn who made the cake from scratch (was delicious!), flowers from Ann Herren's garden and a bouquet of flowers from the 2 Svenson families decorate the serving table. Thank you also for the beautiful cards. And thank you to all who stayed and cleaned up afterwards. I cherish your friendship and I hope for a few more years to continue to do so.

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES AND MORE

The Council met via Zoom on August 11th to handle a time-sensitive space use request and other routine business. Starting in September our church is providing space to FLAM North Shore which offers Saturday classes for French-speaking children, focusing on language, culture, and community. Also at this meeting, Council members [approved minutes from their June meeting](#) and notes from a [special meeting about the boiler on July 8th](#), which was the topic of the congregational meeting held on July 12th. The Council generally meets on the third Sunday of each month with some variation to this schedule in the summer. The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 20th.

Operating Budget at a Glance for July, 2026

	July Actual	July Budget	YTD Actual**	YTD Budget
Income	\$9,107	\$15,208	\$92,258	\$97,658
Expenses	\$11,060	\$14,960	\$115,405	\$122,875
Gain/(Loss)	(\$1,953)	\$248	(\$23,147)	(\$25,217)

**YTD Income includes \$15,000 of income transfers and interest income of \$9,266.66

Monthly Income deficits:

January	(\$11,496.88)	
February	(\$8,063.35)	
March	(\$7,451.82)	**Without the \$10,000 income transfer in March.
April	(\$3,960.49)	
May	(\$4,295.71)	**Without the \$5,000 income transfer in May.
June	(\$926.48)	**Includes \$9,266.66 of interest income.
July	(\$1,953.27)	
	<u>(\$38,148.00)</u>	

ATTENTION LADIES! There is NO Guild meeting in September due to everyone working on the rummage sale! ***But don't forget to bake for the bake sale, also on September 25th and 26th.*** If possible, bring your goodies to church on Thursday afternoon, September 24th to be priced. And please package your creations in BAGGIES or foil pans.

Thank you, our first meeting this fall will be on Wednesday, October 14th at 11:30am with a salad luncheon and a possible travelog-more info later.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2 – Bill Schaller
 9/8 – Isabella Aguayo
 9/9 – Jackie Johnson
 9/10 – Nathan Paige
 9/11 – Isabella Mau Gemignani
 9/12 – Judy Williford
 9/18 – Errol Mitchell
 9/19 – Dylan Kahn
 9/20 – Megan Caras Ryan Puckett
 9/27 – Beth Sterba
 9/30 – Maya (Schuhrke) Martinek

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/3 – Anthony & Jennifer Gemignani
 9/11 – Wendy & Roy Svenson
 9/18 – Jackie & Dave (Meyer) Rosenthal
 9/29 – Angela & Harrison Kuras Kathy & Jeffery Issel

Wishing God's Blessings on your special day!

Calling all Crafters! Our Annual Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale will be on **Saturday November 7th from 10AM to 3PM.** If you are interested in a table or have a question, please see Annie Noorts or contact Wendy Svenson via email at stpeteruccbazaar@gmail.com



Lector/Nursery for September 2026

Sept 6th Lector: Peter S.
Nursery: Laurie M.

Sept 13th Lector: Peggy R.
Nursery: Heidi T.

Sept 20th Lector: Rich S.
Nursery: Carolyn V.

Sept 27th Lector: Marilyn F.
Nursery: Rita M.

Oct. 4th Lector: Barb T.
Nursery: Mike R.



Come see what we've been growing!

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COMING THIS FALL!!

While the Rummage and Bake Sale is on the forefront in September, mark your calendars for other events coming in the fall of 2025:

In October join us Sunday the 25th at 3:00PM with your pets for our Annual Pet Blessing with C.A.R.E. (Community Animal Rescue Effort). This is such a special and fun event at St. Peter's – meet us in the gym with your four-legged beloved(s). Pastor will bless your pet, treats for both animals and humans provided, we'll have a pet raffle and C.A.R.E. will be there with short leashes and information on adoptable animals. All proceeds of this event are split with St. Peter's and C.A.R.E. Donations of new dog/cat items are appreciated and can be brought to the office at any time.

In November, join us **November 7th from 10AM-3PM** for our Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale! Get your holiday shopping started at this one-of-a-kind shopping event. Many local vendors will be here selling their unique items, and of course our bakers will have many delicious baked goods to enjoy throughout the season. We will also have our famous raffle baskets too. Watch future Announcers for more information and join us!

MINI PANTRY NEEDS

Right now, donations have significantly decreased, and we are running out quickly. Our pantry is visited daily by many individuals, and we've been told it's the most successful of the mini pantries in Niles Township. Help us continue to assist others. If you can, please donate non-perishable foods in cans, boxes, or packages. Anything that won't melt in the hot weather is appreciated. Thank you so much!