



The ANNOUNCER

- 8/1 10-2PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/3 9:15AM – Devotional group
10AM – Worship
w/Holy Communion
11:15AM – Board of Elders meet
- 8/4 10-12PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/6 6-8PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/8 10-2PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/9 9-1PM – Trustees Workday
- 8/10 9:15AM – Devotional group
10AM – Worship
- 8/11 10-12PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/13 6-8PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/15 10-2PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/17 9:15AM – Devotional group
10AM – Worship
11:15AM – Church Council
- 8/18 Sept 2025 Announcer deadline
10-12PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/20 6-8PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/22 10-2PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/23 9-1PM – Trustees Workday
- 8/24 10AM – LOREL PARK Outdoor Worship
- 8/25 10-12PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/27 6-8PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/29 10-2PM – Rummage Sorting
- 8/30 AJH Kitchen
- 8/31 9:15AM – Devotional group
10AM – Worship

LOREL PARK OUTDOOR WORSHIP



Come worship with us in nature on a beautiful Sunday morning! The Skokie Backlot Bash will be back, which means our worship that weekend will be at Lorel Park. Join us **Sunday, August 24th at 10AM** at for an amazing worship experience. Lorel Park is

located at 8135 Lorel Ave. a block west of St. Peter's. We will meet at the pavilion located near the tennis courts. Folding chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. All are welcome, please join us!



THE RUMMAGE SALE PREPARATIONS ARE CHUGGING ALONG

It has been amazing to see how smoothly the rummage sorting has gone this year. We have been able to keep up with sorting donations in the gym, and boxing up the clothing and accessories donations in the Lanford Fellowship Hall. Thanks to everyone who has come out to sort, and who has donated. Thanks also to everyone who donated water. We have plenty for now. We could probably use some pop or seltzer waters, if you happen to be in at the store and want to contribute to the effort. What's coming up you ask? **In August we will continue to**

sort on Mondays 10-noon, Wednesday 6:30-8:30 and Fridays 10-2. Please come join us during these times if you can, or anytime the office is open if you have some free time. You can always ask Annie what needs to be done, if you aren't sure. We will continue to put plastic bags to be recycled on top of the coat rack in the lobby. Please grab them and take them to the grocery store if you can. In September we will be setting up the Lanford Fellowship Hall (after Sept 14th) and making plans for the bake sale. Until then, help when and if you can, and do your best to stay cool!

From the Interim Pastor

Dear friends,
 Imagine a safe church.
 Imagine a church where every person who enters immediately senses the truth of that sign in front of our sanctuary: You are accepted. Affirmed. Safe. Respected. Loved.
 Imagine every person knowing they may breathe deeply, freely, comfortably.
 Imagine a church where every gift you bring is received, appreciated, treasured. Where you can speak your mind, listen fully, be nurtured and grow. Where you can say, "ouch!" when you are hurt. Where everyone is allowed to make mistakes and make amends.
 Imagine a church where every child, teen and vulnerable adult knows that the entire community of faith is looking out for their well-being.
 And imagine this is just the beginning.

We are developing a Safe Church policy. Our new insurance carrier requires it, of course. Even more, it helps us fulfill God's dream for this and every church. In the next few weeks, expect to see:

- The policy itself that outlines our expectations and procedures.
- Requests that church volunteers fill out an information form for the church.
- Requests for background checks for all teachers, nursery assistants, Council members, Deacons, counters and others who work with vulnerable participants.
- Education. We hope that every member in the church will take part. You might watch a video, attend a training event, and/or engage in other conversation.

As it turns out, abuse can take place whenever three things happen: 1. Someone has poor boundaries and motivation; 2. someone else is vulnerable; and 3. we lack a custodian – who is watching to ensure safety. The more you know what to watch for and what to do when you notice something, the safer our church can be. This is our call.

Then, let's imagine more.

What if our church became known as a safe place to have hard, respectful conversations? What if we found ways to hear each other deeply while caring for their spirits? What if our members knew that they don't have to face their deepest fears alone? What if our neighbors knew they could count on us to pray with them and offer support for immigration issues? Or health care issues? Or mental health issues? What if we were constantly expanding our minds and hearts to notice those who are vulnerable and work as partners to repair safety nets? What if we witness the miracle of healing? Of shalom – peace that brings well-being, health, wellness, connections to all?

Imagine a safe church. Imagine how our minds and hearts might expand. Imagine how our vision of God might change. Imagine how we might change as Love fills us and moves us and calls us into a new way of being. Just imagine.

Blessings, Brenda

AUGUST SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Here is a look at what's happening every Sunday in August:

Aug. 3: Worship with communion

Aug. 10: Laura Hamm will be our special guest preacher. Brenda will be on vacation. Please join Todds to celebrate their 70th anniversary after worship.

Aug. 17: Celebration of Psalms, led by Ben Westphal

Aug. 24: Worship in the Park

Aug. 31: Worship at St. Peter's UCC

PASTOR VACATION

Pastor Brenda will be on vacation **August 7-13**. If you have pastoral needs, please contact the church office.

MEET OUR GUEST PREACHER IN AUGUST

On **Sunday August 10**, please welcome Laura Hamm to your pulpit. Laura is a member of First Congregational Church of Evanston (UCC). Her pastor, Rev. Jason Coulter, writes, "We have in our congregation a transgender woman named Laura Hamm who is on fire with the Holy Spirit. Late in life she came out as transgender, went through a full transition and is now preaching the good news of liberation and love as a committed Christian and strong advocate for the LGBTQ+ community." I will be away that week, but I know you will receive her warmly, listen attentively, be moved by her story and encourage her in her faith journey. God will be with all of you. I can't wait to hear about your time with her when I return.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 – Linda Haig
 8/2 – Sharon Johnson
 8/3 – Camden Allen Loach
 8/6 – Richard Hook
 8/7 – Erik Altmayer
 8/8 – Arthur Daniel
 Svenson
 Kathy Zipperer
 Marlene Russell
 8/9 – Kim (Loach)
 Bruhn
 8/11 – Olivia Altmayer
 8/14 – Elliott Kerbel
 8/15 – Karen Rector
 8/16 – Tom Schaller
 8/19 – Rich Miller
 8/20 – Dan Guenther
 8/22 – Elizabeth Hoellerich
 Fredrik William
 Svenson
 8/23 – Allison Guenther
 Juanito Banoyo
 Ron Lundeen
 Valerie Paige-
 Mahoney
 8/24 – Harrison Kuras
 Stephanie Lundeen
 8/25 – Henry Muhrer

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/3 – Gail & Jack
 Hoellerich
 8/7 – Gene & Leslie Kiesel
 8/17 – Ron & Stephanie
 Lundeen
 8/20 – Barb & Jim Todd
 Bonnie & Mark Loach
 8/22 – Dan & Heather
 O'Hara
 8/23 – Errol & Laurie
 Mitchell
 8/28 – Christine & Peter
 Svenson

ST. PETER'S SERVICE WITH A JUST HARVEST

August has 5 Saturdays which means it is our opportunity to help feed those among us that experience food insecurity. On **Saturday August 30th**, St. Peter's will provide the groceries and help serve a midday meal at A Just Harvest Community Kitchen. Part of A Just Harvest's mission is to, "fight poverty and hunger in the Rogers Park and greater Chicago community by providing nutritious meals daily..." Every day of the year anyone can go to the

A Just Harvest Community Kitchen and get a hearty free meal! Your monetary donations will purchase the ingredients for a meal that will feed as many as 150 of our neighbors. The grocery cost is approx. \$500. St. Peter's will also be there in person on Saturday to help serve the meal. We need 2-3 more volunteers to serve from 11:00 - 2:30. If you can volunteer, please contact Chad McCoy at chadwood.mccoy@gmail.com.

AUGUST WORKDAYS

Our Trustees are back again working in August! Please join them **August 9th and August 23rd from 9AM-1PM**. All skill levels are welcome; please contact Rich Schneider richschneider@comcast.net for more information or just show up!

Operating Budget at a Glance - June 2025

	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$10,398	\$18,959	\$71,594	\$89,900
Expenses	\$16,118	\$15,297	\$93,285	\$107,962
Gain/(Loss)	(\$5,720)	\$3,662	(\$21,691)	(\$18,062)

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR AUGUST 10TH

On **August 10th** immediately following worship, please stay for a special coffee hour in honor of Barb and Jim Todd's 70th wedding anniversary. We'll celebrate

downstairs in Lanford Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and invited, thanks to the Todd's who are also hosting this special event.

OUR MINI PANTRY

A quick word about our Mini Pantry – Thank you to all who support it – it is visited constantly and is a resource for people in our neighborhood who struggle with food insecurities. Donations are welcome at all times. When giving food items, be sure to double-check that your donations are in

sealed packages that have not expired before you leave them on the shelf by the office. Unsealed food or loose items in Ziplock bags invite ants and are not "up to code" by health department standards. Food that is expired or doesn't show an expiration date cannot be put into the pantry and will be thrown away. Thank you!

Lector/Nursery for August 2025

Aug 3 rd	Lector: Peggy R. Nursery: Rita M.
Aug 10 th	Lector: Barb T. Nursery: Denise H.
Aug 17 th	Lector: Annie N. Nursery: Heidi T.
Aug 24 th	Lector: Carolyn V. No Nursery
August 31 st	Lector: David I. Nursery: Mike R.



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VENDORS WANTED

Holiday Craft Show applications are being accepted. If you are interested in having a table at our sale, contact Wendy or Annie for more information. For an application, email st.peteruccskokiebazaar@gmail.com, or contact the office.

THANK YOU TO OUR TRUSTEES

Over the spring and summer so much has happened at St. Peter's. Many small and large projects have been tackled or are in the process of being done, and we are so grateful. The enormous project of the upstairs sealing tile work continues – and yet much more other work is getting done. They've tackled things like installing new drapes in the office and gym, helping our office doors work better, fixing our vacuums, installing automatic sprinklers for our new sod, dealing with the skunk family under our stairs, keeping our office windows safe (as we have our air conditioners in right now), and cleaning out the storage closet under the stairs by the chairlift entrance! So many other things as well that will be sure to be in the Trustees Reports to Council. They are making our building stronger and work much more efficiently - thank you so much trustees!

KITCHEN DISHES

Please remember when using the kitchen all dishes should be washed and *put away* after using. The kitchen is a shared space, and we must remember others need to use the sink/dry rack as well. Thanks so much for your cooperation!