

OCTOBER 2022

The Announcer

St. Peter's United Church of Christ
8013 Laramie Ave.; Skokie, IL 60077

From the Minister's Desk

By Reverend Richard Lanford

One of these days I might deliver a sermon on three specific phrases. They were given to me as the Charge to the Ordinand at my ordination; they came from my home-church minister and erstwhile mentor, the Rev. Dick Kozelka. I offer the first of them to you, and may bring the other two in the next two months . . . although that means the 3rd charge for December, and that may be out of sync with a message about Advent or the Incarnation.

"What you talk about is more important than what you say."

Over the long haul of a relationship, specific exchanges will of course stick in the memory and make an impact, yes. But also over time, wouldn't you be more likely to recall the ideas, people, places and things which another talked about? "She talked a lot about the need for more compassion in the world," someone might say in remembering someone. But what she said specifically is perhaps less important. There are some Sundays after worship when I don't think the sermon was good, when I hope this charge is true. Persons won't recall the bad sermon necessarily, and find more to value in the subjects preached overall, like love and justice, community and welcome, making Christ our central orientation, faith and doing God's will.

What about you and those around you, now or in the past? Do you agree with this for your own life? If so, what did you, she or he, talk about more than other subjects over time? Did they make an impact, or does it seem that folks recall specific things you said just as easily? What is more important to you; to them?

*Keep the faith,
Pastor Richard Lanford*



WORSHIP & LIVESTREAM:
Sundays at 10 AM
on YouTube & in person worship.

PET BLESSING -
October 23rd at
3:00PM

**VILLAGE INN
FOOD
FUNDRAISER:**
October 16th
11AM to 11PM

AJH Collection
this month for our
day on October
29th.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT
SHOW AND BAKE
SALE** - November
19th from 10 AM to
3 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Peter's UCC/C.A.R.E. Invites you to our Pet Blessing! This wonderful annual event brings barks of joy, paws, fur and love to our gym for a few short hours. For a \$5 fee, Pastor will bless your beloved friend, you'll enjoy a short pet themed sermon, we'll have treats for you and your friend(s) and there will be a pet raffle! C.A.R.E. of Skokie will be on hand with short leashes and adoptable animals too! All proceeds from this wonder(fur) event are split with C.A.R.E. and St. Peter's UCC. Join us **October 23rd at 3 PM**, open to the public, all are welcome!

Wreath Orders being taken now! Hard to believe its almost that time of year again but it is. You'll find an order form and item sheet in this newsletter, and in your Sunday Bulletins. **Orders are due Nov 4th** so get yours in today! *Pickup will be Saturday Nov 19th from 1-3PM, or after worship on Sunday November 20th.*

Village Inn food fundraiser will be October 16th from 11 am to 11 pm. End your weekend off right and help support St. Peter's UCC! On this day eat in, carryout or have delivered food from Village Inn on Lincoln Avenue in Skokie, *let your server know you are ordering for St. Peter's UCC fundraiser*, and we'll get 20% of whatever you spend!! You'll get a great meal you won't have to cook, it's a win-win! Mark your calendars!

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETS – The Women's Guild will start the Fall season with a meeting on **Wed. Oct. 12 at 11:30 a.m.** The Board will serve refreshments and President Barb Todd will lead the business meeting, with fun and fellowship to follow. Everyone is invited to join us in starting a new year!

KITCHEN MONTH THIS MONTH!

October has 5 Saturdays this year, and at least our Saturday is not Halloween like it has been in the past! The Community Kitchen is in the midst of surveying its volunteers, customers and feeding partners to see how folks involved feel about reopening the dining room for dinner now. As of this writing our folks are hoping to have an intentional conversation together to help

us answer the survey. Until we do, and until we hear more, it is safe to presume that when it is our turn on OCTOBER 29th, we will again be asking you good, generous folks to contribute to the donations specified for the Kitchen. Then the dinners are served as carry-out at the curb. We ask for \$500 per the Kitchen, as they shop for the groceries and prepare the meal in its fullness in our absence. Last time we served we were a little short of that! If you are able, please make a contribution to this good, hands-on (when we get back there in person, if we do) local ministry of feeding the hungry and those striving to make ends meet. Mark any gifts "AJH Kitchen" and they will go straight to that fund / outgo. Many smaller donations can add up to what we hope to receive! Thank you for considering supporting, and supporting again, this vital ministry. *After October 29th, our next Saturday to serve will be Saturday, DECEMBER 31st!*

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW - St. Peter's Holiday Craft Show this year on **Saturday November 19th from 10-3**. If you, or someone you know would be interested in a table please let either myself, 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. Wendy Svenson and Beth Lanford, Directors

Happy belated First Anniversary/Birthday to our Mini-Pantry! Last year we had a dream and thanks to you it became a reality in September of 2021. The dedication was held during the 2021 Rummage/ Bake Sale last year. We are proud to say our pantry is frequented daily by bike riders, drivers and walkers, and is also filled by not just your donations but folks in the neighborhood drop off things as well. We are so proud to share this vessel of help with our community, thanks to all of you for your continued donations!

UPCOMING (CONT.) CHURCH NEWS

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE THANKS

Thank you, thank you, thank you! To everyone who gave your time and energy to sorting, pricing, moving and moving again, rummage. To everyone who brought rummage in for the sale. To those who promoted or told others. For all the bakers, without whom we would not have the beloved Bake Sale! To everyone who worked on the days of the sale, cleaned up, boxed and bagged up rummage afterwards for its next charitable destination beyond our walls! This sale is a TON of work and sacrificial giving of time, strength, gasoline, energy and other priorities for the edification of the church and for the sustaining and creating relationships among those involved. Thank you especially to the three main ladies in charge, Annie, Beth L., and Kathy, and Office Manager Laura who opened the Laramie door most often to receive donations and help them into the building. Thank you all very, very much!

NURSERY ATTENDANTS NEEDED – Please consider volunteering for Nursery as over the last season 3 folks finished their service and we currently have ONLY 4 volunteers and 2 parents. Your service would be 1 hour every 5 – 6 weeks or 8-12 weeks should we get more folks. This helps us especially giving parents a much-needed break and the kids get to spend time with other folks of the church they wouldn't normally get to interact with. We are growing and that's so wonderful, but we can't grow without your help to meet it. Contact Laura in the office for more information and to sign up. Thanks so much!

	August Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Operating Contributions	\$9,340	\$11,667	\$108,165	\$93,333
Operating Expense	\$14,386	\$14,044	\$115,172	\$112,353
Gain/(Loss)	(\$5,046)	(\$2,377)	(\$7,007)	(\$19,020)

These numbers exclude line items for any income transfer, roof repair and directed gifts.

SEVEN MINUTES OF PRAYER ONCE A MONTH

The Niles Township Clergy Forum has, for over 2 years, been gathering with any and all like-minded people in the area, on Third Wednesdays at 3 PM for 7 minutes of silent prayer. This happens at the Village Green space just to the east of the Skokie Village Library's eastern entrance. It began as some kind of response to all the gun violence that was taking over our news. The convener is usually Rabbi Jeffrey Weill of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. If you are interested in joining us / them, please know you are welcome.

FOOD ALWAYS NEEDED FOR MINI PANTRY – It is truly wonderful that folks come daily to receive donated goods – and the need is greater right now during our turbulent economy. Any food or household goods you have to donate is greatly appreciated! Things like canned beans, veggies, fruits, meat and fish, pasta, rice, bread items, unusual fun items, snacks, juice, cereal, dried fruits, nuts. Household goods include toiletries, paper goods, soap - anything you might have that could be used is welcome! Goods can be left in the narthex or on the shelves near the offices. Thank you so much!

OUR PEOPLE

IN MEMORIAM - Clara (Ketter) Melone, 99, left this life on September 4th after a brief battle with COVID and attendant lung issues. She was first hospitalized on her 99th birthday, then returned home days later, but went right back to St. Francis as needed. That is where she died early Sunday AM. Clara is survived by nephew Bill (Marie) Cain, having survived her husband O. Joe Melone and all her older siblings (Lillian, Violet, Bill and Harry). She grew up at St. Peter's and worked at Shure, where she met Joe. After the War they made their home on Estes in West Rogers Park where she lived the rest of her life. Joe was Roman Catholic and Clara did not drive, so not until he had died and she pushed herself to get a DL and a car, was she able to start attending worship at St. Peter's. She met Dan Guenther here, one of our members who was related to one of her relatives, and therefore to her, on the Guenther side. Times changed, though, and she eventually became one of our "shut-ins" again. She got her wish, that she never moved out of her home to another residence. She loved animals, family, certain sports, and her favorite foods. In his homily at her funeral, Pastor Lanford related how he once ran into her at Bill's Hamburgers in Evanston on his day off! From Georgia, nephew Bill often sent candy, fruit or other goodies for her to enjoy. Her funeral was held at Haben's Funeral Home on Saturday, September 10th; her burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery not far from her brother Bill and sister-in-law Stella's mausoleum.

Brief Collection thank you's!! We're so grateful to be able to help so many thanks to your donations and once again you didn't disappoint- we collected over 110 pairs of men's and women's colored underwear in various sizes. Items will be brought to the Night Ministry, which serves Chicago's most needy folks.

ADIEU TO THE GUENTHERS - October is when member Dan Guenther and his wife Nancy finalize their retirement move to North Carolina. Daughter Sandy will remain in Chicago and daughter Allison remains in Maryland. Their last Sunday will be October 2nd. Dan is a descendant of the Guenthers who helped get this church started, and of Harry Guenther, the WWI soldier who came from St. Peter's and sadly died in France just before the end of the war. Along with Waldo Brown and Arthur Ruesch, he is memorialized in the stained-glass window where Jesus is rescuing a sinking Simon Peter.

LECTOR & NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 2 nd	Lector: Barb Todd Nursery: Laurie Mitchell
Oct. 9 th	Lector: Olivia A. Nursery: Carolyn V.
Oct. 16 th	Lector: Peter S. Nursery: Annie N.
Oct. 23 rd	Lector: Jenn S. Nursery: Mike R.
Oct 30 th	Lector: Judy P. Nursery: Heidi T.
Nov 6 th	Lector: Beth L. Nursery: Kathy Z.

A BAPTISM SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

30th - During worship on that Sunday, barring any unforeseen circumstances, Rev. Lanford will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism as the 2nd son of Melissa (Erickson) and Andy Paluck, Russell Nicholas, will be baptized into the Christian faith and church. He was born March 4th this year, and is the baby brother to Clayton who was baptized at St. Peter's a few years ago! Welcome in advance to Russell and everyone who comes that day!

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Prayer Requests

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

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



BRIEF COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 2022

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/4 – Brian Russell
 11/7 – Anna Riley
 11/9 – Bridgette Sterba
 Michael Taheny
 Paul Brzozowski
 11/10 – Justin Balling
 Peter Svenson
 11/13 – Alexandra Paige
 11/15 – Bruce Mau
 11/16 – Chad McCoy
 11/18 – Christine Svenson
 Heidi Tarzian
 Isabelle Banoyo
 11/20 – Dorothy Stielow
 Pat Mauer Erdman
 11/21 – Bill Cain
 11/25 – Linda Mau
 11/26 – Felix Roy Svenson
 11/27 – Emily Brzozowski

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/2 – Maria and Randy Altmayer
 11/6 – Jenn and Rich Schneider
 11/12 – Marcia Hilliard & Andre Gloecker
 11/14 – Beth and John Sterba
 11/24 – Roberta & Henry Muhrer

PRAYER REQUESTS: Ingrid Anderson, Guy and Traudel Cline, Pat Mauer Erdman, Linda Haig, Ken Itter, Helen Mauer, Jim Todd, Roy Svenson & Cristy Lopez.

If you see your name listed and would like it removed, or, someone you know should be added, please contact the office.

Handcrafted Wreaths and Decorations



**24" Balsam Wreath
with Velvet Ribbon**

Single Face Balsam Outdoor
Wreath 24", 30", 40"
Double Face Balsam 36"



Noble Fir Mixed Wreath 20"
Indoor/Outdoor



4' Mantelpiece/Centerpiece

Place your order by Friday November 4th.
(Contact Rich Schneider or call 847.673.8166)

**Pickup will be on Saturday Nov 19th from 1 - 3 pm
or at St. Peter's after worship on Sunday Nov 20th.**

24" Single Face Balsam	\$17.00
30" Single Face Balsam	\$29.00
36" Double Face Balsam	\$50.00
40" Single Face Balsam	\$45.00
4' Noble, Cedar, Juniper Mantlepiece/Centerpiece	\$44.00
12" Candle Ring Wreath	\$21.00
12" Holiday Yule Log	\$21.00
32" Evergreen Planter	\$30.00
42"+ Evergreen Planter	\$50.00
Fire Starter Basket	\$21.00
Balsam Door Swag	\$15.00
20" Premium Noble Fir Mix Wreath	\$25.00
24" Boxed Decorator Wreath	\$41.00
25' Balsam Garland	\$31.00
Cemetery Stand	included



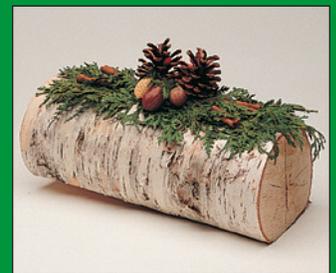
32" Evergreen Planter
42"+ Evergreen Planter



12" Candle Ring Wreath
with 4" Candle



**24" Boxed
Decorator Wreath**



Holiday Yule Log 12"



25' Balsam Fir Garland



Firestarter Basket



Balsam Swag

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND MORE!

We are taking orders for pine Christmas wreaths and decorations from Northern Wisconsin to adorn your home or to be placed at a cemetery.

The standard 24 inch diameter wreath, with red velvet bow and pine cones is \$17.00.

Cemetery stands are included this year.

Proceeds from this fundraiser help to decorate the church for Christmas with the remainder going to the General Operating Fund.

We will make arrangements for placing wreaths on the St. Peter's UCC Cemetery, if you desire.

All orders **must be placed** by **Friday Nov 4th.**

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To place an order, please:

- **fill in the form and place in collection plate with payment.**
- **fill in the form and return with payment** by mailing it to St Peter's.
- or, **email your order form to office@stpeteruccskokie.org** and send payment separately via mail, text the amount, or use PayPal. For information on how to use any of these methods, please see the weekly bulletin.

Please make checks payable to:
St. Peter's UCC.

Name		
Address		
I will pick up my order up at church		
Please place on cemetery for:		
Item Description	Price	Quantity
24" Single Face Balsam Wreath w/ Velvet Ribbon for Home or Cemetery	\$17.00	
Cemetery Stands	included w/ cemetery placement	
30" Single Face Balsam Wreath	\$29.00	
36" Double Face Balsam Wreath	\$50.00	
40" Single Face Balsam Wreath	\$45.00	
4' Noble Mix Mantel piece / Centerpiece	\$44.00	
12" Mixed Noble Candle Ring Wreath w/ 4" Candle	\$21.00	
12" Holiday Yule Log	\$21.00	
Outdoor Evergreen Planter (32")	\$30.00	
Supersized Outdoor Evergreen Planter (42"+)	\$50.00	
Fire Starter Basket	\$21.00	
Balsam Door Swag	\$15.00	
20" Premium Noble Fir Mix Wreath	\$25.00	
24" Decorator Wreath Boxed w/ Velvet Ribbon	\$41.00	
25' Balsam Garland	\$31.00	