

The Churchman

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We are called together by the Holy Spirit around Word and sacraments to glorify God the Father, creator of all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust God to nurture lives of faith and hope, as we serve and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

Outdoor Worship with Pet Blessing Sunday, October 6th, 10:15 a.m.



Above: October 2023 outdoor worship with the blessing of animals.

Join us for the final open air worship service of 2024 in the church gardens with the blessing of pets and animals. You are welcomed and encouraged to bring a beloved pet to the worship on this day. If you are not able to bring an animal, you may wish to bring a photo of an animal you love, a photo of an endangered species in the wild, or a photo of your deceased, beloved pet companion(s) to the service.

Animals must be on a lead or in a secure pet carrier for the safety of other animals.

The tremor of awe is the best in man. — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

We have a spiritual experience in knowing and being touched by something much larger than us, something beyond what we understand, something of mysterious dimensions. It can happen as we stand on the banks of an ageless river, listen to beautiful music, read scripture, or say a prayer with a friend. When we set aside defiance, willfulness, and our demands to subdue whatever we meet, we become receptive to a larger reality. The experience of awe brings out the best in a man because it instills a spirit of respect and gratitude. It inspires humility and expands our minds into realms we can't express in words.

The sense of awe is a kind of reverence. After we learn where our personal awe is inspired, we can return to it again and again. As we feel it more, we become more open to it in the mundane parts of our daily lives. Today, we might feel the spirit in the visit of a wild bird on a branch, the spontaneous “Hi” from a small child, or the stillness before prayer at the dinner table.

Today, I will look for moments of awe in my life.

Quoted from the app Touchstones.
Find recovery resources at www.hazeldenbettyford.org.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday evening.

**Pastor Andrea Valentinova
welcomed on September 10th**



Pastor Andrea Valentinova of Banská Bystrica, Slovakia was welcomed to Sts. Peter and Paul in September by Pastor Dennis and Jane and Cynthia Sajid of St. Peter and St. Paul in Blue Island. Pastor Andrea has served for 20 years as a pastor and also teaches at a Lutheran high school which is supported by the Western District of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession.

October

Oct. 1	Ekaterina Riha	Oct. 17	Aidan Altavilla
Oct. 2	Jason Skudrna		Bryan Galdun
Oct. 3	Karen Kubik	Oct. 18	Jonathan Meyers
Oct. 5	William Bute	Oct. 19	Michael Vercimak
Oct. 8	Janice Hapgood		Janina Yezo
Oct. 9	Matthew Bute	Oct. 22	Sandra Spilotro
Oct. 11	Charles Langsett	Oct. 23	Helena Galdun
	Olivia Lauritsen		Tanya Jech
Oct. 16	Robert Melnyk	Oct. 24	Kathy Ganschow
	Mildred Mendel	Oct. 28	George Pagurko
	Earl Mika, Jr.	Oct. 30	Donald Haase
		Oct. 31	Betty Ann Mocek

Birthdays and Anniversaries

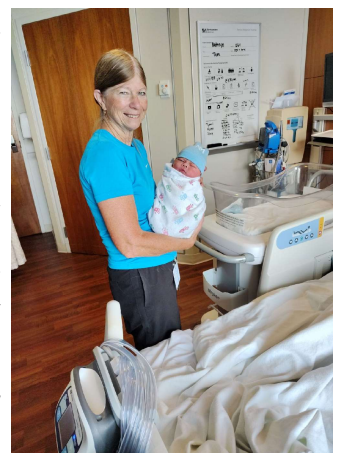
- October 1, 1988: Kenneth and Joyce Hurbanis
- October 6, 2001: Janet and John Broussard
- October 6, 1962: Edward and Joanne Sefara
- October 10, 1964: Robert and Julie Barcik
- October 15, 1988: John and Juanita Jakubec

It's a Boy!



Congratulations and God's blessings be upon Kathryn "Katie" and Tom Murray on the birth of a baby boy, Theodore "Teddy" Lee, on August 29th, 8 lbs. 10 oz. Sister Peyton and brother Brayden are also excited to welcome their new baby brother. "Teddy" is the great-grandson of Luddy and the late Al Kovalsky and the grandson of Phil and Linda Painter.

O Lord our God, creator of all that exists, we thank you for the joy of watching new life begin and for the privilege of sharing with you in your continuing creation. In your mercy grant that these blessings may continue to us and even to our children's children, that generations yet unborn may bless your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVERS

October 6th: (*Outdoor Service*)

Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
Lector: Beverly Tarbox
Communion Assts: Tom Myers and Carrie Watkiss
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher: Rafael Martinez

October 13th:

Greeter: Carole Pollitz
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
Lector: Brandon Michaels
Live Stream: John Broussard
Usher: Janet Broussard

October 20th:

Greeters: John and Shirley Kostelny
Assisting Minister: John Broussard
Lector: J. T. Tarbox
Live Stream: Charles Matthies
Usher: John Kostelny

October 27th:

Greeters: Philip and Linda Painter
Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
Lector: Philip Painter
Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
Usher: Fred Kuzel

Sacristan and Altar Care:

Fred Kuzel and Jane Lauritsen

Thank you!

Thank you for the nice send off to my new home in St. Charles. Many thanks to John and Shirley Kostelny for the delicious cake that we all enjoyed. This was a big move and I am getting settled slowly. Hoping to see you soon.

—Ann Vana

Directory Changes

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Memorials and Honorariums

❖ For the Church ❖

Saturday Morning Intensive Big Book Study Group
Saundra and Peter Spilotro, in memory of +Mary Frances Mason+.

❖ In Memory of Helen Gaydusek ❖

The Gaydusek Family
Lois Michaels
Ann Kmet
John and Shirley Kostelny
John and Janet Broussard
Adolf and Ellen Heimann

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVERS

November 3rd:

Greeter: Ann Kmet
Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
Lector: Tom Myers
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher: John Kostelny

November 10th:

Greeters: Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Lector: John Kostelny
Live Stream: John Broussard
Usher: Janet Broussard

November 17th:

Greeters: Betty Harden and Staci Harden
Assisting Minister: Beverly Tarbox
Lectors: Paul and Carrie Watkiss
Live Stream: Charles Matthies
Usher: Rafael Martinez

November 24th:

Greeters: Walter and Judith Cudecki
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
Lector: Fred Kuzel
Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
Usher: Walter Cudecki

Thanksgiving Day, November 28th:

Greeters: Fred Kuzel
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
Lector: George Valek
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher: Fred Kuzel

Sacristan and Altar Care:

Beverly Tarbox

Memorial Flowers

Sept. 8th: In celebration of the birth of Theodore “Teddy” Lee Murray on August 29th to Tom and Katie by loving grandparents Phil and Linda Painter.

In memory of dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather +Alfred Kovalsky+ on the 100th anniversary of his birth September 3rd by remembering wife Luddy, son Bill, daughter Linda and their families.

News from Riverside Preschool at Sts. Peter and Paul

October will be filled with Fall and Halloween projects as we celebrate the month along with a visit from the Fire Department. It's sure to be a spooky month!

—Lisa Manganiello, Preschool Director

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DATED MATERIAL

On Prayer

by Ole Hallesby

Norwegian Lutheran theologian and writer (1879-1961)

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me (Revelation 3:20).

To pray is nothing more involved than to let Jesus into our needs. To pray is to give Jesus permission to employ His powers in the alleviation of our distress. To pray is to let Jesus glorify His name in the midst of our needs.

The results of prayers are, therefore, not dependent upon the powers of the one who prays. His intense will, his fervent emotions, or his clear comprehension of what he is praying for are not the reasons why his prayers will be heard and answered. No, God be praised, the results of prayer are not dependent upon these things!

To pray is nothing more involved than to open the door, giving Jesus access to our needs and permitting Him to exercise His own power in dealing with them.

He who gave us the privilege of prayer knows us very well. He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

That is why He designed prayer in such a way that the [weakest] can make use of it. For to pray is to open the door unto Jesus. And that requires no strength. It is only a question of our wills. Will we give Jesus access to our needs? That is the one great and fundamental question in connection with prayer.

In Memory...



Placed in the church gardens mid-September in loving memory of Henry and Mary Sordel, longtime members of the congregation.

A message for you from Touchstones

It is as important to cultivate your silence power as it is your word power.—William James

We bless ourselves with renewal and healing when we retreat from the world for a few private moments of silence. The power we cultivate in silence isn't generated by us; that power comes to us. We can do this by deliberately withdrawing from all distractions. Then we quiet our inner selves by concentrating on deep relaxation, thinking about a brief reading, or by praying.

Most of us already have a personal island of renewal that we have turned to many times in the past for serenity and strength. We can use it and turn to it daily. This natural pattern is necessary for a strong and healthy life. It builds our relationship with ourselves and our Higher Power. In our problems with self-esteem, we often label as worthless the quiet, subtle things we do, but these very things are essential to build our strength and self-esteem.

I will take time for silence to receive the power it gives in my life.

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