



## Your monthly news & updates

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*Pastor Kirk's Ponderings –*

# Rooted In



During this past year, we have celebrated our roots. And through it all, we know that we are rooted as a congregation in God's love. We are rooted in love as Peace Memorial Church. In experiencing that love, we also know that God is generous beyond measure. And through the Psalmist, God speaks: "*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.*" Think of all the way PMC roots our lives: worship, friendship, service, justice, prayer. PMC is that stream of water which nourishes our souls. We are so rooted in love!

And PMC continues to change lives. We've been celebrating our roots with our 50th year in Palos Park and our 140th year as a congregation. The mission and ministry here have deep roots—it's why we belong, why we volunteer, and why we give. Together, we are rooted in love for this community—where love, service, and faith transform the world around us.

The ministries of PMC happen because of dedicated leadership, staff, and the commitment of people like you—people who choose to invest their time, talents, and resources in the mission God has called us to. Every moment of ministry, every bit of outreach, every life changed—no matter how big or small—is made possible by the spiritual and financial gifts our members offer.

And your decision to give is a response to God's invitation. It's a choice, but as followers of Jesus, rooted in love, we know it's more than optional—it's essential. Jesus gave us everything, and we're called to be generous in response. We give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude and commitment to God's ongoing work in the world.

# Love

***Pastor Kirk***

**September 6 (Communion Sunday)**  
9:30 am - 63

**September 13**  
9:30 am - 110 (Anniversary Luncheon)

**September 20 (Celebration Sunday)**  
9:30 am - 88

**September 27**  
9:30 am - 70

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holly Jones



Fall is finally here, and somehow it feels like we just blinked and October arrived! We may be getting back into the rhythm of Sunday School, but there is certainly no shortage of things happening with our kids and Christian Education this season.

Our Sunday School kicked off September 20th with 15 kids, and we are so excited to welcome everyone back for another year! A special congratulations is also in order for Ella Finn, who has received her 3rd Grade Bible! We are so proud of her! During Celebration Sunday, Ms. Sam

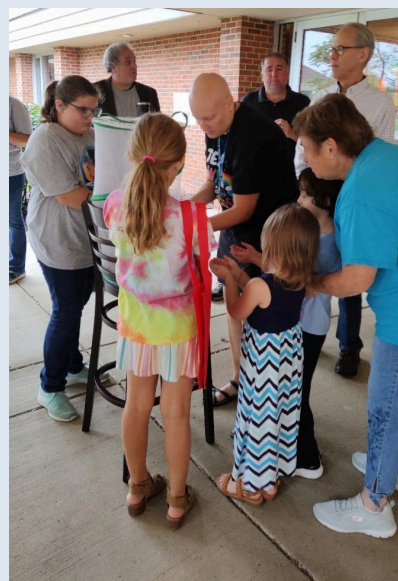
reminded our kids we are all a "Piece of Peace". We had another butterfly release, and the cooler temperature made those butterflies hold on to us a little longer! We also had a chance to visit with the Palos Fire Protection District. Battalion Chief Rutter and his crew generously passed out gift bags for all the kids, as well as the opportunity to sit in the coveted spot in the front of the fire truck!

We celebrated through September, and October is going to be a just as busy of a month! The Crop Walk is October 4th at 2:00 p.m. at Lake Katherine and everyone is welcome to join us! Sign-up information will be available in the Narthex, and donations will be accepted through October 4th. You can donate by cash, check, or online. If you are interested in walking with us, please contact Samantha.

And then, of course, there's our most favorite fall activity! Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 24th from 2:00–4:00 p.m.! This spook-tacular event will happen rain or shine! If weather becomes an issue, we will be moving into Zion Hall. Our Haunted Youth center is also going to be the source of some frightening tricks, and plenty of treats as well! We

always have an overwhelming amount of trick or treaters, but we need your cars as well! While we don't need a registration count for kids, if you are planning on decorating a trunk, please make sure to let us know! There are bragging rights during our trunk decorating contest, so start thinking about those creative ideas now! (Especially as someone is vying for their 3rd first place title!)

There is always something happening with Christian Education, and we are so grateful for all of the people who help make these things possible. Whether you volunteer, donate, bring a creative idea, or simply show up and participate, you are part of what makes our church a place where our kids can learn, grow, and know that they are loved.



What a season it has been at Peace Memorial Church! The past several weeks have given us so many reasons to celebrate. Looking back at everything we've shared together, it's hard not to feel incredibly grateful for this church and the people who make it what it is.

Our Anniversary party was truly a celebration to remember. We welcomed honored guests, past and present clergy, village officials, and friends of the church as we celebrated our history and the many years we have spent as part of the Palos Park community. There were stories, speeches, laughter, memories, and plenty of love. And, of course, there was the beautiful commemorative quilt that now hangs in our narthex—a wonderful reminder of the people, moments, and memories that have made us who we are. Thank you again to Shirley Fijolek for making this magnificent piece of our history come to life with your talent and craftsmanship. If you needed an extra piece of that special day as a memento, the Anniversary Committee has coasters available for purchase. You can purchase a set of 4 for \$25.00.

Celebration Sunday: Even with a little rain trying to join the celebration, we adapted, carried on, and celebrated together—as we seem to have gotten very good at doing! Our 3rd grader received her Bible, Sunday School began another year with Ms. Sam, and we were reminded of what it means to be a "Piece of Peace". Fellowship made dozens of bags of popcorn, we had a scavenger hunt and enjoyed lunch provided by Joey's and Peppo's. We were also delighted to welcome special guests from the Palos Fire Protection District and the Cook County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office sends their regards that they were not able to join us for our whole celebration, but we are so grateful for the special time we were able to spend with Officer Lewis and his canine partner Ella!

We took that same spirit out into the community during Palos Park's Autumn in the Park Festival. The weather tried its best to change our plans, but it didn't stop us! We walked in the parade, enjoyed the festival, and welcomed our community at our church booth. Thank you to everyone who came out, volunteered, walked, worked, greeted, and helped make the day such a success.

And then there was Oktoberfest! We celebrated our Austrian & German heritage with good food, lively music, German polkas, and, of course, our kid's favorite- the "Chicken Dance"! The Schnitzels brought plenty of energy Saturday night, and we continued the celebration Sunday morning with a special portion of our worship service in German. There's something pretty special about being able to celebrate our history while still making new memories together.

And now we're getting ready to step into service together. On Sunday, October 4th, PMC will participate in the CROP Hunger Walk at Lake Katherine. We are proud to be doing our part to help end hunger, one step at a time. If you would like to join the PMC team, there is still time to sign up!

When you look back at all of these events, it's easy to see that they are about much more than anniversaries, festivals, music, food, or even the individual programs themselves. They are about people. They are about showing up for one another, welcoming our neighbors, remembering where we came from, teaching our children, serving our community, and making room for everyone to be a part of the story.

There has been a lot of heart, willingness, and teamwork behind everything we have celebrated this season. And for that, we are grateful.

Because when you walk through the doors of PMC, you're not just walking into a building. You're becoming part of the body.

**October at a glance:**

**10/3 Blessing of the Pets**

**10/4 CROP Walk**

**CREW Golf Outing**

**10/16 Holiday Wine Cork Craft Event**

## MISSION MOMENT

Pam Cornyn



"Winter Warming Tree" is coming early this year. Adults and kids who are in need of something warm to cover their heads, necks, and hands will have them.

So, if you knit or crochet get those needles moving and place those items on our tree that is in the Narthex.

These items will be given to local schools and shelters to help those who are in need.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Pam Cornyn or Janet Hansen.



## OUTREACH

Kathi Graben

Well, this year's weather has definitely shown us that we need to work differently to provide events for the community and this last weekend was no exception! With the threat of heavy rain for the Palos Park Autumn in the Park on Saturday September 19 Parade and Festival we had lower than expected turnout – but we persevered and had a beautiful entry in the parade and many smiling faces along the parade route as we showed up with our shopping carts, float and candy. The rain held off for the most part with just some sprinkles throughout the day. After the Parade we were all set up at the Festival to greet those that came through the Artisan area – which had a great turnout. Many appreciated seeing us and stopped to talk and the kids had fun with our Lollipop Church. We did receive some food for the food pantries and overall had a good day in the community. Many thanks to all that donated candy and those that were able to join us for the day. We so appreciate all the support as we continue to find ways to reach out to the community and let others see what we are about and what we do here at PMC. Here are some of the pictures from the day and there are more on our Facebook page. Our next big event is Breakfast with Santa on December 5, 2026. More information will be out soon but mark your calendars now for a wonderful time with great food, and spectacular bake sale!



## OKTOBERFEST

Pam Cornyn





Oktoberfest 2026 is in the books! It was a great day to night ending with a beautiful Harvest Moon.

All the food was donated by Keith, Kathy, Mike, & Liz Koch for which I am extremely grateful. Our grill master was Dave Cornyn who cooked brats, burgers, & hotdogs. Dennis & Judy Kirscher made the terrific German potato salad. Sauerkraut, which is always a big hit, was made by Jayne & Rick Przybylski. The green beans were made by Pat Ostrowski and Donna Kallemeyn who were also our servers, along with Carol Ritter, Sue Ritter and Kim Skala. Our bartenders were Dave Skala and Tom Bockmann who served up the beer, wine and sodas.

Our raffle, 50/50, was handled by Gail Jefchak and Lawrence Spoors with a total of \$375.00 with the winner getting \$187.00.

Joe Spoors handled the basket raffle which took in over \$600.00 for over 40 baskets. I want to thank all the donors of either baskets or items to go into the baskets.



Tom Bockmann

Pat Burger

Phyllis Collins

Dave & Pam Cornyn

Kathi & Larry Graben

Gail & Jim Jefchak

Donna Kallemeyn

Dennis & Judy Kirscher

Kathy & Keith Koch

Mike & Liz Koch

Ray & Jo Kujawa

Gary & Verna Kwiatkowski  
Lori Mason  
Pat Ostrowski  
Jayne & Rick Przybylski  
Carol & Sue Ritter  
Dave & Kim Skala  
Joe & Lawrence Spoors  
Kate Whalen

If I missed anyone, I'm sorry!

A big thank you to Samantha Miulli for keeping our Peace Kids busy and for our Peace Kids handling the baskets and helping clean up along with anyone else who stayed to help.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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# Corks & Crafts

A PMC holiday painting event

Join us Friday October 16th

6:30pm



\$30 includes paint  
supplies & instruction

\$8 wine tasting

\$6 Find a wine you  
liked? Have a glass or  
two!

21+ EVENT ONLY



Peace Memorial Church

10300 W. 131st St.  
Palos Park

Complimentary charcuterie and sweets and a  
snowman cork ornament

Any questions?  
Contact Judy Kirscher

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Proceeds to benefit PMC CREW

RSVP by 10/11





**October 2**  
David Skala  
Robert Mohr

**October 3**  
Michelle Betcher

**October 16**  
David Hook  
Sienna Ostrowski

**October 18**

**October 24**  
Mia Lisak

**October 27**  
Patricia Burger  
Kim Skala

**October 7**  
Madison Zuniga

**October 15**  
Patrick Whalen

Hunter Perry  
**October 19**  
Linda Metz  
Diane Oremovich

**October 22**  
Sandra Hecker  
Cindy White

**October 28**  
Sue Freund  
Wayne Hoefler

**October 30**  
Jayne Przybylski

# OCTOBER 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                              | Thursday                                                      | Friday                                                   | Saturday                                                                         |
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|                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                         |                                                                    |                                                                                                                        | 1<br>1:00 pm<br>Bible study                                   | 2<br>3:00 to 8:00<br>pm Zion Hall<br>rental              | 3<br>2:00 pm<br>Blessing of the<br>Pets                                          |
| 4<br>9:30 am Sunday<br>Worship<br>10:30 Fellowship<br>12:12 CREW golf<br>outing<br>2:00 pm CROP<br>walk | 5<br>7:00 pm<br>Pickleball                                                                                              | 6<br>7:00 pm<br>BUNCO                                              | 7<br>7:00 am<br>Volunteers<br>6:00 pm Choir<br>6:00 pm Yoga<br>6:30-10 Zion<br>Hall rental                             | 8<br>1:00 pm<br>Bible study                                   | 9                                                        | 10<br>12 - 6 pm<br>Narthex rental<br><br>4:00 to 11:00 pm<br>Zion Hall<br>rental |
| 11<br>9:30 am Sunday<br>Worship<br>10:30 Fellowship                                                     | 12<br>7:00 pm<br>Pickleball                                                                                             | 13                                                                 | 14<br>7:00 am<br>Volunteers<br>10:00 am B&G<br>meeting<br>6:00 pm Choir<br>6:30-10 Zion<br>Hall rental<br>7:00 pm CE   | 15<br>1:00 pm<br>Bible study                                  | 16<br>5:00 to 10:00<br>pm Holiday<br>wine cork<br>crafts | 17<br>10 am to 4 pm<br>Stitchers/<br>Chapel                                      |
| 18<br>9:30 am Sunday<br>Worship<br>10:30 Fellowship                                                     | 19<br>8 am – 3 pm<br>Lifestyles /<br>Youth Center<br><br>MESSENGER<br>ARTICLES<br>DEADLINE<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Pickleball | 20                                                                 | 21<br>7:00 am<br>Volunteers<br>6:00 pm Choir<br>6:00 pm Yoga<br>6:30-10 Zion<br>Hall rental<br>7:00 Trustee<br>meeting | 22<br>1:00 pm<br>Bible study                                  | 23                                                       | 24<br>2 – 4 pm Trunk<br>or Treat                                                 |
| 25<br>9:30 am Sunday<br>Worship<br>10:30 Fellowship                                                     | 26<br>7:00 pm<br>Pickleball                                                                                             | 27<br>8 am to 1 pm<br>LifeStyles in<br>parking lot or<br>Zion Hall | 28<br>7:00 am<br>Volunteers<br>6:00 pm Choir<br>6:30-10 Zion<br>Hall rental                                            | 29<br>1:00 pm<br>Bible study<br>6:30<br>Foundation<br>meeting | 30                                                       |                                                                                  |
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