

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

April 2019

Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is my first newsletter article to all of you. What should I write about? Some might think Easter would be a good choice. However, I will wait to write an Easter message for May's newsletter. After all, Easter isn't just one day, but a season fifty days long. For now, we are still in the thick of Lent. The world around us constantly rushes the seasons. You know what I mean. As soon as Valentine's Day was over what appeared on store shelves? Easter candy. I prefer not to rush the seasons, but rather to embrace each one.

Lent is typically an exhausting time for me and yet, every year I am thankful for having journeyed through Lent to the joy of Easter. We cannot stay in any one season outside, in life, or in the church. We journey through them. We do not journey through them alone. Others share the journey with us. Our Lord accompanies us and leads us through every season.

I am looking forward to sharing the journey through Holy Week with all of you from the joyous waving of palms on Palm Sunday, to feasting at our Lord's table on Maundy Thursday, to kneeling at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. Every Lent we follow the path our Lord walked for us. It is a time full of so many emotions, peaks and valleys, as we ponder all that our Savior endured for our sake. We gasp as we contemplate the height and depth of the wondrous love of Jesus.

Come and share in the journey through the season of Lent into Easter. Every Wednesday during Lent we gather for worship. The Holden Evening Prayer service is a beautiful service full of singing. It is a wonderful way to prayerfully end the day.

So blessed to share this journey with you,

Pastor Dawn

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Holden Evening Prayer Services:

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, at 6:30 pm
(Lenten Suppers served 5:15-6:15 pm)

Palm Sunday, April 14 at 9:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt following worship

Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm

Good Friday Service, April 19 at 6:30 pm

Easter Worship, Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 am



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

We still need volunteers for April - Please call the office or go to our website to sign up

	April 3 Wed. Lenten Service 6:30 pm	April 7 Sunday 9:00 am	April 10 Wed. Lenten Service 6:30 pm	April 14 Palm Sunday 9:00 am	April 18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm	April 19 Good Friday Service 6:30 pm	April 21 Easter Sunday 9:00 am	April 28 Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Assistants		Kelley Carman		Kenny Lamb	TBD		Kenny Lamb	Pat Leonhart
Scripture Readers		Julie Leisinger		Amy Lockhart	Diann Curtis	Sue Buss	Eve Pautsch	Gene Leonhart
Acolytes	Bailey Nuss	Ethan Krabbenhoft & Bailey Nuss	Bailey Nuss	Kenny Lamb & Bailey Nuss	Bailey Nuss & Keaton Rothmeyer	Jarett Clayton & TBD	Grant Pautsch & Kenny Lamb	Jarett Clayton & Clayton Liddle
Multimedia		Abi Foelske		Leah Homeister	Jeff Bales	Roxane Franzen	Julie Leisinger	Abi Foelske
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
Sound System	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge
Prayers		TBD		Kenny Lamb			Kenny Lamb	Jarett Clayton
Altar Guild	Terrie Thurm, Lori Thurm, Michelle Steffe							
Usher/Greeters	Terry & Joyce Miller, Gene & Pat Leonhart, Blair & Sara Sanderson family							
Please find a replacement if you are unable to serve at the time you are scheduled. Your ministry is vital and we give thanks for your willingness to serve.								

From the Church Office

Check out the online church calendar. The link is on the opening page of our website - www.stpeterdenver.org. Under "Most Popular" click on calendar; you will be able to see the activities scheduled for the year. If you would like to add something to the calendar please contact the office.

Bulletin Deadline: Thursdays 10:00 am and the **Newsletter Deadline:** 4:30 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month.

AA/Alanon

AA/Alanon Step Class: Tuesday nights at 7 pm in lower level (second & fifth Tuesdays of the month)

Meeting: Tuesday nights at 7 pm in the lower level (first & fourth Tuesdays - round table format)

Open Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month. Anyone who has an interest in or questions about the disease of alcoholism or anyone who fears that a loved one may be dealing with alcoholism is welcome to attend the monthly open meeting.

Mission & Community



Pastor Dawn Pederson was installed on March 24 -welcome!



We were glad Pastor Dawn's family could join us for her installation.

Thank you

Steve and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warm welcome we have received. Your hospitality has been such a blessing! Gavin Carman let me know I might not have to cook for a week, maybe two. How wonderful to find your gifts of food in the refrigerator, freezer, and on the counter at the parsonage. We have been well fed! Thank you to the call committee, property committee, and council for all their faithful and hard work in helping to get us here. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us during this time of transition. We have been praying for all of you as well. We are getting settled into the parsonage and I am getting settled into my study at church; both are still works in progress. We look forward to the day when we can call each of you by name. We are so grateful to be here and for everything you have done and continue to do to make us feel welcome.

Steve and Pastor Dawn

Quilt Tying

The quilt tying is going strong and we have 181 quilts boxed thus far! Meeting again on Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, and Tuesdays, 9 am - Noon. In case of bad weather, use your own judgment—come when you can, leave when you must.

Spring LWR Ingathering

Join us Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 - 11:30 am, at St Peter Lutheran Church, Denver. Spring Ingathering schedule will be as follows: 8:00 Coffee, morning treats and fellowship. 9:00 Welcome; 9:05 Presentation on House of Hope, with Dusky Steele; 9:30 Devotions, 9:45 Music; 10:30 Cluster C, E and H small group time; 11:30 Lunch (free will donation) Everyone is welcome!

There is a sign-up on the office door to help with food and various tasks for this event, please check it out.

Sign Up to Bring Cookies

We have a link on our website that you can access to fill in a time slot that works for you <http://www.stpeterdenver.org/volunteer.html> or contact the office and let Roxane know. Thank you to all of the people that faithfully help out with this ministry!

If you have any questions about making/serving coffee -you may contact Jan Gienau 984-5851.

April 7 - 1) Layne Fober

2)

3)

Coffee maker- Pat Leonhart

April 14 - 1) Layne Fober

2) Renee McNroy

3) Renee McNroy

Coffee maker- Jackie Fober

April 21 - 1) Kelley Carman

2) Kelley Carman

3) Kelley Carman

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

April 28 - 1) Kim Austin

2) Kim Austin

3) Kim Austin

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau



Please check online or call the office for the latest updates to donations/volunteers.

Grief Support Group

The grief group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. All meetings are at 6:30 pm at St Paul Lutheran Church in Waverly. Led by Pastor Trachte; All are welcome.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1
Staci Mueller
Rachel & John Upshaw

2
Lyle Judas



3
Tyler Sawyer
Dean Brandt
Jill DeVries

4
Melissa Johnson

5
Roger Blankenship
Virgil & Shirley Buhr

6
Cayce Lanning
Wendy Mohlis
Jo Vandenberg

7
LaVonne Westendorf

8
Samantha Thornton

9
Julie Sawyer
Opal Miller

10
Jacob Lanning

11
Terrie Thurm

13
Cory Arians
Rachel Gielau
Brian Haase
Hannah Thies
Tyler Vauthier

14
Dawn Lau

15
Jeanette Coontz
Lydia Gleason

17
Jordan Wolter
Henry Pautsch
Miles Pautsch
Sydney Sanderson

18
Nicholas Mohlis
Alex Sharp
Lindsay Mujica

19
Dan Syhre
Eleanor Stumme

22
Neil Hartmann
Madisyn Leisinger
Nichole Thurm
Don & Donna Hulsing
Gary & Cheryl Sharp

23
Rowen Smith

24
Derek Franzen
Max Leonhart
Lindsay Seegers

25
Dalton Austin
Anna Everding
Noah Foelske
Jeff & Karen Schumacher

27
Garland Krabbenhoft

28
Sarah Diercks
Trudie Rothmeyer
Riley Schumacher
Alvin & Dorothy
Eggena

Mark & Jackie Fober

29
Andrew Diercks
Brian & Kathy Bartels
Butch & Dixie Milius

30
Mitchell Schumacher
Mylee Thurm

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary are not listed or listed incorrectly. Please notify the office with additions or corrections. Thank You

Community & Mission News

Wellness Screening

Wellness Screening, Tuesday, April 9, 6:30-8:00 am
in the lower level of St Peter.

The Wellness Screening includes:

23 test panel for \$20.00 (a 12 hour fast is recommended)
Cholesterol Screen for \$5.00

PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) for \$10.00

TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) for \$5.00

Complete Blood Count for \$5.00

AIC (Monitors glucose level for diabetes) for \$10.00

Free blood pressure check

Participants can drink water or take medications prior to the testing. The screening is hosted by St. Peter Church with Allen Hospital and is open to the public.



Noisy Offering

The noisy offering for March & April will be given to Denver Cares for the purchase of Easter Meals for families in our area.

Lenten Suppers

The confirmation students and families will be serving Lenten Suppers, before Holden Evening Prayer, from 5:15—6:15 pm.

A Huge Shout-Out

Thanks to Sue and Wayne Buss, Kelley Carmen and Marcia Ott for cleaning the parsonage on Saturday, March 2nd. Their hours of hard work getting the parsonage ready for Pastor Dawn and Steve are appreciated!

Blood Drive Volunteers Appreciation

Thank you Roger Donaldson and Harold Wentze for working at the community blood draw on Friday, February 1st and also thanks to Linda Schult for providing sweet treats for the drive!

Death Notice

Former member Norma Ruth Ackerman, passed away peacefully February 5, in Coupeville, Washington at the age of 84, after a long illness. Norma will be laid to rest at St Peter Cemetery next to her family.

Community & Mission News



Buck-a-Chick

The Board of Mission is currently involving all members of St. Peter in a special project during April. This is the month of Easter and the beginning of spring. It's a time to think of new life, a time of going from darkness into light.

We would like families to share an Easter blessing with those who are in need of financial assistance throughout the world. It's called "Buck-a-Chick"! Ten little chicks can make a BIG difference! Within a few months of birth, chicks begin laying eggs. Eggs make nutritious meals for growing children, and the extra eggs generate income to grow a small business.

Please look for the chick and the donation bags at the back of the church and near the church office. Thanks for making a difference by sharing God's love!

Helping Hands Clothes Closet

Located at 2029 Viking Ave. Sumner, provides free gently used clothes to lower income & homeless families and individuals and those affected by disaster. A ministry of St John, Sumner & St Peter, Oran. They offer women, men, and children clothing, shoes, coats, bedding & towels. Hours: Tuesdays 9-11 am, Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm, and the 1st Saturday of each month, 9-11 am. If you have any questions email or call Carolyn Mohlis, 319-279-3247 or Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com.

Fleece Blankets

Thanks to everyone who donated fleece blankets for the Veterans Home in Marshalltown. Also, thanks to Ryan Lockhart for making this special delivery. Many people will be feeling the warmth of the blankets and the warmth of God's love surrounding them because of your generous donations.



Recourses Available A reminder we have copies of *Christ in Our Home* on the table outside the office. Everyone is welcome to the quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a scripture reference and prayer for the day.

WELCA Board Meeting

Next meeting: Sunday, April 7 at 10:15 am

Gather Bible Study -Next Meetings:

Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 9, 1:00 pm

Serving Committee for April

Pat Bietz	Julie Brinkman	Dorothy Eggena
Jackie Fober	Sharon Foelske	Amy Gehrke
Rhonda Wilson	Julie Leisinger	Lois Miller
Eve Pautsch	Jill Thrasher	Jo Vandenberg
LaVonne Westendorf		

Womensfest

Everyone is invited to the Ecumenical Bible Study led by Pastor Craig Henderson on Tuesdays at Willow Winds Assisted Living, from 7:30-8:30am

His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Want list suggestions-instant potatoes, baking mixes, canned soup, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in February: 86 Households, 232 Individuals, 7,789 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357. **Thank you Staci for delivering our donations on 3-22-19, the total was 83 lbs!**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 1st Thursday, every other month at 1:00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 2. If you know of someone who is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please take one from the closet in the Friendship Room. Please make sure you fill out a form (located next to the newshaws).

Re-Do Cards Request

In need of donated Get Well Cards; the more intact the card is the easier it is for LaVonne to work with. Also any greeting card envelopes you have no use for would be appreciated. All proceeds go to Prayer Shawl at this time



Holy Week

Faith Formation

Sunday School

Sunday School follows worship at 10:10am.
Contact Todd Foelske with any questions
tfoelske@gmail.com or 319-987-2134.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 21

EWALU Summer Camp Brochures are Here!

Please pick up a pamphlet to check out the many opportunities for our youth. St Peter pays a portion of the camp. Kids and parents love Ewalu for tons of reasons. Camp is a great place to have lots of fun, try cool new things, make new friends, and grow in faith—all as a totally awesome adventure! Both kids and adults will love our highly trained and encouraging college-age counselors. A week in Christian community at Ewalu provides kids with a positive, safe, and life-changing faith experience. Allow your child to experience this fun way to develop their confidence and faith.

Brochures are located on the information table outside the office.



Adult Enrichment Day with Guest Tim Ager

April 11th 9:00-1:00

We're excited to welcome Tim Ager as our Adult Enrichment Day speaker this spring. Adults, come and spend the morning at Camp Ewalu and hear about Tim's exciting work at the geographic south pole. Enjoy a morning of coffee and fellowship at Ewalu's beautiful main site.

Come at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and rolls in the Creation Center chapel. Tim Ager will start his presentation shortly after. A free-will lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. in Cedar Lodge.

Spring Volunteer Work Weekend

May 3-5

You will join other volunteers, families, and church groups to help Ewalu get ready for the summer season. We hope you take time to explore camp in your free time, get to know some of the camp staff and other volunteers, and return home renewed and refreshed from your time in this special place in God's kingdom.

Easter Egg Hunt

All children are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 14 following worship.



Confirmation Class

Confirmation class meets Wednesdays for Lenten Services. at 6:30 pm.

The 8th Graders only will meet after Easter on April 24, May 1, 8, 15 in preparation for Affirmation of Baptism May 19.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,558 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2017. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health treatment.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI's Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2018, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 14,000 in-home visits to families.

LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect. You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you!

A Life-Changing Service

Amanda felt helpless when her children were removed from their home. She and her husband, Nathan, struggled with substance use, and they could no longer provide a safe environment for their children.

But with help from LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services, Amanda has overcome every obstacle to build a future she only dreamed possible. LSI connected Amanda and Nathan to parenting and sobriety resources in their community, and their LSI worker, Katie, helped them schedule regular visits with their children.

Knowing Katie was there to cheer them on, even on the bad days, the couple was determined to beat their addiction. It was time to turn their lives around and fight for their family.

Amanda and Nathan recently celebrated two years of sobriety, and all three of their children have returned home. Amanda now also collaborates with the Iowa child welfare system and organizations like LSI to support more families in need of the same care she received. "I'm grateful that Katie and LSI were a part of our lives. They weren't there to hinder, they were there to help," Amanda says. "I feel accomplished, and I feel really good about where my family is at in our lives. Now I'm just happy to help other families achieve their goals and realize they are not alone."

April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 am-3:00 pm Quilt Tying 6:30 pm Property Management meeting	2 7:30 am Womenfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilt Tying 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	3 5:15 —6:15 pm Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm Gather Bible Study	4 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	5	6
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14 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Easter Egg Hunt 10:10 am Sunday School	15	16 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	17	18 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday	19 Office closed NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 pm Good Friday Service	20
21 9:00 am Easter Worship with Noisy Offering	22	23 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	24 6:15 pm 8th Grade Confirmation	25 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	26	27
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2019 MINISTRY BOARDS

Ministry Boards are a vital part of the congregational system. Lay members are currently needed for each of these boards to function as intended. Please consider where you might share your gifts in these important ministries of the congregation. If you would like to know more about a board please contact The Congregational President. Thank you!

Church Council: Amy Lockhart, Eve Pautsch, Jim Jurgenson, Sue Buss, Gavin Carman, Todd Foelske, Gene Leonhart, Mary Stevens, LaVonne Westendorf

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