

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

April 2020

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Projecting Christ to All Generations

*“Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!” ELW 382*

This is the refrain to one of our beloved Easter hymns. We look forward to the day when we will join our voices as one, to sing it joyously again. I await that day with much hope, anticipation, and excitement. When that day comes, I see the now dark and empty sanctuary full and overflowing with light and all of you. I see the altar, lectern, and pulpit dressed in white. I hear the now silent sanctuary flooded with so much music the doors fly open because they cannot hold back the organ, trumpet, bells, and our voices all praising the Lord. I taste the goodness of God in the holy meal as we gather around our Lord’s table where our hunger and thirst will be satisfied again. I smell flowers, what kind I do not know, but there will be flowers. I feel joy and gratitude beyond comparison. We long for this day to come.

But, first, we need to get through this, whatever this is. This is frightening. This is confusing. This is shocking. This is surreal and so much more. The events of the first Maundy Thursday and Good Friday must have been frightening, confusing, shocking, surreal and so much more. But that was just a long weekend; we don’t know when this will end. Did they know it would end?

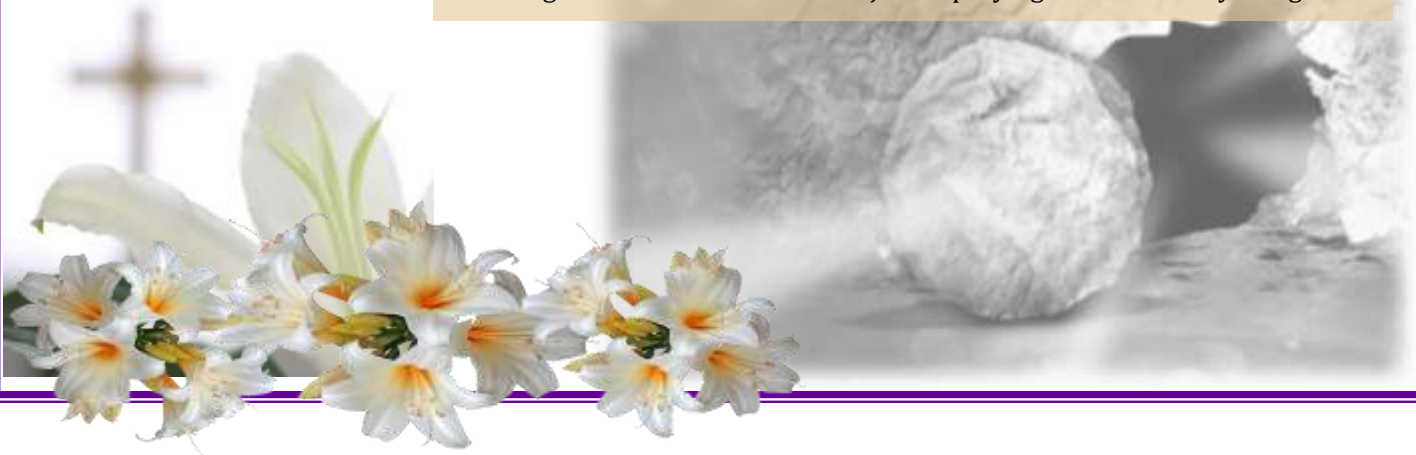
Even though our hearts ache that we won’t be worshiping together at St. Peter on Easter morning, nothing, Nothing, NOTHING can or will stop Easter from coming. Jesus told his disciples that he must undergo great suffering, be killed, and on the third day be raised. And, that is exactly what happened. This year our Easter celebration is stripped down to what is needed and that is Christ crucified and risen. I am reminded of the words from another Easter hymn. “Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings: ‘Christ has triumphed! He is living!’ Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife. ‘Christ has triumphed! He is living!’ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!” Jesus comes to us daily giving us life. He abides with us always stilling all strife. These truths encourage us today, tomorrow, and always.

Long before the current health crisis that keeps us apart began, I planned our Easter worship. Whenever these necessary restrictions are lifted, when we can once again come together for worship, I am ready. We look forward to that day. In the meantime, we trust and we hope in Jesus, the crucified and risen one.

Easter blessings to you all,
Pastor Dawn

The Bell and Chimes at St Peter

Listen for the chimes at St. Peter every night at 8 pm. This is both a call to prayer and a daily blessing. Pastor Dawn will ring the bell at 9 am on Sunday mornings as an invitation for all to join in praying the Lord’s Prayer together.



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

*** ONLY IF IT IS DECIDED TO RESUME WORSHIP AT THIS TIME**

	April 5 Sunday 9:00 am Closed	April 12 Sunday 9:00 am Closed	April 19 Sunday 9:00 am TBD	April 26 Sunday 9:00 am TBD
Communion Assistants	NA	NA	*Pat Leonhart	*Pat Leonhart
Scripture Readers	NA	NA	*Jackie Fober	*Gene Leonhart
Acolytes	NA	NA	TBD	TBD
Multimedia	NA	NA	TBD	*Will Lockhart
Organist	NA	NA	*Amy Lockhart	*Amy Lockhart
Sound System	NA	NA	*Roger Donaldson	*Steve DeVries
Altar Guild	*Shirley Thurm, Mary Thurm, Marilyn Mueller, Phyllis Plaster			
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

Newsletter Deadline: 4:00 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, May 7. 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 new shawls).

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.

***Meetings are suspended at St Peter for the time being.**

Assistance During the Pandemic

One day at a time is our new normal. As we continue to navigate through this pandemic there may be new needs that arise. St Peter is here as a resource for you. We may be able to meet the need, and if not, we will look for and share other possible resources with you. Please contact the church office or Pastor Dawn on her cell phone (641-529-6592) with questions or needs.

Mission & Community

Quilt Tying

The season for making quilts for Lutheran World Relief has come to an end. Thank you to all the ladies that contributed to the making of all 200 quilts! The Ingathering at St Timothy in April has been canceled. Our spring quilts will be added to the quilts that will be made later this year for the Fall Ingathering.

Dear Friends

Thank you for saying YES! Your generous gift of \$200 to Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity is a true testament to the care you have for your neighbors and community. Because of you and your generous gift, Habitat is on the path to say YES to more of the 8,500 families waiting for safe, affordable, clean housing. Your gift makes certain one more family can build a brighter and more stable future in a safe and healthy home. On behalf of our families, we thank you for your generosity and support.

Dear Members of St Peter

We are so thankful for your support of \$1,000 to Lutheran Services in Iowa! Because of your generosity, we are able to lift up hundreds of our most vulnerable neighbors across the state.

Your gift is supporting youth like Dianna. When she became overwhelmed with family stress at home, Dianna didn't know how to cope with her emotions. She began getting into fights with other kids at school and eventually found herself involved in juvenile courts.

Her father, Pedro, was worried about her and wanted to find a way to help his child. When he was referred to LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services, he hoped this could help Dianna turn her life around. After almost a year with their LSI worker, Miranda, Pedro says the service has been "a godsend" to his family.

Through regular visits from Miranda in their home, Dianna and Pedro are building skills to help Dianna communicate her feelings in a healthy way. With support and encouragement from Miranda, Dianna is learning to take time to cool down when she is angry or upset, and she is working on communicating her feelings before acting out. Dianna is thriving again at school and on the difficult days, she knows which teachers she can turn to for support and a space to cool off.

"Our whole family leaves BHIS sessions with a positive attitude," Pedro says. "It gives me some hope, and LSI gave us a direction and an idea of how to improve."

These stories of hope are only possible because of your support. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service.

With gratitude, *Jason Lee*

VP of Philanthropy and Church Relations.

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 5 – 1) No
2) Worship
3) Service

Coffee maker-

April 12 – 1) No
2) Worship
3) Service

Coffee maker-

April 19 – 1) **If we have worship**
2) Jan Gienau
3) Jan Gienau

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

April 26 – 1) TBD
2) TBD
3) TBD

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

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

Dear Friend of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank

On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the NEIA Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your contribution of \$200 to the NEIA Food Bank. Our mission is to provide nutritious food and grocery products to non profit organizations and individuals in Northeast Iowa, while offering hunger education programs to the community and those in need. Your donation helps our neighbors and friends. One in eight residents in our 16-county service area seeks assistance from a Food Bank agency each year. With Sincere Appreciation, *Barbara Prather*, Executive Director.

Suitcases

We will be collecting suitcases for Kaden's Kloset and Global Health Ministries this spring. The smaller suitcases can be used for Kaden's Kloset when a foster child is being moved, and the larger ones for Global Health Ministries to transport supplies. We will collect them in the second office next to the library. Thank you for your donations.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1
Staci Mueller
Rachel & John Upshaw

2
Lyle Judas

3
Tyler Sawyer
Jill DeVries

4
Melissa Johnson

5
Roger Blankenship
Virgil & Shirley Buhr

6
Cayce Lanning
Wendy Mohlis
Jo VanDeBerg

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
Harry Miller

18
Nicholas Mohlis
Lindsay Mujica

19
Eleanor Stumme

22
Neil Hartmann
Madisyn Leisinger
Nichole Thurm
Don & Donna Hulsing

23
Rowen Smith

24
Derek Franzen
Max Leonhart
Lindsay Seegers

25
Dalton Austin
Anna Everding
Noah Foelske
Jeff & Karen Schumacher

27
Garland Krabbenhoft

28
Trudie Rothmeyer
Riley Schumacher
Alvin & Dorothy
Eggena
Mark & Jackie Fober

29
Andrew Diercks
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

With Appreciation

Thanks to the Board of Mission for the delicious meals I received. I am really enjoying them. Thanks to Marcia for delivering them. *Opal*

Thank you to the Mission Board for the bag of goodies Linda brought to me. I will really enjoy them. It's such a warm feeling to belong to a church with such caring and sharing people. With love, *Mar*

Dear members of St. Peter,
Thank you for all of the prayers for our health the past couple years. It's been a journey Diane never thought would happen, and we are happy to be home. We have joined this church, and thank Pastor Dawn for her visits and communion. Thank you to the Shawl Ministry ladies for the beautiful prayer shawls. And thank you to the Mission Board for bringing us meals. We are grateful to all of you for your kindness, concern and prayers.

Sincerely, *Harry (Butch) & Diane Miller*

Noisy Offering

The March and April Noisy Offering will go towards the purchase of Easter Meals for Denver Cares.



St Peter Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your recent gift and for your continued partnership! Because of you, survivors have a place to call "home." They have been reunited with family, overcome addiction, cried healing tears, and found a lasting hope in Christ. Thank you for being a faithful part of her restoration journey. *Wings of Refuge*



Birth Announcement

Sheryl & Jim Moeller are pleased to announce their newest grandson, Landry James Schultz, born March 12, to Anna & Kellen and brother Nolan Schultz. Landry weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz and 18 ½" long.

Community & Mission News

Wellness Screening

Wellness Screening, Tuesday, April 14, 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
A1C (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.

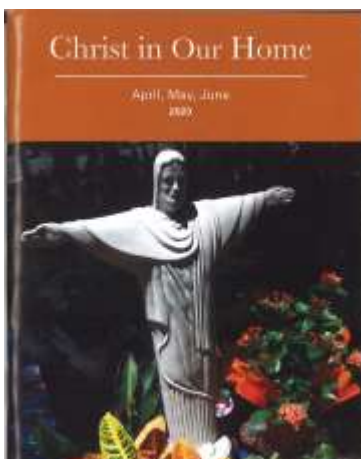
Helping Hands Clothes Closet

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, 9:00-11:00 am. If you have any questions email or call Carolyn Mohlis, 319-279-3247 or Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com.

We had 177 client visits during February and our volunteers gave 54 hours of their time. We have received some very nice donations of clothing, bedding and towels. Your donations are very much appreciated. We will be switching over to summer clothing now. Thank you to everyone for your time and donations, Carolyn.

Please note: the collection site here, at St Peter, has moved from Sunday school room #6, to the closet in the east corner of the Fellowship Hall.

Resources 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. Large print copies are available.

Please let the office know if you would like us to mail a copy of *Christ in Our Home* to you.

WELCA Board Meeting

Next WELCA Board meeting:
Sunday, May 3, at 10:15 am

Gather Bible Study -Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 12, at 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 VanDeBerg
LaVonne Westendorf		

Stewardship Notes

Again, a few words from Stewardship. We continue our efforts to increase environmental awareness and care – ‘environmental stewardship’. Last fall, we staged a ‘mini-clean-up’ event during Sunday School hour. Our most recent discussions included ideas for involving Sunday School participants in outdoor events, and possibly providing inexpensive water bottles to carry in lieu of store-bought bottled water. If you have attended Lenten suppers, perhaps you have noticed that we use ‘real’ dishes, with the youth and parents bonding over serving and washing, and make efforts to separate recyclables. We continue to promote ways to be less wasteful: using permanent water bottles, cloth bags for shopping (see Brenda, she has some nice ones to sell!), recycling (think about where you drop your coffee cup after worship), and even composting (guess where those coffee grounds go every Sunday!). There are a lot of individual decisions we can make that help a lot if many people do them. Ordinarily we have to drive, of course, but is interesting to note satellite photos of heavily populated/industrialized areas like northern Italy and parts of China which show much clearer air during the Corona Virus quarantining. So, even later, less driving will be better too.

P.S. Look for an environmental fun fact somewhere in this newsletter!

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for April—Soups, baking mixes, tuna, ketchup, salad dressings, mayonnaise. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in February: 110 Households, 342 Individuals, 8,668 lbs of food distributed. Questions -319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857. As always, we will take any thing to fill our shelves. We greatly appreciate your support!



Save the Date VBS will be held August 3-7, 2020

Host families are needed for EWALU counselors August 2 - 6. We are expecting a minimum of five counselors. Availability of a shower is more important than a bed.

Counselors will bring sleeping bags when beds aren't available. Housing within walking distance to the church is preferred because of transportation needs. If you have any questions or you would like to host counselors, please contact Pastor Dawn.

Sunday School

Sunday School follows worship at 10:15 am. Registration is available online www.stpeterdenver.org. Contact Todd Foelske with any questions tfoelske@gmail.com.

The restarting of classes to be determined.

Confirmation

Meets Wednesday Evenings; 8th Graders at 6:30 pm and 7th Graders at 7:45 pm
Contact Pastor Dawn with any questions (pastor@stpeterdenver.org or 641-529-6592)

The resuming of classes to be determined.

Caring for our Environment

The Stewardship board has reusable cloth bags that they are selling for cost, \$2.00; please see Brenda Wolter, Mary Stevens, or the office if you would like to purchase one.



EWALU 2020 Summer Camp

The brochures for summer camp are available on the table in front of the office. ***St Peter will offer Camp Scholarships again this year. (half the cost of camp up to \$250, after all discounts) Parents will need to contact the church office if they are interested in the scholarship.***

The programs are geared for youth in grades 1-12, as well as families and grandparents. Our camp activities are designed to strengthen campers' faith in God and lifelong connections with their home congregation. Due to its popularity, we are planning an extra Family Camp this summer during the weekend of July 10-12. We are also adding a brand new program, Grandparent Camp., for grandparents and grandchildren to experience camp together. This mid-week program is offered twice, June 17-19 and July 5-7. These two programs are not in the brochure, but you can find more information about them on our website. www.ewalu.org or 563-933-4700.

Womensfest

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

Mensfest

Everyone is invited to the Ecumenical Bible Study held on Thursdays, 7:00 am, at AllyCatz.

Note about the Church Calendar

You will notice the church calendar looks very different. Pastor Dawn has chosen two scripture readings for each day. Some are words of encouragement and hope, others give voice to our fears. Included in the gospel readings are stories of discipleship, healing, and resurrection. This is an opportunity for us to daily gather our families around God's word. And, we will become more familiar with our Bibles. If you live alone, perhaps you might call a friend or family member at a set time each day to share these scripture readings and a prayer over the phone. If you have children, encourage them to read scripture with your help. The Psalm readings could be responsive like they are in worship.

You might consider praying this modified version of Luther's Evening Blessing.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our dear son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: body, soul, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us so that no harm may come to us. Amen

April 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *Psalm 143:1, 7-11 Matthew 11:28-30	2 Proverbs 3:5-6 *Philippians 1:2-11	3 Psalm 36:5-7 *Philippians 1:27-30	4 *Lamentations 3:55-58 Romans 12:9-13
5 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11	6 Psalm 31:1-10, 14-16 Hebrews 13:6-8	7 *Psalm 71:1-3 Romans 1:8-12	8 Psalm 27:1, 4-5, 13-14 John 14:15-21	9 John 6:35-40 *John 13:1-17, 31b-35	10 Isaiah 52:13--53:12 *John 18:1--19:42	11 John 14:25-27 2 Thessalonians 3:16
12 HAPPY EASTER Psalm 118:14-17, 21-29 *John 20:1-18	13 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Matthew 28:1-10	14 Ephesians 1:2-14 Matthew 28:16-20	15 Ephesians 1:16-23 Matthew 14:22-33	16 Psalm 28:1-2, 6-9 Mark 5:21-24, 35-42	17 Psalm 111 Mark 16:1-8 Newsletter Deadline	18 Psalm 69:1-2, 13-17 Mark 4:35-41
19 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 1 Peter 1:3-9 *John 20:19-23	20 2 Corinthians 1:2-5 John 20:24-29	21 *1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 11:1-16 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	22 Tentatively Scheduled Psalm 104:1-5 John 11:17-27 6:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:45 pm 7th Grade Confirmation	23 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 11:28-37 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	24 *Isaiah 26:3-4 John 11:38-44	25 Isaiah 43:1-5a Luke 7:11-17
26 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School Romans 8:31-39 *Luke 24:13-35	27 Isaiah 41:10 & 13 Luke 24:36-48	28 Colossians 1:11-14 Luke 5:12-16 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	29 Tentatively Scheduled Philippians 4:6-7 Luke 8:22-25 6:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:45 pm 7th Grade Confirmation	30 Philippians 4:19-20 Luke 9:1-6 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	*a reading from "Christ in Our Home"	

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2020 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, Jim Jurgenson, Gavin Carman, Todd Foelske, Gene Leonhart, Mary Stevens, LaVonne Westendorf, Marcia Joerger, Kim Lamb

Executive Board: Jim Jurgenson, Gavin Carman, Amy Lockhart, Gene Leonhart

Property & Management: Neil Hartmann, Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Roxane Franzen, Jim Jurgenson

Parish Education: Todd Foelske, Jaime Leonhart, Mary Satterthwaite

Worship & Music: Sheila Mixdorf, Amy Lockhart, Jo VanDeBerg, Joyce Miller, Nancy Lamos, Sheryl Moeller

Mission: Sue Buss, Pat Leonhart, Shirley Thurm, Kelley Carman, Marcia Ott, Leah Homeister, Linda Schult, Kim Lamb

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