

St. Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

August 2016 Rev. Ron Mathews
Projecting Christ to All Generations



We were unable to love: unable to love God. Unable to love others. But God loved us anyway. Not with a flimsy, only-when-it's-convenient, once-in-a-while kind of love. But with a deep, all-of-the-time, for-all-of-time kind of love. A love that takes root and gives life. A love that fills us, changes us, flows from us into the world. And so we are able to love. Able to love God. Able to love others. We love because God first loved us

The Mission Trip team shared their Dallas, TX, service experience, with the congregation July 17. Working once again with YouthWorks, they were stationed in northern Dallas. Unlike previous mission trips that were more rural, this one was most definitely urban. The chaperones had to drive each day through city traffic to get to one of five work sites on the south side of Dallas. Though the traffic proved challenging the service projects were rewarding. A glimpse of the different service projects were: Providing activities & Bible camp for children in a housing complex; Preparing and serving meals in a soup kitchen for 280 homeless people, Picked up trash, Worked on restoring homes that had become dilapidated; Working with the organization Project Transformation to provide underprivileged children a VBS/School Day setting to work on language and social skills. The students also enjoyed YouthWorks' large group gatherings at the end of the day where the other mission trip students from CA & IL came together to share lessons, stories and songs. And when not doing service, they were able to take in a few Dallas attractions like Reunion Tower, a city park and the eateries~ In-N-Out Burger and Gas Monkey. All of the mission trip students experienced God's Love in Dallas, and want to thank the chaperones for giving of their time to join the students and Mike Brown, for his help in coordinating the last minute details. This opportunity was made possible by the generous support of the St Peter congregation- for which the team is most grateful and want to extend their heartfelt thank you!



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	August 7 Sunday 9 am	August 14 Sunday 9 am	August 21 Sunday 9 am	August 28 Sunday 9 am
Communion Assistants	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Scripture Readers	TBD	TBD	Joyce Miller	TBD
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Multimedia	TBD	Jack Mixdorf	TBD	TBD
Organist	Amy Lockhart	Sheila Mixdorf	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
Sound System	Larry Oltrogge	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Alton Midthus
Video	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Kari Anfinson, Staci Mueller, Anne Sickles			
Usher/Greeters	Sam & Peggy Smith & TBD			
<p>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.</p>				

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.

Next time you are at church, check out the beautiful new landscaping on the east and south side.



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 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.

Faith Formation



St Peter's own Miranda Fober, pictured with her brother Layne, is one of EWALU's camp counselors this summer.



Layne Fober & Sam Lockhart attended Night Camp, staying up all night, until 5:30 am, and sleeping during the day.



Will Lockhart, pictured above & left, attended Explorer camp, enjoyed hiking and spending time on the EWALU farm.

St Peter EWALU Campers

Pictured at left are some of our campers that enjoyed their time at EWALU. A reminder that St Peter offers camp scholarships to all of our students, and encourages anyone that is interested in attending camp, to avail themselves of it.



Mission Trip 2016



The Mission Trip crew in Dallas, TX. Pictured above: Lance Stout, Chadron Beem, Alex Place (chaperone), Allison Brown, Jenna Haase, Riley Schumacher, Annie Place, Britta Weston, Maty Ulrich, Natalie Fober, Johnathan Leisinger, Dalton Austin. Not pictured chaperones Mike Brown & Tina Stout.



Mission & Community

Thanks to your compassionate donation of \$270.77 (Noisy offering)

Mothers like Kelly and children like Michael are empowered to step through the flames and overcome their trauma. Kelly 38 weeks pregnant with her second child, awoke to the fire alarm, thankfully managed to escape with 3-yr-old Michael, stepping through flames; the apartment was destroyed. At the hospital she learned her baby would have to be delivered via C-section. While at the hospital, Kelly learned about Parent Pals, LSI's home visiting program that provides families with parenting resources. Kelly's severe postpartum depression was identified, and she was connected to therapy services. Kelly now refers to her LSI therapist as her "lifeline." When Michael became withdrawn, he was enrolled in LSI's play therapy program, where he eventually moved beyond the fear caused by the fire. Thank you for making a difference in your community. *Jason Lee VP*

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 April Ryan	19 Jordan Elsamiller Clifford Schimmels Colby Tucker Lilah Skaar
2 Ryan Pautsch Brooke Wolter James & Dorothea Jurgenson	20 Gary Anfinson Jaquelyn Gielau Marissa Leisinger Cole Wilson Brandon & Megan Smith
3 Jordan Nuss Tom & Mary Stevens	21 Sarah Beckel Susan Wille Paul & Stacie Beem Brent Steege
5 Ashlea Jurgenson Jalen Williams	23 Jackie Milius William Richards
6 Matthew Herman Hether & Derek Gustafson	25 Andres Elliott-Ott Travis & Jennifer Ackerman
7 Marjorie Degelau	26 Emily Gielau
8 Deidre Franzen Marilyn Mueller Jeffrey & Jill DeVries	29 Abbigail Austin Verna Harms David Krueger Jaime Leonhart Isaac Schimmels John & Tammy Maitland Norman & Carolee Oberheu
10 Gary & Carol Everding Ryan & Eve Pautsch William & Caryl Tjaden	30 LuAnn & Mark Emerson Elvira Hebell Gordon Mueller Karen Schumacher Wayne & Sue Buss
11 Susan Sawyer Ronald & Melodie Foelske	31 Terry & Joyce Miller Kurtis Smith
12 Dwight & Bev Dierks	
13 Sydney Elsamiller Tanner Vohsman Gunnar Wolfensperger	
14 Bruce & Lori Thurm	
16 McCoy McClravy Kevin Smith Megan Smith Dan & Gretchen Syhre	
17 Jeremy & Jennifer Clayton	
18 Ronald Krueger Randy Thurm	



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

Congregational News



Birth Announcement:

Mya Ann Benschoter was born on July 2. Her parents are Grant and Erica. Baby and mom are doing well.

Confirmation Mentors

As we prepare for the new school year confirmation program, we are looking for mentors. If you are interested please contact Pastor Ron.

High School Leaders

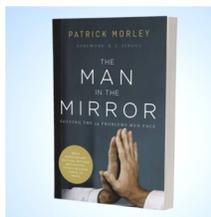
We are looking for volunteers that are interested in helping with our high school youth. Please contact the church if you are interested.

4th-6th Grade Fusion

If anyone is interested in in helping with our 4th-6th grade youth group, Fusion, please contact the church.

Council Minutes Highlights -No July meeting

"The Man in the Mirror"



Written by Patrick Morley. This book offers tools and reflections on solving 6 problems in a man's life through a lens of faith: Identity Problems, Relationship Problems, Money Problems, Time Problems, Temperament Problems, Integrity Problems. Thanks to a wonderful donor who has a heart for

strengthening the faith of men, we are blessed to be able to offer this book for free. The book is available on the information table.

Noisy Offering

The noisy offerings during July and August will be going to Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, in Waverly.

Reminder

The property & management, mission, evangelism, stewardship, worship & music, WELCA, mutual ministry board minutes, Pastoral highlights and Council minutes are posted in the Friendship Room for your perusal.

Mission & Community

Music in the Park

Sunday, August 14, at 7:00 pm. The Michael Reed band will be performing in City Park. St Peter Mission Board will be providing hot dogs, chips & beverage, for purchase, with profits going to Denver Sunset Home. The free concert is sponsored by the Denver Diplomats.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, September 1. If you know of someone who is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please take one from the pew in the Friendship Room. Please make sure you fill out a form (located in basket on pew).

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. August wish list: Condiments (ketchup, mustard, honey, mayo, pickles, etc.) Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. June totals: 70 Households, 4,834 lbs food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357. The pantry also reports they are in need of personal hygiene products such as shampoo, body wash, lotions, deodorant.

Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Please join us at the food bank to pack elderly nutrition boxes. You do not need to notifying the food bank; there are several groups there each week and we can just join in, **Next scheduled Saturday, is August 13, from 9-10:30 am.** Simply go to the volunteer entrance at the Food Bank, 160 Lafayette St, Any questions, call Joyce Miller 984-5021.

Denver Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market is now open on Thursdays. Located in the parking lot of Denver Construction, 241 S State St, Denver. The market will run from 4:00 to 6:00 pm every Thursday afternoon through the season. Items include: fresh produce, baked goods, craft items, fresh eggs, misc. Contact Peggy Smith for details 319-269-9305.

Back to School

Now is the time to take advantage of back to school sales to purchase the supplies needed for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Items needed: 70 sheet spiral notebooks, unsharpened pencils, ball point pens (not gel pens), 12" rulers (inches on one side and centimeters on the other), and small pencil sharpeners. School kits are especially needed by children living in refugee camps. If you'd rather not shop, cash and checks are very welcome, and will be used for the needed items and/or fabric to make the kit bags. Make out checks to St Peter WELCA with "LWR Kits" on the memo line.

Women of the ELCA

WELCA Board Meeting

Monday, August 8 @ 7:00 pm

WELCA Bible Study Leaders

Available in the Gather Magazine

Ruth Circle

Next Meeting: No meeting in August

Mary Circle

Next Meeting: date TBD, Work Day

Bible Study Leader: TBD

Hostess: TBD

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: No meeting in August

Serving Committee for August

Chairperson - Naomi Circle

Coffee - Mensfest

Barb Gielau	Jennifer Wirtjes	Jill DeVries
Roxanne Herman	Peggy Smith	Dawn Lau
Wanda Meier	Phyllis Plaster	Sharon Midthus
Marilyn Mueller	Brenda Wolter	Carolee Oberheu
Holli Oberheu	Gretchen Syhre	Heather Krabbenhoft



Retrieving Freedom

WELCA's summer outing this year was to the organization "Retrieving Freedom" outside of Waverly. The participants learned what goes into training service dogs for veterans and autistic children. Pictured above is Nate Mixdorf with service dog, Windsor, who is being placed with a Vietnam vet with PTSD and physical issues.

Celebrations & Ministries



Who: St Peter Congregation

Date: Sunday, August 14

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Place: Willow Run Country Club Pool, Denver

Meat will be provided, bring a dish to share & drinks.

Worship Celebrations

Backpack Blessing - August 28

All students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks or briefcases for a backpack blessing during worship on Sunday, August 28th.

Rally Sunday - September 11

Mark your calendars for Rally Sunday! Please join us downstairs after worship on September 11th for songs, crafts, games and treats!

Resource Available

Taking Faith Home is a lectionary based weekly devotional filled with little nuggets of daily prayers, mealtime prayer, reflections, and activities you can do with your family. Following the Four Keys: Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals - this weekly resource will provide you and your family meaningful reflection on biblical texts and our daily lives. It helps you bond with others on the journey of faith. It also helps you in the important task of talking about your Christian faith. This resource will be available on the information table every week for you to pick up.

Faith Formation

Sunday School Parents and Teachers

The countdown is on to the start of Sunday School. While it seems like just yesterday we were wrapping up our spring quarter and preparing for summer, it is now time to start looking ahead to fall and planning for a new and exciting Sunday School year!

Sunday School instruction will be provided for children aged three through 6th grade. We ask that families pre-register students for Sunday School, so we can ensure we order the correct amount of materials. Registration can be done online at <http://www.stpeterdenver.org/sunday-school.html> or at the church office.

We are also looking for volunteers to teach our youth! We would ask volunteers to sign up for a period of 8 Sundays (one "quarter"). Feel free to sign up for more than one quarter or more than one grade throughout the year! Curriculum is provided for you to follow along with, and does not require much preparation outside of Sunday mornings. Volunteering for Sunday School is a great way to get to know the youth of our church, and to further our congregational mission: "Projecting Christ to all Generations". Volunteers can sign-up online at <http://www.stpeterdenver.org/sunday-school.html>. Speaking of volunteers - we would love our older youth to join us as helping hands with our littlest learners! If you are in 7th grade on up, consider volunteering to help in this area! Email sunday-school@stpeterdenver.org to get more information or to sign up.

Sunday School Rally Day is scheduled for September 11th! We are looking forward to meeting with all of the children and volunteers and showing off our new curriculum - WHIRL! Please make plans to join us as we kick off our year together.

If you enjoy purchasing school supplies, Sunday School would love some new pens, poster board, Play-Doh, and washable stamp pads.

Thank you to everyone who shares in the faith formation of the youth at St. Peter. We are blessed to have such an active Sunday School program!
Amity Mathews and Eve Pautsch

Confirmation

Registration for 7th & 8th grade confirmation is now open. There will be a parent meeting Sunday, August 28 following worship.

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm Property & Management	2 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	3	4 7:00 am Mensfest 8:30 am Staff mtg. 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Family Worship	8 6:30 pm Financial Committee 7:00 pm WELCA Board	9 7:30 am Womenfest 6:30 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	10	11 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	12	13 9:00 am NEIA Food Bank
14 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Family Worship 11:30 am Pool Party	15	16 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	17	18 7:00 am Mensfest 8:30 am Staff mtg. 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Music & Worship	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 Denver Days Parade
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Family Summer Worship Service: we have a new worship service that engages the imagination of children. It is held on Sunday mornings at 10:15am to 11:00am in the lower level of the church. This service is focused intently on not just inviting children to participate but to engage children of all ages and involve them as we gather to worship our Lord. This is about offering a worship service with movement and symbolic actions that would be interesting to both children and adults alike.