

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## February 2019

Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Charis Combs-Lay

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have been so blessed to serve our Lord Jesus with you at St Peter Lutheran Church in Denver these last few months. You have been an immense blessing and inspiration to me this year. In the special congregational meeting yesterday, I was pleased to watch and listen as you together voted to bring Pastor Dawn Pederson to St. Peter. I know this is the way forward for you. So, my last Sunday will be February 17, 2019. I will be around for a few days after that Sunday, as I want to conclude the Study of the Life of Jesus with the confirmation class Wednesday, February 20, and clean out my office.

There have been many joyful moments here in the last year. I have a hard time picking my favorite moments, as there were so many. We have comforted each other in our griefs as we experienced losses in our families this year. We have reached out in kindness and love to those in the area who are sometimes considered the "least of these." We have celebrated the presence of Christ among us in Word and Sacrament. I've enjoyed the music at church, helping with Confirmation and VBS, working with the evangelism committee, the Bible Studies, leading the Easter services, and Holden Evening Prayer, and of course visitation. Thank you for sharing these blessed moments with me.

I've loved working with the amazing staff. Working with Roxane, the church council and committees, the Sunday School, the custodians and confirmation mentors has been a highlight of the year.

You will always be in my prayers. Please remember me and my family in yours.

In Christian Love,

*Pastor Charis Combs-Lay*



### Looking Ahead:

Ash Wednesday is March 6

We will be welcoming our new pastor, Rev. Dawn Pederson, on March 18, with her first service at St Peter being Sunday, March 24.

*lasting hope*  
Devotions for  
Lent 2019,  
available on the  
table outside  
the office



# Worship & Music Server

## Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	<b>February 3 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>February 10 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>February 17 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>February 24 Sunday 9:00 am</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Kim Lamb	Pat Leonhart	Kim Lamb	Pat Leonhart
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	Joyce Miller	Gene Leonhart	Julie Leisinger	Joyce Miller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kenny Lamb & Keaton Rothmeyer	Ethan Krabbenhoft & Klair Heim	Clayton Liddle & Carson Haase	Tyanna Teetzen & Mia Leonhart
<b>Multimedia</b>	Peyton Mueller	Abi Foelske	Peyton Mueller	Abi Foelske
<b>Organist</b>	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller
<b>Sound System</b>	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries
<b>Prayers</b>	Kenny Lamb	Grace Upshaw	Kasey Wirtjes	Bailey Nuss
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Thurm, Mary Thurm, Marilyn Muller, Phyllis Plaster			
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Joel & Joy Wolter, Gary & LaVonne Westendorf, Randy & Roxi Herman			

**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](http://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

## Souper Bowl

The Board of Mission will be collecting cans of soup or soup mixes prior to this year's Super Bowl in February. Please put your donation on the table outside the office. All the soup contributions will be given to the Waterloo Salvation Army.



## Team Jersey Sunday

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd, for the low price of a five dollar donation to the Salvation Army, you can wear any team logo shirt of your choice, from any sport (hockey, football, soccer, basketball, track) and from any high school, college, or professional team! Let's have fun, show our team spirit and continue our support of the Salvation Army ministries.

## Quilt Tying

The quilt tying is underway and we have 57 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.

## Bell Choir

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings 7:45-8:45 am.

If you've ever thought "is bell choir for me?? I'd suggest you give us a 'test drive'.

Jo VanDeBerg, Bell Choir Director 515-238-7483

## Winter Weather Policy

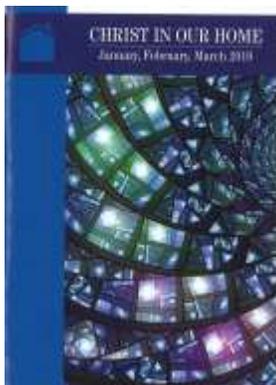
Please check our website [www.stpeterdenver.org](http://www.stpeterdenver.org), Facebook, and KWWL, in the event of inclement weather for the Cancellation of Worship and or Sunday School. We will attempt to have it posted by 7:30 am.

## Grief Support Group

The grief group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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.



## 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.

February 3 - 1) Jan Gienau  
2) Jan Gienau  
3) Jan Gienau

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

February 10 - 1) The  
2) Church  
3) will provide

Coffee maker- Donna Donaldson

February 17 - 1) Dave &  
2) Wendy  
3) Mohlis family

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

February 24 - 1) Kim  
2) Austin  
3) family

Coffee maker- Joyce Miller

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



## 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](mailto:Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com).

A note from the director: *2018 was another busy year at Helping Hands Clothing Closet with 1,981 client visits; an increase of 252 from 2017. In 2018 we have been able to work with the Red Cross to meet the clothing needs of victims of fires and with Bremer County Veterans Affairs to help some of our veterans. Our volunteers gave more than 580 hours of documented time to the Clothing Closet. We would like to thank our area churches for monetary donations, collecting clothing and towels for the Clothing Closet and everyone for donations of new or gently used clothing. Your help is greatly appreciated.*

## Coffee

We have a fresh supply of coffee available in the Friendship Room. Enjoy some java and support the LWR & Guatemalan coffee growers.

# February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Travis Ackerman  
Donna Hulsing  
David Stevens  
Dennis Thurm

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Bev Diercks  
Janice Miller

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Jennifer Wirtjes

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Tom Beckel  
Caryl Tjaden

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Dwight Diercks  
Marci Kemp

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Gavin Carman  
Jodie Koepke  
Michael Milius

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Pat Leonhart

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Jeff DeVries  
Zachary Kern  
Duane Schuldt

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Teresa Diercks  
Robert & Tammy  
Weston

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Amy Lockhart

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Marilyn Bergmann  
Angela Sadler  
Brody Sanderson

18  
Jessy & Janet Kern

19  
Jarett Clayton  
Miranda Fober  
Julie Gleason

20  
Kara Bartels  
Justin Elsamiller  
Joyce Miller

21  
Luther Hougen  
Cylee Liddle  
John Upshaw

23  
Abby Roethler

24  
Jeremy Clayton  
James Kurtt

25  
Livi Gesme  
Lisa Michels

26  
Rodney & Teresa Diercks  
David Vandenberg

27  
Greg & Kerry Thies

29  
Landry Thornton



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

## Offering Envelopes

We still have a few envelopes that need to be picked up. Please stop by the information table outside the office, to pick up your 2019 offering envelopes. If your envelopes are missing please let the office know. Thank you.

# Community & Mission News

## Tour House of Hope

Noisy offering collected during January and February will be donated to House of Hope. The Board of Mission is organizing a tour of House of Hope on February 19 at 1:00 pm, located at 845 West 4th St in Waterloo. We will have a short meeting with Dusky Steele, Development Coordinator, and a tour of the facility. Please **notify the church office if you plan to join us.** Those who want to carpool should meet at the church by 12:30 pm.



## Noisy Offering

Our Noisy Offering for January and February will be given to House of Hope in Waterloo. The House of Hope, formed by a coalition of Cedar Valley churches, works to address the homelessness of single mothers with children in their custody, providing individualized support and transitional housing to achieve secure families and permanent homes. Their programs include long-term housing, help with education and work placement, and child care.

## Annual Reports

Year end annual reports are available on the table outside the office.

## The Stewardship Board

We have been working the last few months on the budgetary responsibility of our board. As you are by now aware, we have focused heavily on promoting automatic giving as a way to develop a predictable and stable income for the church. We have celebrated this campaign with several Sundae Fundays. As we move into the new year, the Stewardship Board is looking at several possible areas of focus for other seasons of the year. While we often think of monetary pledging when we hear 'stewardship' we know that stewardship has a much broader meaning of 'taking care'. Raising income for the church 'takes care' of the physical church building and funds the many activities of the church. But the concept of stewardship can apply to the environment, health, property, social justice, etc. We plan to choose areas on which to focus in more detail for defined periods of time during the church year, working with other boards, particularly mission, to raise awareness and promote interest and action in chosen projects. Any suggestions in this regard are welcome!

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## Blankets

The Board of Mission will be collecting fleece blankets to be taken to the Veterans Home in Marshalltown. These blankets will be used by soldiers returning to the states from active duty. Many of these current military people will have lengthy and difficult recuperations while aging veterans also have a host of medical needs. A warm blanket from our congregation will be a special reminder of God's love and comfort surrounding them. If you would rather make a monetary contribution to this project, we will purchase blankets with your donations. Please place your gifts on the table outside the offices. Thanks!

## Work as Worship Retreat

For Christians who also happen to be business professionals, faith and work don't often intersect. The connection between faith and work is not obvious, but it is a God-given calling to make them connect. On February 22 you are invited to join thousands from around the world for a one-day livestream event—*The Work as Worship Retreat*—to hear from experts on connecting faith and work. *Pastor Brian King & the Work as Worship Team*

**What:** Live-Stream of RightNow Media's *Work as Worship Retreat*.

**Where:** Nazareth Lutheran Church, 7401 University Ave, Cedar Falls, IA.

**When:** Friday, February 22, from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

**To Register:** got to <https://events.rightnowmedia.org/attendee/site/283>

**Cost:** \$30 per registration –Breakfast, Snacks and Lunch will be served!



## WELCA Board Meeting

Sunday, February 10, at 10:15 am

## Gather Bible Study -Next Meetings:

Tuesday, February 5, 1:00 pm

Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 pm

## Serving Committee for February

Kari Anfinson	Char Conway	Audrey DeVries
Sherrri Elsamiller	Janet Kern	Dixie Milius
Janice Miller	Teresa Miller	Trudie Rothmeyer-
Mary Ryan	Samantha Thornton	Carol Thurm
Caryl Tjaden	Tammy Weston	Michelle Wolfensperger

## 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

## IF:Cedar Valley Team

For the past five years, we have served a variety of women from our community by hosting a livestream event in February called IF:Gathering. IF:Gathering is a prayerful, worship-filled gathering of women from many generations, places, and churches. It is a chance to hear scripture-based teaching from some of the most gifted Bible teachers. It is a time to connect with women in our churches and cities for real, shoot-me-straight, let-your-guard-down conversation. And it can be a fresh kickstart to a renewed year of spiritual growth. Join us February 8-9, at Naz Church in Cedar Falls, IA, all women 14 and older welcome. Register at <https://cedarvalleyiowa.iflocal.com>. Email with questions- [ifcedarvalley@gmail.com](mailto:ifcedarvalley@gmail.com)

## His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for February —Personal Care Products. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. December: 90 Households, 268 Individuals, 7,205 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 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 newshaws).

## Re-Do'd Cards

All proceeds go to Prayer Shawl Ministries at this time. Please check out the selection of all occasion cards on the rack outside the office.

# Faith Formation

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation class meets Wednesdays at 6:15 pm, in the lower level.

## Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults! We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org). -..Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

**Helping Kids Thrive** When Kari, a little girl they knew through church, was in need of a foster home, Stacie and Blake decided to step up.

The couple became licensed as foster and adoptive parents, and Stacie says it's been a rewarding experience ever since. With LSI Foster Care and Adoption in their corner, ready to provide support, guidance, or even just a listening ear, Stacie and Blake lift up children in their community through foster care. After caring for Kari as foster parents, the opportunity came to adopt her. Now 10, Kari is an amazing big sister. The family has fostered and adopted a son, 3-year-old Silas, and they recently welcomed their biological son, 1-year-old Jett, into the family.

Stacie and Blake continue to foster children in need of a safe and supportive home, and Stacie says they hope to adopt again in the future. "When you become a foster or adoptive parent, yes, you're helping children. But at the same time, you learn about yourself and you learn more about the world around you," Stacie says. "Foster care is an experience that is indescribable and life-changing."

## Denver MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers) group is launched a MOPS Collective, or bible study. The study is called *Fierce Love*, and explores the big emotions of motherhood. Coffee will be on by 8:15 am and the study will be from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 801 Prestien Drive (The Denver Baptist Church parsonage), and are open to any moms, with a special focus on moms with preschool and school age children. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Cara Sommerlot at [denveriamops@gmail.com](mailto:denveriamops@gmail.com) with any questions. For more information about MOPS, visit [www.mops.org](http://www.mops.org)



## 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.



## Sunday School

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

# February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

**Executive Board:** Jim Jurgenson, Eve Pautsch, Amy Lockhart, Gene Leonhart

**Property & Management:** Neil Hartmann, Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Dwight Diercks, Roxane Franzen, Gavin Carman, Jim Jurgenson

**Parish Education:** Todd Foelske, Jaime Leonhart, Mary Satterthwaite

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**Mission:** Sue Buss, Pat Leonhart, Bev Diercks, Shirley Thurm, Gretchen Syhre, Kelley Carman, Marcia Ott

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**Youth & Family:** Eve Pautsch, Krista Wahl, Connie Lobeck, Sarah Sanderson, Julie Brinkman

**Evangelism:** Staci Mueller, Art Kurtt, LaVonne Westendorf, Roger Donaldson

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