

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## February 2020

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Projecting Christ to All Generations



Already, we are a month into the new year and a new decade. If you are like most people, your schedules are quickly filling in or should I say filling up. Every month when I turn the page on my planner, I see more open spots than I do at the end of the month.

We all want to live full lives, but what is a full life? Our lives are full, but full of what? Busyness? Is a full life and a busy life the same thing? I don't think so. A busy life isn't always a full life, nor is a full life always a busy life. Busyness threatens to rob us of a full life. Do our schedules control us, or do we control our schedules? How often are our schedules influenced by competition, seeing what others are doing and thinking we too must keep up or we are somehow lacking or slacking? I've often heard it said, "I like to keep busy." If by busy we mean active or engaged, that's good. However, there is always the risk of pushing ourselves beyond active and engaged to hectic. When this happens, life becomes chaotic and we wonder if we are coming or going.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, to each is given 24 hours in a day. We all are given the same amount of time. We are stewards of the time we are given. How much do we give away to others and how much do we spend on ourselves? Do you struggle like me in finding a balance? I wonder, is our level of exhaustion one way to monitor busyness or fullness?

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, came that we might have life and have it abundantly. The Greek word abundantly also means "to the full." Jesus came to give us life to the full, not a full schedule, not a hectic life, but life to the full. We are given full life here and now and in eternity. Abundant life starts with God. When we attend to our relationship with God first rather than last, when we give priority to our relationship with God rather than give what's leftover, we will have abundant life.

With all of this in mind I have a couple of what I will call "full life opportunities" to share with you. We are planning a youth and family event for February 9. You are invited to join our children in making Valentines during the Sunday School hour and then delivering them to residents and staff at Sunset. Cross-generational ministry is an opportunity to build relationships and experience life to the full.

I am excited to also share with you that we are partnering with EWALU for Vacation Bible School this summer, the week of August 3-7. I can hardly wait! What a GREAT week we will have together! VBS is for students completing kindergarten through fifth grade. There will be opportunities for volunteers as well. VBS day camp will be from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 9:00 am – noon on Friday. This is another opportunity to build relationships and experience life to the full.

Your partner in ministry,  
*Pastor Dawn*

*Youth and Family Valentine  
Workshop, February 9  
during Sunday School*



# 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 2 Sunday 10:15 am</b>	<b>February 9 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>February 16 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>February 23 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>February 26 Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Pat Leonhart	Kim Lamb	Pat Leonhart	Kim Lamb	Kim Lamb
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	Youth Group	Grant Pautsch	Kara Bartels	Gene Leonhart	Joyce Miller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Keaton Rothmeyer & Abry Meyer	Kenny Lamb & Will Lockhart	Corbin Hill & Braven Beaumont	Carson Haase & Kenny Lamb	Kenny Lamb & Will Lockhart
<b>Multimedia</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Organist</b>	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart
<b>Sound System</b>	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson
<b>Confirmation Parent Volunteer</b>	Wed, Feb. 5 8th -Jaime Gienau 7th -Philip Michels	Wed, Feb. 12 8th -TBD 7th -TBD	Wed, Feb. 19 8th -TBD 7th -Kim Newby	NA	NA
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kari Anfinson, Staci Mueller, Anne Sickles				
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Joel & Joy Wolter, Gary & LaVonne Westendorf, Randy & Roxi Herman				
<b>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.</b>					

### 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:** 4:00 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month.

### 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 make the decision by 7:30 am; and to have it posted shortly thereafter.

### 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.

### Offering Envelopes

We have a few boxes of envelopes left to be picked up. Please stop by the information table outside the office to pick up your 2020 offering envelopes.

# Mission & Community



## 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 2 – 1) Souper Bowl  
2) of Caring  
3) Sunday

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

February 9 – 1) Wanda Meier  
2) Wendy Mohlis  
3) Wendy Mohlis

Coffee maker- Pat Leonhart

February 16 – 1) Terrie Thurm  
2) Terrie Thurm  
3) TBD

Coffee maker- TBD

February 23 – 1) Joe Teetzen  
2) Joe Teetzen  
3) Joe Teetzen

Coffee maker- TBD

Please check online or call the office for the latest

## Noisy Offering

The January and February Noisy Offering will go to Kaden's Klostet. This ministry to foster children and parents is named after a boy named Kaden. Kaden's Klostet supplies material items and necessities for families, sustains ongoing services for foster and adoptive families and equips people to engage in caring for children and families in need. Foster and adoptive families, children in care, teens, expectant mothers and local families in need are then invited to "shop" the closet, FREE of charge. Our noisy offering for January and February will assist foster children and families in the Cedar Valley. Kathy Porter from Kaden's Klostet at Trinity American Lutheran Church in Waterloo will share a temple talk in worship on February 9 and join us for fellowship after worship.

## 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 5.** 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).

## Dear St Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you for your generous donation of eight Prayer Shawls to our patient program. It's friends like you that enable us to provide special gifts to our patients throughout the year. Many thanks from the staff and volunteers at University of Iowa Health Care.

## Quilt Tying

Please join us for quilt tying in the lower level of the church on Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, and Tuesdays, 9 am - Noon. In case of bad weather, use your own judgment. We have 75 quilts boxed already!

*Last month's congregational appreciation Sunday was delicious. Thanks for the treats Steve and Pastor Dawn!*



# February Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Community & Mission News

2  
Travis Ackerman  
Donna Hulsing  
David Stevens  
Dennis Thurm

3  
Bev Diercks  
Janice Miller

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Jennifer Wirtjes

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Tom Beckel  
Caryl Tjaden

6  
Dwight Diercks  
Marci Kemp

8  
Gavin Carman  
Jodie Koepke  
Michael Milius

12  
Pat Leonhart

14  
Jeff DeVries  
Zachary Kern  
Duane Schuldt

15  
Teresa Diercks  
Robert & Tammy  
Weston

16  
Amy Lockhart

17  
Marilyn Bergmann  
Angela Sadler  
Brody Sanderson

18  
Jessy & Janet Kern

19  
Jarett Clayton  
Miranda Hoey  
Julie Gleason

20  
Kara Bartels  
Justin Elsamiller  
Joyce Miller

21  
Luther Hougen  
Cylee Liddle  
John Upshaw

23  
Abby Roethler

24  
Jeremy Clayton  
Livi Gesme  
James Kurtt

25  
Lisa Michels

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Rodney & Teresa Diercks  
David VanDeBerg

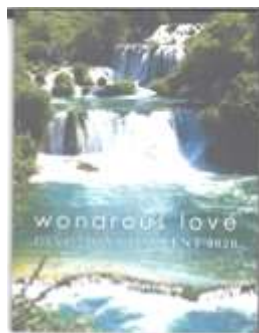
27  
Greg & Kerry Thies

28  
Mandy Gesme

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*



**Wondrous Love**  
We ordered a few extra copies of the Lenten Devotional - *Wondrous Love*. They will be on the table outside the office. Please pick one up, if you would like a devotional for this Lenten season.

## A Very Special Thank You

For the past two months my husband has been taking chemo at the Cancer Center on 4th St in Waterloo. I admit it is one office we wanted to stay away from but he has lung cancer and we are in good hands. They had a class for us, to familiarize us with procedures that would be taking place in the months to follow. When we left the office we were given a care package from your church; and let me tell you it was a wonderful, uplifting gift from some very special people. We so appreciated it and want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You truly are people who care. He's doing well and has had no bad side affects from chemo.

## Dear Members of Saint Peter

Last week I started my chemotherapy journey at Community Cancer Center in Waterloo. To say that I am fearful and anxious would be putting it mildly. When I finished my pre-infusion meeting the nurse practitioner gave me a bag she said was from St. Peter Lutheran Church in Denver. Knowing that someone cared enough to remember how hard this journey is brought tears to my eyes. When I got home I sat down to discover what fun was in the bag. It was full of thoughtful items that I would need over the next few months. Your ministry is truly appreciated - for the usable items each bag contains, but mostly for the love and caring each bag brings to hurting people. And I thank you for the boost you gave my spirit that day. I needed it.

## Conference Gathering

The Tree of Life Conference will gather with the Jubilee Conference on Sunday, February 16 from 2-4 pm at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls for a joint conference gathering. This will be an opportunity to hear about the process for electing a new bishop in the Northeastern Iowa Synod. The synod has developed a synod profile just as congregations do when preparing to call a new pastor. There is the opportunity for two female and two male delegates from St. Peter to attend the gathering with Pastor Dawn. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Dawn know. In case of inclement weather, we will gather the following Sunday, February 23, same time and place.



# Community & Mission News



## Souper Bowl of Caring

Soup, bread, and bars will be served after worship on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. There will be a free-will offering to help support youth ministries. If you would like to bring soup or bars please sign up at church (signup sheets are on the table outside of the offices) or on the sign up genius online.

**Attention -Program Changes:** Sunday, February 2, We will have Sunday School at 9:00 am, and **Worship at 10:15 am**, with Soup following worship for the congregation.

## It's SOUPer Bowl Season!!

Please share canned soups or soup mixes with those in need throughout January and February. Items will be collected in the green tin outside Pastor Dawn's office. Soups will be donated to the Salvation Army in Waterloo.



We will also be collecting money for the Salvation Army in a fun way to celebrate SOUPer Bowl Sunday on February 2nd. For a five dollar donation, you can wear your favorite high school, college, or pro team shirt. Let's see who people cheer for on game days, and let's cheer for the money raised to help those in need through our gifts to the Salvation Army!

## Fleece Blankets for Veterans

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!

## His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for February —canned goods. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in December: 123 Households, 359 Individuals, 11,924 lbs of food distributed. Questions -319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857. As always, we will take anything to fill our shelves. We greatly appreciate your support! **Staci delivered 67.3# of donations from St Peter. The Pantry reported that they served 50 families in two days alone in January.**

## WELCA Board Meeting

Next WELCA Board meeting:  
Sunday, March 8, at 10:15 am

## Gather Bible Study -Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 4, at 1:00 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

## Helping Hands Clothing Closet Yearly Update

Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 1932 client visits in 2019. Clients are coming to the Clothing Closet from all over Bremer County, surrounding counties and actually all over northeast Iowa. Some clients come from 70 miles away to the Clothing Closet for help with their clothing, shoes and bedding needs. Our volunteers gave 636 hours of their time to sort and display our donations and help our clients. We cannot thank them enough for giving of their time. We have a group coming from Imagine the Possibilities to volunteer each month.

All donations of clothing, shoes, bedding and towels are very much appreciated and we thank you. Also several area churches, schools, individuals and groups have made monetary donations, held underwear and sock drives, given us quilts and coats, hats and mittens. Thank you for your support of our mission to provide clothing for those in need. Again this year we have worked with the Red Cross to help those affected by fires or other disasters. We have also had the pleasure of helping some of our veterans and working with Friends of the Family. Helping Hands Clothing Closet is available to help with anyone's emergency needs.

Helping Hands Clothing Closet opened in August, 2010 and served 25 people that first month. We recently had a month with 270 client visits. Each year our client visits and the area we serve have increased. We continue to have the most dedicated and wonderful volunteers and we cannot thank them enough for giving of their time. Helping Hands Clothing Closet could not exist without your support with donations of clothing, shoes, boots, towels and bedding. The monetary donations make it possible to provide new underwear and socks to our clients plus help with ongoing expenses of heat and electricity. Thank you and Happy New Year!!!

*A big thank you to Nancy Lamos, LaVonne Westendorf, Shirley Thurm for making sure our last car load of donations were delivered!*

# Faith Formation

## Sunday School

Sunday School follows worship at 10:15 am.  
Registration is available online [www.stpeterdenver.org](http://www.stpeterdenver.org).  
Contact Todd Foelske with any questions  
[tfoelske@gmail.com](mailto:tfoelske@gmail.com).  
**Save the Date:** VBS will be held August 3-7, 2020

## Confirmation

Classes meet on Wednesdays.  
8th Grade is at 6:30 pm  
7th Grade is at 7:45 pm  
Contact Pastor Dawn with any questions  
([pastor@stpeterdenver.org](mailto:pastor@stpeterdenver.org) or 641-529-6592)

## 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.

## Caring for our Environment

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



## EWALU 2020 Summer Camp

The brochures for summer camp are available on the  
table in front of the office.  
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](http://www.ewalu.org) or 563-933-4700.

*Members of St Peter Pack the Dome:  
Pastor Dawn, Pat Leonhart, Amy, Sam &  
William Lockhart, Jordan Nuss, Braven  
Beaumont, Kenny Lamb, Lily Schliske, and  
Kiara & Libby Michels participated in the MLK  
Day of Service at the UNI Dome.*



# February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> <b>Souper Bowl of Carling Sunday</b> *9:00 am Sunday School **10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Soup Luncheon	<b>3</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm Quilt Tying 6:30 pm Property Management meeting	<b>4</b> 7:30 am Womenfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilt Tying 1:00 pm Gather Bible Study 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:45 pm 7th Grade Confirmation	<b>6</b> 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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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

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