

St. Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

July 2016 Rev. Ron Mathews
Projecting Christ to All Generations



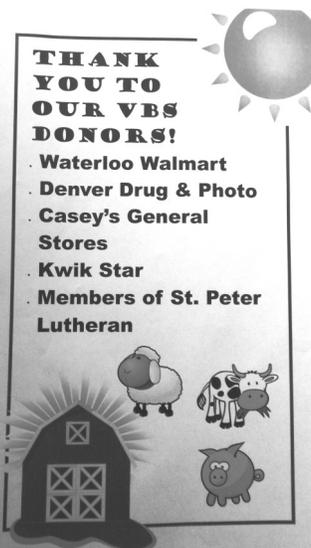
Gather 'round! Another farm-tastic year of Vacation Bible School has come to a close! This year at St. Peter's VBS, children and volunteers had the opportunity to learn all about how "Jesus Gathers Us Together" by caring for us, providing for us, forgiving us, and being our Savior! It was good to be reminded that no matter what we do, Jesus still desires to gather us into his flock, and care for us as our Good Shepherd.

This year, our VBS program was blessed with the presence of about 125 children, over 60 volunteers, and many wonderful donors. THANK YOU to all of you who were a part of putting on this fantastic program! We wouldn't have such a successful VBS program without the help from our whole church community. Vacation Bible School is a great place to see our church's mission statement, "Projecting Christ to All Generations", in action! We have volunteers of all ages pairing up with children aged 3 through completion of 5th grade. Both groups have so much to learn and experience from each other! It is a joy to watch the children grow in their faith as they experience Jesus' love in a new way, and equally as exciting to watch our volunteers as they share their lives with our youth.

As we discussed how Jesus cares for us and loves us, we also reminded the children of the importance of giving back to God as a way of saying "thank you" for all of our blessings. One way we practiced this during VBS was to collect a financial offering to support the ELCA's "Good Gifts" initiative. If you are unfamiliar with the "Good Gifts" program, it allows individuals or groups to sponsor the purchase of a farm animal (and more great things!) for a family in need in another part of the world. These farm animals become a source of income, food, clothing – and more! – for these families. Our VBS crew was challenged to collect \$175, which is the "cost" of an alpaca, and if they met their challenge, Pastor Ron would kiss a llama from Rector Llamas. Well, everyone rose to the challenge and blew right past it! We collected over \$493! WOW! Thank you to everyone who donated for teaching your children the importance of sharing your blessings.

Thanks again for partnering with us for a week filled with crafts, games, friendship, food, music, acting, the Bible, Jesus, and FUN!

"My cup overflows with Your blessings" – Psalm 23:5



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

| | July 3 Sunday 9 am | July 10 Sunday 9 am | July 17 Sunday 9 am | July 24 Sunday 9 am | July 31 Sunday 9 am |
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| Communion Assistants | Sue Buss | TBD | TBD | TBD | Kim Lamb |
| Scripture Readers | Sue Buss | Joyce Miller | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Acolytes | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Multimedia | Jack Mixdorf | TBD | TBD | Jack Mixdorf | TBD |
| Organist | Sheila Mixdorf | Amy Lockhart | Sheryl Moeller | Sheila Mixdorf | Amy Lockhart |
| Sound System | Alton Midthus | Larry Oltrogge | Harold Went | Steve DeVries | Alton Midthus |
| Video | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Altar Guild | Gretchen Syhre, Wendy Mohlis, Linda Krueger | | | | |
| Usher/Greeters | Chuck & Trudy Essmann, Vera Collins, Bruce & Lori Thurm family | | | | |
| <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.

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.

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.

Video Recording

We are looking for volunteers to tape our St Peter worship services. If you are interested in this ministry of the church, please contact the office for further information.

Faith Formation



This service is about engaging children of all ages and involving them as we gather to worship our Lord together as families.

THIS WILL NOT BE A QUIET SERVICE!

There will be a lot of noise, a lot of movement, and a whole lot of praising our Lord.

THIS IS WORSHIP!

This is NOT "children's church." This is worship for the entire family, for people of all ages.

10:15AM

Service held in lower level

"Parents are the primary faith teachers, mentors and role models for their children with the church as a reinforcement - not replacement - of the parent's duties." Dr. Melheim, Faith Ink.

Visit our website to learn more about this new worship opportunity here at St. Peter!

www.StPeterDenver.org

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.

Mission & Community

Alzheimer Quilt

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions!

Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community (BLRC) has joined the efforts and formed TEAM BARTELS to participate in the Walk To End Alzheimer's on September 24 in Waterloo.

A quilt, made by Barb Wagner and quilted by Holly Fokkena of Prairie Rose Fabrics in Clarksville, has been donated and will be given to the highest bidder by silent auction bids. The quilt will be on display at St. Peter's on Sunday, July 17.

Those interested in submitting a bid may do so at that time. All proceeds will be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

TEAM BARTELS thanks St. Peter's for allowing the quilt to be displayed. We appreciate your continued support of Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community and ask for your prayers for those individuals and their families who suffer from Alzheimer's disease.

Noisy Offering

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

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. July wish list: Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, tissue, aluminum foil, baggies, etc.) Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. May totals: 73 Households, 3,994 lbs food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357. **St Peter's last donations totaled 81.5 lbs.**

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 July 16, 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.

Lutheran Services in Iowa

(LSI) is blessed to have been able to share our mission with you on Sunday, June 19. Thank you for your hospitality. We hope our message gave you a better understanding of the role LSI plays in bringing critical human services to Iowa's children, families and individuals, done in partnership with you, your church and the three Iowa Synods of the ELCA. If you would like more detail about LSI and the services it offers, please contact LSI's Director of Church Relations, Deb Whitford at 563-676-2065 or deborah.whitford@lsiowa.org.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Susan Buss Noah Isaacson David Mohlis Jeff Williams Charles & Sue Flory | 17 Tanya Haase |
| 2 Adalyn Gleason Ryan Lockhart A.J. Tegtmeier Neal & Tonia Thurm | 18 Chase Shedenhelm |
| 5 Richard Gehrke Fritz Tegtmeier | 19 Chase Ackerman Logan Meyer Phyllis Plaster Kristina Smith Gretchen Syhre |
| 6 Barb Gielau Michael Gienau | 20 Dancia Brinkman Ronn Elsamiller Madison Greenley |
| 7 Jenna Haase Norman Oberheu Mike & Teresa Isaacson Scott & Trudie Rothmeyer | 21 Isabelle Foelske |
| 8 Amy & Ryan Lockhart Paul & Wanda Meier Morgan Roethler | 22 Karla Anderson |
| 9 Rick Robinson | 24 Eric Foelske Sam & Peggy Smith Dylan Sickles |
| 11 Mark & Holli Oberheu | 25 Derek Gustafson |
| 12 Brent Smith | 26 Thomas Stevens Mark & Marilyn Huber |
| 14 Leonta Elsamiller Isabel Gleason Allen Hennings | 27 Roxann Brown Avery Mathews |
| 15 Parker Mueller Kayla Tucker | 28 Kevin Everding Thomas Flory Karen Henniges Robert & Janice Gienau Griffin Tucker |
| 16 DeWayne Fasse Judy Gleason Sydney Krabbenhoft William Tjaden Pastor Ron & Amity Mathews Steve & Carol Moon Dorothy Silber | 29 Blair & Sarah Sanderson |
| | 30 Rollis Jensen Mark Oberheu |
| | 31 William Lockhart |

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

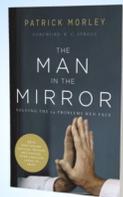
Congregational News

June Council Minutes Highlights

- Motion by Steve to ask Thrivent for \$1500 to cover Mission Trip shortage, whatever is not covered by Thrivent will come out of Youth Ministry Program, seconded by Jack, all approved.
 - Motion by Jack to start Vanco Online Giving and pull monthly fee out of Stewardship Event Fund seconded by Eve, all approved.
 - Anna has resigned as Youth Director, Doug will contact Anna for an Exit Interview.
 - Continued reviewing By-Law changes.
- For the complete minutes see the bulletin board in the Friendship Room.*

Youth Director

We would like to inform the congregation of Anna Johnson's resignation. She has chosen to step down from her position on staff here at St. Peter in order to spend needed time with her family. While we will miss her leadership with our youth, we also celebrate with her and Paul this new addition to their family.



"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.



Nuptials

Congratulations to Christen Pink (former Wartburg Student & St Peter Sunday School Music Director) on her marriage to Alex Nicoll. Their wedding was held June 18, in Waverly.



Baptism

Pictured at left is Kaden Rader, son of Colton & Amber (Kern) Rader, who was baptized June 19 at St Peter.

Mission & Community

Women of the ELCA



EWALU Counselors

The Board of Mission will be delivering care packages to counselors at EWALU this summer. *Miranda Foer, a St. Peter Wartburg student, will be working at camp again this summer.* It's a small

gesture of thanks for the special ministry they do with youngsters throughout June and July. The positive impact they have on kids can make a big difference in the kids' lives. If you could donate any of the items, it would be appreciated: Bags of candy, Beverages, Chips, Crackers, Packaged cookies, Dried Fruit, Granola bars, etc. Items can be placed in the green tin outside the offices. Thanks!



Thank you to everyone that helped with the picnic in the park on June 5.

Financial Committee Report

We feel it is appropriate at this point to update the Congregation of our current finances. At the end of May St Peter is through 41% of the approved budget year and we have spent 39% of that budget. The issue we want to make you aware of is that our General Fund cash balance has decreased by \$17, 145 from the start of the year. This means that giving is not keeping up with approved spending. The good news is St Peter started the budget year with a positive cash balance so our General Fund cash balance at the end of May was \$51,123. We are NOT out of money, but this is a trend that everyone needs to be aware of. We will continue to provide updates similar to this on a quarterly basis in the bulletin and newsletter. If you have more specific questions please ask one of the members of the Finance Committee (Steve DeVries, Jack Mixdorf, Jim Moeller, Paul Meier, & Dwight Diercks, Pastor Ron-non voting member), or a Church Council member. Thank you for your continued support of St Peter Church.

Free Screenings

When was the last time you had a pap smear AND/OR Mammogram? If you are 40-64 yrs old you might qualify to get services FREE. If you have no insurance or insurance deductible or co-pay is more than you can afford you may be eligible. We service Butler, Floyd, Bremer, and Franklin counties. Please contact Patty Nordmeyer at Butler Co. Public Health, 319-267-2934.

WELCA Board Meeting

No Board meeting in July

WELCA Bible Study Leaders

Available in the Gather Magazine

Ruth Circle

Next Meeting: No meeting in July

Mary Circle

Next Meeting: July 6 @1:30 pm, Work Day

Bible Study Leader: TBD

Hostess: TBD

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: No meeting in July

Serving Committee for July Chairperson - Naomi Circle

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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Kara Bartels | Esther Canfield | Nancy Dryer |
| Leonta Elsamiller | Lynn Gielau | Carrie Gleason |
| Julie Gleason | Tamara Hougen | Tricia Kurtz |
| Carol Liddle | Staci Mueller | Karen Place |
| Mary Satterthwaite | Jane Teetzen | Michelle Steffe |
| Kelley Carman | | |

Summer Excursion

WELCA is sponsoring a summer outing July 23rd at 1:00 pm. We will be visiting "Retrieving Freedom" on Hwy 3 , west, just outside Waverly approximately 2 miles on the left side of the highway. This business trains service dogs. Any and all are invited, including men and children. You may meet the group at this business or you may come to church at 12pm and car pool. We will stop at "Duos" (across from Wartburg College) for ice cream and or coffee following our visit to the training center. Any questions please call Joyce Miller at 984-5021 or the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, July 7. 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).

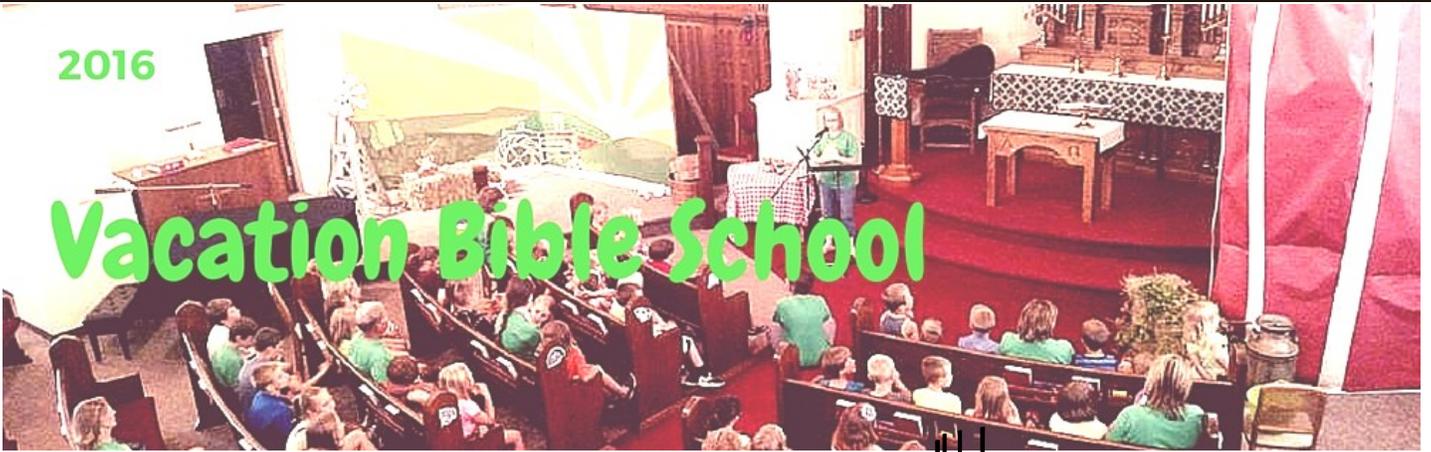
Cedar Valley Hospice

Eucalyptus Tree, a program of Cedar Valley Hospice, is hosting its third day camp for children who are grieving, Tuesday, July 26 from 10:00 am-3:30 pm at the UAW Hall in Waterloo. This year's theme is "A Day at the Beach." Camp is free and intended for any children ages 6-12 grieving the death of a loved one. There will also be an adult discussion group in the afternoon. To register, call Kassidi Braby at 319-272-2002. Camp is limited to 40 campers and the deadline to register is Friday, July 8. All campers receive free lunch and t-shirt. Visit www.cvhospice.org for more info.

Celebrations & Ministries

2016

Vacation Bible School



Thank you to all that make this ministry possible!



Summer Food Rocks!

Find Sites Serving Summer Meals



Start Date: June 6, 2016 **End Date:** July 29, 2016 **Times:** Lunch Served at: 11:30 am

Daily (optional) enrichment activities 12:15pm-1:30pm (Monday-Friday; no 4th of July meal)

Location: Southeast Elementary School 809 4th Street SE, Waverly

Contact: Jill Krall 352-2582 (United Way) Karen Showalter 235-0507

(Northeast Iowa Food Bank)

The first step in our new landscaping has begun, thanks to Neil, Dwight, and Jack.



Pictured above are the St Peter HS seniors and the beautiful quilts they were presented with, and the quilters who made them. Thank you for this ministry!

July 2016



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Family Worship | 4 Independence Day Office Closed | 5 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon | 6 1:30 pm Mary Circle | 7 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl | 8 HS Mission Trip | 9 HS Mission Trip |
| 10 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Family Worship | 11 6:30 pm Financial Committee 6:30 pm Property & Management | 12 7:30 am Womenfest 6:30 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon | 13 6:30 pm Worship & Music | 14 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline | 15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 16 9:00 am NEIA Food Bank |
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| 24 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Family Worship | 25 10:00 am Bingo @ Denver Sunset Home | 26 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon | 27 | 28 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline | 29 | 30 |
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And they are off....the Mission Trip crew departed St Peter's parking lot on Saturday morning June 25. Destination Dallas, TX. Godspeed to all and we will follow up with more information in the August Newsletter. *Pictured above: front row: Annie Place, Jenna Haase, Natalie Fober, Britta Weston. Back row: Alex Place (chaperone), Allison Brown, Maty Ulrich, Johnathan Leisinger, Riley Schumacher, Lance Stout, Chadron Beem, Tina Stout (chaperone), Dalton Austin, Mike Brown (chaperone)*