

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## July 2017

Projecting Christ to All Generations

I came that  
they may have

*life*  
and have it  
*abundantly*

John 10:10



Mission Trip Participants  
Front row: *Emma Larson, Riley Schumacher, Jenna Haase, Annie Place, Ali Maitland.*

Back row: *Dalton Austin, Sam Lockhart, Alex Place, Jacob DeVries, Johnathan Leisinger.*

St Peter sent nine students and three chaperones to the mission fields of New Orleans, June 10-17, 2017. With much of the recovery work completed after Hurricane Katrina, YouthWorks turned their attention to caring for the people of the city. With the desire to help bring hope and restoration to everyday lives and meet real needs expressed by their friends in the community. The students were divided into three work groups:

\*ARC –this group helped seniors & adults with disabilities, with tasks like recycling and organizing Mardi Gras beads.

\*Our School 9th Grocery-here our students helped in the community gardens that were developed after Hurricane Katrina hit the Lower 9th ward. The vacant lots were turned into gardens to provide fresh food and jobs for local students.

\*YMCA– at this site they helped with summer camp for local children. They worked with the children and helped clean the facilities.

Along with the mission work, the St Peter crew made new friends, explored the New Orleans area, trying local fare like crawfish, beignets, and checked out the Gulf of Mexico.

On their return the Mission Trip group shared their experiences of stepping out of their comfort zones, conquering fears and growing in their faith. A special thank you goes to Alex Place, Jamin & Amy Wass, for taking the time out of their lives to invest in our St Peter youth. And thank you to the congregation for making the trip possible!



# Worship & Music Server

**Saturday worship - 5:30 pm**

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

|                                 | <b>July 1<br/>Saturday<br/>5:30 pm</b>                         | <b>July 8<br/>Saturday<br/>5:30 pm</b> | <b>July 15<br/>Saturday<br/>5:30 pm</b> | <b>July 22<br/>Saturday<br/>5:30 pm</b> | <b>July 29<br/>Saturday<br/>5:30 pm</b> | <b>July 30<br/>Sunday<br/>9:00 am</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Pulpit supply<br/>Pastor</b> | Paul Nelson  | Michael Sherer                         | Dan Mixdorf                             | Dan Mixdorf                             | Michael Sherer                          | Curt Schneider                        |
| <b>Communion<br/>Assistants</b> | Nancy Lamos  | Kim Lamb                               | TBD                                     | Kim Lamb                                | TBD                                     | TBD                                   |
| <b>Scripture<br/>Readers</b>    | Dori Jurgenson   | Joyce Miller                           | Julie Leisinger                         | TBD                                     | Monte Nuehring                          | Jim Moeller                           |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                 | Hunter Ackerman & Brooke DeVries                               | Mitchell DeVries & Abbi Austin         | Conner Vauthier & Jacob Lyons           | Layne Fober & Emma Haase                | Tessa Joerger & Alex Krabbenhoft        | Cylee Liddle & Brooks Meyer           |
| <b>Multimedia</b>               | Johnathan Leisinger  | Leah Homeister                         | Jeff Bales                              | Jack Mixdorf                            | Johnathan Leisinger                     | Jeff Bales                            |
| <b>Organist</b>                 | Sheryl Moeller   | Amy Lockhart                           | Amy Lockhart                            | Sheila Mixdorf                          | Amy Lockhart                            | Sheryl Moeller                        |
| <b>Sound<br/>System</b>         | Roger Donaldson  | Steve DeVries                          | Larry Oltrogge                          | Alton Midthus                           | Roger Donaldson                         | Harold Wentz                          |
| <b>Video</b>                    | Dwight Diercks   | Roger Thurm                            | Dwight Diercks                          | Roger Thurm                             | Dwight Diercks                          | Roger Thurm                           |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>              | Terrie Thurm, Lori Thurm, Michelle Steffe                      |  |   |   |   |                                       |
| <b>Usher/Greeters</b>           | Chuck & Trudy Essmann, Vera Collins, Bruce & Lori Thurm 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](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.



**VBS**  
July 28  
8:30 am—  
3:30 pm  
At Camp  
Ingawanis

## 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.

# Lutherans in the Caribbean

## ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

October 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.

As we prepare for this celebration, we want to invite you into a time of learning. Martin Luther and many of his reforming companions were teachers after all. Every month we will publish a new article on one of the many diverse aspects of the Lutheran church. We hope you enjoy and learn a little bit more by reading these articles.



Lutheran churches have deep roots in northern Europe and have large numbers in North America. Partner churches are flourishing in the Middle East, southern Africa, Australia, and Asia. But many Lutherans don't know that there have been Lutherans in some parts of the Caribbean for almost four hundred years.

Historically, Lutheranism came to the Caribbean as the religion of white European and, later, American settlers. But in time some of these churches opened their doors to local inhabitants, Hispanics, African Americans, and Native Americans. Some of these congregations have become truly indigenous and multicultural ministries. More recently, North Americans moved and settled in some parts of the Caribbean, beginning other congregations for expatriates and vacationers.

The oldest Lutheran congregation in the Caribbean was founded in the Virgin Islands in 1666 by Danish settlers on the island of St. Thomas, the Frederick congregation in Charlotte Amalie. They later founded other congregations on the islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas in the eighteenth century. Although these congregations were originally intended for Danes, by the 1750s they were ministering to the enslaved Africans on the islands. When Denmark sold these islands to the United States in 1917, these congregations affiliated with American Lutheran denominations. There are also several congregations of Virgin Island Lutherans on the mainland of the United States, most notably in New York City.

Similarly, Dutch Lutherans founded congregations in the area of Guyana and Suriname in the eighteenth century, as the Europeans planted colonies there. Congregations generally consisted of white settlers and their descendants until the middle of the nineteenth century, when they began to reach out to other populations. Guyana is especially racially diverse, and the Lutheran congregations there include African Americans, Native Americans, East Indians, and some Chinese.



Frederick Lutheran Church,  
Charlotte Amalie

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Though it has a long history of European colonization, Lutherans did not become established on Puerto Rico until it became a part of the United States in 1898. In that year a young student, Gustav Swenson, moved to Puerto Rico and eventually started a Lutheran congregation there.

He was eventually followed by a number of different pastors and missionaries from the United States, who began to preach in Spanish to the local population. Lutheran congregations can be found in some of the other islands of the Caribbean. There is a small Lutheran presence in Cuba, Antigua, Bermuda, and the Bahamas all have Lutheran congregations affiliated with various bodies. Even Haiti hosts a Lutheran enclave, connected with the Church of the Lutheran Confession in Alsace and Lorraine (France). Although many of these Caribbean Lutheran congregations were begun by Europeans or Americans, either as settlers or missionaries, most of their members are now predominantly local people—Virgin Islanders, Guyanese and Surinamese, Puerto Ricans, and others. They may be Hispanic, Native American, African American, or other local populations, worshiping in Spanish, English, French, or other local languages. These congregations enrich the palate of world Lutheranism, and help spread the gospel of Christ into every corner of the world.

Mark Granquist

## A New Chapter for the Oyebades



Dear St Peter, Thank you for your generous gifts to ELCA Missionary Sponsorship in support of Bayo and Mary Beth Oyebade. Your prayers, communication and financial support helped make their ministry in Nigeria possible. They will complete their service with ELCA Global Mission on July 31, 2017. We thank God for their 12 years of faithful service and for your faithful sponsorship during that time. *Further information can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office; - the letter from the ELCA and a copy of an email we received from Mary Beth are both posted there.*

# July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



**Mr. & Mrs. Mujica**

Congratulations to Lindsay Williams and Joe Mujica. They were married at St Peter on June 10, 2017.

## F.R.O.G. Fully Rely on God



### Vacation Bible School 2017

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 28. 8:30am -3:30 pm. We will have VBS day camp out at Camp Ingawanis, located west of town. This will be a day long camp for our kindergarten through sixth grade friends and a morning camp for our 3 year-old/preschool friends (children who turned 3 prior to January 1, 2017).

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Eve Pautsch. <http://vbs.stpeterdenver.org>  
**Next meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 7:00 pm**

### Womenfest

The Ecumenical Bible study meets at St Paul, UCC Church, Denver, on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am, join us!

# Community & Mission News

## EWALU

We attended a meeting June 20 in Waverly regarding the feasibility and need of a capital campaign for EWALU. The meeting was led by Clark Baldwin, Director of EWALU. The 15 community members proposed ideas regarding the future of the physical facilities and programs offered at the camp. One of the ideas proposed was to implement shorter spans of time for some of the programs to accommodate the busy lives of young people. Another suggestion was better and more marketing of year round availability of the facilities. These meetings are being held this summer in areas served by EWALU and the findings will be presented to the board of EWALU in August.

For more information please feel free to contact us.

Joyce & Terry Miller



## Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Please join us at the food bank to pack elderly nutrition boxes. You do not need to notify the food bank; there are several groups there each week and we can just join in, **Next scheduled Saturday, is July 15, from 9-10:30am.** Simply go to the volunteer entrance at the Food Bank, 160 Lafayette St, Any questions, call Joyce Miller 984-5021.

## With Appreciation

Thanks to all who bought hot dogs at the first "Concert in the Park" on June 11th. The freewill offering totaled almost \$200. The proceeds will be given to the Denver Sunset Home. Please watch for upcoming dates for three more concerts. Women of St. Peter will be selling pies and sweets at the August 13th concert featuring Maddie Poppe of Clarksville who appeared on NBC's "The Voice".

## "All Anew" Triennial Gathering

DATE: July 14-15, in Minneapolis. The registration fee for the Triennial would be covered by WELCA funds; one day registration is available. If you are interested in checking out the gathering, please contact the office or for more information go to their website <http://www.neiasynod.org/women-of-the-elca/> or linked from our WELCA page ([stpeterdenver.org](http://stpeterdenver.org) -> Get Involved -> WELCA).



All new logo: The joyful, organic shape of a butterfly—or is it a flower—represents transformation and growth. Sprinkles of color honoring the four elements (earth, water, fire, air) spill outside the lines to create an uplifting symbol that is bright, bold and vibrant.

FOR MORE INFO  
WELCA@G.ORG

## His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. **July wish list:** personal care products such as deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in May: 66 Households, 6,699 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357.

## WELCA Board Meeting

Sunday, September 10 @ 10:15 am

## WELCA Bible Study Leaders

Available in the Gather Magazine

## Gather Bible Study

The first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 & 7:00 pm

**Next Meeting: No meetings during the summer**

## Serving Committee for July

|                    |                 |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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      |                 |                 |

## Pie Donations

Lutheran Women of St. Peter will be selling pies and sweets at the August 13th "Concert in the Park" featuring Maddie Poppe of Clarksville who appeared on NBC's "The Voice". Proceeds will be shared with various organizations and charities at Christmas. Donated pies and other sweets will help make this project a success. Please sign up on the office door, or call Roxane in the office at 984-5648 if you'll be able to contribute. Thanks!

## Cut-Up Day

Please join Mary Circle Wednesday, July 5, as we prepare fabrics for quilting in the fall. We will begin around 9:30 am, come when you can, leave when you must. Bring a sandwich for lunch if you'd like. Everyone is welcome, we will have lots of sit down jobs available for our volunteers.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

**Next meeting: Thursday, July 6.** 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 new shawls).

# The Call Process –a message from our council

Pastor's Ron's final service was last Sunday and I am sure many are wondering what is the process to call another Pastor. I would like to give a quick update on where the council is in this process, and overtime, will alleviate any anxiety and answer questions that some may have. The call process is an opportunity for us to open our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us to the right person to lead our congregation. The call process is set up for us to reflect on the mission of our church, our current needs as a congregation and most important how do we as a body serve each other and our Lord.

This first priority for the council was to ensure that there was continued service every weekend and that emergency pastoral care was covered after Pastor Ron left. We are blessed that Pastor Corey Smith and Pastor Joel Becker have agreed to serve St Peter's emergency needs while we find an interim Pastor. We also expect that we would be without an interim pastor for an extended period of time. All of the pastors on the Pulpit Supply list have already committed to other churches for the summer. As a council, we decided that it was better to have a service during the summer on Saturday versus not having any service at all. Roxane was able to schedule Saturday coverage for July and August, with a Sunday service on the last Sunday of the month. The good news is I have an interview with an interim pastor that expressed interest in serving St Peters through this transition. This is very exciting, and I am optimistic that we may be able to start regular Sunday worship sooner than any of us on the council had expected.

As for the call, the next steps is for church council to solicit feedback from the congregation to understand what our needs are and to ensure that we have some level of consensus on what direction we are going as a church. This is extremely important because it will help us give the call committee the information they need to begin the search for a person with the right capabilities to help lead us in our journey to serve each other and our Lord. As a council when we feel that we understand what the congregation's values and needs are we will move to the next step to set up a call committee and start to fill out the Ministry Site Profile. The call committee will be a six-person body that will represent all aspects and needs of the church and per our constitution will be voted on by the church council. The call committee will also help the council develop the Ministry Site Profile, which they will then present to the congregation for approval. The Ministry Site Profile is a document that is required by the NE Synod for congregations to fill out prior to the start of a search. This document outlines our needs as a congregation and is presented to interested candidates. When the Ministry Site Profile is complete then we can actively start looking for a Pastor.

I understand I laid out a lot of details in this message, but the council and I feel it is important to provide as much information as we can to the congregation. If you are concerned or do not understand the next steps please call me or any member of the council and we will do our best to answer your questions. I purposely left out any time line in the call process because we should only progress in orderly steps and proceed only when we are comfortable with each successive step. This may be a stressful and frustrating time for some, including myself. However, I have faith that everything is for a reason and if we trust in God, if we open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit we will grow stronger as a congregation and be able to serve each other and our Lord better than when we started.

In the Service of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
*Garland Krabbenhoft*  
319-883-1118

## Mission Opportunity

### Wartburg International Students

The Wartburg College International Programs office is currently seeking friendship families (previously called host families) for approximately 35 new international students arriving at Wartburg at the end of August. Friendship families do not house or act as advisers or financial sponsors to the students. They simply meet with their student(s) throughout the year to share meals or participate in a variety of cultural activities. For more information, visit: <http://info.wartburg.edu/Student-Life/International-Student-Services/Friendship-Family-Program.aspx> or call 319-352-8745. You may also email Wendy Mohlis, Friendship Family Coordinator, at [wendy.mohlis@wartburg.edu](mailto:wendy.mohlis@wartburg.edu).

### A visit with Pastor Sarah

The Schumachers stopped by Pastor Sarah's church in Phoenix when they were in the area in May. Grace Lutheran Church ministers to many of the homeless in downtown Phoenix. Their heat respite program runs through the summer. They provide food and a place to sleep in their parish hall during the day for up to 200 people. Pastor Sarah relayed almost everyone tithes, which might be twenty cents in change. Many churches in the area support their ministry, food banks, restaurants and grocery stores contribute food. For more information go to: [outreach@graceinthecity.com](mailto:outreach@graceinthecity.com) or 602.258.3787



# July 2017



| Sun       | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|-----------|---|---|---|--|--|---|
|           |   |   |   |  |  | <b>1</b><br>5:30 pm Worship   |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>6:30 pm Property Management meeting     | <b>4</b><br>Happy 4th of July<br>Office Closed      | <b>5</b><br>9:30 am Cut-Up Day<br>7:00 pm VBS meeting | <b>6</b><br>7:00 am Mensfest<br>10:00 am Bulletin Deadline<br>1:00 pm Prayer Shawl | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>5:30 pm Worship   |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>7:30 am Womenfest<br>7:00 pm AA/Alanon | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>7:00 am Mensfest<br>10:00 am Bulletin Deadline                        | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br>5:30 pm Worship with<br>Noisy Offering<br>9:00 am NEIA Food Bank |
| <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br>7:30 am Womenfest<br>7:00 pm AA/Alanon | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b><br>7:00 am Mensfest<br>10:00 am Bulletin Deadline                        | <b>21</b><br>NEWSLETTER<br>DEADLINE                        | <b>22</b><br>5:30 pm Worship  |
| <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>10:00 am Bingo @<br>Denver Sunset Home | <b>25</b><br>7:30 am Womenfest<br>7:00 pm AA/Alanon | <b>26</b><br>6:30 pm Council meeting                  | <b>27</b><br>7:00 am Mensfest<br>10:00 am Bulletin Deadline                        | <b>28</b><br><b>8:30 am VBS</b><br><b>@ Camp Ingawanis</b> | <b>29</b><br>5:30 pm Worship  |
|           |   |   |   |  |  | <b>30</b><br>9:00 am Worship  |

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### 2017 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:** Staci Mueller, Doug Miller, Amy Lockhart, Garland Krabbenhoft, Eve Pautsch, Jim Jurgenson, Connie Lobeck

**Executive Board:** Garland Krabbenhoft, Eve Pautsch, Amy Lockhart, Jim Jurgenson

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