

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

July 2018

Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Charis Combs-Lay

Vacation Bible School

Please join us this summer for a fun packed day at Camp Ingawanis, Friday, August 3rd starting at 8:30 am.

Registration will be available on our website and in the office after July 2.

Volunteers will be needed, please contact Todd Foelske tfoelske@gmail.com

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me - Philippians 4:13



Discover your **SUPER**
STRENGTH in **GOD**

VBS 2018 August 3rd

Summer is upon us. It's my favorite season of this year, 2018! I think of summer as the time between Memorial Day and Labor Day. It started with the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. So nice to drive just down the road for the big meeting. We met June 8-10 on Friday evening, Saturday all day, and Sunday morning. There are worship services, forum, workshops, Reports, Elections and Bible study. I missed Sunday morning because, like half of our pastors, I returned to preach at the church I serve.

Here are a few highlights of the Assembly. The worship is always an inspiration. This year, our lay delegates were Dan and Gretchen Syhre. Gretchen was careful to ask the Church Council which forums and workshops we should attend. So, among the three of us we covered nine sessions. I attended: 1)Luther's Catechism in Parish Renewal, 2)A Year of Youth Ministry Programming, and 3)Preaching on Stewardship. They were all well-presented and I made notes on good ideas.

The Youth Ministry session was the most useful to me. I left that worship with a year-long ministry plan outlined in full month by month, complete with suggested service projects, themes in line with the church year, appropriate games and activities. It was the most worthwhile hour of practical ideas that I've attended since seminary. I got copies to Youth and Family Ministry Committee members, and, if I missed getting one to you or if you'd like a copy, stop in the office and pick one up. It's still just an outline, so your thoughts and ideas are needed.

I look forward to seeing you in church this summer. Blessings on your many activities and family gatherings. Peace be with you.

Pastor Charis

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 1 Sunday 9:00 am	July 8 Sunday 9:00 am	July 15 Sunday 9:00 am	July 22 Sunday 9:00 am	July 29 Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Assistants	TBD	Kelley Carman	Youth Gathering Students	TBD	
Scripture Readers	Joyce Miller	Gavin Carman	Youth Gathering Students	Sue Buss	Julie Leisinger
Acolytes	Clayton Liddle & Emmett Nuehring	Klair Heim & Grace Upshaw	Mia Leonhart & TBD	Emmett Nuehring & Clayton Liddle	Ethan Krabbenhoft & Grace Upshaw
Multimedia	Jack Mixdorf	Johnathan Leisinger	Jeff Bales	Leah Homeister	TBD
Organist	Sheila Mixdorf	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart
Sound System	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries
Video	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Shirley Thurm, Mary Thurm, Marilyn Mueller, Phyllis Plaster				
Usher/Greeters	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.

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.

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 21, from 9-10:30am.** Simply go to the volunteer entrance at the Food Bank, 160 Lafayette St, Any questions, call Joyce Miller 984-5021.

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

Noisy Offering

The noisy offering for July & August, will be shared with Helping Hands Clothes Closet (located 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.

His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Requests for July —Boxed Meals, Soup and Baking Mixes.

Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in May: 96 Households, 235 Individuals, 6,940 lbs of food distributed. Questions? - 319-638-4357. *There was a greater need for food this last month. We had two emergency situations with one family only having a bag of noodles left to eat. Your donations are important and greatly appreciated. Thank you!*

The last donation from St Peter totaled 111.6#

Thank you to Alton & Sharon Midthus for delivering the goods!

Thank You

We are incredibly grateful for your gifts of \$1,996 to the H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders, and \$710 to World Hunger.

Your gifts to Fund for Leaders provides scholarships for seminary students from the NEIA Synod attending and ELCA Seminary, so your gift will do two things: 1) help future pastors attend school and 2) help the seminary by providing tuition. Currently, one-third of our working pastors are over the age of 60. This means that in five years or so, the clergy shortage will become very severe. Your gift will help students attend seminary and help alleviate that shortage so that congregations can have leaders and their ministry flourish.

In addition your gift to World Hunger will help to fund the 347 projects in 46 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 62 nations. These projects do not only give food to the hungry but also find solutions to what is causing hunger. I invite you to read more at www.elca.org/our-Work.

Again, thank you for your generous donations.
In Christ, *Mark A Anderson*



Save the Date

Cowboy Church is coming to St Peter, Sunday, August 26.

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. We would love to keep this tradition going and need volunteers to help. Thank you to all of the people that faithfully help out with this ministry!

To make/serve coffee you can contact Jan Gienau 984-5851, Thank you to Jan for being our Sunday coffee coordinator!

We are still looking to fill some slots (two dozen cookies per slot)

July 1 – 1) Sheila & Jack Mixdorf
2) Peggy Smith
3) LaVonne Westendorf
Coffee maker-Sheila & Jack Mixdorf

July 8 – 1) Terrie Thurm
2) Jenna Krasselt
3) Jenna Krasselt
Coffee maker- LaVonne Westendorf

July 15- 1) Kelley Carman
2) Kelley Carman
3) Kelley Carman
Coffee maker-Pat Leonhart

July 22- 1) Pat Leonhart
2) Pat Leonhart
3) Joyce Miller
Coffee maker- Joyce Miller

July 29- 1) the church
2) the church
3) the church
Coffee maker- Jan Gienau



August - Watch for the new August & September sign-up in late July.

Scholarship

Up to five \$500 Educational Scholarships are again being offered by the Northeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization. These are for women who wish to enter or re-enter the work force, and may be used at Community Colleges or for more advanced degrees. An application form is available in 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 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).

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Hot Dog Dinner



The Board of Mission will be serving a hot dog meal on **Sunday, July 1st** starting at 4:30 pm, at the "Concert in the Park". The proceeds from the free will offering will be given to the Denver Sunset Home. The 5:00 pm concert will feature Aaron Smith. Please come out and enjoy an evening of great music and fun food!

506 Café

On **Tuesday, July 3rd** and Tuesday, August 7th; you are invited to join folks from St Peter at 506 Cafe at the Senior Center in Waverly. We will be carpooling from the church at 11:30 am to have a \$10 lunch with the proceeds going to the Senior Center and homeless veterans. After the meals, at approximately 1:30 pm, you are invited to remain at the 506 Cafe for a conversational Bible study. This will be a time for fellowship and a time to grow in faith. If you can't attend the Bible study, please come for lunch. Let either Roxane (984- 5648) or Pat Leonhart (984-6082) know if you plan to attend.

Pie Sale



Lutheran Women of St Peter will be serving pies and sweets starting at 4:30 pm, at the **July 29th** "Concert in the Park" featuring the Cedar Glen Pipes and Drums. The concert will start at 5:00 pm. 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!

Thank You

We would like to thank all those who remembered us with cards on our anniversary. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, *Bob & Lillian Ehrhardt*

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

Summer—tentative schedule:

June 26	Ephesians (Ch. 1)
July 3	Ephesians (Ch. 2)
July 10	Ephesians (Ch. 3)
July 17	Group-led Discussion
July 24	Ephesians (Ch. 4)
July 31	Ephesians (Ch. 5)

In August - We'll discuss the book, *The Faith Club: A Muslim, a Christian, a Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding*. Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, Priscilla Warner. Free Press. (308p).

Community & Mission News

Stewardship Notes

Stewardship. What do you think of when you hear this word? Oh, yes, that is in the fall, when the church seeks the help of parishioners in balancing its budget... No, no, that is not it at all! The dry definition goes like this: stewardship is the job of supervising or taking care of something such as an organization or property. Now that is pretty broad and applies to many things besides financial responsibility! We, your Stewardship Board, will be looking at ways to incorporate stewardship in many areas of the life of our church, and writing a little about it each month in the Newsletter.

In June, we provided special refreshments on Father's Day to give special care and thanks to all the Dads in our congregation. Now we are looking ahead to the summer, and our Vacation Bible School day, at Camp Ingawanis. We will be helping with the fun activities there – horse riding, swimming, games, and, of course, food! – caring for the youngest members of our church. Come help and enjoy!

The St. Peter Church Council

The council solicits members to prayerfully consider serving on the following Church Boards. The number of individuals as members on these boards has become less than desired and the respective council member contact would appreciate new input from additional congregational members. Stewardship (council member -Mary Stevens), Mission (council member- Sue Buss), Youth and Family (council member -Eve Pautsch) , Evangelism (council member- Lavone Westendorf) , Education (council member -Todd Foelske), Property Management (council member - Gene Leonhart). Thank you for your support. *Jim Jurgenson, Council President*

Denver Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market will begin Thursday, July 12. 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.

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Worker House

Come celebrate 36 Years, Wednesday, July 18 at Queen of Peace Church, 3rd & Mulberry, Waterloo, IA, 5:00 pm Mass, 6:00 pm Dinner. Juggling, balloon sculpture, face painting, everyone welcome!



Helping Hands Clothes Closet

Perhaps you noticed the pajamas, socks, and underwear hanging on the clothesline outside the office. We are going to celebrate "Undies Sundays" during July. We will be collecting new pajamas, underwear and socks, to be donated to the clothing closet. Add your undergarments to the laundry basket under the clothesline. Remember, to help the poor is to honor God!

WELCA Board Meeting

Sunday, August 12 at 10:15 am

Typically, Gather Bible Study, Afternoon class- will be the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm and the Evening Gather Bible Study will be the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, both at the church. (during the summer a lighter schedule is employed)

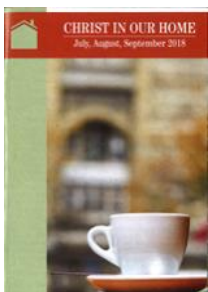
Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 3, 506 Café Outing - The Wednesday evening and Tuesday afternoon Gather Bible Study will be gathering at Waverly's 506 Café for a summer outing.

Serving Committee for July

Kara Bartels	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

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, 24 count Crayola brand crayons (not washable), blunt end kindergarten scissors, 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.



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.

Faith Formation



And they are off - God-speed to our Youth Gathering group: front row, Abbi Austin, Leah Ristau, Ireland Pollock, Tessa Joerger. Back row, Amy Lockhart, Alex Krabbenhoft, Dalton Austin, Sam Lockhart, Marcia Joerger, Marissa Leisinger, Bella Laures



Re-Do'd Cards

Check out our beautiful selection of all occasional cards, on the rack outside the office. Proceeds go towards the fundraising goals of the students attending the National Youth Gathering in Texas. *A total of \$93 was contributed to their trip.*

Kansas City Youth Group

Last week Friday, June 22, a youth group from the Kansas City area stayed overnight at the parsonage on their way to MN for a mission trip. They left the following note and had a chance to reconnect with some of our students that they met last year on the mission trip to New Orleans.

*-Thank you so much for providing our youth group with a comfortable house during our stay! We are blessed that you not only opened your house, but your hearts!
GS Youth, Kansas City*

Sunday School Offering

Lisa Michels and the girls took the Sunday School Offering of 55 POUNDS of Peanut Butter and Jelly to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank this week. Thank you to all the families that contributed to this donation!



Congregational Campfire

The Youth and Family Board will be hosting a campfire evening.

Please join us July 22nd at 7:00 pm for S'mores and fellowship. Let Eve Pautsch (eve.pautsch@gmail.com) know if you have any questions.



EWALU Counselors

The Board of Mission will be putting care packages together for counselors at EWALU this summer. Miranda Fober, a St. Peter Wartburg graduate who has been hired to work at the camp, will deliver them. The packages are a small gesture of thanks for the special ministry counselors do with youngsters throughout June and July. The positive impact they have on kids can make a big difference in the campers' lives. If you could donate any of the items during the month of June, it would be appreciated:

Bags of candy

Beverages

Chips

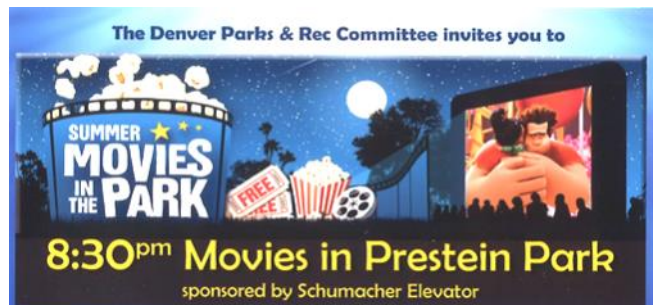
Crackers

Packaged cookies

Dried Fruit

Granola bars

Items can be placed in the green tin outside the offices. Thanks!



8:30pm Movies in Prestein Park
sponsored by Schumacher Elevator



Friday, July 20th

Free Popcorn by Parks & Rec and Craft by the Denver Public Library

The Karate Kid




Friday, August 10th

Free Popcorn by Parks & Rec and Craft by the Denver Public Library

Coco

July 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Worship	2 6:30 pm Property Management meeting	3 7:30 am Womenfest 11:30 am Café 506 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	4  Office closed	5 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	6	7
8 9:00 am Worship	9	10 7:30 am Womenfest 6:30 pm Council 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	11	12 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	13	14
15 9:00 am Worship with Noisy Offering	16 8:00 am Financial Board mtg ?	17 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	18	19 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 9:00 am NEIA Food Bank
22 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Congregational Campfire	23	24 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	25	26 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	27 Office closed	28
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2018 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

Parish Education: Todd Foelske, Lisa Michels, Jaime Leonhart, Mary Satterthwaite

Worship & Music: Sheila Mixdorf, Amy Lockhart, Jo VanDeBerg, Joyce Miller, Nancy Lamos, Sheryl Moeller

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

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