

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

June 2019

Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Dawn Pederson

*“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
. . . . O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!”
Psalm 95:1-2, 6*

As I write this newsletter article to all of you outside my study window the sun is shining, the sky is cloudless and blue, the temperatures are spring like, the wind is whistling, and the trees are swaying. It is a glorious spring day that tempts me to be outside in it rather than sitting at my desk, typing on my computer. As we approach summer, I expect there will be many more days like this one; days full of possibilities.

Since Steve and I arrived in mid-March we have journeyed with you through the season of Lent, through Holy Week, and soon through the fifty days of Easter. Pentecost Sunday is just around the corner; the color inside will change from white to red. It won't stay this color very long, just one Sunday, so don't miss it. As the color outside continues to turn more and more green so too the color inside will soon turn green and stay green until Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday in October, when it will be red again for just one Sunday.

The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the church year. Our sisters and brothers in the Roman Catholic Church refer to this as “Ordinary Time.” There's nothing special about the ordinary. Ordinary is routine, usual; we might even say, “same old, same old.” And yet, summer is not an ordinary time. Summer is an extraordinary time especially for kids on vacation from school! It is a special time for many families to take a vacation together whether that means going away or staying at home. What are your plans for this extraordinary time? When and where will you go? What are your plans for worship during this special time? How often and where will you worship?

Christian author, Philip Yancey wrote a small book about his own faith pilgrimage of going to church, not going to church, and going to church again. In his book Yancey seeks to answer the question, “Church, why bother?” Is church a bother? Yancey suggests, “If only our churches could communicate grace to a world of competition, judgment, and ranking – a world of ungrace – then church would become a place where people gather eagerly, without coercion, like desert nomads around an oasis.” Oh, that people would flock to church every season of the church year.

The church year is not like the school year. We continue to gather weekly in community to worship, remembering the Sabbath day and keeping it holy. Weekly we gather in community where we are strengthened by the Word made flesh, Jesus, the Living Word, God's grace given to us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Weekly we gather in community where we are strengthened by the written and spoken Word of God. There are so many possibilities that tempt us away from worship. There is one who calls us to worship. God calls us to come and worship. Worship is a special, extraordinary time we share together every week in every season.

See you in worship!

Pastor Dawn



Sunday School fun day at the park

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	June 2 Sunday 9:00 am	June 9 Sunday 9:00 am	June 16 Father's Day Sunday 9:00 am	June 23 Sunday 9:00 am	June 30 Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Assistants	Pat Leonhart	Kim Lamb	TBD	Pat Leonhart	TBD
Scripture Readers	Susan Buss	Sheryl Moeller	Joyce Miller	Gene Leonhart	Diann Curtis
Acolytes	Jarett Clayton & Ethan Krabbenhoft	Kenny Lamb & Carson Haase	Abry Meyers & Keaton Rothmeyer	Jarett Clayton & Tyanna Teetzen	Justice Gienau & Grant Pautsch
Multimedia	TBD	Staci Mueller	Julie Leisinger	Leah Homeister	TBD
Organist	Sheila Mixdorf	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Sound System	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus
Altar Guild	Wendy Mohlis, Holly Smith, Joyce Schimmels				
Usher/Greeters	Jerry & Connie Lobeck, Jim Kurtt, Jim Moeller, Jack Mixdorf				

**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:** 4:00 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.

A-New Bold

I will give them
a new heart
& put a new
Spirit
within them



Mission & Community

"A-new Bold!" is the theme for our 2019 gathering set for Saturday, June 22, at Wartburg College. All ELCA women of the Northeastern Iowa Synod are invited to attend. We hope this year's theme will inspire everyone to think of new and creative ways to be Women of the ELCA.

Mary Jo Mettler, former president of the Northeastern Minnesota Women of the ELCA who had an idea to provide solar power to Phoebe Hospital in Liberia, will share her story of faith and trust that not only provided solar power to Phoebe hospital, but is now working on a second hospital in Curran.

Convention business will include electing new board members, president and secretary, along with nominating committee members and, even more important, Triennial voting members!

We will also learn more about how we can help with the mission of Global Health Ministries and the AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy Representation and Opportunities) Network. To prepare, link to the [AMMPARO 40 Day Challenge](#) on website — 40 stories for the 40 Day Bible and Prayer Challenge.

This year, in addition to the regular offering and in-kind gifts, there will be three new opportunities to show "bold" stewardship and service to others.

Crafty Girls Faithful Finds: Those who like to do crafts are invited to host a display table to sell their craft items. Some items on each table should be faith based. Profits are yours to keep, but we ask for a donation for our door prize drawing at lunchtime. For more information- www.neiasynod.org

Book Exchange/Book Sale Table: Bring a gently used book to donate to the table. If you see something you like, swap it out. Books will also be available for purchase. Books remaining at the end of the day will be donated.

Busy Session: Following lunch, attendees will have the opportunity to actively steward by rolling bandages for Global Health Ministries or by writing an advocacy card for the AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy Representation and Opportunities) Network. You can even do both!

If you are looking for a new challenge and want to find out more about Women of the ELCA, this is a great way!

Download registration forms and a scholarship application for first-time attendees available online.

See you in June! *Be A-new BOLD,*

— Diane Wills, Northeastern Iowa SWO President

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.

June 2 - 1) Jan Gienau
2) Jan Gienau
3)

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

June 9 - 1) Kim Lamb
2) Kim Lamb
3) Kim Lamb

Coffee maker-

June 16 - 1) Sunday
2) Funday
3) Stewardship Board

Coffee maker- Stewardship Board

June 23 - 1) Brooke DeVries
2) Brooke DeVries
3)

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

June 30- 1) Joyce Miller
2) Joyce Miller
3) Joyce Miller

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.

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

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Community & Mission News

Noisy Offering & Flood Buckets



The Board of Mission will be putting together "Flood Buckets" to assist our friends and neighbors in Northeastern Iowa recover from a flooding disaster. As well as collecting monetary donations through Noisy Offering, we ask for your help in collecting the necessary cleaning supplies. There is a request board near the church office that has the required items needed to put together a Flood Bucket.

Thank you for helping us help others in need!

506 Cafe:

On Tuesday, June 4th, 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 a.m. to have a \$10 lunch with the proceeds going to the Senior Center and homeless veterans. After the meal, at approximately 1:00, you are invited to remain at the 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. Contact either Roxane 984-5648 or Pat Leonhart at 984-6082 if you plan to attend.

His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Want list suggestions- baking items, soups, boxed potatoes. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in April: 93 Households, 281 Individuals, 7,093 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357.

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.



- 1
Charles & Trudy Essmann
- 2
Keira Gehrke
Don Hulsing
Sophia Sanderson
Kenneth & Carolyn Becker
- 3
Helen Bartels
Roberta Merrill
- 4
Lisa Diercks
Steve Sadler
Jane Teetzen
Dean & Judy Gleason
Dean & Jackie Milius
- 5
Wayne Buss
Trudy Essmann
- 7
Timothy Arians
- 8
Hannah Smith
- 10
Chadron Beem
Al Eggena
Jessy Kern
- 11
Dakota Beem
- 12
Julie Leisinger
Jerry & Connie Lobeck
- 13
Nicholas Kurtz
Ron Nystrom
- 14
Allison Maitland
Brandon Maitland
Blake Steege
Janell Stock
Paul & Margaret Empie
- 15
Diann Curtis
Joy Wolter
- 16
Peyton Mueller
Jim & Sheryl Moeller
Larry & Sara Oltrogge



- 17
Luke Milius
Britta Weston
Tim & Staci Mueller
- 18
Brooke DeVries
Mitchell DeVries
Michael Krueger
Sheila Mixdorf
- 19
Jeff Bales
Jacob DeVries
Maxwell Gielau
- 20
Dean Elsamiller
Emma Jacoby
Todd Wolter
- 21
Roger Donaldson
Sophia McInroy
Brian & Tanya Haase
Marvin & Helen Schumacher
- 22
Char Conway
Tom & Karen Place
- 23
Abigail Foelske
- 24
Jocelyn Milius
Conner Vauthier
Ann Zwetzig
- 25
Dave Leonhart
Jeff Riley
- 26
Jackson Joerger
Alton & Sharon Midthus
- 27
Darrel Brandt
- 28
Sharon Foelske
- 29
Sarah Sanderson
Janet Kern
Angie Meyer
Rachel Upshaw
Amy & Richard Gehrke
- 30
Dorothy Eggena
Chad Liddle
Dave & Linda Krueger

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

Community & Mission News

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, July 11. 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).

Grief Support Group

The grief group meets the 3rd 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.

WELCA Board Meeting

Next meeting: July 21, at 10:15 am

Gather Bible Study -Next Meetings:

The Wednesday, 7:00 pm and Tuesday, 1:00 pm studies will not meet in June

Serving Committee for June

Kathy Ackerman	Margaret Empie	Trudy Essmann
Kari Foelske	Pat Leonhart	Marge Liddle
Connie Lobeck	Amy Lockhart	Sheila Mixdorf
Ruth Niemann	Carol Nystrom	Sara Oltrogge
Leana Place	Tonia Thurm	Kayla Tucker
Kim Williams		

St Peter Graduates 2019



Joshua Vauthier

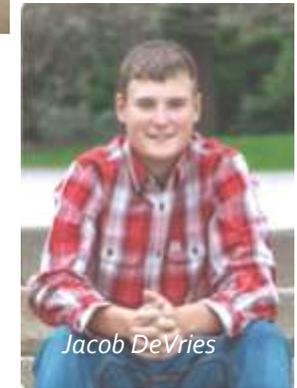


Chadron Beem



Riley Schumacher

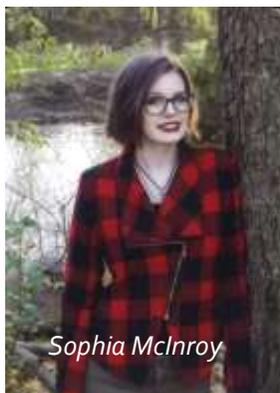
Graduates of the Class of 2019 received quilts from their St. Peter family on Sunday, May 26, 2019. Many thanks to the St. Peter members for their gifts of time and talents to make the quilts, financial support for materials and quilting, and prayers for our graduates. We send our thanks to Prairie Rose Fabrics in Clarksville for completing the long arm quilting for us. May God's love surround each and every one in the days ahead.



Jacob DeVries



Gabe Lahmann



Sophia McInroy



Jace Williams

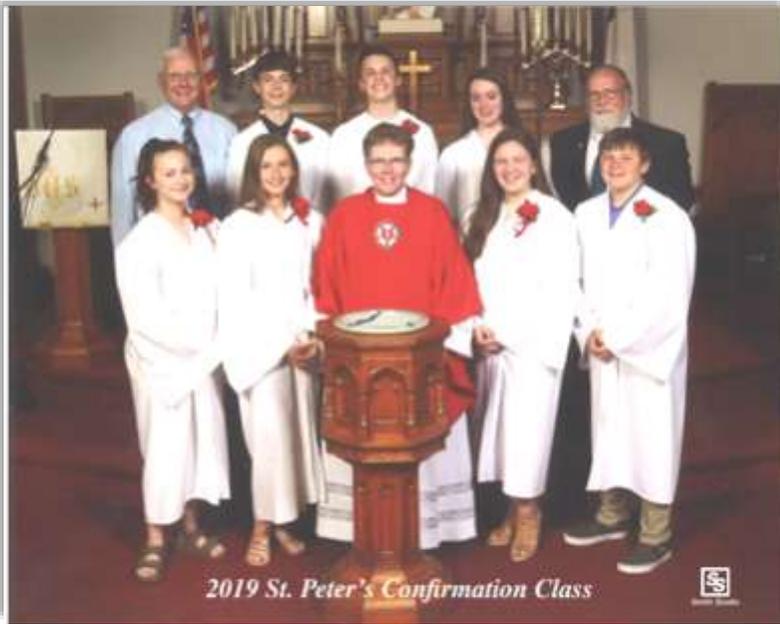


Brandon Maitland



Allison Maitland

Faith Formation



These young disciples pictured above, made public profession of their faith to continue in the covenant God made with them in their holy baptism, May 19.

Front row: Grace Upshaw, Klair Heim, Pastor Dawn Pederson, Bailey Nuss, Clatyon Liddle.

second row: Jim Moeller, Kasey Wirtjes, Emmett Nuehring, Mia Leonhart, Jim Jurgenson

Let us pray for them in their new journey in Christ:

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.



Recycled School Supplies

The Board of Mission will be collecting unused and partially used school items during the last two days of school. These items will then be distributed to kids who are in need of school supplies. It's a great way to re-purpose old supplies. Please visit with your child(ren) if you would like them to share with others in this meaningful way. When children clean out their desks at the end of the year, each grade level will have a tote available for collecting these supplies. Over the past several years, we have been able to share items with many schools and with EWALU.

EWALU CARE PACKAGES

The Board of Mission will be delivering care packages to counselors at EWALU 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 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 tote outside the offices. Thanks!

Photos are in: Smith Studio dropped off the confirmation pictures - Please stop by the office to pick up your photos.

EWALU Summer Camp

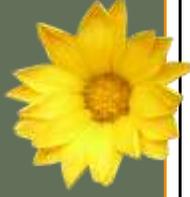
Please pick up a pamphlet to check out the many opportunities for our youth.

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! 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.

Camp Scholarship Reminder Update

St Peter does cover half of the Christian camp program up to \$250 now, but please remember you need to contact the office for the scholarship.

June 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:30 am Wedding
2 9:00 am Worship	3 6:30 pm Property Management meeting	4 7:30 am Womenfest 11:30 am 506 Cafe 6:15 pm First Communion 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	5	6 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	7	8 4:30 pm Wedding
9 9:00 am Worship	10	11 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	12	13 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	14	15 11:00 am Basement Reserved
16 9:00 am Worship with Noisy Offering Happy Father's Day	17	18 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	19	20 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
23 9:00 am Worship First Communion	24	25 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	26	27 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship						

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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, Jim Jurgenson

Parish Education: Todd Foelske, Jaime Leonhart, Mary Satterthwaite

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Mission: Sue Buss, Pat Leonhart, Shirley Thurm, Kelley Carman, Marcia Ott, Leah Homeister

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