

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

June 2021

Projecting Christ to All Generations

**Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.** *Martin Luther*

On May 15th, 20 balled and burlapped trees were planted around town—a BIG thank you to the volunteers who spent the day making Denver a better place to live. The St Peter troupe of Gene Leonhart, Jim Franzen, Alton Midthus, Jim Moeller, Mandy Gesme, Rod & Theresa Diercks, –(Art Kurtt may have been supervising :) -blessed our community and we appreciate it!



## Pastor Appreciation & Farewell

The quilters are pictured at left with the heart quilt that was presented to Pastor Dawn as part of a parting gift of thanks. We wish Pastor Dawn and Steve the best in their new life journey. It is with a grateful heart we thank you for leading us in the ministry of St Peter! It has been a pleasure to work along side you and we will miss you. Godspeed

# Worship & Music Server

## Sunday worship - 9:00 am

	<b>June 6 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>June 13 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>June 20 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>June 27 Sunday 9:00 am</b>
<b>Pulpit Supply</b>	Pastor Al Bidne	Pastor Noelle Andrew	Pastor Patricia Shaw	Pastor Michael Sherer
<b>Organist</b>	Sheryl Moeller	Nancy Kohagen	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	TBD	James Jurgenson	TBD	James Jurgenson
<b>Multimedia</b>	Todd Foelske	Todd Foelske	Todd Foelske	Todd Foelske
<b>Sound System</b>	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	Roger Donaldson
<b>Video taping</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Thurm, Mary Thurm, Marilyn Mueller, Phyllis Plaster			
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Larry Oltrogge, Jim Kurtt, Jim Moeller, Jack Mixdorf			
<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>				

### Call Committee

The St. Peter Congregation council solicits interested individuals to serve on a pastoral call committee. The duties of the committee will be:

- 1.) to develop a Ministry Site Profile with input from congregational members.
- 2.) Meet with the council and the synod representative once this is completed.
- 3.) Interview candidates for Pastor of this congregation.
- 4.) Make recommendations to the congregational concerning call of a Pastor.

According to our constitution the committee shall consist of 6 members of the congregation. Resources for this process are available online @<http://www.elca.org/call-process/>.

Once the members of the call committee are approved by the St. Peter Congregation council then the committee and the Council will meet with a representative of the North East Iowa synod office. You may notify Roxane Franzen in the church office if you are interested or email me - [james.jurgenson@uni.edu](mailto:james.jurgenson@uni.edu).

Yours in Christ, *James Jurgenson, President St. Peter Church Council.*

### 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

**Newsletter Deadline:**

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



## Mission & Community



*Smith Studio photo*

### **Affirmation of Baptism**

We congratulate the following confirmation students that confirmed their faith on May 23, 2021.

Front row: *Grant Pautsch, Justice Gienu, Abry Meyer, Jarett Clayton.* Back row: *Keaton Rothmeyer, Carson Haase, Pastor Dawn Pederson, Peyton Mueller, Kenny Lamb.*

### **2021 Envelopes**

We still have a few envelopes that can be picked up. The offering envelope boxes are on the table outside the office and may be collected at your convenience. If your box is missing, please notify the office.

### **His Hands Oran Food Pantry**

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for June- paper towels, bathroom tissue, Kleenex . . Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in April: 43 Households, 108 Individuals, 5,704 lbs of food distributed. Questions -319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857. As always, we will take any thing to fill our shelves. We greatly appreciate your support. **Thank you to Alton & Sharon Midthus for delivering our latest donation - 77.6 lbs. worth!**

### **Helping Hands Clothes Closet**

Helping Hands Clothing Closet helped 155 people with their clothing needs in May and our volunteers gave 49 hours of their time. The clothing closet is well stocked with summer clothes in all sizes. We would be happy to help anyone with their clothing needs. Thank you for all of the great donations this month and as always, thank you to our great volunteers. Closet hours: 9:00 - 11:00 am Tuesday mornings, 6:30 -7:30 pm Wednesday evenings, and 9:00 - 11:00 am the first Saturday of the month. Located at 2029 Viking Ave. Sumner, IA. *Carolyn Mohlis 319-279-3247 or carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com*

### **Offerings**

Thank you so much to our St Peter members for the donations that have continued to come in. We appreciate your support!



## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Community & Mission News



### Baptism

We welcome Abel & Ariella Gienau; who were baptized on May 9. Abel and Ariella join big sister Alyla and are the son & daughter of Jade Gienau. Their sponsors are Chalee & John Michael, and Justice Gieanu & Ashley Fischer. We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share at St Peter.

### Dear Pastor Dawn & St Peter,

Thank you for your recent gift of hospice kits, rolled bandages and cloth diapers given on 4/30/21 to Global Health Ministries. Your gifts make it possible to ship vital medical supplies and equipment, offer timely grants, and educate leaders to help the hands that heal in 13 under-resourced countries. Together we support young Christian leaders like Anica to become tomorrow's leaders. Anica just completed her midwife training. Her heart is fixed on serving in some of the most remote regions of her home country of Madagascar. But Anica is motivated to do even more. So today she is among the first students to enroll in a new Community Health Nurse program, that GHM helped launch in November of 2019. By this time next year Anica will have been trained and placed in a rural village where she will organize, train and manage a corps of volunteers that will teach whole villages how to live healthier lives. Providing education to equip health workers at all levels is one of Global Health Ministries' priorities. While the World Health Organization recommends a Ministries' priorities. While the World Health Organization recommends a minimum goal of 23 doctors, nurses and midwives per 10,000 people, 7 of our partner countries have fewer than 10. Thank you for the gifts you share!

### Coffee from LWR and Guatemala

Every delicious cup helps transform poor communities. Farmers get a strong up-front price for their coffee beans and a portion of the profit. The coffee is located on a table outside the office. Checks or cash may be left in the coffee can on the table near the coffee. Thank you.

1	17
Charles & Trudy Essmann	Luke Milius
2	Britta Weston
Keira Gehrke	Tim & Staci Mueller
Don Hulsing	18
Sophia Sanderson	Brooke DeVries
Kenneth & Carolyn Becker	Mitchell DeVries
3	Michael Krueger
Roberta Merrill	Sheila Mixdorf
4	19
Steve Sadler	Jeff Bales
Dean & Judy Gleason	Jacob DeVries
Dean & Jackie Milius	Maxwell Gielau
5	20
Wayne Buss	Dean Elsamiller
Trudy Essmann	Emma Jacoby
7	Todd Wolter
Timothy Arians	21
8	Roger Donaldson
Hannah Smith	Sophia McInroy
10	Brian & Tanya Haase
Chadron Beem	Marvin & Helen Schumacher
Al Eggena	22
Jessy Kern	Char Conway
11	Tom & Karen Place
Dakota Beem	23
12	Abigail Foelske
Julie Leisinger	24
Jerry & Connie Lobeck	Jocelyn Milius
13	Conner Vauthier
Nicholas Kurtz	Ann Zwetzig
Ron Nystrom	25
14	Dave Leonhart
Allison Maitland	Jeff Riley
Brandon Maitland	26
Amy Oltmann	Jackson Joerger
Blake Steege	Alton & Sharon Midthus
Janell Stock	27
Paul & Margaret Empie	Darrel Brandt
15	28
Diann Curtis	Sharon Foelske
Joy Wolter	29
16	Sarah Sanderson
Peyton Mueller	Janet Kern
Jim & Sheryl Moeller	Angie Meyer
Larry & Sara Oltrogge	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

## WELCA Board Meeting

The Love Offering will be in June with monies given in thankfulness for the opportunity for fellowship and lessening of restrictions. More details in a letter will be mailed after Memorial Day.

## 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		

## Re-Do Cards Update

We have graduation, Father's Day and other all occasion cards available. Please feel free to come to the church and choose from the card rack. All proceeds go to Prayer Shawl at this time.

*\*if anyone has used get well cards they'd like to donate please let LaVonne or the church office know. Thank you!*

## Blessing Box Needs

During the past year, Blessing Boxes were created by St. Peter to help those with food insecurities. Two boxes were built by Brad and Jennifer Becker and placed at the mobile home park south of Denver and in our church parking lot. Through your monetary donations and food contributions, along with help from the Denver Lions and funds in our "Sharing With Your Neighbor" account, many people and families were able to access food during challenging times. Pastor Dawn led the charge with this important project along with the Board of Mission volunteering to fill the boxes twice a week. In order for the Blessing Boxes to continue, we need a chairperson or co-chairs for this important ministry. Please give this opportunity some prayerful thought, and contact Pat Leonhart (319-404-3490) if you're interested or if you have any questions.

## Noisy Offering

The May and June Noisy Offering will go to I HOPE (Iowans Helping Others Participate Everyday). It is a local chapter of AMBUCS which is a national nonprofit charitable organization

whose mission is to inspire people with disabilities to conquer challenges related to mobility and independence. I HOPE does this by providing children and adults with adapted AmTrykes (tricycles) that can be individualized to meet the need(s) of almost any rider. Each bike ranges from \$400 - \$2,500 but, through donations, bikes are given free of charge to all recipients.

## Quilt Tying in June

We will be gathering Every Monday in June to tie and sew quilts. Please join us Mondays from 9:00 am -3:00 pm, in the lower level of the church. All are welcome.

## 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, June 3 at 1:00 pm.**

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).

**June 12, 2021**

## Online Assembly

The 2021 Northeastern Iowa Synod will be a one-day online virtual event set for Saturday, June 12. The primary purpose of this assembly will be the election of a new bishop. In addition, voting members will elect a synod secretary, synod council members and nominating committee, and approve synod budget and compensation guidelines. **Anyone may Watch the NEIA Synod Assembly live on the Synod's Facebook page.**

**Join Us!**

**Grundy Center: June 10**  
Grundy Center Community Center  
705 F Ave., Grundy Center

**Independence: June 17**  
Heartland Acres  
2600 Swan Lake Blvd., Independence

**Waverly: June 24**  
Waverly Area Veterans Post  
1300 Fourth St. NW, Waverly

**Events: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

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# Faith Formation & Announcements



## Congratulations to our St. Peter Graduates



Abbi Austin



Layne Fober



Emma Haase



Tessa Joerger



Alex Krabbenhoft



Cylee Liddle



Brooks Meyer



Jaden Milius



Katie Mortenson



Parker Mueller



Emily Ruby



Isaac Schimmels



Morgan Smith



Max Thrasher

**1 Timothy 4:12** "Let no man despise thy youth; but be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith" ... Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, and your faith....

# June 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>7</b> 9:00 am-3:00 pm Quilting 2:30 pm Worship & Music	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Council meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>14</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm Quilting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>18</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 am Worship with Noisy Offering <b>Happy Father's Day</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00am—3:00 pm Quilting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>28</b> 9:00 am -3:00 pm Quilting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

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### 2021 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:** Jim Jurgenson, Todd Foelske, Mary Stevens, Marcia Joerger, Kim Lamb, Jan Gienau, Marilyn Mueller

**Executive Board:** Jim Jurgenson, Marcia Joerger, Todd Foelske, Marilyn Mueller

**Property & Management:** Neil Hartmann, Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Roxane Franzen, Jim Jurgenson, Mary Stevens

**Parish Education:** Todd Foelske, Jaime Leonhart, Mandy Gesme, Julie Gleason

**Worship & Music:** Mary Stevens, Amy Lockhart, Jo VanDeBerg, Niki Skaar, Nancy Lamos, Sheryl Moeller

**Mission:** Sue Buss, Pat Leonhart, Shirley Thurm, Kelley Carman, Marcia Ott, Leah Homeister, Linda Schult, Kim Lamb

**Stewardship:** Marilyn Mueller, Jan Gienau, Dori Jurgenson, Brenda Wolter, Mary Stevens

**Youth & Family:** Eve Pautsch, Krista Olson, Sarah Sanderson, Julie Brinkman, Lisa Michels, Marcia Joerger

**Evangelism:** Jan Gienau, Staci Mueller, Art Kurtt, LaVonne Westendorf, Roger Donaldson, Marilyn Mueller

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