

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

March 2019

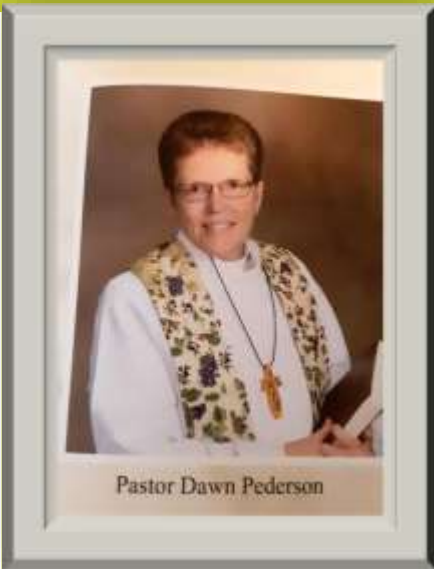
Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Dawn Pederson

WELCOME!

St. Peter Lutheran Church is excited to welcome Pastor Dawn Pederson and her husband Steve to Denver. The Pedersons are wonderful people and we are excited to have them in our community and church. Pastor Dawn previously served at a church in Jesup and Belmond, Iowa. She attended seminary at Wartburg in Dubuque and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 2002. Her first day at St Peter will be March 18, with the first Sunday leading worship on March 24. Please join us in welcoming the Pedersons!

Pastor Dawn's installation will be Sunday March 24—we will have a reception following worship in the Friendship Room. Please come and greet Pastor Dawn and Steve.



Looking Ahead to Lent

Ash Wednesday Service is March 6, 6:30 pm

Holden Evening Prayer Services: Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, at 6:30 pm

Already connected

Our actions in worship are about the power and glory of a God who is made present in our midst. We lift our voices together in song. We kneel and bow and reach out our hands. These rituals enact the gospel, God's good news for our lives, and engage our senses so that touch and taste and smell all confirm the saving message we also hear.

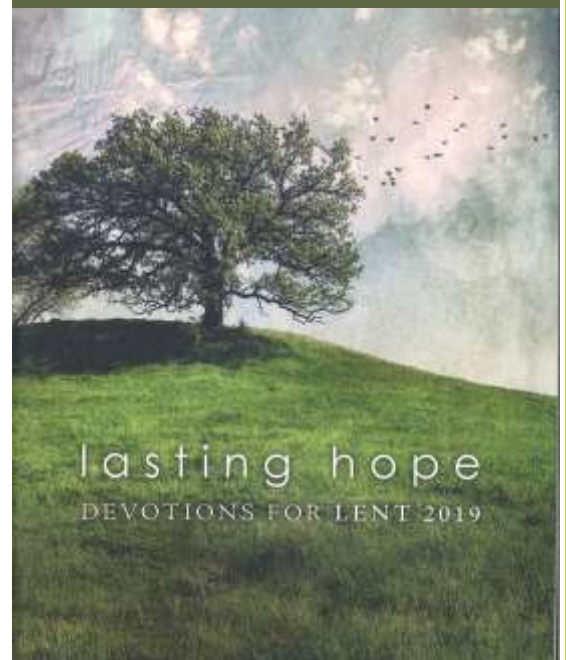
Our basic human tendency is to see any religious action as an if/then proposition. If I bury this statue of St Joseph in my yard, then God ensures that my house is sold-or other, more creative (and insidious) forms of exchange. But the gospel of Christ is a matter of because/therefore. Because God has given us such a rich gift in Christ, therefore we can fully give ourselves to God, and to a world in desperate need of redemptive love.

Lenten practices such as fasting, praying, and feeding the hungry are not ways for us to make contact with God. Rather, these practices are ways in which we come to a fuller awareness that God is already in contact with us—already connected to us in ways we can hardly begin to fathom. As we gaze upon God and what God has done, we find that God is already looking lovingly upon us.

Prayer: God of glory, you come to us in humility. Help us to receive you gladly, and in our adoration, to be transformed into your likeness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

-Excerpt from lasting hope Devotions for Lent 2019

lasting hope
Devotions for Lent 2019,
available on the table outside the office



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	March 3 Sunday 9:00 am	March 6 Ash Wed. 6:30 pm	March 10 Sunday 9:00 am	March 13 Wed. Lenten Service 6:30 pm	March 17 Sunday 9:00 am	March 20 Wed. Lenten Service 6:30 pm	March 24 Sunday 9:00 am	March 27 Wed. Lenten Service 6:30 pm	March 31 Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Assistants	TBD	Kim Lamb	Kim Lamb		TBD		Pat Leonhart		Pat Leonhart
Scripture Readers	Sue Buss	TBD	TBD		Amy Lockhart		Sue Buss		Gene Leonhart
Acolytes	Emmett Nuehring & Ethan Krabberhoff	Kenny Lamb & Bailey Nuss	Kenny Lamb & Bailey Nuss		Bailey Nuss & Jarett Clayton		Grant Pautsch & Bailey Nuss		Tyanna Teetzen & Bailey Nuss
Multimedia	TBD	TBD	TBD		Peyton Mueller		TBD		TBD
Organist	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller
Sound System	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve Devries	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge
Prayers	Grace Upshaw	Kenny Lamb	Kenny Lamb	Bailey Nuss	Kasey Wirtjes	Bailey Nuss	Bailey Nuss	Ethan Krabberhoff	Bailey Nuss
Altar Guild	Connie Lobeck, Judy Gleason, Diann Curtis, Janice Gienau, Carol Moon								
Usher/Greeters	Bill & Judy Milius, Shirley Thurm, TBD								
<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 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



Denver Legion Belgian Waffle Breakfast
Sunday, March 3, 8:00 am -12:30 pm
All are welcome

Quilt Tying

The quilt tying is underway and we have 112 quilts boxed thus far! Meeting again on Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, and Tuesdays, 9 am - Noon. In case of bad weather, use your own judgment—come when you can, leave when you must.

Bell Choir

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings 7:45-8:45 am.
If you've ever thought "is bell choir for me??
I'd suggest you give us a 'test drive'.
Jo VanDeBerg, Bell Choir Director 515-238-7483

Winter Weather Policy

Please check our website www.stpeterdenver.org, Facebook, and KWWL, in the event of inclement weather for the Cancellation of Worship and or Sunday School. We will attempt to have it posted by 7:30 am.

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.

Coffee

We have a fresh supply of coffee available in the Friendship Room. Enjoy some java and support the

Spring LWR Ingathering

Join us Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 - 11:30 am, at St Peter Lutheran Church, Denver. Spring Ingathering schedule will be as follows: 8:00 Coffee, morning treats and fellowship. 9:00 Welcome; 9:05 Presentation on House of Hope, with Dusky Steele; 9:30 Devotions, 9:45 Music; 10:30 Cluster C, E and H small group time; 11:30 Lunch (free will donation) Everyone is welcome!



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.

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.

March 3 - 1) Kelley Carman
2) Kelley Carman
3) Kelley Carman

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

March 10 - 1) Janice Miller
2) Janice Miller
3) Janice Miller

Coffee maker- Janice Miller

March 17 - 1) Kim Lamb
2) Kim Lamb
3) Kim Lamb

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

March 24 - 1) Stewardship Board
2) Evangelism Board
3) Installation reception

Coffee maker- Stewardship & Evangelism

March 31 - 1) Kim Austin
2) Kim Austin
3) Kim Austin

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

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.

In January Helping Hands Clothing Closet had only 49 client visits but we were closed four times for weather. Our volunteers gave 40 hours of their time to the Clothing Closet. If you or someone you know is in need of winter clothing; we have a good supply on hand and would love to help them out. Think Spring!!!

Offering Envelopes

We still have a few envelopes that need to be picked up. Please stop by the information table outside the office, to pick up your 2019 offering envelopes. If your envelopes are missing please let the office know. Thank you.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Community & Mission News

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Marlyn Wolter

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Jackie Fober
Marilyn Wentz

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Mark Jurgenson
Ronald Sawyer

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Neil & Jan Hartmann

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Jade Gienu

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LaVonne Emkes
Gary Sharp

9

Keith Oltrogge
Joshua Vauthier

10

Marlys Krueger
Mary Ryan
Marvin Schumacher

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Jonathan Empie
Larry Oltrogge
Greg & Julie Smith

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JoAnne Blumenshine
Janice Gienu

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William Milius
Annabella Place

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Kalyn Kurtz
Josie Wolter

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Kali Ackerman
Libby Michels
Sharon Midthus
Carol Staley
Lilyana Upshaw

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Shirley Buhr
Connie Lobeck
Jeff & Dawn Riley
Danelle Elsamiller

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Doug Eick
Izaak Shedenhelm
Braeden Weston
Susan & Ronald Sawyer

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Lynn Gielau
Florence Wille

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Matthew Eick

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Doug Miller
Kate Oltrogge
Kim Williams

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Audrey DeVries
Ryan Gleason
Jim Moeller

25

Renee McInroy
Zachary Oberheu

27

Dean Gleason
Terry Miller
Matthew Rector
Sutton Smith
Larry & Janell Stock

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William & Judy Milius

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John Maitland
Carol Nystrom
Erik Ryan



Easter Lilies

We will order lilies from Hy-Vee again this year. Please fill out an "in memory of" order form located on the information table if you would like to purchase a lily. Cost \$9.62, Deadline: March 31.



Wellness Screening

Wellness Screening, Tuesday, April 9, 6:30-8:00 am in the lower level of St Peter.

The Wellness Screening includes:

23 test panel for \$20.00 (a 12 hour fast is recommended)

Cholesterol Screen for \$5.00

PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) for \$10.00

TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) for \$5.00

Complete Blood Count for \$5.00

A1C (Monitors glucose level for diabetes) for \$10.00

Free blood pressure check

Participants can drink water or take medications prior to the testing. The screening is hosted by St. Peter Church with Allen Hospital and is open to the public.



Noisy Offering

The noisy offering for March & April will be given to Denver Cares for the purchase of Easter Meals for families in our area.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

We are excited to share, St Peter Lutheran Church received \$2,417 in charitable outreach funding in 2018. All 2018 Choice Dollars have been made available for members to direct and 2018 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2019. Encourage your supporters to direct now, by using the free promotional materials available in the Promote Thrivent Choice section on Thrivent.com.

Dear Congregation,

Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness in providing the cancer goodie bag. Beginning chemo is a scary time and it's nice to know other people care.

Thanks again! *Phyllis Hathaway*

Dear Mission Board,

thanks so much for the lovely Valentine card and verse. You touched my heart with your thoughts and love. I miss you all and love you all. And thanks for your special prayers. God bless you all, *Verna Harms*.

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

College Care Packages

We are gathering the addresses of our St Peter college students to send care packages before finals in April. Please send your student's address to the church office before the end of March.



Iowa Veterans Home Thank You

Dear Members, On behalf of all of us at the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH), I want to thank you for your gracious donation of \$220 from your September—October Noisy Offering from St Peter. The gift has been placed in our Memorial Account and will be used, along with other donated funds, towards the purchase of an item of equipment for the benefit and use in the delivery of health care programming for the residents at IVH. Again, I want to thank you for thinking of the Iowa Veterans Home to receive this gift. It is very appreciated. Sincerely, *Timon M Oujiri Colonel (retired US Arm) Commandant IVH*

Super Bowl Totals are In

Thanks to all the sports' fans who came out in their favorite team gear on February 3rd, Super Bowl Sunday! All the individual \$5 donations to the Salvation Army totaled \$317! It was a Super Sunday! Also, thanks to all who have contributed soup during the months of January and February. These cans of soup will be donated to the Salvation Army as well. Your monetary and food donations are certainly evidence of God's work, our hands! Thanks for continuing to help those in need! *Board of Mission*

Dear Friends, On behalf of Friends of the Family,

I would like to thank you for your donation of \$224, we greatly appreciate it! Donations we receive benefit individuals and families using our services. Thanks to your generosity, we will meet our mission to provide safe, confidential services to those affected by homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking through providing basic needs, housing assistance, and crisis counseling. Friends of the Family provides prevention education and awareness to the community to create a society free of violence and homelessness. Thank you again for your support of Friends of the Family. You are greatly appreciated!

WELCA Board Meeting

The March meeting has been canceled

Gather Bible Study -Next Meetings:

Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 12, 1:00 pm

Serving Committee for March

Kay Becker	Shirley Buhr	Sharon Diercks
Donna Donaldson	Elizabeth Foelske	Donna Kittle
Kim Lamb	Marcia Ott	Sue Sawyer
Mary Stevens	Susan Wille	Joy Wolter

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

His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Want list suggestions-instant potatoes, hamburger helper, sugar, cereal, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in January: 77 Households, 190 Individuals, 5,639 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357. **Thank you Staci for delivering our donations on 2-19-19, the total was 95 lbs!**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, March 7, 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).

Re-Do'd Cards

All proceeds go to Prayer Shawl Ministries at this time. Please check out the selection of all occasion cards on the rack outside the office.



Faith Formation

The Youth and Family Board Invites You To

Jump for Jesus March 31st

Time: 1-3 PM

Location: Waterloo Trampoline & Tumbling Center
Farm Site, 5604 Schenk Rd, Waterloo, IA 50703

Details: Families and individuals of all ages are invited to join us for fun and fellowship on the afternoon of March 31st. Please RSVP by March 17th at the church office or eve.pautsch@gmail.com. We invite you to bring a snack to share with the group.



Denver MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers) group is launching a MOPS Collective, or bible study. The study is called *Fierce Love*, and explores the big emotions of motherhood. Coffee will be on by 8:15 am and the study will be from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 801 Prestien Drive (The Denver Baptist Church parsonage), and are open to any moms, with a special focus on moms with preschool and school age children. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Cara Sommerlot at denveriamops@gmail.com with any questions. For more information about MOPS, visit www.mops.org

Spring Dirty Feet Retreat

April 5-7

Recharge your Middle School/ Junior High youth at the Dirty Feet Retreat! Enjoy two nights of lodging in cabins, relevant Bible Studies, quality meals & snacks, energetic camp counselors, active praise music, the High Ropes Course, epic games, a crazy Talent Show, outdoor campfire worship, fun skits, and memorable adventures. For Grades 6-9. Only \$85/youth or \$60/ adult. Approximately one adult is requested per 10 youth. Registration Deadline (requested) by Monday, March 25.

Adult Enrichment Day with Guest Tim Ager

April 11th 9:00-1:00

We're excited to welcome Tim Ager as our Adult Enrichment Day speaker this spring. Adults, come and spend the morning at Camp Ewalu and hear about Tim's exciting work at the geographic south pole. Enjoy a morning of coffee and fellowship at Ewalu's beautiful main site.

Come at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and rolls in the Creation Center chapel. Tim Ager will start his presentation shortly after. A free-will lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. in Cedar Lodge.

Spring Volunteer Work Weekend

May 3-5

You will join other volunteers, families, and church groups to help Ewalu get ready for the summer season. We hope you take time to explore camp in your free time, get to know some of the camp staff and other volunteers, and return home renewed and refreshed from your time in this special place in God's kingdom.

Sunday School

Sunday School follows worship at 10:10am. Contact Todd Foelske with any questions tfuelske@gmail.com or 319-987-2134.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class meets Wednesdays for Lenten Services. at 6:30 pm,.



EWALU Summer Camp Brochures are Here!

Please pick up a pamphlet to check out the many opportunities for our youth. St Peter pays a portion of the camp. 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! Both kids and adults will love our highly trained and encouraging college-age counselors. 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. Brochures are located on the information table outside the office.



March 2019



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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

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