

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

March 2022

Projecting Christ to All Generations



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Lent 2022 - An Invitation

For Lent this year we will be focusing on two interrelated themes: For Wednesday evening services our theme will be the fruit of the Spirit, how our lives are transformed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. For Sunday mornings our worship will focus on THE CHURCH! What in the world is it? We will be using a Bible Study based on the Four Emphases which Bishop Elizabeth Eaton offers as a guide for the church, and specifically the ELCA. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday Nights - Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 The Fruit of the Spirit

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

March 9 th	Love and Joy
March 16 th	Peace and Patience
March 23 rd	Kindness and Gentleness
March 30 th	Generosity
April 6 th	Faithfulness and Self-Control

Sundays - The Church: Who, What, How, When, Why?

March 6 th	What is church?
March 13 th	We Are Church.
March 20 th	We Are Lutheran.
March 27 th	We Are Church Together.
April 3 rd	We Are Church for the Sake of the World.

- Interim Pastor Scot McCluskey

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

** Volunteers needed – please sign-up online or contact the office*

	March 2 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	March 6 Sunday 9:00 am	March 9 Wed. Lent 7:00 pm	March 13 Sunday 9:00 am	March 16 Wed. Lent 7:00 pm	March 20 Sunday 9:00 am	March 23 Wed. Lent 7:00 pm	March 27 Sunday 9:00 am	March 30 Wed. Lent 7:00 pm
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Nancy Kohagen	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Acolytes	Adalyn Gleason & Calvin Beem	Adalyn Gleason & Lincoln Roethler	Sydney Krabbenhoft Kenna Rothmeyer			Lincoln Roethler	Dalton Brinkman & Lincoln Roethler	?	Addy Gleason & Dalton Brinkman
Communion Assistant	Pat Leonhart	Susan Buss		Pat Leonhart				Pat Leonhart	
Scripture Reader	Jim Moeller	Jim Moeller		Gene Leonhart			Danica Brinkman	Joyce Miller	
Multimedia	Julie Gleason	Julie Gleason							
Sound System	Steve DeVries	Philip Michels	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	Philip Michels	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge
Video taping									
Altar Guild	Terrie Thurm, Lori Thurm, Mandy Gesme								
Usher/ Greeters	Bill & Judy Milius, Shirley Thurm								
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.									

Volunteers

Please take a look at the Worship Servers sign-up and consider one of the options to participate. We need acolytes, readers, communion assistants, multimedia, video taping, and sound system, ushers and altar guild is looking for more recruits as well. www.stpeterdenver.org -Get involved— Volunteer—Worship Servers or 319-984-5648

**July 24-28, 2022 | Minneapolis, MN
Gathering@elca.org**

For more information on the youth gathering please contact Lisa Michels 319-464-4381.

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. 319-984-5648

Bulletin Deadline: Thursdays 10:00 am

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.

Mission & Community



Easter Choir

A choir will be forming for Easter Worship. Any singers wanting to participate should notify Mary Stevens 319-252-2960.

Also, any bell choir members who would like to play for Easter should notify Mary or the office.

With Appreciation

Thank you Gifts of Love for your kindness remembering me with all these wonderful gifts in my sack. Especially the ceramic manger scene that I can hang up and the refrigerator magnet with one of St Peter's beautiful windows displayed. And all of the other goodies. God bless you all! *Verna Harms*

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for March: Shampoo, conditioner & deodorant. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. January statistics: 53 Households, 160 Individuals, 5,469 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 the Midthus' for delivering St Peter's latest donation—118.9 lbs. worth!**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, April 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 Cards Update

We have all occasion cards available. Please feel free to come to the church and choose from the card rack. All proceeds go to the ELCA Youth Gathering funds, at this time. **We now have a selection of Easter Cards available on the rack.**

The Season of Lent Begins

Lenten Worship will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings with the Lenten Suppers beginning at 5:30 pm, on March 9.

The Evangelism Board will be supplying the first supper - Please join us.

Serving Committee for March

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

Noisy Offering

Our March and April Noisy Offering will also go to Denver Cares Easter Meals. In past years, the Board of Mission has provided ten to twelve Easter meals for Denver Cares. Your Noisy Offering donations in March and April will once again be used to feed people in our community. Remember the verse from Mark 12, "Love your neighbors as yourself". Sharing with others is an act of love. Please give so that you can touch lives in our community.

Noisy offering is the third Sunday of the month—March 20.

Forty Days, Forty Items Challenge

Have you ever wondered what to give up for Lent? Join the Mission Board on a forty-day adventure. During Lent, try the "Forty Days, Forty Items" challenge! Could you discover something of worth to give up each day? If so, remove the item that your family no longer wants or needs from your home or garage and place it in a bag or tote. At the end of Lent, donate the entire collection of items to a charity, shelter or Goodwill. By cleaning out, you'll be sharing with those who could use your contributions. This could be a powerful forty-day journey. This year the Lenten season is from Wednesday, March 2nd through Thursday, April 14th.



The Mission Board and their little helpers visited Willow Winds for some Valentine's Day fun.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Marlyn Wolter

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Jackie Fober

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Mark Jurgenson
Ronald Sawyer

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Neil & Jan Hartmann

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Jade Gienau

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LaVonne Emkes

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Keith Oltrogge
Joshua Vauthier

10

Mary Ryan
Marvin Schumacher

11

Jonathan Empie
Larry Oltrogge
Greg & Julie Smith

13

JoAnne Blumenshine
Janice Gienau

15

William Milius
Annabella Place

16

Kalyn Kurtz
Josie Wolter

17

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

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Matthew Eick

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Kim Williams

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Audrey DeVries
Ryan Gleason
Jim Moeller

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Renee McInroy

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Dean Gleason
Matthew Rector
Sutton Smith
Larry & Janell Stock

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William & Judy Milius

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John Maitland
Diane Miller
Carol Nystrom
Erik Ryan

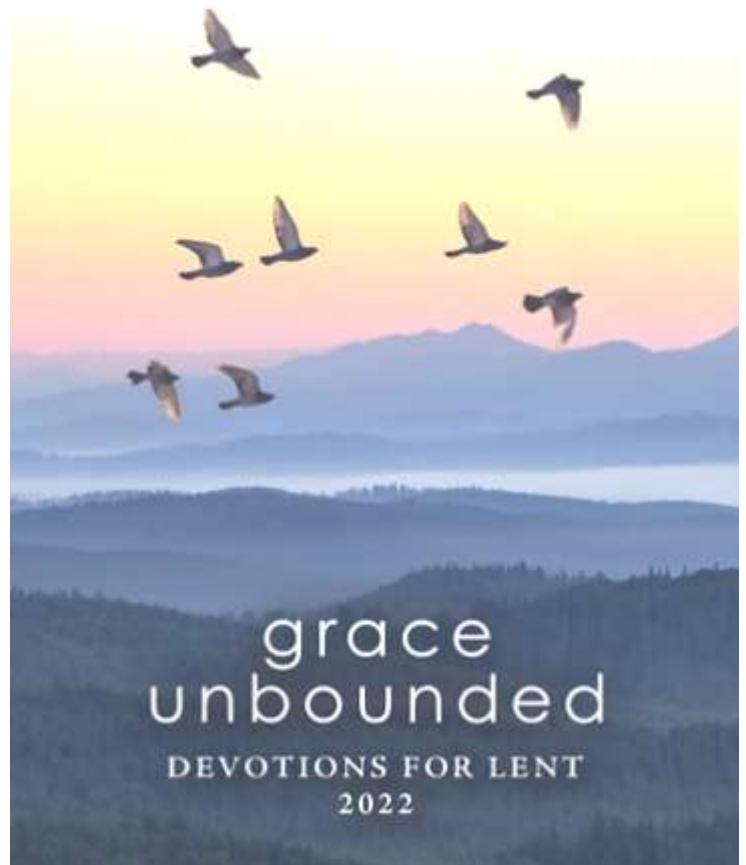
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Taylor Beem
Amy Mortenson



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



Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. We will have Ash Wednesday Service, March 2, at 7:00 pm. Lenten services the following Wednesdays will also be at 7:00 pm. The church has ordered some copies of the Lenten Devotional "grace unbounded." They are available on the table outside the office; please help yourself.

Offering Envelopes

We have a few boxes that still need to be picked up. The 2022 Offering Envelopes are located on the table outside the office. Please let us know if your envelopes are missing, or if you'd like a 2022 boxed set.

Exercise Classes at St Peter

Join Roberta Robbins, Thursdays from 5 -6:00 pm **AND** Sundays, 4-5:00 pm, in the lower level of the church. There is no cost to participate in the Essentric[®] class. Essentric[®] is a dynamic, full-body workout suitable for all fitness levels that simultaneously combines stretching and strengthening while engaging all 650 muscles. This class will increase flexibility and mobility for a healthy, toned, and pain-free body.

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Denver Community Center
100 Washington St. | Denver
Friday, March 4, 2022
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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Helping Hands Clothing Closet

January has been a quiet month at the clothing closet as we only had 84 client visits and our volunteers gave 36 hours of their time. Although we had fewer visits we did add a half dozen new families to our list. The lower numbers could be due to winter weather. If you are looking for signs of spring here's one for you: Helping Hands Clothing Closet will be switching over to warm weather clothing Saturday, March 19. If any students are looking for community hours for school or confirmation we would appreciate your help. In the meantime, we do have plenty of winter clothing available for anyone needing it now or for next fall.

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

Quilt Tying

The quilt tying is going strong. The group meets on Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, and Tuesdays, 9 am - Noon. Please join us if you can, no experience necessary. In case of bad weather, use your own judgment. **The quilters report 89 quilts have been boxed so far!**

February was a "Souper" month at St. Peter!

Thanks to everyone who took advantage of the opportunity to wear their favorite sports' gear on February 13th, Super Bowl Sunday, for a \$5 donation to the Salvation Army. \$255 was collected! Approximately 56 cans of soup and an additional \$80 in monetary donations were received throughout the month. You've made a difference through your love for others!



Dear St Peter Members and Congregation

Thank you so much for your donation of \$221.79. (Nov/Dec Noisy Offering) Your support funds programs that give women the tools they need to achieve secure families, independence and permanent homes. With safe housing and comprehensive programming, women can pursue education, secure employment earning a living wage, obtain reliable transportation, learn financial management skills, and much more.

In 2021, 100% of women graduated the House of Hope program with stable housing and dependable childcare and 81% graduated with gainful employment! House of Hope is a multi-prong approach to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty in the Cedar Valley with programs such as Family Support & Wellness, Outreach, Pillars, Boost job readiness, Financial Mentoring, Case Management, Life Skills, and more. All of this is possible thanks to contributions from generous people like you! We appreciate your investment in families!

Sincerely, *Dusky Steele*, Development Coordinator

Prayer Shawl Thank You

My husband Steve was a patient at the University of Iowa Hospital and was very ill. The nurse brought him a very beautiful blue Prayer Shawl. It gave me comfort that God was close to him and would lead him into the right direction. He did pass very peacefully. Thank you so much for your caring and thoughtful hands that knitted. *Judy*

Dear Mission Board,

Thanks so much for the lovely Valentine you sent me. How thoughtful of you.

Verna Harms.



Faith Formation & Announcements



So when your high school basketball team is playing the big game to go to state and your confirmation class wants to cheer them on, what do you do???

Meet them where they are! Pastor Scot enjoyed the game along with the confirmation students. On to state for the Denver high school girls basketball team –Congratulations!

Womenfest

The ecumenical Women's Bible Study is lead by Pastor McCluskey. We will gather weekly in our St Peter Friendship Room at 7:30 am. All are welcome!

Mensfest

The ecumenical Men's Bible Study is lead by Pastor McCluskey. We will gather weekly in the lower level of the church at 7:30 am. All are welcome!

Gather Bible Study

Gather Bible Study will be held the second Tuesday of the month, led by Pastor McCluskey. Everyone is invited to join us, **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 8, in the Friendship Room at 1:30 pm.

EWALU Summer Camps

The brochures for EWALU Summer Camp are now available on the table outside the office. We want to make sure all children and youth, (grades 1-12), and their parents, have a chance to experience the lasting faith formation, safe outdoor adventures and healthy social development of top-quality camps like EWALU. The brochures have the summer schedule and registration information.

St Peter encourages participation from our students and offers camp scholarships to all members.

Confirmation

Next Wednesday, March 2nd, is Ash Wednesday and is the beginning of our Wednesday evening services. During Lent our confirmation classes will be combined, and begin at 7:00 pm The schedule looks something like this:

5:30 - 6:30 Lenten Meal

7:00 - 8:30 Lenten worship and Confirmation Class

(We will most likely be done with class before 8:30 most Wednesday nights, however Ash Wednesday will be a longer service and therefore last until 8:30. This is a heads up so you can plan the delivery and pick-up of your young people.)

Sunday School

Classes are Sundays following Worship.

Please consider teaching a 4 week session, as we are in need of Sunday School teachers.

Contact Todd Foelske tfoelske@gmail.com if you could help out.

Camp Counselors

Do you know a college-age young adult looking to make a difference? Encourage them to apply to work at Camp Ewalu this summer! We offer a variety of exciting summer youth programs and a fantastic staff for support. This is a place God will guide their growth as leaders and their personal sense of calling.

We also offer two weeks of fully paid training in youth ministry, outdoor adventure, skills, leadership, Bible studies, team-building, and personal growth. Pay is \$300/week, and food and lodging during the week are covered. Details and FAQs at ewalu.org/summer-employment/.



March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilt tying 6:30 pm Evangelism mtg 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	2 7:30 am Mensfest 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship	3 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Exercise class	4	5
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2022 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, Jackie Fober, Amy Oltmann, Jayson Gesme

Executive Board: Jim Jurgenson, Jayson Gesme, Marcia Joerger, Todd Foelske

Property & Management: Neil Hartmann, Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Roxane Franzen, Jim Jurgenson, Jayson Gesme

Parish Education: Amy Oltmann, Jaime Leonhart, Mandy Gesme, Julie Gleason

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