

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## May 2019

Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Signs of new life are all around us. After our Easter Sunday worship I walked around the outside of the parsonage. I saw so many signs of new life. I counted at least twenty tulip buds. I can hardly wait for them to open and reveal their color. A few blossoms have opened on the bottom of the rhododendron bushes. Soon the bushes will be decked out in purple. There are green tufts on the branches of the lilac bushes and trees; flower buds will be next, followed by the wonderful aroma of lilacs wafting through the air. Before long the trees will become a canopy of leaves providing shade and shelter. The birds are chattering and singing, busy gathering twigs and other items for building and lining their nests; soon they will be growing their families. The spirea bushes are a golden color much like the welcome mat on the front steps at the parsonage. What once was covered with snow, what once was bare is coming to life. We happily bid farewell to winter and welcome spring. It's a glorious time of the year on the outside.

What about on the inside? What signs of spring are we seeing on the inside? Since my arrival in mid-March we have welcomed Colt and Winslow into the body of Christ here at St. Peter. Through water and the Spirit these new lives received God's promised gift of new life. What joy to welcome new life into the congregation! The purple and barrenness of Lent are gone, replaced with the brilliance of white paraments and Easter lilies. Butterflies roost throughout the sanctuary. Look! There's another one! The darkness and somberness of Lent are no more. Now "Sonlight" and joy fill the sanctuary. It's a glorious time of the year on the inside too.

Everywhere we look, outside and inside, new life abounds. We celebrate new life rising up all around us. As nature proclaims the welcomed good news, "Spring is here," so too the church proclaims the welcomed good news, "Christ is risen!" There you have it, the Easter message in just three words, so simple and yet most profound. We respond to the good news, "Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!" Praise God for new life!

*Pastor Dawn*

### church happenings



Colt Boeckmann was baptized on March 31. Pictured above is Pastor Dawn with Colt's parents Calli and Tyler Boeckmann.



Winslow "Winnie" watches as the water is poured out for baptism. Her parents are, Andrew & Katie Bullerman.

The Mission Board had fun putting together the care packages for our college students, And Reagan was a huge help!



# Worship & Music Server

## Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	<b>May 5 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>May 12 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>May 19 Affirmation of Baptism Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>May 26 Baccalaureate Sunday 9:00 am</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Kim Lamb	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	Jim Moeller	James Jurgenson	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kenny Lamb & Mia Leonhart	Clayton Liddle & Grace Upshaw	Jarett Clayton & Justice Gienau	Tyanna Teetzen & Carson Haase
<b>Multimedia</b>	Peyton Mueller	Leah Homeister	Julie Leisinger	TBD
<b>Organist</b>	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart
<b>Sound System</b>	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marcia Ott, Vera Collins, Lynn Gielau, Peggy Smith, Kim Lamb			
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Randy & Terrie Thurm, Mark & Jackie Fober family			
<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>				

### 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 and the  
**Newsletter Deadline:** 4:00 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month.

### St Peter Clean Up Day

Rescheduled for Saturday, May 4, from 8:00 am—Noon. We will be laying mulch, trimming shrubs, general yard care and some hauling away of unused items from the church. Yard tools are encouraged.



### 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.

### Grief Support Group

The grief group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# Mission & Community

## Garage Sale Weekend

On May 11th, during Denver's City-Wide Garage Sales, a 16-foot truck will be in the northwest parking lot at St. Peter Church in Denver. The truck will be provided by Habitat for Humanity for their fundraiser, "Restore".

"Restore" is a Home-Improvement and Retail Donation Center in Waterloo. They accept new and used material donations and sell the materials back to the public at deeply discounted prices. All proceeds go back to furthering Habitat's mission of building homes, communities, and hope.

The truck will remain at the church from Saturday the 11th through Monday the 13th. If you can't get materials to the parking lot during that time, or if the truck is full, you can call 319-883-3331 to have your donation questions answered. A complete list of donated items accepted can be found at [heartlandhfh.org/restore](http://heartlandhfh.org/restore) or by calling the number listed above.

## Crohn's Walk

We would like to share the following upcoming, family event with you:

Our 10 year old Grandson Kaden, diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, has been selected as this year's "Honored Hero" at the Crohn's/Colitis Walk at the State Capital in Des Moines!! Please check



out his video at <http://online.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/goto/Banwell2019>

If you can join us in Des Moines June 1, 10:30 a.m., please call Jo at 515-238-7483; we'll get you a "Kaden's Caped Crusaders" team shirt, and invite you to a nearby park for a celebration lunch.

If you would like to support Kaden monetarily, it would be GREATLY appreciated; all information to donate is on the website. Foundation mission: "To cure Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis, and to improve the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases.

Thank you SO much St. Peter family,  
*Dave and Jo VanDeBerg*



## 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.

May 5 – 1) Kim Lamb  
2) Kim Lamb  
3) Kim Lamb

Coffee maker- Pat Leonhart

May 12 – 1) Joe Teetzen  
2) Joe Teetzen  
3) Joe Teetzen

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

May 19 – 1) Kelley Carman  
2) Kelley Carman  
3) Kelley Carman

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

May 26 – 1) Renee McInroy  
2) Renee McInroy  
3) Ruth Circle

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](mailto:Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com).

## Ingathering Appreciation

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped during the Ingathering for Lutheran World Relief. From bringing in food, decorating, serving food, loading the truck and many other jobs; your help was greatly appreciated. The truck departed with: 2,163 quilts, 202 baby care kits, 744 personal care kits, 332 school kits, 41 blankets, 58 fabric kits, 35 lbs of soap! (of which St Peter contributed 222 quilts, 44 personal care kits and 10 fabric kits) Sincerely, *WELCA Board*

# May Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Community & Mission News

1

Dori Jurgenson  
Megan Schmauss

2

Dawn Riley

3

Judy Vauthier  
Michael & Jaime Gienau  
Jon & Brenda Wolter

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Kathy Ackerman  
Todd Foelske

5

Betty Biemann

6

Derek Gielau

7

Carson Haase  
Nick Syhre  
Michael Vauthier  
Randy & Roxi Herman

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Marissa Schwebach

10

Larry Stock  
Kristen Wolter

11

Michelle Steffe  
Lori Thurm  
Renetta Thurm  
Tricia & Dennis Kurtz

12

Amanda Swanson

13

Mitchell Mohlis  
Rachelle Nystrom

14

Marcia Ott  
Marlys Patterson

15

Matt Krueger  
Mike & Renee McInroy  
Garland & Heather Krabbenhoft

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Amy Gehrke  
Wanda Meier  
Brody Wirtjes



17

Virgil Buhr  
Rodney Diercks  
Erin Gustafson

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Chip Flory  
Sara Oltrogge  
Rylee Renner  
Roger & Shirley Thurm  
Ben & Jill Thrasher

19

Carolee Oberheu  
Cassandra Upshaw

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Joel & Joy Wolter

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Trudi Schimmels

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Tyler Corell  
Bruce Thurm  
Kris Steege  
Jack & Sheila Mixdorf  
Randy & Terrie Thurm

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Donna Donaldson

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Alton Midthus  
Ethan Thies

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Austin Herman  
Doug Roethler

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Alexis Lyons

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Ed & JoAnne Blumenshine  
Reagan Carman  
Tessa Joerger  
Todd & Elizabeth Foelske  
Zackary Satterthwaite

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Philip Michels

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Richard Beckel  
Wesley Homeister  
Teresa Miller  
Zack Thrasher

## 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!

## Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Offerings

These offerings will be shared with the Synod's Fund for Leaders (FFL), which helps to raise up and financially support students studying at ELCA seminaries who have demonstrated outstanding leadership potential and exceptional gifts for ministry. Our Synod's vision is to one day support every candidate for rostered ministry with a full-tuition scholarship to an ELCA seminary, to empower and enable our leaders to serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

## Bartels Annual Meeting

We appreciate St. Peter Lutheran as a Corporate Church of Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community! Your delegates, Roger & Donna Donaldson, attended the Bartels Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 8th. Comments from Pam Brickman, Chairman of the Board, included that Bartels has a strong mission and vision and 2018 was a very busy, rewarding and successful year, and we look for 2019 to be the same. The Board of Directors were installed by Rev. Mark Anderson. Deb Schroeder, President & CEO, shared 2018 major accomplishments: Waterloo Courier Employer of Choice Award, Direct Care Worker training class with 12 graduates, Eisenach Village growth, operational improvements, and the opening of our newest community, Aspen Cottage. Thanks to St. Peter Lutheran Church for your continued service to Bartels and support of our mission.

## Wellness Screening



Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with this year's wellness screening. We had 49 participants.

*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

## Kollege Kare Kits



*The Mission Board team was at it again this spring—sending a little love in the form of food :) to our St Peter students during finals week.*

## A Few Words From Stewardship

Back from a couple of months hiatus, news again from stewardship! At least marginally stewardship related – as many of you know, some of us missed the annual Lenten suppers. Jaime Leonhart corralled the confirmation kids and we, along with several parents, got these meals together over four of the weeks of lent. People brought various ingredients, and nearly all of the young people participated. In efforts to be less wasteful, we collected recyclables and used real dishes for these events, factors not so important for themselves as for a really unexpected benefit: the preparation, dishwashing, and clean-up became times of energy and camaraderie for the confirmation youth! Though attendance at most of the suppers was not great, putting them on was enjoyable and a great time of fellowship for both adults and young people. Thanks to all who came and helped! Stewardship (really care-taking!) can relate to many aspects of church life, and we are looking past the usual emphasis on fall funding campaigns to other possible areas of focus during the year. Present ideas include possible 'adoption' of some roadside and/or town cleanup projects, addressing environmental stewardship needs. More about this will follow as we develop these ideas.

## Stewardship of the City Park

Rescheduled for May 4, 8am -Noon, stewardship of City Park will be part of our St Peter Clean Up Day also. The board would like to invite everyone to consider helping clean the tables at the park, as well as the lawn area as a St Peter Stewardship event.

## WELCA Board Meeting

Next meeting: Sunday, May 12, at 10:15 am

## Gather Bible Study -Next Meetings:

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 7, 1:00 pm

## Serving Committee for May

Doris Blankenship	Teresa Diercks
Gayle Eick	Melodie Foelske
Jan Hartmann	Leah Homeister
Lisa Michels	Opal Miller
Wendy Mohlis	Joyce Schimmels
Crystal Shedenhelm	Karen Thurm

## 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 March: 90 Households, 253 Individuals, 8,270 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357. **Thank you Staci for delivering our donations on 3-22-19, the total was 83 lbs!**

## Love Offering

Each year the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) at St. Peter conduct a spring Love Offering. The Love Offering will continue through the end of May. This Offering supports local and national causes; this year the WELCA Board has decided to send one-fourth of our Love Offering to each of the following organizations providing flood relief assistance in Iowa and Nebraska: Lutheran Disaster Response of Iowa and Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska. A special envelope is included with your regular offering envelopes, or you may use a plain envelope and mark it "Love Offering." Thank you



## 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, May 2.** 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

## Re-Do Cards Request

In need of donated Get Well Cards; the more intact the card is the easier it is for LaVonne to work with. Also any greeting card envelopes you have no use for would be appreciated. All proceeds go to Prayer Shawl at this time

# Faith Formation

## Confirmation Class

The 8th Graders only will meet on May 1, 8, 15, at 6:15 pm, in preparation for Affirmation of Baptism - May 19.

## EWALU Volunteer Work Weekend May 3-5

Join other volunteers, families, and church groups for outdoor activities, fun fellowship, and service projects around camp. Lodging and meals provided free of charge. Please RSVP to [camp@ewalu.org](mailto:camp@ewalu.org) or call 563-933-4700. Thank you for your support of Camp Ewalu!

## 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.

## 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

## Sunday School

Sunday School follows worship at 10:10am. Contact Todd Foelske with any questions [tfoelske@gmail.com](mailto:tfoelske@gmail.com) or 319-987-2134.

**Last Day of Sunday School for this school year is, Sunday, May 5**

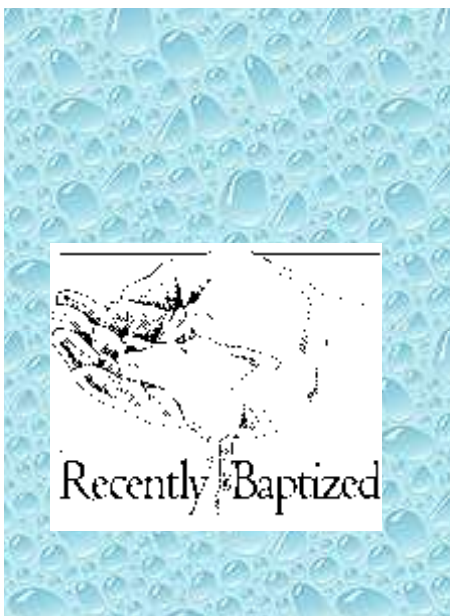
Thank you to Todd Foelske for organizing and directing Sunday School and to all our teachers and volunteers!

## 2019 St. Peter High School Graduates

Congratulations to Chadron Beem, Jacob DeVries, Gabe Lahmann, Allison Maitland, Brandon Maitland, Sophia McInroy, Riley Schumacher, Joshua Vauthier, Jace Williams on successfully completing your high school education! **In recognition of your achievement, we are inviting all members of the graduating class of 2019 to worship together at our 9:00 am worship service, May 26.** Please bring your graduation gown and meet in the Friendship Room at 8:45 am. Be sure to invite your family, baptismal sponsors, and friends to join you in thanking God for the wisdom, education, and memories of these past years.

The graduates will receive quilts made by members of the congregation, along with a reception following the service in the friendship room.

We will once again have a "Graduate Recognition Board" at the back of the sanctuary. **If you would like your picture and future plans for the fall to be included, please bring a wallet size senior picture and note the college you will be attending and the area of study to the church office by May 15.**



*Winslow Bullerman was baptized April 14, with her family -including big brothers, lower left - watching. Welcome Winnie!*



*Welcome to our St Peter family Colt!*



# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 6:15 pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7pm Gather Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am Sunday School	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Property Management meeting	<b>7</b> 7:30 am Womenfest 1:00 Gather Bible Study 6:30 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>8</b> 6:15 pm 8th Grade Confirmation	<b>9</b> 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b> 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship with Baccalaureate	<b>27</b> Memorial Day Office closed	<b>28</b> 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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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

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