

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

May 2020

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Projecting Christ to All Generations



Early in his first letter to the church at Thessalonica Paul wrote about his desire to visit them. Paul was missing the people, the congregation at Thessalonica. He wrote, “As for us, brothers and sisters, when, for a short time, we were made orphans by being separated from you – in person, not in heart – we longed with great eagerness to see you face to face.” We do not know what kept Paul and Silas separated from the church at Thessalonica or how long they had been apart, but we share in his lament and his desire to be together again. Our time of separation has gone on way longer than we had hoped or anticipated. Although we have been separated in person by

the need for social distancing during this pandemic, we are not separated in heart. You, know what they say, “Absence makes the heart grow fonder.” Let me just say, I miss all of you! I long with great eagerness, I hopefully anticipate, the day when we will see each other face to face, - not on Zoom or FaceTime or Duo (although I’m thankful for these) - when we will once again be able to gather in person around God’s Word and God’s holy meal. But, when will this be?

The indefiniteness of this separation makes it especially difficult to hold onto hope and to feel joy. In times like these it is difficult to see signs of God’s abiding presence with us. And yet, God continues to show up and surprise us. God fills us with hope, and even gives us joy in the midst of sorrow, fear, and anxiety. God did this for me recently as I looked outside of the elevator door at church. There I saw hope that gave me joy. In the landscaping I beheld the most beautiful sight. I saw the familiar saw-toothed green leaves and the yellow tuft of what I call resurrection flowers, a sure sign of new life. The first one I saw looked a little tired, like it had been through a hard time. It looked like many of us are feeling. Cloudy days, cold temperatures, and snow keep resurrection flowers closed up tight. This bud was reluctant to open and show its full beauty. But, not far from it was another one, although small, it was fully open. I bent down to take a picture with my cell phone. Then, I rushed home to share it with Steve. Every year we have a contest to see who is the first to spot a resurrection flower. Some call them dandelions, but not me; I prefer to call them resurrection flowers. Every year they are a much-anticipated sign of hope and joy. I encourage you to be on the lookout for signs of God’s abiding presence that bring hope and joy. Will you share them with me and with one another? For, hope and joy shared are multiplied.

In the words our chimes play every night at 8:00 pm, God be with you ‘til we meet again.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Dawn



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

*** ONLY IF IT IS DECIDED TO RESUME WORSHIP AT THIS TIME**

	May 10 Sunday 9:00 am	May 17 Sunday 9:00 am	May 24 Sunday 9:00 am	May 31 Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Assistants	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Scripture Readers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Multimedia	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Organist	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sound System	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries
Altar Guild	Connie Lobeck, Judy Gleason, Diann Curtis, Janice Gienau, Carol Moon			
Usher/Greeters	Randy & Terrie Thurm, Joe Koepke, Mark & Jackie Fober family			
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

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: The May meeting has been rescheduled for June 4. 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).

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.

***Meetings are suspended at St Peter for the time being.**

Assistance During the Pandemic

One day at a time is our new normal. As we continue to navigate through this pandemic there may be new needs that arise. St Peter is here as a resource for you. We may be able to meet the need, and if not, we will look for and share other possible resources with you. Please contact the church office or Pastor Dawn on her cell phone (641-529-6592) with questions or needs.

Mission & Community

Hymnal Handwashing Hits!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen!



Abide with Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine! (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Blessed Assurance

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
(Repeat)

How Great Thou Art

Then sings my soul,
My savior, God, to Thee!
How great thou art; how great thou art!
(Repeat)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the bible tells me so!
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak but he is strong!
Yes, Jesus loves me! (3x)
The bible tells me so!

It is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot,
Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! *(Repeat)*
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Here I Am, Lord

Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see!

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!

In the Garden

And he walks with me & he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known!

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of Love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but you are mighty,
hold me with your pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore!
Feed me now and evermore!

Dear friends at St Peter,

Thank you for the bag of useful items given to me at the Cancer Center in Waterloo this past December. The items helped me feel cared about and eased my treatments. My chemo is done now and I'm healing! Praise God!! *Linda*

The Bell and Chimes at St Peter

Listen for the chimes at St. Peter every night at 8:00 pm. This is both a call to prayer and a daily blessing. Pastor Dawn will ring the bell at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings as an invitation for all to join in praying the Lord's Prayer together.

Caring for our Environment

The Stewardship board has reusable cloth bags that they are selling for cost, \$2.00; please see Brenda Wolter, Mary Stevens, if you would like to purchase one.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	17
Dori Jurgenson	Virgil Buhr
Megan Schmauss	Rodney Diercks
2	Erin Gustafson
Dawn Riley	18
3	Chip Flory
Judy Vauthier	Sara Oltrogge
Michael & Jaime Gienau	Rylee Renner
Jon & Brenda Wolter	Ben & Jill Thrasher
4	19
Kathy Ackerman	Carolee Oberheu
Todd Foelske	Cassandra Upshaw
5	20
Betty Biemann	Joel & Joy Wolter
6	21
Derek Gielau	Trudi Schimmels
7	22
Carson Haase	Tyler Corell
Michael Vauthier	Bruce Thurm
Randy & Roxi Herman	Kris Steege
8	Jack & Sheila Mixdorf
Marissa Schwebach	Randy & Terrie Thurm
10	23
Larry Stock	Donna Donaldson
Kristen Wolter	25
11	Alton Midthus
Michelle Steffe	Ethan Thies
Lori Thurm	26
Renetta Thurm	Austin Herman
Tricia & Dennis Kurtz	Doug Roethler
12	27
Amanda Swanson	Alexis Lyons
13	28
Mitchell Mohlis	Ed & JoAnne Blumenshine
Rachelle Nystrom	Reagan Carman
14	Tessa Joerger
Marcia Ott	Todd & Elizabeth Foelske
Marlys Patterson	Zackary Satterthwaite
15	30
Mike & Renee McInroy	Philip Michels
Garland & Heather Krabbenhoft	31
16	Richard Beckel
Amy Gehrke	Wesley Homeister
Wanda Meier	Teresa Miller
Brody Wirtjes	Zack Thrasher

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

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.

All Other Lenten Offerings

Ash Wednesday, Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Offerings will go to Youth Mission/National Youth Gathering Fund.

Noisy Offering

The May and June Noisy Offering will go towards I HOPE, a chapter of AMBUCS, a national nonprofit charitable organization with the mission of inspiring people to conquer challenges related to mobility and independence. I Hope is a local chapter of AMBUCS. Our name I HOPE stands for Iowans Helping Others Participate Everyday.

I Hope Focus:

The Amtrykes program of AMBUCS helps provide adaptive tricycles for children and adults who are unable to ride a two wheeled bike.



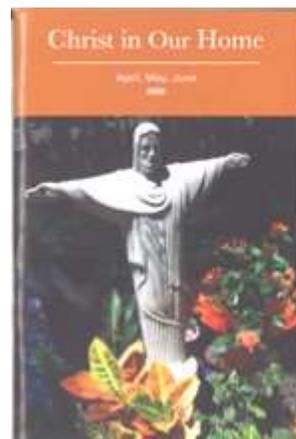
Wellness Screening - canceled

Bartels Annual Meeting - canceled

NEIA Synod Assembly 2020 - postponed until August 22, 2020, at Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls

Resources 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. Large print copies are available.



Please let the office know if you would like us to mail a copy of *Christ in Our Home* to you.

Easter in review....



It started with a Palm procession.....ended with butterflies. All that was missing was you, our dear St Peter members!

Re-Do Cards Available

If you are in need of any all occasion cards; feel free to come to the church and choose from the card rack. All proceeds go to Prayer Shawl at this time. The last donation to Prayer Shawl was \$48.50

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for May—canned peas and corn, boxed meals, soups, instant potatoes. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in March: 123 Households, 357 Individuals, 11,972 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!

Helping Hands Clothes Closet

Helping Hands Clothing Closet has been closed since March 17 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We had 136 client visits in March and our volunteers gave 58 hours of their time. We are closed but will open by appointment to anyone needing immediate assistance with clothing, shoes or bedding. We are also asking that donations be held until we can be open again. Stay safe and we all hope that we are back to regular schedules soon.

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, 9:00-11:00 am. If you have any questions email or call Carolyn Mohlis, 319-279-3247 or Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com.

WELCA Board Meeting

Next WELCA Board meeting: has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 7, at 10:15 am

Gather Bible Study -Next Meeting:
TBD

SWO (Synodical Women's Organization) scheduled for June, has been postponed to a later date.

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
Marlyn Wolter	

Birth

Announcement

Carol and Steve Moon are happy to announce the birth of their grand-daughter, Colby Mae. Born April 14, weighing 7 lbs 15.7 oz, 19^{3/4} " long. Colby is the daughter of Natalie & Bart Dlouhy and joins big sisters Dru & Carter. Congratulations to all!



Faith Formation



Save the Date VBS will be held August 3-7, 2020

Host families are needed for EWALU counselors August 2 - 6. We are expecting a minimum of five counselors.

Availability of a shower is more important than a

bed. Counselors will bring sleeping bags when beds aren't available. Housing within walking distance to the church is preferred because of transportation needs. If you have any questions or you would like to host counselors, please contact Pastor Dawn.

Sunday School

We invite all parents to visit our website:

www.stpeterdenver.org; under the Youth & Family tab is a drop down for Sunday School materials.

There will be updated videos, lessons, activities and more for your students to enjoy.

The stain glass window repairs are being done while we are closed for worship.



2020 St. Peter High School Graduates

Congratulations to Hayden Arians, Marissa Leisinger, Sam Lockhart, Alexis Lyons, Logan Meyer, Breanna Sadler, Lilah Skaar. on successfully completing your high school education!

In recognition of your achievement, we are inviting all members of the graduating class of 2020 to worship together at our 9:00 am worship service, May 24.

If you have been provided with your cap and gown, we would like for you to wear your gown on celebration Sunday. However we understand that the distribution of those may not be organized yet. We will 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.

Womensfest

Everyone is invited to the Ecumenical Bible Study on Tuesdays at Willow Winds Assisted Living, from 7:30-8:30am

Mensfest

Everyone is invited to the Ecumenical Bible Study held on Thursdays, 7:00 am, at AllyCatz.

Note about the Church Calendar

You will notice the church calendar looks very different. Pastor Dawn has chosen scripture readings for each day. Some are words of encouragement, hope, and praise, others give voice to our fears. This is an opportunity for us to daily gather our families around God's word. And, we will become more familiar with our Bibles. If you live alone, perhaps you might call a friend or family member at a set time each day to share these scripture readings and a prayer over the phone. If you have children, encourage them to read scripture with your help. The Psalm readings could be responsive like they are in worship.

You might consider praying this modified version of Luther's Evening Blessing.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: body, soul, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us so that no harm may come to us. Amen



May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *Isaiah 30:18-21	2 Psalm 5:11-12
3 *Psalm 23 Good Shepherd Sunday	4 Psalm 70:4-5	5 *Hebrews 13:20-21	Tentatively Scheduled		8 Psalm 62:5-8	9 Psalm 145:1-19
10 Psalm 65:1-8	11 Psalm 20	12 Psalm 77:1-15 6:30 pm Council meeting vis Zoom	13 Psalm 121	14 Psalm 25:14-18, 20-21	15 Psalm 103:1-5 Newsletter Deadline	16 Psalm 130
17 Psalm 107:1-9	18 Psalm 57:1	19 Psalm 29	20 Psalm 18:1-3, 6	21 *Acts 1:1-9 Ascension	22 Psalm 86:1-13	23 Psalm 84:1-4, 8-9, 11-12
24 Psalm 108:1-6	25 Memorial Day Office closed Psalm 91:1-4, 9-12, 14-16	26 Psalm 43:3-5	27 Psalm 34:1-8, 18-19	28 Psalm 141:1-2	29 Psalm 59:16-17	30 Psalm 105:1-10
 31 John 14:15-18a Romans 8:22-27 Pentecost 						
*a reading from "Christ in Our Home"						

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2020 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, Jim Jurgenson, Gavin Carman, Todd Foelske, Gene Leonhart, Mary Stevens, LaVonne Westendorf, Marcia Joerger, Kim Lamb

Executive Board: Jim Jurgenson, Gavin Carman, Amy Lockhart, Gene Leonhart

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