

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

November 2021

Projecting Christ to All Generations

For These Gifts Which We Are About To Receive We Give You Thanks, O Lord. Amen.

During my time in Seminary, I went with my family to visit my grandmother. As we were getting ready to begin our meal, my dad asked me to offer a prayer before we ate. I was caught off guard, and nervous, and the only thing that came to mind was the table prayer we said at home before each meal, "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest; and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen."

My grandmother, in her bluntly honest way, turned to my mom and said, "We send him to seminary and all he can do is pray a memorized prayer?" I laugh when I think of it. I didn't want to pray the wrong words so I prayed with words I knew were right.

So now after 34 years of ordained ministry ... we still use the same table prayer at home that Melinda and I learned as kids. And to do so is good, right, and salutary.

It is not the words you pray that matter, but the heart with which you pray them.

November is the month of Thanksgiving. As a gift to you, I remind you of Martin Luther's teaching on prayer in the Small Catechism.

Martin Luther's Table Prayers from the Small Catechism

The children and the members of the household are to come devoutly to the table, fold their hands, and recite:

"The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature." Ps. 145:15-16

Then they are to recite the Lord's Prayer and the following prayer:

"Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Similarly, after eating they should in the same manner fold their hands and recite devoutly:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever. God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry. God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner, but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who await God's steadfast love." Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9-11

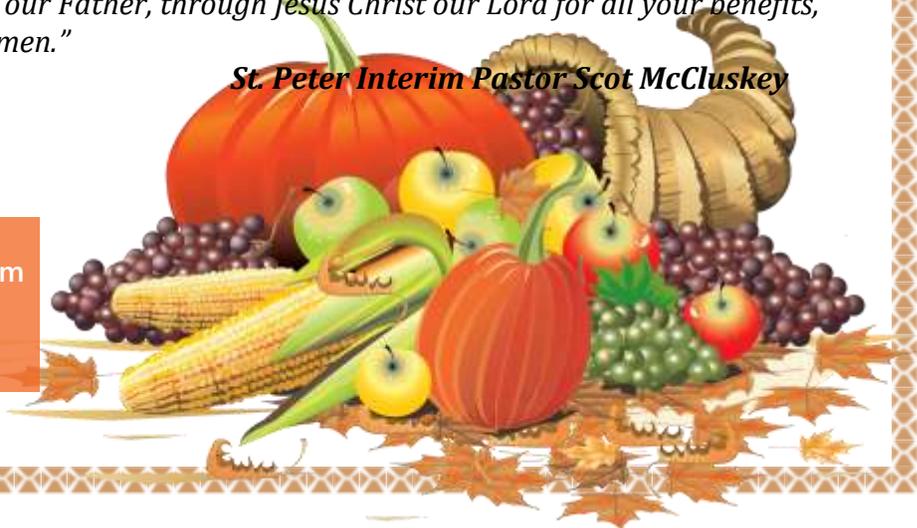
Then recite the Lord's Prayer and the following prayer:

"We give thanks to you, Lord God our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord for all your benefits, you who live and reign forever. Amen."

St. Peter Interim Pastor Scot McCluskey

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Please join us for a joint Thanksgiving worship, Sunday, November 21, 7:00 pm with St Paul UCC. Service held at St Peter, Pastor Craig Henderson will preach.



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	November 7 All Saints Day Sunday 9:00 am	November 14 Sunday 9:00 am	November 21 Sunday 9:00 am	November 21 Thanksgiving Worship Sunday 7:00 pm	November 28 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
Acolytes	Max Leonhart & Jackson Joerger	Lincoln Roethler & TBD	Lincoln Roethler & TBD		Lincoln Roethler & TBD
Communion Assistant			Pat Leonhart		
Scripture Reader	Grant Pautsch		Gene Leonhart	Jim Moeller	
Multimedia	Todd Foelske/ volunteers welcome Any Sundays				
Sound System	Steve DeVries	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries
Video taping	Thank you to Liz Foelske for always filling and video taping !				
Altar Guild	Kari Anfinson, Staci Mueller, Anne Sickles				
Usher/Greeters	Steve & Audrey DeVries family, Jim & Dori Jurgenson				

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.

Altar Guild

The October Altar Guild is looking for someone to join their team. Generally the altar guild sets up communion and takes it down, fills candles and changes paraments as needed. For more information contact the office or Nancy Lamos. The duties are easy to learn and can be done on your own time or with a group.

Ushers

We are also looking for more ushers to assist the already slim groups. Please contact the office if this is something you would consider. Thank you.

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.

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



NE Iowa Food Bank Donations

It's November, and that means it's time for Thanksgiving. So many of us are so blessed to have cupboards, refrigerators and freezers full of food to feed our families. However, there are many people in our area who do not have resources available to purchase food for themselves or their families. Thanksgiving is a time to show our gratitude to God for our many blessings by sharing with others.

During November, the Board of Mission will be collecting money for the NE Iowa Food Bank. A table will be set up near the offices for your monetary donations. For every dollar raised, the Food Bank is able to purchase four meals. Each dollar makes a huge difference! Can you imagine feeding each member of your family on \$5.00 a day? That's what families on government assistance get for food subsidies. Try and see what you can do with that amount? Estimate what you think you normally spend per person daily and generously give that difference to the Food Bank.

Ask God to open your hearts and be humbled by your wealth. May your deep sense of gratefulness encourage you to find generosity and wonder in all aspects of your life.

Call Committee

We thank Mary Stevens, Paul Meier, Paul Empie, Helen Schumacher, Jackie Fober, Jill Nuss, Pat Leonhart, Amanda Gesme, for volunteering to serve on the call committee. They met last Friday, October 22 and selected co-chairpersons - Jackie & Jill. As they begin their work reviewing and updating the Ministry Site Profile, exit interview, and other needs, they will communicate electronically amongst themselves and set the next meeting date when appropriate.

Fellowship & Coffee

Please join us for coffee, juice, treats, and fellowship in the Friendship Room after worship. We have a cookie sign-up online, or you may call the office, if you would like to bring treats to share.

St. Peter's COVID-19 Mitigation Steps

While we all would love for this Global Pandemic to be over, it looks like that will not happen anytime soon. So, it is for that reason that we the leaders of St. Peter have taken the following steps:

- * UV-C lights have been installed in our ventilation system to render the virus inert
- * The fans for the HVAC system are kept on to provide greater air flow and ventilation
- * **We ask you not to shake hands during the passing of the peace**
- * We are not requiring masks, but strongly recommend masking which I will do during communion.

I don't like wearing a mask, not just because it is uncomfortable or inconvenient, but because I am claustrophobic and wearing a mask causes me to sometimes have panic attacks. But I will be wearing a mask more often for one simple reason, I look out at the St. Peter congregation and do NOT want to do any of your funerals if I can at all prevent it. – *Pastor Scot McCluskey*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

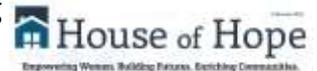
The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 1st Thursday, every other month at 1:00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 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 shawls).

Noisy Offering

Our November and December Noisy Offering



will go to House of Hope in Waterloo. Their mission is to provide single-mother families and women who age out of foster care with individualized support and transitional housing to achieve secure families, independence and permanent homes. The vision is to end the cycle of homelessness in the Cedar Valley with respect, empowerment, stewardship and accountability as core values.

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for November: Toothpaste, tooth brushes, bar soap, paper towels, also any food item. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in September: 55 Households, 156 Individuals, 5,370 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.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Tammy Maitland Cora Schmauss	12 Adam Gielau Tricia Kurtz Helen Schumacher
2 Gary and Kari Anfinson Lyla Gesme	13 Bradley Franzen
3 Steven Moon Doug and Gayle Eick	14 Paige Corell Katelyn Mortenson
4 Blair Sanderson Philip and Lisa Michels	15 Nicholas Krabbenhoft
5 Trent Weber Jerry Lobeck Clifford and Joyce Schimmels	16 Marcia & Jeff Joerger
6 Paul Beem Roxanne Herman Dawson Nabholz Gary and LaVonne Westendorf	18 Shorty Diercks James Jurgenson
7 Richard and Sarah Beckel Dennis and Mary Thurm	20 Joyce Schimmels
8 Zildjian Seehase	21 Carol Everding
9 Gayle Eick Michael & Samantha Krueger Troy Midthus Trevor Thurm	22 Corbin Hill Jon Wolter
10 Kari and Eric Foelske Johnathan Leisinger	25 Kade Williams
11 Nicole Eick Layne Fober	26 Roger and Doris Blankenship
	27 Nathaniel Brown Carol Moon
	29 Brenda Wolter Sheryl Moeller

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary are not listed or listed incorrectly. Please notify the office with additions or corrections. Thank You

WELCA News

Annual Meeting/November Board Meeting - November 21 @10:15 am

The short meeting will take place in the front of the sanctuary near the piano/choir loft. All women of St. Peter are welcome to attend. Agenda items will include approval of the Christmas List for 2021, a review of activities in 2021, and a brief discussion of officers for 2022. Please join us as we complete our 2021 activities and begin planning for 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl Moeller by email (sheryl.moeller@gmail.com) or by phone (319.984.6063). Thank you.

Community & Mission News

Veteran's Day Recognition

We thank and honor our Veterans in November. The mission board will be having special treats with coffee and cider after the worship service on November 7. Please join us in the Friendship Room, for fellowship in recognition of Veteran's Day.

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday, November 7, the church's traditional time to remember those who have died in the past year and those born into our faith community. We celebrate and remember their lives and how we are knit together with them in the victory of Jesus' resurrection. We will remember those from St Peter: *(Since our last All Saints Sunday, Nov 1, 2020)*-

Saints gone before us:

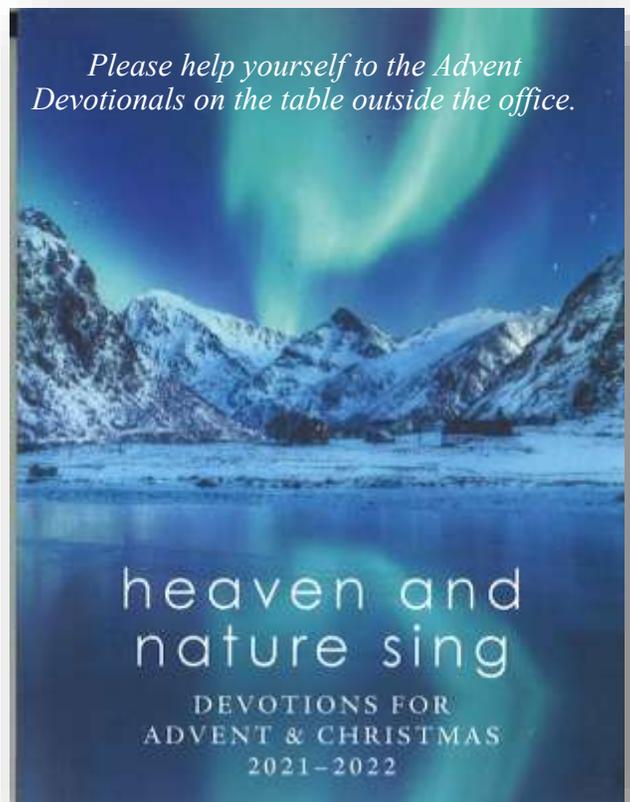
Sandra Sue Eick
Bruce Thurm
Art Kurtt
Florence Wille
Marilyn Wentz
Marge Degelau

Saints born to us:

Dawson Nabholz
Walker Krueger
Stryder Pickett
Chloe Weston
Abel & Ariella Gienau
Ames Kuecker

Quilt Tying

Quilt and LWR Kit totals for the season: 156 quilts; 7 personal care kits, 65 school kits were delivered to the Ingathering. Thank you to everyone that helped with quilting this year, it will resume in January. ***The quilters are in need of backs in order to continue to make quilts. Bed sheets - sizes full queen or king, are desirous.**



Community & Mission News



Oh my gourd,
we love our blood donors!

Your donation with LifeServe will help save your neighbor, a friend, family member or a stranger in your own community! Only blood collected by LifeServe Blood Center is provided to YOUR LOCAL hospitals. After all, shouldn't your blood go to your hospital to save your neighbors?

**DENVER/READLYN
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Denver Community Center
100 Washington St. | Denver

**Friday, November 5, 2021
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Sponsored by: Denver/Readlyn Lions Club

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

LifeServe BLOOD CENTER
YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS.

With Appreciation

I want to thank everyone for all the wonderful birthday greetings. It was quite a surprise to have so many St Peter members stop by to share my cupcakes with last month (Pat L made the cupcakes,not sure how she knew I'd have these visitors?! ;). It felt like I was in school passing out birthday treats :) And your thoughtful cards and gifts made me smile! What a blessing to work in such a caring environment. Thank you again, *Roxane*

Dear St Peter, Thank you for supporting our Quilt Auction this year through your donations! We are extremely grateful for the generosity of everyone who donated and contributed to the event. This year's hybrid auction was incredibly successful! A record-breaking over \$55,000 was raised through online bidding and our in-person event! Your generosity and support make a big difference in the ministry of Camp Ewalu. It is felt through the positive experiences of the many campers, staff, and volunteers that visit camp each year. Many thanks, *Miranda Hoey & Ewalu Staff*

Thank you to everyone for the cards, memorials, phone calls, and visits at the time of Marilyn's passing. Bless you all for your thoughtfulness. *Harold Wentz family*



What a bunch of cuties! St Peter member and Sunset Home resident, Renetta Thurm, uses her creative talents to share with others. These knitted dolls will be taken to Unity Point in Waterloo to be given to children in the Pediatrics Unit. And that's not all! Renetta is a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry as well. So many of her shawls have wrapped sick or hospitalized people in God's love and grace. Thank you for your servant heart, Renetta!

Bremer County Holiday Shoppe

The Wartburg College social work program and Waverly Shell Rock Area United Way are looking to make a difference this Christmas for eligible families in Bremer Co. Holiday Shoppe entails collecting and distributing individual gifts for children (infants through age 18).

St Peter will have a gift tree displayed in the Friendship Room, November 12 through November 28. Donors remove an ornament from the gift tree and purchase the specific item pre-printed on the tags and tape the tag to the gift. The gifts are due back to the church by November 29.

Contact Joyce Miller, 984-5021 or the church office with questions.



Faith Formation & Announcements

Sunday School Follows Worship 10:10 am
Sometimes we "miss the mark." As these Sunday schoolers tried to hit the target with their falling fig leaf objects - they found it difficult to consistently hit the mark. God's commitment to restore us gives us hope even when we sin.



Gather Bible Study

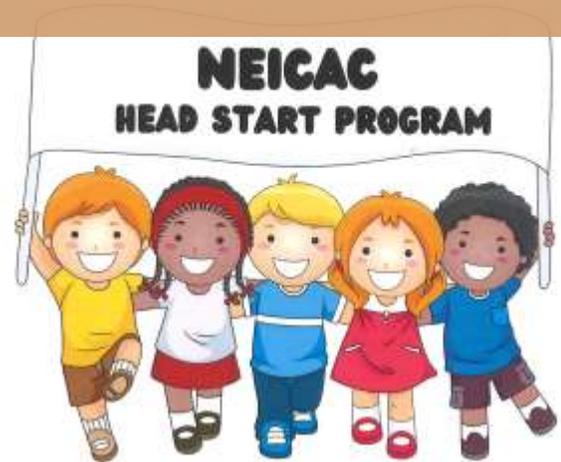
Gather Bible Study will be held the second Tuesday of the month, led by Pastor McCluskey. Everyone is invited to join us, **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 9, in the Friendship Room at 1:30 pm.



Resources Available

Christ in Our Home is located 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.

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Serving Committee for November

Anna Everding	Judy Gleason	Hether Gustafson
Marilyn Huber	Megan Lyons	Jackie Milius
Joyce Miller	Carol Moon	Anne Sickles
Trudi Schimmels	Holly Smith	Kris Steege
Linda Schult		

Confirmation

Wednesday Class Schedule: 7th grade meet at 6:30 pm
 And 8th grade meet at 7:30 pm.

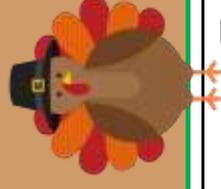
Congratulations to our students that Affirmed their Baptism on October 31: Braven Beaumont, Abigail "Abi" Foelske, Corbin Hill, Jordan Nuss, William Lockhart, Kiara Michels, Miranda Thurm, Lyla Gesme!

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

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



November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	3 7:30 am Mensfest 6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation	4 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	5	6
7 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 9:00 am Worship All Saints Sunday 10:10 am Sunday School	8	9 7:30 am Womensfest 1:30 pm Gather Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship & Music mtg 6:30 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	10 7:30 am Mensfest 6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation	11 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	12	13
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21 9:00 am Worship with Noisy Offering 10:10 am Sunday School 10:15 am WELCA Board & General 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship w St Paul UCC	22	23 7:30 am Womensfest 3:30 pm Worship & Music mtg 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	24 7:30 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	25 Happy Thanksgiving Office closed	26 Office closed	27
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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

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