

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

November 2019

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Projecting Christ to All Generations

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.*

The beauty of the earth and skies is over and around us. From the frames of the windows in our four-season room I look across the street and I see the beauty of the trees, yellow and red, much like the colors of the Denver Cyclones. How did that happen?

One morning as I looked out, I was mesmerized by the falling leaves. Each leaf took its turn, let go and gently floated to the ground without a sound. One by one they let go. And, I wondered, does God know the number of leaves on every tree as God knows the number of hairs on every head? I think so. Like the number of hairs on our heads change with the seasons so too the number of leaves on the trees change with the seasons. On that same morning, I looked out the front window of the parsonage and again I saw bright yellow leaves wafting down creating a carpet on the street. When cars drove through them it was as if they were driving through puddles, the leaves splashed up from the wheels. I imagine they tickled the body of the car.

Along our recent travels I've seen trees that were red on the top but still green on the bottom. It was as if they were paintbrushes, dipped in color and then set back in place for the color to gradually work its way down from top to bottom. From the air, high above the earth, it must look like an artist's palette or a patchwork quilt with splashes and mixtures of colors. God is an amazing artist.

God's beauty is over and around us. Living in the Midwest we witness and enjoy God's masterpieces every spring, summer, fall, and winter. God uses an abundance of vibrant colors in every season, the brilliant white of new fallen snow in winter – sometimes adding sparkles, the many shades of green in spring and summer with pops of other colors, and an assortment of colors in the fall. For the beauty of the earth and skies, for the beauty of bronze soybean fields in fall, for the beauty of trees decked out in fall colors, for the beauty of red crisp juicy apples in orchards, for the beauty of blazing sunrises and sunsets, for God's love that is over and around us,

*Christ, our God, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

Thanksgiving Blessings to you all.

Pastor Dawn



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Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	November 3 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am	November 10 Veterans Day Sunday 9:00 am	November 17 Sunday 9:00 am	November 24 Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Assistants	TBD	Kim Lamb	Eve Pautsch	Kim Lamb
Scripture Readers	Sue Buss	Amy Lockhart	Grant Pautsch	Jim Moeller
Acolytes	Abry Meyer & Abigail Foelske	Jarett Clayton & Kenny Lamb	Kiara Michels & Miranda Thurm	Jarett Clayton & Kenny Lamb
Multimedia	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Sound System	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson
Confirmation Parent Volunteer	Wednesday, Nov 6 8th -Angie Meyer 7th -Kim Newby	Wednesday, Nov 13 8th -Kim Lamb 7th -TBD	Wednesday, Nov 20 8th -Eve Pautsch 7th -Todd Foelske	Wednesday, Nov 27 No Confirmation
Altar Guild	Terrie Thurm, Lori Thurm, Mandy Gesme			
Usher/Greeters	The 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.				

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: 4:00 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



Pizza & Polish Party



The Bells look great—thank you!



Wartburg College Holiday Shoppe

Organized by the Wartburg College Social Work Department, the Shoppe provides eligible families in Bremer county with Christmas gifts for their children. Last year, Holiday Shoppe served 500 children from 200 families. St Peter will have a gift tree displayed in the Friendship Room, November 17 through December 8. There are two ways to contribute: - Gift Donation-new unwrapped gifts for children (infants through age 18); or Monetary Donations (checks payable to Wartburg College). Contact Joyce Miller, 984-5021, with questions.

Alzheimer's Awareness

November is Alzheimer's Awareness month; you are invited to learn more about the disease. Kelly Carman, Alzheimer's Association Community Educator, will be presenting "An Introduction to Alzheimer's and other Dementias" on Wednesday, November 6, 6:30-7:30 pm at Willow Winds Assisted Living. Kelly is not only a trained Community Educator, but has experienced the disease first hand, helping in being a caregiver for her father who suffered from and passed away two years ago as a result of Vascular Dementia.

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.

November 3 – 1) Wendy Mohlis
2) Wendy Mohlis
3) Wendy Mohlis

Coffee maker- Joyce Miller

November 10 – 1) Mission Board
2) Veterans Day
3) Treats

Coffee maker- Mission Board

November 17 – 1) Janice Miller
2) Janice Miller
3) Janice Miller

Coffee maker- Doug & Janice Miller

November 24 – 1) Kimberly Austin
2) Kimberly Austin
3) Kimberly Austin

Coffee maker- Pat Leonhart

Please check online or call the office for the latest updates to donations/volunteers.

Hanging of the Greens

The Middle & High School students are invited to dress/ decorate the sanctuary in preparation for Christmas.

The service begins with the sanctuary stripped bare, much like it is on Maundy Thursday at the close of worship. This will be a new experience for the congregation. It takes place on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, at our usual worship time, 9 am.

In preparation for leading this service we will need to practice. Attending practice is necessary to participate in the Hanging of the Greens worship service. We will practice on Sunday, November 17 at 5 pm. Practice should take about an hour. We will practice speaking parts and putting things in place. After practice we will share a meal. Bring your ideas about what you would like to see the youth at St. Peter doing together around faith, fun, and service.

We would like you to respond by email to Pastor or the office (info@stpeterdenver.org) so we know how many to plan for parts and food. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Dawn. 641-529-6592, speak with her after worship, or email at pastor@stpeterdenver.org.



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

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1 Tammy Maitland Ron and Danelle Elsamiller Cora Schmauss	12 Adam Gielau Tricia Kurtz Helen Schumacher
2 Gary and Kari Anfinson	13 Bradley Franzen
3 Steven Moon Doug and Gayle Eick	14 Paige Corell
4 Kalen Greenley 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 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 Steve Pederson
9 Gayle Eick 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 Caden Foelske Roger and Doris Blankenship
	27 Nathaniel Brown Carol Moon
	28 Quinn Thornton
	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

Dear WELCA

Wow, we are incredibly grateful for the gift of \$575.75 to the Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA. It is truly an honor to receive this portion of the Love Offering from St Peter's Women of the ELCA. This gift is designated to be used for response to victims of flooding in Iowa. Specifically, this gift will be used to help a family who lost their furnace when their house was flooded this summer. In this family, the mother works from home making rag rugs and caring for an adult child with Down's Syndrome and the father is disabled. I spoke with local government officials, an aid agency, and a local pastor and am confident this is a family in real need. Again, thank you. Your grateful partner in ministry, *Pastor Mark Anderson*

Quilt Tying

We will be tying quilts on Mondays, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and on Tuesdays 9:00 am - Noon. Everyone is welcome, come when you can leave when you must. Last day to tie quilts this year is Tuesday, November 5. We have 115 quilts tied so far!

Christmas Poinsettias

We will be ordering poinsettias from Hy-Vee floral for Christmas. You may pick up an order sheet on the information table outside the office the second weekend of November; place filled in sheet with a check for \$9.63 in the basket by November 30.

Farmer's Market has Concluded for the Season

Thank you to all our loyal customers - so nice to see so many St. Peter's members amongst the vendors and customers! It was a lot of fun getting to know everyone and getting to share our love for things home-grow, home-baked, and handmade. See you next year! *Mandy Gesme*

Noisy Offering

The November & December Noisy offering will go to Friends of the Family in Waverly. Their mission is to provide safe shelter, confidential services, and housing assistance to individuals in crisis due to homelessness, domestic violence sexual assault, and human trafficking.



Sunday, November 10, Veteran's Day Recognition

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

Community & Mission News

Dear Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

Generations of Lutheran women have gathered in Thankoffering worship services since the early 1900's. Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

Your thankofferings support the total outreach of our church women to live out our mission—"mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ." Together we can do more than we could ever do apart.

Our Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Thankoffering service is held this year on November 17th. A Thankoffering envelope is available in your offering envelope packets or you can use a plain envelope marked for WELCA Thankoffering. We will be collecting donations through the month of November.

More information about the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering is available at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/resources/AllAboutThankofferings.n.pdf>.

Please join us for the WELCA Annual meeting on November 17th at 10:30 following worship.

ACT BOLDLY – GIVE GENEROUSLY !!!

St. Peter Women of the ELCA Board

His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Requests for November —Canned fruits & vegetables, bathroom tissue, Kleenex. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in September: 107 Households, 292 Individuals, 9,690 lbs of food distributed. Questions -319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857.

Blessing Jar for NEIA Food Bank

The North East Iowa Food Bank is always in need of food items to help the hungry in the Cedar Valley. November and December are especially tough times of the year for those who are struggling financially. For \$10 you can purchase approximately 10 to 12 canned good items. That's great!

However, with that same \$10, if you donate it as cash to the Food Bank, they can buy \$110 dollars worth of food. Which equation makes more sense? During November, we will be collecting your monetary donations in a large glass jar outside the church offices. Give thanks for your blessings by sharing with others!

WELCA Board Meeting

Next meeting WELCA Annual meeting:
November 17, at 10:15 am

Gather Bible Study -Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 12, at 1:00 pm

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		

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, November 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).

With Gratitude

Thank you to the St Peter ladies who helped serve as hostess for the Bremwood Auxiliary on October 18.



You are invited for Lunch

Chili & Potato Soup, salad, bread, drink & dessert, take outs available. Next July, Sam Lockhart will be one of five Denver High School students who will be representing our community and state in the Iowa Ambassadors Band which will tour Europe for about three weeks. We will be having a fundraising meal Monday, November 4, from 11:00-1:30 pm at the Community Building. Freewill offering. Hope to see you there!

Faith Formation

Sunday School

Sunday School follows worship at 10:15 am.
Registration is available online www.stpeterdenver.org.
Contact Todd Foelske with any questions
tfoelske@gmail.com.

Confirmation

Classes meet on Wednesdays.
8th Grade is at 6:30 pm
7th Grade is at 7:45 pm
Contact Pastor Dawn with any questions
(pastor@stpeterdenver.org or 641-529-6592)

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

Mensfest

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

Stewardship Activities.

We have wanted to branch out from the notion that we are only responsible for financial stewardship, as there are many ways of stewardship – that is ‘taking care of the church and its people’. This fall we have turned our attention to the environment. Perhaps you have noticed the attractive cloth shopping bags we have purchased and are selling at cost, \$2.00 apiece, on the table at the back of the church. Every time we bring bags to the store for purchases it saves plastic bag use and damage to the environment. Just today, there was notice of a sea turtle that had washed up with 104 pieces of plastic in its stomach, so anything we can do helps. We have also planned a Sunday School outing to do some work in local parks and gardens. The original date for this was Oct. 13, but the weather was not kind that day, so we accomplished this on Sunday October 20 instead. In a different effort, our board also provided refreshments after Cowboy Church on October 6 – all the cheese, little smokies, cookies and punch left some with no need for lunch!



The Confirmation Students Helped pack school kits for Lutheran World Relief.



The Sunday School children are pictured cleaning up our mile wide city, with the assistance of the Stewardship Board. Thank you to all the helpers!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship All Saints Sunday 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Mission Board	4 9:00 am-3:00 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Property Management meeting	5 7:30 am Womenfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	6 6:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:45 pm 7th Grade Confirmation	7 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	8 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	9 8:00 am Ingathering 2:00 pm Wedding
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24 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Worship at St Paul UCC	25 10:00 am Bingo @ Denver Sunset Home	26 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	27 NO Confirmation	28 Happy Thanksgiving Office closed	29 Office closed	30 11:00 am Basement Reserved

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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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