

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

October 2020

Pastor Dawn Pederson
Projecting Christ to All Generations

It's official! According to the calendar we have said "Goodbye" to summer and "Hello" to fall. Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. Over the years, many have said to me, "I like fall, but it's what comes after it that I don't like." We know winter will follow fall, but for now let's enjoy this wonderful time of the year.

Outside we see the signs of fall all around us. Squirrels are busy harvesting the abundant acorns at the parsonage and storing them away for the winter. Hummingbirds are vigorously feeding at our feeders in preparation for their long flight. Honking geese are flying overhead in V-formations. Leaves are turning color, letting go, and falling to the ground. The sun goes down earlier. The air has a crispness to it like biting into a freshly picked apple from an orchard. Soybean fields are changing color from lush green carpets to gold and bronze. Corn fields that once swayed silently now rustle in the wind.

On a recent drive, I noticed a couple of soybean fields north on Hwy 63 have been harvested. Seeing this brought back memories of riding in a combine one beautiful fall day three years ago. It was a green combine,

but I still got in. I grew up on a "red" farm. 😊 It was a gorgeous fall day when I climbed the ladder into the combine and took my seat next to a farmer in the congregation in Belmond. As I rode high above the ground in the air-conditioned cab, I remembered my youth. Back then tractors had no cabs. I remember my dad had a plastic shield atop of a canvas that wrapped around the front and seat of the tractor providing him with some protection from the weather. He had a two-row corn picker mounted on the front of the tractor. His seat had a large coil spring, not air ride. There were no GPS systems or cell phones. Farmers then and now have a special relationship with the land. They work hard bringing in God's harvest in order to feed their families and God's world.

From our perch we could see for miles and miles. Riding in the combine I felt both big and small. Big, because the combine was like a hungry beast filling its massive empty belly, ingesting fourteen rows of beans at a time and twelve rows of corn at a time. Small, because I envisioned other combines in fields doing what we were doing, bringing in God's harvest. The harvest in Iowa will be different this year. So many fields were damaged or destroyed in the derecho. And yet, there will be farmers in fields bringing in God's harvest.

My time on the combine that day was holy and sacred. I was awestruck by the gigantic and powerful beast we rode in, the expansive fields stretching beyond the horizon, and the gorgeous blue sky above us. I felt as though I was part of a dance finely tuned and well-orchestrated. The combine never stopped, instead the tractor and grain wagon pulled alongside moving with the combine as the wagon received God's riches from the land. The grain wagon then emptied God's riches into the semi and the semi took God's riches to the elevator. Notice, God's harvest, God's riches. As it is written, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." Psalm 24:1

Stop! See, smell, taste, hear, and feel fall. Enjoy, celebrate, and give thanks for the beauty of God's good creation and God's gift of this special time of year. In Christ's love and service, *Pastor Dawn*



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Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

	October 4 No Worship	October 11 No Worship	October 18 Sunday 9:00 am On the lawn	October 25 Sunday 9:00 am In the Church Sanctuary
Organist	NA	NA	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
Multimedia	NA	NA	NA	Todd Foelske
Altar Guild	*Nancy Lamos, LaVonne Westendorf, Kelley Carman			
Usher/Greeters	*TBD and Jim Moeller * =(only if comfortable participating)			
<p>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.</p>				

Worship

While Pastor Dawn is on vacation the first two weeks in October, consider joining a neighboring congregation for worship. Livestream options include St. John Maxfield at 10:30 am on their Facebook page and St. John Buck Creek at 10:00 am on their Saints in Mission Facebook page. Redeemer in Waverly has several options - worship on the radio at 10:30 am on KWAY-FM - 99.3 or online at 9:00 am on their Facebook page or YouTube.

We will worship outside on the church lawn on October 18. We anticipate moving indoors on Reformation Sunday, October 25. You will receive more information regarding indoor in person worship as the date gets closer.

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.

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

Cancellation Policy

If we decide that we need to cancel Worship due to weather, it will be decided by 7:30 am that Sunday morning and posted shortly thereafter on the St Peter Website home page, www.stpeterdenver.org, Facebook, and KWWL.

Noisy Offering

We will collect noisy offering the third Sunday of the month, during outdoor worship. October's donations will go towards purchasing school supplies and new underwear for the Helping Hands Closet.

Mission & Community



God's Work Our Hands

is a world-wide effort created by the ELCA to provide members with opportunities to help their neighbors in new ways and take risks in reaching out. Even during challenging times, we can continue to live faithfully and serve joyfully.

God's Work Our Hands will not look like it has in past years due to COVID 19. However, that does not mean we cannot reach out to our neighbors in need by demonstrating God's love through our actions. The Board of Mission would like to encourage families to participate in individual projects during the month of October. Our lives are busy and can be especially stressful during these unsettling times. But focusing on others and being resolved to love and care for them can help us see the world through a lens of gratitude, connectedness and balance. Below are some ideas that may work for your family to participate in during the next few weeks. This list could be endless and is only limited by your creativity.

Food or monetary donations to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank...



Did you know that a \$1 donation can buy \$10 worth of food



Donating school supplies or underwear to ongoing mission projects....

(containers for donations are at the church)

Making positive yard signs or window messages

Taking food to a neighbor or someone you care about

Writing a letter to a resident at the Sunset Home or Willow Winds care facilities

Thanking an educator or a healthcare provider in a special way

Helping somebody with their fall yard work



Thanking the Denver Ambulance Crew and/or the Denver Fire Department volunteers

 Pulling weeds at a local park or the library or city hall

 Volunteering at the Humane Society or adopting a pet

Writing family members letters of encouragement and/or notes of gratitude

Thanking essential workers at local businesses

Paying It Forward when in line at a checkout or fast food line



Creating care packages for the Cancer Treatment Center.....a list of content items is listed below and packages can be dropped off at church

Pray for one another



If you have photos or you want to share how your family let God's light shine, please email or take them to Roxane at the church office.

Cancer Care Packages suggested items

Please include all of these items:

Chap stick
Hard candy
Hand sanitizer
Small Kleenex packs
Small container of lotion
Fuzzy socks

Please include a couple of these items:

Magazines
Small pad of paper with pen
Puzzle books/word search books
Adult coloring book with colored pencils



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Donna J Wolter	15 Allison Swanson Ryan & Kayla Tucker
2 Roxane Franzen Cody Robinson	17 Gavin & Kelley Carman Eve Pautsch
3 Nancy Lamos Ryan Tucker Dave & Wendy Mohlis	18 Maci Leonhart
4 Burton Diercks	19 Neal Thurm
6 Floyd Liddle	20 Roger & Donna Donaldson
7 Doris Blankenship Marilyn Huber	21 David Leisinger Steve & Audrey DeVries
8 Zoey Elsamiller Sandra Greenley	22 Kurt Gleason
9 Carol Ackerman Brad Becker Krisanne Wirtjes	23 Millie Corell Thomas Place Scott Rothmeyer
10 Vera Collins Gary Westendorf Doug & Janice Miller	24 Gabe Lahmann Leana Place Harold Wille
11 Alexis Gehrke Troy & Jessica McIlravy Charles & Jill Nuss	25 Becky Dierks Samuel Schumacher
12 Donna Kittle Jessica McIlravy Bethany Sadler Joel Teetzen	26 Jan Hartmann Joanne Milius Mark & Lynn Gielau
13 Charles Nuss	27 Michael Place
14 Hunter Ackerman Wesley Gielau Joel Wolter	29 Sam Lockhart
	30 Brian & Angie Meyer Brady Schmauss
	31 Carol Liddle Paul Meier

*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

Blessing Box Donations

As you know we have two blessing boxes in the community, one here at church and another at the mobile home park. Some have asked about making donations for the blessing boxes. Donations of non-perishable food items are welcome. The following is a list of items we are currently putting in the blessing boxes. Please bring your food offerings to worship on Sundays or arrange to drop them off at another time. Thank you for your generosity.

Crackers – Ritz, Wheat thins, saltines, graham, etc.

Fruit snacks

Rice boxes or packets

Mac and Cheese cups

Baking mixes

Muffins

Brownies

Cookies

Cake

Sugar – 4 lb. bags

Flour – 5 lbs. bags

Kleenex

Paper Towels

Pancake mix envelopes or

boxes – (Complete – all that is needed is water)

Seasonal items: canned soup/or broth

Canned fruit or vegetables

Baked beans/pork and beans

Tuna helper /chicken helper

Peanut butter

Canned pasta, pasta sauce in can or jars

Juice

Pancake syrup

Granola bars

Fruit bars

Pasta

Seasoning packets

Boxed potatoes

Instant potatoes

Gravy packets

Instant soup packets

Ramen noodles

Cereal

Pop Tarts

Microwave popcorn

Flavor packets for water

Jello (not sugar-free)



the new edition is in

Resources Available

The Oct, Nov, Dec. issue of *Christ in Our Home* is here! 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.

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

Community & Mission News

Fall Volunteer Work Day at EWALU Saturday, October 24, 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Join other volunteers, families, and church groups to help Ewalu get ready for the winter season. We hope you take time to explore camp in your free time, get to know some of the camp staff and other volunteers, and return home renewed and refreshed from your time in this special place in God's kingdom.

In order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we will keep all work groups under the ten-person limit. Face masks will be required indoors and while working outside when social distancing is difficult.

Saturday Oct. 24

8:00 a.m. Check-In
9:00 a.m. Work Projects
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Work Projects
5:00 p.m. Departure

Projects

- Trailblazer roof repair
- spreading wood chips on the ropes course
- repair of garden fence at the farm
- staining picnic tables and benches
- splitting wood
- trail trimming

If you'd like to come on a different date we can accommodate your group. To schedule your own volunteer work date contact Paul Frantsen.

Thank you!

Volunteers are a big part of Camp Ewalu. We are very thankful for all the people who faithfully come to this "place apart" to serve, share, and grow in faith in God. Thank you for your hands of service!

Contact: Paul Frantsen at 563-933-4700 or email property@ewalu.org
RSVP with: Diane Parker at 563-933-4700 or email office@ewalu.org

Bremwood Luncheon

The October Bremwood Auxiliary Luncheon has been cancelled.

Quilt Tying

Quilting will be postponed through the end of the year, and will be reevaluated in 2021.

Offerings

Thank you so much to our St Peter members for the donations that have continued to come in. We appreciate your support!

WELCA Board Meeting

Next WELCA Board Meeting: TBD

Gather Bible Study -TBD

Serving Committee for October

Julie Sawyer	Sarah Beckel	Vera Collins
Elaine Dove	Sue Flory	Marcia Joerger
Linda Krueger	Jaime Leonhart	Roberta Merrill
Angie Sadler	Mary Thurm	Kim Austin
Lindsey Corell		

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 1st Thursday, every other month at 1:00 pm. **Next meeting: TBD**
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).

Bulletin Requests

Each week the church office mails out the weekly Sunday bulletin to members that have indicated an interest in receiving one. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please let the office know.

UPDATE: Matching Funds Challenge to aid Derecho Recovery

Pastor Dawn and Steve offered to match the first \$1,000 for the Derecho Relief, through Lutheran Disaster Response Fund in partnership with LSI. You have responded generously raising the first \$1,000 and we have \$445 to date, towards the second \$1,000 match that was pledged. Donations can be made out to St Peter Church with Derecho relief in the memo. Thank you!

Pen Pal Volunteers

We are going to start a type of pen pal project with residents at Willow Winds. Kerry indicated the residents could benefit from some kind of connection with people from the outside. Anything humorous, inspirational or memories from the past would brighten their days. If you would be interested in participating, you may contact Pat Leonhart for a name of a resident.

Email: gpleonhart@gmail.com or call 319-984-6082.



Faith Formation

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday, November 1, 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 and if you'd like to submit a name of a loved one lost within the last year, please do so before October 24.



Helping Hands Clothes Closet

We continue to follow all the CDC guidelines for the safety of our volunteers and our clients. Stop by if you or someone you know needs help with clothing and shoes as they get the kids ready for fall and winter. Located at 2029 Viking Ave. Sumner, the closet 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, offers 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.

Coffee

We had a new shipment of coffee arrive last week. You may purchase the LWR coffee on the table outside the office.

Confirmation Update

Online classes are scheduled and the dates and times, can be found on our website calendar.

Sunday School Update

At our October meeting, council will revisit options for Sunday School. It was decided at our August meeting to wait and see how the beginning of school goes before any decisions are made.



Ewalu Camp & Retreat Center

Virtual Fall Festival & Quilt Auction

Saturday—Thursday, October 10th—15th

Saturday, October 10th

11:00 a.m. Recorded Opening Worship

11:30 a.m. Quilt Bidding Opens

Thursday, October 15th

5:00 p.m. Quilt Bidding Closes

5:00 p.m. Recorded Thanksgiving Devotion Service

Find the online auction link and more information

at <http://ewalu.org/fall-festival-quilt-auction/>

2020 EWALU Fall Festival & Quilt Auction

October 10 @11:00 am - October 15 @ 5:30 pm

The Fall Festival & Quilt Auction will be held online this year; however, we have decided to delay the event three weeks to Saturday, October 10 through Thursday, October 15 to allow more time for donors to finish their quilts that may have been delayed due to COVID. This will also give our staff more time to develop the online platform that will run the event.

Quilt viewing, bidding, and recorded worship services will take place on a secure online silent auction platform that is still being developed. Watch Facebook and the [quilt auction webpage](#) for more updates.

Schedule


The event will run as a silent auction with bidding open from 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10 – Thursday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m.

A recorded opening worship will be posted at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 10. A Thanksgiving and prayer devotional will be posted when bidding closes at 5:00 pm on Friday, October 15.

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.

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	2	3
Tentatively Scheduled						
4 Worship online	5	6	7	8 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	9	10
11 Worship online	12	13 6:30 pm Council meeting	14 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation	15 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	16 Newsletter Deadline	17
18 9:00 am Worship on the lawns with Noisy Offering 6:30 pm 9th grade Confirmation	19	20	21 6:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation	22 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	23	24
25 9:00 am Worship in the sanctuary Reformation Sunday 6:30 pm 9th grade Confirmation	26	27	28 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation	29 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	30	31 

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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

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