



St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Tidings

October 2013

Rev. Ron Mathews

We are a community of faith who, for the time being, is focused on planning our future in order to call leaders who will guide us there.

Fall blessings....

The most formative years of a child's life are the earliest, so we need to capitalize on these years by instilling in our young children the basic Gospel message: Jesus loves you. Truth be told, a child rarely spends 5 minutes sitting quietly much less one hour. Therefore, if their experience is having to attend this place where they know they will be bored (and thus do not like) and spend the next hour getting into trouble because they cannot sit still they learn that church is not a pleasant place to be. So our challenge is to create a space where children are welcomed and invited to be a part of the worship community, but also provide a space where if needed, they can go to be who God created them to be...squirmy, rambunctious, balls of energy.

It is our mission to reach out and support our families with the Gospel message. There are very real barriers for parents as well that prevent them from worshiping. When it becomes just easier to stay home or more convenient to run an errand rather than worship, we need to listen. In response to these needs, a couple weeks ago we launched our Church Nursery to provide such a place. While we now provide this space, we continue to encourage our parents to have their children in worship. However, we also know that even the most "angelic" child can become a bit too rambunctious for a worship space. So its primary purpose is to provide a space for children to be children and experience the love of God through the interactions and care of our nursery staff.

Impacting our children with the love of God and the value of worship is imperative. While the nursery provides a space for children when they are too full of the Holy Spirit to sit quietly, here are some other ideas how to engage your child when they are more reserved and attentive to their surroundings:

- Make sure they have the right page for the hymns.
- Point out words to help them understand and participate.
- Let young children know when a part they are familiar with is coming. They can respond with "Hear our prayer", "Thanks be to God", and say the Lord's Prayer, for example.
- Encourage children to take part in the Children's Sermon. Accompany them if they are timid.
- Help children participate in giving to the life of the congregation by making sure they have their own offerings, regardless of the amount.
- Sit close to the front of the sanctuary. Children are able to participate more fully when they can see what is happening.
- Encourage your child to get a book or coloring sheets with crayons. Let them use this during "less intriguing" parts of the worship service. Hand activity can actually help children concentrate and reflect on what they experience in worship.
- Encourage them to color a sheet for the homebound ministry (located on the Usher's table at the back of the sanctuary space). Those who are unable to attend worship services love seeing these works of art and it helps them stay connected to our faith community.
- Answer all of their questions in a quiet whisper. Knowing what is going on and why will help them understand and be able to engage more fully in the service. If you don't know the answer you can always say "I don't know, let's ask Pastor after the service." *Pastor Ron*

Worship & Music Servers

Sunday Worship 9 am

	October 6 Sunday 9am	October 13 Sunday 9 am	October 20 Sunday 9 am	October 27 Sunday 9 am
Communion Assistants	TBD	Joyce Miller	Pat Leonhart	TBD
Scripture Readers	Susan Buss	Jim Jurgenson	Gene Leonhart	Brian Haase
Acolytes	Nicholas Krabbenhoft & Blake Steege	Chalee Gienau & Annie Place	Zack Thrasher & Tim Arians	Trevor Thurm & Jenna Haase
Multimedia	Julie Leisinger	David Leisinger	Jeff Bales	Leah Homeister
Organist	Sheila Mixdorf	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Sound System	Steve DeVries	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus
Video	Roger Thurm	Roger Thurm	Trevor Thurm	Roger Thurm
Altar Guild	Nancy Lamos, Karen Henniges, LaVonne Westendorf, LaVonne Emkes			
Usher/Greeters	Dave & Linda Krueger family, Marvin & Helen Schumacher, Jeff & Karen Schumacher family, Bruce & Lori Thurm family			
<p>Please find a replacement if you are unable to serve at the time you are scheduled. Also, as soon as possible, let the office know who will replace you. If you cannot find someone to replace you, please call the church office (984-5648) and let Roxane know. Your ministry is vital and we give thanks for your willingness to serve.</p>				

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:** 4:30 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month.

Pastor Ron's office hours: Pastor will be in the office most days from 8:30-10:00 am (Monday - Thursday), as well as through out the day depending on meetings, visits, etc., but feel free to contact him anytime.



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 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.

Global Café

Global Cafe is a non-profit coffee shop located next to Duane's Barbershop on Main Street in Denver. The café is a ministry of Denver Baptist Church and exists to raise awareness of local, national, and international mission opportunities. Café hours are Monday-Saturday from 6:30-10:30 am.

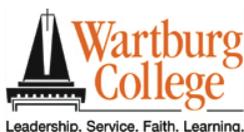


Community

Bach's Lunch

Wartburg College is hosting another year-long series of Bach's Lunch organ concerts. The Friday concerts are held once a month, September-November and February-April. The events begin at noon with a half-hour lecture in the Chapel Commons. Attendees are invited to bring a lunch, or they may preorder a box (Bach's) lunch by calling Marcia Haugen at 319-352-8300 two days before the concert. The lunch and lecture are followed by a half-hour organ concert in the Chapel.

October 11 - Karen Black, Wartburg College
November 8 - Members of the Cedar Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
February 7 - Chris Nelson, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Davenport
March 7 - Catherine Rodland, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
April 11 - Wartburg College students



Christmas With Wartburg

Greetings from Wartburg College!

As an ELCA congregation in Waverly and the Cedar Valley, we are pleased to offer your congregation the opportunity to purchase reserved tickets to *Christmas With Wartburg*.

Now in its 66th year, *Christmas With Wartburg* continues to spread the joy of the Christmas season through music, art, and word. This year's production, *The Marvel of This Night*, will be performed in Neumann Auditorium on the Wartburg College campus Saturday, December 7 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 8, at 3 p.m.

Our congregation may purchase reserved tickets in advance of the public sale and at a reduced rate of \$12 per ticket. Please notify the church office by October 13 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

His Hands Food Pantry

St. Peter Church will be collecting food and non-food items for His Hands Food Pantry, Oran. **The donations suggestion this month are Mexican food items** (taco shells, seasonings, salsa, etc.) Please place your donations outside the church office.

Farmer's Market

Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. The market is located across from Benders in the Denver Construction parking lot, 241 S State St. Contact Peggy Smith, 319-269-9305, if you have questions. Thank you for supporting our local growers.



St Peter Football Night

We would like to help out the athletic boosters by working the concession stand at one of the football games this fall. Our church is signed up for Friday, October 11, from 6:45 -9:30 pm. Thank you to those who have signed up already! We need 3 more volunteers, to help with concession or admission takers. This is another opportunity for us to support our community. Contact the church office or Kendra Larson @ 984-5941, with questions.



Bag Sale

The Helping Hands Clothing Closet is hosting a bag sale Saturday, October 5, 9 am - noon. The public is encouraged to take advantage of some great, gently used clothing by purchasing a bag/s and filling it for just \$5. The sale helps reduce inventory for the upcoming season & supports the ministry. Located ~ 2029 Viking Ave rural Sumner.

Get Off Your Rocker Senior Exercise Program

Classes will resume on Tuesday, October 1. Classes run Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 am at St John's Church on Lincoln Street in Denver.

BackPack Program

St Peter is assisting the NEIA Food bank with the the Backpack Program, which is designed to provide food for hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as during weekends and school vacations. Currently we are serving 13 students at Denver Elementary & Middle School. The food bank drops off boxes that contain small bags of food at the church. A member of our church delivers the bags to the school and puts them in the kids lockers. We as a church community can supplement the bags with additional items. For the month of October we will be collecting toothpaste. There will be a backpack outside the office to place the donations in. We will also have another container to put peanut butter in at any time. We are also looking for volunteers to help in this ministry. The volunteer would deliver the food to the school in the morning before the weekend (usually a Friday) and put the bags in the children's lockers. The time commitment would be approximately once a month for an hour. Please contact Bev Diercks [319-279-3819](tel:319-279-3819) or the church office if you are interested or have questions.



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



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Roxane Franzen
Cody Robinson
DeWayne & Ruth Fasse

3
Nancy Lamos
Ryan Tucker
Dave & Wendy Mohlis

4
Burton Diercks

5
Bonnie Gielau

6
Floyd Liddle
Allen & Patricia Hennings

7
Doris Blankenship
Marilyn Huber

9
Carol Ackerman
Brad Becker

10
Vera Collins
Gary Westendorf
Doug & Janice Miller

11
Charles & Jill Nuss

12
Donna Kittle
Joel Teetzen

13
Bev Kubicek
Charles Nuss

14
Wesley Gielau
Joel Wolter
Larry Stumme

15
Allison Swanson
Ryan & Kayla Tucker

16
Bobby Geary
Richard Mortenson
Roger Thurm

17
Eve Pautsch

19
Neal Thurm

20
Roger & Donna Donaldson

21
David Leisinger
Steve & Audrey DeVries

22
Kurt Gleason

23
Thomas Place
Scott Rothmeyer

24
Richard Ackerman
Leana Place
Harold Wille
Oz Wolfensperger

25
Becky Dierks
Samuel Schumacher

26
Jan Hartmann
Joanne Milius
Mark & Lynn Gielau

27
Michael Place
Jordan & Becky Dierks

30
Brian & Angie Meyer

31
Carol Liddle
Paul Meier
Rodney Wolfensperger

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

**The recent updates in insurance regulations prevent churches from posting names, even just first names, of youth on publications, websites and social media.



Congregational News

Family Bible Study

Wednesday October 16th; Dinner is served at 5:30pm; Bible study is 6:00 to 7:00pm

The 10 Commandments have a lot to teach us about God's law, God's grace in our lives, and how we should live. This Bible Study is designed for families of all ages to learn about God's Commandments together and how they experience the presence of God yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Join us for faith engaging, family enriching Bible study. Contact the church office with questions.

A thank you from the Synod

Wow, thank you for your congregation's recent support of the ministry we do together. Please let your whole congregation know how much we appreciate the recent gifts to the NEIA Synod of \$688 to World Hunger and \$1,1139.26 to Mission Support. Yes, many good sermons will be preached in pulpits and many excellent Bible studies offered in church basements but what better witness to the love Christians have for their brothers and sisters than to feed the hungry and ridding this world of the scourge of malaria? Your faith has compelled you to make this bold witness and your witness will not go unnoticed. In Christ, *Pastor Mark Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop.*

St Peter celebrated two weddings in September.



Ashley (Wolter) & Daniel Craft



Amber (Kern) & Colton Rader

Congratulations

Nursery

We are looking for volunteers to serve in the nursery. Please contact Pastor if you are interested or sign up on our web site. We would like two adults and can have up to two jr. volunteers for each Sunday. The time will be from 8:45-10:15 am.

Nursery list: We are looking for a few more items for the nursery. If you would like to assist, we are in need of:
Pretend play food, plastic utensils/plates/cups
Blocks (plain, letter, or number): wood and/or foam
Plastic tubs: that will fit onto shelves for organization of small toys.
Faith themed toys: such as a Noah's ark set, Little People's manger set, etc.
Faith themed coloring books

Mission & Community

Lutheran Services of Iowa & Bremwood

LSI can accommodate 118 students on the Bremwood Campus. You can help LSI's budget by saving Campbell Soup labels (UPC barcode & Box Tops for Education. We have two collection tubs outside the office for the labels & box tops.

The Sunday School children are encouraged to participate in this collection project. **October's Noisy Offering is going to LSI/Bremwood.**



Hospice Volunteers

Unity Point Hospice is committed to serving the community with physical, emotional and spiritual care for end-of-life patients and their families. Volunteers make up a vital part of that care and compassion. They are in need of special people who help make a difference with their time & talent. Unity Point is offering a four-part orientation and training course for volunteers beginning Thursday, October 10. Sessions take place at Unity Point Hospice - Allen Hospital, 1825 Logan Ave, Waterloo. See posters on bulletin boards or contact Linda Alexandres 319-235-5027 or linda.alexandres@unitypoint.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 1st Thursday of the following months at 6:30 pm January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 7.

If you know of someone who is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please take one from the pew in Friendship Room. Please make sure you fill out a form (located in basket on pew).

St Peter Pedalers -

The bike rides have concluded for the season, thanks to all who joined us for the weekly bike rides.....see you in the spring.

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY FARMING LEGACY --AND BENEFITING LOVED ONES--THROUGH CHARITABLE GIFT PLANNING



Join us for a conversation about sound financial planning for farm families and the expanded opportunities available when combined with charitable gift and estate planning. This information session will be offered on two occasions at **6:30pm-8:00pm:**

Monday, October 7, at St Peter Lutheran Church, Denver- Tuesday, October 8- American Lutheran Church, Grundy Center

These conversations (offered at no cost and with no obligation) come to you through the combined partnerships of the North-eastern Iowa Synod, ELCA; the Iowa Chapter of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (including Luther, Wartburg, Wartburg Seminary and others), and Farm Financial Strategies Inc. of Ankeny. We hope you will be able join us for one or both of these informational sessions.

Women of the ELCA

WELCA Board Meeting

Monday, October 14 @ 7:00 pm

WELCA Bible Study Leaders

Sunday, October 27 @ 10:15 am

Ruth Circle

Meets first Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Next Meeting: October 2

Bible Study Leader: Sheryl/Sheila

Hostess: Mary Stevens

Mary Circle

Meets first Wednesday at 1:30 pm in Library

Next Meeting: October 2

Bible study leader: Dorothy Eggena

Hostess: LaVonne Emkes

Naomi Circle

Meets first Sunday after worship

Next Meeting: October 6

Bible Study Leader: Gretchen Syhre

Serving Committee for October

Chairperson - Mary Circle

Coffee - Men

Julie Arians	Sarah Beckel	Vera Collins
Elaine Dove	LaVonne Emkes	Sue Flory
Bonnie Gielau	Rebecca Langner	Linda Krueger
Jaime Leonhart	Roberta Merrill	Candi Nuehring
Angie Sadler	A. J. Tegtmeier	Mary Thurm

NE Iowa Synodical Women's Fall Gathering

Women of St Peter will be the hostesses for one of the Northeast Iowa Synodical Women's Fall Gatherings on Saturday, October 19. Registration and treats will be from 9:00 to 9:30 am, and the program will conclude by 11:30 am. All women are invited to attend and to learn more about the opportunities and activities of the Women of ELCA.

Thank You

Many thanks to all who brought items for the Lutheran World Relief school kits and donated to the July and August Noisy Offerings. We will meet the goal of 100 kits.



"Second Half Rally"

So far 61 quilts have been tied for the LWR Ingathering on Nov. 2. If we are to meet the challenge of sending 25% more quilts in 2013, we need a "second half rally." More than enough quilts are already assembled, but more "players" are needed to join the "team" of those who tie. Tying takes place each Monday from 9 am to 3 pm, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, and Tuesdays from 9 am to noon. Please come whenever you can. Additional times may be arranged as desired.

Parish Ed and Youth and Family

Sunday School

Join us for Sunday school after worship ~ 10 am.

Parish Ed would like to compile a team of volunteers to help with the Christmas program. If you are interested in assisting please notify the church office or Lisa Michels 319-427-2088.



The Sunday school children had fun on Rally Day decorating cookies and listening to stories. Thank you cookie bakers- Sheryl & Joyce!



7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

The opening day of confirmation will be Wednesday, October 2. The 7th graders will meet at 6:30 pm and the 8th graders will meet at 7:30 pm. The second Wednesday of the month both grades meet together from 6-8 pm for a service project. The third Wednesday of the month both grades will participate in the Family Bible study -5:30pm Dinner; 6pm Bible study.

9th Grade Confirmation

The final classes for the 9th graders will be Sundays, October 6, 13 & 20 following worship. Affirmation of Baptism will be Sunday, November 3, during worship.



Middle School

Sunday, October 27 – Trick or Treat for the Food Bank Starting at 4 pm at the church and ending at 6 pm. Students may dress up in costumes but it is not required. We will go door to door collecting food items.

Other fall events for Middle School Youth :
UNI Middle School Lock-in at the UNI Wellness Center 10/18/13 – 8 pm - 6:30 am – Cost \$35 per student Register by 10/4

“Hungry for Change” Youth Day at Wartburg Nov. 2, 2013, 1 - 6 pm; cost \$5 per student.

This event is open to middle school students; Wartburg students will lead activities. Activities include a hunger meal, hunger games, worship, dinner in the Mensa, a campus tour, and more. Register soon!

Contact the church office or Jill DeVries, 319-231-1915, for more information on the upcoming events.



High School

HS Youth Kick-Off ~come and find out about the FUN HS Youth is offering at St Peter. Sunday, October 13 at 6 pm in the church basement. Mission trip student & parent meeting in the church basement at 6:45 pm. Please RSVP to Jackie or Laura to let us know you will be coming. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call - Jackie Fober 319-242-1128 or Laura Larson 563-880-3688.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

The 3rd graders will be receiving their Bibles during worship on Sunday, October 6.

Confirmation parent meeting of 7th & 8th graders

If you were unable to attend the parent confirmation meeting on Sunday, September 29, Pastor will hold another meeting on Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm, to discuss the program and expectations .



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 3rd grade Bible presentation 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Naomi Circle 10:15 am 9th grade confirmation</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 am-3 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm Quilt Tying 6:00 pm Planned Giving seminar 7:30 pm Youth & family</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:30 am Womenfest 6:30 pm 7&8 Confirmation parent meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:30 pm Mary Circle 6:30 pm 7th grade confirmation 7:00 Ruth Circle 7:30 8th grade confirmation</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am 9th grade confirmation 6 pm HS Youth Kick-Off 6:45 pm Mission Trip Info</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 am-3 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm Quilt Tying 6:30 pm Property & Management 7 pm WELCA Board meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30 am Womenfest 9 am - Noon Quilt tying 6 pm Executive Board 7 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6 pm 7 & 8 Confirmation</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:00 am Worship Noisy Offering 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am 9th grade confirmation</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9 am-3 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm Quilt Tying</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30 am Womenfest 9 am - Noon Quilt tying 7:00 pm AA/Alanon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Family Bible study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 pm Bremwood luncheon NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8 am WELCA Synodical Gathering @ St Peter</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am WELCA Bible Study Leaders 4 pm MS Trick or Treat REFORMATION SUNDAY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 am-3 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm Quilt Tying</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30 am Womenfest 9 am - Noon Quilt tying 7:00 pm AA/Alanon</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 pm 7th grade confirmation 7:30 pm 8th grade confirmation</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
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So I was thinking....

A response to questions and concerns heard here at St. Peter. If you have a question, please put it in writing and deliver it to the Church Office or email it to: pastorron@stpeterdenver.org.

Question: “Now that we have a nursery, will children be in worship?”

Response: To best answer this, let me quote the “children and worship” section of our nursery guidelines:
“In baptism, children are welcomed as part of the body of Christ. It is important that children experience church as a place where they belong and can participate with the community of faith. Children also bless the worship experiences of others, reminding us all of God’s wonderful creative activity. Jesus welcomed children and expects us to welcome and also to learn from children. We encourage families to worship with their children for those reasons. We provide a Nursery Ministry to help children experience a loving and caring faith community, especially when the child’s developmental, physical, and emotional needs keep them and parents from a meaningful time of worship and study.”

The short of it is this. Children are always welcome. The babbling babies and squirmy toddlers are welcome. However, we do not want a parent to leave worship saying “well, we survived another Sunday.”

Serving together,
Pastor Ron