

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

September 2021

Projecting Christ to All Generations



I Thank God for You

Philippians 1:2-6 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.”

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Pastor of St. Peter Lutheran. When Bishop Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl spoke with me about the many congregations of our Synod that needed Interim Pastors, she mentioned St. Peter as one of the options. It was very easy to tell her this was where I wanted to serve my next Interim assignment. And as Paul writes in his introductions to many of the letters of the New Testament, I thank God for you.

I am mindful of our need to be doing many things. We need to be about the mission and ministry to which the Holy Spirit is calling us, gathering together for Bible Study and worship. However, in the midst of this Pandemic (which is far from over) we also need to be wise and careful in the ways we gather and the activities in which we participate.

You will see me around town and the church wearing a mask. I am not afraid of COVID-19, so my masking is not motivated by fear. I simply want to do everything in my power to avoid having to do preventable funerals here at St. Peter. This was recently made very real for me as my family mourns the death of my Father-in-law.

I know this is a volatile issue with people feeling adamantly both for and against masking. I ask one thing: please remember who we are and whose we are. We are all children of God and members of the same family in Christ. And above all we are directed in scripture to treat each other with kindness and respect.

1 John 4:7-8 “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

I am working to schedule meetings with each of the committees and groups of St. Peter, and I hope to be able to accomplish that by the middle of September. I had a great meeting with the Parish Education Committee, and we are working on plans for Sunday School which will begin with Rally Day on September 12th. Mark that date on your calendar. Confirmation classes will begin again on Wednesday nights, and I will be leading young people and parents in First Communion classes. We are also working on restarting the Tuesday morning women’s study, and Men’s Fest. Watch for more information on these opportunities in the next few weeks.

Living in Clear Lake makes it hard to balance my time between my ministry at St. Peter and God’s calling to me to be a good husband and father. I take both responsibilities very seriously. So, my schedule will be as follows:

Sunday I will lead worship and Sunday School, and any activities or meetings.

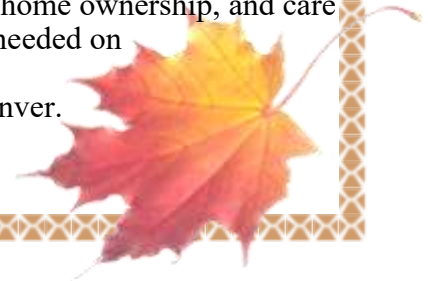
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in the office unless of course I am needed elsewhere, in which case Roxane will know where I am and you can reach me by cell phone, either text or call. Afternoons I will be visiting members and doing the other things required of me. Evenings are open for meetings, etc.

Thursday I often have meetings, and this is the day I use to write my sermons Friday and Saturday are my “Weekend.” These are the days I spend with family, take care of the obligations of home ownership, and care for my own physical, emotional and spiritual needs for rest and recreation. If I am needed on Friday or Saturday for funerals, weddings, emergencies I will be here.

I am excited to this wonderful opportunity to minister together with you here in Denver.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Scot McCluskey



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	September 5 Sunday 9:00 am	September 12 Sunday 9:00 am	September 19 Sunday 9:00 am	September 26 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart
Communion Assistant				
Scripture Reader			Joyce Miller	Kara Bartels
Multimedia	Todd Foelske/ volunteers welcome Any Sundays	Todd Foelske	Todd Foelske	Todd Foelske
Sound System	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge
Video taping				
Altar Guild	Marcia Ott, Vera Collins, Lynn Gielau, Peggy Smith, Kim Lamb			
Usher/Greeters	Butch Milius, Terry & Joyce Miller, Marcia Ott			
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.				

Lost and Found

A black jacket was left at the church after the Sunday, May 30, Graduation Service.

Does it look familiar?



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

LWR School Kits

School Days, School Days, it's time to think about and gather supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

Items needed:

- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks (8x10.5"), wide or college rule, (no loose leaf paper)
- 16-24 count Crayola brand crayons (not washable)
- blunt end kindergarten scissors
- Black or blue ball point pens (not gel pens)
- 30 cm ruler (or inches on one side and centimeters on the other)
- small pencil sharpeners
- 2 1/2" eraser



There will be a laundry basket outside the office for collection. If you'd rather not shop, cash and checks are very welcome, Make out checks to St Peter WELCA with "LWR Kits" on the memo line. *Thank you.*



Ewalu Camp & Retreat Center

Fall Festival & Quilt Auction

Pre-Bid Online: Sept. 13-19, 2021

<https://charityauction.bid/EwaluQuiltAuction>

Live Auction at Ewalu: Sat., Sept. 18, 2021



Join us for live music, hayrides, local food & fellowship!

September 13, 2021

12:00 p.m. Bidding Begins Online

September 19, 2021

7:00 p.m. Online Bidding Closes

September 18, 2021 (On-site at Camp Ewalu)

9:00 a.m. Quilt Review & Country Store Opens

11:00 a.m. Devotional Service

12:00 p.m. Freewill Lunch

1:00 p.m. On-site Auction Begins at Ewalu

37776 Alpha Ave, Strawberry Point, IA ☎ 563-933-4700 🌐 www.ewalu.org

free admission located 3 miles west of Strawberry Point on Hwy 3

Re-Do Cards Update

We have all occasion cards available. Please feel free to come to the church and choose from the card rack. All proceeds go to Prayer Shawl at this time.

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for September- Canned soup and Boxed Meals. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in July: 53 Households, 154 Individuals, 6,211 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. **Thank you to Staci Mueller for delivering our latest donation.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, October 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).

Noisy Offering

Our September and October Noisy Offering will go towards the purchase of items for the Cancer Care Packages. We will assemble and deliver the kits to the Unity Point Community Cancer Center in Waterloo.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1

Christopher Herman
Gene & Pat Leonhart
Ella Gustafson

2

Lars Gesme
Alexandra Place
Brent & Kris Steege

3

Benjamin Foelske
Marcia Joerger
Mallory Steege

4

Steve DeVries
Marian Frey
Emmett Nuehring
Emily Ruby

5

Hether Gustafson
Bode McIlravy
Judy Milius
Jace Williams

6

Jeff Joerger
Sam Joerger

7

Brian DeVries
Jay Patterson
Rick & Sharon Robinson

8

Abry Meyer
Brian Meyer
Jeff & Kim Williams

9

Jacob Lyons
Grace Upshaw
Kevin & Holly Smith

10

Lincoln Roethler

11

Kerry Thies
Wesley & Barbara Gielau

12

Ryan Maitland

13

Jayden Wolter

14

Gene Leonhart
Abbi Robinson
Steve & Angie Sadler

15

Kiara Michels

16

LuAnn Emerson
Robert Foelske

17

Jason Brinkman
Peggy Smith
Michael & Leana Place

18

Amber Leisinger

19

Keaton Rothmeyer
Tony & Trudi Schimmels
Paige Sickles

20

Alex Krabbenhoft

21

Julie Smith
Spencer Vauthier
Michael & Judy Vauthier

22

Kurt & Julie Gleason
Chad & Carol Liddle
Brady & Megan Schmauss
Ryan & Jennifer Wirtjes

23

Margaret Liddle
Mary Thurm

25

Bailey Nuss

26

Nancy Dryer
Chalee Gienau
Michael McInroy

29

Harold & Marilyn Wente

30

Margaret Empie
Paul Empie
Elizabeth Foelske

*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



Mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, September 12 at the Riverloop Amphitheatre in Downtown Waterloo for the 10th annual Release & Remember event. Dedicate a butterfly in honor or memory of someone you love today! A program and the release of 1,000 monarch butterflies will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the RiverLoop Amphitheatre in downtown Waterloo. Family-friendly activities, music provided by the band, *Never The Less*, a free picnic lunch will begin at 1 p.m. and is available while supplies last. Wheelchair ushers will be on hand at the accessible entrance to the Amphitheatre by the Phelps Youth Pavilion where handicap parking is available. Mobility assistance is also provided by golf cart shuttle service throughout the area.

We invite you to be a part of this meaningful day of celebration and remembrance by supporting one or several butterflies as a tribute to someone you love. For each gift of \$25, one butterfly will be released at our event dedications can be made online www.cvhospice.org For more information, contact Cedar Valley Hospice for more information at 319.272.2002 or 800.626.2360.

With Appreciation

St Peter Mission Board - Thank you!!! For the wonderful cookies and may God bless you all. *Denver AA Group*

Job Post

I am a resident in Denver looking for someone to do snow blowing of my driveway and sidewalk this season. I can furnish the snow blower and gas or you can use your own. Pay for the job will depend on whose equipment is used etc. If interested or want to learn more, please contact Mary at 319-231-0859 and leave a message.

Custodian for St Peter:

The congregation of St. Peter seeks a qualified person to fill the position of Custodian for the Facilities located at 540 East Franklin Street, Denver, Iowa 50622. This position is part-time of approximately 25 hours/week. The custodian is responsible for maintaining the facilities through routine cleaning and maintenance. Salary and schedule are negotiable. A full description of the position and the required qualifications can be found by calling the Office @ (319)984-5648. For full consideration send a letter of application to Custodian Position C/O St. Peter Lutheran Church, PO Box A, Denver, Iowa 50622. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Community & Mission News

Serving Committee for September

Carol Everding Janice Gienu Tanya Haase
Becky Miller Sheryl Moeller Abby Roethler
Karen Schumacher Janell Stock Lori Thurm
Terrie Thurm Rachel Upshaw Judy Vauthier
Krista Olson

WELCA Board Meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 23 at 10:30 am

Gather Bible Study

Resuming: Gather Bible Study will be held the second Tuesday of the month, led by Pastor McCluskey. Everyone is invited to join us, Tuesday, September 14 in the Friendship Room at 1:30 pm.

Fellowship & Coffee

We have resumed our fellowship hour on Sundays. 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.

LSI Bremwood Auxiliary Luncheon

Dear Auxiliary Friends, We are so excited to be able to gather in person for the Friday, September 17. To ensure we are providing the safest environment possible, we have moved the location to the Waverly Fairgrounds and will be using a covered shelter. Please enter the fairgrounds from the 700 block of 5th Ave SW and look for LSI directional signs to lead you to the correct shelter and nearby parking. We will meet rain or shine at 1:00 pm. While we love the salads you typically provide for this meeting, LSI is happy to be able to offer each participant a box lunch catered from the Wild Carrot in Waverly. The menu will include a chicken salad croissant sandwich, scoop of salad, chips, dessert and bottled water. For those with dietary restrictions, we can order a salad box lunch that includes mixed green salad, fruit cup, gluten free chips and a rice krispy bar. If you have specific dietary restrictions, please let me know when you RSVP.

In order to have the correct number and type of box lunches, we ask that you RSVP by calling me at 563-676-2065 no later than noon on Thursday, September 9.

We know you are eager to meet Pastor Kyle in person. Hopefully we will also hear from a student or two from Bremwood. Deb Whitford, director of philanthropy and church relations. Face masks are optional.

With Appreciation to the St Peter Mission Board

Thank you!!! For the wonderful cookies and may God bless you all. *Denver AA Group*

St Peter Quilt group

Thank you for the beautiful quilt you guys made for me! I will cherish it forever! Thank you! *Tess Joerger*

Quilt Tying in September

Quilting will continue on Mondays and Tuesdays in September. Please join us Mondays from 9:00 am -3:00 pm, and Tuesdays 9:00 am—Noon, in the lower level of the church. All are welcome.

The quilters report they have 112 quilts boxed thus far, and encourage anyone that is interested in tying quilts to join them.

***The quilters are in need of backs in order to continue to make quilts. Bed sheets - sizes full queen or king, are desirous.**

Fall Volunteer Work Days

Sat. Sept. 25 & Sat. Oct. 16

Join volunteers, families, and church groups to help Ewalu get ready for the winter season. Take time to explore camp and meet staff and volunteers. Return home renewed and refreshed from your time in this special place in God's Kingdom. Visit <http://ewalu.org/event/fall-vww-21/> or call 563-933-4700 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of Camp Ewalu!

Miranda Hoey

Camp Ewalu Marketing & Development Director

Life Serve Blood Drive

The blood drive will be at the Denver Community Center on Friday, September 3rd from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Appointments are required

Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777.

Call: 800-287-4903.

Visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org.



Faith Formation & Announcements



VBS Appreciation

Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped out at St Peter's Vacation Bible School in August. And thank you to Todd Foelske and the Parish Ed board for organizing the event. We had 21 students participate this year.

Confirmation

Wednesday Class Schedule:

7th grade will meet at 6:30 pm

8th grade will meet at 7:30 pm

Pastor McCluskey will lead confirmation beginning September 15th.



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.

Womenfest

The ecumenical Women's Bible Study will begin Tuesday, September 14. Pastor McCluskey will lead the weekly gathering in our St Peter Friendship Room at 7:30 am. All are welcome!

First Communion

First Communion classes will be taught by Pastor Scot during the Sunday School hour at 10:10 am following worship.

- He will be teaching the 6th Grade Sunday School class September 19 & 26, and October 3 & 10.
- Then he will teach the 5th Grade class October 17, 24, 31, and November 7.

It is essential for parents to attend these classes with your child.

Chemo Care Kits

The Mission Board is seeking volunteers to assemble Chemo Care Packages to be delivered to the Unity Point Community Cancer Center. You can easily assemble a care package: pick up a tote containing the list of items needed from the basket by the church office, fill the bag with those items, and return it to the church. These care packages will not only be practical, comforting, and entertaining, but will project Jesus to cancer patients in our community. Please consider participating in our project!

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	3	4
5 9:00 am Worship	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 9:00 am - Noon 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	8	9 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	10	11
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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

Executive Board: Jim Jurgenson, Marcia Joerger, Todd Foelske, Marilyn Mueller

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