

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

April 2018

Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Charis Combs-Lay

Praise the Lord and have a Blessed Easter

Greetings! This is my first newsletter article for St. Peter's here in Denver. Thanks you all for such a fine welcome. I look forward to serving Christ and the church in this place. I'm especially glad to celebrate our Holy Week and Easter Services together this year.

Ever wonder why we observe Holy Week? The services tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Why are those services put together the way they are now? This is a story in itself and here it is. About 1,600 years ago, around 350AD, a tourist named Egeria went to Jerusalem for the Easter season. Egeria was a nun and had just completed a religious pilgrimage, but wanted to stay in the Holy Land for the Holy Week observances which she said were already old in her time in her time. She wanted her sisters to have an account of these services which they could use as a model for their own Easter observances. She wrote letters back to her convent in Greek, which was her native language. She describes how thousands of Christians from all over the world would gather in the city on the day before Palm Sunday, and she explains in colorful detail every day of Holy Week services. There were services every day of the week. This account is still the basis of Christian Holy Week services all around the world today, in much shorter form. So, when we worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus as remembered by countless brother and sister Christians who preceded us in life. We remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus along the same lines as the early church.

Time has changed the length of the services!! There are sections of the services that aren't always used. For instance, Baptism was always a part of the Easter Vigil. The baptisms were just before dawn, after an all night series of Biblical readings. After the baptism and Holy Communion, there was a breakfast that began with eggs. You can see the modern connection there. Most churches these days don't stay up that way. So, when you come to church during Holy Week, you are doing something quite similar to the early Christians, and Christians in Jerusalem today. Please make your plans to attend this year.

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Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	April 1 Easter Sunday 9:00 am	April 8 Sunday 9:00 am	April 15 Sunday 9:00 am	April 22 Sunday 9:00 am	April 29 Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Assistants	TBD	TBD	Pat Leonhart	TBD	TBD
Scripture Readers	Kara Bartels	Joyce Miller	Gene Leonhart	Julie Leisinger	Diann Curtis
Acolytes	Klair Heim & Kasey Wirtjes	Hunter Ackerman & Jacob Lyons	Grace Upshaw & Conner Vauthier	Mia Leonhart & Ethan Krabbenhoft	Emmett Nuehring & Clayton Liddle
Multimedia	Johnathan Leisinger	Jeff Bales	Jack Mixdorf	Johnathan Leisinger	Leah Homeister
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Sheila Mixdorf	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart
Sound System	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson
Video	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Gretchen Syhre, Wendy Mohlis, Holly Smith				
Usher/Greeters	Terry & Joyce Miller, Gene & Pat Leonhart, Blair & Sara Sanderson				

**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:** 4:30 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.

Quilt tying

Meeting through April 10, on Mondays, 9:00 am—3:00 pm and on Tuesdays, 9:00 am—Noon. Come when you can, leave when you must. Quilts boxed thus far—140! There is a fresh supply of quilt squares in the basket in the friendship room for those who would like to take a packet home to sew quilt tops.

Mission & Community



Wellness Screening

Wellness Screening, Tuesday, April 10, 6:30-8:00 am
in the lower level of St Peter.

The Wellness Screening includes:

23 test panel for \$20.00 (a 12 hour fast is recommended)
Cholesterol Screen for \$5.00

PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) for \$10.00

TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) for \$5.00

Complete Blood Count for \$5.00

AIC (Monitors glucose level for diabetes) for \$10.00

Free blood pressure check

Participants can drink water or take medications prior to the testing. The screening is hosted by St. Peter Church with Allen Hospital and is open to the public.



Noisy Offering

The noisy offering for March & April will be given to Denver Cares for the purchase of Easter Meals for families in our area.

Easter, Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Offerings

These offerings will be shared with the ELCA Fund for Leaders (FFL), which helps to raise up and financially support students studying at ELCA seminaries who have demonstrated outstanding leadership potential and exceptional gifts for ministry. Our vision is to one day support every candidate for rostered ministry with a full-tuition scholarship to an ELCA seminary, to empower and enable our leaders to serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

Scholarship

Up to five \$500 Educational Scholarships are again being offered by the Northeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization. These are for women who wish to enter or re-enter the work force, and may be used at Community Colleges or for more advanced degrees. An application form is available in the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, May 3. 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 new shawls).

The St. Peter Church Council

The council solicits members to prayerfully consider serving on the following Church Boards. The number of individuals as members on these boards has become less than desired and the respective council member contact would appreciate new input from additional congregational members. Stewardship (council member -Mary Stevens), Mission (council member- Sue Buss), Youth and Family (council member -Eve Pautsch) , Evangelism (council member- Lavone Westendorf) , Education (council member -Todd Foelske)
Thank you for your support.

Jim Jurgenson, Council President.

During the Easter Season,

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services.

Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account, credit card or debit card. It takes just a few minutes to setup a recurring giving plan. Visit the church website [www.stpeterdenver.org] to locate the donation link.

We thank you all and givers for supporting our mission!



Care for Yourself

You can qualify for a Free Mammogram and a pap smear.

If you are 40-64 yrs old you might qualify to get services free. If you have no insurance or insurance deductible or co-pay is more than you can afford you may be eligible. We service Butler, Floyd, Bremer, Mitchell, Howard, Chickasaw and Franklin counties. Please contact Patty Nordmeyer at Butler Co. Public Health. 319-267-2934.

1 in 8
women will get
breast cancer in her life

You may be eligible for a FREE mammogram and Pap test if you are a woman ages 40-64. Call the Care for Yourself program to learn more and see if you qualify.

Call: 319-267-2934
Email: pnordmeyer@butlercoiowa.org
www.stphs.iowa.gov/cfy

Early detection is the best protection.

Public Health
Care for Yourself

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1
Staci Mueller
Rachel & John Upshaw

2
Lyle Judas

3
Tyler Sawyer
Dean Brandt
Jill DeVries

4
Melissa Johnson

5
Roger Blankenship
Virgil & Shirley Buhr

6
Cayce Lanning
Wendy Mohlis
Jo Vandenberg

7
LaVonne Westendorf

8
Samantha Thornton

9
Julie Sawyer
Opal Miller

10
Jacob Lanning

11
Barb Klemp
Terrie Thurm

13
Cory Arians
Rachel Gielau
Brian Haase
Hannah Thies
Tyler Vauthier

14
Dawn Lau

15
Jeanette Coontz
Lydia Gleason

17
Jordan Wolter
Henry Pautsch
Miles Pautsch
Sydney Sanderson

18
Nicholas Mohlis
Alex Sharp
Lindsay Mujica

19
Dan Syhre
Eleanor Stumme

22
Neil Hartmann
Madisyn Leisinger
Nichole Thurm
Don & Donna Hulsing
Gary & Cheryl Sharp

23
Rowen Smith

24
Derek Franzen
Max Leonhart
Lindsay Seegers

25
Dalton Austin
Anna Everding
Noah Foelske
Jeff & Karen Schumacher

27
Garland Krabbenhoft

28
Sarah Diercks
Trudie Rothmeyer
Riley Schumacher
Alvin & Dorothy
Eggena
Mark & Jackie Fober

29
Andrew Diercks
Brian & Kathy Bartels
Butch & Dixie Milius

30
Mitchell Schumacher
Mylee Thurm

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

Congregational News

St Peter Spring Clean Up

Join us Saturday, **April 21**, anytime between 9:00 am—Noon. We will be sprucing up the church grounds and buildings. Yard tools are encouraged.

Cemetery Clean Up

As we prepare for spring clean up around the cemetery, we would ask that any old flowers, wreaths, etc. be removed. Thank you for your help in this effort to tidy up.

EWALU Volunteer Work Weekend April 27-28

All are invited to a free weekend at Camp Ewalu. Join other volunteers, families, and church groups for outdoor activities, fun fellowship, and service projects to prepare camp for the summer season. Lodging and meals provided free of charge. Please RSVP to camp@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700.

Bell Choir-New Members Welcome

Come be part of this fun group-Practices are on Sunday mornings at 7:45 am. Contact Jo VanDeBerg 515-238-7483.

Gather Bible Study

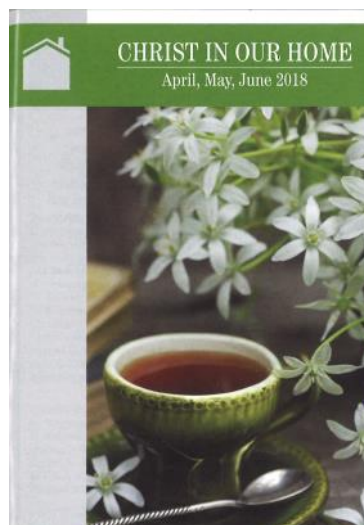
The Bible study is typically held the first Wednesday of the month; BUT due to circumstances the next gathering for the 1:00 pm group will be TUESDAY, April 3. The 7:00 pm Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, April 4.

Lost and Found

We have a fine assortment of earrings and buttons that can be claimed in the office. *Our newest addition to lost and found is a toddler's jacket.*

Offering Envelopes

We still have a few people that have envelopes to be picked up. They will be located on the table outside of the office and can be picked up there.



Recourses Available

A reminder we have copies of *Christ in Our Home* 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.

Community & Mission News

His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Requests for April & May —Tomato Juice, Mayonnaise, Canned Peaches, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Jam, Jelly, Sugar, Ramen Noodles, Ranch Dressing, Instant Oatmeal, Pizza Sauce, Pickles, Soup, Fresh Apples, Fresh Oranges, Ketchup, Mustard, Marshmallows, Snack Crackers, Boxed Scalloped Potatoes, Hamburger Helper, Pork & Beans, Baked Beans, Gravy Mixes, Muffin Mix, Cake Mix, Cereal, Canned Spaghetti, Canned Spaghetti-O-s, Canned Ravioli, Pizza Crust, Canned Juices, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Saran Wrap, Aluminum Foil, Shower Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Comet or Ajax Cleanser, Floor Cleaning Soap, Paper Towels, Hair Conditioner. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in February: 57 Households, 155 Individuals, 4,558 lbs of food distributed. Questions? - 319-638-4357.

Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Please join us at the food bank to pack elderly nutrition boxes. You do not need to notify the food bank; there are several groups there each week and we can just join in, **Next scheduled Saturday, is April 21, from 9-10:30am.** Simply go to the volunteer entrance at the Food Bank, 160 Lafayette St, Any questions, call Joyce Miller 984-5021.

Bremwood

You are invited to the Bremwood Luncheon on Friday, April 20 at 1:00 pm, on the Bremwood campus. Each year the Auxiliary supports a project to benefit the children. The Auxiliary has chosen to donate the funds to Family Weekend & Spiritual life programs. Family Weekend is a weekend for families to come to campus & spend time with their child. Classes about parenting are held, as well as fun activities for all. Housing & food is also provided by these monies.

Womensfest

***New Venue for the Ecumenical Bible Study.** Everyone is invited to the Bible study led by Pastor Craig Henderson. They have moved the Bible study to Willow Winds Assisted Living on the south side of town near Brothers Grocery Store. The time remains the same, 7:30-8:30 AM.

Grief Support Group

The meetings for the grief support group are held the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm, at St Paul Lutheran Church, Waverly. Led by Pastor Trachte; All are welcome.

Helping Hands Clothes Closet

Located at 2029 Viking Ave. Sumner, 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. They offer 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, 9-11 am. If you have any questions email or call Carolyn Mohlis, 319-279-3247 or Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com. *The clothing closet had 82 clients visits in February and 34.5 volunteer hours.*

WELCA Board Meeting

April 29, 2018 at 10:15am

Gather Bible Study is usually held the first Wednesday of the month, at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 1:00 pm
And Wednesday, April 4, 7:00 pm**

Serving Committee for April

Pat Bietz	Julie Brinkman	
Dorothy Eggena	Jackie Fober	Sharon Foelske
Amy Gehrke	Sandra Greenley	Rhonda Wilson
Julie Leisinger	Lois Miller	Eve Pautsch
Jill Thrasher	Jo Vandenberg	LaVonne Westendorf

Save the Date

Saturday, April 14, will be the Lutheran World Relief Quilt In-Gathering at Fredsville Lutheran Church, near Cedar Falls. Everyone is invited to attend a brief program, beginning at 9:30 am, hear the report of quilt and kit totals, and enjoy an early lunch.

Love Offering, Sunday, April 8

Each year the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) at St. Peter Lutheran Church conduct a spring Love Offering. The Love Offering begins on Sunday, April 8 and will continue through the end of May. The Love Offering supports local and national causes—2018 designation is as follows: 50% to Christmas Gifts; 25% Curran Hospital in Liberia-solar project similar to Phoebe Hospital; 25% to EWALU. We will apply for a Thrivent Choice Dollar match also. A special envelope is included with your regular offering envelopes, or you may use a plain envelope and mark it "Love Offering." Thank you for your support of the Love Offering. Act Boldly—Give Generously!



Faith Formation

On behalf of the high school youth (and the adult leaders!) who will be attending the national youth gathering in June, **THANK YOU** for your support in our current fundraising efforts:

Lenten Meals
Easter Egg Sales
Pizza Ranch Tip Night
Generous Donations



Alex Krabbenhoft



Sam Lockhart



Ireland Pollock and Abbi Austin



Dalton Austin



Marissa Leisinger



Leah Ristau



Bella Laures and Tessa Joerger



High school youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston in June

MARK DOWN THE DATE!

Come out and support the high school youth who will be attending the National Youth Gathering and mission trip this summer and enjoy some delicious pizza and other buffet items at WAVERLY PIZZA RANCH from 5:00-8:00 pm. **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

Our youth will be waiting tables for tips. The group will keep the tips and a portion of your bill is going to be donated back to our group by Pizza Ranch.

Thank you in advance for your support!

St. Peter Church Youth



Sunday School

Classes follow worship, at 10:00 am.

***NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on EASTER, APRIL 1.**

Bible Blessing for the Kindergarten and 3rd Graders will be April 22, during our 9:00 am Worship Service.

Our Sunday School children shared offerings will be used to purchase peanut butter and jelly for the Food Bank.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Michels, lisa@mcsupport.com or 319-427-2088.

EWALU Camp Registration is Open

Camp and Retreat information for 2018 is located on the information table outside the office or on their website: ewalu.org

A reminder that St Peter will pay half the cost of the camp up to \$175. Please contact the office for the scholarship.

Re-Do'd Cards

The Re-Do Card rack has been relocated to the library. Check out our beautiful selection of all occasional cards. Proceeds go towards the fundraising goals of the students attending the National Youth Gathering in Texas.

Confirmation Schedule

6:30 pm on Wednesdays

April 4, Family Bible Study
April 11, Confirmation Class
April 18, Confirmation Class

First Communion Instruction Class

We will be having instruction for First Communion during the Sunday School hour on April 8 & 15. Contact Pastor Charis with questions. The class will celebrate reception of their First Communion during Worship Service, April 22, 9:00 am.

April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship	2 9:00 am-3:00 pm Quilt Tying 6:30 pm Property Management meeting	3 7:30 am Womenfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilt Tying 1:00 pm Gather Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	4 6:30 pm Family Bible Study 7:00 pm Gather Bible Study	5 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 5:30 pm College Care Kits	6 Office closed	7
8 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am WELCA Board <i>Love Offering Begins</i>	9 8:00 am Financial Board mtg 9:00 am-3:00 pm Quilt Tying	10 6:30 am Wellness Screening 7:30 am Womenfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilt Tying 6:30 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	11 6:30 pm Confirmation	12 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	13	14 9:30 am In-Gathering @ Fredsville, CF
15 9:00 am Worship with Noisy Offering 10:00 am Sunday School	16	17 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	18 6:30 pm Confirmation	19 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1:00 pm Bremwood Luncheon	21 9:00 am NEIA Food Bank 9:00-Noon St Peter Clean Up
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2018 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

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