

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

April 2021

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Projecting Christ to All Generations



Was this good news to the women at the tomb early on that first day of the week following the horrific events they had witnessed the Friday before? Jesus hanging on a cross, Jesus dying on the cross, Jesus' lifeless body taken down from the cross and buried.

By themselves, these words are confusing. Who is not here? Whatever do you mean, he is not here? We put him here. We left him here. What happened to him? Where is he? Where else would he be? Where else could he be? Of course, he is here! He has to be here!

In each of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) someone announced to the women at the tomb, "He is not here!" Who were these messengers? Were they angels, sent by God with good news of great joy for all the people? What was the good news? He is not here? I wonder, were the women able to hear the good news? Jesus wasn't there, because he had been raised, he has risen. Jesus who once was dead was no longer dead, but alive, that is why he wasn't there.

There was fear, alarm, terror, amazement, and confusion on that first Easter morning. There was no fanfare like we have come to expect on Easter morning. No trumpets. No organ. No lilies. No white paraments. There were no hard-boiled eggs, no colored eggs, no plastic eggs filled with candy, no Cadbury eggs, no Easter egg hunts. There were no jellybeans. There were no marshmallow bunnies or chicks, no fluffy bunnies or chicks either. There were no butterflies. There were no ham dinners with all the trimmings. There were no traditions. However, what was essential was there. And, what was essential was the good news that Jesus was not there, the tomb was empty because he had been raised and the promise that they would see him again just as he said.

Our Easter celebrations will be different again this year. Last year our Easter worship was all online. This year we will gather in the sanctuary following our protocols. Unlike that first Easter morning, He will be here as he has always been! Like that first Easter morning what is essential is here, the good news of great joy for all the people. The tomb was empty because he has been raised. By his death and resurrection, Jesus conquered death once for all. It is finished! He is here! Alleluia!

Easter joy and blessings to you all,

Steve and Pastor Dawn



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

	April 1 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm	April 2 Good Friday Service 6:30 pm	April 4 Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	April 11 Sunday 9:00 am	April 18 Sunday 9:00 am	April 25 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Multimedia	Todd Foelske	Todd Foelske	7 & 9am Todd Foelske 11 am-Philip Michels	Todd Foelske	Todd Foelske	Todd Foelske
Video taping	Liz Foelske	Roxane Franzen	Roxane Franzen	Philip Michels	Liz Foelske	Liz Foelske
Altar Guild	*Kari Anfinson, Marilyn Mueller, Anne Sickles					
Usher/Greeters	*Terry & Joyce Miller, Gene & Pat Leonhart, Blair & Sara Sanderson family * =(only if comfortable participating)					
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.						

The Bell and Chimes at St Peter

Listen for the chimes at St. Peter every night at 8:00pm. This is both a call to prayer and a daily blessing.

Noisy Offering

The March and April Noisy Offering will go to the Salvation Army. Since our Jan/Feb Noisy offering was not in person, we will again have them as the recipient. The Salvation Army is dedicated to caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, loving the unlovable, and befriending the friendless; providing Cedar Valley residents with physical, emotional, and spiritual care since 1899.

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.

Bulletin Requests

Each week the church office emails the bulletin to church members with email addresses. We also mail out to members that have indicated an interest in receiving one through the mail. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please let the office know.

Doors

To care for staff and the building, you will need to wear a mask to enter the building. - Please call the church phone number if the doors are locked 984-5648.

Assistance During the Pandemic

One day at a time is our new normal. As we continue to navigate through this pandemic there may be new needs that arise. St Peter is here as a resource for you. We may be able to meet the need, and if not, we will look for and share other possible resources with you. Please contact the church office or Pastor Dawn on her cell phone (641-529-6592) with questions or needs.

Mission & Community



Welcome LSI's new Spiritual Life Leader!

LSI is thrilled to welcome Rev. Kyle Barton as our new Spiritual Life Leader. Pastor Kyle's role will primarily focus on providing faith-based programming on LSI's two residential treatment campuses, Bremwood in Waverly and Beloit in Ames. He will oversee the Spiritual Life program, which offers voluntary activities like music and art for children on

campus to enjoy. He will also lead regular chapel and youth group sessions on both campuses.

Pastor Kyle began his ordained career with a call to St. James Lutheran Church in Allison, Iowa, after completing a bachelor's degree at Wartburg College in Waverly and a Master of Divinity degree at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque. Prior to his call to St. James, Pastor Kyle served as a pastoral intern in Dubuque at St. Peter Lutheran Church while also working as an on-call chaplain for Mercy Medical Center in Dubuque. In his previous call, Pastor Kyle also thoroughly enjoyed volunteering as an EMT with the Allison Ambulance Service. "I am excited to engage God's children through the ministry that is LSI," Pastor Kyle says. "I am pleased to have the opportunity to journey alongside the clients, staff, and benefactors of LSI, all the while living out the Gospel promise of Jesus Christ."

We look forward to seeing the many ways Pastor Kyle will make a life-changing impact on the children and teens we are privileged to serve!

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for April- canned green beans & corn, cake, brownie and cookie mixes, pancake mix, mayonnaise, ketchup. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in February: 58 Households, 170 Individuals, 6,853 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.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 6:30 pm, Good Friday, April 2, 6:30 pm
Easter Worship- 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

PLEASE NOTE—there is a sign-up for which service you would like to attend for Easter Worship, due to limited capacity. An email with a short reservation form to fill out was sent out, or you may call the church with the desired time and number of family members that will be attending. Each service will be limited to the first 85 people. Thank you.

June 12, 2021 Online Assembly

The 2021 Northeastern Iowa Synod will be a one-day online virtual event set for Saturday, June 12. The live broadcast will be based at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly.

The primary purpose of this assembly will be the election of a new bishop. In addition, voting members will elect a synod secretary, synod council members and nominating committee, and approve synod budget and compensation guidelines.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The assembly will kick off with a message from the **Rev. Dr. Martin J. Lohrmann**, associate professor of Lutheran Confessions and Heritage for Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, to highlight the assembly theme, "Celebrating Renewal: Johannes Bugenhagen, Parish Pastor of the Reformation."

CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE

Lori Fedyk, treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will serve as the churchwide representative and will preside over the election of the Bishop.

50•40•10 — CELEBRATING THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN. Plans include designated time during the Assembly to honor the milestone anniversaries from 2020 of women being ordained in the ELCA: **50th anniversary** of U.S. Lutheran churches' decision to ordain women

40th anniversary of the ordination of the first women of color

10th anniversary of the ELCA's decision to officially ordain people in same-gender committed relationships.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1
Staci Mueller
Rachel & John Upshaw

2
Lyle Judas

3
Tyler Sawyer
Jill DeVries

4
Melissa Johnson

5
Roger Blankenship
Virgil & Shirley Buhr

6
Cayce Lanning
Wendy Mohlis
Jo VanDeBerg

7
LaVonne Westendorf

8
Olivia Niewoehner

9
Julie Sawyer
Opal Miller

10
Jacob Lanning

11
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
Harry Miller

18
Nicholas Mohlis
Lindsay Mujica

19
Amy & Adam Oltmann

22
Neil Hartmann
Madisyn Leisinger
Nichole Thurm
Don & Donna Hulsing

23
Rowen Smith

24
Derek Franzen
Max Leonhart
Lindsay Seegers

25
Dalton Austin
Anna Everding
Noah Foelske
Jeff & Karen Schumacher

27
Garland Krabbenhoft
Stryder Pickett

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

29
Butch & Dixie Milius

30
Mitchell Schumacher
Mylee Thurm

Community & Mission News

Ushers Needed

Our need for ushers is great, especially at this time. Please let the office or Mary Stevens know if you would be able to assist monthly or as a fill in. Thank you for your consideration.

2021 Envelopes

We still have a few envelopes that can be picked up. The offering envelope boxes are on the table outside the office and may be collected at your convenience. If your box is missing, please notify the office.

Blessing Box Needs

With the arrival of spring temperatures, we can once again put canned food items in our blessing boxes. We have a good supply of canned tuna, chicken, and vegetables on hand. We especially **need** the following items: **spaghetti or pasta sauce, pancake mix, pancake syrup, boxed potatoes, instant potatoes, and crackers of any kind.** We can always use: hamburger helper, chicken helper, tuna helper, peanut butter, jello, and cereal. Other items we put in the blessing boxes when available include: granola bars, pop tarts, cereal/fruit bars, microwave popcorn, baking mixes, pudding and fruit cups. We restock the blessing boxes twice a week. Did you know there are 52,730 people who are food insecure in the 16 counties served by the Northeast Iowa Food Bank? The number of people who are food insecure has increased because of the pandemic. Food items may be brought to church and left in the box under the table outside of the offices or monetary donations may be given to St. Peter designated "Sharing with our Neighbors." Thank you for sharing with our neighbors.

Resources Available

The new issue of *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.



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

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

WELCA Board Meeting

Next WELCA Board Meeting: TBD

Gather Bible Study –TBD

Serving Committee for April

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

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).

Earth Day 2021

The theme for Earth Day 2021 is Restore Our Earth, which focuses on natural processes and emerging green technologies that can restore harmony with the world's ecosystems. Since the first Earth Day in 1970, incredible environmental goals have been achieved and faith communities have been a strong part of the movement from the very beginning.

"Faith communities have always been, and will always be, an integral part of the environmental movement and Earth Day," said Kathleen Rogers, President of EARTH-DAY.ORG. "For Earth Day 2021, we are looking to faith leaders worldwide to empower their communities to advocate for the environment from a faith, moral, and justice perspective."

"Green The Church welcomes Earth Day 2021! Our planet is God's gift to us. May we be good to our planet and good to one another, especially our Black and Brown communities who are disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis and environmental inequities. As we celebrate Earth Day, we must remember our moral imperative to take action on climate in a fair and equitable way that benefits us all," said Rev. Dr. Ambrose Carroll, Green The Church Founder, Senior Pastor, Church By the Side of the Road. "Restoring Our Earth means shifting our collective consciousness from extractors and consumerism to equity and community. It is to return to being stewards of God's ecology vs extractors of it. It calls for us to place people and the planet over profit. Restoring Our Earth is a rallying cry for us to rise from our apathetic slumber and become partners in caring for God's creation," Rev. Michael Malcom, Executive Director, The People's Justice Council. "Join us in praying for the Earth and the climate." Rev. Susan Hendershot, President of Interfaith Power & Light will lead the National Earth Day Climate Prayer, "We Hold the Earth" in honor of Earth Day. <https://www.earthday.org/campaign/faith-the-environment/>

Arnold & Lillian Bergmann
from Don & Donna Hulsing

Vern & Marge Moeller
from Jim & Sheryl Moeller family

Arlene & Lester Matthias
Wilbert Lobeck
from Jerry & Connie Lobeck

Marlys Krueger
from the Ron Krueger family

LaVerne & Harriet Hult
Don & Maxine Miller
from Terry & Joyce Miller

Millie Kurtt
from the Art Kurtt family

J.W. & Valesca Donaldson
Harold & Minnie Michelson
from Roger & Donna Donaldson

Our loved ones we lost
from Jan & Robert Gienau family

James Lamos
Marcia Lashbrook
from Nancy Lamos family

Roger Kittle, Gus & Claribel Koeff,
Virgil Wallace, Don Miller, Caleb Ulrichs
from Donna Kittle, Teri Miller & Dan Miller

Ruth Franzen
Sister Joselda Hageman
from Jim & Roxane Franzen family

Tom Stevens
from Mary Stevens

Gustav & Lucinda Oberheu
Marlys Krueger
from Marilyn Mueller family

Roger, Jeff, Nick, Erica Thurm
from Shirley Thurm family

Ron Foelske
from the family of Ron Foelske

Ron Foelske
Rick Sanderson
from Blair, Sarah, Sophie, Brody & Sydney

Thank you to everyone that purchased Easter Lilies for our service; you may take your lily home with you after worship if you'd like.



Faith Formation & Announcements



Confirmation in April

Classes are scheduled for April, the dates and times, can be found on our website calendar.

7th grade confirmation students will meet April 7 & 21 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

8th grade confirmation students will meet April 14 & 28 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

9th grade confirmation will meet in person Sunday, April 11, 18, 25 at 6:30 pm

Contact Pastor Dawn with any questions(pastor@stpeterdenver.org or 641-529-6592)

VBS Save the Date

We will have EWALU provide our Vacation Bible School this summer. More information on registration will be following; Tentatively set for the first week of August.

2021 Senior Pictures

Each year we have a recognition board for our St Peter graduating high school seniors. Please send a digital photo to Amy at Amy.lockhart@uni.edu or bring a senior photo to the church office to be displayed, by April 30. Thank you.

Join volunteers, families, and church groups to help Ewalu get ready for summer! 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.

A variety of projects are being prepared, including the construction of a treehouse in Foresters Village, renovation of Trailblazer cabins, work on the new Disc Golf course, construction of new Adirondack chairs, and more. If you can't be here for the weekend, we always have plenty of things for volunteers at any time.

For More Info

📞 563-933-4700
🌐 www.ewalu.org/event/spring-vww-21/

Date

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Arrival
9:00 a.m. Work Projects
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Work Projects
4:00 p.m. Departure

Contact:

Paul Frantsen at 563-933-4700

RSVP with:

Diane Parker at 563-933-4700
or email office@ewalu.org



Camp EWALU

Our programs are geared for youth in grades 1 -12, as well as families and grandparents. Our camp activities are designed to strengthen campers' faith in God and lifelong connection with their home congregation. We are committed to providing another safe summer by following current guidelines and best practices. We will again offer full refunds and will remain in communication through our website, social media, and via email as the situation is ever-changing. Due to its popularity, we are planning an extra Family Camp this summer mid-week. We are also adding Grandparent Camp back into the schedule for grandparents and grandchildren to experience camp together. Service Camp is a high school program held onsite and based around service projects at camp and hopefully in the local community. www.ewalu.org | camp@ewalu.org | 563-933-4700
The Camp EWALU pamphlets are on the table outside the office.



April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	2 6:30 pm Good Friday Service Office Closed	3
4 Easter 7:00 am Worship 9:00 am Worship 11:00 am Worship	5	6	7 6:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation online	8 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	9	10 8:00 am Ingathering @ New Hampton
11 9:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Bartels Annual Meeting 6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation	12	13 6:30 pm Council meeting	14 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation online	15 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	16 Newsletter Deadline	17
18 9:00 am Worship with Noisy Offering 6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation	19	20	21 6:30 pm 7th grade Confirmation online	22 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	23	24
25 9:00 am Worship 6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation	26	27	28 6:30 pm 8th grade Confirmation online	29 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	30	

Tentatively Scheduled

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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

Property & Management: Neil Hartmann, Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Roxane Franzen, Jim Jurgenson, Mary Stevens

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