

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

April 2022

Projecting Christ to All Generations

He is not here, but has risen

LUKE 24:5



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Holy Week 2022

The spring of each year brings new life and wonderful changes to the land around us. Trees budding, flowers blooming, grass turning green are all signs of the end of winter and the beginning of spring. At the same time each year we celebrate new life in Jesus Christ by remembering the events in his life that we call Holy Week. His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on "Palm Sunday," the night of his betrayal followed by his crucifixion, and finally the great reveal at the empty tomb and Easter.

As part of our preparation for this important week in the lives of Christians around the world, we will be having a Seder Meal on Saturday April 9th at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to Mandy and Jayson Gesme for organizing this wonderful event.

A Seder Meal recalls the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem on that Thursday night before he was crucified. He and his disciples were fulfilling God's command to the People of Israel to remember yearly the salvation that God brought to Israel through Moses. It is a meal that recounts the hardships and suffering they experienced in Egypt as well as the sweetness of deliverance they received from God. It was during this meal that Jesus "took bread, gave thanks, and gave it to them to eat saying, 'This is my Body given for you, do this in remembrance of me.' Again, after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks gave it for all to drink saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sin, do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.'" The Seder Meal allows us to experience what the disciples went through with Jesus that night, and it gives us insight into the deeper mystery that is the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Seder Meal will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately until 8:30. The menu will include smoked beef brisket, salad, Matza Ball soup, and the traditional elements that all Jewish families continue to use today to remember the Exodus from Egypt about 3,600 years ago. This is the oldest and holiest of the feasts of Israel. Please join us. There is a sign-up sheet on the door to the church office.

- Interim Pastor Scot McCluskey

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	April 3 Sunday 9:00 am	April 6 Wed. Lent 7:00 pm	April 10 Palm Sunday 9:00 am	April 14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm	April 15 Good Friday 7:00 pm	April 17 Easter Sunday 7 & 9 am	April 24 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	7am-Amy Lockhart 9amSheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller
Acolytes							
Communion Assistant							
Scripture Reader	Sue Buss		The Reading of the Passion	Jim Moeller		7- Jim Moeller	
Multimedia							
Sound System	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	Philip Michels	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	7- A. Midthus 9- S. Devries	Philip Michels
Video taping							
Altar Guild	Marcia Ott, Vera Collins, Lynn Gielau, Kim Lamb						
Usher/ Greeters	Joyce Miller, Pat & Gene Leonhart, Sara & Blair Sanderson family						
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.							

Volunteers

Please take a look at the Worship Servers sign-up and consider one of the options to participate. We need acolytes, readers, communion assistants, multimedia, video taping, and sound system, ushers and altar guild is looking for more recruits as well. www.stpeterdenver.org -Get involved— Volunteer—Worship Servers or 319-984-5648

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Please join us for a delicious brunch following the Palm Sunday Worship on April 10. There will be activities for the children, and fellowship for all.

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. 319-984-5648

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

Revised Youth Gathering

We are excited to announce that the youth going to the National ELCA Gathering (which was canceled) have another opportunity to attend a smaller ELCA youth gathering hosted by the NE Iowa Synod. We will be going to the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN from July 24-27. There will be speakers, music, games and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. It's going to be a FUN trip for the youth of St. Peter. Thanks to everyone that has supported the youth with fundraising through Lenten Meals, Re-do Cards, Spaghetti Luncheon, Bake Sale and Rada Orders. It is greatly appreciated! For more information please contact Lisa Michels 319-464-4381.

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 the ELCA Youth Gathering funds, at this time. **We now have a selection of Easter Cards available on the rack.**

Forty Days, Forty Items Challenge

Have you ever wondered what to give up for Lent? Join the Mission Board on a forty-day adventure. During Lent, try the "Forty Days, Forty Items" challenge! Could you discover something of worth to give up each day? If so, remove the item that your family no longer wants or needs from your home or garage and place it in a bag or tote. At the end of Lent, donate the entire collection of items to a charity, shelter or Goodwill. By cleaning out, you'll be sharing with those who could use your contributions. This could be a powerful forty-day journey. This year the Lenten season is from Wednesday, March 2nd through Thursday, April 14th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your donation of \$200. Your support funds programs that give women the tools they need to achieve secure families, independence, and permanent homes. With safe housing and comprehensive programming, women can pursue education, secure employment earning a living wage, obtain reliable transportation, learn financial management skills, and more. We appreciate your investment in families!
House of Hope

Attention College Students/Parents

Would your young person like a "Kollege Kare Kit" filled with goodies prior to finals' week? St. Peter Board of Mission is putting bags together that will keep your child fortified during a stressful time of his/her life. The bags will also let kids know their church family, St. Peter, is praying for them. Please let the church office know by Monday, April 11th if you'd like a kit assembled for your child. Thanks!!



Noisy Offering

Our March and April Noisy Offering will also go to Denver Cares Easter Meals. In past years, the Board of Mission has provided ten to twelve Easter meals for Denver Cares. Your Noisy Offering donations in March and April will once again be used to feed people in our community. Remember the verse from Mark 12, "Love your neighbors as yourself". Sharing with others is an act of love. Please give so that you can touch lives in our community. Noisy offering is the third Sunday of the month—April 17.

St Peter Lutheran Church

Your gift (\$200) has already made an impact.....All donations we receive benefit individuals and families using our services in your communities. Thanks to your generosity, we will continue to meet our vision of everyone has a home by living out our mission to provide safe shelter, confidential services, and housing assistance to individuals in crisis due to homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. With deep gratitude, *Friends of the family*

To Everyone at St Peter

Thank you so much for your donation (\$200) to One City and our Momentum program! Your generosity will impact lives and future generations. May the Lord Bless you, *Once City Staff*

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Community & Mission News

1 Staci Mueller Rachel & John Upshaw	17 Jordan Wolter Henry Pautsch Miles Pautsch Sydney Sanderson Harry Miller
3 Tyler Sawyer Jill DeVries	18 Nicholas Mohlis Lindsay Mujica
4 Melissa Johnson	19 Amy & Adam Oltmann
5 Roger Blankenship Virgil & Shirley Buhr	22 Neil Hartmann Madisyn Leisinger Nichole Thurm Don & Donna Hulsing
6 Cayce Lanning Wendy Mohlis Jo VanDeBerg	23 Rowen Smith
7 LaVonne Westendorf	24 Derek Franzen Max Leonhart Lindsay Seegers
8 Olivia Niewoehner	25 Anna Everding Noah Foelske Jeff & Karen Schumacher
9 Julie Sawyer Opal Miller	27 Garland Krabbenhoft Stryder Pickett
10 Jacob Lanning	28 Trudie Rothmeyer Riley Schumacher Alvin & Dorothy Eggena Mark & Jackie Fober
11 Terrie Thurm	29 Butch & Dixie Milius
13 Cory Arians Rachel Gielau Brian Haase Hannah Thies Tyler Vauthier	30 Mitchell Schumacher Mylee Thurm
14 Dawn Lau	
15 Jeanette Coontz Lydia Gleason	

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

Easter Choir

A choir will perform for Easter Worship. Any singers wanting to participate should notify Mary Stevens 319-252-2960.

Seder Meal Sign-Up

Saturday, April 9, at 6:00 pm, please join us for the Passover Seder for Christians. It is based on the rituals of ancient Israel preserved in Exodus 12-14. This blend of tradition and innovation conforms to the purpose of the celebration: to tell the story of God's actions in history in a way that brings it out of the past and makes it a present reality for everyone in the community, young and old, as if they personally are part of the story. **We will have a sign-up posted on the door of the Office, or you may call the office at 984-5648, or email roxane@stpeterdenver.org, so we know how many to prepare for.**

Save the Date

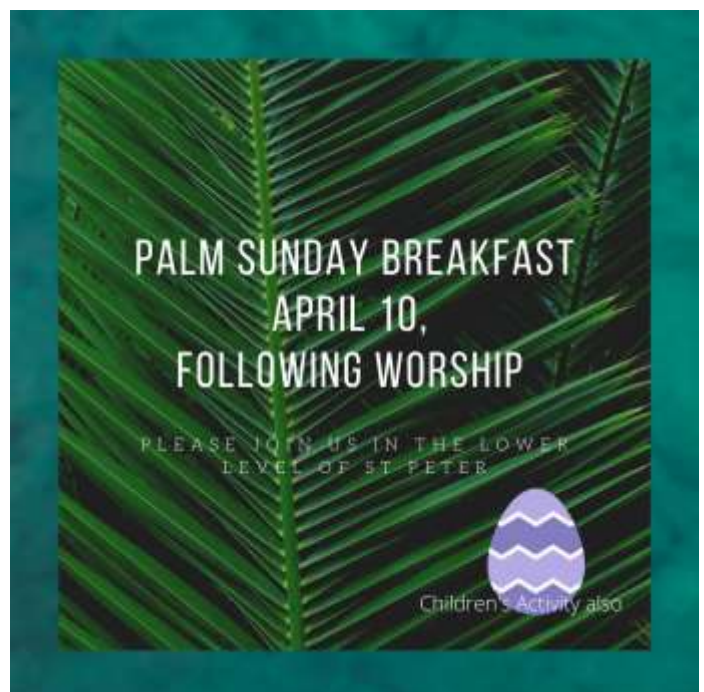
Sunday, April 24, following worship we will have a Special Congregational Meeting to update the St Peter Mission Statement.

2022 LWR Spring In-Gathering

Saturday, April 9, Registration/Coffee begins at 8:30 am. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Independence, IA is hosting the event. A truck will be at the church to collect all the donated blankets, quilts, and other items. Program begins at 9:00 am. Devotions: Bonnie Nelson. Program: Women's Correctional Facility, Waterloo. Music: Jessica Saunders & students.

Thank you

I would like to thank Pastor Scot and all my friends at St Peter for all your prayers, visits, and treats. Also, thanks to the prayer shawl group and to Sheryl Moeller who knitted the beautiful prayer shawl. After my stay at the Denver Sunset Home it is good to be home. *Neil Hartmann*



Community & Mission News



Lutheran Disaster Response

The news of the Russian invasion of Ukraine fills news reports. Images of people saying goodbye to loved ones and lining up at the borders to leave the country are heartbreaking. Ukrainian men of military age (18 - 60) are required to stay in the country, so most of those fleeing the violence are women and children. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians leaving their homes need shelter and basic necessities such as food, water and toiletries. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companion churches as well as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service in their humanitarian response to provide refugees with immediate support and supplies. Our prayers abound for God's family in Ukraine. Our financial contributions will also make a difference. There will be a basket outside the office area where you can share your gifts for Lutheran Disaster Response.

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful" (Colossians 3:15)

Our donations so far—\$4,565 !!!

Bremwood Auxiliary Luncheon

Friday, April 22, at 1:00 pm, held this year at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2001 W Bremer Ave, Waverly. Sandwiches will be served, and bring one salad per two people. All are welcome!

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

We had 169 client visits at Helping Hands Clothing Closet in February and our volunteers gave 33 hours of their time. We switched over to summer clothes on March 19th. Thank you for all of the generous donations this month and thank you to our volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for an hour or two at the clothing closet. Closet hours: 9:00 - 11:00 am Tuesday mornings, 6:30 - 7:30 pm Wednesday evenings, and 9:00 - 11:00 am the first Saturday of the month. Located at 2029 Viking Ave. Sumner, IA. Carolyn Mohlis 319-279-3247 or carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com

Quilt Tying

The quilt tying is going strong. The group meets on Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, and Tuesdays, 9 am - Noon. Please join us if you can, no experience necessary. In case of bad weather, use your own judgment.

The quilters report 152 quilts have been boxed so far!



Join volunteers, families, and church groups to help Ewalu get ready for summer on Saturday, May 7! Take time to explore camp and meet staff and other volunteers. Return home renewed and refreshed from your time in this special place in God's Kingdom.

A variety of projects are being prepared for all ages and abilities. If you can't be here for the weekend, we have plenty of things for volunteers at any time. Just give us a call!

• 37776 Alpha Ave, Strawberry Point, IA
(camp entrance is 3 miles west of town, on Iowa Hwy 3)

For More Info:

■ www.ewalu.org/event/spring-vww-22/

Saturday, May 7

Schedule

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 with questions:

✉ Paul Frantsen,
563-933-4700

RSVP with:

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

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for April: Cereal & Baking mixes. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. February statistics: 59 Households, 166 Individuals, 5,038 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.

Serving Committee for April

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

Faith Formation & Announcements



Womenfest

The ecumenical Women's Bible Study is led by Pastor McCluskey. We will gather weekly in our St Peter Friendship Room at 7:30 am. All are welcome!

Mensfest

The ecumenical Men's Bible Study is led by Pastor McCluskey. We will gather weekly in the lower level of the church at 7:30 am. All are welcome!

Gather Bible Study

Gather Bible Study will be held the second Tuesday of the month, led by Pastor McCluskey. Everyone is invited to join us, **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 12, in the Friendship Room at 1:30 pm.

Sunday School

Classes are Sundays following Worship. Please consider teaching a 4 week session, as we are in need of Sunday School teachers. Contact Amy Oltmann at amyoltmann@hotmail.com with questions. No Sunday School on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday.

EWALU Summer Camps

The brochures for EWALU Summer Camp are now available on the table outside the office. We want to make sure all children and youth, (grades 1-12), and their parents, have a chance to experience the lasting faith formation, safe outdoor adventures and healthy social development of top-quality camps like EWALU. The brochures have the summer schedule and registration information. *St Peter encourages participation from our students and offers camp scholarships to all members.*

Confirmation

During Lent our confirmation classes will be combined, and begin at 7:00 pm The schedule looks something like this:

5:30 - 6:30 Lenten Meal -April 6-WELCA & Mission Board will be preparing the meal

7:00 - 8:30 Lenten worship and Confirmation Class

(We will most likely be done with class before 8:30 most Wednesday nights. This is a heads up so you can plan the delivery and pick-up of your young people.)

April Confirmation Classes Resume

April 13, 20 & 27 at the usual times of 6:30 pm 7th Graders and 7:30 pm 8th Graders

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, also.



Grandparent Camp

at Ewalu Camp & Retreat Center, just outside Strawberry Point

Join us for this special program for grandparents and grandchildren! Make memories as you grow in faith and enjoy fun camp activities together. Stay in the comfort of Ewalu's Stone Center and join with other families in Bible study, games, campfire, swimming and more, all led by your counselors. All ages are welcome, but the program is designed for grandchildren ages 4-12. Limit of four people per room.

When: July 13-15 or July 20-22

Cost: \$170/Adult, \$140/Child

For Details & To Register:

Visit ewalu.org/summer-camp or call our office at 563-933-4700



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Mission Board mtg 4:00 pm Exercise class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am –3:00 pm Quilt tying</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilt tying 6:30 pm Evangelism mtg 7:00 pm AA/Alanon</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 am Mensfest 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:15 pm Choir practice 7:00 pm Lenten Service and Confirmation</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am Bullein deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl mtg 5:00 pm Exercise class</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:30 am Funeral</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Palm Sunday 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Palm Sunday Breakfast 4:00 pm Exercise class</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 am –3:00 pm Quilt tying</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilt tying 1:30 pm Gather Bible Study 6:30 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 am Mensfest 6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service 10:00 am Bullein deadline 5:00 pm Exercise class</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 pm Good Friday Service Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Easter 7:00 am & 9:00 am Worship with Noisy Offering</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am –3:00 pm Quilt tying</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilt tying 7:00 pm AA/Alanon</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30 am Mensfest 6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am Bullein deadline 5:00 pm Exercise class</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00 pm Bremwood luncheon</p>	<p>23</p>
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2022 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, Jackie Fober, Amy Oltmann, Jayson Gesme

Executive Board: Jim Jurgenson, Jayson Gesme, Marcia Joerger, Todd Foelske

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