

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

April 2023

These are exciting times here at St. Peter. Last Sunday at the congregational meeting we voted unanimously to call Pastor Reed Pedersen to be the full time pastor of this church. Now we wait with great anticipation for his acceptance and move to Denver with his family. What will the future bring? What does God have in store for this church? We can hardly wait to see.

Meanwhile as we prepare the parsonage and his office for his arrival we also need to remember to prepare our hearts and expectations for a new leader with new ideas and ways of doing church. So we need to be praying even now for Pastor Reed and for us as we get ready for the work of growing the kingdom of God here in Denver. Yes these are exciting times.

It has been a real joy for me to serve you all over the past few months. I am excited for you and your future but somewhat sad that our time was so short together. You are a lovely church and I wish you the best going forward.

Where will I be going next? Well at this point only God knows and I wait with anticipation that revealing. The synod has expressed interest in me taking a look at a church in Laporte City and one in Hampton. The first one is interviewing a candidate for their pastor position this week and the other is 45 miles from my home in Waverly. There is also the possibility that I will take a 6 month Construction Manager position at UNI to help them through the summer with all their renovations and roofing projects. Wherever I go the Lord will be in it.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

**I know I speak for everyone in thanking Pastor Dave for his thoughtful leadership, and meaningful worship messages. We will miss you greatly and wish you all the best! With sincere appreciation,
Roxane and our St Peter family

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2,
9:00 am -*Palm Sunday*
Breakfast to follow

Maundy Thursday, with
First Communion
April 6, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7,
7:00 pm

Easter Worship– Sunday,
April 9, 9:00 am



Thank you to St Peter's Call Committee

We would also like to take this time to thank the members of the Call Committee, for their time, dedication, and thoroughness as they were conducting their search for a new Pastor. We had 63 church members show up and support the committee with a yes vote Sunday, March 26 . We appreciate your diligence through the lengthy process!

Thank you, Jackie Fober, Jill Nuss, Pat Leonhart, Helen Schumacher, Mandy Gesme, Mary Stevens, Paul Empie, and Paul Meier.

And the call committee wants to express their gratitude to the congregation for their support!

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	April 2 Palm Sunday 9:00 am	April 6 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm	April 7 Good Friday 7:00 pm	April 9 Easter Sunday 9:00 am	April 16 Sunday 9:00 am	April 23 Sunday 9:00 am	April 30 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Acolytes	Miles & Henry Pautsch	Lincoln Roethler & Jackson Joerger	TBD	Jackson Joerger & Austin Oltmann	TBD	TBD	Sydney Krabbenhoft & TBD
Communion Assistant	Libby Michels & TBD	Pat Leonhart & TBD	NA	Lincoln & Aubrey Roethler	Sydney Krabbenhoft & TBD	Pat Leonhart & TBD	Pat Leonhart & TBD
Scripture Reader	Jim Jurgenson	TBD	Jim Moeller	Amy Oltmann	Gene Leonhart	TBD	Jim Moeller
Multimedia	TBD	Austin Oltmann	Austin Oltmann	TBD	Libby Michels	Jackson Joerger	TBD
Sound System	Philip Michels	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Steve DeVries	Philip Michels	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge
Video taping	TBD	Aubrey Roethler	Lincoln Roethler	Sydney Krabbenhoft	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Connie Lobeck, Judy Gleason, Diann Curtis, Janice Gienau, Carol Moon						
Usher/ Greeters	Gene & Pat Leonhart, Blair & Sarah 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.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, April 6.

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).

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



Palm Sunday Breakfast:

The youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering are hosting a delicious breakfast after the Palm Sunday Worship on **Sunday, April 2**. Please save the date and support the youth's fundraiser.

EWALU Annual Meeting

St Peter's representative's Mary Stevens and Joyce Miller attended EWALU's Annual Meeting, held March 18, 2023. This year that meeting was only done in-person and not virtual. Here, however, are the highlights of that meeting. EWALU is officially debt free! Completion of the new A-Frame Bridge and envisions for a new look for Cedar Lodge along with kitchen and bathroom improvements will be the goals for this year.

Last summer St. Peter had 7 campers spend a week at EWALU exploring the ways that God's love stretches and covers in ways that cannot even be fathomed. Their theme was "Boundless: God Beyond Measure". The Quilt Auction continues to be one of the biggest financial generators. The Net Proceeds for that was \$52,674.93. This year's Quilt Auction is set off Saturday, September 16th and will once again be hybrid and in-house.

Submitted by *Mary Stevens*

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 152 client visits in February and our volunteers gave 46.75 hours of their time. Thank you for all of the wonderful donations this month. The Wapsie Valley Elementaries held a clothing drive and gave us a huge donation of clothing and money. Thank you so much. We will be switching over to summer clothes at the end of March. At this time we do have a good supply of clothing and shoes and anyone is welcome to come to the clothing closet. thank you all so much for your support. Helping Hands 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*

Save the Date

Navigating Grief & Loss, presented by Cedar Valley Hospice. St Peter will be hosting this event at the church on Thursday, April 13, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. The event is free to attend and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.



Easter Egg Hunt

All of St Peter's youth are invited to take part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt after the Palm Sunday Breakfast, on Sunday, April 2! Thank you to the youth and family board for coordinating this fun activity.

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 16.

Bremwood Auxiliary Luncheon

Friday, April 21, 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!



Join volunteers, families, and church groups to help Ewalu get ready for the summer season. Take time to explore camp and meet Ewalu's staff and other volunteers... come Friday evening to enjoy a campfire, and spend the night at Ewalu!

Projects are available for all skill levels and include roofing the screened-in shelter, repair of the bird-watching station, building a coordinator's cabin in the LT village, placing more riprap rock by the bridge, and many other projects. If you can't come on May 6, please contact us about coming another time!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

563-933-4700
www.ewalu.org/event/spring-work-day

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, May 5: Come for a campfire in the evening, and spend the night at Ewalu! RSVP needed for lodging (see below).

Saturday, May 6:

Volunteer Work Day
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 for details:

Paul Frantsen at 563-933-4700 or property@ewalu.org

RSVP for lodging:

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



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

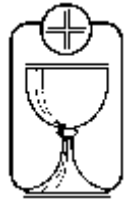


We apologize if your birthday or anniversary are not listed or listed incorrectly. Please notify the office with additions or corrections. Thank You

Community & Mission News

First Communion Bread Making

The first communion students will be making communion bread and banners on Monday, April 3, at 3:30 pm, in preparation for their First Communion on Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm. Thank you to LaVonne for leading this experience for our two students.



Cemetery Clean - Up

The property board is asking that all items in the cemetery be cleaned off the graves in the next two weeks. Decorative items would include shepherd poles, flowers, baskets, stones, etc., that are sitting or stuck in the lawn and not on the stone foundation. Thank you.

Easter Lilies in Memory of...

John & Kerry Maitland
from Tammy Maitland

James Lamos
Marcia Lashbrook
from Nancy Lamos

Vern & Marge Moeller
from Jim & Sheryl Moeller family

Roger Kittle,
Gus & Claribel Koeff,
Virgil Wallace,
Donald Miller
from Donna Kittle

Arlene & Lester Matthias
Wilbert Lobeck &
Nelson Gaede
from Jerry & Connie Lobeck

Marlys Krueger
from Ron Krueger,
Kaye Krueger,
Larry Heeren family

Terry Miller
from Joyce Miller, Ryan Miller
& Mike Andrew families

Mike & Brady Schult
Bud & Ethel Drape
from Linda Schult

Art & Millie Kurtt
from Gene & Pat Leonhart family

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

Bill Tjaden,
Lavern & Joyce Sigler,
Ben & Amy Tjaden
from Caryl Tjaden

Our loved ones we have lost
from Jan & Robert Gienau

Fred & Arlene Beckel
from Richard & Sarah Beckel

Ray & Jackie Davis
Marlys Krueger
From Dave & Linda Krueger

Leo & Darlene Reuter
Fred & Hilma Schimmels
From The Schimmels family

Sister Joselda Hageman
from Jim & Roxane Franzen family



Community & Mission News

Spring youth events at Camp Ewalu



Spring Dirty Feet Retreat

- April 14-16, 2023
8 p.m. Friday-11 a.m. Sunday
- Grades 6-9
- Cost: \$90/youth, \$65/chaperone
(minimum 1 adult chaperone for groups of 11 or less; additional chaperones help for larger groups)

Live Out Loud (LOL) Elementary Retreat

- April 15-16, 2023
10 a.m. Saturday-11 a.m. Sunday
- Grades 3-5
- Cost: \$55/youth, \$55/chaperone
(1 adult per 8 youth requested)



Camp Ewalu is a Lutheran outdoor ministry just 3 miles west of Strawberry Point, Iowa! Check out our summer programs at www.ewalu.org.

Sign up now!

For the first time since the pandemic, we're bringing back our spring youth retreats for grades 3 to 9! This special weekend at Ewalu will help kids grow in faith and meet new friends while having a ton of fun at Camp Ewalu. All lodging, activities and meals are included!

Details & registration for both events:
www.ewalu.org/spring-youth-2023

Questions? Contact Program Director Emily Tull at program@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700.



Scan the QR code for the registration web site!

Bingo

Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home Friday, April 21, at 10:00 am. We are looking for three volunteers to assist the residents. St Peter will be helping with Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home every 3rd Friday of the month. Sign up on the office door or contact Joyce Miller.



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. LaVonne welcomes used cards to redo.

Parents of College Students

Would your young person like a "Kollege Kare Kit" filled with goodies prior to finals' week? The 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 that their church family, St. Peter, is praying for them. Please let the church office know by Monday, April 10 if you'd like a kit assembled for your child. Thanks!

Quilt Tying

Join us for quilting on Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, and Tuesdays, 9 am - Noon. The quilters report 241 quilts finished and boxed at this time! The quilters are still looking for bed sheets for quilt backs.

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

February His Hands Pantry Statistics, Household Served-98. Individuals Served-274. Food Distributed-7,511lbs. **Our last donation on 3/29 was 69.6lbs! Thank you Midthus' for delivering.**

Suggested Donations—Soup, Spaghetti, Noodles
For more information -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.

* **Please note, the collection box is now located in the library.**

Community Wellness Update

We have been in contact with a new provider for the a wellness blood draw at St Peter. We anticipate a June date and will keep you posted.



God used a burning bush to connect with Moses and assign him an important job - we learned about this story in Sunday School to remind us to listen to God. And the Bible story of Joseph and his coat of many colors!



Faith Formation & Announcements

Confirmation

The Confirmation snack & parent sign-up will be updated after Easter. [Confirmation \(stpeterdenver.org\)](http://stpeterdenver.org) Many thanks to all of you for signing up this year, we have two months left.

Please encourage/assist your students in signing up online for service opportunities and then document the worksheet outside of Roxane's office so that the service can be tracked towards their 15-count requirement. Trying everything at least once is the goal!

Reminder to please notify me if your student will be absent via text or email. Homework will be sent as a follow-up to any missed class with requested return deadline.

Current remaining class schedule:

April 5th - Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday 4/2 -9:00 am, Maundy Thursday 4/6 & Good Friday 4/7 are at 7:00 pm and Easter 9 am (**attend at least 2 of the services**)

April 12th - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

April 19th - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

April 26th - Youth Group 6:30 - 8 PM both 7th & 8th, No supper but will have snacks.

May 3rd - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

May 10th - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

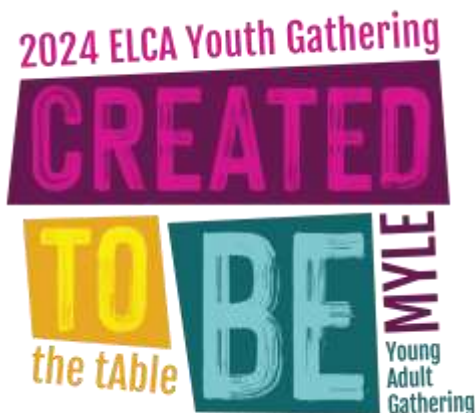
May 17th - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

May 24th - Youth Group 6:30 - 8 PM both 7th & 8th, supper served

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you, *Amy Oltmann*

319-464-448 amyoltmann@hotmail.com



Youth Mission Trip

ELCA National Youth Gathering in NEW ORLEANS, July 16-20,2024.

All are eligible to attend that are currently in 7th-11th grade. For more information please contact Lisa Michels (319-464-4381).

Sunday School Schedule

- **April 2nd** Palm Sunday kids attending church will be invited to wave palms. There is no Sunday School but there is a breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt.

- **April 9th** Easter no Sunday School

- **April 16th, 23rd & 30th** normal Sunday School schedule.

- Kids will sing in church **May 7th**. This will be our last day of Sunday School.



Children's church activity bags get a new look!



Thank you to the high school youth group for updating the children's church activity bags, they look great and our little ones will enjoy checking them out!

April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship Palm Sunday 10:10 am Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt	3 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Quilting	4 7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am - Noon Quilting 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	5 7:30 am Mensfest	6 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday	7 7:00 pm Good Friday	8
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2023 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: Todd Foelske, Mary Stevens, Marcia Joerger, Jackie Fober, Amy Oltmann, Jayson Gesme, Jill Nuss, Linda Schult, Donna Kittle

Executive Board: Jayson Gesme, Marcia Joerger, Todd Foelske, Jill Nuss

Property & Management: Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Roxane Franzen, Jim Jurgenson, Jayson Gesme, Steve DeVries

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