

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## August 2020

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Projecting Christ to All Generations

We remember the past. We live in the present. We hope for the future. We cannot go back and change the past, but can we change the future by what we do or don't do today? How do we participate in the future?

In these uncertain times it is difficult to see beyond today. We want to make plans, but how are we to make plans when we are literally living one day at a time. We don't know what tomorrow will look like. Or do we? Will it be more of the same? Must it be more of the same? It feels like we are living the same day over and over and over again. And yet, each day we unwrap the present. Each day is a gift from God.

Some of you may remember the song, "One Day at a Time." Written by Marijohn Wilkin and Kris Kristofferson, it was released in 1980. These are the words to the refrain:

One day at a time, sweet Jesus  
That's all I'm asking of You  
Just give me the strength to do every day  
What I have to do  
Yesterday's gone, sweet Jesus  
And tomorrow may never be mine  
Help me today  
Show me the way  
One day at a time

I think the words to the refrain are particularly fitting as we continue to navigate and journey through this pandemic one day at a time.

In times of suffering we want to skip ahead, but we cannot. As Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians, "When one member suffers, all suffer together with it." What role do we play in suffering? How do we create, add, relieve, or prevent suffering? How do we participate in suffering?

In the midst of this pandemic God continues to call us to love and care for our neighbors. When asked which commandment in the law is the greatest, Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. . . . And, the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." How are we loving God and how are we loving our neighbors as ourselves in the midst of this pandemic?

In addition to the gift of each new day, God gives us the strength to do every day what we have to do, that is to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. God helps us today and shows us the way, one day at a time.

In Christ's love and service,

*Pastor Dawn*



# Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

	August 2 Sunday 9:00 am On the lawns	August 9 Sunday 9:00 am On the lawn	August 16 Sunday 9:00 am On the lawn	August 23 Sunday 9:00 am On the lawn	August 30 Sunday 9:00 am On the lawn
<b>Organist</b>	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Sherly Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart
<b>Council Ushers</b>	Gavin Carman & TBD	Kim Lamb & TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	*Wendy Mohlis, Holly Smith, Joyce Schimmels				
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	*Sam & Peggy Smith  * =(only if comfortable participating)				
<p><b>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.</b></p>					

### Summer Weather Policy:

If we decide that we need to cancel Worship due to weather, it will be decided by 7:30 am that Sunday morning and posted shortly thereafter on the St Peter Website home page, [www.stpeterdenver.org](http://www.stpeterdenver.org), Facebook, and KWWL.

### From the Church Office

**Check out the online church calendar. The link is on the opening page of our website -**

**[www.stpeterdenver.org](http://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.

### The Bell and Chimes at St Peter

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

### Womensfest & Mensfest

At this time we do not have a date to share on when and how Womensfest and Mensfest will resume.

### 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.

**\*Meetings are suspended at St Peter for the time being.**



### Insect Repellant Reminder

There may be annoying bugs to deal with in regards to our outdoor worship. We suggest that people bring insect repellant or apply bug spray before they come to worship.

### 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



***Congratulations to our 2020 St Peter High School Graduates:*** *Hayden Arians, Marissa Leisinger, Sam Lockhart, Alexis Lyons, Logan Meyer, Breanna Sadler, Lilah Skaar, on successfully completing your high school education!*  
*The graduates received quilts made by members of the congregation at our July 12 outdoor worship.*

## **Graduate Quilts—2021**

We are beginning to plan for the quilts for our 2021 high school graduates. If you are interested in piecing/stitching a quilt top for one of our students, please contact Sheryl Moeller (319-984-6063) or Roxane at the church office (319-984-5648). Fabric and pattern will be provided. Thank you in advance for your willingness to be a part of this exciting ministry.

## **Dear Volunteers**

Thank you for assembling the gift bags for cancer treatment patients at Unity Point Cancer Center. I received one of your very generous bags at my first visit. It was fun to find so many thoughtful and useful items! I enclose a small donation that might help you continue your efforts. Many thanks! *J Taylor*

## **Dear Friends**

Thank you for your recent gift-in-kind of 16 prayer shawls to the Allen Foundation for hospice patients. Your commitment to helping Allen Foundation attain its mission of strengthening the programs, services and community relations for Unity Point Hospice is deeply appreciated. Again, thank you for thinking of us and all you do for our organization. Sincerely, Mike Lind, Executive Director, 319-274-6712 or [Michael.lind@unitypoint.org](mailto:Michael.lind@unitypoint.org).

# August Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Community & Mission News

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Ryan Pautsch  
Brooke Wolter  
James & Dorothea  
Jurgenson

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Jordan Nuss

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Ashlea Jurgenson  
Jalen Williams

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Matthew Herman  
Hether & Derek Gustafson

7

Marjorie Degelau

8

Deidre Franzen  
Marilyn Mueller  
Jeffrey & Jill DeVries

10

Brad & Jennifer Becker  
Gary & Carol Everding  
Ryan & Eve Pautsch

11

Susan Sawyer

12

Jayson Gesme

13

Sydney Elsamiller  
Tanner Vohsman  
Gunnar Wolfensperger

14

Bruce & Lori Thurm  
David Lau

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Audrey Krasselt

16

McCoy McIlravy  
Kevin Smith  
Megan Smith

17

Jeremy & Jennifer Clayton

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Ronald Krueger  
Pearce Schmauss  
Randy Thurm

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Jordan Elsamiller  
Clifford Schimmels  
Colby Tucker  
Lilah Skaar

20

Gary Anfinson  
Jaquelyn Gielau  
Marissa Leisinger  
Cole Wilson  
Brandon & Megan Smith

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Sarah Beckel  
Susan Wille  
Paul & Stacie Beem  
Brent Steege

23

Jackie Milius  
William Richards  
Jayson & Mandy Gesme

26

Emily Gielau

28

Kelley Carman

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Abbigail Austin  
Verna Harms  
David Krueger  
Jaime Leonhart  
Isaac Schimmels  
John & Tammy Maitland  
Norman & Carolee Oberheu

30

LuAnn & Mark Emerson  
Elvira Hebell  
Gordon Mueller  
Karen Schumacher  
Wayne & Sue Buss

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Terry & Joyce Miller

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

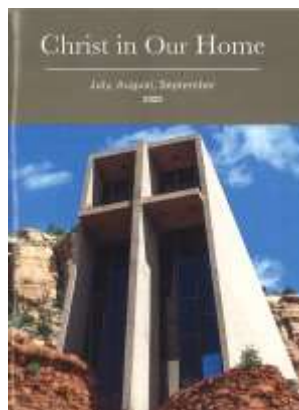


## Notice

To care for staff and the building, you will need to wear a mask and call the church number (984-5648) to enter the building.

## Re-Do Cards Available

If you are in need of any all occasion cards; feel free to come to the church and choose from the card rack. All proceeds go to Prayer Shawl at this time. The last donation to Prayer Shawl was \$48.50



## Resources 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. 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.

# Community & Mission News

## Helping Hands Clothes Closet

Helping Hands Clothing Closet reopened in early June with our regular hours; 9:00 to 11:00am Tuesday mornings, 6:30 to 7:30pm Wednesday evenings and 9:00 to 11:00 am the first Saturday of the month. We are following all the CDC guidelines with masks required, limiting the number of clients in the Closet at one time, hand sanitizer and encouraging social distancing. During June we had 108 client visits and our volunteers gave 42 hours of their time plus many undocumented hours. We do have a good supply of clothing on hand for summer or as you get ready for school this fall. Thank you for all of the donations and to our volunteers for their gift of time. Stay safe and healthy!

Located at 2029 Viking Ave. Sumner, the closet 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 9:00-11:00 am. If you have any questions email or call Carolyn Mohlis, 319-279-3247 or Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com.

## Mashiah Foundation Updates

We recently received a Newsletter from Mary Beth and Bayo Oyeabade. Though it is too long to print in our Tidings publication, I have posted it in its entirety on our website - [www.stpeterdenver.org/Get Involved / Global Ministries / Mashiah Foundation](http://www.stpeterdenver.org/Get%20Involved%20Global%20Ministries%20Mashiah%20Foundation).

It is an interesting account of their first hand experience dealing with COVID in an underdeveloped country. Mary Beth also gives us updates on the school, hospital, and their family. Her experiences in Africa and how today's headlines are played out there, garners your attention. If anyone would rather have a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the office. 319-984-5648

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

## WELCA Board Meeting

Next WELCA Board Meeting: TBD

Gather Bible Study -WELCA Bible Studies for June, July and August have been canceled.

## Serving Committee for August

Barb Gielau	Jennifer Wirtjes
Jill DeVries	Roxanne Herman
Peggy Smith	Dawn Lau
Wanda Meier	Phyllis Plaster
Sharon Midthus	Marilyn Mueller
Brenda Wolter	Carolee Oberheu
Heather Krabbenhoft	

## Blessing Box Donations

As you know we have two blessing boxes in the community, one here at church and another at the mobile home park. Some have asked about making donations for the blessing boxes. Donations of non-perishable food items are welcome. **Due to the heat we are not currently putting canned food items in the blessing boxes.** The following is a list of items we are currently putting in the blessing boxes. Please bring your food offerings to worship on Sundays or arrange to drop them off at another time. Thank you for your generosity.

Crackers – Ritz, Wheat thins, saltines, graham, etc.

Fruit snacks

Rice boxes or packets

Mac and Cheese cups

Baking mixes

Muffins

Brownies

Cookies

Cake

Sugar – 4 lb. bags

Flour – 5 lbs. bags

Kleenex

Paper Towels

Pancake mix envelopes or boxes –(Complete – all that is needed is water)

Granola bars

Fruit bars

Pasta

Seasoning packets

Boxed potatoes

Instant potatoes

Gravy packets

Instant soup packets

Ramen noodles

Cereal

Pop Tarts

Microwave popcorn

Flavor packets for water

Jello (not sugar-free)

# Faith Formation



## COVID Recovery Iowa is here to help

- ▶ Counseling will take place via virtual sessions, chat or phone call.
- ▶ People of all ages may join groups online to find support and learn new strategies to cope with the effects of the pandemic in a variety of creative ways

Every Iowan is eligible for **FREE, confidential counseling, group activities, support groups and resources.**

Visit [www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org](http://www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org) and complete a contact form and a counselor will get back to you.

**Facebook, Instagram and Twitter:** COVID Recovery Iowa

**Call the Iowa Warm Line, 844-775-9276;**  
to connect with a peer counselor or request to get in touch  
with a COVID Recovery Iowa counselor.



## Friendship Families

The Wartburg College International Programs office is currently seeking friendship families for **approximately 35** new international students arriving at Wartburg at the end of August. Friendship families do not house or act as advisers or financial sponsors to the students. They simply meet with their student(s) throughout the year to share meals, **holidays**, or participate in a variety of cultural activities. For more information **or to sign up online**, visit: <https://www.wartburg.edu/international-services/#family> or call 319-352-8745. You may also email Wendy Mohlis, Friendship Family Coordinator, at [wendy.mohlis@wartburg.edu](mailto:wendy.mohlis@wartburg.edu).

## Confirmation Update

As schools are working on their reopening plans some of you may be wondering about confirmation and other educational programs here at church. As schools work to provide for the safety and needs of all we will do the same here at church. At this point council has not discussed fall programs. For now, confirmation students who have not completed their worship notes are encouraged to complete them either through online or outdoor worship services.



## ELCA Youth Gathering

After much prayer and consideration, we have decided to postpone next summer's ELCA Youth Gathering to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, scheduled for July 21-24, 2022.

We give thanks for your prayers and patience as we have worked through the details with our partners in Minneapolis and across the country. We hope that by postponing the Gathering for a year, individuals and congregations will feel more comfortable and prepared to attend the Gathering in 2022.

For more information about the 2022 Gathering, please visit [elca.org/YouthGathering/COVID19](http://elca.org/YouthGathering/COVID19). We will be updating our website and social media as more details become available.

We look forward to seeing you and experiencing the boundlessness of God in Minneapolis in 2022!

[#ELCAYG2022](https://twitter.com/ELCAYG2022)



## A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...  
The pace of life slows...  
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...  
Lord, help me to rest awhile  
in the cooling shade of your presence.  
Slow down my restless heart and fill me  
with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.

# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>Tentatively Scheduled</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:00 am Worship on the lawns	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 am Worship on the lawns	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 am Worship on the lawns	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Council meeting via Zoom	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 am Worship on the lawns	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<del>9:00 am Worship on the lawns</del> <b>30</b>	<del>31</del>					

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## 2020 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, Jim Jurgenson, Gavin Carman, Todd Foelske, Gene Leonhart, Mary Stevens, LaVonne Westendorf, Marcia Joerger, Kim Lamb

**Executive Board:** Jim Jurgenson, Gavin Carman, Amy Lockhart, Gene Leonhart

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

**Parish Education:** Todd Foelske, Jaime Leonhart, Mary Satterthwaite

**Worship & Music:** Sheila Mixdorf, Amy Lockhart, Jo VanDeBerg, Joyce Miller, Nancy Lamos, Sheryl Moeller

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