

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## August 2019

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Projecting Christ to All Generations



*“Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, . . . . We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours out his gifts abundantly on the church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.” ELCA Service of Ordination*

In early July I had the joy of attending the ordination of Pastor Katherine (Katie) Rodriquez at Zion (Jubilee) Lutheran Church in rural LaPorte City. She now serves Unity of the Cross Parish of Bremer County, our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John (Maxfield) and Messiah (Janesville). It was a hot Saturday morning. I chose to put on my alb and stole outside in the parking lot. As I entered the narthex I greeted and was greeted by Bishop Ullestad, pastors, a seminarian, and Katie who were putting on vestments in preparation for worship. There were twelve of us in attendance that day, eight women and four men. I was struck by the number of women, two-thirds were women! The times, they are a changin’.

Next year we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women. God gives a variety of gifts, some for pastoral ministry. God gives these gifts to both men and women alike for all are created in the image of God. According to the latest statistics I found, seminary classes are about 50/50. That is, half of all students preparing for rostered ministry are women and half are men. This has been true since I was in seminary. As of December 31, 2018, thirty-two percent of ELCA pastors are women, an increase of 5% from the year before. The times, they are a changin’.

The “Light Side” of the September 2005 edition of *The Lutheran* (now *Living Lutheran*), the monthly magazine of the ELCA, was titled, “We’ve come a long way.” As a church we have come a long way in acknowledging, nurturing, celebrating, and supporting the gifts God gives to both men and women to become pastors. This story from the “Light Side” illustrates my point well. “Our son, Brent, 7, announced one morning that he wants to be a pastor when he grows up. That night when his dad got home, Brent told him the same thing. As they sat on Brent’s bed discussing the possibility of becoming a pastor, Brent told his dad that he thought his favorite thing would be baptizing babies. Then he looked up at his dad and, in all seriousness, asked, ‘Can boys be pastors?’ (Our pastor is female.)” I wonder if Brent became a pastor? If so, who encouraged him? Who lifted up his gifts? Baptism is one of my favorite things!

Christ continues to pour out his gifts abundantly on the church, calling some to be pastors. What do you consider gifts for pastoral ministry? Do you have these gifts? Who do you know that has these gifts? Have you ever heard someone say to you or said to someone, “I think you would be a great pastor!”? Plant a seed, water it, and God will provide the growth.

I welcome the opportunity to journey with anyone who is feeling the Holy Spirit’s nudge, discerning God’s call in your life and new ways to share the abundant gifts God has given you for serving God’s people.

Serving God together with you,  
*Pastor Dawn*



# Worship & Music Server

## Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	<b>August 4 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>August 11 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>August 18 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>August 25 Sunday 9:00 am</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	Sue Buss	Joyce Miller	Jim Moeller	Amy Lockhart
<b>Acolytes</b>	Justice Gienau & Keaton Rothmeyer	Jarett Clayton & Carson Haase	Tyanna Teetzen & Keaton Rothmeyer	Kenny Lamb & Grant Pautsch
<b>Multimedia</b>	Jack Mixdorf	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Organist</b>	Sheila Mixdorf	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
<b>Sound System</b>	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lamos, LaVonne Westendorf, Kelley Carman			
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Sam & Peggy Smith, Richard and Sarah Beckel			
<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>				

### 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 and the **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



Dear St. Peter Family,

*Luke 6:38*

*Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. Pressed down, shaken together, and running over, it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you."*

During the week of June 20, I was selected to participate in a Leadership and Service Institute at Wartburg College with 15 other high school seniors-to-be. During the week, we learned a lot about ourselves, leadership and the importance of serving others in and around our own community. Some of the service learning projects we worked on that week were at the NE Iowa Food Bank, Salvation Army and Retrieving Freedom. It was a life-changing experience for me. A requirement for this institute is to design a service learning project that will impact others. The project I have designed is to collect new backpacks and school supplies for all of the students in a third grade classroom in Waterloo. The classroom teacher is actually my cousin Hannah Thies. The school where she teaches has a 99% free and reduced lunch rate. For her students to start off the school year with brand new supplies and a backpack would be great! If you would be willing to contribute to my project, it would make a difference.....for them.

There will be drop off locations here at church, at both Denver Savings Bank locations and at Mane Attraction Hair Salon on Main Street in Denver.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated as they will be used to buy uncollected supplies and/or new uniform shirts for the students to wear. Monetary donations can be sent to my address: PO Box 517, Denver.

Collections will start on July 21 and will end on August 16 so we have enough time to get this surprise to the students before school starts on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August!

Thanks for your consideration-Doing Christ's Work, *Sam Lockhart-* (there will be a temple talk Aug 4)

## Sign Up to Bring Cookies

We have a link on our website that you can access to fill in a time slot that works for you <http://www.stpeterdenver.org/volunteer.html> or contact the office and let Roxane know. Thank you to all of the people that faithfully help out with this ministry! **If you have any questions about making/serving coffee** -you may contact Jan Gienau 984-5851.

August 4 - 1) the church  
2) the church  
3) the church

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

August 11 - 1) Kim Lamb  
2) Kim Lamb  
3) Kim Lamb

Coffee maker-

August 18 - 1) Kelley Carman  
2) Kelley Carman  
3) Kelley Carman

Coffee maker-

August 25 - 1) Joe Teetzen  
2)  
3)

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

Please check online or call the office for the latest updates to donations/volunteers.



## 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](mailto:Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com).

*Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 143 client visits and our volunteers gave 46 hours plus of their time. We have a good supply of summer clothes on hand. If you or someone you know needs help with their clothing needs; please stop by. This month a huge Thank you to our volunteers for donating their time to the Clothing Closet and to those who have made clothing donations.*

## Grief Support Group

The grief group will not be meeting during the summer months.

# August Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Community & Mission News

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Ryan Pautsch  
Brooke Wolter  
James & Dorothea  
Jurgenson

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Ashlea Jurgenson  
Jalen Williams

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Matthew Herman  
Hether & Derek Gustafson

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Marjorie Degelau

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Deidre Franzen  
Marilyn Mueller  
Jeffrey & Jill DeVries

10

Gary & Carol Everding  
Ryan & Eve Pautsch

11

Susan Sawyer  
Ronald & Melodie Foelske

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Dwight & Bev Dierks

13

Sydney Elsamiller  
Tanner Vohsman  
Gunnar Wolfensperger

14

Bruce & Lori Thurm  
David Lau

15

Audrey Krasselt

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McCoy McClravy  
Kevin Smith  
Megan Smith  
Dan & Gretchen Syhre

17

Jeremy & Jennifer Clayton

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Ronald Krueger  
Randy Thurm

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Jordan Elsamiller  
Clifford Schimmels  
Colby Tucker  
Lilah Skaar

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

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Sarah Beckel  
Susan Wille  
Paul & Stacie Beem  
Brent Steege

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Jackie Milius  
William Richards

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Andres Elliott-Ott  
Travis & Jennifer Ackerman

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Emily Gielau

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Kelley Carman

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

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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*



## Noisy Offering

Helping Hands Clothes Closet will receive the Noisy Offering for July & August: Perhaps you noticed the socks, and underwear hanging on the clothesline outside the office. We will be collecting new underwear and socks, to be donated to the clothing closet. Add your donations to the laundry basket under the clothesline. Remember, to help the poor is to honor God!

## Graduate Quilts

As these summer months pass quickly, it is time to begin our work on the quilts for our graduates in the Class of 2020. If you would like to help by making/piecing a quilt top for one of the graduates, please contact Sheryl Moeller (319-984-6063) or Roxane at the church office (319-984-5648) by September 1st. Fabric and pattern will be provided. Your gifts of time and talents are greatly appreciated.

## 506 Cafe:

On Tuesdays, August 6th, you are invited to join folks from St Peter at 506 Cafe at the Senior Center in Waverly. We will be carpooling from the church at 11:30 a.m. to have a \$10 lunch with the proceeds going to the Senior Center and homeless veterans. After the meal, at approximately 1:00, you are invited to remain at the Cafe for a conversational bible study. This will be a time for fellowship and a time to grow in faith. If you can't attend the Bible study, please come for lunch. Contact either Roxane 984-5648 or Pat Leonhart at 984-6082 if you plan to attend.



## Congratulations

to Sam & Peggy Smith as they celebrated the happy occasion of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, on July 24!

## His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Want list suggestions- baking supplies, cleaning supplies, baking mixes. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in June: 96 Households, 271 Individuals, 8,590 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357. **Thank you Staci Mueller for taking our last donations of 78 lbs. to Oran!**

## Cowboy Church

Save the date, Sunday October 6, Cowboy Church is coming back to St Peter. Yee ha!



# Community & Mission News

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

**Next meeting: Thursday, September 5.** 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).

## To St Peter Prayer Shawl Ministry,

I want to take the time to thank you for your Prayer Shawl Ministry. I would like to share our story.

I received a call on Monday, June 3 from University of Iowa Hospital that they had been looking for family of my brother Todd, as urgent medical decisions needed to be made. My brother was a prisoner at Mt Pleasant Corrections for the past almost two years. He suffered most of his life with alcohol and drugs. One thing led to another and he was charged and sentenced for drugs. He would have gotten out of prison February 2020.

My husband and I went immediately to the hospital, and were in contact with my brother's two adult sons who live in Colorado. Unfortunately, they had been estranged and not seen him for a few years due to the bad choices he made. He had been taken to the hospital with a kidney stone and then turned into sepsis and could not recover and they needed to have family make the decision to remove him from life support. We made the tough decision with the Doctors and the first thing the nurses did was bring in the prayer shawl and the note from your group tied to it. I want you to know how much this meant to my family that your ministry brought comfort to him and us at this trying time. It didn't matter that he had made mistakes and was an inmate, it mattered that he was a person that was going to pass and he got the same treatment that others facing this received. Tuesday, June 4 at around 11 am we called in the Chaplain and they took him off life support. He never regained consciousness, my sister Joni and I stayed with him night and day until he passed on Sunday, June 9 with your prayer blanket shawl on him.

My employer will send flowers or memorials for a family funeral and because we are not having a service at this time, they asked where I might like the memorial to go. Your kind thoughtful ministry was what came to mind and I hope this small donation can be used to purchase more yarn or whatever is needed to assist the next family and give them the comfort it gave us. Todd was a full confirmed member of the Newton First United Methodist Church and at one time had accepted Christ. We are comforted by this fact and know his sins are forgiven.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, God Bless you all.

## Quilt Tops

We have a new supply of quilt tops in the friendship room for anyone that would be interested in sewing them. The quilters are thankful for any help that can be provided.

## WELCA Board Meeting

Next meeting: September 8, at 10:15 am

## Gather Bible Study - Next Meetings:

Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 506 Café in Waverly, 1:00 pm

## 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		

## Back to School:

"Give instruction to the wise and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning" *Proverbs 9:9*

It is time again to gather school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Items needed: 70 sheet spiral notebooks, 24 count Crayola brand crayons (not washable), blunt end kindergarten scissors, unsharpened pencils, ball point pens (not gel pens), 12" rulers (inches on one side and centimeters on the other), small pencil sharpeners, 2 1/2" eraser. There will be a laundry basket outside the office for collection. If you'd rather not shop, cash and checks are very welcome, Make out checks to St Peter WELCA with "LWR Kits" on the memo line. Thank you.



## Farmer's Market

Check out the Farmer's Market on Thursdays, 4-6 pm, located at 241 S State St (North side of the parking lot at Denver Construction) Fresh produce, baked goods, craft items. New & previous vendors welcome! For information contact Mandy Gesme 319-504-5527.

## Yoga in the Park



Mondays at 7:00 pm, located north of the Denver Library, near the butterfly garden. All are welcome.



**VBS Save the Date:** Vacation Bible School has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 25, check-in starting at 1:45 pm. Program at Church 2-5 pm, Family Potluck (hamburgers & hot dogs, provided) 5-6 pm, Family Swim at Willow Run Pool 6-8 pm.

Contact Todd Foelske with questions or to volunteer; [tfoelske@gmail.com](mailto:tfoelske@gmail.com) or 319-231-8433.

## Vacation Bible School

### Photos Are In

Smith Studio dropped off the confirmation pictures - Please stop by the table outside the office to pick up your photos. *We still have a few photos that have not been picked up.*

### Womensfest

Everyone is invited to the Ecumenical Bible Study led by Pastor Craig Henderson on Tuesdays at Willow Winds Assisted Living, from 7:30-8:30am

### Mensfest

Everyone is invited to the Ecumenical Bible Study held on Thursdays, 7:00 am, at the Rite Spot.

### 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 [wedy.mohlis@wartburg.edu](mailto:wedy.mohlis@wartburg.edu).

### 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.

### 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.



# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm VBS meeting 6:30 pm Property Management meeting	<b>6</b> 7:30 am Womenfest 11:30 am 506 Café 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>9</b> 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 4:00 pm Wedding
<b>11</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>12</b> 8:00 am Financial Board	<b>13</b> 7:30 am Womenfest 6:30 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>16</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 am Worship with Noisy Offering	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30 am Womenfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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### 2019 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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