

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

February 2022

Projecting Christ to All Generations



Thank you to Amy Lockhart for sharing her artistic talents with St Peter. Amy updates our entry way bulletin board with seasonal messages. And Pat Leonhart keeps our planter at the top of the stairs in season and style. We appreciate it!!

Be Mine!

February is known as the month when we celebrate LOVE on Valentine's Day. People do many interesting things to celebrate LOVE and be romantic. One town in Nebraska is named Valentine, and though it is a small town in North Central Nebraska, it's Post Office is one of the busiest in the nation during the days before February 14th. Thousands of cards are sent there to be sent on to mailboxes everywhere bearing the postmark of Valentine, Nebraska.

If you wish to send a Valentine to Valentine for the special postmark, place your card in its envelope, address it and attach the proper postage, then put it in an envelope and send your letter to Valentine's Day Postmark, Postmaster, 239 N. Hall St., Valentine NE 69201-9998. There is no charge for the postmark.

As you are going through all the special preparations for your celebration, stop and give thanks to God who is the very essence of love, invented romance, and brings us together and blesses our relationships with one another. God is the original lover and Christ is God's way of saying "BE MINE!" Consider the following which is popular at weddings when God is invited to be the third cord in the braid that binds a couple together for good.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

- Interim Pastor Scot McCluskey

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	February 6 Sunday 9:00 am	February 13 Sunday 9:00 am	February 20 Sunday 9:00 am	February 27 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Acolytes	?	Austin Oltmann & ?	?	?
Communion Assistant			Pat Leonhart	
Scripture Reader	Amy Oltmann	Sue Buss	Gene Leonhart	Joyce Miller
Multimedia			Jackson Joerger	
Sound System	Steve DeVries	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus
Video taping	Austin Oltmann			
Altar Guild	Connie Lobeck, Judy Gleason, Diann Curtis, Janice Gienau, Carol Moon			
Usher/Greeters	Joel & Joy Wolter, Gary & LaVonne Westendorf			
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.				

Altar Guild

Altar Guild is looking for people to join their team. Generally the altar guild sets up communion and takes it down, fills candles and changes paraments as needed. For more information contact the office or Nancy Lamos. The duties are easy to learn and can be done on your own time or with a group.

Ushers

We are also looking for more ushers to assist the already slim groups. Please contact the office if this is something you would consider. Thank you.

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

It's Time for the SOUPer Bowl!!



The Board of Mission will be collecting cans of soup or monetary donations during February, Super Bowl month.

Please put your donations on the table outside the office. All the soup and cash contributions will be given to the Waterloo Salvation Army.

Wear Your Jersey to Church



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th, for the low price of a five dollar donation to the Salvation Army, you can wear any team logo shirt of your choice, from any sport (hockey, football, soccer, basketball, track) and from any high school, college, or professional team! Let's have fun, show our team spirit and continue our support of the Salvation Army ministries.

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for February: Baking Mixes and Soups. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in December: 66 Households, 164 Individuals, 5,434 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, February 3.

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).

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.

Fellowship & Coffee

Please join us for coffee, treats, and fellowship in the Friendship Room after worship. We have a cookie sign-up online, or you may call the office, if you would like to bring treats to share.

Serving Committee for February

Kari Anfinson	Char Conway	Audrey DeVries
Sherri Elsamiller	Janet Kern	Dixie Milius
Janice Miller	Trudie Rothmeyer	
Mary Ryan	Carol Thurm	
Caryl Tjaden	Tammy Weston	

Noisy Offering

Our January and February Noisy Offering will also go to Lutheran Disaster Response. Even though our Christmas offering went to this respected organization, we feel it is appropriate to share with them in hopes of making a bigger impact. With so many different areas of the country struggling right now after natural disasters we want to help. Noisy offering is the third Sunday of the month—February 20.

Valentines Day Care

Need a date night for Valentines Day or just a break from the kids. Bring them to St Peter Lutheran Church Sunday, February 13, for some Valentines fun, 4:00 pm-7:00pm. All Ages Welcome. We will provide a meal for the kids. Parents **MUST SIGN UP** their children to attend. All donations support the youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2022.



Winter Weather Policy

If we decide that we need to cancel Worship or Sunday School due to weather, it will be decided by 7:30 am that Sunday morning and posted there after on the St Peter Website home page, www.stpeterdenver.org, Facebook, and KWWL.

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 is looking for more recruits as well. www.stpeterdenver.org -Get involved—Volunteer—Worship Servers or 319-984-5648

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Travis Ackerman
Donna Hulsing
David Stevens
Dennis Thurm

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Bev Diercks
Janice Miller

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Jennifer Wirtjes

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Tom Beckel
Caryl Tjaden

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Dwight Diercks

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Gavin Carman
Jodie Koepke
Michael Milius

12
Pat Leonhart

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Jeff DeVries
Zachary Kern
Duane Schuldt

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Teresa Diercks
Robert & Tammy
Weston

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Amy Lockhart



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Marilyn Bergmann
Angela Sadler
Brody Sanderson

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Jessy & Janet Kern

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Jarett Clayton
Julie Gleason

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Kara Bartels
Justin Elsamiller
Joyce Miller

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Luther Hougen
Cylee Liddle
John Upshaw

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Abel Gienau
Ariella Gienau
Abby Roethler

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Jeremy Clayton
Livi Gesme
James Kurtz

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Lisa Michels

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Rodney & Teresa Diercks
David VanDeBerg

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Greg & Kerry Thies

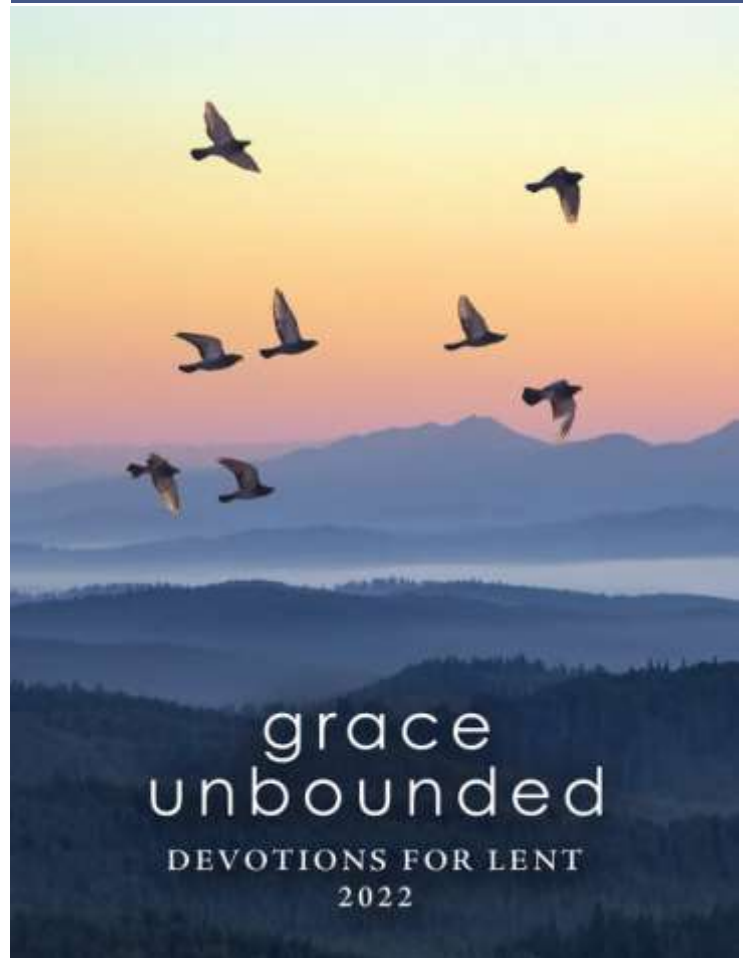
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Mandy Gesme

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

Thank You

Marilyn Mueller delivered a Christmas sack to me. We had a good visit. It had many good treats. The word-find book keeps me busy many days and passes a lot of time. Sometimes I think the book is winning, but if I don't give up, I usually find the word. Thank you so much, *Kenny Becker*

Community & Mission News



Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. We will have Ash Wednesday Service, March 2, at 7:00 pm. Lenten services the following Wednesdays will also be at 7:00 pm. The church has ordered some copies of the Lenten Devotional "grace unbounded." They are available on the table outside the office; please help yourself.

Offering Envelopes

We have a few boxes that still need to be picked up. The 2022 Offering Envelopes are located on the table outside the office. Please let us know if your envelopes are missing, or if you'd like a 2022 boxed set.

Exercise Classes at St Peter

Join Roberta Robbins, Thursdays from 5 -6:00 pm **AND** Sundays, 4-5:00 pm, in the lower level of the church. There is no cost to participate in the Essentrics® class. Essentrics® is a dynamic, full-body workout suitable for all fitness levels that simultaneously combines stretching and strengthening while engaging all 650 muscles. This class will increase flexibility and mobility for a healthy, toned, and pain-free body.

Community & Mission News



The ELCA Youth Gathering students served up a delicious spaghetti lunch, complete with homemade bread, after the Annual meeting.

Call Committee Update

Following the Annual Meeting we made our presentation to the members of the Congregation who were present. Jackie lead off by thanking all who have provided input and to Pastor Scot for his assistance. Jackie reviewed the goals and asked for any additional input. There was none. She then reviewed the Leadership Needs and Mutual Expectations sections. She especially talked about what we as a Congregation are committing to providing our new Pastor. She asked for additional input or concerns. Hearing none we also noted that we have already received one name of a Pastor to consider and that we have already provided that name to the Synod. Jill also thanked everyone for their input and the Call Committee members for their attendance and dedication to the process so far. We then asked for the current Council's approval. Jim Jurgenson asked the Council for approval and it was unanimous from the quorum of members present at the meeting. We closed by Pastor Scot leading us all in the Lord's Prayer. The Ministry Site Profile was submitted to the Synod on Monday, 24 January 2022.

Please continue to pray for God's support and guidance in this process.

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Paul Empie: peowl2@yahoo.com

Mary Stevens: trsmhs@gmail.com

Members of the Call Committee will continue to provide updates on the process during Sunday church services.

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.

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

2021 was the busiest year ever at Helping Hands Clothing Closet. We had 2,109 client visits with 1,047 of those adults and 1,062 children. This is an average of almost 176 client visits per month. Clients continue to come from all over northeast Iowa and we have had many new families again this year.

First of all, thank you to our amazing volunteers who gave 560 hours of their time plus many hours of undocumented time. We always have at least 2 volunteers and more if possible at the closet each time we are open. Several groups have come to help us including 4-H clubs, Lion's club, church groups.

Thank you to all who have donated new or gently used clothing and those who have made monetary donations. We use monetary donations to cover ongoing expenses of heat and electricity and to purchase new underwear and socks for our clients plus new winter coats and boots for children when possible. Many people have been very generous to the clothing closet. We have been able to help those who have been affected by fire or other disasters this year and we have been able to share some of our donations with the Lakota Indians, Friends of the Family and veterans.

We have been open all year and continue to supply masks on request and hand sanitizer for clients during the continued pandemic. Happy New Year from Helping Hands Clothing Closet. If anyone is interested in volunteering; please let us know.

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

Faith Formation & Announcements



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.

Womenfest

The ecumenical Women's Bible Study is lead 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 lead 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, February 8, in the Friendship Room at 1:30 pm.

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.

July 24-28, 2022 | Minneapolis, MN

Gathering@elca.org

For more information on the youth gathering please contact Lisa Michels 319-464-4381.



Sunday School

Classes are Sundays following Worship. Please consider teaching a 4 week session, as we are in need of Sunday School teachers. Contact Todd Foelske tfoelske@gmail.com if you could help out.

Confirmation

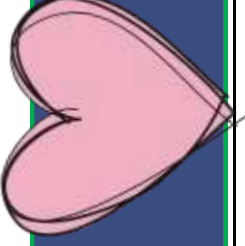
Wednesday Class Schedule: 7th grade meets at 6:30 pm. And 8th grade meets at 7:30 pm. Confirmation students are expected to attend Lenten services starting in March.

Baptism

Audrey Kay Becker was baptized at St Peter, on January 9. She is pictured below with her parents, Brad & Jennifer Becker and sponsors, Kent & Holly Becker. We welcome Audrey into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilt tying 4:30 pm Worship & Music mtg 6:30 pm Evangelism mtg 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	2 7:30 am Mensfest 6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation	3 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Exercise class	4	5
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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, Marcia Joerger, Todd Foelske

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

Parish Education: Todd Foelske, Jaime Leonhart, Mandy Gesme, Julie Gleason

Worship & Music: Mary Stevens, Amy Lockhart, Jo VanDeBerg, Niki Skaar, Nancy Lamos, Sheryl Moeller

Mission: Sue Buss, Pat Leonhart, Shirley Thurm, Kelley Carman, Marcia Ott, Leah Homeister, Linda Schult, Kim Lamb

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Youth & Family: Eve Pautsch, Krista Olson, Sarah Sanderson, Julie Brinkman, Lisa Michels, Marcia Joerger

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