

# *St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings*

## *January 2019*

Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Charis Combs-Lay



Happy New Year!

A new year is beginning. As you receive this newsletter, the Holidays are slowly heading us into January 2019. I look forward to the lengthening days and shorter nights. Slowly the light increases around us. This year brings us the opportunity to start Epiphany on Sunday January 6. From now until Ash Wednesday, we finish the winter section of the Church Year. In Advent, we waited for the Christ, called the "Dawn from on High" by the Old Testament prophets, which "shines" in the Season of Christmas. We extend the Biblical metaphor through Epiphany, when we draw attention to the Light of the World, made clear first to the disciples and then to the whole world. I love the celebration of light in the middle of long, snowy Iowa January. Epiphany reminds me that, in the midst of the holiday clean-up and the return of school days and even the Annual Meeting, Christ's presence shines among us and illumines the world. So, if you should feel the January Blues, remember that Christ is present with us, and in the process of bringing light out off darkness. "The Light shines out of darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it" Blessed 2019 to you all.

*Pastor Charis*

# Worship & Music Server

## Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	<b>January 6 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>January 13 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>January 20 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>January 27 Sunday 9:00 am</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Kim Lamb	Eve Pautsch	Kim Lamb	Jackie Fober
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	Jackie Fober	Pautsch family	Diann Curtis	Sue Buss
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kenny Lamb & TBD	Ethan Krabbenhoft & Grant Pautsch	Jarett Clayton & Kenny Lamb	Tyanna Teetzen & TBD
<b>Multimedia</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Organist</b>	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
<b>Sound System</b>	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries
<b>Prayers</b>	Kenny Lamb	Grant Pautsch	Kenny Lamb	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Lamos, LaVonne Westendorf, Kelley Carman			
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Larry Oltrogge, Jon & Brenda Wolter, Brad Becker			
<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:** 4:30 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

## Christmas Offerings

This year the special Christmas offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. The disaster ministry of the ELCA continues to help bring God's comfort, healing and renewal to those affected by disasters. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need, throughout the U.S. and around the world. What a wonderful way to spread the Good News through your generosity and compassion!

## 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, January 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).

## Gracias

Thank you to everyone that donated items for the Christmas goodie bags that were given to the Sunday School kids after the program on December 16th. The kids enjoyed and appreciated their treats after a wonderful job of sharing the story of Christ's birth. *Thanks, The Youth and Family Board*

## Quilt Tying

The quilt tying will resume January 7. Meeting again on Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, and Tuesdays, 9 am - Noon. In case of bad weather, use your own judgment—come when you can, leave when you must.



## Recourses 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.

## His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for January—Cereal, sugar, canned beets & carrots, noodles, canned soup (cream of chicken & mushroom are a favorite)

Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. November: 101 Households, 278 Individuals, 7,096 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357.

***St Peter's last donation on 12-18-18 totaled 72.9 lbs - thank you Alton & Sharon Midthus for delivering the goods.***

## 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.

January 6 - 1) Brenda Wolter  
2) Renee McInroy  
3) Janice Miller

Coffee maker- Brenda Wolter

January 13 - 1) Pat Leonhart  
2) Pat Leonhart  
3) Brenda Wolter

Coffee maker- Brenda Wolter

January 20 - 1) Brenda Wolter  
2) Sheryl Moeller  
3) Sheryl Moeller

Coffee maker- Brenda Wolter

January 27 - 1) Sundae Funday  
2) Stewardship  
3) Board

Coffee maker- stewardship

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

## Winter Weather Policy

Please check our website [www.stpeterdenver.org](http://www.stpeterdenver.org), Facebook, and KWWL, in the event of inclement weather for the Cancellation of Worship and or Sunday School. We will attempt to have it posted by 7:00 am.

## AA/Alanon

The local AA chapter that meets on Tuesday evenings at St Peter will not meet on the upcoming holidays that fall on Tuesday, Christmas Day & New Year's Day.

## Re-Do'd Cards

Wondering what to do for a small gift? ...gift bundles of four Re-Do cards are available, tied with ribbon, for \$3.00. All proceeds go to Prayer Shawl Ministries at this time. Gift bundles are located in a basket outside the office, or special orders are available. Bundles consist of Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well, and a surprise card.

## Bell Choir

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings 7:45-8:45 am. If you've ever thought "is bell choir for me?"

I'd suggest you give us a 'test drive'.

This is a good time to check us out....see you Sundays,  
*Jo VanDeBerg, Bell Choir Director* 515-238-7483



# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Christmas Poinsettias given in Memory of....

1 Ken Becker Sam Smith	15 Robert Gienau Scott Gleason
2 Grant Pautsch	16 Kaia Anfinson Kenna Rothmeyer
3 Stacie Beem	17 Kari Anfinson Warren Miller Ruth Niemann Rhonda Wilson
4 Charles Essmann Heather Krabbenhoft	19 Tonia Thurm
5 Gary Everding Ethan Krabbenhoft	20 Tony Schimmels Mary Stevens
6 Dean Milius Lauren Milius Becky Miller Dixie Unangst	21 Hayden Arians
7 Jill Thrasher	22 Miranda Thurm
8 Darwin Larson Dixie Milius Fritz & AJ Tegtmeier	23 Mark Gielau Floyd & Margaret Liddle
9 Harold Wente	24 Mark Fober Ron Foelske Brena Huber Brandon Smith
10 Scott & Carrie Gleason	25 Angela Diercks Randy Herman
11 Justice Gienau Tyanna Teetzen Ryan Thurm	27 Jadyn Milius
12 Karen Place	29 Natalie Fober
13 Sue Flory Anne Sickles Brody Weston	31 Jeff Schumacher
14 Clayton Liddle Tammy Weston	



**Gus & Claribel Koeff, Roger Kittle, Virgil Wallace, Donald Miller**  
Donna Kittle, Teri Miller, Dan Miller

**Millie Kurtt**  
Gene & Pat Leonhart Family

**James Lamos**  
Nancy Lamos

**Jeanette Stenseth, Russel Rustad**  
**Kermit Anfinson**  
Gary & Kari Anfinson

**Gustav & Lucinda Oberheu**  
Marilyn Mueller & family

**Mike McCabe**  
Jim, Roxane, Brad, Derek & Deidre Franzen

**Mike Schult, Brady Schult,**  
**Bud & Ethel Drape**  
Linda Schult

**Denny Ott**  
**Richard Henn**  
Marcia Ott

**Our Parents and**  
**Norman Schumacher, Dean O'Connell**  
**& Mary Matuszewski**  
Marvin & Helen Schumacher

**Arnold & Lillian Bergmann**  
Don & Donna Hulsing

**Emil & Florene DeVries, Max DeVries,**  
**Theodore & Florence Kuker**  
Steve & Audrey DeVries

**Bill & Valesca Donaldson**  
**Harold & Minnie Michelson**  
Roger & Donna Donaldson

**Velda Jensen**  
Rollis Jensen

**Marvin & Ida Ludtke**  
**Maynard Syhre**  
Dan & Gretchen Syhre

**Nelson Gaede, Amelia Destival,**  
**Arlene & Lester Matthias, Wilbert Lobeck**  
Jerry & Connie Lobeck

**Laverne & Harriet Hult**  
**Don & Maxine Miller**  
Terry & Joyce Miller

**Sara Lahmann, Louie & Doris Gienau**  
Robert & Jan Gienau

*Thank you to everyone that purchased a poinsettia in memory of a loved one; you may take them home now if you wish.*

# Community & Mission News

## With Appreciation

To the members of St Peter Lutheran Church, Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawls donated to our program. Through the generosity and support of friends like you, we are able to present gifts to comfort our patients throughout the year. The University Iowa Health Care staff and volunteers are very grateful for your contribution. We appreciate the time and talent you've shared with our hospital and patients. Thank you again for keeping our patients in mind!  
Sincerely, *Your many friends in Volunteer Services*

## 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.

A note from the director: *Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 135 client visits in December and our volunteers gave 28 hours of their time. The Clothing Closet needs girls clothes, size 2 through 16, junior girls clothes and boys clothes. Thank you for all of your donations. Helping Hands Clothing Closet will be closed Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th. We will be closed Tuesday, January 1st and open as usual on Wednesday evening, January 2nd.*

## Christmas Un-Decorating

Monday, January 7, at 9:30 am we will plan to un-decorate the church. We welcome any volunteers that would like to help with taking the decorations down.



## Noisy Offering

Our Noisy Offering for January and February will be given to House of Hope in Waterloo. The House of Hope, formed by a coalition of Cedar Valley churches, works to address the homelessness of single mothers

with children in their custody, providing individualized support and transitional housing to achieve secure families and permanent homes. Their programs include long-term housing, help with education and work placement, and child care. *We will have a representative from the House of Hope, share a brief temple talk on Sunday, January 13.*

## WELCA Board Meeting

Sunday, January 13, at 10:15 am

## Gather Bible Study -Next Meetings:

Wednesday, January 2, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 8, 1:00 pm

## Serving Committee for January

Carol Ackerman	Jennifer Ackerman	Stacie Beem
Renee McInroy	Jaime Gienau	Roxane Franzen
Nancy Lamos	Darlys Milius	Judy Milius
Lynette Renner	Sharon Robinson	Megan Schmauss
LuAnn Emerson	Kristen Wolter	Susan Buss

## Gifts of Love

A big thank you to Marilyn Mueller for coordinating the gift bags that were delivered to St Peter members that may need a little love this season. AND thank you to her grandchildren and children for decorating the bags! Marilyn put together 18 Gifts of Love bags this year.

## 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

## Annual Reports

Year end annual reports from boards and committees are due to the office now. Thank you.

**The Congregational Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, following worship.**

## Custodian for St Peter Facilities

This position is part time. The Custodian is responsible for maintaining the facilities through routine cleaning and maintenance. For questions, please contact the office(319) 984-5648. Custodian Position C/O St. Peter Lutheran Church, PO Box A, Denver, Iowa 50622. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

## Grief Support Group

The grief group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. All meetings are at 6:30 pm at St Paul Lutheran Church in Waverly. Led by Pastor Trachte; All are welcome.

## Offering Envelopes

Please stop by the information table outside the office, to pick up your 2019 offering envelopes. If your envelopes are missing please let the office know. Thank you.

# Faith Formation

## Sunday School

Sunday School follows worship at 10:10 am. Contact Todd Foelske with any questions [tfoelske@gmail.com](mailto:tfoelske@gmail.com) or 319-987-2134. **Sunday School resumes January 6, 10:10 am.** Thank you to Lisa Michels for organizing the best Christmas pageant ever! And much appreciation to all that helped out.

## Raising our Voice for Iowa Children and Families – Lutheran Day on the Hill

Families struggling without access to mental healthcare. Human services providers overworked and underpaid. Former refugees striving to build new lives. These are all issues faced by Iowans. Join us to make sure they are heard at the Iowa State Capitol. Please consider joining Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill, an annual day of advocacy in Des Moines to uplift the needs of our neighbors. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 19. Visit [www.LSIowa.org/advocacy](http://www.LSIowa.org/advocacy) next month for event details, online registration, and an online toolkit for your congregation. If you are new to advocacy, come learn more about the legislative process and your role as a citizen. If you've attended before, join us again. We hope this year's schedule will also allow you more opportunities to connect with legislators. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Debrah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Debrah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

**Building a New Home** -After spending almost 20 years in a refugee camp in Nepal, Narayan and Chandra are grateful for the life they have built for their family with support from LSI's Refugee Community Services. After marrying in the camp, Narayan and Chandra resettled to Des Moines in 2009. Everything was new. Everything was different. Their child, Aaman, was a newborn, and they found themselves overwhelmed with medical bills. Chandra desperately wanted to pursue her medical career. At the time, it seemed impossible. But LSI helped Chandra enroll in college classes. Narayan started volunteering at LSI as an interpreter. Later, he became a full-time case manager with LSI, where he continues to lift up former refugees by connecting them to resources, educational activities, and supporting them as they pursue citizenship. "LSI supported me and allowed me to provide for my family. It helped us establish ourselves in Iowa," he says. Chandra now works as a lab assistant in an Iowa pediatric clinic. Narayan and Chandra have become homeowners and feel confident, independent, and established in their new community.

## High School Youth Group

The high schoolers will meet the second Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm. The next meeting is January 6, 2019.

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation class meets Wednesdays at 6:15 pm, in the lower level. Confirmation class resumes January 9.

## The newly-formed Denver MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers) group is launching a MOPS Collective, or bible study. The study is called *Fierce Love*, and explores the big emotions of motherhood. Coffee will be on by 8:15 am and the study will be from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 801 Prestien Drive (The Denver Baptist Church parsonage), and are open to any moms, with a special focus on moms with preschool and school age children. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Cara Sommerlot at [denveriamops@gmail.com](mailto:denveriamops@gmail.com) with any questions. For more information about MOPS, visit [www.mops.org](http://www.mops.org)

## Winter Wonderland

Congratulations to Holly Smith and the Mission board the beautifully decorated St Peter Tree (pictured below) took first place at Denver's Old-fashioned Christmas festival.



# January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Happy New Year Office closed	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Gather Bible Study	<b>3</b> 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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### 2018 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

**Executive Board:** Jim Jurgenson, Eve Pautsch, Amy Lockhart, Gene Leonhart

**Property & Management:** Neil Hartmann, Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Dwight Diercks, Roxane Franzen, Gavin Carman

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

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

**Mission:** Sue Buss, Pat Leonhart, Bev Diercks, Shirley Thurm, Gretchen Syhre, Kelley Carman, Marcia Ott

**Stewardship:** Mary Stevens, Dori Jurgenson, Brenda Wolter

**Youth & Family:** Eve Pautsch, Krista Wahl, Connie Lobeck, Sarah Sanderson, Julie Brinkman

**Evangelism:** Staci Mueller, Art Kurtt, LaVonne Westendorf, Roger Donaldson

**Financial Board:** Dwight Diercks, Paul Meier, Jim Moeller, Jack Mixdorf, Gene Leonhart, Gavin Carman