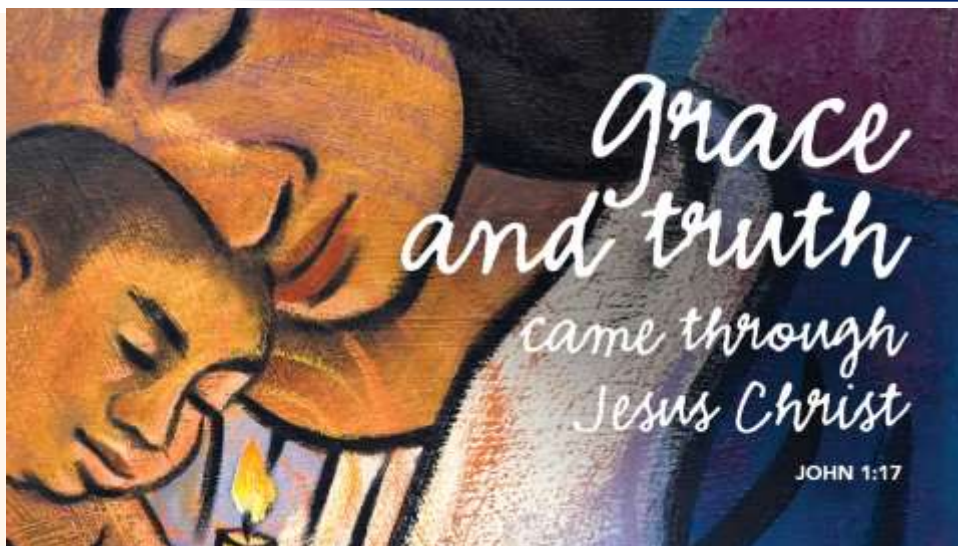


# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## January 2020

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Projecting Christ to All Generations



As we begin our first full year of ministry together, let us pause and wonder together. We cannot know what ministry joys and challenges lie ahead for us, but we do know this, as the name Emmanuel proclaims, God is with us. Let me begin this New Year's message by saying how thankful I am to share ministry with you. How blessed I am that you have called me to be your pastor and you call me Pastor. While St. Peter has one pastor, St. Peter has many ministers. We are all ministers together. Together we serve God. What joy it is to serve God with you.

As we begin this new year of ministry together, we also begin a new "budget" year. Our annual meeting is just around the corner and that means we will soon be discussing and voting to approve the "budget." The word, budget is often equated with money. All too often the topic of money can be a source of conflict. This is true in a marriage. It is also true in the church. Why is there conflict around money? Is it because we think, we fear we don't have enough? Is it because we don't always agree on how to spend it? How much do we keep for ourselves and how much do we give to others? How we answer these questions, I believe, is a matter of faith. Do we trust God to provide? God is provider. God is also owner. We are stewards.

A budget is so much more than dollars and cents, paying bills, keeping the lights on, heating and cooling the building, or however else we might describe it. A church budget is a **ministry plan**. It's all about ministry, how we are serving God. Ministry and money, I'll call these the M&M's. The order makes a difference. God calls us to ministry and God provides the money for ministry.

The council has prepared the "2020 Proposed Ministry Plan" for our discussion and approval. Prayerfully consider the proposed ministry plan. Review the ministry reports. I would like our discussions and approval of the proposed ministry plan to center around these questions, "How is God **calling** us to serve God in 2020? How will we **serve** God together in 2020? How will we **support** the ministry God calls us to in 2020?" We serve God through the many and various ministries of: worship and music, evangelism, education, youth and family, stewardship, and mission. We serve God by caring for the building and property God has entrusted to us. We serve God by giving of our time. We serve God by sharing our talents or skills. We serve God by giving financial support. All are needed as we serve God together in 2020.

Your partner in ministry,  
Pastor Dawn

Happy New Year!

# 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 5 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>January 12 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>January 19 Sunday 9:00 am</b>	<b>January 26 Sunday 9:00 am</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Kim Lamb	TBD	TBD	Kim Lamb
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	TBD	Joyce Miller	Kara Bartels	Sheryl Moeller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kenny Lamb & Jarett Clayton	Kiara Michels & Miranda Thurm	Kiara Michels & Miranda Thurm	Grant Pautsch & Kenny Lamb
<b>Multimedia</b>	Peyton Mueller	Jordan Nuss	TBD	TBD
<b>Organist</b>	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
<b>Sound System</b>	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus
<b>Confirmation Parent Volunteer</b>	Wed, Jan. 8 8th -Scott Rothmeyer 7th -Amy Lockhart	Wed, Jan. 15 8th -Staci Mueller 7th -Todd Foelske	Wed. Jan. 22 8th -TBD 7th -Neal Thurm	Wed. Jan. 29 8th - Jennifer Clayton 7th - TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Mohlis, Holly Smith, Joyce Schimmels			
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Larry Oltrogge, Jon & Brenda Wolter, Brad & Jennifer 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:** 4:00 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

## Youth and Family News

The fourth Sunday every month will be middle and high school youth night. This month we will meet on January 26 from 5-7 p.m. We will practice for Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 2, when youth will again lead us in worship. After practice we will enjoy some Super Bowl treats, fellowship, and plan our next meeting. Middle and high school students please mark your calendars for the fourth Sunday of every month.

Youth and Family Ministry is planning quarterly family events for everyone. We are planning our first event for February 9. More information will follow in next month's newsletter. We anticipate family events will also take place in May, August, and November. For more information contact a member of Youth and Family Ministry. Their names are listed on the back of this newsletter.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Soup, bread, and bars will be served after worship on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. There will be a free-will offering to help support youth ministries. If you would like to bring soup or bars please sign up at church (signup sheets are on the table outside of the offices) or on the sign up genius online.

## 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 5 - 1) Jan Gienau  
2) Jan Gienau  
3) Jan Gienau

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

January 12 - 1) Jennifer Becker  
2) Jennifer Becker  
3) Jennifer Becker

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

January 19 - 1) Pastor Dawn & Steve  
2) Congregational  
3) Appreciation Day

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

January 26 - 1) Pat Leonhart  
2) Pat Leonhart  
3) Pat Leonhart

Coffee maker- Pat Leonhart

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

## Thank you

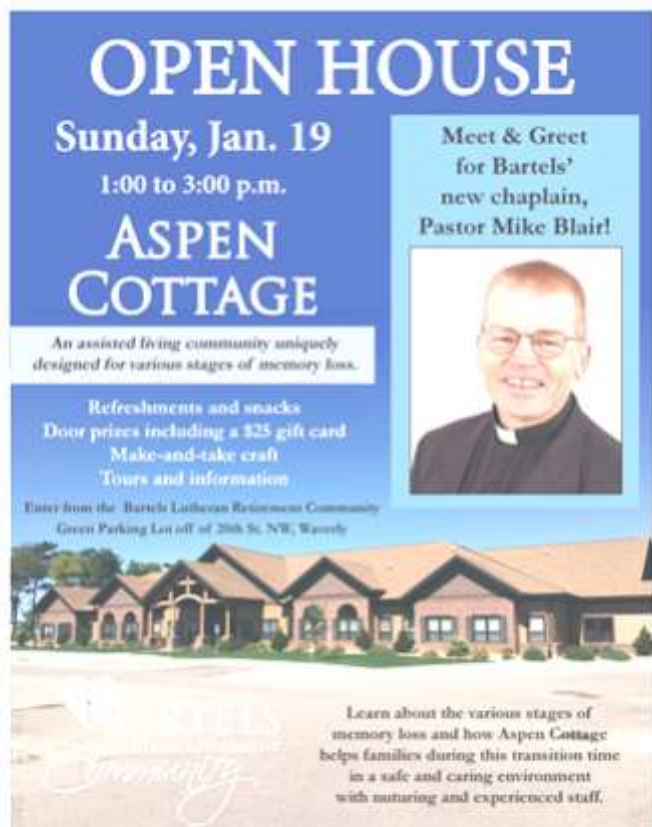
These two little words don't seem like enough in response to the love and support you have abundantly showered upon us these past four months. Steve continues to make slow steady progress. How good it is to have him back in worship with us again. Thank you to everyone who brought us meals. We were well fed with delicious food and heartfelt kindness. Thank you for your many prayers. You helped in Steve's recovery and helped to keep me healthy too.

Thank you for the plates of treats, cards, and gifts for Christmas. We are so blessed.

**We are planning a Congregation Appreciation Sunday for January 19.**

Pastor Mark Anderson, assistant to the Bishop, will be with us to celebrate and give thanks. Steve and I will provide the treats after worship. You are all cordially invited to come, worship and stay for fellowship.

*Steve and Pastor Dawn*



**OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday, Jan. 19  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
**ASPEN COTTAGE**  
An assisted living community uniquely designed for various stages of memory loss.  
Refreshments and snacks  
Door prizes including a \$25 gift card  
Make-and-take craft  
Tours and information  
Enter from the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community  
Green Parking Lot off of 28th St. NW, Wausau  
Meet & Greet for Bartels' new chaplain, Pastor Mike Blair!  
Learn about the various stages of memory loss and how Aspen Cottage helps families during this transition time in a safe and caring environment with nurturing and experienced staff.

*Blessings in 2020*

# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Community & Mission News

1

Ken Becker  
Sam Smith

2

Grant Pautsch

3

Stacie Beem

4

Charles Essmann  
Heather Krabbenhoft

5

Gary Everding  
Ethan Krabbenhoft

6

Dean Milius  
Lauren Milius  
Becky Miller  
Dixie Unangst

7

Jill Thrasher

8

Darwin Larson  
Dixie Milius  
Fritz & AJ Tegtmeier

9

Harold Wentz

10

Scott & Carrie Gleason

11

Colt Boeckmann  
Justice Gienau  
Tyanna Teetzen  
Ryan Thurm

12

Karen Place

13

Sue Flory  
Anne Sickles  
Brody Weston

14

Clayton Liddle  
Tammy Weston

15

Robert Gienau  
Scott Gleason

16

Kaia Anfinson  
Kenna Rothmeyer

17

Kari Anfinson  
Warren Miller  
Ruth Niemann  
Rhonda Wilson

19

Calli Boeckmann  
Tonia Thurm

20

Tony Schimmels  
Mary Stevens

21

Hayden Arians

22

Miranda Thurm

23

Mark Gielau  
Floyd & Margaret Liddle

24

Mark Fober  
Brena Huber  
Brandon Smith

25

Angela Diercks  
Randy Herman

27

Jadyn Milius

29

Natalie Fober

31

Jeff Schumacher

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



## Annual Reports

The reports are due for all the Boards and committees that submit annual reports. Thank you.

**The Congregational Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, following worship.**

## 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! **Our Christmas Offering Contribution totaled \$1,683.00**

## 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 make the decision by 7:30 am; to have it posted shortly thereafter.

## Noisy Offering



The November & December Noisy offering went to Friends of the Family in Waverly. Their mission is to provide safe shelter, confidential services, and housing assistance to individuals in crisis due to homelessness, domestic violence sexual assault, and human trafficking.

***Our Noisy Offering total for November & December was \$418.36, and that amount was matched by an anonymous donor!***

## Offering Envelopes

Please stop by the information table outside the office to pick up your 2020 offering envelopes.

## Quilt Tying Resumes

We will meet on Mondays, from 9:00 am—3:00 pm and Tuesdays, from 9:00 am—Noon, to tie quilts in the lower level. All are welcome.

# Community & Mission News

## Christmas Poinsettias given in Memory of....

### **Arnold & Lillian Bergmann**

Don & Donna Hulsing

### **Emil & Florene DeVries, Max DeVries, Theodore & Florence Kuker, Mark DeVries**

Steve & Audrey DeVries

### **Bill & Valesca Donaldson**

### **Harold & Minnie Michelson**

Roger & Donna Donaldson

### **Nelson Gaede, Wilbert Lobeck,**

### **Arlene & Lester Matthias, Bob Kuhrt**

Jerry & Connie Lobeck

### **Sara Lahmann, Vir Hanan**

### **Doris & Louie Gienau**

Robert & Jan Gienau

### **Laverne & Harriet Hult**

### **Don & Maxine Miller**

Terry & Joyce Miller

### **Gustav & Lucinda Oberheu**

Marilyn Mueller & family

### **Lorraine & Luther Perry**

### **Lois & Alfred Specht**

Holly Dittmer

### **Roger Kittle, Gus & Claribel Koeff,**

### **Virgil Wallace, Don Miller, Caleb Ulrichs**

Donna Kittle, Teri Miller, Dan Miller

### **Millie Kurtt**

Gene & Pat Leonhart Family

### **James Lamos, Marcia Lashbrook**

Nancy Lamos

### **Skip Burhans**

### **Rev. Jeffrey Robbins**

Kaitlin Beaumont

### **Vince Lensing**

Jim, Roxane, Brad, Derek & Deidre Franzen

### **Vern & Marge Moeller**

Jim & Sheryl Moeller Family

### **Mike Schult, Brady Schult,**

Linda Schult

### **Bill Tjaden, Lavern & Joyce Sigler**

### **Ben & Amy Tjaden**

Caryl Tjaden

### **In honor of St. Peter Congregation & our first Christmas together**

Steve and Pastor Dawn



## **WELCA Board Meeting**

Next WELCA Board meeting:  
Sunday, January 12, at 10:15 am

## **Gather Bible Study -Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 14, at 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	Susan Buss
Megan Schmauss	LuAnn Emerson	Kristen Wolter

## **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 2.** 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).

## **His Hands Oran Food Pantry,**

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Suggestions for donations —pasta, canned meats, noodles, soups, bathroom tissue, Kleenex. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in November: 129 Households, 399 Individuals, 12,171 lbs of food distributed. Questions -319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

*Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Holiday Gift Shoppe, organized through Wartburg College. As you can see from the photo, there were lots of gifts for families to choose from.*



# Faith Formation

## Sunday School

Sunday School follows worship at 10:15 am. Registration is available online [www.stpeterdenver.org](http://www.stpeterdenver.org). Contact Todd Foelske with any questions [tfoelske@gmail.com](mailto:tfoelske@gmail.com).

## Confirmation

Classes meet on Wednesdays.  
8th Grade is at 6:30 pm  
7th Grade is at 7:45 pm  
Contact Pastor Dawn with any questions ([pastor@stpeterdenver.org](mailto:pastor@stpeterdenver.org) or 641-529-6592)

## 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 AllyCatz.

## Caring for our Environment

The Stewardship board has reusable cloth bags that they are selling for cost, \$2.00; please see Brenda Wolter or Mary Stevens if you would like to purchase some for use or gifts.

## Gifts of Love

A big thank you to Marilyn Mueller for coordinating the gift bags that were delivered to St Peter members that may have needed a little love this season. AND thank you to the Sunday School Children for decorating cards! Marilyn put together 21 Gifts of Love bags this year.

*Cosmic Bowling was a blast for this group of youth (last year's Lenten Supper servers)*



## EWALU 2020 Summer Camp

The brochures for summer camp are available on the table in front of the office.



The middle & high school youth did a great job *Hanging the Greens!*

## With Appreciation

A lot of work goes into the many aspects of putting on a Christmas Pageant. There are many people to thank for their contributions, and please know we appreciate you. A special nod to Lisa Michels for organizing and directing the Sunday School Christmas Program again this year!

## Cozy Christmas

Thank you to Holly Smith for decorating the St Peter Christmas tree entry for the Denver Community Cozy Christmas event. The tree took first place! We are grateful Holly shares her special talent with us.



# January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Happy New Year! Office closed	<b>2</b> 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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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, 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, 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

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

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

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

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

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