

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

January 2024

Pastor Pedersen's Points – Another Year is Dawning

Blessings to you all in this new year! I pray that each of you may learn from your past, look with hope to your eternal future with God, and praise God in thanks for the gift that is today. As we look back at 2023 and look ahead to 2024, I invite you to digest these words from Hymnist Faces Ridley Havergal:

Another year is dawning:

*Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.*



2023 was a big year for us and included new jobs, new daycare, a new town and all of the transition that comes with those events.

We loved our time in the Quad Cities Area and are so thankful we are only a couple of hours away and can still visit a place and people who mean so much to us.

We are also grateful to have had an opportunity to move to Denver, IA and to be so close to a community that feels like home.

Reed is currently serving as the pastor at St Peter Lutheran Church in Denver, IA.

Megan is an account manager with Assured Partners in Waverly, IA. Megan also began the Masters of Arts in Leadership program at Wartburg earlier this year.

All of us are excited to be living close to Wartburg and enjoying living in the Denver community. Ezekiel and Margo were able to take swimming lessons in the pool where Megan and Reed met! Ezekiel and Margo have been enjoying living across the street from the park. Some of their favorite things to do right now are to build with magnatiles, walk to our local coffee shop and check out books at the library.

Millie (our 6 year old pup) is loving being able to explore a new town

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	January 7 Sunday 9:00 am	January 14 Sunday 9:00 am	January 21 Sunday 9:00 am	January 28 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
Acolytes				
Communion Assistant	Sue Buss	Pat Leonhart		Kelley Carman
Scripture Reader	Sue Buss	Gene Leonhart	Jim Moeller	Gavin Carman
Multimedia				
Sunday School Parent Helper				
Sound System	Phillip Michels	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus
Video taping				
Altar Guild	Marcia Ott, Vera Collins, Lynn Gielau			
Usher/Greeters	Larry Oltrogge, Jon & Brenda Wolter, Brad & Jennifer Becker			

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.

Annual Meeting

Congregational Annual Meeting is the 28th of January, 10:15 am, (following worship). Please plan to attend as we go over the business of the church.

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.

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.

Community

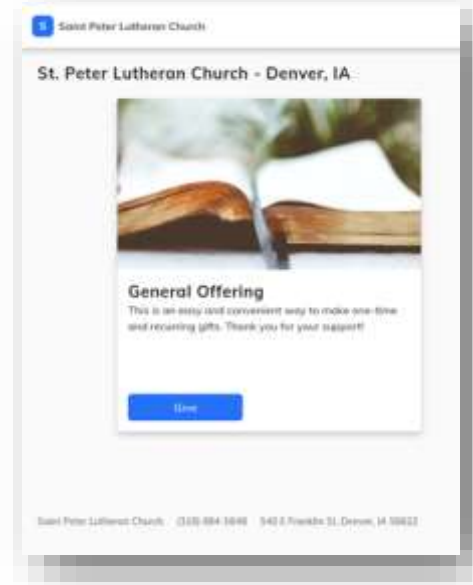
Dear members of our church community,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community. We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZK53/home>

Or use the QR code to the right —>

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Thank you again for all that you do. Blessings, *Pastor Reed Lee Pedersen*



Annual Reports

The reports are due January 10, for all the Boards and committees that submit annual reports. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes

The 2024 Offering envelopes are available for pick up on the table outside the office. If you would like offering envelopes, please let us know, we have extras.

December Baptism

We welcome our newly baptized member into the body of Christ and into the mission we share at St Peter. Linnlee Joy Thomas was baptized on December 10.



Helping Hands Clothing Closet

In December Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 280 client visits and our volunteers gave 55 hours of their time. Thank you for remembering us this holiday season with clothing drives, Christmas giving trees and monetary gifts. With your support and our volunteers time we are able to help more people each year with their clothing and other needs. In 2023 we had 3166 client visits; an increase of 654 from last year. Thank you for all the donations and for your time. Happy New Year!

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*

Blessed by Books Box

The Blessing Box that was built and used during Covid for food items for those in need, is no longer viable. It will be converted into a "BLESSED BY BOOKS BOX". St Peter members and community people are welcome and encouraged to put children and adult books in the box for other people to read and return. It will be like a mini drive-up library in the north parking lot. What a wonderful way to recycle books and provide literary food for the mind and soul!



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

A Word from the Stewardship Board: What might your name be?

This past summer the Stewardship Board sought to make and maintain name tags for members of the congregation. The purpose of the nametags was twofold: (1) to help Pastor Reed see the names (2) to help everyone else see your name. St. Peter has welcomed many new people over the past years, and we have heard from others that it is nice to be able to see the names of people at church. We would like to encourage you to continue wearing your name tags for worship. If you do not have a nametag you can write your name on a temporary tag and let the office know, so that we can make one for you. If you would prefer to wear the name tag on a lanyard instead of by magnet, we have lanyards to hand out. Please help us get to know each other better in the New Year.

The Christmas Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response share's God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and headlines change, they stat to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Bright & Beautiful

Pictured is the tree that was on display at the Community Center for Denver's Old Fashion Christmas event. The St Peter Christmas tree was designed by the talented Amy Lockhart and Tricia Kurtz. We thank you for your artistry and for transporting the tree to the church so we can enjoy it a little longer!



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

Community & Mission News

Gifts of Love

Thank you for the bags of treats delivered to my home. I enjoyed all the colored pictures and caring thoughts touched my heart. St Peter has lots of caring and loving people. Thank you again and God bless you all!
Love, *Mar Wolter*

St Peter Congregation

Thank you for the sack of goodies following my knee surgery. Thanks also to Marily Mueller and grandchildren Dillon & Paige Sickles for the delivery.
Very appreciated!! *Dixie Milius*

Quilt Tying

The quilting will resume January 8. 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.

Noisy Offering

The January & February Noisy offering will be going to House of Hope. Located in Waterloo, the House of Hope provides single mothers in homelessness, and women aging out of foster care, with housing.

Dear St Peter Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donation of six pillows and hand-drawn pillowcases. Generosity like yours allows women in our program to receive professional, individualized case management support and a safe place to live while they pursue educational opportunities, secure employment, pay debts and fines, learn coping and parenting skills, and much more. Over the past few years, six women have become homeowners, with one more working towards homeownership! Owning a home is a predictor of breaking cycles of poverty and creating generational wealth. We appreciate your investment in families. *Sincerely, Dusky Steele, Development Director* (The pillowcases are so great! Our families love them, thank you!)



To the Mission Board and St Peter

Thank you for the delicious soups, corn bread, and chocolate dessert!! So very thoughtful and very much appreciated. *The Denver Ambulance Service*

Poinsettia given in memory of...

J. W. & Valesca Donaldson
Harold & Minnie Michelson
Roger & Donna Donaldson



Dennis Kurtz
Tricia Kurtz & family

Sam Smith
Peggy Smith & family

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

Terry Miller
Joyce Miller, Mike Andrew family &
Ryan Miller family

Marlys Krueger
Ron, Kaye Krueger,
Janet, Larry, Erik and Jeena Heeren

Leo & Darlene Reuter
Fred & Hilma Schimmels
The Schimmels family

Ray & Jackie Davis and Marlys Krueger
Dave & Linda Krueger family

Wayne Harmening
Pastor Reed & Meagan Pedersen family

Roger Kittle, Gus & Claribel Koeff,
Virgil Wallace, Don Miller
Donna Kittle

Millie & Art Kurtt
Gene & Pat Leonhart family

Nelson Gaede, Wilbert Lobeck,
Arlene & Lester Matthias
Jerry & Connie Lobeck

James Lamos, Marcia Lashbrook
Nancy Lamos & family

Sister Joselda Hageman
Jack & Ruth, Rick & Jackie Franzen
Jim & Roxane Franzen family

Vern & Marge Moeller
Jim & Sheryl Moeller family

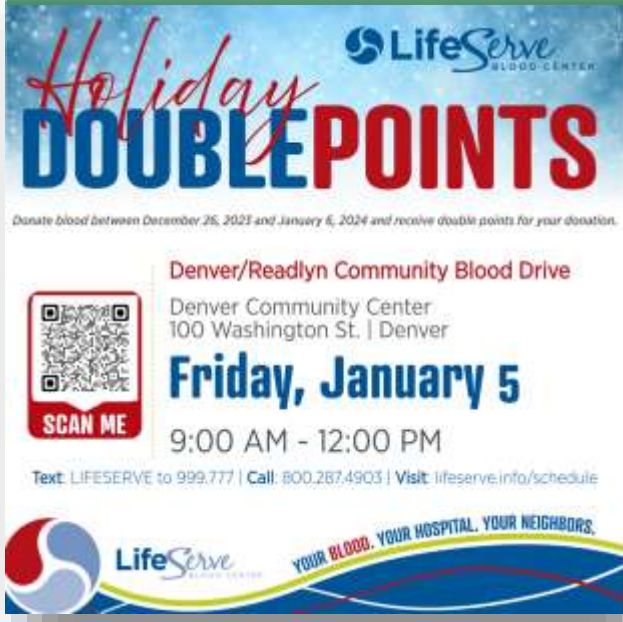
Mike & Brady Schult
Linda Schult

George Curtis & those who have gone before
Diane Curtis

Beverly Wolff
Rick & Sharon Robinson

Our parents and Norman, Dean & Mary
Marvin & Helen Schumacher

Faith Formation



His Hands Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Current Request: Canned vegetables, Pasta, Boxed Baking Mixes. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. November Statistics, Household Served-111. Individuals Served-355. Food Distributed-8,393 lbs. Questions -319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857. *Thank you to the Midthus' for delivering our last donation of 69# worth of food.*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, January 4.

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).

2024 Sunday School Dates

January 7
January 14
January 21
January 28
February 4
February 11
February 18
February 25
March 3
April 7
April 14
April 21
April 28
May 5

Parents are being asked to assist as a Parent Helper two times throughout the 2023-24 year per Sunday School student. This will allow the Education Team to continue to provide a strong Sunday School program. Thank you to those who signed up already. Parents may sign-up via the Worship Servers Volunteer Sign-up <http://www.stpeterdenver.org/volunteer.html> Grandparents, friends, confirmation & high school students, congregation members are all welcome to sign-up but it is expected the slots be filled. The Education Team simply can not continue without helpers.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the education team.
Amy Oltmann, Jaime Leonhart, Julie Gleason, Mandy Gesme, Bri Drewelow.

Confirmation Resumes

Sunday, January 7, at 7:00 pm will be the first Confirmation class of 2024, for 7th & 8th graders.

Christmas Pageant Thank You

The Sunday School Christmas program was enjoyed by all. Our heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Parish Ed team and all the volunteers that assisted in *The Heart of Christmas*.



Mandy Gesme photo

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year Office closed	2 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	3 8:00 am Mensfest	4 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 7:00 pm Confirmation	8 9:00 am—3:00 pm Quilting	9 7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am—Noon Quilting 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	10 8:00 am Mensfest 7:00 pm Council Meeting	11 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	12	13
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2023 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: Todd Foelske, Mary Stevens, Marcia Joerger, Jackie Fober, Amy Oltmann, Jayson Gesme, Jill Nuss, Linda Schult, Donna Kittle

Executive Board: Jayson Gesme, Marcia Joerger, Todd Foelske, Jill Nuss

Property & Management: Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Roxane Franzen, Jim Jurgenson, Jayson Gesme, Steve DeVries, Jim Moeller

Parish Education: Amy Oltmann, Jaime Leonhart, Mandy Gesme, Julie Gleason, Bri Drewelow

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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Financial Board: Dwight Diercks, Paul Meier, Jim Moeller, Todd Foelske, Jim Jurgenson