

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## July 2020

Pastor Dawn Pederson

Projecting Christ to All Generations



This time apart has provided an opportunity for us to pause and contemplate what is worship. Worship online is not the same as worship in the sanctuary, or is it? How is it different? How is it the same? The core of worship remains the same whether online or in the sanctuary. Worship brings the people of God together around God's Word: the Word made flesh – Jesus, the written Word of God – scripture, and the spoken Word of God – preaching.

The word worship comes from the Old English word, “worth-ship.” *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines worship as “a service or rite showing reverence for a deity.” Is worship a noun or is worship a verb? Is it both? The *Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms* defines worship in this way, “The service of praise, adoration, thanksgiving, and petition directed toward God through actions and attitudes. Christian worship is Trinitarian in form as praise is offered to God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Is worship a noun or is worship a verb? Is it both? I found another definition that I lift up to you. It is from *Webster's Dictionary 1828*, “Worship is having an extravagant or exaggerated love for God.” Although the word worship is a noun in the sentence worship is most definitely a verb. Which of these definitions best fits your definition of worship? What is most important in worship? Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?

We worship God because God alone is worthy, “worth-ship.” We worship God because God is God. We are not! Worship is about God. Worship builds our relationship with God and with one another. Worship is God-centered, Christ-centered. We may be quick to agree with these statements, but . . . Do we worship God because of who God is or what we want God to do for us? Is worship about what we get out of it? Is worship an offering to God? What is worship?

Worship is not self-centered. Worship is not a performance. Worship is not entertainment. Whether we are gathered online or in-person there is the temptation to make worship into a performance or entertainment, for it to be self-pleasing. How can we call this worship? Where is God in that?

In these months apart we have continued to worship together in a new way. Just as you made the choice to come to the building for worship on Sunday mornings before the pandemic you have made the choice to come to online worship on Sunday mornings during the pandemic. And now, you will make the choice to come to worship in the park. During the pandemic God's Word has continued to unite us as the body of Christ here at St. Peter and connected us in far-reaching new ways with sisters and brothers we will never know or meet. The body of Christ extends far beyond the walls of our building, this community, and even this nation.

We do not worship the building. We do not worship traditions. We worship God and God alone. Let us always worship the Lord our God, and serve only him.

In Christ's love and service,

*Pastor Dawn*

# Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

	July 5 Sunday 9:00 am At City Park	July 12 Sunday 9:00 am At City Park	July 19 Sunday 9:00 am At City Park	July 26 Sunday 9:00 am *CHURCH PARKING LOT
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Multimedia</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Organist</b>	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
<b>Sound System</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marcia Ott, Vera Collins, Lynn Gielau, Peggy Smith, Kim Lamb			
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Chuck & Trudy Essmann, Vera Collins, Bruce & Lori Thurm			
<p><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></p>				

### 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

**Newsletter Deadline:** 4:00 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month.

### The Bell and Chimes at St Peter

Listen for the chimes at St. Peter every night at 8:00 pm. This is both a call to prayer and a daily blessing. Pastor Dawn will ring the bell at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings as an invitation for all to join in praying the Lord's Prayer together.

### 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.

**\*Meetings are suspended at St Peter for the time being.**

### Assistance During the Pandemic

One day at a time is our new normal. As we continue to navigate through this pandemic there may be new needs that arise. St Peter is here as a resource for you. We may be able to meet the need, and if not, we will look for and share other possible resources with you. Please contact the church office or Pastor Dawn on her cell phone (641-529-6592) with questions or needs.

# Mission & Community



## COVID Recovery Iowa is here to help

- ▶ Counseling will take place via virtual sessions, chat or phone call.
- ▶ People of all ages may join groups online to find support and learn new strategies to cope with the effects of the pandemic in a variety of creative ways.

Every Iowan is eligible for **FREE, confidential counseling, group activities, support groups and resources.**

**Visit [www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org](http://www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org)** and complete a contact form and a counselor will get back to you.

**Facebook, Instagram and Twitter:** COVID Recovery Iowa

**Call the Iowa Warm Line, 844-775-9276;**  
to connect with a peer counselor or request to get in touch  
with a COVID Recovery Iowa counselor.



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*“The older I get, the more it becomes clear to me,  
that days may be long, but years are short.”*

*Author unknown*

# July Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Community & Mission News

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Susan Buss  
David Mohlis  
Jeff Williams  
Charles & Sue Flory

2

Jim & Roxane Franzen  
Adalyn Gleason  
Ryan Lockhart  
A.J. Tegtmeier

5

Richard Gehrke  
Fritz Tegtmeier

6

Barb Gielau  
Michael Gienau

7

Jenna Haase  
Norman Oberheu  
Scott & Trudie Rothmeyer

8

Amy & Ryan Lockhart  
Paul & Wanda Meier  
Morgan Roethler

9

Rick Robinson

12

Brent Smith

14

Leonta Elsamiller  
Isabel Gleason

15

Parker Mueller  
Kayla Tucker

16

DeWayne Fasse  
Isaac Gleason  
Judy Gleason  
Sydney Krabbenhoft  
Steve & Carol Moon

17

Tanya Haase

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Chase Shedenhelm

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Chase Ackerman  
Ethan Doty  
Logan Meyer  
Phyllis Plaster  
Luke Skaar

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Danica Brinkman  
Ronn Elsamiller  
Madison Greenley

21

Isabelle Foelske

23

Elaine Mohlis

24

Eric Foelske  
Sam & Peggy Smith  
Dylan Sickles

25

Derek Gustafson

26

Mark & Marilyn Huber

28

Kevin Everding  
Thomas Flory  
Karen Henniges  
Robert & Janice Gienau  
Griffin Tucker

29

Blair & Sarah Sanderson  
Nick Satterthwaite

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Lindsey Corell

31

William Lockhart



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

## 2020 Graduates to Receive Their Quilts

Congratulations to our high school graduates. The congregation gives a quilt to our St Peter graduates each year. These quilts are handstitched with love and made especially for each student. Because of the ongoing need for physical distancing we invite each family to pick up their quilt at church, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Quilts will be available for pick up beginning June 29. Please call the church number when you arrive at the main door and we will bring your quilt to you.

We will be resuming in-person worship outdoors in the city park beginning July 5 at 9:00 am. We invite each graduate and their family to come to outdoor worship on July 12 at 9:00 am. Please bring your quilt with you for a special blessing. You will be asked to stand and unfold your quilt with the help of family members so that all present may see them. Because of the ongoing pandemic we are not able to provide a reception, but we will celebrate to the best of our abilities.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the church 984-5648 or Pastor's cell phone 641-529-6592 or email at [pastor@stpeterdenver.org](mailto:pastor@stpeterdenver.org).

On behalf of the whole congregation congratulations and may God bless and keep you always.



## Insect Repellant Reminder

There may be annoying bugs to deal with in regards to our outdoor worship. We suggest that people bring insect repellant or apply bug spray before they come to worship in the park.

## 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.

Please let the office know if you would like us to mail a copy of *Christ in Our Home* to you.

# Community & Mission

## Notice

To care for staff and the building you will need to wear a mask and call the church number (984-5648) to enter the building.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ordination of Women

June 29 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of opening the door to women's ordination. According to the most recent data, as of December 31, 2018, 32% of clergy on the ELCA roster were women. Women make up 50% of seminarians preparing to serve in the ELCA. Imagine if we had one-third less pastors serving in the ELCA. We celebrate and give thanks for women serving as ordained pastors and deacons in the church.

## Womensfest & Mensfest

At this time we do not have a date to share on when and how Womensfest and Mensfest will resume.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, every other month at 1:00 pm. **Next meeting: TBD**  
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 newshawls).

## WELCA Board Meeting

Next WELCA Board Meeting: TBD

Gather Bible Study -WELCA Bible Studies for June, July and August have been canceled.

**SWO (Synodical Women's Organization) scheduled for June, has been postponed to a later date.**

## Serving Committee for July

Kara Bartels	Nancy Dryer	Leonta Elsamiller
Lynn Gielau	Carrie Gleason	Julie Gleason
Tricia Kurtz	Carol Liddle	Staci Mueller
Karen Place	Mary Satterthwaite	
Jane Teetzen	Michelle Steffe	Kelley Carman

## New Shipment of Coffee

We received a new shipment of coffee through DeLa Gente, our Guatemala coffee distributor. We are also marking down our current supply of LWR coffee to move it, since we have not had worship. Both brands are available for purchase in the Friendship Room. You can leave a check or cash in the coffee can with a lid on the rolling cart next to the coffee bags.



## Blessing Box#2

A new Blessing Box went up at the mobile home park, on the outskirts of Denver. Thank you to Brad & Jennifer Becker for building the boxes! The contents of the little box are provided for anyone with our blessing. The Mission Board will be restocking the box with current supplies, as needed.



## His Hands Oran Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Request for July—cleaning supplies, personal care items. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in May: 91 Households, 262 Individuals, 12,259 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

## Helping Hands Clothes Closet

*The Clothing Closet has reopened. We will be following CDC guidelines: masks will be required and we will provide one if you do not have one. Use hand sanitizer as you enter and leave, one person per family, no children, limit of 3 clients at one time in the Clothing Closet, if there is a line there will be a time limit for each client, practice social distancing while in the Clothing Closet. We will work to meet everyone's needs. Thank you to the ladies who made us the cloth masks. They are very much appreciated and thank you for the recent donations.* Located at 2029 Viking Ave. Sumner, the closet 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, 9:00-11:00 am. If you have any questions email or call Carolyn Mohlis, 319-279-3247 or Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com.

# Faith Formation

## Rescheduled date is July 12

### 2020 St. Peter High School Graduates

Congratulations to Hayden Arians, Marissa Leisinger, Sam Lockhart, Alexis Lyons, Logan Meyer, Breanna Sadler, Lilah Skaar. on successfully completing your high school education!

**In recognition of your achievement, we are inviting all members of the graduating class of 2020 to worship together at our 9:00 am outdoor worship service, July 12.** The graduates will receive quilts made by members of the congregation.

### Graduate Quilts—2021

As summer approaches, we are beginning to plan for the quilts for our 2021 high school graduates. If you are interested in piecing/stitching a quilt top for one of our students, please contact Sheryl Moeller (319-984-6063) or Roxane at the church office (319-984-5648). Fabric and pattern will be provided. Thank you in advance for your willingness to be a part of this exciting ministry.

### Vacation Bible School has been Canceled

**August 3-7, 2020**

We were contacted by EWALU and informed that they will not be able to go ahead with our VBS programming this year. Though we are saddened that St Peter will not be able to provide Vacation Bible School this year, we understand the decision.



*Congratulations to Josie Wolter and Emmett Fritz who were married in a private outdoor wedding on May 30. Pastor Dawn officiated. They plan a larger celebration in late August of this year.*

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY POSTPONED TO 2021

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Northeastern Iowa Synod Council has postponed the 2020 Synod Assembly until 2021. Below is the letter from Syd Brinkman, Vice President of the Northeastern Iowa Synod Council, about the decision:

Greetings Northeastern Iowa Synod —

I am grateful for this opportunity to thank the leadership of this synod for the many ways in which each of you have embraced worshiping together and caring for your neighbors. It is indeed a unique way to bring about change. None of us thought we could settle into change if asked to and yet here we are changing the worship world for the sake of community. A huge thank you to our synod Deans and Chaplains and Disaster Response Network that are carefully stewarding messages of health concerns and public worship.

Your Northeastern Iowa Synod council has met several times over the course of the last months looking to the future, listening to the synod and medical expert leadership, and have made many tough decisions. Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, the council approved a motion to postpone the 2020 Synod Assembly to the 2021 Synod Assembly; approved a motion to hold the Bishop's Election at the Synod Assembly 2021; and to initiate the consultation process with Presiding Bishop Eaton to provide an interim Bishop for the Northeastern Iowa Synod.

That's a lot to process! The synod council will approve, at a later date, the Assembly details for 2021, including the election of a Bishop. I, as your synod council Vice-President, will quickly be in touch with the Office of the Presiding Bishop informing them of the council's decision and, in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, bring to the council an appointment of an interim Bishop who shall possess all the powers and authority of a regular elected Bishop until the next Synod Assembly.

Church and friends we have praying to do. Pray for those who lead in all ways and those who are being guided by wisdom. Now, more than ever, embrace the Holy Spirit and listen!

Your servant,

*Syd Brinkman*  
Northeastern Iowa Synod Vice-President

# July 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 9:00 am Worship in the Park	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Worship in the Park Graduate recognition	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Council meeting vis Zoom	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 11:00 am Memorial Service in City Park for Loretta Canfield	<b>17</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 am Worship in the Park	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Worship (church parking lot)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</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, Jim Jurgenson, Gavin Carman, Todd Foelske, Gene Leonhart, Mary Stevens, LaVonne Westendorf, Marcia Joerger, Kim Lamb

**Executive Board:** Jim Jurgenson, Gavin Carman, Amy Lockhart, Gene Leonhart

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

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