

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

July 2021

Projecting Christ to All Generations

The Northeastern Iowa Synod Elected a new Bishop,

Pastor Kevin Jones, from Mason City Trinity Lutheran Church. After a lengthy virtual June 12th Assembly which consisted of five different voting ballots eliminating the nominees down through speeches and a question/answer platform, there were just two people on the final ballot. Pastor Kevin Jones with 168 votes defeated Pastor Sarah Nalean-Carson with her 118 votes. There were also six constitutional resolutions presented and passed and a new Synod Council was elected. It was a day of excellent planning, prayer, and thought filled procedures. There were happenings that no one, but God, could have predicted.

Now through the guidance of Our Lord, the Northeastern Synod and St. Peter Church has a new faith led leader. Pastor Kevin Jones will be installed by Bishop Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl on September 25th in Mason City; and available online.

Submitted by Mary Stevens, St. Peter Church Delegate



Call Committee

The St. Peter Congregation council solicits interested individuals to serve on a pastoral call committee. The duties of the committee will be:

- 1.) to develop a Ministry Site Profile with input from congregational members.
- 2.) Meet with the council and the synod representative once this is completed.
- 3.) Interview candidates for Pastor of this congregation.
- 4.) Make recommendations to the congregational concerning call of a Pastor.

According to our constitution the committee shall consist of 6 members of the congregation. Resources for this process are available online @<http://www.elca.org/call-process/>. Once the members of the call committee are approved by the St. Peter Congregation council then the committee and the Council will meet with a representative of the North East Iowa synod office.

You may notify Roxane Franzen in the church office if you are interested or email me - james.jurgenson@uni.edu.

Yours in Christ, *James Jurgenson, President St. Peter Church Council.*

Prayers

Morning: We bless you, gracious God, for it is your joy to wake us from sleep and breathe hope into our hearts. Come to us in every blessing and challenge this day, that we may share the life you are so pleased to give. Amen.

Evening: Our limbs fall quiet to our sides as daylight fades. But your arms, unwearied, hold us still. We thank you for the grace of the day now done, and for the assurance that your love watches over us until morning comes. Amen.

Mealttime: Feed us, Lord Jesus, with the bread of life as you fed the multitude with meager loaves and fish. And as you filled their hearts with gratitude, may our hearts overflow with thanks that we may joyfully share with all in want. Amen.

The new issue of "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.



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

| | July 4 Sunday 9:00 am | July 11 Sunday 9:00 am | July 18 Sunday 9:00 am | July 25 Sunday 9:00 am |
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| Pulpit Supply | Pastor Michael Sherer | Pastor Michael Sherer | Pastor Alan Bidne | Pastor Michael Sherer |
| Organist | Sheryl Moeller | Sheryl Moeller | Sheryl Moeller | Sheryl Moeller |
| Scripture Reader | TBD | Kara Bartels | TBD | TBD |
| Multimedia | Todd Foelske/ volunteers welcome Any Sundays | Todd Foelske | Todd Foelske | Todd Foelske |
| Sound System | Larry Oltrogge | Alton Midthus | Steve DeVries | Roger Donaldson |
| Video taping | Liz Foelske | Philip Michels | Roxane Franzen | Philip Michels |
| Altar Guild | Connie Lobeck, Judy Gleason, Diann Curtis, Janice Gienau, Carol Moon | | | |
| Usher/Greeters | Chuck & Trudy Essmann, Vera Collins, Lori Thurm | | | |
| 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. | | | | |

Lost and Found

A black jacket was left at the church after the Sunday, May 30, Graduation Service. Does it look familiar?



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.

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



Seniors Received their Quilts

A big Thank you to the members of the congregation who contributed to the beautiful senior quilts that were presented to the graduates on May 30. AND our appreciation to Sheryl Moeller for coordinating this meaningful ministry!



Dear Caryl and members of St Peter Prayer Shawl Ministry,

I can't adequately express how much your prayer shawl touched my heart. My husband, Jim, was in the UICH Neuro Surgical ICU, Iowa City, transitioning from "full cares" to comfort care. When I returned to his bedside with our niece nephew and Father Steckel, the Catholic Chaplain, after life supports had been removed, I saw the beautiful shawl placed on him, enfolding him in God's love.

I can't find the words to express what seeing the shawl meant to me. It continues to comfort me, even after Jim's death on May 27.

Again, thank you for your shawl, a special blessing and a symbol of God's caring during a difficult time. With gratitude, *Mary*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Meetings will resume in the fall.

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. Request for July- Soups and Crackers. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in May: 50 Households, 141 Individuals, 6,973 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. **Thank you to Alton & Sharon Midthus for delivering our latest donation - 47.7 lbs. worth!**

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; rejoice and be glad in it.

St Peter was blessed to have the love, faithful leadership and joy Art Kurtt brought to us all.

"Jesus Loves you and so do I"
Our condolences to his family.



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Susan Buss David Mohlis Jeff Williams Charles & Sue Flory | 17 Tanya Haase |
| 2 Jim & Roxane Franzen Adalyn Gleason Ryan Lockhart A.J. Tegtmeier | 18 Chase Shedenhelm |
| 5 Richard Gehrke Fritz Tegtmeier | 19 Chase Ackerman Ethan Doty Logan Meyer Phyllis Plaster Luke Skaar |
| 6 Barb Gielau Michael Gienau | 20 Danica Brinkman Ronn Elsamiller Madison Greenley |
| 7 Jenna Haase Norman Oberheu Scott & Trudie Rothmeyer | 21 Isabelle Foelske |
| 8 Amy & Ryan Lockhart Paul & Wanda Meier Morgan Roethler | 23 Elaine Mohlis |
| 9 Rick Robinson | 24 Eric Foelske Sam & Peggy Smith Dylan Sickles |
| 12 Brent Smith | 25 Derek Gustafson |
| 14 Leonta Elsamiller Isabel Gleason | 26 Mark & Marilyn Huber |
| 15 Parker Mueller Kayla Tucker | 28 Kevin Everding Thomas Flory Robert & Janice Gienau Griffin Tucker |
| 16 Isaac Gleason Judy Gleason Sydney Krabbenhoft Steve & Carol Moon | 29 Blair & Sarah Sanderson Nick Satterthwaite |
| | 30 Lindsey Corell |
| | 31 William Lockhart |

Community & Mission News

Dear St Peter,

We are getting settled into our new home and community. Already a neighbor has brought us a meal. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful heart quilt and gift certificates. Once we get more settled I will enjoy a "trip" to Jo-Ann's. I hope to go to Aldi this weekend. We remember you all in thought & prayer. May God bless & keep you always! *Steve & Pastor Dawn.*

Celebration of Life:

Join us to celebrate the life of DeWayne Arthur Fasse, July 17, 11:30 am at Denver City Park. Lunch provided. RSVP by July 3rd to Diane 248-514-7674.

Coffee from LWR and Guatemala

Every delicious cup helps transform poor communities. Farmers get a strong up-front price for their coffee beans and a portion of the profit. The coffee is located on the rolling cart in the Friendship Room. Checks or cash may be left in the coffee can on the cart near the coffee. Thank you.

Baptism

We welcome Ames Kuecker, who was baptized on June 6. Ames is the son of Karly & Zach Kuecker. His sponsors are Jessica Grotjohn and TJ Nowak. We welcome him into the body of Christ and into the mission we share at St Peter.



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

Love Offering

The Love Offering campaign for 2021 will continue through July. Donations received last year (2020) and the current year (2021) will be combined. We pray that these gifts reflect our thankfulness for the opportunity to join together for in-person worship and fellowship, and the ongoing lessening of restrictions related to the Covid pandemic. The monies received will be designated for our St. Peter Prayer Shawl Ministry (25%), New Life School in Guatemala (25%), and our WELCA Christmas Gifts (50%).

In recognition of God's blessings to you, please respond to this opportunity to share with others through this Love Offering. *St Peter Women of the ELCA Board.*

Serving Committee for July

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

Quilt Tying in July

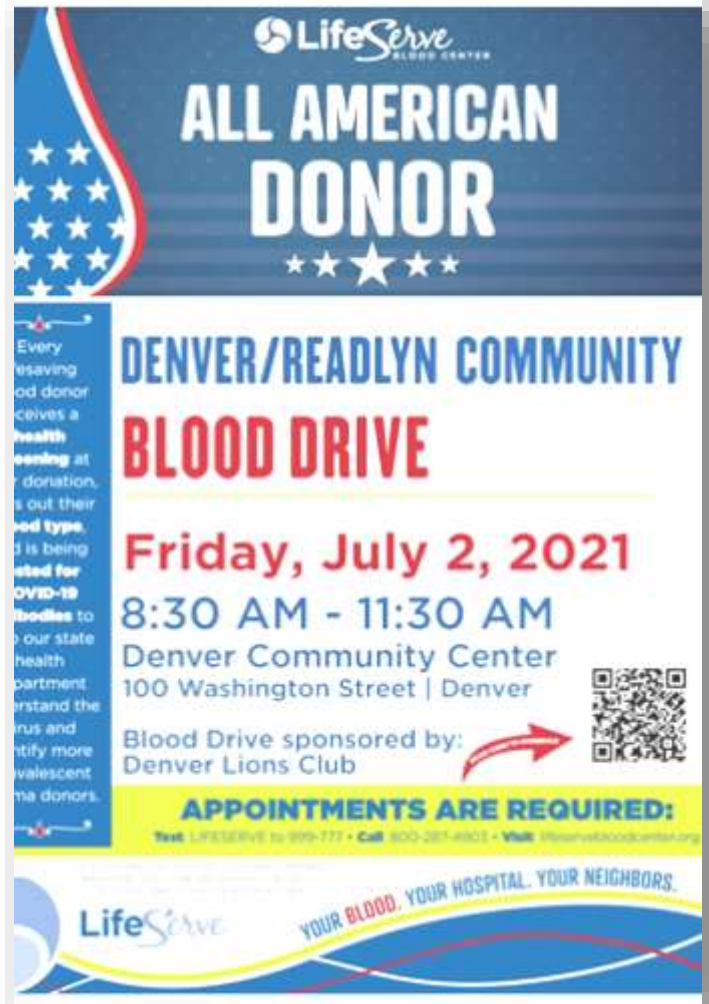
Quilting will continue on Mondays in July from July 12-July 26. NO quilting on Monday, July 5. Please join us Mondays from 9:00 am -3:00 pm, in the lower level of the church. All are welcome. **The quilters report they have 44 quilts boxed thus far, and encourage anyone that is interested in tying quilts to join them on Mondays.**

Fellowship & Coffee

We have resumed our fellowship hour on Sundays. Please join us for coffee, juice, 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.

Noisy Offering

We will collect noisy offering the third Sunday of the month, during worship. The July and August Noisy Offering will go towards purchasing school supplies and new underwear for the Helping Hands Closet.



The poster features the LifeServe Blood Center logo at the top. Below it, the text reads "ALL AMERICAN DONOR" in large, bold letters, with five stars underneath. The event is titled "DENVER/READLYN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE" in blue and red. The date and time are "Friday, July 2, 2021, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM". The location is "Denver Community Center, 100 Washington Street | Denver". It is sponsored by the "Denver Lions Club". A QR code is on the right. At the bottom, it says "APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED!" and provides contact information: "Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777 • Call: 800-267-4903 • Visit: www.lifeservebloodcenter.org". The LifeServe logo and slogan "YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS." are at the very bottom.

60th Anniversary Celebration & Alumni Reunion

Labor Day Weekend: September 3-6, 2021



Ewalu is strong, steadfast, and spirit-filled at 60! Come and see!

Stay for a day or the entire weekend! On Saturday, enjoy a community worship service, free-will lunch, stories from the decades, and a campfire with s'mores.

**Sign up soon for your first choice of housing, which can be reserved on a first come first serve basis. Premium lodging in cabins is limited, so consider going in with a group of friends or another family for a cabin, or enjoying the weekend in a tent for a more rustic experience.*

For more info and booking instructions:

visit www.Ewalu.org/event/60-anniversary/ or call 563-933-4700

Faith Formation & Announcements

Living Faith @ HOME

What Can You Do This Summer to Deepen Your Kids' Faith?



It's now June and summer is just beginning. For many families, that means a (slightly) less hectic schedule for a few glorious weeks. At the same time, it can mean small-scale panic at what to actually do with the extra time your kids have.

Solution: Take the opportunity to get more creative with engaging together spiritually as a family. Here are some ideas to get you started!

1. Choose a gospel to read as a family (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). Decide on a timeframe (days or weeks) and divide the chapters accordingly.
2. Find a way to serve others together as a family.
3. Attend Vacation Bible School. VBS is a fun week offered by many churches for kids to play and learn together.
4. Invite your pastor over for dinner. Invite him to dinner and give your kids the opportunity to ask questions they may not want to ask you (or that you may not know how to answer!)
5. Encourage your kids to invite a friend to church
6. Visit a different church (another denomination or religion). Then discuss the difference in beliefs and practices versus your own...and why they differ.
7. Write letters to God. Have each family member take 10 minutes to write a letter to God. Pick a topic that is relevant at a given time for your family—it could be something light-hearted like complaints you'd like to "file" or something more serious like expressing disappointment about unanswered prayer. Share your letters.
8. Go to a Christian bookstore together and pick out a devotional. It doesn't have to be January 1 to start a devotional habit. Take your kids to a Christian store and select a devotional book to start.
9. Create a family prayer list. Write down the biggest needs for your family and those you know and commit to praying together consistently throughout the summer.

Congratulations St Peter Graduate

Jenna Haase graduated from ISU with her bachelor's degree. She will be attending Des Moines University this fall in their Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.



Adventures of Flat Jesus

This summer let's take Jesus everywhere we go. Let Flat Jesus be a reminder of Jesus' real presence in every place we find ourselves and as a fun reminder to help others to encounter God.

1. Decorate your Flat Jesus and laminate him if you are able.
2. Take Flat Jesus everywhere with you and take lots of pictures and share them.
3. Talk with friends and family about what you and Flat Jesus experienced.
4. Set up a Facebook or Instagram page for your church family to share their pictures and experiences.



I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. This year, how will we fill our lives with all that God has...

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July 2021



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 10:00 am Bulletin deadline | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:00 am Worship | 5 Office Closed | 6 7:00 pm AA/Alanon | 7 | 8 10:00 am Bulletin deadline | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:00 am Worship | 12 9:00 am—3:00 pm Quilting 2:30 pm Worship & Music | 13 6:30 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon | 14 | 15 10:00 am Bulletin deadline | 16 Newsletter Deadline | 17 |
| 18 9:00 am Worship with Noisy Offering | 19 9:00am—3:00 pm Quilting | 20 7:00 pm AA/Alanon | 21 | 22 10:00 am Bulletin deadline | 23 | 24 |
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2021 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, Marilyn Mueller

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