

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

July 2023



Pastor Pedersen's Points – An Invitation for Invitation

When Jesus sent out his apostles to go and do God's work in his name he said the people that welcomed them in their homes would be rewarded. (Matthew 10:40-42) The role of the apostles will be a big one. They will be performing miracles and speaking about Jesus. They will be preparing the way, so that when Jesus comes to town, they are ready to witness and celebrate him. The people who welcome them and provide shelter are important, too. The hospitality will make sure the apostles are fed, clothed, and sheltered. In this Jesus brings up the importance of going out to do God's work, but also welcoming others into our homes and lives with hospitality. Perhaps the people at our tables could be just the people God has put there for us.

I want to use this month's article as an invitation for invitation. Invite someone over to your house you may not normally, or that you have not in a long time. Enjoy time with them and see how God might be working in that interaction.

I also want to give you a personal invitation for invitation for me and my family. The congregation is much too big for my wife and I to navigate and plan to see and meet. We would love it, if so inclined, if you could pick a week or a day that works for you and invite us over for dinner. I realize this may seem like an odd request, but I believe it will be the best way for us to get to know you and build a loving and strong relationship.

So get to it! Invite someone over for a nice meal or time together. Perhaps, that special someone will be your pastor ;-).

Important Notice: St. Peter Lutheran Church will no longer be bulk mailing.



For many years St. Peter has used bulk mailing to get the newsletter and other important information out to your homes. Bulk mailing is a wonderful way for people to mail to many people for an affordable price. All you need is at least 200 items to mail at a time. Unfortunately, St. Peter is below the threshold to meet that number. Because of this, we will no longer be bulk mailing the church newsletter.

Starting in August, St. Peter will be printing out the newsletter for people to take home. We will also be emailing the newsletter for people to read. The current plan is to mail out only a select number of newsletters to our homebound members.

The church would like to apologize for the abruptness of this change in bulk mailing. Our bulk mailing certificate was ending in July, and the church council unanimously decided to save the expense of re-upping it since we were already below the 200 mailing address threshold that we needed.

If you have any questions please call the church office. If you are not sure if we have your email address, please call or email us to make sure we have it.

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	July 2 Sunday 9:00 am	July 9 Sunday 9:00 am	July 16 Sunday 9:00 am	July 23 Sunday 9:00 am	July 30 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
Acolytes					
Communion Assistant					
Scripture Reader	Amy Lockhart		Jim Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
Multimedia					
Sound System	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Philip Michels	Steve DeVries
Video taping					
Altar Guild	Joyce Schimmels, , Linda Krueger				
Usher/Greeters	Chuck & Trudy Essmann, Vera Collins				
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.					

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, August 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).

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.

Community



Please join us for this ecumenical event. We will have a joint worship with St Paul, UCC, **-so if you'd** rather sleep in on Sunday the 30, you can attend worship at 5:00 pm in City Park!

There will be grilled meats; people may bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Name Tags

Please find your name tag upon coming to church and wearing it as Pastor and new members are becoming more familiar with St Peter members. Then after church please stick/hang your name tag to the magnetic board that is located at the church entrance you typically use.

Please Note: we do not have everyone's name tag done yet, please let Jackie or the office know if yours is missing, and wear a sticky name tag until we print another batch.

Thank you for your efforts in forming this new habit and thanks to Jackie for her time in putting together the name tags!

Noisy Offering

Our July and August Noisy Offering will go to Buck Creek Clothing Closet for purchasing undergarments for school children. The closet offers assistance for a variety of clothing needs. Anyone is welcome and they do not require income guidelines.

Re-Do Cards

We have all occasion cards available on a card rack near the office. Please feel free to come to the church and choose greeting cards. All proceeds go to the ELCA Youth Gathering funds, at this time. LaVonne welcomes used cards to redo.

BINGO

Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home Friday, July 21, at 10:00 am. We are looking for three volunteers to assist the residents. St Peter will be helping with Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home every 3rd Friday of the month. Sign up on the office or contact Joyce Miller.



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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	19 Ethan Doty Phyllis Plaster Luke Skaar
6 Barb Gielau Michael Gienau	20 Danica Brinkman Madison Greenley
7 Jenna Haase Norman Oberheu Scott & Trudie Rothmeyer	21 Isabelle Foelske
8 Amy & Ryan Lockhart Paul & Wanda Meier Morgan Roethler	24 Eric Foelske Sam & Peggy Smith Dylan Sickles
9 Rick Robinson	25 Derek Gustafson
10 Linda Judas	28 Kevin Everding Thomas Flory Robert & Janice Gienau Griffin Tucker
12 Brent Smith	29 Blair & Sarah Sanderson
14 Leonta Elsamiller Isabel Gleason	30 Lindsey Corell
15 Parker Mueller Kayla Tucker	31 William Lockhart
16 Isaac Gleason Judy Gleason Sydney Krabbenhoft Steve & Carol Moon	

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

With Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who remembered us with a card on our 60th wedding anniversary! *Robert & Lillian Ehrhardt*

Thank you, I am going through chemotherapy for breast cancer this summer and was given a nice bag of goodies at my first appointment at the Community Cancer Center in Waterloo. What nice things...a tablet, some hard candies, soft socks and a Word Find book among other things. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and service to others during times which can be stressful. The gift brought a smile to my heart. Gratefully, *Brenda*

To my wonderful Church Family, I can't begin to tell you how much your cards, calls and texts meant to me while I was staying with Ben's family in Decorah. I expected to be there only a short time, but that turned into six long weeks of doctor appointments, therapy, and labs. You, keeping me in your prayers and good wishes, make me feel so blessed and loved. Everyone at WinnMed (Winneshiek Medical Center) who has played a part in my surgery and recovery has been so supportive, caring, and wonderful. God has also blessed me with three amazing sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and friends. It, however, is so good to be home and healing. God bless you and thank you. *Mary Stevens*

Thanks to those who donated money for the tree that was planted on the west side of the parsonage in memory of the saints who died from St Peter during 2022. The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit. Planting a tree plants hope!

JULY needs you

Denver/Readlyn Community Blood Drive
Denver Community Center
100 Washington St. | Denver

Friday, July 7, 2023
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule

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Community & Mission News



Summer Visit to Willow Winds

It was a fun afternoon! The kids told jokes and read some poems, and we compared summer stories that the residents remembered about their summer lives and what kids' summer lives look like today. Root beer floats and a small snack were enjoyed by everyone! We'll look forward to going again after school starts in August! Lauren, Reagan, Emery, Kellen, and Izzy helped out the Mission Board this time.



Kellen & Izzy are pictured volunteering at Willow Winds. Making music and with their best summer smiles!

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

In May, Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 209 client visits with the clients coming from 17 towns. Our volunteers gave 55 hours of their time. Thank you for the many tremendous donations this month. We would be very happy to help anyone who could use some help with their clothing, shoes, bedding or towel needs. This year we have been receiving help with our utility costs from Waverly/Shell Rock United Way and recently learned that they will help us again in 2024. Thank you very much for this support.

Helping Hands Closet 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

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

May His Hands Pantry Statistics,
Household Served-118. Individuals Served-372,
Food Distributed-8,607lbs. *Suggested Donations*—"I usually suggest donations, but we can use any kind of food or personal care items. The demand has gone up substantially and we are feeding many more people. So thank you in advance for anything you can donate".
For more information - 319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857. Please note, the collection box is now located in the library.

Resources Available

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, also.

Womenfest

The ecumenical Bible Study gathers weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am in the Friendship Room.

Mensfest

The men's bible study group is taking a break for the summer, they will reconvene in the fall.



Faith Formation

God Made Everything, Including Me

Vacation Bible School Invite: - Friday, August 4th for students entering TK - 6th Grade
A full day of fun and adventure with check-in from 8:00-8:30 am, closing ceremony at 5:30 pm followed with a potluck

- * Sign-up online beginning July 3
- * Cost \$10 per student, check or cash may be dropped off at the church office or mail to St Peter, PO Box A, Denver
- * Please watch for Sign-ups for craft and food supplies -coming soon.
- * Families are asked to bring a backpack with water bottle, swim clothes, towel, sunscreen (& have applied before drop-off), bug spray (& have applied before drop-off)
- * Any helpers interested in planning, including middle or high schoolers, parents, & any congregational member, are welcome! Next meeting 7 PM Sunday, July 9, at St. Peter Conference Room . AmyOltmann@hotmail.com.

Got Shoes?...

The youth are raising money to go to the National ELCA gathering in New Orleans in 2024. St Peter high school youth will be collecting gently used shoes; Kids and Adults shoes are accepted of any season. , ..they will have a plastic bin outside the church office, where you can drop them off. Or if you would like us to pick them up, we can do that too. Text 319-464-4381 for pickup.

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation

PHONE: (563) 387-4947 NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION (NEICAC) FAMILY SERVICES OFFICES NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS

As summer rolls into the new school year, Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC) is excited to announce it is now accepting applications for the Head Start program for the 2023-2024 school year and the year-round Early Head Start program. Head Start is the only all day free 3 & 4 year old pre-school program in the area that meets 5 days per week. Nutritious breakfast, lunch & snack are served daily at no costs to families. Our qualified teachers use the Creative Curriculum to help children learn and provide the academic and social skills to be successful when they reach kindergarten. Free before and after school care may be available for working parents and full-time students. All families with children 3-4 years old by September 15 are encouraged to apply for Head Start. Unique to Head Start, all enrolled families are partnered with a local Family Service Specialist to offer support to families. NEICAC's Head Start program serves families in Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, and Winneshiek counties. Families can apply online at: www.neicac.org or contact the Family Service Specialist in your county.

Questions?

Call: 563-382-8436.




Youth Mission Trip

ELCA National Youth Gathering in NEW ORLEANS, July 16-20,2024. All are eligible to attend that are currently in 7th-11th grade. For more information please contact Lisa Michels (319-464-4381).



July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 am Worship	3	4  Office closed	5	6 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	7	8 Basement Reserved
9 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm VBS planning	10	11 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	12	13 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	14	15
16 9:00 am Worship With Noisy Offering 10:15 am Welca Board	17	18 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	19	20 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	21 10:00 am Bingo @ Denver Sunset Home Newsletter Deadline	22
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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

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