

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

June 2022

Projecting Christ to All Generations



*Congratulations
to our Denver High School
graduates from St. Peter*



Brooke DeVries
UNI
Finance & Marketing

"Let God grant what is in your heart and fulfill all your plans." Psalm 20:4



Mitchell DeVries
UNI
Construction
Management/Business



Jacob Lyons
UNI
Social Studies Teaching



Conner Vauthier
UNI
Biology
Allen School of Nursing

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	June 5 Sunday 9:00 am	June 12 Sunday 9:00 am	June 19 Sunday 9:00 am <i>Father's Day</i>	June 26 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart
Acolytes				
Communion Assistant	Kari Anfinson			
Scripture Reader	Jim Moeller			
Multimedia				
Sound System	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries
Video taping				
Altar Guild	Kari Anfinson, Staci Mueller, Anne Sickles			
Usher/Greeters	Jim Kurtt, Jim Moeller, Jim Mixdorf			
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.				

Noisy Offering

Our May and June Noisy Offering will go to EWALU. The Christian camp continues to offer all children, youth, and their parents, a chance to experience the lasting faith formation, safe outdoor adventures and healthy social development.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, June 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).

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.

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

We appreciate St. Peter Lutheran Church

As a Corporate Church of Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. Your delegate, Roger Donaldson, attended the Bartels Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 24. Pastor Mark Anderson, board chair, reflected on 2021, including accomplishments and the challenges of the continued pandemic. He also thanked the churches for their support. Paula Geise, CEO, shared Bartels' focus on our organizational values and culture. Covid in 2021 brought lots of testing, the vaccine mandate and staffing challenges, but visitation is now open. Eisenach Village is now full and our new development of Anna Estates will start to take shape this year. Bob Brunkhorst presented the financial report and Dr. Lee Fagre gave his medical director update. Thank you for your continued service to Bartels and support of our mission, "Enriching lives through quality services and Christian care."

St Peter Clean Up Day

On Saturday, May 7, six members joined with rakes and clippers in hand to trim and clean debris around the church and parsonage grounds. Jan Gienau, Monte Nuehring, Steve DeVries, Larry Oltrogge and Gene Leonhart disposed of a yard full of stick and limb deadfall that surrounded the church and parsonage. Larry's "power wagon" trailer was used to haul two loads of leaves and other miscellaneous trash to the brush dump. The hardworking crew was able to get the job done prior to the noon lunch bell.



Trunk of Treats

Seventeen people responded quickly and positively by contributing sweet treats, popcorn, chips and dip and coupons for ice cream cones at the Sweet Spot for Denver teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. This was especially meaningful as the staff was grieving the sudden death of a friend and colleague, Michael Troyer, during this week. What a beautiful way to share food for the soul!

Thank you!

On behalf of the staff at Denver, I would like to thank everyone who provided goodies for Teacher Appreciation Week. We are very fortunate to live and work in a school district that is surrounded by such a supportive community. Your kindness is very appreciated! --Eve



Some of the younger members of our congregation joined in bringing the sunshine and fun to Willow Winds recently!

New Ceiling and Lighting

A new suspended ceiling, including revised lighting, now adorns the southwest entry and entire corridor, extending from the offices to the north entry door. The new suspended ceiling was put in place by the Artisan firm working partial days during the weeks of May 2 and May 9. In concert with the ceiling installation, Community Electric installed eighteen new LED light fixtures. The new fixtures replace the large globe lights at the entries and the semi-recessed fixtures outside of the offices. The old fixtures date from the 1960's when the west wing of the church was constructed. Bulbs for the old lights were becoming difficult to find and even more difficult to install. The LED fixtures will offer a variable and much higher light level than the incandescent lights they replaced. The light "quality" can be adjusted up or down by using a rheostat type switch that was part of the electrical upgrades. Come and enjoy some brightness!





June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	17
Charles & Trudy Essmann	Luke Milius
2	Britta Weston
Keira Gehrke	Tim & Staci Mueller
Don Hulsing	18
Sophia Sanderson	Brooke DeVries
Kenneth & Carolyn Becker	Mitchell DeVries
3	Michael Krueger
Roberta Merrill	Sheila Mixdorf
4	19
Steve Sadler	Jeff Bales
Dean & Judy Gleason	Jacob DeVries
Dean & Jackie Milius	Maxwell Gielau
5	20
Wayne Buss	Dean Elsamiller
Trudy Essmann	Emma Jacoby
7	Todd Wolter
Timothy Arians	21
8	Roger Donaldson
Hannah Smith	Sophia McInroy
10	Brian & Tanya Haase
Chadron Beem	Marvin & Helen Schumacher
Al Eggena	22
Jessy Kern	Char Conway
11	Tom & Karen Place
Dakota Beem	23
12	Abigail Foelske
Julie Leisinger	24
Jerry & Connie Lobeck	Jocelyn Milius
13	Conner Vauthier
Nicholas Kurtz	Ann Zwetzig
Ron Nystrom	25
14	Dave Leonhart
Allison Maitland	Jeff Riley
Brandon Maitland	26
Amy Oltmann	Jackson Joerger
Blake Steege	Alton & Sharon Midthus
Janell Stock	27
Paul & Margaret Empie	Darrel Brandt
15	28
Diann Curtis	Sharon Foelske
Joy Wolter	29
16	Sarah Sanderson
Peyton Mueller	Janet Kern
Jim & Sheryl Moeller	Angie Meyer
Larry & Sara Oltrogge	Rachel Upshaw
	Amy & Richard Gehrke
	30
	Dorothy Eggena
	Chad Liddle
	Andy & Brianna Drewelow
	Dave & Linda Krueger

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

Maris was baptized May 1

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share at St Peter!



Words can't express how thankful we are for your attendance during Maris's baptismal day. We are forever grateful for everyone's love and support in celebrating her and accepting us into your church family. Much love - Brianna, Andy, Kiptyn, and Maris Drewelow

College Care Package Appreciation

Dear St Peter Family and Friends, Thank you for the college care package. It came in very handy to help me get through these last two weeks of finals. Can't believe it's already been a year at Iowa State. Time sure does go fast! Thanks again, *Parker Mueller*

Dear St Peter Church, Thank you so much for the goodie bag full of yummy snacks to help fuel me for my finals. These snacks have been great to grab on the go while I have been heading to campus for class or to study. I am currently finishing up my third year at the University of Iowa, studying statistics with a minor in mathematics and computer science. Once again, thank you for thinking of me during this time of the school year and for all of the snacks! With love, *Riley Schumacher*

Dear members of St. Peter, Thank you so much for the care package I received towards the end of the school year! My fellow peers from the congregation and I are very lucky to have so many that care about us! Jesus loves you and so do I! *Sam Lockhart*

Exercise Class Hiatus

The Essentrics® class led by Roberta, will take a break until further notice.

Community & Mission News



You are invited to help celebrate the
40th Anniversary
of the
**St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Worker House**
Wednesday, June 8, 2022
Queen of Peace Church
East 3rd and Mulberry Street, Waterloo
Mass – 5 p.m.
Dinner and Program – 6 p.m.

*Call the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Worker House
at 319-232-2116 for more information.*



Evangelism Board

Treat bags were delivered to Denver School bus drivers in May. The evangelism board expressed appreciation and words of gratitude for the job they do!

You are Invited

The Synodical Women's Organization Gathering will be on Saturday, June 18 at St John Lutheran in Nashua. 8am—1pm, and a luncheon is included. We will have opening worship with Bishop Kevin Jones preaching. St Peter will be collecting in Kind Offerings to take to the Gathering for Friends of the Family. They serve 27 counties in Northeast Iowa.

Items needed most:

- Bath towels and washcloths
- Twin XL sheets
- Notebooks
- Mop
- Broom
- Baby wipes and diapers (especially size 4 & 5)
- Baby formula and food
- New bras, underwear, socks (any size)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox wipes
- Laundry soap
- Dish soap
- All-purpose cleaner
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash and lotion

Cash and gift cards to major retailers are also accepted



Faith Formation & Announcements



Easter Choir

We were so thankful to have a choir sing at Easter this year. Thank you to Mary for directing and all the members that shared their voices and time to enhance our worship!

Trees are the Answer

The tribute of planting trees is a beautiful and an echo-friendly manner of perpetuating and memorializing a loved one's soul for future generations. As the roots take hold in the ground, these trees flourish in establishing and continuing a long lasting legacy. The Board of Mission will plant a tree on the parsonage lawn in memory of all the Saints from St. Peter who died during 2021 (*We remember: Bruce Thurm, Art Kurtt, Florence Willie, Marilyn Wente, Marge Degelau, Terry Miller, Doug Miller*). We pray that each year we will be able to continue this tradition as we remember our family and friends while at the same time being good stewards of God's creation. As Martin Luther said, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

Have a Great Summer!

Summer is here! School is out! Summer activities and games will soon be in high gear. All the things we love about summer are now upon us. Vacations – I am planning a vacation for my family to visit the Grand Canyon this summer. It is so exciting and there are so many things to include in the planning. What clothes to pack for the weather and the Activities we plan to enjoy? What electronics to LEAVE BEHIND so we can enjoy the time together? What things to bring to capture the moments?

So many things to think of, so many things to remember it makes my head swim.

One thing many of us accidentally forget to include in our plans is our offerings to support the ministry and mission of St. Peter. Almost every congregation experiences a significant dip in giving over the summer months. With so many items on our calendar and so many decisions that demand our attention it all too often happens that people forget the essential activity of giving to maintain our church community.

One way that many St. Peter members have found to make it easier to remember St. Peter in the midst of our hectic schedules is automatic giving. It is easy to setup and will assist you in the regular habit of giving to God in gratitude for the many gifts we receive on a daily basis.

To begin automatic giving contact Roxane in the office, it is a painless simple process that will help you be intentional and faithful in your giving.

So, enjoy the games, picnics, vacations, fairs, rivers, lakes, golf courses, all that God has provided for your R & R. And in the midst of all that you will have the peace of mind to know that your church family continues to be blessed by your faithfulness to your commitment to St. Peter.

Have a great summer.

Pastor Scot McCluskey, Interim/Transitional Pastor

June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 am Mensfest	2 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	3	4
5 9:00 am Worship	6	7 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	8 7:30 am Mensfest	9 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	10	11
12 9:00 am Worship	13	14 7:30 am Womensfest 1:30 pm Gather Bible Study 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	15 7:30 am Mensfest	16 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	17 Newsletter Deadline	18
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2022 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, Jackie Fober, Amy Oltmann, Jayson Gesme

Executive Board: Jim Jurgenson, Jayson Gesme, Marcia Joerger, Todd Foelske

Property & Management: Neil Hartmann, Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Roxane Franzen, Jim Jurgenson, Jayson Gesme

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

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

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