

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

June 2023

Pastor Pedersen's Points – Let Me Introduce Myself

Hello everyone! I am Pastor Reed Lee Pedersen. I am the new pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church. My family moved into the parsonage at the end of April, and I was installed as pastor on May 21. For my first article I wanted to let you know a little bit more about me and my family.

I was born and raised in Jefferson, Iowa. Jefferson is about 45 minutes west of Ames right on Highway 30. I am the youngest of four kids. I have a sister and two brothers. On top of being the little brother, I am also the tiniest brother at 6' 2".

Following high school, I went to Wartburg College as a kicker for the football team who happened to be on a music scholarship. By the time I graduated college I was a music major singing in the Wartburg Choir, Ritterchor, and Festeburg who just happened to also be play football.

My wife, Megan, and I met freshmen year and never looked back. While in seminary, she was an executive director at an Independent/Assisted Living facility. In my first call she worked for the Alzheimer's Association. She now works for AssuredPartners in Waverly. This October we will be celebrating 10 years of marriage. We were not the only ones in Megan's family to find love at Wartburg College. Megan's grandparents, parents, and brother all found their spouses while attending the home of the Knights.

I grew up in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Through my experience at an ELCA college I felt the call to be a pastor in the ELCA rather than LCMS. I went to Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. While there I also served as an on-call chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Dubuque. Upon graduating I received a call to be pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover, Illinois. It is a historic Swedish Lutheran Church. I was a solo pastor. In our time together we did many great things in the name of Jesus.

During my call there Megan and I welcomed two little ones into the world. Our son, Ezekiel, was born in 2020 and our daughter, Margo, was born in 2022. After Margo was born my wife and I felt a call to be closer to family. This led me all the way here to St. Peter. We have been welcomed with such generosity and love so far. We love the parsonage, and our kids certainly love the park across the street.

You can call me Pastor Pedersen or Pastor Reed. I will more than likely introduce myself as Pastor Reed.

That is a little bit about me! Now here are some fun facts:

My dad's second cousin, Peggy Whitson, is an astronaut. She at one time had spend the most time in space of any woman.

I am an avid ping pong player. (Challengers welcome :)

Having a degree from Wartburg College and Wartburg Seminary makes me a "Double Burger"

We have a 5 ½ year old beagle mix named Millie. You will probably see her howling in the big parsonage window.

I sang in the house band at the 2012 National Youth Gathering.

I like to sing the national anthem for games and other events.

Monte Nuehring is Megan's uncle.

Pastor Reed pictured being installed on May 21



Steve Brackett photo

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	June 4 Sunday 9:00 am	June 11 Sunday 9:00 am	June 18 Sunday 9:00 am	June 25 Sunday 9:00 am
Organist	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Acolytes				
Communion Assistant	Sue Buss & TBD	Sue Buss & TBD		
Scripture Reader	Sue Buss	Sue Buss		
Multimedia				
Sound System	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	Philip Michels
Video taping				
Altar Guild	Marcia Ott, Vera Collins, Lynn Gielau, Kim Lamb			
Usher/Greeters	Jim Kurtt, Jim Moeller, Jack 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.				

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, June 1.

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

Denver High School 2023



Klair Heim
Iowa Central



Ethan Krabbenhoft
Iowa State



Clayton Liddle
Upper Iowa



Mia Leonhart
U of Iowa



Bailey Nuss
Hawkeye Comm. College



Grace Upshaw
Wartburg College



Kasey Wirtjes
Hawkeye Comm. College



Congratulations to our St Peter Grads!

Noisy Offering

The May and June Noisy Offering will go to I HOPE (Iowans Helping Others Participate Everyday). It is a local chapter of AMBUCS which is a national nonprofit charitable organization whose mission is to inspire people with disabilities to conquer challenges related to mobility and independence. I HOPE does this by providing children and adults with adapted AmTrykes (tricycles) that can be individualized to meet the need(s) of almost any rider. Each bike ranges from \$400 - \$2,500 but, through donations, bikes are given free of charge to all recipients. Noisy offering is the third Sunday of the month—June 18



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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 planted a tree on the parsonage lawn in memory of all the Saints from St. Peter who died during 2022

(We remember: Dennis Kurtz, Darrell Morrow, DeAnn Bonorden, Lyle Judas, Joanne Milius, Dixie Unangst, Lorain Shorty Diercks, Rachel Foelske Upshaw, Darlene Rath). 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."



Birth Announcement

Davis Rundle Becker, a healthy baby boy was born on May 1st, 2023 at 3:16pm. 8lbs 9oz.

Congratulations Brad & Jennifer Becker family!

St Peter Church

Thank you for hosting my mom's funeral. Roxane & Roger were so helpful. The comfort felt by a familiar church was appreciated. I miss her dearly. Blessings, Love, *Leana Place*



Thank you Carol for weeding and keeping the church flower bed looking good!!

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Wellness Testing Event

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 6:30-8:00am
St. Peter Church Lower Level
(540 East Franklin St, Denver)

Cost is \$25 for Basic Wellness Panel, which includes blood counts, blood salts, blood sugar and cholesterol levels, kidney function tests and liver enzymes. Optional add-ons include:

Blood Typing \$15 ■ Hemoglobin A1c (diabetes monitoring) \$20
PSA (prostate cancer screening) \$20 ■ TSH (thyroid screening) \$15
Vitamin D level \$40 ■ Hepatitis C \$25

- A 12 hour fast is recommended (No alcohol 24 hours prior). Participants may drink water or take medications prior to testing.
- Payments must be received at the time of service (cash, check or credit card). Insurance will not be billed.
- Results will be mailed to you by USPS mail.
- Refreshments will be available after the screening.
- Sponsored by St. Peter Church and Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner.
- Open to the public.

unitypoint.org/sumner



Community Memorial Hospital
UnityPoint Health

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 231 client visits in April; 96 adults and 135 children. Our volunteers gave 59 hours of their time to help our clients. Our needs always include towels and blankets; these go out very quickly. Children's summer clothes and shoes are also needed. We have several new volunteers and we have had some Wapsie Valley students helping us while working towards their silver cord. If you would like to volunteer we would love to have you; it is rewarding to see people get the help they need. Thank you for the many donations this month and to our great volunteers.

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



BINGO

Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home Friday, June 16, 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 door or contact Joyce Miller.

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

April His Hands Pantry Statistics, Household Served-98. Individuals Served-268, Food Distributed-8,507lbs. *Suggested Donations—peanut butter, noodles, and soups.* For more information -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! **Please note, the collection box is now located in the library.**

Bartels Annual Meeting

We appreciate St Peter Lutheran Church as a Corporate Church of Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. Fred Waldstein, board chair, reflected on 2022, including accomplishments and the challenges of the pandemic. Occupancy levels have rebounded, Bartels-At-Home is growing and Bartels continues to be a leader in the industry with 8 levels of care. He also thanked the churches for their support. Paula Geise, CEO, shared Bartels' focus on our organizational values and culture. 2022 brought staffing challenges, but applications are slowly starting to come in. Eichhorn Haus and Eisenach Village are both full. Our new development of Anna Estates is underway with the first homes are being built this year including 7 single family homes and 20 duplexes. 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."

Mollie B & SqueezeBox with Ted Lange

As seen on the "Mollie B Polka Party" TV Show



Your chance to see Mollie B!

Free Will Donation

Sunday, June 4
Fairbank, Iowa

8:30 Polka Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

12:00 Performance at Riverside Park

Brunch served in the church hall from 9:30 to noon. Boyd's Food Stand available during afternoon performance. Bring lawn chairs. Coolers allowed.

"Mollie B - Host of the 'Mollie B Polka Party' & 'Polka!' as seen on PBS

"Ted Lange - Two-time GRAMMY Nominee

They have been featured in the 2018 Warner Brothers Movie, "The Mule," starring Clint Eastwood; named male and female vocalists of the year; & inducted into the International Polka Hall of Fame.



For more information, email ICFairbank@gmail.com, or visit: ICFairbank.weebly.com

Faith Formation & Announcements

The Evangelism/Mission board delivered thank you gift bags of goodies to the Denver Community School bus drivers.



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 u 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.

What happens to the shoes?

A shoe drive fundraiser goes beyond raising money for your cause and community. After your shoes are picked up, they're sent to developing countries to create job opportunities.

It's estimated 300 million people don't own shoes. Shoe drive fundraisers help provide inventory to over 4,000 micro-entrepreneurs who sell the shoes to support their families. In turn, they help themselves out of poverty with a hand up, not a handout.



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).

Vacation Bible School

- VBS Invite: - Friday, August 4th for students entering PK - 6th Grade
- Ed Team is planning an all day format full of fun with closing ceremony and ending with a potluck.
 - Location Ingawanis Adventure Base.
 - Sign-up will be coming in the near future.
 - * Any helpers interested in planning, including middle or high schoolers, parents, & any congregational member, are welcome! Next meeting 7 PM Sunday, June 11th at St. Peter Conference Room with pizza. RSVP to AmyOltmann@hotmail.com.

Dear St Peter

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to LSI. With your support we are able to help lowans through vulnerable times in their lives and set them up for success in their future endeavors. From adults with a disability learning how to be more self-sufficient, from the small business owner receiving tax assistance through our VITA program, from the former refugee who is learning to navigate their new life in the U.S., from the teen who is learning how to cope with past trauma, thank you! With gratitude, *Sara Green, VP of Philanthropy and Church Relations.*

College Care Package Appreciation

Thank you very much for the treat basket! It really helped me get through my finals and long work days with Jacob. Thank you for the support! *Mitchell DeVries*

St Peter congregation, thank you so much for the finals goodies! I really appreciate it and am so thankful to have a congregation that keeps me in their prayers. Thank you for everything! *Brooke DeVries*

Dear Mission Board Members, Thank you for taking the time to assemble a hearty care package for me during finals week. It was very thoughtful - and didn't last very long. As we all know the week of finals is one we all dread. So this was a big positive. Thanks again, *Parker Mueller*

June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl	2	3
4 9:00 am Worship	5	6 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AAV/Alanon	7 7:30 am Mensfest	8 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	9 Synod Assembly @ Luther College Campus	10 Synod Assembly @ Luther College Campus
11 9:00 am Worship 7:00 pm VBS meeting	12	13 6:30-8:00 am Wellness Testing Event 7:30 am Womensfest 6:45 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AAV/Alanon	14 7:30 am Mensfest	15 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	16 10:00 am Bingo @ Denver Sunset Home Newsletter Deadline	17
18 9:00 am Worship With Noisy Offering Happy Fathers Day	19	20 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AAV/Alanon	21 7:30 am Mensfest	22 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	23	24
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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

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