

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## June 2024

### Pastor Pedersen's Points – Having a Fun and Faith-Filled Summer

Wow! Can you believe summer is here so soon? Kids are going to be out of school, teachers will be “free” for a couple months, and many people choose to take this time to go on a vacation or two. This also means that the summer is a time when the regular schedule and routine tend to fall out until the regiment of the school year starts up again. I and my family are no different!

I want to take this time to encourage you to enjoy your summer to the fullest. Enjoy God’s beautiful nature and the many outdoor activities that will be coming up. I also want to encourage you to try and keep up your good active faith habits this summer. As one knows, the love of God does not take a break. It is year-round and 24/7. I understand that schedules and weekends may get quite full when everything going on, so I wanted to give a few tips or ideas on ways to make sure your fun summer is also a faith-filled one.

If you have a Sunday that is free, come join us at 9:00am to worship God! We’d love to have you with us in the sanctuary, but you can also watch us online.

If you are away for the weekend, you can see what church services are going on near you, or you could watch St. Peter’s service from wherever you are.

Look out for special church events coming up this summer. We have many different activities, like a few Bingo nights. We will also be having a special joint worship service with St. Paul (UCC) on the last Sunday in June to celebrate the feast day of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Adopt a spiritual practice. It could be as simple as saying the Lord’s Prayer before a meal or nighttime. It could be as big as setting aside time to read and talk about the Bible.

Create a faith challenge for the summer. If you have kids, try to see if the whole family can memorize the Lord’s Prayer, Apostle’s or Nicene Creed, or some of your favorite Bible verses. (Note: you do not need a family to do this ;)

As we transition to a time of warmth and beautiful nature, let us continue to keep God as an important part of our lives. For God so loved us that he sent Jesus to die for us (John 3:16). Let’s not let our relationship with God fade away this summer. Blessings to all of you!

Lastly, for those who will be traveling, here is a prayer you can use before you go:

O God, our beginning and our end,  
you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety  
throughout the days of their pilgrimage,  
you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea,  
and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus.  
Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel.  
Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful,  
and bring us at last to our heavenly home,  
where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

[Adapted from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 331.]

In humble service,  
*Pr. Reed Lee Pedersen*



# Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	June 2 Sunday 9:00 am	June 9 Sunday 9:00 am	June 16 Sunday 9:00 am <i>Father's Day</i>	June 23 Sunday 9:00 am	June 30 Sunday Joint Outdoor Worship with St Paul UCC
<b>Organist</b>	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	
<b>Acolytes</b>					NA
<b>Communion Assistant</b>		Sue Buss			
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Jim Moeller	Sue Buss		Diann Curtis	
<b>Multimedia</b>	Philip Michels	Philip Michels	Todd Foelske	Todd Foelske	NA
<b>Sound System</b>	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	NA
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Connie Lobeck, Diann Curtis, Janice Gienau, Carol Moon				
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	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.

## 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.

## 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. 319-984-5648

**Bulletin Deadline:** Thursdays 10:00 am  
**Newsletter Deadline: 4:00 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month.**



## E-giving through Vanco

This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online.

# Community & Mission News

## LSI to Transition out of Residential Service Programming

Lutheran Services in Iowa announced in April that it will begin a 30-day transition out of residential services programming. This decision came after several discussions and careful deliberations with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), recognizing there are other providers more fully equipped to provide the high level of care required for these youth.

LSI is working with the HHS and other partners to ensure a smooth and collaborative transition for the 11 young women currently placed at the Bremwood Campus in Waverly to move to other residential facilities across the state. LSI is also working to connect staff impacted by this decision to job opportunities within LSI or assist them in finding other employment. In the coming months, LSI will evaluate potential uses for the Bremwood Campus and identify opportunities that may benefit the whole community.

Bishop Kevin Jones, who serves on the LSI Board of Directors, reports this decision will allow LSI to fully focus on and elevate its core services, including early childhood education, disabilities services, adoption and foster care, mental health programs, and immigrant refugee services.

"Aware of the long-term investment and love the people of Northeastern Iowa have poured into the ministries of Bremwood, I grieve this transition while believing that it is necessary," Jones said. "I invite you to join me in praying for all of those directly impacted by this change as well as those who are working through the details. Thank you for all you have done to support Bremwood and LSI over the years. I look forward to whatever new ways the Holy Spirit will lead and guide us in service to our neighbors in need."

## BINGO

Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home Friday, June 21, at 10:00 am. Volunteers may contact Joyce Miller.

## Helping Hands Clothing Closet

Whew!!! April was a very busy month at Helping Hands Clothing Closet. We had 407 client visits: 197 adults and 210 children. We had one Tuesday with 78 clients followed up by a Tuesday with 87 clients helped with their clothing needs. Helping this many clients requires a great team of volunteers and that is what Helping Hands has. Thank you to each of our volunteers. Our biggest needs are children's clothing, children's shoes, towels and bedding. Thank you for all of the great donations. 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*



Join us on Thursday, June 6, from 4 - 6 p.m. at our new office location in Waterloo for an open house!

LSI's Immigrant and Refugee Community Services are returning to the Cedar Valley and joining our existing services in the area, including Early Childhood Services, Host Homes, Therapy Services, and Respite Care. With this expansion of services came the need for more space. Along with Grow Cedar Valley, we'd like to welcome you to our new office space with an open house event featuring tours, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and snacks and refreshments.

## Donate Books to Cedar Valley Youth

Our Early Childhood Services team serves youth across the state, including in Waterloo! When you donate board books or children's books to LSI, you give a parent the chance to bond with their child. Donations can be dropped off at the Waterloo office Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A poster for a performance by Mollie B. The text is arranged vertically. At the top, it says "SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024" in large blue letters. Below that, "Immaculate Conception Church, Fairbank" and "presents a Mass and an afternoon of music with" in smaller black text. The name "Mollie B" is written in a large, stylized black script font. To the right of the name is a photograph of a young woman in a white dress and black boots, carrying a large stack of books. Below the name, there are several accolades: "MN Music Hall of Fame", "Host of the 'Mollie B Polka Party'", "IPA Hall of Fame", and "11 time IPA Female Vocalist of the Year". At the bottom, it says "Featured in the Warner Bros. Movie 'The Mule' Starring Clint Eastwood". The main event details are "RIVERSIDE GAZEBO PARK", "FREE WILL OFFERING", "10:30 AM OUTDOOR MASS", and "1-3 PM PERFORMANCE". A note says "\*Please bring lawn chairs". At the very bottom, contact information is provided: "For more information call: 319-635-2211", "email icfairbank@gmail.com or icfairbank.weebly.com", "Lunch/beverages provided by NCCY", and "Mollie B merchandise will be available for purchase".

# June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Charles & Trudy Essmann	17 Luke Milius Britta Weston Tim & Staci Mueller
2 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
5 Wayne Buss Trudy Essmann	21 Roger Donaldson Brian & Tanya Haase Margo Pedersen Marvin & Helen Schumacher
7 Timothy Arians	22 Char Conway Stella Niemann 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 Ivy Cross Sharon Foelske
15 Diann Curtis Joy Wolter	29 Sarah Sanderson Janet Kern
16 Peyton Mueller Jim & Sheryl Moeller Larry & Sara Oltrogge	30 Dorothy Eggena Chad Liddle Andy & Brianna Drewelow Dave & Linda Krueger

# Church News

## Special Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting on May 5, passed the Bylaw concerning New Undesignated Bequests. A detailed explanation can be picked up on the table outside the office.

## Notes of Appreciation

**On behalf of the entire staff**, thanks for the wonderful treats you provided during Teacher Appreciation Week. Your generosity and thoughtfulness truly warmed our hearts and brightened our days. Our church family is truly the greatest ~*Eve Pautsch*

**Dear Mission Board**, I can't express how great all the food was, the cooks really gave me such delicious meals, it was so good to not have to cook a few days. You are the best cooks, thanks so very much. What a wonderful expressing of your love and kindness to me. I thank God for you! *Verna Harms*

## Bartels Annual Report

The Bartels Annual meeting was well attended by Corporate Churches, Board of Directors and staff. Bartels continues to provide eight levels of quality care. The Anna Estates homes are successful and demand is high. Extensive recruiting is done to keep quality staff. Bartels is above state and federal average for quality of care. They continue to remain compliant in staff education and training. Bartels continues to be in good financial condition. *Attended by Roger Donaldson*

## Memorial Tree

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 2023 (*Duane Schuldt, Verla Wright, John Cheever, Jeff Wolter, Lois Miller, Harold Wentz, Carol Thurm, Renetta Thurm, Alvina Koepke, Sam Smith, LaVonne Emkes*). 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." There will be baskets available at the back of the church for tree purchase donations.



*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



## Save the Date

What: VBS

When: Thursday, August 8th

8 - 8:30 AM Check-in

3:30 PM Closing Ceremony

Ice Cream Sundae Social immediately following

Ages: TK (potty trained & able to dress themselves) - entering 6th grade

Where: Ingawanis Adventure Base

Cost: \$10/Child

Register by July 30th (we will post registration when it opens)

Activities: Songs, Crafts, Games, Stories & Adventure

What to bring: backpack with Water bottle, sunscreen & bug spray for reapplications, swimsuit & towel for water games **Join us June 9 at 6:00 pm - VBS planning meeting; anyone interested is welcome!**



## REGISTER FOR THE JUNE 1 'C3 MINISTRY FAIR

All congregation members from the Northeastern Iowa Synod are invited to attend the synod's first "Creative Collaborative Congregations (C3) Ministry Fair" Saturday, June 1, at Wartburg College, Waverly. This new event is an opportunity for lay people, pastors and deacons from across the synod to gather in fellowship, learn together, share ideas and get inspired with skills to strengthen their congregational ministries. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. The ministry fair will feature a variety of workshops, round table discussions and displays to support congregations in their ministries and administrative activities.

Everyone will be able to attend two workshops in the morning beginning at 9 a.m. and two in the afternoon, concluding at 3:45 p.m.

Check-in for the fair will begin at 8:30 a.m.

**St Peter will cover registration fee.**

## Love Offering

This year, the WELCA Board has voted to designate 25% of our Love Offering for expenses related to our Lutheran World Relief (LWR) quilt and kit ministry, 25% to Lutheran Disaster Response, and the remaining 50% to be given as part of our Christmas Gifts at the end of 2024. Thank you in advance for your heartfelt and generous contributions. Collecting through June.

## His Hands Food Pantry

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Current Request: Hygiene products, e.g. shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, soaps, Also, soups, peanut butter, pasta. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. April Statistics, Household Served-96. Individuals Served -268. Food Distributed-9,009 lbs. Questions -319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857. As always, we will take any thing to fill our shelves. The donation box is located in the library.

**BINGO FUNDRAISER**  
THREE DIFFERENT DATES!

\$5 per person at the door 6:30-8:00pm  
St. Peter Lutheran Church basement, DENVER

**Denver Middle School/High School students  
TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

**Families, Singles & Friends!  
THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

**Community Members of All Ages!  
SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

Contact Jaime Leonhart (515) 570-6455  
or Mandy Gesme (319) 504-5527  
with any questions

Funds raised will go towards National Youth  
Gathering Trip for St. Peter Youth



# Faith Formation



## Class of 2024

Congratulations to our St Peter High School graduates on successfully completing your high school education! Best wishes in future endeavors.

*Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever.*



Justice Gienau



Carson Haase



Kenny Lamb



Alex Oltmann



Peyton Mueller



Grant Pautsch



Keaton Rothmeyer



Jarett Clayton

## That's a Wrap - Sunday School 2023-2024



We wrapped up our last day of Sunday School by reviewing bible stories and the crafts we made throughout the year, reviewed the Lord's Prayer, decorated goodie bags for Mother's Day, spent time playing at the park, and ended with decorating (and eating) cupcakes! The Parish Ed Team would like to thank all the kiddos, helpers, and parents for a GREAT Sunday School year! We had a blast learning, crafting, and singing! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at VBS August 8<sup>th</sup> (more details to come)

UPDATE-Second trailer full of cans=824.85+820.50 (first trailer)=\$1645.35. ...keep the cans coming!



Keep the 5 ¢ redemption cans & bottles coming (NO glass bottles please) St Peter Youth that are attending the gathering are having a Can Drive. You may drop the cans off in bin located in St Peter's Parking Lot.

## 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.

## Womenfest

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

## Mensfest

The men's bible study group meets on Wednesday mornings in the church basement at 8:00 am, all are welcome.

## Noisy Offering

Our May & June Noisy Offering will go to the students attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. —Collected the 3rd Sunday of the month. June 16 is our next Noisy Offering.



# June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30 am Womensfest 6:30 pm Bingo location TBD 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	<b>5</b> 8:00 am Mensfest	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 6:30 pm Bingo in the church basement	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>23</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AAA/Alanon	<b>26</b> 8:00 am Mensfest	<b>27</b> 10:00 Bulletin deadline	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
Joint Outdoor Worship in Park <b>30</b>						

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### **2024 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:** Jackie Fober, Amy Oltmann, Jayson Gesme, Jill Nuss, Linda Schult, Kyle Niemann, Sara Sanderson, Krista Olson, Andy Drewelow

**Executive Board:** Jill Nuss, Andy Drewelow, Kyle Niemann, Krista Olson

**Property & Management:** Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Roxane Franzen, Jim Jurgenson, Jayson Gesme, Steve DeVries, Jim Moeller

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