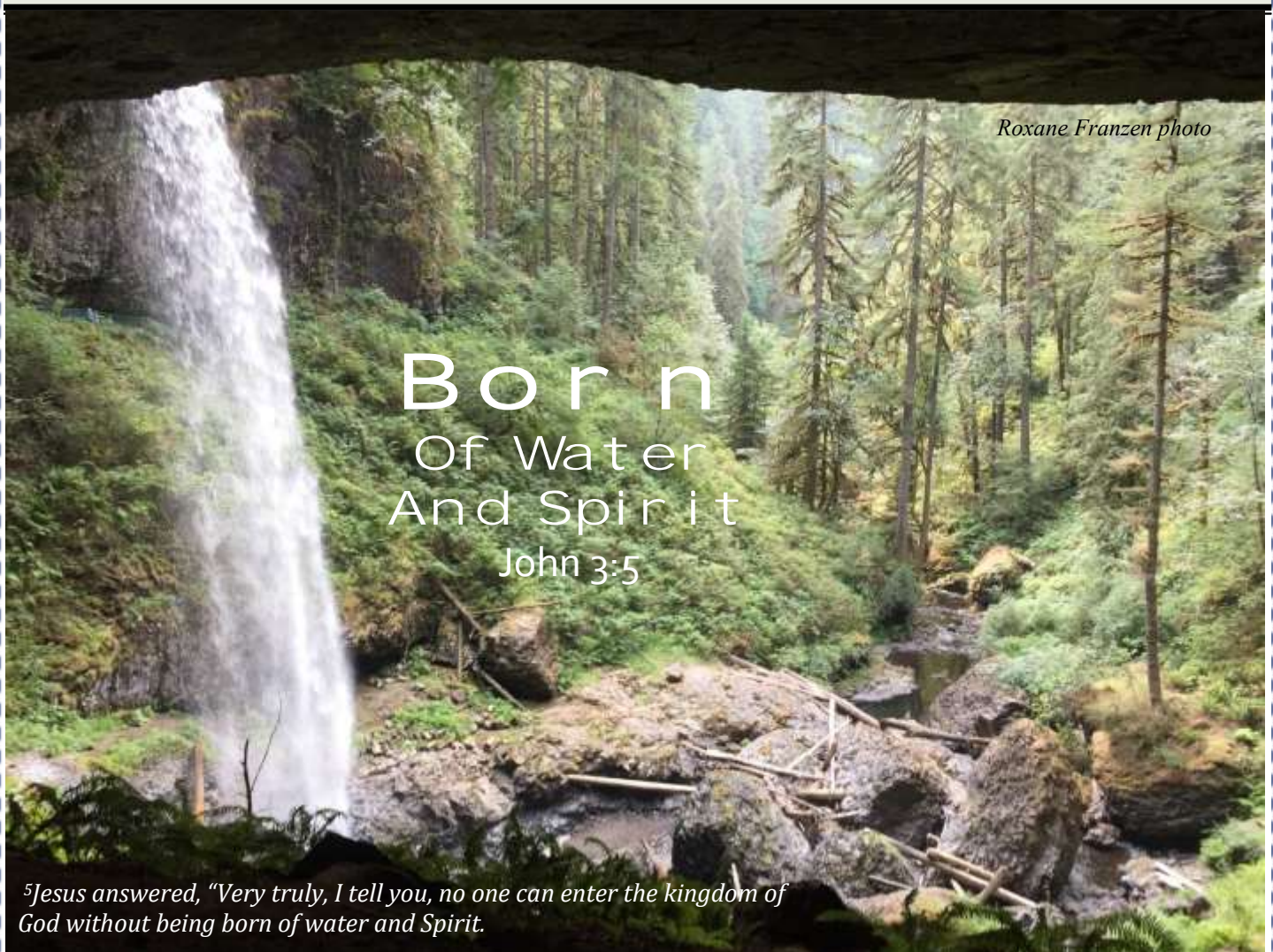


St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

March 2023



Roxane Franzen photo

B o r n
Of Water
And Spirit
John 3:5

⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."

Our Season of Lent

Lenten Services (Holden Evening Prayer)
will be held Wednesdays at 7:00 pm—March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Lenten Meals will be served prior to the Worship 5:30 –6:30 pm.

Upcoming March Lenten Supper Menus-

- 1-Youth ELCA Mission Trip: Spaghetti and all the extras
- 8-Men's Fest: Beef Burgers
- 15-Women's Fest: Soup
- 22-LaVonne and Council: Turkey with Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing
- 29-WELCA & Mission: Pork Loin

Holy Week

April 2 - Palm Sunday, 9:00 am

April 6 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm

April 7 - Good Friday, 7:00 pm

April 9 - Easter 9:00 am



Deidre Franzen photo

Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	March 1 Lent Wed. 7:00 pm	March 5 Sunday 9:00 am	March 8 Lent Wed. 7:00 pm	March 12 Sunday 9:00 am	March 15 Lent Wed. 7:00 pm	March 19 Sunday 9:00 am	March 22 Lent Wed. 7:00 pm	March 26 Sunday 9:00 am	March 29 Lent Wed. 7:00 pm
Organist	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Nancy Kohagen	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller
Acolytes	Lincoln & Aubrey Roethler	Sydney Krabbenhoft & TBD	Tyler Nuss & Jackson Joerger	Tyler Nuss & Jackson Joerger	Jackson Joerger & TBD	Miles & Henry Pautsch	Lincoln & Aubrey Roethler	TBD	Tyler Nuss & Sydney Krabbenhoft
Communion Assistant	NA	Pat Leonhart & TBD	NA	Tyler Nuss & Pat Leonhart	NA	Lincoln & Aubrey Roethler	NA	Lincoln & Aubrey Roethler	NA
Scripture Reader	Sydney Krabbenhoft	Jim Jurgenson	Sydney Krabbenhoft	Jim Jurgenson	TBD	Pautsch family	Sydney Krabbenhoft	Gene Leonhart	Lauren Carman
Multimedia	NA	Jackson Joerger	NA	TBD	NA	TBD	NA	Jackson Joerger	NA
Sound System	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	Philip Michels	Roger Donaldson	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries
Video taping	Tyler Nuss	TBD	Lincoln Roethler	TBD	Tyler Nuss	TBD	Tyler Nuss	Tyler Nuss	Aubrey Roethler
Altar Guild	Shirley Thurm, Mary Thurm, Marilyn Mueller, Phyllis Plaster								
Usher/ Greeters	Bill & Judy Milius and TBD								
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, April 6.

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.

Mission & Community

Water & Spirit: Devotions for Lent 2023

By Meghan Johnston Aelabouni (contributor)...

Water and Spirit provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of John. The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.

For year A the Revised Common Lectionary assigns texts from John's gospel to the second through fifth Sundays in Lent, as well as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter. These texts are included in this devotional. Several of them are unique to John: Jesus urges Nicodemus to be born again "of water and spirit," offers "living water" to a Samaritan woman at the well, raises Lazarus from the dead, washes the disciples' feet, and surprises Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. As you read the daily devotions, pause to think about how John describes water and the Spirit, and how water and the Spirit are at work in your life.



You may pick up the Lenten Devotional from the table outside the office.



It's SOUPer Bowl Month!!

Thanks to everyone who generously shared canned soups and donations for the Salvation Army on Super Bowl Sunday. Over \$300 was collected and the tins are overflowing with soup cans! Items and money will continue to be collected in the green tin outside the office and in the basket in the elevator entrance throughout February. Our fun and kind hearts have touched the lives of those in need!

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

We had 191 client visits during January--100 adults and 91 children. Our volunteers gave 40 hours of their time plus, Imagine the Possibilities, have been able to help us out. We encourage anyone needing winter clothing to stop by. If you know of someone needing some assistance, please let them know we are there to help anyone. We will be putting out summer clothing around the end of March. Thank you for the many donations this month and thank you to our volunteers for giving their time. 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*

Wellness Screening

Allen Hospital is replacing the community screening that we use to hold at St Peter in April with a walk-in service. A 23 test wellness screening is available to anyone for \$40 (cash or check) during regular hours at the Allen Hospital Laboratory. Any further questions; please contact the Allen Lab Department.

Linens for Lent

We will be collecting twin size sheets, pillowcases, blankets, comforters, towels and washcloths for the following organizations.

House of Hope

Twin size sheets & pillowcases
Twin size blankets, comforters & bedspreads
Towels & washcloths

Friends of the Family

Twin XL size sheets & pillowcases
Twin size blankets, comforters & bedspreads
Also, any size soft blankets
Towels & washcloths
Twin XL can be purchased at Walmart or Target or online.

Your donations can be placed outside the office.

Noisy Offering

Our March and April Noisy Offering will also go to Denver Cares Easter Meals. In past years, the Board of Mission has provided ten to twelve Easter meals for Denver Cares. Your Noisy Offering donations in March and April will once again be used to feed people in our community. Remember the verse from Mark 12, "Love your neighbors as yourself". Sharing with others is an act of love. Please give so that you can touch lives in our community. Noisy offering is the third Sunday of the month—March 19.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Marlyn Wolter</p> <p>2
Jackie Fober</p> <p>3
Mark Jurgenson
Ronald Sawyer</p> <p>4
Neil & Jan Hartmann</p> <p>7
Jade Gienau</p> <p>8
LaVonne Emkes</p> <p>9
Keith Oltrogge
Joshua Vauthier</p> <p>10
Mary Ryan
Marvin Schumacher</p> <p>11
Jonathan Empie
Larry Oltrogge
Greg & Julie Smith</p> <p>13
JoAnne Blumenshine
Janice Gienau</p> <p>15
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Sharon Midthus
Carol Staley
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Shirley Buhr
Connie Lobeck
Jeff & Dawn Riley
Danelle Elsamiller</p> <p>19
Doug Eick
Izaak Shedenhelm
Braeden Weston
Susan & Ronald Sawyer</p> <p>21
Lynn Gielau</p> <p>22
Matthew Eick</p> <p>23
Kim Williams</p> <p>24
Audrey DeVries
Ryan Gleason
Jim Moeller</p> <p>25
Renee McInroy</p> <p>27
Dean Gleason
Matthew Rector
Sutton Smith
Larry & Janell Stock</p> <p>28
William & Judy Milius</p> <p>29
John Maitland
Diane Miller
Carol Nystrom
Erik Ryan</p> <p>30
Taylor Beem
Amy Mortenson</p> |
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We apologize if your birthday or anniversary are not listed or listed incorrectly. Please notify the office with additions or corrections. Thank You

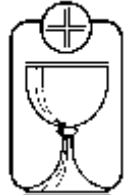
Community & Mission News

Easter Choir

We would love to have anyone that is interested to join our St. Peter Easter Choir on April 9th. Practices will start on Wednesday, March 1st, at 6:15-6:45pm and continue on Wednesdays through Lent. There will be a Lenten meal downstairs starting at 5:30 if you wish to partake in that.

First Communion Instruction

Pastor Dave will have First Communion instruction on Sunday, March 5, during the Sunday School hour. All 5th grade students should plan to attend and meet in the sanctuary after worship. Please contact Pastor with any questions.



With Appreciation

“Two are better than one...if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up”. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*
St. Peter, we love and appreciate you so much. Your many acts of love and support through this cancer journey have lifted us up when we have fallen down. Dave had GREAT news last week at Mayo...he is CANCER FREE!! At a follow up appointment, he had a swallow study, and the feeding tube was removed. There are still mountains to tackle, but the biggest gremlin is conquered; through God’s and your help, and an outstanding team of Dr.s, surgeons, and nurses. WE ARE BLESSED!!
Dave and Jo VanDeBerg



We welcome Grayler Michael to our St Peter family. Grayler is the son of Chalee & Jon Michael. He was baptized on February 19. His sponsors are Kilie & Dakota Garretson, and Lexi Frost.

Community & Mission News



EWALU Summer camp registration is OPEN! Brochures are on the table outside the office.

Now is the time to register for youth and family programs for summer 2023 at Camp Ewalu! A week in Christian community at Ewalu provides campers with a positive, fun and life-changing faith experience. As a Lutheran outdoor ministry, Ewalu offers a variety of programs all summer for youth in grades 1 to 12, guided by trained college-age counselors. Adults and younger kids can join in with Family Camp and Grandparent Camp! To see all the program options and to register online, go to www.ewalu.org/summer-camp. No child is turned away for reasons of financial need; contact our camp office at 563-933-4700 or office@ewalu.org for details about a camp scholarship.

St Peter encourages student participation by offering to pay for part of the camp. Please contact the office for the camp scholarship.

Bingo

Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home Friday, March 17, 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.



The Mission Board and their helpers visited Willow Winds in February to play some games and have some treats with the residents !

Quilt Tying

Join us for quilting on Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, and Tuesdays, 9 am - Noon. The quilters report 174 quilts finished and boxed at this time!

His Hands Oran Food Pantry

December His Hands Pantry Statistics, Household Served-94. Individuals Served-261. Food Distributed-7,155 lbs.

Suggested Donations—Baking Items

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.

40 Days, 40 Items

Have you ever wondered what to give up for Lent? Join the Mission Board on a forty-day adventure. During Lent, try the “Forty Days, Forty Items” challenge! Could you discover something of worth to give up each day? If so, remove the item that your family no longer wants or needs from your home or garage and place it in a bag or tote. At the end of Lent, donate the entire collection of items to a charity, shelter or Goodwill. By cleaning out, you’ll be sharing with those who could use your contributions. This could be a powerful forty-day journey. This year the Lenten season is from Wednesday, February 22nd through Thursday, April 6th.



I'll make your descendants as many as stars in the sky...



The Sunday School class learned about the Tower of Babel in the book of Genesis, and made their own towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows

Faith Formation & Announcements

Confirmation

Reminder: please go to sign-up to help with snacks and parent help and Worship Servers: [Confirmation](#)

(stpeterdenver.org) Many thanks to all of you!

Pastor David Powers will be available to lead the majority of the spring Confirmation classes and I am planning to partner with him to substitute for conflicts. Parent help is still required to meet ELCA 2-Adult requirement.

Please encourage/assist your students in signing up online for service opportunities and then document the worksheet outside of Roxane's office so that the service can be tracked towards their 15-count requirement. Trying everything at least once is the goal!

Reminder to please notify me if your student will be absent via text or email. Homework will be sent as a follow-up to any missed class with requested return deadline.

As we get to the Lent season, there may need to be changes due to service but we will discuss and announce as determined.

Current remaining class schedule:

March 1st - Lenten Service only 7:00 pm

March 8th - Lenten Service 7:00 pm & class 7:30 pm - 7th & 8th

March 15th - Lenten Service only 7:00 pm - *Spring Break*

March 22nd - Lenten Service 7:00 pm & class 7:30 pm - 7th & 8th

March 29th - Lenten Service 7:00 pm & Youth Group 7:30 pm

April 5th - Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday 4/2 -9:00 am, Maundy Thursday 4/6 & Good Friday 4/7 are at 7:00 pm and Easter 7 & 9 am (attend at least 2 of the services)

April 12th - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

April 19th - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

April 26th - Youth Group 6:30 - 8 PM both 7th & 8th, supper served

May 3rd - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

May 10th - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

May 17th - Regular 6:30 PM 7th/7:30 PM 8th

May 24th - Youth Group 6:30 - 8 PM both 7th & 8th, supper served

For winter weather cancellations, we will follow the Denver school district so if school is let out early due to bad weather, or if there is no school due to bad weather, confirmation would also be cancelled. We will try to email and post on Facebook. If you aren't already following, please find us on Facebook as St. Peter Lutheran Church to stay current on fun happenings.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

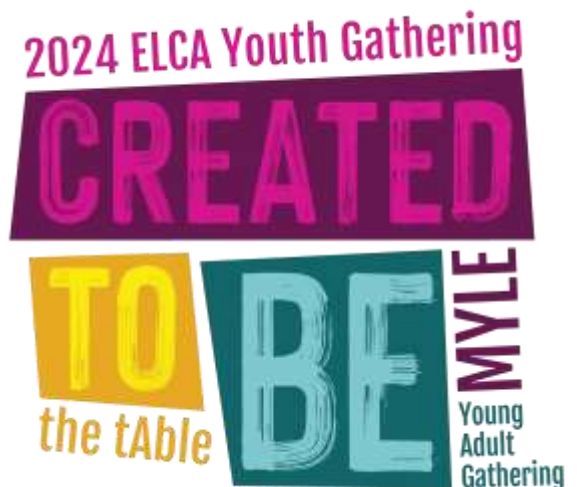
Thank you,

Amy Oltmann

319-464-448 amyoltmann@hotmail.com



It was all about games and promises at Sunday School class in February! Ask your child about promises they have made:) Some promised to be nice to their brother or sister.



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).

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2023 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: 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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