

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## May 2023

*Thank you Amy for designing our bulletin board!*



*Welcome to the Pedersen Family  
Reed, Megan, Ezekiel & Margo*



As their family moves to our community & St. Peter, the church council and the call committee are planning a welcome shower. Let's extend a warm welcome by "showering" them with items they can use in their home.

Ideas include: Paper products (napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates) Gift cards to local establishments & businesses, Non perishable food items for their cupboards (pasta, cereal, mac & cheese, canned fruits, soup, etc)

Tins will be set up at church where you can drop off your items. Gifts will be shared with the Pedersens upon their arrival.



# Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	May 7 Sunday 9:00 am	May 14 Sunday 9:00 am	May 21 Sunday Pastor Installation 9:00 am	May 28 Sunday Graduation 9:00 am
<b>Organist</b>	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sue Buss & TBD	N/A	& TBD	& TBD
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Sue Buss	TBD	Amy Lockhart	Jackie Fober
<b>Multimedia</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Sound System</b>	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	Philip Michels	Roger Donaldson
<b>Video taping</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Terrie Thurm, Lori Thurm, Mandy Gesme			
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Randy & Terrie Thurm, Mark & Jackie Fober			
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

# Mission & Community

## 2023 St. Peter High School Graduates

Congratulations to Klair Heim, Ethan Krabbenhoft, Mia Leonhart, Clayton Liddle, Bailey Nuss, Grace Upshaw, Kasey Wirtjes on successfully completing your high school education! **In recognition of your achievement, we are inviting all members of the graduating class of 2023 to worship together at our 9:00 am worship service, May 28.** Please bring your graduation gown and meet in the Friendship Room at 8:45 am. Be sure to invite your family, baptismal sponsors, and friends to join you in thanking God for the wisdom, education, and memories of these past years.

The graduates will receive quilts made by members of the congregation, along with a reception following the service in the friendship room, provided by the Mission Board. We will once again have a "Graduate Recognition Board" at the back of the sanctuary.

**2023 Senior Pictures: Please send a digital photo and plans for after high school to [info@stpeterdenver.org](mailto:info@stpeterdenver.org) or bring a senior photo to the church office.**

**Thank you.**

## Easter Meals

Thanks to everyone who donated money (March & April Noisy Offering) for the Easter meals for Denver Cares. Twelve bags of non perishable food items, plus a \$10 gift card for use at Brother's Market, were included in each of the meal bags. Through your kindness, may the recipients be blessed with the joy, hope, love, and peace of Easter each day.

## Graduation Cards

It's time for graduation. If you'd like to acknowledge St Peter grads, there are graduation cards and mailing labels available in a basket outside the office. Thanks to LaVonne for her creative remade cards!

## Helping Hands Clothing Closet

Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 279 client visits during March and our volunteers gave 66.5 hours of their time. The Clothing Closet is ready for warm weather; summer clothes are out and we have packed away winter. The Clothing Closet always needs blankets, bedding, towels and school aged children's clothes. Thank you all for the many donations this month and a BIG thank you to our 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](mailto:carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com)



The tribute of planting trees is a beautiful and eco-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 in memory of all the Saints from Saint Peter who died during 2022. We pray that each year we will be able to continue this tradition as we remember our family and friends and continue to be 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.



## 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—May 21

## Gracias

All our friends at St Peter Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for making Nueva Vida the beneficiary of your Noisy Offerings in January & February !! We are grateful for your support and pray you are having a wonderful Easter season. He is Risen! *Stephanie & the Nueva Vida Team* (formerly New Life School, Guatemala)  
"Let us not tire of doing good, because in due time we will reap if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 *Irma*

# May Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Dori Jurgenson Megan Schmauss	17 Virgil Buhr Rodney Diercks Erin Gustafson
2 Dawn Riley	18 Chip Flory Sara Oltrogge Rylee Renner Ben & Jill Thrasher
3 Judy Vauthier Michael & Jaime Gienau Jon & Brenda Wolter	19 Carolee Oberheu Cassandra Upshaw
4 Kathy Ackerman Todd Foelske	20 Joel & Joy Wolter
5 Betty Biemann	21 Trudi Schimmels
6 Derek Gielau	22 Tyler Corell Kris Steege Jack & Sheila Mixdorf Randy & Terrie Thurm
7 Carson Haase Michael Vauthier Randy & Roxi Herman	23 Donna Donaldson Derek & Alexandra Gielau
8 Marissa Schwebach	25 Alton Midthus Ethan Thies
10 Larry Stock Kristen Wolter	26 Austin Herman Doug Roethler
11 Michelle Steffe Lori Thurm Renetta Thurm	27 Alexis Lyons
12 Amanda Swanson	28 Ed & JoAnne Blumenshine Reagan Carman Tessa Joerger Todd & Elizabeth Foelske
13 Mitchell Mohlis Rachelle Nystrom	30 Philip Michels
14 Marcia Ott	31 Richard Beckel Wesley Homeister Zack Thrasher
15 Mike & Renee McInroy Garland & Heather Krabbenhoft	
16 Wanda Meier Brody Wirtjes	

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

## St Peter Directory Board

The Board of Stewardship desires your family photo. A new *bigger* board has been placed outside of the church office. It has been a great way to showcase our St. Peter family, and we hope it will be a great resource to help Pastor Reed and his family get to know our members. Plans are underway to use these pictures to complete a digital church directory in the next 3-4 weeks. We hope to have as many members in the directory as possible before we make paper copies for distribution. Please email a picture to Jackie or church office. I will be ushering during the month of May, so if you don't have a picture to share with us, come to church and I'll take one of you! *Jackie Fober*

## Good-Bye is Hard to Say

As we welcome our new Pastor we sadly say good-bye to Pastor Dave. We have enjoyed our time together and want to wish him all the best. LaVonne has designed a card for anyone that would like to sign it for him; located on a table at the back of church. We are most thankful for Pastor Dave's ministry to St Peter! We will have a special reception after worship on Sunday, May 7, with a card basket for personal good wishes.

## With Appreciation

Many thanks Mission Board for your kindness, preparation of food given to me. It is outstanding and so generous. May God Bless you for your special kindness given to me. *Verna*

St Peter Board of Mission, Thank you so much for all the food brought to us. It was all very good and so thoughtful of you to think of us. Between the two of us we are able to do more cooking, which we are very thankful for. Thanks again, God's Blessings, *Diane & Butch*

## Welcome Meals

We have a sign up sheet on the office door for anyone that would like to provide Pastor Reeds family with a meal.

**Welcome**  
*Pastor Reed & Family*

Please consider choosing a date to sign up for a meal to share with Pastor's family. Add what you're planning to take to them. Thank!  
Church Council & Golf committee.

<b>MONDAY MAY 16:</b> NAME: MEAL:	<b>FRIDAY MAY 19:</b> NAME: JIM LOCKHART MEAL: Tacos and sizzlers
<b>TUESDAY MAY 18:</b> NAME: MEAL:	<b>SATURDAY MAY 20:</b> NAME: MEAL:
<b>WEDNESDAY MAY 23:</b> NAME: MEAL:	<b>SUNDAY MAY 21:</b> NAME: MEAL:
<b>THURSDAY MAY 24:</b> NAME: MEAL:	

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Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home Friday, May 19, 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. *Last month's Bingo time, treated our volunteers to a visit with Renetta!*



## Linens Delivered

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Board of Mission's "Linens for Lent" project. Comforters, sheet sets, blankets, throws, pillows, towels and washcloths were shared with the House of Hope in Waterloo and Friends of the Family in Waverly. Both organizations were thankful for St. Peter's continued relationship with them. Our donations and prayers allow them to help transform the lives of women and children in need.

## Summer Break for Quilting

The quilters report sending 271 quilts to the Ingathering, -thank you to Jon & Brenda Wolter for delivering the quilts. And thank you to everyone that volunteered their time to make quilts for LWR. And thank you for all the donations of sheets and fabrics. See you in the fall!

## Bremwood Auxiliary Luncheon

Friday, May 19, at 1:00 pm, held this year at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2001 W Bremer Ave, Waverly. Sandwiches will be served, and bring one salad per two people. All are welcome!

## Community Wellness Update

We have been in contact with a new provider for the a wellness blood draw at St Peter. We anticipate a June date and will keep you posted.

## His Hands Oran Food Pantry

March His Hands Pantry Statistics,  
Household Served-113. Individuals Served-317.  
Food Distributed-8,751lbs.

*Suggested Donations—Soup, Pasta, Shampoo*  
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.**



## Denver/Readlyn Community Blood Drive

Denver Community Center  
100 Washington St. | Denver

**Friday, May 5**  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Text LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call 800.287.4903 | Visit [lifeserve.info/schedule](http://lifeserve.info/schedule)



# Faith Formation & Announcements

## Confirmation

The Confirmation snack & parent sign-up can be found on our website [Confirmation \(stpeterdenver.org\)](http://stpeterdenver.org). Many thanks to all of you for signing up this year, we have one month left.

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. Current remaining class schedule:  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Regular 6:30 PM 7<sup>th</sup>/7:30 PM 8<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup> - Regular 6:30 PM 7<sup>th</sup>/7:30 PM 8<sup>th</sup>  
May 17<sup>th</sup> - Regular 6:30 PM 7<sup>th</sup>/7:30 PM 8<sup>th</sup>  
May 24<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group 6:30 - 8 PM both 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, supper served

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you, *Amy Oltmann*  
319-464-448 [amyoltmann@hotmail.com](mailto:amyoltmann@hotmail.com)

## Sunday School Schedule

- Kids will sing in church **May 7<sup>th</sup>**. This will be our last day of Sunday School.



*Sunday Schoolers practiced their song in the sanctuary that they will be singing May 7<sup>th</sup>. We read the Bible story about the 10 Commandments and created our own "tablet" to take home and guide us.*

*The Board of Mission put together 17 Kollege Kare Kits on Wednesday, April 19 that were delivered to St. Peter college students preparing for end-of-the-year finals. A \$250 Thrivent grant was used to purchase an assortment of sweet treats to keep kids fortified during a stressful time. The Kits are also a reminder to them that our church family cares about their lives.*



## 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).





# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>3</b> 7:30 am Mensfest 6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am Sunday School	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30 am Womensfest 6:45 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>10</b> 7:30 am Mensfest 6:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 7:30 pm 8th Grade Confirmation	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> Installation of New Pastor 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship With Noisy Offering 10:15 am Parish Ed Mtg	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>24</b> 7:30 am Mensfest 7:00 pm 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> HS Graduation 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>  Office closed	<b>30</b> 7:30 am Womensfest 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>31</b> 7:30 am Mensfest			

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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

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

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

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