

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

November 2018

Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Charis Combs-Lay



Gratitude
can transform
common days
into Thanksgiving

Whenever November roll around, it doesn't take long before we start talking about gratitude. We are a church that is energized by lively participation in life and ministry. Many of us have learned that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, it is gratitude that makes us happy. Being thankful is a perspective we grow into that helps us see how good God is, and then our lives are blessed. The Scriptures are filled with reminders of how powerful a thankful heart can be.

We can practice gratitude every day. Saying grace before a meal, offering a prayer at the beginning or end of the day, or just taking the time to worship God strengthens of trust that God is good. Actions don't just focus on blessing that we already have! They increase our confidence in God. We remember that God is able to provide for us and our future. And, they inspire us to share our blessings with others, because gratitude leads us to open our hearts. So, let's practice thankfulness in November! This season is a good time to start.

Your friend in Christ, *Pastor Charis Combs - Lay*



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

We still need volunteers for November - Please call the office or go to our website to sign up

	November 4 Sunday 9:00 am	November 11 Sunday 9:00 am	November 18 Sunday 9:00 am	November 25 Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Assistants	Pat Leonhart	Kim Lamb	Kim Lamb	Pat Leonhart
Scripture Readers	TBD	Joyce Miller	TBD	Gene Leonhart
Acolytes	Clayton Liddle & TBD	Kenny Lamb & Ethan Krabbenhoft	Jarrett Clayton & Grant Pautsch	TBD
Multimedia	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Organist	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller
Sound System	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge
Prayers	TBD	TBD	Grant Pautsch	TBD
Altar Guild	Gretchen Syhre, Wendy Mohlis, Holly Smith			
Usher/Greeters	Steve & Audrey DeVries, Breanna Sadler, Jim & Dori Jurgenson			

**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.**

Jan Hartmann Retires



A Big heartfelt thank you to Jan for 41 years of keeping St Peter beautiful. Your blessing of service to our church community is appreciated and will be missed. Enjoy all the activities you have been putting off and sleep in on Sunday!



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.

Bulletin Deadline: Thursdays 10:00 am and the **Newsletter Deadline:** 4:30 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



Check out the Thank you we received from UnityPoint Cancer Center hanging on the bulletin board. Some of the messages are as follows: "Your bags brought tears to our first patient we gave it to. Thanks for thinking of us. You made a difference everyday even though you don't see it," *Theresa* and "Thank you for your goodie bags for our patients. What an awesome way to brighten their day," *Cathy*

Thank you to everyone that made and donated a St Peter Cancer Care Kit!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Next meeting: Thursday, November 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).

The North East Iowa Food Bank

The Food Bank is always in need of food items to help the hungry in the Cedar Valley. November and December are especially tough times of the year for those who are struggling financially. For \$10 you can purchase approximately 10 to 12 canned good items. That's great!

However, with that same \$10, if you donate it as cash to the Food Bank, they can buy \$110 dollars worth of food. Which equation makes more sense? During November, we will be collecting your monetary donations in a large glass jar outside the church offices. Give thanks for your blessings by sharing with others!

The Clothes Closet At Buck Creek is in dire need of winter coats, scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, and



boots. All sizes, both children and adults, are requested. Please share with a warm heart as winter approaches. Hours: Tuesdays 9-11 am, Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm, and the 1st Saturday of each month, 9-11 am. If you have any questions email or call Carolyn Mohlis, 319-279-3247 - Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com.

Sign Up to Bring Cookies

We have a link on our website that you can access to fill in a time slot that works for you <http://www.stpeterdenver.org/volunteer.html> or contact the office and let Roxane know. Thank you to all of the people that faithfully help out with this ministry!

To make/serve coffee you can contact Jan Gienau 984-5851, Thank you to Jan for being our Sunday coffee coordinator!

We are still looking to fill some slots for December (two dozen cookies per slot)

November 4 – 1) Kelley Carman
2) Kelley Carman
3) Kelley Carman

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

November 11 – 1) Mission Board
2) in Honor
3) of Veteran's Day

Coffee maker- Mission Board

November 18 – 1) Eve Pautsch
2) Pat Leonhart
3) Helen Schumacher

Coffee maker- Pat Leonhart

November 25 – 1) Brooke DeVries
2) Mitchell DeVries
3) Mitchell DeVries

Coffee maker- Jan Gienau

Please check online or call the office for the latest updates to donations/volunteers.



Thank you to all who have provided cookies and have made coffee & served it, since I've started as Sunday Coffee coordinator.

With much appreciation, *Jan Gienau.*

Bell Choir

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings 7:45-8:45 am. If you've ever thought "is bell choir for me??.it looks kind of fun, but I just don't know" ...

I'd suggest you give us a 'test drive'.

We are a well represented group of St. Peter, having ages that range from High School youth to....well...us older ones. This is a good time to check us out....see you Sundays, *Jo VanDeBerg, Bell Choir Director* 515-238-7483



Re-Do'd Cards

Check out our selection of all occasion cards outside the office. Proceeds are designated for Prayer Shawl. Thus far -\$67 has been raised.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Congregational News

1 Tammy Maitland Ronn and Danelle Elsamiller Cora Schmauss	12 Adam Gielau Tricia Kurtz Helen Schumacher
2 Gary and Kari Anfinson	13 Bradley Franzen
3 Steven Moon Doug and Gayle Eick	14 Paige Corell
4 Kalen Greenley Blair Sanderson Philip and Lisa Michels	15 Nicholas Krabbenhoft
5 Trent Weber Jerry Lobeck Clifford and Joyce Schimmels	16 Marcia & Jeff Joerger
6 Paul Beem Roxanne Herman Gary and LaVonne Westendorf	18 Lorain Diercks James Jurgenson
7 Richard and Sarah Beckel Dennis and Mary Thurm	20 Joyce Schimmels
8 Zildjian Bartels	21 Carol Everding
9 Gayle Eick Troy Midthus Trevor Thurm	22 Jon Wolter
10 Kari and Eric Foelske Johnathan Leisinger	25 Kade Williams
11 Nicole Eick Layne Fober	26 Caden Foelske Blaze Shedenhelm Roger and Doris Blankenship
	27 Nathaniel Brown Carol Moon
	28 Quinn Thornton
	29 Brenda Wolter Sheryl Moeller

Stewardship Notes

Once again, thinking about our usual fall stewardship campaign! Several reminders this month: we have been educating people about setting up automatic giving, and hope you will consider beginning this if you have not done it before. On Sept. 30, a Denver Bank representative came to church and outlined the procedure for setting this up. For your convenience, forms are available on the table in the narthex for you to fill out to get the process started. Once you fill out the form, just give it to Roxane, and she can take care of it from there. Generic envelopes will be available on the table by the office for those who would still like to fill out and use one. Pew cards have been revised to include some new choices and can be used if you give automatically but want to put something in the plate. These will be laminated so they can be reused. And, for fun, we will have two more 'sundae fun-days'! Please plan to stay for a fun ice cream treat after church!

Custodian for St Peter Facilities

This position is part time. The Custodian is responsible for maintaining the facilities through routine cleaning and maintenance. For questions, please contact the office(319) 984-5648. Custodian Position C/O St. Peter Lutheran Church, PO Box A, Denver, Iowa 50622. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

With Appreciation

It has been a privilege to serve at St Peter Church as custodian for the past 41 years. I would like to thank the councils, property and management boards and congregation for all your assistance and support for caring for our beautiful church. A special thanks to LaVonne who prepared the special farewell coffee and my favorite muffins and to everyone who came. I truly enjoyed reading all the cards and thanks for the gifts. The quilters surprised me with a beautiful quilt, I will certainly treasure that. A very heartfelt thanks. Neil and I have been truly blessed by all of you. God bless you all! *Jan*

Annual Reports

Year end annual reports from boards and committees are due to the office by December 15. Thank you

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary are not listed or listed incorrectly. Please notify the office with additions or corrections. Thank You



Sunday, November 11th is Veteran's Day.

We thank and honor our Veterans on this day! The mission board will be having special treats with coffee and cider after the worship service. Please join us in the Friendship Room, for fellowship in recognition of Veteran's Day.

Community & Mission News



Thankoffering

Generations of Lutheran women have gathered in Thankoffering worship services since the early 1900's. Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has

given us. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

Your thankofferings support the total outreach of our church women to live out our mission—"mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ." Together we can do more than we could ever do apart.

Our Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Thankoffering service is held this year on November 11th. A Thankoffering envelope is available in your offering envelope packets or you can use a plain envelope marked for WELCA Thankoffering. We will be collecting donations through the month of November.

More information about the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering is available at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/resources/AllAboutThankofferings.n.pdf>.

Please join us for the WELCA Annual meeting on November 11th at 10:15 following fellowship.

ACT BOLDLY – GIVE GENEROUSLY !!!

St. Peter Women of the ELCA Board



Elaine and Renetta are pictured cutting fabric strips for LWR kits.

Denver Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market has closed for the season. The vendors thank you for your support.

Call Committee Update

The committee met with Pastor Brackett to go over the interview process, and he brought the names of candidates for consideration.

WELCA Board/Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 11, at 10:15 am

Gather Bible Study -Next Meetings:

The Tuesday study will meet, November 6, at 1:00 pm, And Wednesday evening study will meet November 7, at 7:00 pm—both will meet at the church.

Serving Committee for November

Anna Everding	Judy Gleason	Hether Gustafson
Marilyn Huber	Megan Lyons	Jackie Milius
Joyce Miller	Carol Moon	Anne Sickles
Trudi Schimmels	Holly Smith	Megan Smith
Kris Steege	Ann Wagner	Linda Schult

The Sending of the Quilts

Thank you to all who have helped prepare quilts & kits which will be sent to the warehouse on Saturday, November 3. There will be over 121 quilts, and 74 plus, school kits.

His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Requests for November —Baking items, cereal, canned goods.

Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in September: 96 Households, 269 Individuals, 7,109 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357.

Noisy Offering

The noisy offering for November & December will be shared with the Salvation Army in Waterloo. The Salvation Army is dedicated to caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, loving the unlovable, and befriending the friendless. Wherever there is a need in the Cedar Valley, you'll find the Salvation Army. Their greatest need right now, is monetary donations. Let's give generously so they can continue with their special ministry.

Christmas Poinsettias

We will be ordering poinsettias from Hy-Vee floral for Christmas. You may pick up an order sheet on the information table outside the office the first weekend of November; place filled in sheet with a check for \$9.63 in the basket by November 30.

Bingo

We are looking for volunteers to help with Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home on Monday, November 26, from 10:00-11:00 am. Please let the office or Pat Leonhart know if you would be interested. The residents would love to see you and help them shout BINGO!



Faith Formation

Sunday School

Sunday School follows worship at 10:10 am. Contact Todd Foelske with any questions tfoelske@gmail.com or 319-987-2134.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, in the lower level.

High School Youth Group

The high schoolers will meet the first Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm. The next meeting is November 4.



Christmas is rapidly approaching and no doubt, one of the things you will be thinking about is holiday shopping. This year, many people will be feeling the impact of the financial crunch plus the stress of already busy schedules and extra December commitments. Perhaps the need to simplify seems even more appealing when you consider all the time and money you may be expending on Christmas gifts.

The Board of Mission would like to make a suggestion for families to consider as an alternate plan for sharing the spirit of Christmas with others. The ELCA has published a Good Gifts Catalog that features out-reach gifts that can and will make a difference in the lives of both the giver and receiver.

What is the best gift you were ever given? It was probably given out of love. Love comes to us as a gift from God, and we are called to share it with others. The best gifts are those that deepen our relationships with one another. They are filled with love and are impossible to wrap.

Do we need more “things” and more “stuff” to clutter and complicate our lives? How would a neighbor or friend feel if you told them for Christmas this year you bought a mosquito net for a family in a malaria-prone area or six water jugs for ease in transporting clean water? Would your children find joy in knowing that a pig or goat was given in their honor to a poverty- stricken family in Africa?

You have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in your own personal lives and the lives of those in need. Take a few moments to explore the catalog and discover the life-changing difference your gifts can make. Christ’s love is a gift. Share it with others!!!

You can get a Good Gifts Catalog in the Friendship Room or call 1-800-638-3522 for a copy to be sent to your home.

The newly-formed Denver MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers) group is launching a MOPS Collective, or bible study. The study is called *Fierce Love*, and explores the big emotions of motherhood. Coffee will be on by 8:15 am and the study will be from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 801 Prestien Drive (The Denver Baptist Church parsonage), and are open to any moms, with a special focus on moms with preschool and school age children. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Cara Sommerlot at denveriamops@gmail.com with any questions. For more information about MOPS, visit www.mops.org

Womensfest

Everyone is invited to the Ecumenical Bible Study led by Pastor Craig Henderson on Tuesdays at Willow Winds Assisted Living, from 7:30-8:30am

Attention - All Women of St. Peter Church

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of St. Peter WELCA on Sunday, November 11th at 10:15 a.m.. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary after our worship service. Please join us for a short business meeting to review our 2018 activities, approve the 2018 Christmas Gift List, and elect 2019 officers. It has been a busy year and we are very thankful for the participation and support of our congregational members. See you on Nov. 11th.



Caryl and Darlys are pictured preparing backing for LWR quilts.

Grief Support Group

The grief group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. All meetings are at 6:30 pm at St Paul Lutheran Church in Waverly. Led by Pastor Trachte; All are welcome.


Recourses Available

A reminder we have copies of *Christ in Our Home* on the table outside the office. Everyone is welcome to the quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a scripture reference and prayer for the day.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 7:45 am Bell Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Youth Group	5 6:30 pm Property Management Work Day at the Parsonage	6 7:30 am Womenfest 1:00 pm Gather Bible Study 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	7 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Gather Bible Study	8 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline 6:30 pm Worship & Music	9 8:00 am Financial Board	10
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2018 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: Amy Lockhart, Eve Pautsch, Jim Jurgenson, Sue Buss, Gavin Carman, Todd Foelske, Gene Leonhart, Mary Stevens, LaVonne Westendorf

Executive Board: Jim Jurgenson, Eve Pautsch, Amy Lockhart, Gene Leonhart

Property & Management: Neil Hartmann, Gene Leonhart, Leroy Homeister, Dwight Diercks, Roxane Franzen, Gavin Carman

Parish Education: Todd Foelske, Jaime Leonhart, Mary Satterthwaite

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Mission: Sue Buss, Pat Leonhart, Bev Diercks, Shirley Thurm, Gretchen Syhre, Kelley Carman, Marcia Ott

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