

St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

October 2018

Projecting Christ to All Generations

Pastor Charis Combs-Lay



Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, WI

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs

¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. *Mark 14-16*

Blessing, Bounty and Beauty

Fall blessings and greetings in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Our emphasis this autumn in our service and in our worship is "Blessing, Bounty and Beauty." The summer is past, but the harvest of blessing still goes on. The fall, we respond to God's blessing by turning our attention to generosity. We will have Ministry Moments in the worship service, before the offering, when a volunteer will talk about the blessing St Peter Lutheran Church is for them. We will begin our program of Sundae Funday, too. Every three month or thereabouts, we will offer some quick thoughts from the Stewardship Committee. It's about generosity and our mission. And we will be serving and eating ice cream sundaes while we do this, because it's fun. I look forward to seeing all of our folks this fall in church.



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



Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	October 7 Sunday 9:00 am	October 14 Sunday 9:00 am	October 21 Sunday 9:00 am	October 28 Sunday 9:00 am
Communion Assistants	Kim Lamb	Eve Pautsch	Kim Lamb	TBD
Scripture Readers	Joyce Miller	Dori Jurgenson	Diann Curtis	TBD
Acolytes	Tyanna Teetzen & Kasey Wirtjes	Grant Pautsch & Keaton Rothmeyer	Klair Heim & Ethan Krabbenhoft	Abry Meyer & Justice Gienau
Multimedia	Peyton Mueller	Payton Mueller	Leah Homeister	TBD
Organist	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller
Sound System	Alton Midthus	Roger Donaldson	Steve DeVries	Larry Oltrogge
Prayers	Kenny Lamb	Grant Pautsch	Keaton Rothmeyer	Tyanna Teetzen
Altar Guild	Marcia Ott, Vera Collins, Lynn Gielau, Peggy Smith, Kim Lamb			
Usher/Greeters	Marvin & Helen Schumacher, Jeff & Karen Schumacher family			

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.

Bulletin Deadline: Thursdays 10:00 am and the **Newsletter Deadline:** 4:30 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month.

Noisy Offering

The noisy offering for September & October, will be shared with God's Work our Hands project, Chemo Care Packages.



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



BELL CHOIR BEGINS NEW YEAR

Bell Choir will begin rehearsals Sunday October 7, 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 join us October 7 and give us a 'test drive'.

Bell Choir is a good group of folks; we work hard when we're together, enjoy each other, strive to be a meaningful addition to Worship, and also have fun ringing!!:) 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 Sunday, Oct. 7:)

Jo VanDeBerg, Bell Choir Director 515-238-7483

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).

UnityPoint Hospice Volunteers

Our volunteers may spend time reading to and visiting with patients or providing respite care to allow family caregivers a break. Support work may include helping with mailings and other special projects. UnityPoint Hospice is offering a four-part orientation and training course for volunteers beginning Thursday, October 25. Attendance is required at all four sessions to complete training. 8:30 am until Noon, October 25, November 1, 8, & 15, at UnityPoint at Home, 3731 University Ave. Waterloo. Deadline to apply is Tuesday, October 16. For more information call Linda Alexandres 319-874-4943 or email linda.alexandres@unitypoint.org.

Give Me Thirty

It's October and a new school year has started. The past three years, the Board of Mission and Denver's Elementary principals have worked together in implementing a mentoring program. It's been a special way to share God's love with a child. Once this school year gets underway, we hope to reestablish the mentoring program. Please prayerfully consider spending thirty minutes a week with a child.....it can change his/her life and your life, too. Contact Pat Leonhart (984-6082) or Roxane in the church office (984-5648) if you're interested in participating or if you'd like additional information.



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. We would love to keep this tradition going and need volunteers to help. 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 (two dozen cookies per slot)

October 7 - 1) Joe Teetzen
2) Joe Teetzen
3) Kim Lamb

Coffee maker-

October 14 - 1) Eve Pautsch
2) Kim Lamb
3) Kim Lamb

Coffee maker-

October 21 - 1) Kelley Carman
2) Kelley Carman
3) Kelley Carman

Coffee maker-

October 28 - 1) Kim Lamb
2) Kim Lamb
3)

Coffee maker-

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

Re-Do'd Cards

Two new additions to the Redo Card Rack have been added, -Anniversary & All Occasion cards. Proceeds are designated for Prayer Shawl at this time.

Dear St Peter Lutheran Church Members

Thank you for supporting us last weekend for our 31st Fall Festival & Quilt Auction. We are overwhelmingly humbled by the generosity of everyone who donated and contributed to this event. We want to thank you especially, for supporting the ministry of EWALU, through your donations to the auction. Thanks to your help, over \$38,000 dollars were raised by the end of the day! This will make it possible for hundreds of campers to experience God's love and grace at Camp EWALU next summer.

Many thanks, *Miranda Fober & EWALU Staff*



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Congregational News

1 Donna J Wolter	15 Allison Swanson Ryan & Kayla Tucker
2 Roxane Franzen Cody Robinson	16 Roger Thurm
3 Nancy Lamos Ryan Tucker Dave & Wendy Mohlis	17 Gavin & Kelley Carman Eve Pautsch
4 Burton Diercks	18 Maci Leonhart
6 Floyd Liddle	19 Neal Thurm
7 Doris Blankenship Marilyn Huber	20 Roger & Donna Donaldson
8 Zoey Elsamiller Sandra Greenley	21 David Leisinger Steve & Audrey DeVries
9 Carol Ackerman Brad Becker Krisanne Wirtjes	22 Kurt Gleason
10 Vera Collins Gary Westendorf Doug & Janice Miller	23 Millie Corell Thomas Place Scott Rothmeyer
11 Alexis Gehrke Troy & Jessica McIlravy	24 Richard Ackerman Gabe Lahmann Leana Place Harold Wille
12 Donna Kittle Jessica McIlravy Bethany Sadler Joel Teetzen	25 Becky Dierks Samuel Schumacher
14 Hunter Ackerman Wesley Gielau Joel Wolter Larry Stumme	26 Jan Hartmann Joanne Milius Mark & Lynn Gielau
	27 Michael Place
	29 Sam Lockhart
	30 Brian & Angie Meyer Brady Schmauss
	31 Carol Liddle Paul Meier



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



Stewardship Notes

We celebrated our first Sundae Funday on September 30, hopefully everyone was able to enjoy an ice cream treat after worship. Stewardship Committee is starting the work we think of during the harvest season:

church budgeting and how to do that most effectively. As we've mentioned before, automatic giving helps bring predictable income to the church, and gives us one less thing to remember each week. On Sunday, Sept. 30, a Denver Bank representative came to church to answer questions and walk through the process of setting up automatic giving. While we encourage adopting this method, traditional envelopes will be available to those who prefer them. We are also in the process of redesigning pew cards, slightly changing the options and including a check-off for automatic givers which people could put in the plate if they wish.

Custodian for St Peter Facilities

This position is part time. The Custodian is responsible for maintaining the facilities and equipment through routine cleaning and maintenance. This will include seasonal maintenance of the grounds of the church and parsonage. The starting date for this position is anticipated to be November 5, 2018. A full description of the position and the required qualifications can be found on the St. Peter website @ www.stpeterdenver.org/or by calling the Office @ (319) 984-5648. For full consideration send a letter of application and the names and contact information of two individuals who will serve as references by October 12, 2018 to: Custodian Position C/O St. Peter Lutheran Church, PO Box A, Denver, Iowa 50622. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Grief Support Group

The grief group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. Except in October, they will meet on the 25th. All meetings are at 6:30 pm at St Paul Lutheran Church in Waverly. Led by Pastor Trachte; All are welcome.

With Thanks

I would like to thank my church family for all your kind words, cards, flowers, gifts, and memorials since Denny's passing. They are so much appreciated and will never be forgotten. Your expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in my heart. Love and Blessings,
Marica Ott

Children's Activity Bags

A BIG Thank you to Linda Schult for updating our children's activity bags! They are clean and stuffed with new items. Muchas gracias!!



Community & Mission News



Another Opportunity To Continue "God's Work, Our Hands" October 15-November 1

Your Board of Mission invites you to help provide frozen meals to be delivered to our homebound members and others who could benefit from this project. The Mission Board is asking for 1 or 2-serving portions of a casserole or soup.

Containers will be provided and can be picked up near the church office; you can, of course, use your own containers, but they may not be returned to you.

Please do not include spicy foods.

Label the container: contents and any cooking instructions

Place your donated food in the kitchen freezers.

We will provide containers and collect frozen entrees between October 15 and November 1. If you have questions, call Gretchen Syhre at 984-9175 or the church office. Let's make this a Blessed fall for everyone!



With Appreciation

Thanks so much to Sheryl Moeller for her transportation service to the Twin Cities area. She generously offered to deliver the school supplies collected at the end of the school year at Denver Elementary and the books the Board of Mission collected last spring to Mary Beth's brother in Minneapolis. The items will be shipped to Africa to the school where Mary Beth and Bayo do their missionary work.

Also, things to Pat and Maynard Bietz and Jo and Dave VanDeBerg for taking towels and underwear items that were collected in August to the Buck Creek Clothes Closet! So appreciative of your efforts as well!

Quilt Tying

Please join us on Mondays, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and on Tuesdays 9:00 am - Noon. Everyone is welcome, come when you can leave when you must.

WELCA Board Meeting

Sunday, October 14 at 10:15 am

Gather Bible Study -Next Meetings:

The Wednesday evening study will meet October 3, at 7:00 pm and the Tuesday study, October 9, at 1:00 pm, both will meet at the church.

Serving Committee for October

Julie Sawyer	Sarah Beckel	Vera Collins
Elaine Dove	Sue Flory	Marcia Joerger
Linda Krueger	Jaime Leonhart	Roberta Merrill
Angie Sadler	Mary Thurm	Kim Austin
Loretta Canfield	Lindsey Corell	

His Hands Oran Food Pantry,

Serving families in the area that are experiencing food insecurity. Requests for October —Diapers, baby wipes, bathroom tissue, Kleenex.

Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. Served in August: 103 Households, 279 Individuals, 8,585 lbs of food distributed. Questions? -319-638-4357. *St Peter's last donation totaled 87.4 lbs - thank you Midthus' for delivering the goods!*

Helping Hands Clothes Closet

Located at 2029 Viking Ave. Sumner, provides free gently used clothes to lower income & homeless families and individuals and those affected by disaster. A ministry of St John, Sumner & St Peter, Oran. They offer women, men, and children clothing, shoes, coats, bedding & towels. 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 or Carolyn.mohlis@gmail.com.

Denver Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market is open for the fall. Located in the parking lot of Denver Construction, 241 S State St, Denver. The market will run from 4:00 to 6:00 pm every Thursday afternoon through the season. Items include: fresh produce, baked goods, craft items, fresh eggs, misc. Contact Peggy Smith for details 319-269-9305.

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 Orientation,

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 first meeting is October 7.

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

Adult Enrichment Retreat Day, Oct. 18

Are you an adult interested in Christian fellowship, coffee and the current state of rural ministry. Come to Camp Ewalu on October 18th 9:00 am—1:00 pm, for our Adult Enrichment Day. Warburg Seminary Professor Dr. Mark Yackel-Juleen will be giving a presentation about rural ministry. Join us at 9:00 for coffee and fellowship, the presentation will begin shortly after. A Freewill lunch will be provided. Sign up at office@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700.

One Year to Live Men's Retreat

Men of all ages are invited to an intensive spiritual retreat weekend at Camp Ewalu in partnership with the Northeast Iowa Synod. Join other men for challenging adventures, and fruitful discussions around camp. Registration cost: \$200 by October 19th and \$225 after. Please RSVP to camp@ewalu.org or call 563-933-4700. Contact Jim Rathe at jlrtrat@gmail.com or call 319-231-5749 for questions.

Bread for the Day

We are currently taking orders for *Bread for the*

Day 2018. The daily-use devotional resource is filled with brief scripture readings, a prayer and hymn for each day, seasonal prayers & table graces, and much more. The cost is \$10, which can be paid when you pick up your copy. Orders due by October 20.



Search Institute—40 Developmental Assets

Search Institute has identified building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. The education board looked at the 40 Developmental Assets and decided the following will be our focus for this educational year:

External Assets (*empowerment & constructive use of time*)

Community values youth - young person perceives that adults in the community value youth.

Religious community - young person spends one or more hours per week in activities in a religious institution.

Internal Assets (*positive values & identity*)

Caring - young person places high value on helping other people .

Equality and social justice - young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.

Integrity - young person acts on convictions and stands up for her or his beliefs.

Restraint - young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.

Sense of purpose - young person reports that “my life has a purpose”

Positive view of personal future - young person is optimistic about her or his personal future.

Call Committee Update

The Ministry Site Profile was approved by the congregation September 16. The committee will now meet with Pastor Brackett to go over the interview process, and he will bring the names of any candidates they may have.

The St. Peter Church Council

The council solicits members to prayerfully consider serving on the following Church Boards. The number of individuals as members on these boards has become less than desired and the respective council member contact would appreciate new input from additional congregational members. Stewardship (council member -Mary Stevens), Mission (council member- Sue Buss), Youth and Family (council member -Eve Pautsch) , Evangelism (council member- Lavone Westendorf) , Education (council member -Todd Foelske), Property Management (council member - Gene Leonhart). Thank you for your support. *Jim Jurgenson, Council President*

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.



October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9 am –3 pm Quilt tying 6:30 pm Property Management	2 7:30 am Womenfest 9 am – Noon Quilt tying 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	3 7:00 pm Gather Bible Study	4 7:00 am Mensfest 10:00 am Bulletin Deadline	5	6
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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, Lisa Michels, Jaime Leonhart, Mary Satterthwaite

Worship & Music: Sheila Mixdorf, Amy Lockhart, Jo VanDeBerg, Joyce Miller, Nancy Lamos, Sheryl Moeller

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

Stewardship: Mary Stevens, Dori Jurgenson, Brenda Wolter

Youth & Family: Eve Pautsch, Krista Wahl, Connie Lobeck, Sarah Sanderson, Julie Brinkman

Evangelism: Staci Mueller, Art Kurtt, LaVonne Westendorf, Roger Donaldson

Financial Board: Dwight Diercks, Paul Meier, Jim Moeller, Jack Mixdorf, Gene Leonhart, Gavin Carman