

# St Peter Lutheran Church Tidings

## September 2024

### Pastor Pedersen's Points – Kicking Off the Church Program Year

Happy September! Summer has ended and the school year and fall sports are in full swing. College Football has already kicked off and our first NFL Sunday is September 8<sup>th</sup>. In the theme of kicking off I wanted to take this moment to let you know that many programs at St. Peter Lutheran Church will be kicking off, too.

**Worship:** September 1<sup>st</sup> we will finish up our sermon series on the character of God. This will also be our last Sunday using our summer liturgy which used many songs out of our 'Worship and Praise' hymnal. We will begin a new liturgy starting on the following Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The liturgy is setting 5 out of our ELW (cranberry) hymnal. This is a lovely setting that includes the congregation singing the Lord's Prayer together. (Note: If you want a jumpstart on learning the liturgy, Pastor Reed will be posting singing videos on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.)

**Sunday School:** September 8<sup>th</sup> will be Rally Sunday! Do you have a child or children between pre-school and 6<sup>th</sup> grade? Bring them to Sunday School where they can have a fun time learning about God through song, story, games, activities, and crafts.

**Ministry:** Our quilting group meets on Mondays and Tuesdays to make quilts that we will send to warm people around the world. Our women's Bible Study meets on Tuesday morning at 7:30am. Our Men's Bible Study group meets on Wednesdays at 8:00am.

**God's Work Our Hands Sunday:** Our church will celebrate GWOH Sunday on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will worship, participate in various work projects, and eat a meal together afterwards. This is a big opportunity for our church to be the hands, feet, and voice of our loving God in and for our community.

There are many more things that will be coming up soon, like Confirmation and High School Youth Group. Stay tuned to when they will start. I may have hung up my cleats from kicking off footballs for Wartburg College in 2012, but I am happy to be kicking off the 2024 church program year with all of you good and faithful people.

In humble service,  
Pr. Reed Lee Pedersen

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# Worship & Music Server

Sunday worship - 9:00 am

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

	September 1 Sunday 9:00 am	September 8 Sunday 9:00 am	September 15 Sunday 9:00 am	September 22 Sunday 9:00 am	September 29 Sunday 9:00 am
<b>Organist</b>	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Sheryl Moeller	Amy Lockhart	Amy Lockhart
<b>Acolytes</b>					
<b>Communion Assistant</b>					
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Jim Moeller	Amy Lockhart		Diann Curtis	Jackie Fober
<b>Multimedia</b>	Todd Foelske	Philip Michels	Todd Foelske	Philip Michels	Todd Foelske
<b>Sound System</b>	Roxane Franzen	Larry Oltrogge	Alton Midthus	Steve DeVries	Roxane Franzen
<b>Sunday School Helper</b>	NA				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joyce Schimmels, Linda Krueger				
<b>Usher/Greeters</b>	Butch Milius, Marcia Ott				

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

## Chemo Care Kits

The Mission Board is seeking volunteers to assemble Chemo Care Packages to be delivered to the Community Cancer Centers. You can easily assemble a care package: pick up a tote containing the list of items needed from the basket by the church office, fill the bag with those items, and return it to the church. These care packages will not only be practical, comforting, and entertaining, but will project Jesus to cancer patients in our community. Please consider participating in our project!

## Cancer Care Packages suggested items

### Please include all of these items:

Chap stick  
Hard candy  
Hand sanitizer  
Small Kleenex packs  
Small container of lotion  
Fuzzy socks



### Please include a couple of these items:

Magazines  
Small pad of paper with pen  
Puzzle books/word search books  
Adult coloring book with colored pencils

## Noisy Offering:

September and October Noisy Offering will go towards supplementing the Chemo Care Kits.

## BINGO

Bingo at the Denver Sunset Home Friday, September 20, at 10:00 am. St Peter helps with Bingo every third Friday of the month. Volunteers may contact Joyce Miller.



Allen Hospital  
Meeting Rooms 1-2-3

Thursday, Sept. 5 from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 6 from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Allen College Alumni Association is thrilled to partner with the Corner Market & Greenhouse in Oelwein for our fall plant sale. Options will include a wide variety of mums, planters, and pumpkins. Plus, new this year, we will have lawn and garden décor to enhance your fall decorating!

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## 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 canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, pasta & waffle/pancake mixes. Open Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 pm. And Friday, 9:00 am - noon. July Statistics, Household Served-118. Individuals Served-339. Food Distributed-10,231 lbs. Questions -319-638-4357 or Mary Burgart 563-920-3857. As always, we will take any thing to fill our shelves.

## Announcement from Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)

We would like to invite you to the **Inaugural Empower Event.**

Come **Stand Up, Sign Up,** and **Empower** those in need of your support.

Join us for a night of food, fun and celebration. Hear inspiring words from **President Rebecca Ehretzman from Wartburg College** and **President/CEO of LSI Renee Hardman,** speaking of their experience, passion, and support they have for community and the building up of those we now call neighbors.

Come hear the positive news and how **you** can help regarding the Immigrant and Refugee resettlement program happening at LSI.

Date: Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30 to 8:30

Location: Hilton Garden Inn

City: Cedar Falls

To register, online, please visit the link below to get started. Please respond by September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

<https://mailchi.mp/lsiowa/empowercvinvite>

## Live Stream Training Dates

Please be invited to one of our short training sessions after worship on Sunday, September 15 or 22; all interested members welcomed!

# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

**1**

Christopher Herman  
Gene & Pat Leonhart  
Ella Gustafson

**2**

Lars Gesme  
Alexandra Place  
Brent & Kris Steege

**3**

Marcia Joerger  
Mallory Steege

**4**

Steve DeVries  
Marian Frey  
Emmett Nuehring  
Emily Ruby

**5**

Judy Milius  
Jace Williams

**6**

Jeff Joerger  
Sam Joerger  
Zach & Karly Kuecker  
Jaxson Wagner

**7**

Brian DeVries  
Rick & Sharon Robinson

**8**

Jeff & Kim Williams

**9**

Jacob Lyons  
Grace Upshaw  
Kevin & Holly Smith

**10**

Lincoln Roethler

**11**

Kerry Thies  
Wesley & Barbara Gielau

**12**

Ryan Maitland

**13**

Jayden Wolter

**14**

Gene Leonhart  
Abbi Robinson  
Steve & Angie Sadler

**15**

Kiara Michels

**16**

LuAnn Emerson  
Robert Foelske

**17**

Jason Brinkman  
Peggy Smith  
Michael & Leana Place

**18**

Amber Leisinger

**19**

Keaton Rothmeyer  
Tony & Trudi Schimmels  
Paige Sickles

**20**

Alex Krabbenhoft

**21**

Maris Drewelow  
Julie Smith  
Spencer Vauthier  
Michael & Judy Vauthier

**22**

Kurt & Julie Gleason  
Chad & Carol Liddle  
Brady & Megan Schmauss  
Ryan & Jennifer Wirtjes

**23**

Margaret Liddle  
Mary Thurm

**24**

Andy Wagner

**25**

Bailey Nuss

**26**

Nancy Dryer  
Chalee Gienau  
Michael McInroy

**30**

Margaret Empie  
Paul Empie  
Elizabeth Foelske

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

# Church News



## Birthday Blessings

Join us in wishing our former St Peter Pastor, Paul Hougen a Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on Sunday, September 8!

## LWR School Supplies

St. Peter Church will be collecting the following school supplies for the Lutheran World Relief school kits until the end of September.

### Each School Kit Includes:

- 4-70 page spiral notebooks
- 1 box (16 or 24 count) Crayola crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 30 cm ruler
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened No 2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 2.5" eraser



*A tub for these supplies is located outside the church office. Thank you for your contributions to this very worthwhile project.*

## Can Donation Paused

Thanks so very much for your can donations for St Peter Youth.. At this time we are NO Longer accepting cans. Possibly someone else will take this on in the future, but for right now we are not taking anymore donations.



## GIVE ME THIRTY

School has started!! The Board of Mission organized a mentoring program, "Give Me Thirty", more than ten years ago with the Denver Elementary School. It's a special way to share God's love with a child. After the first few weeks of school get underway, we will implement the program once again. Please prayerfully consider spending thirty minutes a week with a child.....it can change his/her life and your life, too. Contact Pat Leonhart (319-404-3490) or Roxane in the office (984-5648) if you're interested in participating or if you'd like additional information.





# Community & Mission News



**Dates:** Friday, September 27 – Tuesday, October 1, 2024

**Description:** An Ewalu backpacking excursion open to ages 9th grade through adult (youth must have an accompanying adult) on the Superior Hiking Trail in northern Minnesota. Join Frank Johnson and Paul Frantsen for four nights of camping and three days of backpacking from Split Rock Lighthouse to Tettegouche State Park. Enjoy the fall colors and views of Lake Superior, cook meals over the camp stove, and experience one of the best backcountry trails in the country. **Mileage will average around 10 miles per day.** Transportation to/from Ewalu and meals provided. Backpacks and tents available if you need them.

**Cost:** \$300 per person

**Departure from Ewalu:** 8:00 am on Friday, September 27

**Return to Ewalu:** Evening of Tuesday, October 1

**Capacity:** 20 people, so sign up now!

## Quilting

Quilt tying has begun. Please join us Mondays from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Tuesdays 9:00 am – Noon, in the lower level of the church. The quilters encourage anyone that is interested in tying or sewing quilts to join them. All are welcome.



## Undies Sundays

Perhaps you noticed the pajamas, socks, and underwear in the laundry baskets outside the office. These items are part of the project called "Undies Sundays". The new clothing items will be taken to the Buck Creek Clothes Closet to be shared with children prior to the start of the new school year. Remember helping the poor is honoring God!



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

## Day of Service

Sunday, September 8, we as a congregation will participate in the ELCA's annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands." This day is an opportunity for ELCA congregations to reach out in their communities as God's witness to others. St Peter will have many opportunities to choose from. On this day we will start with worshipping the God who fills us with grace, mercy and love.

### We will then be sent out to do God's Work:

\*Sunset Home: Sunday School students will make cards & pass them out.

\*Willow Winds: provide music, greetings & cards

\*Ingawanis Boy Scout Camp: *we need to have a count of volunteers for this event-let Pastor or the office know*

### In the Church Basement we will have:

\*Tie Blankets

\*Quilt tying

\*School kits

\*Decorate Pillow Cases

After the work we will come back and enjoy a meal together of white maidrites, carrots, chips, cookies, ice cream.

This is an opportunity to nourish our bodies with food and our minds and spirits with time together.

Please, make the time and join us as we live into doing God's Work for our Community with Our Hands...because that is what St. Peter Lutheran Church is all about.



## YOU'RE INVITED!

Join UnityPoint Hospice on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Center for the Arts for a fun night featuring beer and wine tastings, light appetizers, live music and stories of hospice hope. All proceeds from this event support UnityPoint Hospice.



# Faith Formation

## Sunday School Rally Day, September 8!

We are kicking off on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> celebrating God's Work. Our Hands. Because of this, while normally Sunday School will run 10:15 AM - 11 AM, on September 8th, please arrive by 10:05 AM.

Sunday School students will be doing their part in service that day and are planning to walk to and from Sunset Home, picking up any garbage along the way. They will deliver some goodies to residents and sing a song... maybe even get to help pick up some sticks and water some plants. Due to the day's activities, please dress your child according to the weather and in comfortable shoes.

Following the visit to Sunset Home, all of God's Work. Our Hands. helpers can celebrate with Ice Cream Sundaes!

As a Sunday School Parent, please plan on signing up online as a volunteer two times per child that attends Sunday School. Your help is necessary & greatly appreciated! While the Leader will tell the bible story and lead the crafts/activities, parent helpers can help redirect kids that may be distracted, help with grabbing materials if needed, assist with craft, and be a helping hand, etc.



VBS 2024 is in the books. Thank you to all our volunteers, it was a fun filled day with perfect weather!



### Saturday, Sept. 21

at Ewalu, 3 miles west of Strawberry Point  
FREE admission & family fun all day!  
All are welcome for music, food & fellowship!



#### EVENT SCHEDULE

- 9 a.m. - Quilt Review, Opening of Country Store & Family Fun
- 11 a.m. - Devotional Service
- 12 p.m. - Freewill Lunch
- 1 p.m. - Live Auction Bidding Begins



Don't miss the Online Auction: Sept. 16-22

Scan code or go to [www.Ewalu.org](http://www.Ewalu.org)



More than 120 quilts & items auctioned live on Sept. 21, plus 200 more online! Take part in either auction ... or both! Proceeds benefit the ministry at Camp Ewalu.



3776 Alpha Ave, Strawberry Point, IA 52076 | 563-933-4700 | [www.ewalu.org](http://www.ewalu.org)

## Helping Hands Clothing Closet

We have been busy at Helping Hands Clothing Closet in August with kids getting ready for school. We served 329 clients; 169 adults and 160 kids from 19 communities throughout northeast Iowa. Our volunteers gave 63.5 hours of their time. Our needs include school age kids clothes and shoes, towels and bedding. We received some great donations this month from Love's Truck Stop and St. Peter in Denver. Thank you to everyone who donated to the clothing closet and to our volunteers.

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)



## Sunday School Parent Meeting

Please plan to attend the parent meeting after worship on Sunday, September 15, in the church balcony.



# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Office closed	<b>3</b> 7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am-Noon Quilting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>4</b> 4:15 pm Finance board mtg	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Worship <i>God's work. Our hands.</i> 10:05 am Sunday School Rally Day	<b>9</b> 9:00 am-3:00 pm Quilting	<b>10</b> 7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am-Noon Quilting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>11</b> 6:45 pm Council meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 am Worship With Noisy Offering 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Livestream Training	<b>16</b> 9:00 am-3:00 pm Quilting	<b>17</b> 7:30 am Womensfest 9:00 am-Noon Quilting 7:00 pm AA/Alanon	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Bulletin deadline	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Bingo @ Denver Sunset Home <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>21</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

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