



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

August 2022

Parish Visitor

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www.northfieldstp.org

Church office hours:
Tuesday–Friday
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Worship

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays 6:15 p.m.

Education

Coffee & Social 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:10 a.m.

Youth Groups Sundays @ 10:10
& Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m.

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From Pastor David:

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ:

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

Earlier this month, I was quite busy packing and preparing for two separate, but similar trips. First, I went to Christikon, a Lutheran camp in Montana to backpack with a few of our senior high youth. The day after I returned, Michon and I headed to the Boundary Waters to canoe and portage in.

For both trips, I am particular about what I do and do not bring. Whatever I bring, I must carry. Both trips are far more enjoyable when my pack is lighter.

Many of us carry heavy burdens as we mourn the death of a loved one. We are filled with anxiety when doctors are unable to diagnose or fix whatever ails us. As we read news stories of people being shot at a parade, missing children, people taking their own lives, etc., we suffer with them.

I feel like the news cycles of the past few weeks have been especially heavy. I'm tired and I feel like I need a break.

"Come to me", says Jesus, "give me your

burdens. Let me give you a hand."

I've been on canoe trips when the food pack starts so heavy that it is impossible to pick up without assistance. Though it is tempting to be a hero, and it can be humbling to admit that we need assistance, we all do. No one is strong enough, knowledgeable enough, or wise enough to get through life on their own. Jesus graciously and lovingly offers to alleviate us of our burdens.

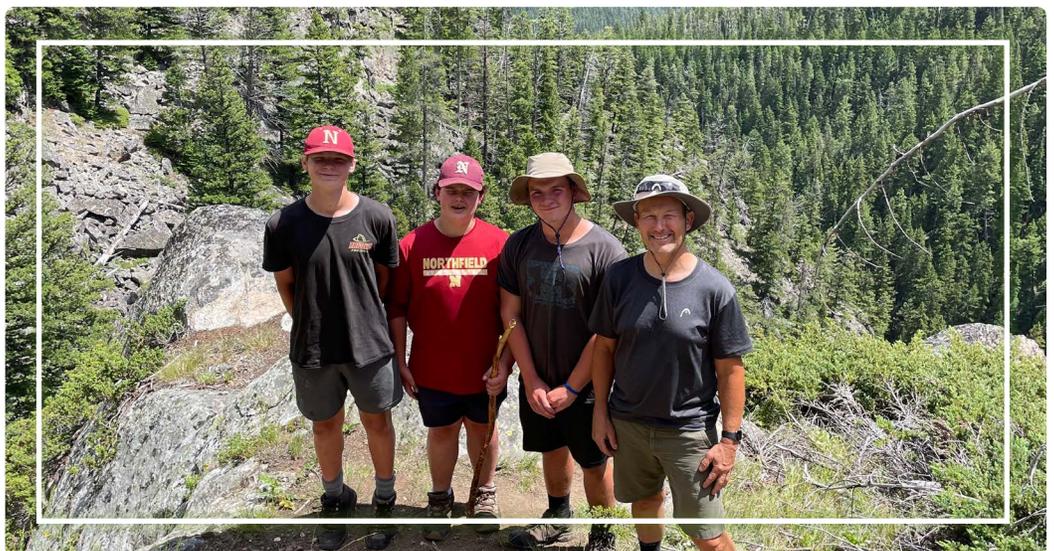
The hiking and portage trails in Montana and the BWCA can be rugged—rocky, muddy, steep, long, and mosquito infested. We all face challenges and adversity on our journey through life.

What are you unnecessarily carrying through life? Fear and anxiety about international conflict? Anger over racial, class, or gender injustices? Worry about your health? Inability to forgive—either yourself or someone else?

Jesus offers to take our burdens. To be forgiven—to live in God's grace—is to be relieved of the weight of our fears, worries, anger, etc. In exchange for the heavy weight of our sin, Jesus gives us what is rightfully his—love, forgiveness, peace, and joy. Jesus sets us free from our sin and gives us a bounce in our step in our life's adventures.

Be sure to pack Jesus' love, peace, forgiveness, and joy for your journey.

David



CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

by Cariann "Miss Ann" Strauch

VBS Was a HUGE Success!

Incredible turnout for VBS in June! Together with Bethel, Emmaus and St. John's families, we explored the power of using God's armor in our lives during two nights full of faith, fun &

fellowship. #VBSArmorUp



Save the Date

**Confirmation J-Term Rally
at Northfield High School on
Wednesday, October 12th at 7pm,
featuring a live band!**

Back by popular demand! St. Peter's, St. John's and Bethel Lutheran will be joining together to offer a special January 2023 term for confirmation. There will

be a variety of in-person and online classes from music technology, yoga, art, theatre, sports to branding - all tied to faith. Learn more about it at the Rally. Join your confirmation friends from St. John's and Bethel for this fun event featuring a live band in the high school auditorium!

Farm Outing with Adventure



Families with kids of all ages (toddlers to teens) are invited to join us Wednesday, **August 10th at 6pm** for a **family group outing** at the new Windy Willow Farm in Northfield. Kids of all ages and adults are having a blast at this new farm-based education and amusement park. Check out

windywillowfarmadventure.com for more info on their attractions. In addition to animals, they have giant pong, ladder golf, giant bean bags, tug-o-war, duck races and a pedal cart race track (like a go-cart with pedals). \$10 per person or \$40 max per family. RSVP to Cariann as soon as possible.

Sunday School Shake-Up!

We're structuring Sunday School a little different this year. Each week, Miss Ann will lead a Sunday School Opening in our new Sunday School Large Gathering Room following worship at 10:10am. **Sunday School children of all ages (preschool to 5th grade) will meet as a group during the Sunday School Opening** for fellowship and to hear the gospel lesson of the week. Following the Opening, the students will go to music with Miss Josie and to their classrooms for a FUN, age-appropriate activity related to the lesson.

New BREAKFAST CLUB

Late start Wednesday morning programming for ALL St. Peter's elementary and middle school students and their friends. All are welcome!

We're expanding the Breakfast Club as our new Fellowship in Faith Program on Wednesday morning late starts similar to the Wednesday after school programs offered by other area churches. Our very cool cooks will be making their signature hot breakfasts and we'll have many planned activities for the kids or they can hang out with their friends in the YOUTH room (Wii gaming, foosball, etc).

Offered to all elementary through middle school age children as a program of the church at no charge. Doors open at 7:45 AM. Transportation will be provided to Spring Creek (walk), Bridgewater & Northfield Middle School. Greenvale transportation available upon request.

Register online or contact Cariann with questions.

Did You Know?

In addition to Pastor David's confirmation lesson, Miss Ann will be doing a special "Did You Know" segment at each of our confirmation classes. Each week, we'll explore a specific fun fact that every Lutheran should know by the time they get confirmed.

Calling All Sunday School Volunteers! We need volunteers to help with Sunday School activities (only) in our Preschool, K-2 and 3-5 grade classrooms. **All materials and instruction for the activity will be supplied for you.** We just need volunteers to help lead the FUN activities in the classrooms. That means no prep required by you! Please contact Cariann to help.

Lutheran World Relief - Quilts & More

After a 2-month break the Quilters will resume meeting weekly on Fridays, beginning August 5. In June 64 quilts were delivered to the LRW warehouse in South St. Paul. We gave two quilts to high school graduates and three quilts to the Strand family who now lives in the Habitat built house.

The tops of our quilts are sewn at home from donated fabric. The batting is purchased from Oklee Quilting Supply in Oklee, MN. For the bottom layer we else sheets obtained from Carleton College with a cash donation. The yarn to tie the quilts is also donated. The edges are sewn by a 90 year-old member.

Look for *school kits later this month*. More on the next page. In the fall months we will be doing quilts for Operation Joy. The tops will be made from flannel remnants from the pajama project for Operation Joy.

We welcome you to join our group to tie quilts and enjoy fellowship!



MUSIC NOTES

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One of the Psalms we will use in August is Psalm 103 (on August 21). It is a hymn of praise, one of my favorite kind of scripture readings! *Bless the Lord*. Typically, it seems to me, we ask God to *bless us: bless our children; bless this house; bless this food*. Perhaps we use the word *bless* inaccurately. In those instances, maybe we actually mean “watch over”, “make it a place that honors God”, and “sustain us”. In Psalm 103, *BLESS* is the action for us towards God. *Bless God!*

Notice the first two verses repeat this call of action. *BLESS!* So what does bless

mean? One dictionary says, “to make or pronounce holy; to extol as holy and to glorify.” Other similar action words are honor, praise, magnify, hail, and exalt. Every part of my being is called to *Bless* the Lord.

Following the first two verses, David (the author) states reasons why we should bless the Lord: because God forgives ALL your sins; because God heals all your diseases; because God frees us from eternal death; because God always loves us; because God is merciful... the list goes on through our reading. God is full of compassion.

God abounds (flourishes, thrives!) in love for us all. I recently read *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, by Mitch Albom. One passage that struck me was: ‘If I were God, I would have given up on me long ago.’ ‘But you are not,’ he said, ‘and I never will.’

I can think of a number of hymns and songs which use this scripture. Hymnary.org says “**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**” (ELW#864) has 95 matching

instances to this scripture (all of Psalm 103)! “**Praise to the Lord the Almighty**” (ELW#858) has 58! You may be familiar with the musical, *Godspell*. It's setting of Psalm 103, “**Bless the Lord**” is upbeat and fun. A more contemporary song in our new purple hymnal supplement is “**10,000 Reasons**” (ACS#1097): *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.*

**Bless the Lord,
All that is within me**

August & September Worship Leaders

If you are unable to assist on the date assigned, please change with someone else on the list and contact the church office so that the bulletin can be updated. 507-645-8252

Date	Time	Ushers	Reader	Comm. Server	Coffee/Kitchen
August 7	9:00 a.m.	Debra Boyum Ramona Pumper	Mary Bleckwehl	Dale & Linda Ness	Norma Lundell Ginny Paulson
August 14	9:00 a.m.	Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey	Steve Hill	-	Phil & JoAnne Olson
August 21	9:00 a.m.	Bette Lee Diane Boyum	Laura Gilligan	Phil Olson Ramona Pumper	Dale & Linda Ness
August 28	9:00 a.m.	David & Polly Hendee	Patrick Bougie	-	Brian & Mary Peterson
September 4	9:00 a.m.	Janet & Dennis Hahn	Beth Vivant	Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey	Marilyn Finneseth Carmen Sevcik Thelma Winter
September 11	9:00 a.m.	Dale & Linda Ness	Jolene Manzey	-	Phil & JoAnne Olson
September 18 Rally Sunday!	9:00 a.m.	Mary Bleckwehl Evonne Clay	Diane Boyum	Beth Vivant Laura Gilligan	Eldon & Doris Hill
September 25	9:00 a.m.	Thelma & Phil Winter	Dale Ness	-	Mickey Brodin Joan Paulson

Thank You Volunteers!



BUCKET GALS (BGs)

1st Thursday - St. Peter's Kitchen
August 4 @ 8:00 am
St. Peter's Kitchen

LUV QUILTERS

Fridays - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall
August 5, 12, 19, 26

EVE CIRCLE

2nd Monday - The Vault
August 8 @ 9:30 am

HANNAH CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall
August 9 @ 9:30 am

RACHEL CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's
August 9 @ 1:00 pm

NEW SPIRIT CIRCLE

2nd Friday - St. Peter's Fireside Lounge
August 12 @ 1:00 pm
Questions: Hazel Peterson, 645-9276.
New members and visitors welcome!

BEFRIENDERS

3rd Thursday - St. Peter's
August 18 @ 9:10 am

SOLOS

3rd Thursday
August 18 @ 12:30 pm
at the Cannon Falls Golf Club
8606 295th St. East.
All solos welcome. Contact Phyllis S. or
Hazel P. for more info.

Community Corner

During the month of August the LUV Quilters will be getting ready for the **School Kit project**. These kits go to Lutheran World Relief. The bags sewn from donated fabric will be found hanging on hooks in the narthex. A list for items needed will be in each bag. If you want to buy before picking up a bag, the list is

to the right. **Return the filled bags by September 11** and place them on the bench below the hooks.



One 2½" eraser



Four 70-sheet notebooks



One pair of blunt scissors



One box of 16 or 24 crayons



One pencil sharpener



One 30-centimeter ruler



Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers



Five black or blue ballpoint pens

August Events & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>If your birthday is not listed and should be, contact the church office so we can add it to our database.</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Murray Finger Janis Truax</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Night to Unite</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>LeAnn Finger Maxine Halverson</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5-7:30 pm "Praise at the Pool" @ Nfld Public Pool 5:15 pm Worship Band</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Steven Schmidt</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 8 am Bucket Gals</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Bill Bleckwehl Gretchen Ehresmann Tom Johnson</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8 am Women's Fellowship 9 am LUV Quilters</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Sharon Bauer Kevin Landry</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Social</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Eve Circle</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Primary Election (all day, Fellowship Hall) 9:30 am Hannah Circle 10 am Staff Meeting 1 pm Rachel Circle 7 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:15 pm Worship Band 6 pm Windy Willow Outing</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Brian Kopack Mark Larsen</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 am LUV Quilters 1 pm New Spirit Circle</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Jim Anderson Nicole Olson Charley Terpstra</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Tom Tollefson</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Social</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Albin Linder</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Anthony Sommers</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>April Kopack Ruth Ann Meliza Emery Solberg</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:30 pm Jubilee Bells 7 pm Sunshine Project</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Vangie Gisvold Cariann Strauch</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 9:10 am Befrienders 12:30 pm SOLOS</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8 am Women's Fellowship 9 am LUV Quilters</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Mark Dorn Jeremy Sevcik</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>7:30 am Sharing & Caring Hands 9 am Outdoor Worship 10 am Coffee & Social</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Tammy Larsen</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Kristie Anderson Hannah Johnson</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Mara Hallcock Thomas Rockey</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30 pm Jubilee Bells</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Lowell Fossum Truman Olson Jeff Rezac Diane Schrader</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Blake Peterson Bernadine Reese</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 am LUV Quilters</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Miranda Fossum Joyce Mokoff Ginny Paulson</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Social 10 am Lectio Divina</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Maddison Hanson</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Noah Hanson Logan Prescott Mona Weselmann</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:15 pm Worship Band</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Jolene Manzey Jackson Strand</p>			

Check www.northfieldstp.org for calendar changes, or a group/event leader. **Subscribe** to receive weekly e-mails.



A BIG thank you to those that helped clean-up our new youth spaces!



Cool Kids

This kid, Finley Kopack, made a business plan, did his marketing and passed his Cottage Food license on his own. Come see him at Riverwalk Market Fair this season! - From April (mom!)



Christikon



Together with St. John's Lutheran, Logan Miiller, Logan Prescott, Seth Thompson, and Pastor David went back-packing at Christikon Lutheran Carmody in McLeod, Montana. Each day included morning and evening worship, Bible study, quiet time, and hiking. This year's theme is the Seasons of the church year. We had an outstanding trip, basking in God's good creation. We were pushed physically, encouraged and helped each other, and experienced God's presence.



Council Highlights

June 14, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

To express God's love and grace in building a community where people believe in God, belong to Christ, and become disciples who serve in day to day living.

Call to Order: Mark Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in person in the fireside room.

Staff Reports:

• Pastor David Weeks provided a report.
Highlights include:

- Update on Handrail which will be completed. Pastor Dave has worked on getting this done by Mike Petersen. Also the Middle School Room will be done by Capital Construction.

- Pastor Dave was pleased with Julie's retirement party. It was good to see so many people in worship and at the reception after worship.

- Cariann has been here for one month now. Her job description is a hybrid of Julie's children and youth faith formation and a portion of Terra's communications responsibilities. She will continue to focus on children and youth faith formation and limit her communications responsibilities to managing our social media and website, including overseeing the Sunday Livestream. The Parish Visitor newsletter and the Sunday bulletin will be done by another source. We are discussing outsourcing the newsletter to Terra Wierson as a freelancer and Mary Kay will expand her role in worship to take on the bulletin. We continue to have an open position for all Administrative Assistant responsibilities and Volunteer Coordination. We hope to find someone and hire this position as soon as possible.

• Cariann Strauch provided a report.
Highlights include:

- "Guess Who" children's message has been well received by the kids and adults.

- 2022-23 Sunday School curriculum being reviewed and teacher volunteer structure being developed.

- Josie is coming back for fall semester only. Annalissa and Alissa will need to be replaced.

- The SonShine Project is back! This is a group fellowship with Bethel and St. John's confirmation classes

this summer. The dates are June 29 th , July 27 th and August 17th.

Treasurer's Report: Income for May was \$20,100 vs a budget of \$31,000. YTD income is \$14,6000 which is \$9000 below plan.

May expenses were \$2,500 more than planned. YTD expenses are \$8,700 over plan. The overruns are in salaries and benefits - \$6000 and electric/gas for the church - \$6000.

The total net for May 2022 was a \$15.0K deficit. YTD we are at an \$26K deficit. This is compared to a YTD plan of an \$8K deficit. Most of the YTD deficit was due to weak income in May. YTD net through April, just a month ago, was right about on plan.

Capital Projects: Mary moved we hire Specialized Floors to repair the fellowship hall floor. Naomi seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Jolene and seconded by Megan. Adjourned at 8:32 with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes by Jolene Manzey, Secretary



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To express God's love and
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belong to Christ,
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serve in day to day living.

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August 2022 Parish Visitor



Please join in
fellowship and
food at St. Peter's
~ with family and
neighbors ~

AUGUST 2ND
starting at 5:30 pm

RALLY SUNDAY
is Coming!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 18!

(see more on page 2)

Confirmation starts 9/21
Sunday School starts 9/25
at St. Peter's

Come celebrate the start of a new school year with us! We'll have lots of outdoor games and activities plus a special indoor open house where you can take a tour of our revamped and refreshed Youth Room, Sunday School Rooms and Parent's Room. Don't forget to check out our brand-new Sunday School Large Gathering Room!

Remember to register for confirmation and Sunday School and grab your school year church calendar of events!