



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Parish *Visitor*

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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 Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Sun. 10:10 a.m.

Confirmation Wed. @ 6:15 p.m.

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*From
Pastor David:*

Dear Friends in Christ:

Promises.

Promises are at the heart of our Christian faith. In Genesis, God promised Abraham and all his descendants to be their God—to love them and watch over them.

In September and through October, Michon and I have four family weddings and one baptism. Promises are at the heart of both weddings and baptisms.

We promise to love our spouses even when it is challenging to do so. We promise to bring our children to worship where they hear God's Word, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments...

I find it impossible to attend (or officiate) a wedding and not reflect on my own promises. It is spiritually enriching to remember and recommit to the promises I made. It is also humbling to realize that though unworthy and undeserving, I am loved.

Another year of Sunday School (Faith Formation) has begun for our children, youth, and adults. October 2 will be Youth Sunday at St. Peter's. Our youth will share how God's promises and presence were experienced last summer.

On October 9, two of our youth will get Confirmed (Affirmation of Baptism). As they promise to follow Jesus who promises to always abide with them, we have an opportunity to consider our own faithfulness.

Are you living the faith as you intend? Is it time to set a new course for your life?

"You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: To live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

May God help and guide us.

*Peace,
David*



CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

by Cariann "Miss Ann" Strauch



Rally Day

The kids and adults alike had a blast on Rally Day! It is such a fun way to kick-off the start of the school year and welcome back all of our families! Thanks to David H. and Richard D. for the photos!



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club has taken off! We've maxed out our registration and even have a waiting list! God is smiling on this program and we couldn't be happier with the community's interest in our new children's ministry faith-based program!



This rooted-in-faith fellowship program focuses on a new theme each week (i.e. Joy). After our sing-along circle prayer, we spend time discussing a related bible verse and ask the kids questions while we enjoy our delicious breakfast during "Table Talk". We then spend the rest of the time together doing very fun, active and often loud activities related to the theme. It is pure joy!

Children and Youth Education

If you haven't already, be sure to register for Sunday School and Confirmation. Classes have already begun but it is not too late to start! Registration forms are available on our website under the Children & Youth menu on the top of our main page. Yes, we made the website's front page!

Confirmation

Confirmation is offered to all middle school students in 6th – 8th grade every Wednesday night starting with the worship service at 6:15pm. Class runs until 7:30pm. All confirmation students are expected to come to Wednesday worship before class. Families are encouraged to come with them to worship!

Confirmation Students and Parents - **Mark Your Calendars!** The Confirmation J-Term Rally at the Northfield High School auditorium is Wednesday, **October 12th from 7-8pm.**

The Fleshpots of Egypt band will be performing and Rolf Jacobson, Dean of Faculty at Luther Seminary, will share his thoughts on how to care for one another as Christians. This will be a VERY enlightening and fun event.



Confirmation January Term is a collaboration between St. Peter's, St. John's, Bethel and First UCC. Confirmation students from all four churches and their parents are invited to the Rally. It will be a great evening shared with lots of friends!

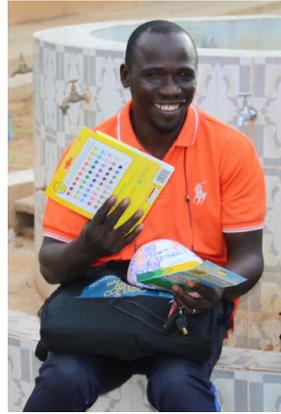
This January, we will offer the students a variety of in-person and online courses ranging from active classes (sports, music, art) to religious studies. Information on the courses will be provided at the J-Term Rally.

Sunday School

Children ages three years old to 5th grade are invited to join us every Sunday after worship at 10:10am upstairs in our new Sunday School Large Gathering Room. Miss Ann will lead a Sunday School Opening bible lesson for all ages each week along with a variety of activities designed to nurture the children's relationship with God and with one another. Following the Opening, each class (Preschool, K-2 and 3-5) will go to their own classrooms for a fun, age-appropriate activity tied to the lesson. Please email cariannstrauch@northfieldstp.org if you or your older children would like to help with activities!

Parents are welcome to gather in the Parent Room for fellowship while the children are in class! Grab a cup of coffee and a snack from downstairs and join your church family of friends for time together away from the busyness of everyday life!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the school supply drive for Senegal. Two suitcases full of markers, pencils, scissors, balls, glue sticks, construction paper, etc. were given to schools in Yeumbeul and Linguere, Senegal. In addition, scrubbies donated by Ardy Koehler found an important use as tools to wash baby bottles for orphaned children distributed by the health project of Lutheran Development Services in Senegal. --Naomi Ziegler



MUSIC NOTES

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

I tend to add color to my documents. For the pages of readings on the pulpit each Sunday, the reader will see headings in the liturgical season color. When I type up the worship band song list each month, it typically has color added to it based on the time of year. For instance, September, October and November will have the same picture of fall colored leaves. When I think of images for this season, I think about farms: golden fields, lights glowing on the fields late into the evening, and combine harvesters cutting and gathering crops.

On my office wall I have a post-it note reminding me to revisit a hymn this fall season, **“God, Whose Farm is All Creation” (ELW#734)**. Here is the short text:



1 God, whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that we may live.

2 Take our plowing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripened in this fruit and grain.

3 All our labor, all our watching,
all our calendar of care
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.

Want to listen?

**Scan the code with
your smart phone's
camera for this
harvest hymn:**



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A few things stand out for me as I read the lyrics of this hymn. First off, I had seen this hymn title many times before actually dwelling on its analogy. If ALL of creation is “God’s Farm,” think of all the work that needs to be done! Secondly, although the fields are harvested at a specific season each year, there is much to do during the rest of the year to prepare for a successful harvest – *“all our calendar of care,”* (from the hymn’s third verse). From John 4:35, *“Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.”* We really don’t need to wait for a certain time to be good stewards. The disciples thought they had lots of time to look for the harvest. Jesus replied to them, *“The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together”* (John 4:36).

As you observe farmers in their fields this month, try to think about when and where you are harvesting God’s farm: at work, in your neighborhood, in your social circles?

For the fruit of ALL creation, THANKS BE TO GOD! *Blessings, Mary Kay*

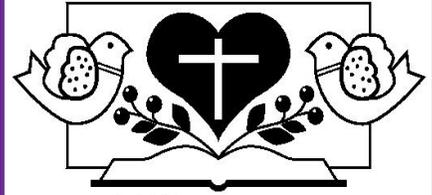


October & November Worship Leaders

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
October 2	9:00 a.m.	Ava Strauch Jameson Strauch	Carmen Sevcik	Dale & Linda Ness Ginny Paulson	Lyle & Nancy Gunderson
October 9	9:00 a.m.	Dennis & Janet Hahn	Connie Albers	-	Mary & Bill Bleckwehl
October 16	9:00 a.m.	Mona & Lael Weselmann	Janet Hahn	Carmen Sevcik Michon Weeks Ramona Pumper	Ginny Paulson Evonne Clay
October 23	9:00 a.m.	JoAnne & Phil Olson	Pete Pedersen	-	Diane Boyum Mary Boyum
October 30	9:00 a.m.	Boris & Joyce Mokoff	Sheryl Kleppe	-	Dennis & Janet Hahn
November 6	9:00 a.m.	Laura Gilligan Carmen Sevcik	Michon Weeks	Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey Phil Olson	Norma Lundell Maxine Halverson
November 13	9:00 a.m.	Mickey Brodin Janet Gilbertson Joan Paulson	Marilyn Finneseth	-	Dale & Linda Ness
November 20	9:00 a.m.	Don & Roberta Bonrud Diane Boyum	Steve Hill	Evonne Clay Beth Vivant Michon Weeks	Phil & JoAnne Olson
November 27	9:00 a.m.	Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey	Julia Daly	-	Marilyn Finneseth Carmen Sevcik

Thank You Volunteers!



BUCKET GALS (BGs)

1st Thursday - St. Peter's Kitchen
October 6 @ 8:00 am
St. Peter's Kitchen

LUV QUILTERS

Fridays - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall
October 7, 14, 21, 28

EVE CIRCLE

2nd Monday - The Vault
October 10 @ 9:30 am

HANNAH CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall
October 11 @ 9:30 am

RACHEL CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's
October 11 @ 1:00 pm

NEW SPIRIT CIRCLE

2nd Friday - St. Peter's Fireside Lounge
October 14 @ 1:00 pm
Questions: Hazel Peterson, 645-9276.
New members and visitors welcome!

BEFRIENDERS

3rd Thursday - St. Peter's
October 20 @ 9:10 am

SOLOS

3rd Thursday
October 20 @ 11:30 am
at Boonies Bar & Grill
All solos welcome. Contact Phyllis S. or
Hazel P. for more info.

Community Corner

Personal Care Kits:
Thank you to the Rachel Circle for coordinating & assembling 50 care kits!



School Bag Kits: There will be 92 happy children when they receive the school kits that you have given for our annual school kit drive! Children often do not go to school if they do not have the supplies needed and the parents do not have the money to buy them. Thanks to all of you who contributed! -from LUV Quilters

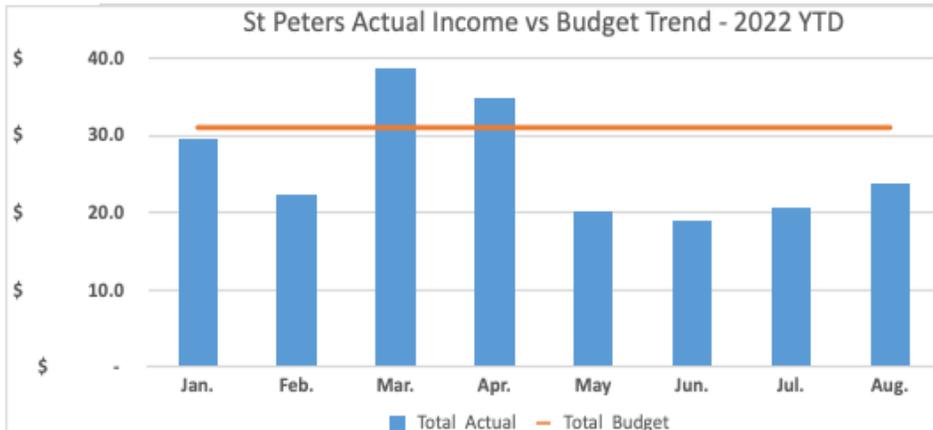
October Events & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>On Wednesdays</p> <p>7:45 am Breakfast Club 4:30 pm Bells rehearsal 5:30 pm Wednesday Supper 6:15 pm Mid-week Evening Worship 6:45 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal</p>    						
<p>1</p> <p>Happy Birthday Mary Kay Bougie Michelle Seelye</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 am Worship w/ holy communion & Youth Sunday 10 am Coffee & Social 10:10 Sunday School</p> <p>Happy Birthday Elizabeth Behrens</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 pm Grief Support Group</p> <p>Happy Birthday Alaia Douah Julie Heilman Ethan Prescott Dave Schwager</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Ministry Teams</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Programming Blessing of the Animals during the 6:15 worship service 6:45pm Book Club (from page 6)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 8 am Bucket Gals</p> <p>Happy Birthday Betty Chapman Phil Winter</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 am Women's Fellowship 9 am LUV Quilters</p> <p>Happy Birthday Larry Hoffman</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9 am Worship with Affirmation of Baptism 10 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am Lectio Divina 10:10 Sunday School</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am Eve Circle 6:30 pm Grief Support Group</p> <p>Happy Birthday Rebecca Peterson Janet Topp Suzan Wegner</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Hannah Circle 9 am Staff Meeting 1 pm Rachel Circle 7 pm Council Meeting</p> <p>Happy Birthday Richard DeBeau</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Programming 6:45pm Book Club</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jacquelyn Reuter Madilyn Terpstra</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 7 pm Faith on Tap</p> <p>Happy Birthday Fred Behr</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 am LUV Quilters 1 pm New Spirit Circle</p> <p>Happy Birthday Angela Humann</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Happy Birthday Lilah Buske</p>
<p>St. Peter's needs volunteers to deliver Meals-on-Wheels October 10-22. Sign up for a route (or more) at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544acad2ca6f49-meals2</p>						
<p>16</p> <p>9 am Worship w/ holy communion & Sunday School Sings! 10 am Coffee & Social 10:10 Sunday School</p> <p>Happy Birthday Danielle Crase</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Grief Support Group</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jonathan Wierson</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>Happy Birthday Sandra Saari</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Programming 6:45pm Book Club</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 9:10 am BeFriends 11:30 am SOLOS</p> <p>Happy Birthday Marie Hagen</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8 am Women's Fellowship 9 am LUV Quilters</p> <p>Happy Birthday Carter Seeley</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Happy Birthday Laura Jensen Paul Liebenstein Pete Pedersen Stephanie Rezac</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am Lectio Divina</p> <p>Happy Birthday Andrew Stowe Mason Stowe</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 pm Grief Support Group</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jacob Odell</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>Happy Birthday Michael Heilman Joann Morgan</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Programming 6:45pm Book Club</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jean Liebenstein</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 am LUV Quilters</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am Trunk or Treat</p> <p>Happy Birthday Nora Ruzicka Jenna Scheffert</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p> <p>Happy Birthday Darrin Stowe</p>	<p>If your birthday is not listed and should be, contact the church office so we can add it to our database.</p> 				

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

This chart illustrates the monthly giving pattern for 2022. As you can see, we started the year strong, but beginning in May, our giving dropped. We're hoping and praying to finish the year as we started the year.

	Total Actual	Total Budget
Month (2022)	Income	Income
Jan.	\$ 29.5	\$ 31.0
Feb.	\$ 22.4	\$ 31.0
Mar.	\$ 38.7	\$ 31.0
Apr.	\$ 34.9	\$ 31.0
May	\$ 20.1	\$ 31.0
Jun.	\$ 19.0	\$ 31.0
Jul.	\$ 20.6	\$ 31.0
Aug.	\$ 23.8	\$ 31.0



Meals on Wheels!

It's soon St. Peter's scheduled time for delivering Meals on Wheels!

Our dates are: October 10th-22nd

There are 5 routes to choose from on the weekdays, and just 3 routes for Saturdays

(Northfield is no longer delivering meals on Sundays. The Saturday route will have a warm and a frozen meal to cover both days).

Please use the sign-up genius address: signupgenius.com/go/9040544acad2ca6f49-meals2

or the QR code on the back cover to sign up for a volunteer delivery route or two! If you have questions, see Mary Kay.

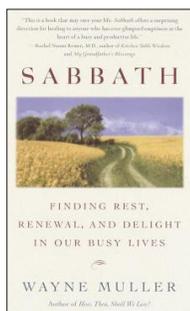
Christ In Our Home readers:

The fourth quarter devotions have arrived and you can pick them up by the office entrance or the Fellowship Hall. Take note: the first 10 devotions



in October were written by our former Director of Children & Family Faith Formation Julie Klock. Enjoy!

Book Club: We invite you to join us for a 7 week study of the book, Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives by Wayne Muller. We will meet Wednesdays at 6:45pm - 8:00pm from October 5th - November 16th in the Fireside Room. To sign up, contact the church office or one of the leaders, Beth Vivant 952-250-6879 or Mary Fransen 612-910-8767. Please order a copy of the book prior to the first session. It is available on Amazon.



Rice County Habitat for Humanity is in need of both lunch providers and construction volunteers! Build days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through February 2023.

Lunch Providers:

Help is greatly needed to bring lunch to their current site: 3009 Twin Lakes Ct., Faribault.

Habitat will supply all of the paper plates, bowls, plastic utensils, napkins and beverages. Lunch for up to 12 volunteers can be anything from a pot of sloppy joes with sides of watermelon, chips and cookies - to pizza delivered to the site.

To be a lunch provider, sign up on Sign Up Genius using the QR Code below or go on Habitat's website, habitatricecounty.org, and click on the Meal Providers tab. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Boyum.

Construction Volunteers:

Please sign up on their website, ricecountyhabitat.org or contact Jodi at jodihabitat@gmail.com, 507-403-7868.

From the LUV Quilters: There are sufficient sheets, batting, and tops but we are in dire need of people to tie the quilts. Our numbers have dwindled due to various reasons. If you have thought about joining us, **quit thinking and come.** We are

now working on quilts for "Operation Joy" and there are over 50 quilts to be completed. See you to tie yarn and enjoy a treat... 9 am on Fridays in the Fellowship Hall!



scan to be a lunch provider

Council Highlights

September 20, 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 7:00 P.M in the fireside room.

Devotions: Pastor Dave read an article on generosity and an article for us to read on the different generations and how their approach to generosity is different.



Staff Reports:

• Pastor David Weeks provided a report. Highlights include:

- In spite of no electricity and Cariann getting COVID, Rally Day went quite well. If you haven't yet, be sure to check out St. Peter's Facebook page, David Hendee and Richard DeBeau got some excellent photos of the day.
- Along with Mark Shaw and Tom Picha, he sent a stewardship letter to the congregation along with their quarterly giving statement.
- The council decided we will not offer Christmas Day worship even though it is on Sunday this year.

• Cariann Strauch provided a report. Highlights include:

- Miss Ann needs volunteers to help with Sunday School activities.
- Breakfast Club is full with twenty students registered.

Treasurer's Report: Income for August was again weak at \$ 23,800 vs. \$31000 needed. Actual income also included an adjustment of \$2,900 of Paypal contributions that were not coming through in previous months.

Year to date income is \$39,000 below budget, and \$23,000 below what we received last year at this time. The gap in income is in the area of general offerings. Special Income and other income are ahead of budget year to date.

Year to Date expenses are \$2000 above budget. The treasurer has no real concerns here other than utility costs

which are higher than anyone expected.

The total net YTD stands at a \$54,000 deficit. A gap YTD of \$41,000. Last year at this time we had a \$19,400 deficit YTD.

Capital Projects: Handrail to be built and installed this fall. Middle School room renovation is scheduled to begin this week. Tom will talk to Jeff about looking at the bell tower which is leaking and needs to be fixed before the narthex can be updated.

Sheryl Kleppe and Bette Lee were in attendance to talk about Sarah's house. Megan made a motion to continue renting to Sarah's house for \$1100 a month and Ruth's House paying utilities. Ashley seconded. Motion carried

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:40 with The Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting: Tuesday, October 11 at 7 PM in the Fireside room.

Minutes by Jolene Manzey, Secretary

Do you have an item to share in the newsletter?



The newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. Submit information to the church office.



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Sick? Hospitalized?

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October 2022 Parish Visitor



Meals-on-Wheels

October 10-22! Scan code to sign up! More on page 6.



Blessing of the Animals

Each year, near to the Feast of St. Francis, we celebrate God's gift of animals. On **October 5th**, at our 6:15 worship service, we will hold a brief blessing outside for our pets and livestock. All pets are welcome! You may also bring photos of your pets if you aren't able to bring your pets with you.



Sun. 10/30

TRUNK
OR
Treat

10:10 am