



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

April 2022

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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 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 Friends in Christ:

Turn and return have been on my mind lately. During worship in Lent, we sing “Return to the Lord.” Our Gospel reading this year comes from Luke in which references to repentance appear often. Repentance includes turning and returning.

Our Holy Week/Easter Gospel readings include the crowd “returning home, beating their breasts” after Jesus was crucified and the women later returning to prepare spices and ointments for Jesus’ body. We are turning to a new life. Easter is the celebration of rising from the dead and restoration.

I catch myself hoping and imagining that we are returning to a life we consider normal. But there is no returning to a previous way of life or being church.

In dismay we have watched and read about the war in Ukraine. The world has turned her attention to the plight of the Ukrainians. We have been sending them financial support through Lutheran World Relief.

As I consider the upheavals, conflicts, and tension in our world, I find hope and comfort in the song “Canticle of the Turning.”

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:

God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

*This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.*

Jesus began his ministry by quoting the prophet Isaiah:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

As we turn our eyes to the risen Jesus, we turn to God who is making all things new by turning the world upside down. Turning, and returning to Jesus we find love and hope.

Peace, David



FAITH FORMATION

by Julie Klock, Children & Family Faith Formation

Communion Instruction

We will be celebrating on Maundy Thursday with the students who are currently completing their First Instruction:

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|------------------|------------------|
| Alayna Gehrke | Zoey McLaren |
| Collin Estrem | Sophie Teske |
| Emerson Terpstra | Ethan Prescott |
| Ethan Mills | Owen Prescott |
| Isaac Estrem | Jackson Triplett |
| Sam McLaren | |

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Palm Sunday

Children of all ages are encouraged to attend the service at 9am. A musical processional with palms is being planned to start the service, and how much fun would it be to have the kids of the congregation lead the way! The refrain of the processional hymn will be rehearsed during Sunday School leading up to the day. Come one, come all!



Walk Through Holy Week

On **Palm Sunday**, during the usual Sunday School Hour, families will have the opportunity to visit six different settings around the building where they will hear and remember the stories of Jesus' last days and death. Each setting will include an activity that will help them recall the profound event. All are welcome to participate and/or bring guests. Palm Sunday is April 10th.



Easter Sunday

Celebrate the RESURRECTION with excitement and joy! **Easter services will be held at 9 and 10:30 that morning, April 17.**

Confirmation and SPY

WILL NOT MEET on April 13th, but all are encouraged to attend worship services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, April 14 & 15.

Women's Retreat

The Jesus Prescription

Come away and explore how Jesus modeled and prescribed a healthy life - one that still works! We will be gathering at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center near Farmington on April 22-23; 4pm to 4pm - only 24 hours, but a nice break from your daily grind. Overnight and commuter rates are available. Questions? [Call](#) or [email](#) Julie. Ready to register? [Go to the website and sign up.](#)

Our St. Olaf Interns are pretty special!

Intern **Annalissa Lane** is graduating from St. Olaf in May. She was recently admitted to Masters Degree programs at the University of Chicago and Yale (and wait-listed at Harvard!) Not sure where she's going yet but we are incredibly proud to have been part of her St. Olaf experience, and thankful for her contributions to our youth.

Intern **Josie Lynn** will be touring with the St. Olaf Choir this spring and is also having the opportunity to travel to Utah when the choir performs with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir this month! We're excited that we get to keep her for one more year of singing, dancing, ringing and boomwhacking with our youth!

Intern **Alyssa Bidwell** is also graduating in May. She juggled her classes, two plays, and breakfast club at St. Peter's this spring. She was accepted to her first choice of graduate schools, NYU, and is weighing her options for next year.

~ Julie



REGISTER FOR FAMILY VBS!
GO ONLINE to
northfieldstp.org/summer-programming

ALLELUIA! 5K WALK/RUN

On Sunday, April 24, the three ELCA congregations are partnering for a "moving" worship service (pun intended). We will begin in the parking lot at St. Peter's at 10:00 with song, prayer, scripture and a brief explanation of our event. People can walk or jog on our designated route to St. John's, and from there on to Bethel. The entire walk/run is 5K (3 miles). At 11, we will gather in the Bethel sanctuary for holy communion and the conclusion of our service.

Following the service, you are invited to fish tacos (in recognition of Jesus' resurrection appearance on the beach). A free-will offering will be received for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Shuttle service will be available for those desiring to do half the route or to return to St. Peter's.

In addition to walkers/runners, we also need volunteers to help at intersections.

There can be an option for Sunday School during the walk. Please let Julie know your interest and intentions so we can plan accordingly. A regular morning service will still take place at 9.



MUSIC NOTES

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

Lorenz

COME to the CROSS
and
REMEMBER

Pepper Choplin

The worship choir has been preparing a cantata to be presented on April 10, Palm Sunday, during our 9 am worship service.

The choir began rehearsing the cantata in 2020! Put on hold for two years, the choir is gearing up to finally present this account of Jesus' Passion. The cantata starts with his arrival in Jerusalem - hailed as king, to the last supper, then his betrayal, his death on a cross, and finally his glorious rise on Easter morn!

There will be visuals and narration included. Please plan to attend! The service will begin with a traditional procession of palms, and the congregation singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor!"

"Through Christ, we can have hope, even in the darkest of times. And though the night of death may overtake us, a new morning will surely come, and the sun will surely rise."

(narration from *Come to the Cross and Remember* cantata finale,
"Every Knee Shall Bow")

~ Mary Kay

April & May 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. *Names are now being used from the 2021-22 Time and Talent list. Please send in your form if you'd like to be included!! Communion servers have recently been added back in. Let us know if you wish to be removed. 507-645-8252

| Date | Time | Ushers | Reader | Comm. Server | Coffee/Kitchen |
|---|-------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|
| April 3 | 9:00 a.m. | Eldon & Doris Hill | Beth Vivant | Laura Gilligan Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey | Richard DeBeau Doris Welke |
| April 10 <i>Palm Sunday</i> | 9:00 a.m. | Doris Welke Richard DeBeau | <i>Choir Cantata</i> | - | Evonne Clay Carmen Sevcik |
| April 17 <i>Easter Sunday</i> | 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | | Both Easter services will need Readers and Ushers. Please volunteer to help! A sign up is on the Welcome desk in the narthex. | | |
| April 24 | 9:00 a.m. | Mickey Brodin, Joan Paulson, Janet Gilbertson | Michon Weeks | - | Lyle & Nancy Gunderson |
| May 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Evonne Clay Ramona Pumper | Diane Boyum | DeLora Linder Richard DeBeau Michon Weeks | Dennis & Janet Hahn |
| May 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey | Laura Gilligan | - | David & Polly Hendee |
| May 15 | 9:00 a.m. | Mary Bleckwehl Polly Hendee | Neale Thompson | Beth Vivant Nancy Solberg Evonne Clay | Eldon & Doris Hill |
| May 22 | 9:00 a.m. | Dennis & Janet Hahn | Richard DeBeau | - | Dennis & Pat Kenison |
| May 29 | 9:00 a.m. | Phil & JoAnne Olson | Sandy Bremer | - | Norma Lundell Ginny Paulson |

Community Corner

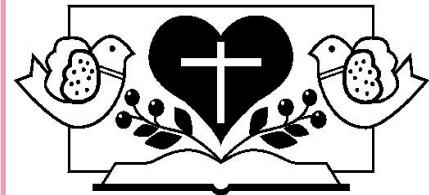


Snippets of a Psalm 23 devotional by Hazel Peterson's son, Pastor Dick Waters:

"We don't have to make camp with our miseries and our troubles. We don't have to stop our onward journey because we have come into a valley. We know that there will be a sunlit summit beyond the valley's end." ... "We will make it through the dark valley of COVID-19. We've been through dark valleys before, and so has the Lord. We will weather this crisis because God walks with us. We have a good shepherd and generous host who restores our souls and supplies our need." ... "God's Spirit will come to you and give you the hope and courage and strength you need to go on. You will leave the shadows in the valley behind you and be joyful."

(Provided by Phyllis Swanson)

Thank you, Volunteers!



BUCKET GALS (BGs)

1st Thursday - St. Peter's Kitchen

April 7 @ 8:00 am
St. Peter's Kitchen

LUV QUILTERS

Fridays - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall
April 1, 8, 22, 29

EVE CIRCLE

2nd Monday - The Vault
Study Leader: Janet Hahn
April 11 @ 9:30 am

HANNAH CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall
Study Leader: Jean Jastram
Hostess: JoAnne Olson
April 12 @ 9:30 am

RACHEL CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's
April 12 @ 1:00 pm

NEW SPIRIT CIRCLE

2nd Thursday - St. Peter's Fireside Lounge
April 14 @ 2:00 pm

Questions: Hazel Peterson, 645-9276.
New members and visitors welcome!

BEFRIENDERS

3rd Thursday - St. Peter's
April 21 @ 9:15 am

SOLOS

3rd Thursday

April 21 @ 12:30 pm
at George's Vineyard.

All solos welcome. Contact Phyllis S. or Hazel P. for more info.

April Events & Birthdays

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>On Wednesdays</p> <p>7:45 am Breakfast Club 3:30 pm Joyful Noise 4:30 pm Bells rehearsal 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Lenten Evening Worship 6:15 pm Confirmation, SPY 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal</p> | | April 10 Palm SUNDAY | April 14 Maundy THURSDAY | April 15 Good FRIDAY | April 17 Easter SUNDAY | 1 APRIL FOOLS DAY 9 am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Steve Harner |
| 3 9:00 am Worship w/ communion 10:00 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am Sunday School Happy Birthday Steve Wegner | 4 6:30 pm Northfield Grief Support Coalition Group Happy Birthday Steve Wegner | 5 10 am Staff Meeting | 6 Regular Wednesday Programming Happy Birthday Sean Gilligan | 7 7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 8 am Bucket Gals 4:30pm Worship Band Happy Birthday Stacy Hendershot | 8 9 am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Lyle Gunderson Michael Peterson Lael Wesemann | 9 |
| 10 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am "Walk Through Holy Week" Prayer Stations 10:10 am Lectio Divina | 11 9:30 am Eve Circle 6:30 pm Northfield Grief Support Coalition Group Happy Birthday Wyatt Landry | 12 9:30 am Hannah Circle 10 am Staff Meeting 1 pm Rachel Circle 7 pm Council Meeting Happy Birthday Wyatt Landry | 13 No Wednesday Programming | 14 7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 2 pm New Spirit Circle 4:30pm Worship Band 6:15 pm Maundy Thursday worship w/ first communion Happy Birthday Dennis Hahn James Johnson Troy Nystuen | 15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:15 pm Good Friday worship service | 16 Happy Birthday Linda Dorn |
| 17 EASTER 9:00 am Easter worship w/ communion 10:30 am Easter worship w/ communion Happy Birthday Jane Albers Jaynie Rezac | 18 Happy Birthday Kay Peterson | 19 10 am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Kristin Dennison Saylor Fredrickson Lois Goehtz Nicole Teske | 20 Regular Wednesday Programming Happy Birthday Matt Crase Logan Miller | 21 7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 9:15 am BeFriends 12:30 pm SOLOS 4:30pm Worship Band 7 pm Faith on Tap, Imminent Brewing Happy Birthday Kary Jensen Brad Wille | 22 EARTH DAY 9 am LUV Quilters | 23 Happy Birthday Emerson Terpstra Women's retreat, see page 2 |
| 24 9 am Worship 10:00 am Alleluia! Walk/Run 10:10 am Sunday School Happy Birthday Lori Schmidt | 25 Happy Birthday Mickey Brodin | 26 10 am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Beth Vivant | 27 Regular Wednesday Programming Happy Birthday Tim Little Amanda Peterson Bonnie Van Erp | 28 7 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 4:30pm Worship Band Happy Birthday Eric Randall | 29 9 am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Mason Butterfield Eli Kopack Curtis Valek | 30 Happy Birthday Adeline Sevcik Henry Sevcik |
| If your birthday is not listed and should be, contact the church office so we can add it to our database. | | | | | | |
| Check www.northfieldstp.org for calendar changes, or a group/event leader. Subscribe to receive weekly e-mails. | | | | | | |

➡➡➡ May 6: RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. SCHEDULE TO GIVE!

JOB POSTING - PLEASE SHARE

Director of Faith Formation and Practice

The Faith Formation and Practice Director works to empower children, youth, and adults to grow and mature in the practice of their Christian faith. Building upon a rich tradition, St. Peter's Lutheran is seeking a person to join us in re-thinking and re-shaping ministry to and with all generations in the congregation. Our willingness to adapt and adjust has been beneficial in the last couple of years, and will be an asset as we re-shape how we live as Christians in this quickly changing world. We are looking for a person to work collaboratively with the other staff and the congregation to coordinate, support, and encourage children, youth, and adults to live the abundant life Jesus gives. This position is part time (25-30 hours). Resumes can be emailed to pastordavidweeks@northfieldstp.org.

Alaia Douah And Naomi Ziegler Attend Pipe Organ Discovery Day

By Richard Collman



Alaia Douah and her mother Naomi Ziegler attended the Pipe Organ Discovery Day on March 5th in St. Paul. Sponsored by the Twin Cities American Guild of Organists, this day is one of discovery for youth in grades 3-12 about the wonders of the pipe organ. Richard

Collman is on the organizing committee. Alaia is a piano student of Mary Kay Bougie and is often heard here at SPLC playing special music and sometimes accompanying her younger sister Madeleine who plays the harp.

They learned how the organ works, some of its history dating back to Roman times, got to try organs with their own fingers and toes, and experienced two different churches and their instruments in St. Paul.

They said of this event:

Alaia: I was so glad that I attended this awesome organ camp. I went in knowing nothing and came out with lots of new knowledge. There were hands on demonstrations, time for me to play the organ, and lots of personal feedback and suggestions. Everyone there was super friendly and made this experience so memorable. If you want to learn more about the organ I highly recommend attending this wonderful event!

Naomi: I was so impressed with this opportunity to introduce young people to the pipe organ. Alaia got to try out two magnificent organs in equally magnificent spaces under the watchful and supportive eye of several experienced organists. I enjoyed the inspiring words of J. Michael Barone, host of MPR's Pipe Dreams, who encouraged the young people to remain open to the opportunities that music may present to them throughout their lives, sometimes in unexpected ways.



Semi-Annual Ditch Clean-Up

This spring, taking care of our section of Highway 246, south of town, will be held on a Wednesday - the **4th of May**. Pastor David will lead our Confirmation students in the evening to clean and appreciate God's creation. Watch for more on this in your emails! Other volunteers are also welcome. Pizza will follow back at St. Peter's when the crew is done. Hi-viz vests are provided. Please wear sturdy footware and gloves. A hat for the sun is recommended.



Council Highlights

March 8, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ashley Terpstra, Tom Picha, Jolene Manzey, Mary Bleckwehl, Megan Culhane, David Hendee, Naomi Ziegler, David Weeks, Julie klock.

Call to Order: Ashley Terpstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.in person in the fireside room.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by Mary and seconded by Naomi. Motion carried.

Devotions: Pastor Dave read an article on spiritual practices and how they ground us in our faith.

Approval of Minutes: Megan moved to approve the minutes. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

• Pastor David Weeks provided a report.

Highlights include:

Current Ministry/Activities:

- Ash Wednesday was well attended and the music was beautiful. We are hopeful that with omicron waning and spring arriving, we will be able to discover our new way(s) of being church.
- We will have Lenten soup suppers beginning March 9, 2022.
- Beginning March 14, Pastor Dave will be leading a Bible study the 2 and 4 the Sunday each month.
- Faith on Tap will begin at Imminent Brewing on March 17 at 7:00 P.M. Topic TBD
- Easter Sunday will have two worship services at 9:00 and 10:30.
- The church council retreat is May 14 at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center.

• Julie Klock provided a report.

- Psalms & Coffee on Wednesday mornings will be discontinued.
- Women's retreat -will be held at Mount Olivet on April 22-23 for 24 hours. Julie will be leading this retreat on the subject of "The Jesus Prescription for a Healthy Life." Information is in the March Visitor.

Treasurer's Report: Income for February was \$22,400 which is \$8,600 less than needed to meet the budget. Actual expenses for February \$31,500 which is \$1000 below budget. We will make the congregation aware that we are behind the budget this year.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Naomi gave a Building Use Policy report. We have changed the name to Building Use Committee.
- We went over the Faith Formation and Practice Director job description. There were some changes suggested and Pastor Dave will make the changes

Adjournment: Motion by Jolene seconded by Megan. Adjourned at 8:47 with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm in the Fireside room at St. Peter's.

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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St. Peter's Lutheran Church

St. Peter's Mission Statement:
Believe, Belong, Become.
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.

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Sick? Hospitalized?

Please contact the Church Office if you would like a visit from Pastor Weeks.

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Easter
SUNDAY
April 17

Services
9:00
&
10:30
Morning

* If you signed up to serve communion on your time and talent form for 2021-22, please check the worship leader calendar on page 4. The need for communion servers has been added back in to our Sunday services.