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St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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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 &

Confirmation

See you this fall!

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From Pastor David:

Beloved Children of God:

Then [Jesus] took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me. Mark 9:36-37

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

When I was a young pastor, a bit naive and sophomoric, I gravitated to Paul's words to Timothy. I didn't appreciate being written off. "You're just young, when you get older you'll understand." Now that I'm an older pastor, I worry about disregarding the opinions and faith of today's youth and younger generations.

Beginning at our retreat in March, the Church Council has been discussing the book, *Growing Young: Growing Young* says that there is no single magic formula for retaining and engaging young people. Growing churches are found in new and old buildings; in urban, suburban and rural congregations. Growing churches are found across denominational lines. In some growing young churches, worship is liturgical while in others it is not.

"The truth is, every church needs young people. Their passion enriches the soil around them. The curiosity they bring to Scripture and the authenticity they bring to relationships keeps your church's teaching fresh and fellowship faithful." p. 14

The last chapter we discussed was "Fueling a Warm Community." How welcoming are we to visitors and members alike? How welcoming are you? Do you greet others or do you wait for others to greet you? Do you greet people you don't know—they may be visitors or they may be members. It doesn't matter. Don't start your conversation with, "Are you a visitor?" Rather, introduce yourself and tell them that you don't think you've met before. Ask them to join you for coffee so that you can learn more about them.

How inviting are we? Do you invite your friends without a church to worship at St. Peter's? Have you invited St. Peter friends you haven't seen since early 2020 to join in worship? Would your words about St. Peter's inspire someone looking for a church home to consider making St. Peter's their church home?

I give thanks for the laughter and questions, innocence and joy, faithfulness and love of our young disciples of Jesus.

Peace, David



MUSIC NOTES

by Mary Kay Bougie, Director of Music



*"The whole assembly worshiped,
the singers sang, and the trumpeters
sounded."
2 Chronicles 29:28*

Our summer
worship schedule is getting
filled, but I would encourage any of you to give a
try at playing a handbell, singing a song, or playing an instrument
for our worship services, please contact me and let me know!

~Mary Kay

The 2nd Annual Women's Retreat was held on May 12-13. 14 women gathered and were enriched and rejuvenated! The topic was "Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Friends". Julie Klock led us through getting to know some of each of these kinds of women in the Bible. We experienced many heartfelt conversations and wove an art project into each of the sessions. The fellowship was lively - playing Telestrations into the late hours! The food and accommodations were top notch at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

by Cariann "Miss Ann" Strauch, Director of Children's Ministries

Children's Message

Guess Who?! A Mandalorian!

Miss Ann dressed up as a Mandalorian for her Children's Message on the Sunday after May 4th. Star Wars is based on the premise of good vs evil and light vs dark. At church, we focus on this too. As God's own people, we are called to proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

The Mandalorians have a saying, "This is the Way." Jesus described Himself as being The Way. Jesus is the way to eternal life. We can't do it on our own. Jesus makes the way for us. Through his death and resurrection, He is the way. Miss Ann wore a shirt with Jesus on the cross and below Him, it read, "This is the Way."



Watch your emails! Miss Ann will be sending out information on summer gatherings for our Sunday School families in July and August.

Sunday School and Faith + Fellowshipship

That's a wrap!

We had great year in Sunday School and in the Parent's Room for Fellowship + Faith. It finally felt like a "normal" year again after the pandemic. The Sunday School wing was buzzing with activity each week. It was a great year spent together in friendship and faith!



Thank you, Miss Josie!



We were so blessed to have Josie Lynn lead our Sunday School music program for the last four years. She graduated from St. Olaf in May in Music Education. Her future students will

be lucky to have her! We will miss you, Miss Josie!

Family VBS

Calling all Heroes... Family VBS Registration is Now Open!

Join us Wednesdays, June 14th & 21st from 6:00-7:30pm outside at Bethel. Brought to you by Bethel, Emmaus, St. John's and St. Peter's. Children preschool through elementary and their families will love this hero-inspired VBS filled with heroic stories of the bible, activities, games, songs and more! Scan QR code for more details and to register today!

scan to register



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club has been on a mission to mend God's world. "Operation Restoration" was designed to help kids discover how they can be menders in God's world. Weekly themes included Feeding the Hungry, Healing the Sick or Hurt, Forgiveness, Prayer, and Rest. The last Breakfast Club of the school year is Wednesday, June 7th.



Reminder:

Miss Ann's dressing room will be closed for the summer.

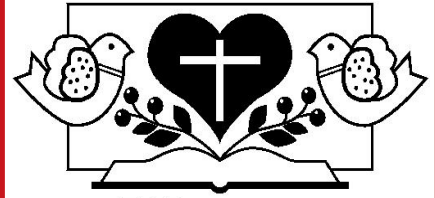
We'll still be offering a children's message each week during the summer but not in costume.

This Month & Next 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
June 4	9:00 a.m.	Dale & Linda Ness	Sheryl Kleppe	Carmen Sevcik Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey	Bill & Mary Bleckwehl
June 11	9:00 a.m.	Dennis & Janet Hahn	Patrick Bougie	--	Carmen Sevcik Ramona Pumper
June 18	9:00 a.m.	Phil & Thelma Winter	Julia Daly	Evonne Clay Ramona Pumper Michon Weeks	Mary Boyum Marilyn Finneseth
June 25	9:00 a.m.	Laura Gilligan Carmen Sevcik	Steve Hill	--	Dale & Linda Ness
July 2	9:00 a.m.	Jameson Strauch Madilyn Terpstra	Carman Sevcik	Dale & Linda Ness Carmen Sevcik	Dennis & Janet Hahn
July 9	9:00 a.m.	Joyce & Boris Mokoff	Jolene Manzey	--	David & Polly Hendee
July 16	9:00 a.m.	Doris & Eldon Hill	Marilyn Finneseth	Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey Michon Weeks	Lyle & Nancy Gunderson
July 23	9:00 a.m.	Ramona Pumper Mary Bleckwehl	Pete Pedersen	--	Joan Paulson Mickey Brodin
July 30	9:00 a.m.	David & Polly Hendee	Michon Weeks	--	Diane Boyum Thelma Winter
August 6	9:00 a.m.	Mona & Lael Wesemann	Mary Bleckwehl	Dale & Linda Ness Ramona Pumper	Mary Boyum Ramona Pumper
August 13	9:00 a.m.	Diane Boyum Carmen Sevcik	Janet Hahn	--	Marilyn Finneseth Carmen Sevcik
August 20	9:00 a.m.	Mickey Brodin Janet Gilbertson Joan Paulson	Patrick Bougie	Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey Michon Weeks	Bill & Mary Bleckwehl
August 27	9:00 a.m.	Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey	Steve Hill	--	Dale & Linda Ness

Thank You!
VOLUNTEERS!



BUCKET GALS (BGs)

1st Thursday - St. Peter's Kitchen

June 1 & July 6 @ 8:00 am
St. Peter's Kitchen

LUV QUILTERS

Fridays - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & July: none

EVE CIRCLE

2nd Monday - The Vault

June 12 & July 10 @ 9:30 am

HANNAH CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall

June 13 & July 11 @ 9:30 am

RACHEL CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's

June 13 & July 11 @ 1:00 pm

NEW SPIRIT CIRCLE

Last Monday - St. Peter's Fireside Lounge

June 26 & July 31 @ 2:00 pm

Questions: Hazel Peterson, 645-9276.

New members and visitors welcome!

BEFRIENDERS

3rd Thursday - St. Peter's

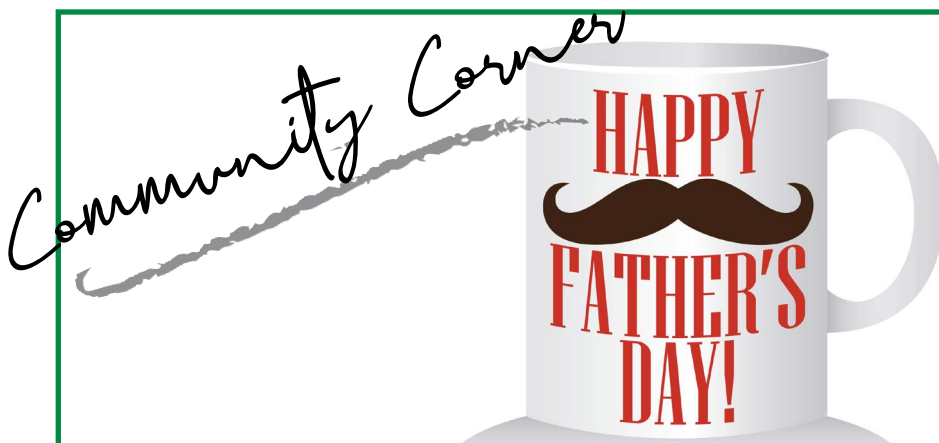
June 15 & July 20 @ 9:10 am

SOLOS

3rd Thursday

at Flaherty's June 15 @ 11:30 am

All solos welcome. Contact Marilyn Finneseth at 612-877-0959, or Evonne Clay at 507-663-1732, for more info.



Automated Giving

We trust that the ministry of St. Peter's is dear to your heart. The summer months are upon us, which means that many of us will travel, vacation, and spend time at the ball diamond and soccer fields. It is especially easy (and understandable) to get behind in your regular giving pattern in the summer months. We encourage and invite you to sign up for automated payments. Terrence Hassanally can get you the forms to complete. You determine the amount and frequency. Another option is to sign up for Bill Pay through your bank. Again, you determine the amount and frequency, and your bank mails St. Peter's a check. Thank you for your involvement and support of sharing and proclaiming the good news of God's love in Jesus. May God bless all your re-creation activities this summer.

Mission Endowment Fund

I'd like to thank you for the generous donation (\$1000) you gave to help bring a displaced Ukrainian family to the United States. You gave the gift of hope to this mother and father of two young daughters.

Sincerely,
Roberta Bonrud



Meet Allie

Greetings St. Peters, my name is Allie Machacek and I am excited to be joining the staff at St. Peters. I am a Northfield native who first joined St. Peters with my parents in 2001. I attended the University of St. Thomas and have a background in both executive administration and project management. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling and learning how to do home renovations. I look forward to supporting the church's missions and efforts along with meeting everyone in the congregation!



Congrats 5th Graders Looking forward to Confirmation Class

Fifth graders celebrated an elementary Sunday School graduation in late May. Pictured here: Madilyn Terpstra, Maddie Simonson, Tia Randall, Ethan Mills, Jameson Strauch, Finley Kopack, and Elijah Bradley. Anika Wierson and Ali Little not pictured.

The fifth graders were also welcomed into the Confirmation program during our Welcome Summer BBQ (above left).



MEET THE COUNCIL & STAFF!

This is the third installment of a monthly feature introducing members of the Church Council and staff.

Cariann “Miss Ann” Strauch

Director of Children’s Ministries
(birth-elementary)

Member of the congregation since 2013. Former at-large member and president of the Church Council.

Born: Edina, Minnesota

Hometown: Apple Valley, Minnesota

High School: Apple Valley

College: Undergrad and graduate school at University of St. Thomas, MBA and BA in Marketing Management

Career: Before having children at an older age than most, I had a long career in domestic and international market and product development in the healthcare industry focused on biomechanical and neurological rehabilitation.

Family: My husband, Jason, is an active-duty non-commissioned officer in the Minnesota Army National Guard stationed in Faribault. We live in Lonsdale. We have two children. Ava is 13 and going into 8th grade. Jameson is 11 and will be starting middle school in the fall.

Noteworthy: “My grandfather is from Indianola, Mississippi, birthplace and childhood home of B.B. King. As an adult, my grandfather was the chief pilot for Northwest Airlines which brought him to Minnesota. He was once featured on a Wheatie’s cereal box. My grandmother was a famous singer in Canada before meeting my grandfather and moving to Minnesota. She had her own radio show and performed with various Big Band music groups. Maybe this is where my love for dressing up and giving my children’s message comes from (LOL).

One fun fact: I flew around the world once when I traveled for my career in market development. I literally had an “around the world” plane ticket, which was cheaper to purchase than the individual flights. I traveled the world for my job, but that three-week trip starting in Canada, then to Japan, then over the Middle East to Spain and England, and finally home to Minnesota was quite a trip!”



Megan Culhane

Council member since 2022 and council secretary since 2023.

Lifelong member of St. Peter’s. Baptized as an infant at the church in 1987. Her daughters are fourth-generation members.

Born: Northfield

Hometown: Northfield

High School: Northfield High School

College: Dakota County Technical College in Rosemont, Minnesota, associate’s degree in interior design.

Career: Realtor since 2018.

Family: My husband, Tom, and I have been married for 10 years this summer. We have lived in Dundas since 2012. We have two daughters, Rylee, 7, and Myla, who will be 4 on July Fourth, and a yellow lab, Sophie.

Noteworthy: “I enjoy working in my flower gardens and cooking, not baking! I don’t have the patience for that. My family loves camping with friends and family, hanging out around campfires, playing corn hole or card games and swimming. We also try to go on one or two ice-fishing trips throughout the winter, keeping warm in my in-laws’ comfortable ice castle. Although I’m not good at golfing, I very much enjoy participating during fair weather, not too hot, not too cold, not too windy!”



Council Highlights

May 9, 2023 • 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: Agenda approved by Paulson and seconded by Terpstra. Discussion about ministry teams was added under old business. Motion carried.

Devotion: We discussed the chapter & Fueling a Warm Community from the book *Growing Young*. Discussion included the fact that visitors often decide whether they will come back to a church even before a service has begun. A prayer was also led by Pastor.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved and seconded. Motion carried

Staff Reports:

Confirmation students cleaned our 2-mile section of Hwy 246.

Phil Olson and Pastor David attended the SE MN Synod assembly with the theme of "Flourish."

Dennis Kenison has been working hard on the tech side of our Livestream ministry to improve the overall quality of the video and sound.

Miss Ann is organizing a 5th Grade Sunday School Graduation Pizza Party on May 21.

Vacation Bible School registration is open and will be held outside at Bethel on June 14 and June 21 from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Always looking for and inviting more individuals to join the choir and bells group!

Josie Lynn will be graduating from St Olaf and moving on to new exciting things. We have hired another St. Olaf student to be Josie's replacement next school year.

Personnel:

We have scheduled interviews for our Communications Coordinator

& Administrative Assistant position. We are hopeful to have this position filled before Megan DeMaris finishes on May 31

Treasurer's Report :

Income for April was \$24,147 versus expenses of \$21,077. Expenses for the month of April were below the budgeted amount of \$32,492.

Maintenance Report:

Parking Lot -We have received several bids to repair/maintain the parking lot. Bids include both seal coating vs an asphalt overlay. Options range from \$10,000-\$200,000.

Middle School Room Project - we are seeking bids for carpet in both the former middle school room plus the choir room.

Church Clean Up Day - June 3rd from 8am - Noon with a BBQ of hotdogs following. A sign up binder is located at the welcome desk in the Narthex

Next Council Meeting : Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm in the Fireside Room



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Or visit
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June - July 2023 Parish Visitor

St. Peter's will be delivering Meals on Wheels from June 26 - July 8, Mondays-Saturdays.

Meals on Wheels is a midday meal home-delivery program, locally supported by the Northfield Hospital. Routes should only take an hour or less. Meals are prepared by the hospital and delivered by volunteers daily. See more info at www.northfieldhospital.org/meals-wheels

To sign up and choose a slot (or several!), scan the QR code or follow these steps:

1. go to signupgenius.com.

2. click on search icon



3. type in marykaybougie@northfieldstp.org at
"search for a sign up".

4. this will bring you to St. Peter's Meals on Wheels
Summer '23 sign up, where you will find dates and
slots available.

If you would prefer, contact Mary Kay and she can
sign you up instead.



GIVE BLOOD! Schedule your appointment for July 28 **REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG**
at St. Peter's Lutheran