



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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# 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 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:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

After our Lenten fasting from Alleluia, it feels good to proclaim Alleluia! Praise God! Yeah God!

During the season of Easter, our first reading, which normally comes from the Old Testament, is a reading from the book of Acts. The full title is Acts of the Apostles. Acts of the Apostles is volume 2 of the Gospel of Luke. Acts continues the story of Jesus after his resurrection and ascension. In Acts, the disciples become apostles. Disciple means "follower." Jesus called twelve disciples. Apostle means "one who is sent."

During the season of Easter, as well as Pentecost Sunday (June 5), I will use our reading from Acts as the primary text for the sermon. Our worship services this Easter season will celebrate the good news of forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name, and the transformative work of the Holy Spirit. June 5 is the Day of Pentecost, recorded in Acts 2, is often thought of as the birth of the Christian church.

In the month of May, I invite and challenge you to read (and re-read) the book of Acts and imagine how the Holy Spirit empowers you and all Christians. Acts tells the story of the Holy Spirit working through the lives of common, ordinary men and women.

The Church Council's annual retreat is May 14 at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center. Part of our time will be spent using a Bible study based on Acts 1-14, "Church of the Holy Spirit." In the coming months, we will continue using this Bible study at our monthly meetings.

In the Bible study on Acts, Stephen J. Binz writes, Lectio divina "Bible study is a matter of both the mind and the heart. It is not just an intellectual exercise to learn more and be able to discuss the Bible more with others. It is, more importantly, a transforming experience. Reflecting on God's word, guided by the Holy Spirit, illumines the mind with wisdom and stirs the heart with zeal."

The apostles went public with the good news of God's forgiveness and love in Jesus. Through telling others about Jesus, the church was born. The church is a community of followers of Jesus who are sent out into the world embodying and sharing God's love which changes our lives.

*Peace be with you, David*



# FAITH FORMATION

by Julie Klock, Children & Family Faith Formation

## Communion Milestone

Maundy Thursday was joyous as we gathered to celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper, and welcome 11 youngsters to the table.



## Sunday School

Classes resume May 1st for 3 more weeks. We will have classes on May 1 and May 8, and have a last day celebration on the 15th. Please bring your children on the 15th so that they can also join the celebration of Ms. Terra who is leaving St. Peter's for a new job. She taught many of them in PreK/Kindergarten Sunday School.

## New on Staff

### Director of Faith Formation and Engagement:

We are pleased to announce that Cariann Strauch will soon begin working in this new full-time position which seeks to encourage, support, and empower children, youth, and adults to grow and mature in the practice of their Christian faith and communicate our mission and identity to the community. This position includes some responsibilities currently done by Julie and Terra. We are now looking to hire a part-time Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Support person.

Cariann has taught Sunday School and served on the Church Council one year as President. She and her husband, Jason have two children—Ava and Jameson.

**From Cariann:** I feel truly blessed to be given the opportunity to continue to grow and expand our children's and youth programs and look forward to working more closely with our entire congregation as we strive to spread God's love and do His good work in our community. Having children in Sunday School and confirmation, I have been working closely with these programs over the past years. I grew up in Apple Valley and was very involved in my church,

## Confirmation and SPY

**Confirmation** students will gather on May 4th to do the ditch clean-up on our stretch of Hwy 246. Service projects are an important part of their confirmation education - there will be dinner available beforehand at 5:30. There will also be a confirmation lock-in on June 3 (date tentative).

**S.P.Y.** students! You will continue to meet the first 3 Wednesdays of May. I would also like to present Annalissa with graduation cards at the children's message on May 23rd so please write a note and leave it in my box. All other congregational members who have a relationship with her are also welcome to add their good wishes.

## Women's Retreat Recap

Late in April, 13 women from St. Peter's gathered at Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington for a women's retreat. There was an abundance of learning, laughter, sharing, and study crammed into one 24 hour day and all left with hopes of returning again in the future.



Grace Lutheran, youth program. I'm excited for my children and the children of St. Pete's to develop a similarly strong foundation of faith. Prior to St. Peter's, my professional experience has been focused on creating and growing new businesses and services for various organizations with an emphasis on strategic marketing and communications. I have a Masters of Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas. In my spare time, I love to experience new things with my children and family and enjoy cooking, decorating and being on the lakes in our boat or kayaks or even just sitting on the beach!

## MAGNUM CHORUM CONCERT

On Friday, May 13, 7:30 pm at Boe Chapel, Magnum Chorum will be giving their Spring Concert with Dr. Anton Armstrong and the St. Olaf Choir as guests. The event is free.

Recognized for expressive singing and inspired programs, Magnum Chorum brings transforming artistry and spirit to a cappella choral music. Founded in the choral tradition of St. Olaf College in 1991, the 60-voice choir presents colorful concerts, commissions and premieres new sacred works, and provides music for worship. *Christian Weeks sings in Magnum Chorum and our intern, Josie Lynn, sings in the St. Olaf Choir.*

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you've been visiting St. Peter's and wish to become a member, join Pastor David for classes to learn all about St. Peter's and what it means to belong to our church community. He will hold two classes, Sundays, May 1st and May 8th, after worship, in the Fireside Lounge.

We will officially receive these new members with a special recognition and blessing during worship on Sunday, May 15th.

welcome  
to our church family

## MUSIC NOTES

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

### *He Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!*

I would like to thank all of the musicians, readers, visual enhancers, ushers, and congregation participants involved throughout Holy Week, from Palm Sunday through Easter morning. Music and worship go hand in hand – and I believe each of the services were meaningful: both solemn and joyful because of everyone involved.



Here are a few pictures of the choir's cantata, "Come to the Cross and Remember". In case you can't quite see everyone, the singers are: Sandy Bremer, Julia Daly, Megan DeMaris, Marilyn Finneseth, Claire Hill, Sonja Link, Josie Lynn, Michon Weeks, Jim Anderson, Bob Baker, Steve Hill, Phil Olson, Pete Pedersen, Mark Shaw, and David Weeks. Richard Collman played the piano, Sheryl Kleppe was the narrator and Connie Albers presented all the visual aids. It was a beautifully written piece - I appreciate that we were able to share it.

### *Please read Psalm 150:*

- <sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!
- <sup>2</sup>Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- <sup>3</sup>Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!
- <sup>4</sup>Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!
- <sup>5</sup>Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- <sup>6</sup>Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!



**\*\*\* OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to help with summer worship music!\*\*\***

**This is the time to let me know! I know there are students, and adults alike, who play instruments and/or sing! I am available to help find music for you, if you would like suggestions. This is your chance to praise God with music!**

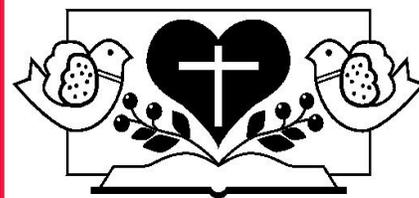
*See you in church!*

*Mary Kay*

# May & June 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
May 1	9:00 a.m.	Evonne Clay Ramona Pumper	Michon Weeks	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.	David & 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
June 5	9:00 a.m.	Phil & Thelma Winter	Mary Bleckwehl	Phil Olson Brian & Mary Peterson	Dale & Linda Ness
June 12	9:00 a.m.	Dale & Linda Ness	Janet Hahn	-	Phil & JoAnne Olson
June 19	9:00 a.m.	Mary Bleckwehl Diane Boyum	Connie Albers	Carmen Sevcik Richard DeBeau Doris Welke	Brian & Mary Peterson
June 26	9:00 a.m.	Mona & Lael Weselmann	Dale Ness	-	Carmen Sevcik Thelma Winter



## BUCKET GALS (BGs)

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - St. Peter's Kitchen  
May 5 @ 8:00 am  
St. Peter's Kitchen

## LUV QUILTERS

Fridays - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall  
May 13, 20, 27

## EVE CIRCLE

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - The Vault  
Study Leader: Janet Hahn  
May 9 @ 9:30 am

## HANNAH CIRCLE

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall  
Study Leader: Celena Witt  
Hostess: Diane Boyum  
May 10 @ 9:30 am

## RACHEL CIRCLE

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - St. Peter's  
May 10 @ 1:00 pm

## NEW SPIRIT CIRCLE

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - St. Peter's Fireside Lounge  
May 12 @ 1:00 pm  
Questions: Hazel Peterson, 645-9276.  
New members and visitors welcome!

## BEFRIENDERS

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - St. Peter's  
May 19 @ 9:15 am

## SOLOS

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
May 19 @ 12:30 pm  
at Perkins.  
All solos welcome. Contact Phyllis S. or  
Hazel P. for more info.

## Community Corner

Sign up to deliver meals June 5-18!  
Meals-On-Wheels is a Northfield  
Hospital-supported, volunteer  
organization dedicated to meeting the  
nutritional needs of the community  
through home-delivered meals.

Twice each year our St. Peter's congregation  
steps up to volunteer by delivering meals two  
weeks at a time. The meals are prepared by  
hospital staff and are made ready to be picked  
up and delivered. Routes take about an hour or  
less to complete. Visit <https://bit.ly/37BYxwR> for  
information and to sign up! (or use the QR code)





## Time and Talent

Let's see what we can do! God has given each and every one of us talents we can use to help others and create a thriving church community by doing so. Again this year, we will ask you to mark down the things you are interested in the most to help our church and our community. Please fill out the insert included and return to the church office by July 1st. This timing allows us to process the information and have it ready to use for the August newsletter. The new Time and Talent lists will be for September 2022-August 2023. Thank you!

## Way to Go, St. Peter's!

The month of March was Minnesota's Food Share month. Our congregation collected 192 pounds of food and \$485.23 in change for the food shelf!



## Most Sincere Thank You!

My emotions are high as I take resignation from my role as director of communications and admin support for my beloved St. Peter's. The Lord has blessed me with a new career opportunity and a new chapter in my book. While it is hard for me to say good-bye to all that I love about my job here, it is the choice needed for me and my family at this time.

To the Staff (and Richard Collman): Thank you for the opportunities you've given me to be a valuable member of this staff over the last four and a half years. I appreciate the time I have spent here, the accomplishments we achieved together, and all that we overcame during the pandemic. You have been amazing co-workers! I will miss working with you all.

To Members of St. Peter's: Thank you to you for always supporting me by kind words of encouragement and your compliments. It has truly been a pleasure to get to know so many of you on a personal level and to be your point of contact here at the church. I may be "out of the office," but I will not be gone. I look forward to sitting in worship with you as a fellow member once again.

God's blessings,  
Terra Wierson

## Thank You, Terra

On Sunday, May 15, during our coffee time, we will have a reception to thank Terra Wierson for her ministry as our Communications Director. We have been blessed by her talents in graphic design and audio visuals. We send her off to her new vocation with God's blessings, knowing she will be a blessing to her new employer. -Pastor David

## 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. Other volunteers are also welcome. Pizza at 5:30 for supper at St. Peter's, then they'll head out. Hi-viz vests are provided. Please wear sturdy footwear and gloves. A hat for the sun is recommended.



## Attention Pajama Sewers

Operation Joy is a community-wide gift program that supports our neighbors during the holidays. Volunteers last year made pajamas for nearly 1000 children in our community. Lori Schmidt and Darlene Witt lead this program. If you would like to help sew, pajama kits are available now. Call Lori Schmidt: 507-663-1076 or Darlene Witt 507-645-7296 for more information.

## Big Thanks from Habitat Leaders

To the saints of St. Peter's: I want to thank all of those who have donated to the meals that have been provided to the workers at the Habitat for Humanity homes here in Northfield.

You have been most generous with your donations of money, prayers, meals and time. This has been so appreciated by all who have been involved with the builds.

I have been privileged to be the food server several times and I have found such warmth, commitment and companionship among these amazing workers.

Thank you also to the LUV Quilters that made three flannel quilts for the children of Ryan and Jenna Strand, our church members and new neighbors!

And let's remember in prayer the family from our congregation who will be in the house next door to St. Peter's. Thank you all for what you have done for the families who now are able to own their own home. -Diane Boyum



# Council Highlights

April 12, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mark Shaw, 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 in John when Jesus washed the disciples' feet. We discussed how that would feel to have Jesus wash our feet.

**Approval of Minutes:** Naomi moved to approve the minutes. Ashley seconded. Motion carried.

## Staff Reports:

• **Pastor David Weeks provided a report.** Highlights include:

### Current Ministry/Activities:

- Faith on Tap started and they discussed the division/conflict within the Orthodox church as a result of the war in Ukraine.
- He regretfully accepted Terra's resignation. Her last day is April 27. A discussion was held about both open positions and how to fill them.
- April 24 is Alleluia! 5K Fun Run/Walk from St. Peter's to St. John's and concludes at Bethel with a communion service
- SE MN Synod Assembly is Saturday, May 7.
- Church council retreat is Saturday, May 14 at Mount Olivet. He intends to use some new materials from LEAD, the Book of Acts, and other resources. We will reflect on who we are and why church matters in today's world.
- May 11 will be our last Wednesday worship service, meal, and confirmation until next fall.
- May 15 is coffee/cake to thank Terra Wierson for her ministry at St. Peter's.
- June 5 is Julie Klock's retirement party.

• **Julie Klock provided a report.**

- Eleven students, kindergarten-5 th grade have completed their communion instruction milestone and will be recognized at Maundy Thursday worship.
- Confirmation classes have a two-week unit to wrap up April, Ditch Clean-up May 4 th and Welcome Summer Event on May 11 to round out the year.
- Women's retreat -will be held at Mount

Olivet on April 22-23. Julie will be leading this retreat on the subject of "The Jesus Prescription for a Healthy Life." We have 12 participants registered for the retreat.

**Ministry Report:** The outreach team is having another new neighbor dinner Easter Monday and then another one in May.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income for March was strong. Amount at \$38,700 about \$7,700 above budget. Actual expenses for March were \$35,200 above budget. The total net for March was a \$3,500 surplus.

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion by Jolene seconded by Mary. Adjourned at 8:31 with The Lord's Prayer.

**Next Council Meeting** is Tuesday, May 10 at 7pm in the Fireside room at St. Peter's.

Minutes by Jolene Manzey, Secretary



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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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*St. Peter's Lutheran*

**WELCOME  
SUMMER BBQ  
MAY 11**

*Food  
and  
Games*

*Rain  
or  
Shine*



**5:30 PM**

