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St. Peter's
MINISTRY
GUIDEBOOK

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Adult Education

Community Connection ←

On the second Sunday of each the month during the coffee hour, we have a presentation from an organization in the Northfield community that provides information on the group's purpose, the group's work, and how St. Peter's members might become involved.

Contact Person: Pastor David Weeks 507-645-8252

Bible Study & Discussion Groups ←

On Sundays when we don't have a Community Connection of Upside Down Sunday, we will have a Bible Study, a topical discussion, or a book discussion. In the spring of 2020, we will be studying the Gospel of Luke. These discussions will be in the Fireside Room after worship.

Contact Person: Pastor David Weeks 507-645-8252

Faith on Tap ←

Do you enjoy thinking about how the Gospel of Jesus intersects with contemporary political and social issues? Do you appreciate listening and learning from people who think differently than you? Faith on Tap meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Froggy Bottoms. Grab a pint, a cocktail, a glass of wine, or a glass of water and join us for a thought provoking conversation.

**Contact Person: Pastor David Weeks (o) 507-645-8252;
(c) 952-322-0064**

Community Outreach

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup ←

Do you like to look out on cleaned Minnesota landscape devoid of cans, paper and other trash? That does not magically happen, no strong wind whips the trash away. It takes the work of dedicated environmentalists. Twice a year, usually once in the spring and again in the fall, St. Peterites clean a two-mile stretch of Highway 246, south of Northfield. We gather at the church and travel to the site together. Work gloves, sturdy shoes, and long pants are highly recommended. Trash bags and vests are provided. We usually clean on a Sunday afternoon and it takes 2 hours maximum.

**Contact Person: Richard DeBeau 612-418-1579;
Doris Welke 507-301-3461**

BeFrienders ←

This is a group of trained, caring, non-judgemental listeners who are ready to support members of our community. Each Befriender has a relationship with someone undergoing a transition, grieving the loss of a loved one, or caring for a family member with health issues. All conversations are confidential as are the identities of those who are befriended. *Training is necessary to become a befriender. If you feel you would either benefit from the assistance of a Befriender, or would like to train to become a Befriender, please contact the church office.*

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Common Hope - Guatemala Mission Trips ←

For over a decade, St. Peter's has been doing mission trips to Guatemala. Our connection to Guatemala began when Amanda Olson de Castillo, Phil & Joanne Olson's daughter, went to Guatemala as a missionary. We made several trips to support the congregation she served. After she returned to the US, we partnered with Common Hope. We have made two trips to Guatemala through Common Hope. Our next trip is scheduled for March of 2020.

Contact Person: Phil Olson 507-250-4547

Jesse James Days Volunteers ←

We volunteer for two behind the scenes projects in support of Defeat of Jesse James Days. First, on Wednesday, we set up the entertainment center tent across the street from the municipal liquor store, and then on Sunday, we take it down. We also set up and take down a fencing which surrounds the tent. Secondly, on Friday and Saturday, we help park cars for the rodeo. We get paid for our volunteer hours, and the dollars typically are used to support our mission trip to Guatemala.

Contact Person: Brian Peterson 507-649-1888

Meals-on-Wheels ←

St. Peterites have agreed to deliver Meals on Wheels for two consecutive weeks in July and again in October. There are five routes throughout the city, and delivery is seven days per week. Volunteers pick up coolers for each route at the Northfield Hospital at approximately 11:45 each day and deliver them in a specified area. The routes take approximately an hour to deliver. A GPS is helpful in navigating the routes. Volunteers should be aware that each cooler contains up to three meals and can be heavy.

**Contact Person: Jolene Manzey (C) 712-299-2753;
(H) 507-645-2543**

Prayer Ministry ←

This opportunity allows you to pray for the needs of the St. Peter and Northfield Community. Your name is placed on an electronic or telephone list. When prayer request comes into the church office, a call for prayer goes out, and you are asked to pray.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-82528

Sharing & Caring Hands ←

On the third Sunday of each month, we load up the van and head to Minneapolis to feed the hungry and homeless. The church van leaves our parking lot at 7:30 A.M. and returns around noon. Currently, when we arrive at the site, we check the refrigerator for what has been donated and make breakfast from the goods that we find there. Breakfast is served beginning at 9:30 AM. We need people to cook, serve the food, and clean-up afterward.

Contact Person: Troy Nystuen 507-663-1926

Thursday's Table ←

On the first Thursday of the of numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, November) we provide volunteers at the Community Action Center for their free community evening meal. Volunteers are needed to set tables, serve food, clear and reset tables, and clean up. Work shifts begin at 2:30 P.M. and continue until the clean-up has been finished. A signup will be posted at the information desk in the narthex on the Sunday prior to our service.

Contact Person: David Weeks 507-645-8252

Fellowship & Service Opportunities

Altar Ministry ←

As the church moves through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, the colors of our paraments (altar cloths) change. We also use flowers, trees, banners, and other decorations to visually convey the seasonal message.

**Contact Person: Kathy Plante 507-645-7871;
Kelly Erickson 507-663-0039**

Breakfast Club Cooks ←

If you like to cook and you enjoy children, you might consider joining this group of women. They work in teams to prepare breakfast each Wednesday during the school year for children and high school youth that attend Breakfast Club. The commitment is one week per month as there are currently four teams.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Funeral Hospitality Committees ←

There are currently three teams that take turns covering funeral luncheons. Those agreeing to become a team member will be contacted when their team is "up." The teams coordinate arranging for catering a luncheon following the funeral, serving it, and doing the clean-up. They are also responsible for supplying the beverages and desserts that are served.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

The Mailing Crew ←

This group gathers once per month when the newsletter is ready to be mailed. They fold the newsletters and attach the address labels. They are also notified to assembly if a special mailing is being sent out.

Contact Person: Arly Boyum 507-645-8980

Parent Meet-Up ←

The children of Sunday School students meet upstairs at St. Peter's while their children are in Sunday School. This group considers a Question of the Day to encourage conversation and fellowship. Occasionally, the group also assists with a service project.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Property Repair & Maintenance ←

Just like our homes, toilet flappers and light bulbs need to be replaced, the outdoor shrubs need to be trimmed and flowers need water. If you're handy and you want to lend a hand, we have periodic jobs for you.

Contact Person: Troy Nystuen 612-363-3237

SOLOS ←

If you are single and enjoy eating out with a group this is your opportunity. The SOLOS, Singles All together, gather for lunch and fellowship at a selected restaurant at 12:15 P.M. on the 2nd Monday of every month. **Contact Person: Phyllis Swanson 507-645-4231; Hazel Peterson 507-645-9276**

Summer Softball ←

Do you like playing softball while getting to know fellow St. Peterites in friendly competition with other churches in the community? If so, the summer softball league is your place to be on Sunday evenings from early May through the first Sunday in August. Games start at 5:00 P.M. at the Babcock and Sechler softball fields. This is open to both men and women.

Contact Person: Bill Bleckwehl 612-481-7550

Wednesday Night Meals ←

Whether your family is involved in Wednesday night church activities or not, you are invited to come to supper at St. Peter's at 5:30 P.M. A light meal is served followed by a short worship service. A freewill offering is taken.

Contact Person: Al Croone (C) 612-203-1716; (H) 507-663-8952

Intergenerational Ed & Fellowship

Rally Sunday ←

This is the Sunday on which we kick-off the new year for education and church programming. Rally Sunday usually falls on the Sunday after Northfield's Defeat of Jesse James Days celebration. Enjoy food, games, photo opportunities and a chance to meet other members of St. Peter's of all ages.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Upside Down Sundays ←

This intergenerational learning opportunity is held five times per year in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour. The opportunity includes relationship building, Bible Study, and hands on activities.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Men's Fellowship Opportunities

Men's Winter Ski Trip ←

Open to men who enjoy cross country skiing and good fellowship in the lovely surroundings of Maplelag; this experience is a February tradition. Leaving from the church at noon on Friday and returning on Sunday afternoon, men enjoy great food in a comfortable setting. It's a great opportunity to recharge after the busyness of the holiday season.

Contact Person: Bill Bleckwehl 612-481-7550

Women's Circles, Fellowship & Service

Bucket Gals ←

This dedicated group, the "BGs," meets the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 A.M. The gals have one huge thing in common, they love to clean. They concentrate on keeping the church kitchen spotless and organized.

Contact Person: Shirley Shaft 507-663-6056

Eve Circle ←

This circle meets at 6:30 P.M. on the 3rd Monday of every month. The Bible Study in the Gather Magazine is their study tool. The women are involved in community projects.

**Contact Person: Linda Rowan 507-581-6665;
Ruth McCarty 507-645-8130**

Hannah Circle ←

This circle meets at 9:00 A.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall at St. Peter's. They share responsibility for leading the Bible Study in the Gather Magazine. They are responsible for putting together Baby Care Kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

**Contact Person: Lorraine Lemke 507-645-5138;
Ginny Paulson 507-413-2644**

LUV Quilters ←

If you are able to tie a knot, this group is for you! The quilters meet from 8:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M. on Fridays (always the 1st and 3rd but in the winter most Fridays) in the Fellowship Hall at St. Peter's. The tops of the quilts have been assembled and are all ready to be tied. It is a very flexible group-come when you can, leave if you must. They break for coffee and treats. The finished quilts are given to Lutheran World Relief and, locally, to Operation Joy.

Contact Person: Celena Witt 507-645-220; Sandy Bremer 612-240-4336

New Spirit Circle ←

This circle meets in the Fireside Room at St. Peter's at 10:00 A.M. on the 2nd Monday of every month. Celena Witt leads the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine each month. They are in charge of school kits to be sent to the ELCA.

**Contact Person: Celena Witt 507-645-2201;
Phyllis Swanson (H) 507-645-4231; (C) or 507-403-3083**

NR4SOLO ←

This is a group of single women born between 1949 and 1965, who enjoy getting together occasionally to play board games, go to movies, eat out, or attend cultural events. Women in the Northfield community who want to be a part of this email community are welcome to attend. A message is sent to the group about an upcoming activity and, if you are willing and available, you are welcome to join in.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Rachel Circle ←

This circle meets at 2:00 P.M. on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Fireside Room at St. Peter's. The women are currently using the Bible Study in the Gather Magazine. Last year they assembled 50 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Contact Person: Evonne Clay 507-663-1732; Kathy Plante 507-645-7871

Women's Fellowship ←

This circle meets twice per month. They gather socially on the 1st Friday of every month for breakfast at 8:00 A.M. at the Tavern. They meet on the 3rd Friday of every month at 8:00 A.M. in the Fireside Room at St. Peter's to discuss a Christian book chosen by the group. They are responsible for any special projects that St. Peter is currently involved with.

**Contact Person: Jo Odell 507-664-0896;
Donna Rae Scheffert 612-360-4484**

Children & Youth Ed & Fellowship

Bible Milestones ←

These annual or biannual classes are conducted for further education for children about specific aspects of the faith. Examples are Bible Milestones, First Communion, and Communion Review. If your child is currently enrolled in Sunday School, your family will automatically be contacted about upcoming milestone opportunities. If you know a child who is not enrolled in Sunday School but would enjoy this class, please contact Julie Klock.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Breakfast Club ←

If your child is enrolled at Sibley Elementary, he or she is able to become a part of the Breakfast Club. It meets every Wednesday morning during the school year for a hot breakfast, a story, and related activities. When it is time to head to Sibley for school, the children are walked there by an adult. This is done as a service activity for the Sibley community on late start Wednesdays. Children need not be members of St. Peter's to attend. There is a nominal fee.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Confirmation ←

Students attend in grades six through eight on Wednesdays. In the fall of their ninth grade year, they are confirmed (Affirmation of Baptism). We begin with an informal and intergenerational worship service. We study and discuss the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, and go on a few field trips.

Contact Person: Pastor David Weeks/Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Faith Formation Board ←

The members of this board assist, advise, and support St. Peter's Director of Youth and Family Activities. They meet to offer ideas, assistance, communication and encouragement to programs organized for faith formation.

Contact Person: Pastor David Weeks/Julie Klock 507-645-8252

No School Day Camp ←

This camp is held four times per year on the End of Quarter Teacher Workdays. It is open to all local school children grades K-5. The day is filled with learning, activities, games, and relationship building. A reasonable fee covers expenses.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

S.P.Y. ←

St. Peter's Youth is open to teens in middle school and high school. They meet every Wednesday night at 6:45 for study and activities. Other meetings are arranged for fellowship, service, and learning as well.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Summer Day Camp ←

This camp is hosted by St. Peter's and open to the entire Northfield Community. Counselors from Good Earth Village lead the multiple day camp. Dates are posted in the church newsletters. It is a reasonable priced alternative to day care for elementary aged students.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Sunday School ←

Children ages three through 8th grade are encouraged to enroll in weekly Sunday School classes held during the school year. These classes incorporate SPARK curriculum, music, activities, and Bible stories. Sunday School is held for 50 minutes immediately following worship each Sunday during the school year. Adult members of our congregation are welcome to teach or substitute teach.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Vacation Bible School ←

Children ages three through 3rd grade are welcome to VBS half days, one week during the early summer. Proving successful for several years in a row now, VBS is a joint effort between St. Peter's, Bethel, St. Johns and Emmaus churches in Northfield. It's a great way for young children to learn Bible stories while having fun and meeting new friends.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Worship Leaders

Communion Assistant ←

Three people are assigned to this duty. They approach the altar through the side door during the sermon hymn. They wash their hands and enter the altar area by the door. They stand to the side during the Words of Institution, then follow the pastor's instructions. The communion assistants for the month are notified in the church newsletter. If you are unable to be a communion assistant during the worship service to which you are assigned *YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT.*

Contact Person: Barb Anderson 507-321-1303

Communion Set-Up ←

This person is responsible for preparing the elements of communion for services on the first and third weekends of the month. This is generally done on Friday or Saturday. Following communion on Sunday, this person also cleans the elements and counts those served.

**Contact Person: Evonne Clay 507-663-1732;
Kathy Plante 507-645-7871**

Hospitality ←

Four people are assigned to this duty. They are responsible for making coffee and providing treats for the coffee hour following the worship service. They are then responsible for washing the dishes and cleaning up the kitchen. The hospitality teams for the month are notified in the church newsletter. If you are unable to serve coffee following the worship service to which you are assigned *YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT.*

Contact Person: Barb Anderson 507-321-1303

Reader ←

If you enjoy reading the Scripture, and have a clear speaking voice this opportunity is designed for you. The reader is also responsible for praying the Prayer of the People. The readers for the month are notified in the church newsletter. If you are unable to read during the worship service to which you are assigned *YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT.*

Contact Person: Barb Anderson 507-321-1303

Usher ←

A team of four people are assigned to greet worshipers as they arrive, give them a bulletin for the day, and answer any questions. These people also take the offering and usher people forward to receive communion. After the service starts, they count the worshipers and record the number on the chart in the cupboard. Following the service, the ushers check the pews to make sure all are ready for the next event. The ushers for the month are notified in the church newsletter. If you are unable to usher during the worship service to which you are assigned *YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A REPLACEMENT.*

Contact Person: Barb Anderson 507-321-1303

Writer ←

If you enjoy writing this group might peak your interest. They compose the weekly Prayers of the People and occasionally write devotionals for publication as well.

Contact Person: Julie Klock 507-645-8252

Music Opportunities

Jubilee Bells ←

Did you play in the high school band back in the day? How about picking up a bell(s) to bring back memories of reading and making beautiful music together? The Jubilee Bells practice every Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. A basic knowledge of reading music is necessary. The bell ringers share their music in worship about once per month. **Contact Person: Mary Kay Bougie 507-645-8252**

Worship Band ←

Do you have an instrument that has been sitting in the case for far too long begging to be dusted off? Do you enjoy singing contemporary music? The Worship Band might be just the place for you to utilize your talents. In addition to leading the Wednesday night worship services, this band compliments the Sunday worship about once per month. The practices are on Wednesday nights at 5:45 P.M.

Contact Person: Mary Kay Bougie 507-645-8252

Worship Choir ←

We are a non-auditioned choir. The Psalmist says, "make a joyful noise unto the LORD." The Bible does not say "make a perfectly in-tune harmony." Throughout the school year, we meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. We sing in worship approximately twice a month. **Contact Person: Mary Kay Bougie 507-645-8252**

We hope you find this Guidebook to St. Peter's Ministry useful and join in with one of the many areas St. Peter's has to offer (Or- you could even start your own group. Please contact Pastor David if this is something that interests you). Each one of these groups welcome new members.

Thank you to ALL of our groups, circles, boards and others, who keep St. Peter's a vibrant and thriving church community. A special thank you to the contact people assigned to each group, and to Sheryl Kleppe for compiling information to be used in this guidebook. If any group was overlooked, it was not done so intentionally. Please let us know if your group's information is missing or inaccurate.

~ St. Peter's Lutheran Church Staff



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