



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 a.m.
Coffee + Social 10 a.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Education

September - May Sunday
School 10:10 a.m.
Wednesday Confirmation
6:30 p.m.

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Dear Friends in Christ:

*O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!.....
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.....
O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! ~ Psalm 8*

By the time you read this, I will have returned from hiking in Montana with our middle school youth at Camp Christikon—an outdoor ministry of the ELCA. I am certain that I will read and reflect upon Psalm 8 every day as I view incredible vistas, cross mountain streams, and see birds soaring in the sky.

“Since 1951, Christikon has been a special place for spiritual growth and renewal with friends, old and new; an intentional Christian community where all are welcome, chosen, cherished, loved, forgiven, redeemed, and made worthy by none other than Jesus Christ himself.” <https://christikon.org/about-christikon/>

I, like many of you, love the outdoors. In both a majestic mountain and a miniscule mountain flower, we can see the hand of God's good creation.

I am grateful for the wisdom and generosity of the saints who founded Christikon and for all who have worked there throughout the years. I am also grateful to the saints here at St. Peter's who generously support our trip by either purchasing caramel rolls or contributing to a youth scholarship. Between the two opportunities, we raised over \$2000 to help defray some costs. Thank you for your generosity

This trip also reminds me of the importance and power of community. We all benefit from and are dependent upon others in the present and the past. Our lives are better because of the faith and generosity of others and our faith and generosity positively impacts the lives of others.

Peace,
Pastor David Weeks

Music Moments

Musings from the Music Office: For the past few weeks I have been digging into planning music for the rest of 2025. Consideration for what should the choir sing? What should the bells ring? I enjoy this time of preparation: looking into the scripture readings of each week; being reminded often as I search with “oh THAT song would be PERFECT for this bible theme!”; making sure all of the notes are within the ranges of our musicians; or if we have enough bell ringers to cover all the parts. St. Peter’s is blessed with great musical talent. If you haven’t participated, well, just know you are missing out on fun and fellowship. Plus, you are welcome to check us out. See info below.

Music connects people: It brings about shared emotions, it can wipe away language barriers, and create a sense of unity and belonging. In troubling times, we turn to music to soothe our soul. For the month of July, we sang the Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace), weaving the connection of music with St. Francis’ powerful words: *“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”*

Remainder of the Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals 2025 (12:15 start):

August 6: Joanne Rodland at United Methodist Church

August 9: Stephen May at First United Church of Christ

Come to Worship in August! We are “bookending” the five Sundays in August with our bands: Worship Band on August 1 st and Gospel Band on August 31. A small group of bell players will be ringing on August 10 and some special vocalists on both the 17 th and 24 th.

St. Peter's Worship & Handbell Choirs:

WE'RE BACK

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 10



Ringers
5:30 pm

in balcony



Singers
7:00 pm

in choir room

If you are interested in singing in the choir or ringing bells, please contact Mary Kay at marykaybougie@northfieldstp.org, and a music folder will be ready for you at the first rehearsal. If you can't decide until September 10 – just show up anyway! We love to see new (and past) members!

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN

RALLY DAY VOLUNTEERS

Help Us Celebrate!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
10 A.M. - NOON



Positions Available:

Face Painter
All-ages Bingo Emcee
Train Conductor
Egg Toss Referee
Bounce House Attendant
Set-up & Tear-down
Lemonade & Cookies Stand
Signs & Decorating



Contact our Christian Life Coordinator,
Patricia, to volunteer:
patricia@northfieldstp.org
or at 612 770-4881

Final Sonshine Event for Middle Schoolers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

ROMANS & CHRISTIANS

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

At St. John's Lutheran

COST: \$0 (PIZZA PROVIDED!)

Sunday School Information Coming Soon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 21

Parents will be invited via email to register their children and to attend an orientation session in September.

**Volunteer to
support our
Sunday School
Program! Contact
Patricia for details!**

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. Thank you, Volunteers!

Date	Time	Ushers	Reader	Communion Servers	Coffee/ Kitchen	Live Stream
August 3	9:00 a.m.	Joan Paulson Mickey Brodin	Beth Berry	Richard DeBeau Phil Olson Ramona Pumper	Thelma Winter Carmen Sevcik	Bill Bleckwehl
August 10	9:00 a.m.	Patrick Bougie Sheryl Kleppe	Marilyn Finneseth	-	Phil + JoAnne Olson	Becca Peterson
August 17	9:00 a.m.	Richard DeBeau Doris Welke	Michon Weeks	Julie Klock Brian Peterson Mary Peterson	Joan Paulson Mickey Brodin	Dennis Kension
August 24	9:00 a.m.	Mike + Beth Eaves	Lorraine Rovig	-	Dennis + Beth Berry	Dennis Kenison
August 31	9:00 a.m.	Ramona Pumper Deb Boyum	Patrick Bougie	-	Ruth McCarty Mary Boyum	No Live Stream
September 7	9:00 a.m.	Phil + JoAnne Olson	Steve Hill	Ginny Paulson Beth Vivant Michon Weeks	Marilyn Finneseth Ramona Pumper	Bill Bleckwehl
September 14	9:00 a.m.	Brian + Mary Peterson	Mike Eaves	-	Dennis + Janet Hahn	Becca Peterson
September 21	9:00 a.m.	Sheryl Kleppe Thelma Winter	Julie Klock	Avonne Kaplan Evonne Clay Patrick Bougie	Dale + Linda Ness	Naomi Ziegler
September 28	9:00 a.m.	Doris + Eldon Hill	Julia Daly	-	Richard DeBeau Doris Welke	Megan Culhane

August Calendar of Events + Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30am Women's Fellowship Breakfast Happy Birthday Murray Finger Janis Truax	2 Happy Birthday LeAnn Finger Maxine Halverson
3 9am Worship with Holy Communion 10am Coffee + Fellowship Happy Birthday Jonathan Odell Steve Schmidt	4 Happy Birthday Bill Bleckwehl Tom Johnson	5 1pm Staff Meeting	6 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship	7 7am Table Talk 8:30am BG's + MG's Happy Birthday Hayes Humann	8 9am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Russell Freie	9
10 9am Worship 10am Coffee + Fellowship 3pm Sons of Norway Happy Birthday Brian Kopack	11 6:30pm 4-H Big Giants Happy Birthday Roberta Bonrud	12 9:30am Hannah Circle 1pm Staff Meeting 1pm Rachel Circle 7pm Church Council Meeting Happy Birthday Jim Anderson Nicole Olson Charley Terpstra	13 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship Happy Birthday Tom Tollefson	14 7am Table Talk 7pm Faith on Tap Happy Birthday Albin Linder	15 8:30am Women's Fellowship Study 9am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Anthony Sommers	16 Happy Birthday April Kopack Ruth Meliza Emery Solberg
17 9am Worship with Holy Communion 10am Coffee + Fellowship with guest speaker Kathy Chatelaine Happy Birthday Vangie Gisvold	18 9:30am Eve Circle	19 1pm Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Mark Dorn Jeremy Sevcik	20 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship 5pm Sonshine Youth Event (St. John's)	21 7am Table Talk 5pm SOLOS (Fairfield Inn) Happy Birthday Tammy Larsen	22 9am LUV Quilters	23 Happy Birthday Mara Hallcock
24 9am Worship 10am Coffee + Fellowship 10am Volunteer Info Session Happy Birthday Lowell Fossum Truman Olson Jeff Rezac Diane Schrader	25 Happy Birthday Blake Peterson	26 1pm Staff Meeting	27 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship Happy Birthday Miranda Fossum Joyce Mokoff Ginny Paulson	28 7am Table Talk Happy Birthday Maddison Hanson	29	30 Happy Birthday Noah Hanson Logan Prescott Mona Weselmann
31 9am Worship 10am Coffee + Fellowship Happy Birthday Beth Eaves Jolene Manzey Jackson Strand						

Happenings at St. Peter's

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief is celebrating 80 years of helping people in need. Some of those in need recently were victims of the hurricane in the Southeastern region, Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee. In total, 60,465 quilts, 48,501 personal care kits, 9,494 school kits, and 1,760 fabric kits were distributed—along with \$500,000 in cash grants.

School Kits

The LUV Quilters will again be providing bags to be filled with school supplies. The bags will be hung on the pegs in the narthex. Shopping lists for school supplies will be in each bag. Please do not substitute but rather omit an item you cannot find. The bags may be returned to the bench in the narthex or to the table near the quilters closet by September 7.

ELCA AMMPARO

ELCA's AMMPARO program is a holistic strategy focused on using the church's connections within Central America, Mexico and the U.S. to uphold and guarantee the protection and safety of children in the region. AMMPARO stands for "Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities." In Spanish, the word "amparo" with one "m" means "shelter" or "protection." The program is based on three guiding principles: Accompaniment, Awareness Building and Advocacy. **On Sunday, August 17**, Kathy Chatelaine, from the SE MN Synod will speak in the fellowship hall following worship about this ministry. Hope you can join us for this timely and important conversation.

4F ~ Games + Potluck

On Wednesday, August 20, from 11am-2pm we will go to Roberta and Don Bonrud's house for lawn games, fellowship and a potluck lunch. The address is 31220 Sciota Trl and carpooling is encouraged. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one, a beverage of your choice, and a lawn game if you like. We will have croquet, bocce ball, cornhole, and washers set up. Plates and utensils will be provided. If the weather doesn't allow us to be outside, we will have games inside the house.

LUV Quilters

The LUV quilters will resume meeting on Friday, August 9 at 9 a.m. There is an ample supply of quilt tape, sheets, and batting, but there is a need for people to assemble and tie the quilts. Please consider joining the group on as many Fridays as you're available for "Operation Joy."

The Buy Nothing Bazaar

The St. Peter's congregation is holding our first Buy Nothing Bazaar.

What is that??

This is an event that involves families doing some sorting and purging in their closets, cupboards, attics and basements. Each family sets aside things they are willing to part with that are still in good usable shape. Then, on September 27th they bring the items to the fellowship hall and set the items out on their assigned table. They remain with the table and the items throughout the Bazaar. We invite the whole community in for coffee and refreshments, and they are free to browse our items. Anything that they think they could use in their home they pick up, free of charge, and take home. At the end of the event each family packs up the items they brought that have not been taken and disposes of them as they wish.

Examples of possible items:

- Clean clothing in good repair
- Sports equipment no longer used-(if it is too big to bring to church take a picture and tell those interested where it can be picked up)
- Kitchen items that you no longer use
- Toys your kids have outgrown
- Hobbies that you've tired of
- Sheets, towels, placemats etc

How do I take part?

There will be a sign up sheet at the desk in the narthex on which to sign-up and let us know how big a table you will need. Bring your items by 9:00 AM on the day of the event, display them on your assigned table. The doors will open to the public at 10:00 AM and will remain open until 2:00 PM. At the close, pack up whatever remains of your items to dispose of as you wish. We will not take care of unclaimed items, you brought them you dispose of them.

Benefits to those participating

- You get a jump start on that cleaning you've been meaning to do
- Others get things they can use at a bargain price free.
- Great way to showcase St. Peter's in a new way.

Council Highlights

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: Kleppe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Devotion: Bonrud read a series of excerpts from the book, *The Serviceberry*, written by an indigenous writer, all relating to gratitude and giving.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Eaves, second by Hanson, to approve June 10, 2025, meeting minutes as amended. Approved.

Reports

Pastor: Pastor David leaves for Christikon on July 19 and returns July 27. Tomorrow is a Sonshine event for middle school youth. Pastor David will be using a vacation Sunday on August 3 in order to officiate his niece's wedding.

Council President: Kleppe spent some time clarifying how we should receive estimates for projects. Some time should be spent visioning where St. Peter's will be in 5 or 10 years. She also reviewed the Worship Volunteers Instruction, set for August 24.

Treasurer: Terrence Hassanally is out of the country, so a June report will be presented after his return. Change for Change in June and July will go toward Habitat for Humanity. Change for Change in August and September will go toward the Texas flood relief (through Lutheran Disaster Relief).

Faith Formation Committee: Paulson said the group will meet tomorrow.

Estate Planning: Tharin Leopold to speak during coffee about Estate Planning on October 26, 2025.

Terrence Hassanally Presentation: Terrence will be scheduled to present to the council an idea to put some previously gifted money into a balanced fund.

Visioning work: Kleppe presented the question, what would we like St. Peter's to look like in 10 years? The council examined the demographics of the active membership. How do we get both young kids and young families more involved, and more interested, in attending worship.

A goal was established: For the next meeting, every council member will come up with one idea of something we can start doing to involve youth, young families or young adults at St. Peter's. At the August meeting, we will try to find one or two we feel strongly about.

Kleppe handed out a list of potential capital improvement projects for council members to rank in order of importance for the next meeting.

Adjournment: Motion by Eaves and second by Hanson to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried, followed by the Lord's Prayer.



ELCA

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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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Help Make Worship Happen: Volunteer Info Session | August 24

What: Save the Date August 24, 2025, following the worship service during the coffee hour.

Why: Have you ever wondered what is entailed in volunteering for an activity on Sunday morning during and after worship? It might be that you have always wanted to usher but are not sure what an usher actually does. Or you might think that you would like to take a turn serving coffee but have never been in the kitchen. Perhaps reading aloud is not something you've ever considered but are curious about. Or how in the world do people go about serving communion? Perhaps you think it would be great if your son or daughter would consider coming to worship and lighting the candles prior to the service. If any of these activities make you a bit interested, please come to coffee after worship and hear a bit more about how these activities enhance the worship at St. Peter's and enrich your own worship experience.



Over the years, Thelma Winter has been generous with her embroidery handiwork for fundraisers, one specifically, for our Guatemala mission trip (stocking pic). She embroiders the baptismal napkins and labels for quilts and baby blankets. She is also thoughtful and generous to us in Eve Circle with the gift of these dish towels. Thank you, Thelma, you and your talents are appreciated!

