

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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Heading South for the Winter?



If you'll be away in warmer climate this winter, please let Allie know your approximate dates. This way, we'll make sure you continue to receive church mailings while you're enjoying the warm sun (mail forwarding doesn't always go through successfully).

Fruity French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, October 12th



Join your family and friends for breakfast after church on October 12th.

In addition to a delicious breakfast, there will be a drawing for door prizes!

\$10 per ticket, with a \$40 cap for families.

Tickets go on sale starting Sunday, September 28th.

Available for purchase on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Desk and during the week in the Church Office.

Invite someone to join you!

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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:

Money, and the economic management of our material possessions is a spiritual matter. While our hope in Christ is not for this world only, but for the Kingdom to come (1 Corinthians 15:19), Jesus' teachings are also this worldly. Jesus tells us to sell, or give away our possessions in order to be his disciple. The Bible is clear that money and material possessions can easily become false gods.

In the coming weeks, we will be talking about stewardship—partly because we are embarking on our annual financial stewardship drive, and partly because Jesus' teachings make stewardship unavoidable.

Our stewardship theme this year is “what we *can* do.” Too often we convince ourselves that we cannot do something. “We” might be me individually or us collectively. Faith is trusting that with God's help and guidance, we are able to do or accomplish more than we imagine.

“I can't do it” influences us from a young age. Toddlers can't reach the door handle and they can't carry heavy items. Hockey players learn to skate backwards and figure skaters learn to jump, twirl, and land. Pianists learn to play music that initially seemed impossible.

The band Dakota Road has a song that begins with “Everybody's got something to offer, young and old, the prince and the pauper.”

I love this line and mentality. When we as a community of faith pool our resources, we are a powerful force for good in our world. In the coming weeks, I pray that we all think and pray about what we *can* do, and we refuse to allow what we cannot do to prevent us from doing what we *can* do.

I write this before our “Buy Nothing” event happens. Jesus teaches us that if our neighbor is in need, we are to give them our coats. I don't know how many coats will be given away, but much will be. Giving away something that is still functional and has some value is an excellent way of eliminating the power our possessions have over us. Thank you to all who participated in this ministry, reaching out to our community, and giving to others possessions we no longer need or desire. I hope this becomes an annual event, and as good as I hope it is this year, it will be even better next year.

“Stewardship is everything we do after we say ‘I believe’” is one of my favorite stewardship quotes. A focus on stewardship is not so much a focus on our money and possessions as it is on our relationship with Jesus. I pray that we all pray for ourselves and for each other as we discern what we *can* do to share the love of God in Christ Jesus with all the world.

Peace,

Pastor David Weeks

Music Moments

We are a month into rehearsals, and beautiful music is soaring through the hallways and sanctuary. I'd like to thank the musicians who make the commitment to be part of St. Peter's music groups. Every voice matters, and every ringer is needed! As always, we welcome new voices, ringers, instrumentalists!

October has some music highlights to note:

October 5: We will have a guest organist, Daniel Dauner. He will play solos during prelude, offering, and postlude.

October 12: We are blessed with three special musical elements to the service: our own high school student, Alaia Douah, accompanying the full service on organ; the Jubilee bells are ringing; and the Sunday School choir will be singing!

October 26: Reformation Sunday, where Lutherans affirm their faith identity, is always highlighted with glorious music. Richard Collman will be accompanying the service. The choir will be singing two anthems, and a guest cellist, Rose Sorenmann, will play solos within each of them.

Please plan to come and hear these musicians who put in lots of time to make our worship service meaningful! In closing, here are portions of a text by Delores Dufner, a modern hymnwriter:

Composer, poet, artist-God within, among us here,
you show yourself to all who come with open eye and ear.

In music we have heard your voice; in friends, have seen your face.
In fami'ly we have felt your touch; in prayer, your warm embrace.



Christian Life

October Reminders for Children, Youth, & Families

SUNDAYS

- Oct 5 Sunday School at 10:10 a.m.
- Oct 12 Sunday School Early Arrival at 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School choir during worship
Sunday School at 10:10 a.m.
- Oct 19 No Sunday School
- Oct 26 No Sunday School

WEDNESDAYS

- Oct 1 SPY - St. Peter's Youth at 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 8 Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.
Blessing of the Pets at 6:30 p.m.



- Oct 15 NO PROGRAMS
- Oct 22 SPY - St. Peter's Youth at 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 29 Trunk-or-Treat at 6:00 p.m.
Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.



Sunday School Sings! During worship Oct 12

Led by our new children's music intern, Margaret Black, K-5th graders will sing during worship on October 12. The best way to prepare your children for this is by ensuring their regular Sunday School attendance, when we will rehearse the song together.

Trunk-or-Treat Oct 29 6:00 p.m.



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.

Devotions: Pastor and Council members discussed the foreword and first two chapters of "Holy Disruption: A Manifesto for the Future of Faith Communities." The 2025 book calls on congregations to reimagine their Christian community. The authors note that when familiar forms of church fade, it's easy for a congregation to feel fear and grief. They ask, however: What if this disruption is actually divine? Chapter 3 and 4 will be discussed in October.

Reports

Pastor: Planning is under way with youth leaders at St. John's and Bethel for the joint January term Confirmation classes. Two St. Peter's youth will be confirmed this year. Faith on Tap continues to meet monthly. The 4F group continues to attract good attendance at its outings. The fall stewardship theme is "What We Can Do." The Stewardship Team will meet with various congregation groups to hear their visions, hopes and financial requests to help create the congregation's budget for next year. Next summer's youth trip is tentatively set for June 21-26 in Milwaukee. Ten copies of "The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Belong" were ordered for a book discussion about immigration from a faith perspective beginning Sept. 28. Tharan Leopold from the ELCA Foundation will talk about estate planning during fellowship hour Oct. 26.

Council President: Kleppe said congregation members Brad Anderson and Janet Topp have been recruited to train and work as offering counters. They join Bill Bleckwehl and Mary Peterson. A nominating committee will organize this fall to fill vacancies of those going off the Council next year. The Personnel Committee will meet with Patricia McKee, congregational life coordinator, in October for her scheduled six-month review. Promotional flyers for the Buy Nothing Bazaar will be distributed around town.

Treasurer: Link presented the August financial report. Year-to-date giving at the end of August was \$18,000 under budget, which continues a typical seasonal pattern. Expenditures for the same period were \$25,000 under budget. The Change 4 Change program (all Sunday offerings of loose coins and bills not linked to a member's offering envelope number) raised \$368 in June (not previously reported) and \$379 in August. The August contributions went to ELCA Disaster Relief in the aftermath of Texas flooding. Change 4 Change funds in October and November will be sent to The Key youth center.

Committee Reports

Faith Formation: Continues to meet with Patricia McKee, Christian Life Coordinator, to plan for the new Sunday School year. Margaret Black, a new intern from St. Olaf College, will lead the music program as Sunday School Music Director for Sunday School children. The children are scheduled to sing during the October 12 worship service.



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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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Happenings at St. Peter's



RALLY DAY



4F enjoyed an excursion to tour the Amazon facility in Shakopee, followed by a lunch at the Fish Tail Grill.



Meals on Wheels

Thank you to those who have signed up to volunteer for Meals on Wheels. If you would like to get involved, St. Peter's participates every June + October for 2 weeks. You can let the office know if you'd be interested next time.



There will be 94 happy children somewhere in the world as they receive their school kits. Lutheran World Relief sends kits to remote villages in Africa refugee camps and disaster areas in the US. Thanks to all who purchased school supplies and filled the 94 bags. The bags were taken to the L.W.R. warehouse in South St. Paul by Marcia Schmitz.

Meet the Staff



Margaret Black

Margaret is a sophomore at St. Olaf College.

Margaret is the new Sunday School Music Director. She also sings in the worship choir.

Hometown: Born and raised in Marietta, Georgia, an Atlanta suburb of 61,000.

High School: Graduated from Marietta High School in 2024.

"Throughout middle and high school I sang in the Spivey Hall Tour Choir. We traveled to regional locations, such as Nashville and Charleston, but also took tours to Ireland and France. We collaborated with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra on various occasions. I got to sing some of the most beautiful music in the most beautiful of places while in that choir."

Role in "Annie": "I was Annie in fifth grade! It was loads of fun. The girl who played Miss Hannigan and I are still great friends. We were co-presidents of our high school theatre department during our senior year."

St. Olaf : Plans to major in vocal music education. Hopes to begin teaching elementary students before possibly moving on the high school students.

"When I was applying to schools, I really didn't have a particular college that I "knew" I wanted to attend. By a crazy (and awesome) coincidence, the St. Olaf Choir sang a concert at Emory University shortly after I received my acceptance letter. I knew within the first half of the concert that I needed to go to school there. I had never been to the campus or even to Minnesota, but I just knew that this would be the place for me. It was easily the best decision of my life."

Family: Mother, Amy, is a French horn player and instructor. She performs around the metro Atlanta area and teaches lessons and classes in various education settings. Father, Bryan, is the organist and choirmaster at the family's home church, St. James' Episcopal Church. He conducts the Georgia Symphony Orchestra Chorus. "Although I am an only child, we have a dachshund named Penny whom we adore."

Goals at St. Peter's: "I hope the children's choir will continue to learn about the joy of music making and how we can incorporate it into a practice of worship this year. We will practice some solfege** and hopefully even learn how to use sheet music by the end of the year! I am so excited for the opportunity to teach and learn from the children of St. Peter's."

Odds & Ends: "Music is the biggest part of my daily life! Whether I am practicing with the St. Olaf Choir, singing French art songs for voice, practicing for my piano lessons or just listening to new popular songs in my dorm with friends, music brings me immense happiness! I love enjoying God's beautiful creation by hanging around outside, especially in a hammock. I enjoy traveling and good food, but most of all laughing with the people I love. I am so excited to become a part of the St. Peter's community. I look forward to meeting each of you and embarking on this journey together!"

*** Solfege is a system for learning and teaching music using syllables like "Do, Re, Mi" to represent notes in a musical scale, which helps musicians develop aural skills like ear training, sight-reading and a sense of relative pitch by focusing on the intervals between notes rather than just their names.*

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
October 5	9:00 a.m.	Mike + Beth Eaves	Avonne Kaplan	Evonne Clay Carmen Sevcik Phil Olson	Doris Welke + Richard DeBeau	Bill Bleckwehl
October 12	9:00 a.m.	Richard DeBeau Patrick Bougie	Jolene Manzey	-	Ruth McCarty Marilyn Finneseth	Megan Culhane
October 19	9:00 a.m.	Joan Paulson Mickey Brodin	Mary Bleckwehl	Evonne Clay Julie Klock Ramona Pumper	Lyle + Nancy Gunderson	Becca Peterson
October 26	9:00 a.m.	Dale + Linda Ness	Patrick Bougie	-	Don + Roberta Bonrud	Naomi Ziegler
November 2	9:00 a.m.	Mark + Connie Albers	Roberta Bonrud	Dale Ness Linda Ness Ginny Paulson	Mary Boyum + Ramona Pumper	Dennis Kenison
November 9	9:00 a.m.	Debra Boyum Patrick Bougie	Lorraine Rovig	-	Phil + JoAnne Olson	Megan Culhane
November 16	9:00 a.m.	Mike + Beth Eaves	Sheryl Kleppe	Laura Gilligan Jolene Manzey Beth Vivant	Carmen Sevcik + Evonne Clay	Bill Bleckwehl
November 23	9:00 a.m.	Brian + Mary Peterson	Steve Hill	-	Dennis + Janet Hahn	Megan Culhane
November 30	9:00 a.m.	Richard DeBeau Doris Welke	Michon Weeks	-	Dennis + Beth Berry	Dennis Kenison

October Calendar of Events + Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship Wednesday Evening Schedule Happy Birthday Mary Kay Bougie Michelle Seeley	2 7am Table Talk Happy Birthday Elizabeth Behrens	3 8:30am Women's Fellowship Breakfast 9am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Alaia Douah Julie Heilman Ethan Prescott Dave Schwager	4
5 Confirmation Sunday 9am Worship with Holy Communion 10am Coffee + Fellowship 10:10am Sunday School	6 Happy Birthday Betty Chapman Phil Winter	7 11am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Larry Hoffman	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship 5pm Handbells Practice 6:30pm Blessing of the Pets 6:30pm Confirmation 7pm Worship Choir Practice	9 7am Table Talk	10 9am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Rebecca Peterson Janet Topp Suzan Wegner	11 Happy Birthday Richard DeBeau
12 9am Worship 10am Fruity French Toast Breakfast 10:10am Sunday School 3pm Sons of Norway 5pm Cub Scouts Happy Birthday Jean Reuter Madilyn Terpstra	13 5:30pm 4-H Big Giants	14 9:30am Hannah Circle 11am Staff Meeting 1pm Rachel Circle 7pm Church Council Meeting Happy Birthday Angela Humann	15 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship 5:30pm Handbells Practice 7pm Worship Choir Practice Happy Birthday Lilah Buske	16 7am Table Talk 11:30am SOLOS (Hogan Brothers) 7pm Faith on Tap Happy Birthday Danielle Crase	17 9am LUV Quilters 8:30am Women's Fellowship Study Happy Birthday Stevie Ruzicka Jon Wierson	18
19 9am Worship with Holy Communion 10am Coffee + Fellowship 10:10am The God Who Sees (session 2)	20 9:30am Eve Circle Happy Birthday Marie Hagen	21 11am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Carter Seeley	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship Wednesday Evening Schedule Happy Birthday Pete Pedersen Stephanie Rezac	23 7am Table Talk Happy Birthday Andrew Stowe	24 9am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Jacob Odell	25 Happy Birthday Joann Morgan
26 9am Worship 10am Coffee + Fellowship (Guest Speaker Tharan Leopold)	27 Happy Birthday Jean Liebenstein Karlie Paulson	28 11am Staff Meeting	29 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship 5pm Handbells Practice 6pm Trunk or Treat 6:30pm Confirmation 7pm Worship Choir Practice	30 7am Table Talk Happy Birthday Nora Ruzicka	31 9am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Darrin Stowe	



Wednesday Evening Schedule

- 5:30pm Handbells Practice
- 6:30pm Worship
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 6:30pm SPY (10.1 + 10.22)
- 7:00pm Worship Choir Practice