



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.  
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6:30 p.m.

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Dear Saints of St. Peter's Lutheran:

We recently celebrated the Day of Pentecost, which is one of the three major Christian festivals—Christmas, Easter, Pentecost.

My sermon on Pentecost began with “Nothing stays the same when the Holy Spirit shows up.” Clearly, the Holy Spirit is thriving here at St. Peter's. On Pentecost Sunday, we welcomed three new members who bring new talents, new perspectives, new experiences, and new passions.

I often look forward to the summer, thinking that life slows down in June-August. Given my age and the number of years I have been a pastor, I should know better by now. Summer brings a different sort of busy. Though some of the church's ministry follows the school year, summer is an opportunity for more outdoor and active ministries.

- June 2 is our annual Blessing of the Bikes. Please join me on your newly blessed bike and bike ride on the Dundas loop (approximately 8.15 miles).
- We're launching a new ministry this month we're calling 4-F (Faith, Fellowship, Fun, Food). Our first activity will be a picnic/hike in Nerstrand Big Woods.
- The ELCA is in the process of developing a Social Statement on “Civic Life and Faith.” I will be facilitating a discussion of the Draft Proposal on Sundays, June 9 & 23. You can read and or download the document by scanning the QR code on the back page of the newsletter.
- We are targeting three Dundas Dukes baseball games.
- We have 19 St. Paul Saints tickets for sale for Sunday, June 23. We will again rent Char (Fossum) Hamblin's Townie Bus.
- Our middle and senior high youth are canoeing with Camp Amnicon in July.
- Together with Bethel and St. John's, our children and parents can gather for fun and faith formation at Vacation Bible School.
- We have three Sonshine ministry events for middle schoolers—one activity in June, July, and August.
- We plan to post more outdoor events throughout the summer—canoeing the Cannon River, biking, etc.

I hope and pray that God's Holy Spirit brings you renewal in these coming months.

Peace,

Pastor David Weeks

# Summer Events

## Camp Firelight - Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will take place June 10-13 (Monday - Thursday), 9am - 11am. Vacation Bible School is for kids entering K- Grade 3, Fall 2024. Cost is \$15/child; \$30/family. Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church and is hosted by Bethel, St. John's, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church. You can register by scanning the QR code.



## Blessing of the Bikes

Join us on Sunday, June 2nd to have your bike blessed. The blessing of the bikes will take place at 10:10am after worship followed by a ride.

## 4-F (Faith, Fun, Fellowship, Food)

We're introducing a new ministry for seniors, and we're calling it 4-F (Faith, Fun, Fellowship, Food). We will gather monthly—it could be an outdoor activity, it may be a potluck meal. We'll try to incorporate each of the 4 F's in every activity. Please contact Pastor David with ideas and/or willingness to help coordinate. Our first 4-F outing will be a picnic at Nerstrand Big Woods on Wednesday, June 12, followed by a hike (various lengths for differing desires). Let's meet at St. Peter's at 11:30 a.m., and carpool as not everyone has a MN State Park sticker.

## Middle School Sunshine Events

For several years now, the three ELCA congregations have organized summer/Sunshine events - joint youth ministry activities. We again have one event each for June, July, and August. Below is the schedule with the start time listed for each event. Please note that the June and July events are out of town, so you will need to factor in drive time. At this time, we have not yet named our departure time. For Feed My Starving Children, we will provide a signup as Feed My Starving Children needs to know how many people are coming, and we need to know if we should carpool or rent a bus. Please contact me if you have any other questions.

### Event Dates + Times

June 20, 5:30pm | Feed My Starving Children  
July 24, 6pm | Apple Valley Aquatic Center (backup of bowling)  
August 21, 6pm | Romans & Christians @ St. John's Lutheran

## Saint Paul Saints Game

June 23rd | Cost: \$50/ticket (includes transportation) Sign up sheet available at the welcome desk.  
2pm game, departing from St. Peter's at 12:15pm.

## Canoeing at Amnicon

We are again offering a summer trip in conjunction with St. John's Lutheran and the United Church of Christ. We are excited that Tia Randall, Axel Randall, and Eric Randall will be soaking in God's creation of sun, water, flora, and fauna in northern Wisconsin, July 7-12.

## Rally Day - Save the Date!

Save the Date! Rally Day will take place on Sunday, September 15! Join us for games, fun, and fellowship.

# Welcome Summer BBQ + Musician Party



SUMMER



let's play



# June Calendar of Events + Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Happy Birthday Tanner Peterson
<b>2</b> 9am Worship with Holy Communion  10am Coffee + Fellowship  10:10am Blessing of the Bikes  Happy Birthday John Rowan	<b>3</b> Happy Birthday Eric Schrader Patty Shaw	<b>4</b> 10am Staff Meeting  6pm Church Council	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7am Table Talk  8am BG's  8am MG's Happy Birthday Dan Johnson Nancy Johnson Dottie Scharber	<b>7</b> 8am Women's Fellowship Breakfast  10:30am Gospel Band  7pm Dundas Dukes Game	<b>8</b> Happy Birthday Pamela Sholtz Phyllis Swanson
<b>9</b> 9am Worship  10am Coffee + Fellowship (Civic Life + Faith Discussion)	<b>10</b> 9-11am Vacation Bible School  9:30am Eve Circle  6:30pm Big Giant 4-H  Happy Birthday Marilyn Dewar	<b>11</b> 9-11am Vacation Bible School  10am Staff Meeting  9:30am Hannah Circle  1pm Rachel Circle Happy Birthday Terry Johnson	<b>12</b> 9-11am Vacation Bible School	<b>13</b> 7am Table Talk  9-11am Vacation Bible School  2pm New Spirit Circle  7pm Faith on Tap	<b>14</b> 10:30am Gospel Band	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9am Worship with Holy Communion  10am Coffee + Fellowship  10am Volunteer Training Happy Birthday Sam Harner	<b>17</b> Happy Birthday Veda Humann	<b>18</b> 10am Staff Meeting	<b>19</b> Happy Birthday Nicole Hallcock Dennis Kenison	<b>20</b> 7am Table Talk  11:30am SOLOS (New Buffet)  5:30pm Sunshine Youth Event (Feed My Starving Children)	<b>21</b> 8:30am Women's Fellowship Study  10:30am Gospel Band	<b>22</b> Happy Birthday Andrew Schmitz Paul Wegner
<b>23</b> 9am Worship 10am Coffee + Fellowship  12:15pm Saint Paul Saints Game  3pm Sons of Norway Happy Birthday Vicki Behr Mary Ann Johnson	<b>24</b> Happy Birthday Megan Culhane	<b>25</b> 10am Staff Meeting  Happy Birthday Reed Sommers	<b>26</b> Happy Birthday Debra Boyum Jennifer Riley Jim Topp	<b>27</b> 7am Table Talk  Happy Birthday Anika Wierson	<b>28</b> 10:30am Gospel Band	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9am Worship  10am Coffee + Fellowship  Happy Birthday Carrie Quinnell						

# July Calendar of Events + Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10am Staff Meeting 12pm Executive Committee  Happy Birthday MaDonna Fratzke	3  Happy Birthday Barbara Johnson	4  Happy Birthday Patti Baker Michael Chapman Michael Truax	5 8:30am Women's Fellowship Breakfast  Happy Birthday Drew Teske	6  Happy Birthday Brody Little
7 9am Worship with Holy Communion  10am Coffee + Fellowship  Amnicon Canoe Youth Trip  Happy Birthday Keith Harner	8 9:30 Rachel Circle  6:30pm Big Giants 4-H  Amnicon Canoe Youth Trip  Happy Birthday Myla Culhane	9 9:30am Hannah Circle 10am Staff Meeting 1pm Rachel Circle 7pm Church Council Amnicon Canoe Youth Trip Happy Birthday Marilyn Finneseth Catherine Miller Travis White	10  Amnicon Canoe Youth Trip  Happy Birthday Ramona Pumper	11 7am Table Talk 8am BG's + MG's 2pm New Spirit Circle  7pm Faith on Tap Amnicon Canoe Youth Trip Happy Birthday Grace Martin Richard Ozmun Sloane Peterson Elmer Pumper	12  10:30am Gospel Band  Happy Birthday Elijah Bridley	13    Happy Birthday Wes Anderson Maren Simonson
14 9am Worship 10am Coffee + Fellowship 2pm Dundas Dukes Game 3pm Sons of Norway  Happy Birthday Bryn Bridley Eleanor Olson Hunter Payne	15	16 10am Staff Meeting	17  Happy Birthday Kelley Erickson	18 7am Table Talk  11:30am SOLOS (Northfield Golf Club)  Happy Birthday Geraldine Jasan	19 8:30am Women's Fellowship Study  10:30am Gospel Band	20    Happy Birthday Claire Hill
21 9am Worship with Holy Communion  10am Coffee + Fellowship  Happy Birthday Nancy Schoenbauer	22  Happy Birthday Jayne Hager Dee	23 10am Staff Meeting  Happy Birthday Sean Simonson	24  6pm Sonshine Youth Event (Apple Valley Aquatic Center)  Happy Birthday Rona Kasel Kennedy Larsen	25 7am Table Talk  Happy Birthday Ali Little	26 10:30am Gospel Band  Happy Birthday Justine Gerlach Charlene Hamblin Polly Hendee JoAnne Olson Riley Sabyan	27    Happy Birthday Deb Metz Avery Valek
28 9am Worship  10am Coffee + Fellowship	29  Happy Birthday Aiken Liebenstein	30 10am Staff Meeting  Happy Birthday Isaac Estrem Marilyn Hill Bette Lee	31  Happy Birthday Duane Peterson Neale Thompson			

# 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 Server	Coffee/Kitchen	Live Stream
June 2	9:00 a.m.	Don + Roberta Bonrud	Patrick Bougie	Patrick Bougie Doris Hill Laura Gilligan	Nick + Emily Paulson	Bill Bleckwehl
June 9	9:00 a.m.	Borris + Joyce Mokoff	Avonne Kaplan	-	Mark + Connie Albers	Naomi Ziegler
June 16	9:00 a.m.	Pat + Dennis Kenison	Lorraine Rovig	Ramona Pumper Mary Peterson Julie Klock	Marilyn Finneseth Thelma Winter	Megan Culhane
June 23	9:00 a.m.	Ramona Pumper Laura Gilligan	Pete Pedersen	-	Doris Welke Richard DeBeau	Bill Bleckwehl
June 30	9:00 a.m.	Linda + Dale Ness	Michon Weeks	-	David + Polly Hendee	Nick Paulson
July 7	9:00 a.m.	Doris + Eldon Hill	Pete Pedersen	Michon Weeks Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey	Ruth McCarty Thelma Winter	Bill Bleckwehl
July 14	9:00 a.m.	Phil + JoAnne Olson	Kirsten Croone	-	Nick + Emily Paulson	Naomi Ziegler
July 21	9:00 a.m.	Debra Boyum Laura Gilligan	Michon Weeks	Doris Welke Pete Pedersen Ramona Pumper	Don + Roberta Bonrud	Dennis Kenison
July 28	9:00 a.m.	Sheryl Kleppe Joelene Manzey	Steve Hill	-	Dale + Linda Ness	Megan Culhane
August 4	9:00 a.m.	Dennis + Janet Hahn	Connie Albers	Laura Gilligan Avonne Kaplan Doris Hill	Brian + Mary Peterson	Bill Bleckwehl
August 11	9:00 a.m.	Borris + Joyce Mokoff	Marilyn Finneseth	-	Richard DeBeau Doris Welke	Nick Paulson
August 18	9:00 a.m.	Debra Boyum Diane Boyum	Carmen Sevcik	Phil Olson JoAnne Olson Pete Pedersen	Mark + Connie Albers	Dennis Kenison
August 25	9:00 a.m.	Mickey Brodin Joan Paulson	Patrick Bougie	-	Eleanor + Kirsten Croone	Nick Paulson

# Meals on Wheels + Noontime Organ Recitals

## Meals on Wheels | June 24-29 + July 1-6

It's that time again, St. Peter's!

If you have any of the noon hours free during these two weeks, would you consider delivering Meals on Wheels to Northfield Community residents?

We have just 25 slots to fill, Mondays-Saturdays!

You will receive information about how to do this "less than an hour" volunteer work once you sign up on Sign-up Genius.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help others!



Scan QR code to  
sign-up.



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## NOONTIME ORGAN RECITALS

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals open their 17th season this summer!  
Wednesdays, 12:15 to 12:45 p. m.

**July 3** | Boe Chapel, St. Olaf College | Organist: James Bobb

**July 10** | St. John's Lutheran Church | Organist: Jay Zoller

**July 17** | Skinner Chapel, Carleton College | Organist: Richard Collman

**July 24** | Bethel Lutheran | Organist: John Schultz

**July 31** | Northfield United Methodist Church | Organist: Joanne Rodland

**August 7** | Valley Grove Lutheran | Organist: Noah Klein

**August 14** | First United Church of Christ | Organist: Stephen May

Some recitals will include a free-will offering to defray publicity expenses. For more information, contact Richard Collman at 507-645-1357 or email [rkcollman@msn.com](mailto:rkcollman@msn.com)

# Additional Notes + Happenings

## Capital Improvements

As noted in the Council Highlights in this Parish Visitor, we will have two necessary repair and improvement projects in the coming months. First, we are updating the original bathrooms in the original Sunday School section on the second floor. When we leased space to the SE MN Synod, we realized we could no longer delay this update. Many thanks to Patrick Bougie, a licensed architect, who has donated many hours drawing the plan necessary to meet building codes. Schmidt Homes will be the General Contractor. Estimated cost is \$45,000. Secondly, the east wall of glass and metal panels has leaked many times over the past several years. Both the metal panels and glass need to be replaced. Polzin Glass will do the work. Estimated cost is \$8300. The total cost is \$53,300. We are requesting \$20,000 from the Mission Endowment Fund. The Stewardship Ministry Team will be meeting soon to develop a strategy to raise the \$33,300 remaining balance. Watch for more information in the Sunday worship bulletin, email blasts, and our website. Until then, if you would like to financially support these projects, please indicate "Capital Improvements" on the memo section of your check.

## Ministry Volunteer Training | June 16

As you look at the Time & Talent form, do you wonder if you have the skills to Livestream our worship service? Do you elect to not check Communion Server because you are uncertain about what to do and say? Do you think of our Time & Talent form as the church's needs for volunteers, or your opportunity to do Christian ministry? **On Sunday, June 16,** following the worship service, we will gather in the sanctuary to provide training and information for ministry opportunities, primarily in the Worship and Hospitality section of our Time and Talent Form.

## Change4Change

Beginning in June, we are implementing a new ministry, Change4Change. Loose offerings will periodically be given to a designated charity. In June, our loose offering will be given to Lutheran World Relief which is celebrating their 50th Anniversary. LWR also has a challenge gift—someone has offered to match up to \$50,000. If you have a jar of loose change, we'll have a bowl up front. If you give electronically, or use an offering envelope, we invite and challenge you to add an extra \$1, \$5, or \$20 to bring change to our world in Jesus' name.



# Troubadour's Spring Concert at St. Peter's



# SEMN Synod Open House



# 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.

**Devotion:** Pastor David, JoAnne Olson, and David Hendee attended the Southeastern Minnesota Synod's annual assembly in the Mankato. Bishop Regina Hassanally introduced the theme of "Every Congregation Connected" by explaining how the interconnected and rare dwarf trout lilies at Nerstrand Big Woods State only survive and thrive in colonies. Keynote speaker Dr. Matt Bloom, followed with presentations of studies about the wellbeing of the helping and healing professions, including pastors and congregations. Congregations are ecosystems, not unlike dwarf trout lily colonies, and need strong connections.

**Pastor's Report:** The last Wednesday worship of the season was May 1, and will resume when confirmation classes begin in the fall. Sunday worship attendance has increased slightly this spring. He thanked the council for organizing and hosting a celebration of his 10th anniversary of serving St. Peter's Lutheran. Tharan Leopold from the ELCA Foundation and Terrence Hassanally, the congregation's financial administrator, spoke about leaving a lasting legacy at a recent fellowship hour. Three people completed new-member classes.

**Council President:** The Personnel Committee plans to meet with the church staff to review self-evaluations later in May. Eaves moved and Kopack seconded a motion for the church to sponsor the Foul Ball Contest at one Dundas Dukes game this summer, if the opportunity remains available.

**Committees:** Bleckwehl presented findings of her visits to eight local churches to study their street signs, exterior door and interior signage, and door numbering for emergency purposes. Hendee presented the Stewardship Committee's review of a suggestion to give worshippers an opportunity to contribute a bit of loose change in addition to their regular offerings. Paulson moved and Kopack seconded a motion to approve the "Change 4 Change" initiative. It will begin in June, when the month's contributions will be given to the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal, which will be marking its 50th anniversary.

**Treasurer:** Olson said April giving exceeded expenses by \$700.

**Old Business:** The council discussed a bid from Schmidt Homes for remodeling the second-floor restrooms. The council also inspected and discussed needed repairs to the leaking and deteriorating east door panels and glass. Funding for each project was discussed. Olson moved and Kopack seconded a motion to accept the Schmidt Homes \$45,000 estimated bid for the restrooms. Work could begin soon. Paulson moved and Eaves seconded a motion to accept a Polzin Glass bid of \$8,300 for the east door work. Olson moved and Bleckwehl seconded a motion to request \$20,000 from the congregation's Mission Endowment Fund for the two capital projects. The estimated remaining balance of \$33,300 would be raised by a congregational appeal.



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# BIBLE



# Emoji Pictionary

Guess the word or phrase represented by the emojis below.  
The person with the most correct is the winner!

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