



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Parish *Visitor*

418 East Sumner Street
Northfield, MN 55057

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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 Saints of St. Peter's:

We don't get to use our red paraments often. Red is used on Pentecost Sunday and the celebration of martyrs (people who died for their faith). In the Lutheran church, we also use red for Reformation and Confirmation.

September will begin and end with red paraments and banners. We are celebrating Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism) on October 6. The last Sunday in October is always Reformation Sunday when we remember the witness of Martin Luther and we celebrate the power of the Gospel to transform the world.

We have two students this year –Jon Wierson and Noah Hanson—who are getting confirmed. We hold them in our prayers as they publicly confess their faith.

The order of service will include the following:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

More than 45 years ago, I made a similar public profession. Looking at the words today, I can say that I have, and I have not done what I intended. Discipleship to Jesus is not about perfection, but faithfulness.

As Luther famously postulated – we are all simultaneously sinner and saint. We can be amazingly faithful and surprisingly unfaithful.

As I find it impossible to attend a wedding and not reflect on my own wedding vows, I think it is also good for those of us who long ago made a similar profession of faith, to reflect on our promises to God.

Christianity boils down to promises. Throughout the Old Testament, God promises to love, watch over, and protect God's people. In the New Testament, God promises to redeem and abide with all people through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

In response to God's promise of salvation which sets us free from sin and death, we promise to share the Good News of God's love with all the world.

In Christ's service,

Pastor David Weeks

Capitol Improvement Updates

Earlier this summer, we replaced the windows on the east side of the building (near elevator) and we did a long overdue renovation of the upstairs restrooms (between Youth and Choir rooms). Both projects are now completed. Thank you....thank you.....thank you! We embarked on an appeal to raise \$33,000 to pay for these improvements. We have exceeded our goal. Thank you to all who contributed small and large gifts. Every dollar counts. Your generosity, along with the support from the Mission Endowment Fund made our building more hospitable and welcoming!

Thank you!



Before



During



After!

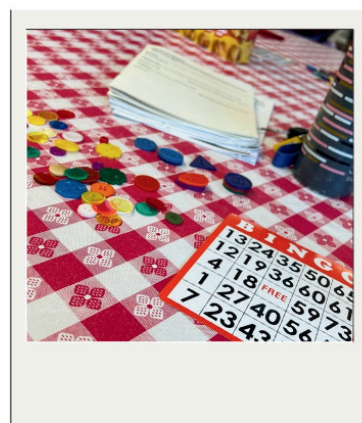
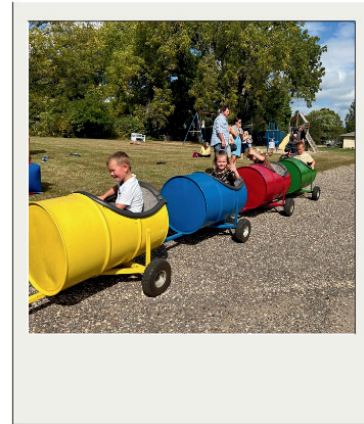
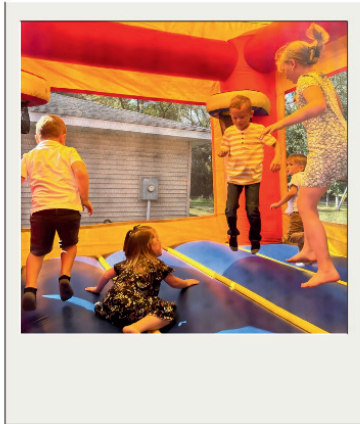
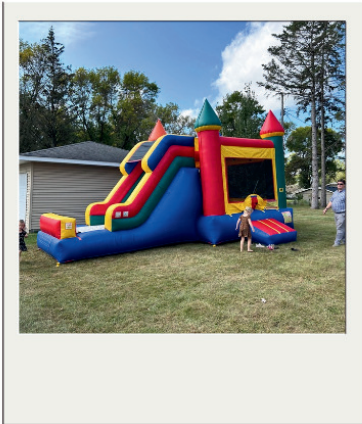


Happenings at St. Peter's

Outdoor Worship



Rally Sunday



4F (Faith, Fellowship, Fun & Food)



Do you know of Caron Park? Have you been there? Caron Park is a hidden gem a couple miles west of Nerstrand Big Woods. Let's hope and pray for another nice afternoon hike. We'll meet at St. Peter's on **Wednesday, October 9 at 11:30am**, before carpooling to Caron where we will first picnic (bring your own sack lunch), then those who want to hike to the massive glacier rock will do so.

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
October 6	9:00 a.m	Doris + Eldon Hill	Kirsten Croone	Carmen Sevcik Avonne Kaplan Ginny Paulson	Lyle + Nancy Gunderson	Bill Bleckwehl
October 13	9:00 a.m	Nick, Emily, Karlie + Lilly Paulson	Patrick Bougie	-	Carol Irwin Evonne Clay	Megan Culhane
October 20	9:00 a.m	Mark + Connie Albers	Julie Klock	Laura Gilligan Michon Weeks Beth Vivant	Beth Berry Mary Bleckwhel	Nick Paulson
October 27	9:00 a.m	Mike + Beth Eaves	Pete Pedersen	-	Dale + Linda Ness	Naomi Zeigler
November 3	9:00 a.m	Mickey Brodin Joan Paulson	Jolene Manzey	Richard DeBeau Doris Welke Ginny Paulson	Thelma Winter Mary Boyum	Bill Bleckwehl
November 10	9:00 a.m	Mary Peterson Carmen Sevcik	Marilyn Finneseth	-	Don + Roberta Bonrud	Megan Culhane
November 17	9:00 a.m	Thelma Winter Diane Boyum	Mary Bleckwehl	Mike Eaves Beth Eaves Ramona Pumper	Eleanor + Kirsten Croone	Nick Paulson
November 24	9:00 a.m	Jolene Manzey Sheryl Kleppe	Beth Vivant	-	Dennis + Beth Berry	Naomi Ziegler

October Calendar of Events + Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Mary Kay Bougie Michelle Seeley	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship 6:30pm Blessing of the Animals Wednesday Evening Schedule Happy Birthday Elizabeth Behrens	3 7am Table Talk 8am BG's + MG's 12pm Executive Committee 1pm Stewardship Committee Happy Birthday Alaia Douah Julie Heilman Ethan Prescott Dave Schwager	4 8:30am Women's Fellowship Breakfast 9am LUV Quilters	5
6 9am Worship with Holy Communion Confirmation Sunday 10am Coffee + Fellowship 10:10am Sunday School Happy Birthday Betty Chapman Phil Winter	7 Happy Birthday Larry Hoffman	8 9:30am Hannah Circle 1pm Rachel Circle 7pm Church Council	9 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship 10am Staff Meeting 4F Caron Park (Meet at St. Peter's at 11:30am) Wednesday Evening Schedule	10 7am Table Talk 2pm New Spirit Circle 7pm Faith on Tap Happy Birthday Rebecca Peterson Janet Topp Suzan Wegner	11 9am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Richard DeBeau	12 Happy Birthday Jacquelyn Reuter Madilyn Terpstra
13 9am Worship 10am Coffee + Fellowship 10:10am Sunday School 3pm Sons of Norway	14 9:30 Eve Circle 6:30pm 4H Big Giants Happy Birthday Angela Humann	15 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Lilah Buske	16 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship 5:30pm Hand Bell Practice 7pm Worship Choir Practice Happy Birthday Danielle Crase	17 7am Table Talk 11:30am SOLOS Quarterback Club Happy Birthday Stevie Ruzicka Jon Wierson	18 8:30am Women's Fellowship Study 9am LUV Quilters	19
20 9am Worship with Holy Communion 10am Coffee + Fellowship 10:10am Sunday School 1pm Ditch Cleanup Happy Birthday Marie Hagen	21 Happy Birthday Carter Seeley	22 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Paul Liebenstein Pete Pedersen Stephanie Rezac	23 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship Wednesday Evening Schedule Happy Birthday Andrew Stowe	24 7am Table Talk Happy Birthday Jacob Odell	25 9am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Joann Morgan	26
27 9am Worship 10am Coffee + Fellowship (Celebrating October Birthdays) 10:10am Trunk or Treat Happy Birthday Jean Liebenstein	28	29 10am Staff Meeting	30 6:30am Men's Bible Study + Fellowship Happy Birthday Nora Ruzicka	31 Happy Birthday Darrin Stowe		

Wednesday Evening Schedule



- 5:30pm Hand Bells Practice
- 6:30pm Worship
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 6:30pm SPY (1st + 3rd Wednesday)
- 7:00pm Worship Choir Practice

Music Notes

By Mary Kay Bougie

After a summer hiatus, the Worship Band returned and led worship on September 22. It is as much a joy for me to prepare music for a Worship Band Sunday as it is any other service at St. Peter's. It's not easy to name the style of music you hear in worship when you want to use standard hymns and also music that is on Christian radio. For ALL of the worship services at St. Peter's, I prefer to strive for a "blended" music service.



To me, the music choices for all services must be strongly based on the lectionary theme (scripture readings) of the day. Ideally, a blended worship would include standard hymns that everyone knows as well as something new that has a more contemporary feel. Often when I plan a Worship Band Sunday line-up, I will also strive for a blended service by singing music that has been written more recently, AKA "praise" music, as well as singing a well-known hymn – or a song written in a standard hymn-like form.



The praise music chosen must be "singable" and contain worthy texts. Printing the praise music in the bulletin is not always an easy task. In a recent discussion, I heard explained that praise music develops from a performance/practice setting, whereas hymns are much more precisely composed. This makes the praise song music much more difficult to put on paper. When preparing for the bulletin, I often cut out measures, add colored messages of where to go next, and use words only for extra verses to make it easier for the worshipper to follow along. There are as many music preferences as there are worshippers, but I hope you can appreciate our goal to blend new and old for a richer worship experience!



Meals on Wheels

It's that time again, St. Peter's! If you have any noon hours free during these 2 weeks, would you consider delivering Meals on Wheels to Northfield Community residents? We have just 25 slots to fill on the WEEK DAYS ONLY: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. You will receive information about how to do this "less than an hour" volunteer work once you sign up on Sign-Up Genius (see QR code). If you'd rather, just let Mary Kay know, and she will sign up for you.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help others!



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 gave a small devotion from the book 'Lead', concerning visioning. Asking a number of questions about how we see ourselves (as a church) within the community. If St. Peter's were to disappear would anyone notice? How would the community be different?

Pastor: Lead worship and preached. Presided over one funeral. Tomorrow is the first day of the new men's Bible study, the 4F group has been going well this summer. Met with St. John's and Bethel youth leaders to discuss J-term plans. Fall Stewardship Drive to conclude on November 17 with Aebelskivers.

Council President: There have been a couple of interested parties in the Christian Life Coordinator position who are a bit intriguing. It was decided that we should invite the applicants for interviews.

Treasurer: August giving was down \$6,164 from the budget. The September recipient for the congregation's Sunday loose change offerings (Change 4 Change) will be Sarah's House/Ruth's House.

Capital Improvement: Restroom renovations are nearly complete.

Faith Formation Committee Report: One topic of discussion was potential fundraisers (including a bake sale competition and a Christmas market). Kleppe thought there would be support for the fund raiser. Another topic was options for Wednesday evening meals (particularly making it work for youth). Kleppe stated she has been in contact with several Breakfast Club cooks about getting the groups to cook Wednesday evening meals (instead of Wednesday Breakfast Club) on a rotating basis.

Stewardship: Money being raised for \$33,000 capital improvement project (second-floor restrooms) via special offerings from the congregation; the current total amount raised thus far is 32,430. A Fruity French Toast fundraiser is planned during Rally Sunday, Sept. 15.

Rally Sunday: Things are set for Rally Sunday. Activities include a bounce house, egg toss, train rides, and Bingo. Fruity French Toast fundraiser will have door prizes.

Signage Committee Phase 2: Approved new signage in the office area at a total cost of \$292.75.

Church Parking Lot: Kleppe has asked Terrence to check when it was last sealed. Previously, the council has talked about re-sealing (last quote for approx. \$20,000) and completely redoing the parking lot (last quote for approx. \$200,000). Will discuss more at a future meeting.

Adjournment: Motion by Olson and second by Paulson to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, in the Fireside Room. (Executive Board meets at noon October 3).



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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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COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS FAITH IN DEMOCRACY? Christian Nationalism

Join ELCA Pastor, and Red State Christians and Disciples of White Jesus author, Angela Denker at this month's Courageous Conversations to discuss the growing popularity and influence of American white Christian Nationalism, especially its influence on the upcoming presidential election. Pastor Angela has been researching white Christian Nationalism since 2018 as a reporter, pastor, and theologian. During this meeting, Pastor Angela will help us define Christian Nationalism in theological terms, understand its roots and how it's being weaponized in American politics, as well as how to use the Theology of the Cross as a tool of resistance against Christian Nationalism.

This event will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church on October 3rd at 7pm.



School Kits



Thank you to all who filled 101 bags with school supplies. The bags were dropped off at the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in South St. Paul. Minnesota's warehouse shipped 116,203 school kits to multiple countries: to our south, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic; in Asia, Sri Lanka; and in Africa, Angola, Liberia, Mali, Tanzania, and The Gambia.



LUV Quilters ~ Help Wanted



The LUV quilters are in need of women to tie quilts on Friday mornings from 9-11 a.m. No experience necessary. Come enjoy the fellowship of other St. Peter's quilters. Pay is the good feeling of giving warmth to those in need.



Looking Ahead



Stewardship Sunday | Sunday, November 17 | 9am Worship + 10am Stewardship Gathering

Thanksgiving Eve Worship + Pie Fest | Wednesday, November 27 | 6:30pm Worship

