

# Parish (St. Peter's Lutheran Church

July 2020

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Church office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

## Worship On Line

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays (Sept-April) 6:30 p.m.

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Sundays 10:10 a.m. Wednesdays (Sept-April) 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor David

Dear Saints of St. Peter's:

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:16

Context plays a role in how we hear, understand, and interpret words, including scripture. People are accused of quoting people "out of context" often. In the context of this COVID world, I hear the verse from Ephesians more poignantly. We've been doing a lot of "remembering" since March.

The Church Council, the staff, and the Worship Ministry Team continue to talk about in person worship. At this point in time, we believe that continuing our online worship service is our best option. We continue to believe that the best way to love our neighbor is to maintain our distance from each other. We have been thinking about beginning with outdoor worship, but we have not yet scheduled it as we need to consider all the protocols for distancing.

We all miss seeing the faces and hearing the voices of friends we love and care for at St. Peter's. Beginning on July 5, we'll try something new. I have set up a **Zoom Fellowship/Coffee** time after worship (9:45 start). Here is the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86470442646

It is a recurring meeting, so it will be the same link every Sunday. If we have too many people on then I may break us up into smaller groups.

I have also scheduled a Friday coffee break at 10:00. There is no agenda other than to say hello and check in with others. Here's the link, and again, it is recurring.

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No doubt, we have all done some soulsearching regarding racism this past month since George Floyd was killed. About a year ago I read and quoted in a sermon from the book, Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. I invite you order the book, read it, and join me in a Zoom conversation on two Tuesdays—July 21 & 28. Here's the link:

#### https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89846615370

I am so grateful, appreciative and impressed with the faithfulness of St. Peter's Lutheran. You have responded with grace and love in challenging and uncertain times. You have responded generously with food, time and money to help people who are in need. You continue to connect, love and support each other

Though you haven't "been to church" for a while, you are church! Thank you.

Peace. Pastor David

# Formation & Adult Ed

## Backyard Vacation Bible School: Christmas in July!

Beginning July 1, we are offering an intergenerational opportunity to all the households of our congregation. Whatever kind of household you have, you may want to give this a whirl, or gather with another household for Christmas in July. The program has five lessons built around different pieces of the Christmas story. Each lesson will feature:

- A Story and Song,
- Conversation starter for all ages
- An Imagination Station activity
- A Neighborhood Walk activity
- A Mission Moment



There are five Wednesdays in July, so that's what we suggest, but your schedule is up to you. Each lesson can be completed in one evening/afternoon, spread it out over several days, or do the first four parts and save your Mission Moment for the weekend. You customize this to your circumstances.

If you are participating, consider putting up some Christmas lights in your yard so others in your neighborhood will know you're having Christmas in July at your house. (Or will ask you about them so you will have an opportunity to invite them to join you!)

Try to partner with other people so you have more than two generations represented (if you would like to invite others/join others but don't have an obvious connection, let Julie know for some matchmaking).

Please register at the church website: northfieldstp.org, under YOUTH > SUMMER PROGRAMMING

# Projects for families or friends:

The council has created a sub-committee who is evaluating the needs of our church building. In their review, we have discovered several areas that need "refreshing" painting, disposal of unwanted items, etc. Many of these projects are suitable for adult/teen work, small groups of friends, or as a family project. Please let a staff or council member know if you enjoy doing hands-on projects and we'll find one you can do together!

# Summer SonShine Days are back!

Middle School Students! We're planning some more events with Bethel and St. John's this summer! Obviously they will have to be a little different because of coronavirus, but we still thing we have some fun things planned! If everything stays open, we hope to have 4 events in July and August.

#### Event #1: Scavenger Hunt!

After all those Zoom hunts, we thought it would be fun to do it in person! Here are the details:

When? July 15, 1-3pm

Where? Central Park, 4th & Winona

What to bring? Signed permission slip

Sunscreen Water Bottle

Mask

Comfortable clothes/closed toe shoes

A spirit of adventure

#### **Event #2: Outdoor Movie Night**

Families are welcome to join their middle schooler. Movie: TBD.

When? July 31, 9pm

Where? Bethel Lutheran, Northfield

What to bring?

Lawnchair or Blanket win a prize if you do!

Snacks!



## Personal note from Julie:

I will be leaving to mother and grandmother twice in the near future. The first time will be July 17 for a week or so, depending on circumstances. I'll get back to you when I return. If you need a quicker answer, please check with other staff members.

# Music Workey by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

One of the websites I look to when choosing hymns for worship is <u>hymnary.org</u>. It has very useful information for me including hymn suggestions. I would like to share excerpts of an article that is currently posted on their website. It is titled "Ten Hymns with Testimonies of Comfort in Times of Trouble." Emily Brink, a professor of Church Music and Worship at Calvin Theological Seminary, put this list together. These hymns are wonderful for individual reflection especially when congregations cannot gather together, yet also in times when we come together. There were three criteria:

- composer "experienced suffering or trauma and cried out to God in song;"
- hymn was composed in difficult contexts to give comfort to all people in all generations;
- hymn is familiar and easily available (including at <u>hymnary.org.</u>)

Emily Brink also gives a brief story for context on each of these hymns. Rather than me copying and pasting all she has to say about each hymn, I encourage you to go to the website to read more about each hymn! I have added a few of my own remarks about each. You will note that 8 out of these 10 choices are in our hymnal.

- 1. **Blest Be the Tie That Binds.** Each of the stanzas, when put in context of our current pandemic, is meaningful. From stanza 2, "our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares." (ELW#656)
- 2. **Children of the Heavenly Father.** Strong comfort during separation from loved ones. My favorite line in this hymn, "From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them." (ELW#781)
- 3. **Comfort, Comfort Now My People.** This hymn is an Advent hymn, but really is appropriate right now. I like the peppy rhythm of this hymn! (ELW#256)
- 4. **For the Healing of the Nations.** This is a text I have not seen. It is not in our hymnal. It can use familiar hymn tunes, and I plan to look at this one further. Stanza 2's closing phrase, "Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase."
- 5. **He Leadeth Me.** This hymn is based on Psalm 23. Great comfort and hope. A very familiar hymn, but not in our ELW.
- 6. How Can I Keep From Singing?. I'm going to quote Emily Brink on this one: "The hymn begins 'My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.'The whole earth is indeed lamenting and suffering during a global pandemic that may have long lasting consequences. Many are afraid. And yet, with ears of faith, if we listen closely, we can hear the 'far-off hymn of a new creation.' So let us sing in trust that 'No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging." (ELW#763)
- 7. **I Want Jesus to Walk with Me.** A Lenten hymn, the words remind us of our isolation during COVID-19 era, yet helps us remember we are not alone. (ELW#325)
- 8. **Now Thank We All Our God.** Wow! The pastor who wrote this text officiated at over 4,000 funerals! This powerful hymn reminds us to always give thanks. (ELW#840)
- 9. **Precious Lord, Take My Hand.** Author of this hymn lost his wife and child in childbirth. Throughout the hymn, its' text lifts us up. "Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall." (ELW#773)
- 10. **When Peace Like a River.** This hymn was written after the composer lost two daughters in a shipwreck. We all can sing the refrain as a soothing prayer, "It is well with my soul." (ELW#785)





### It Takes A Church!

Generous donations were delivered to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis in June. When they were all filled up, we

even took another car load to our local Community Action Center! Thank you, St. Peter's for your love and support of all community!



Bible Study Continues

Pastor David's Bible study, Lectio Divina, praying the scriptures, continues into July. Join him via Zoom at 10:30 am on Wednesdays. This link is recuring: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.">https://us02web.zoom.</a> us/j/84491194572.

Book Study with David: Conversations on July 21 & 28: Please read, Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/89846615370

# July Events & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If your birthday was not listed, please contact the Church Office and we will add your birthday to our database.  Thanks!		l 10:30 am Virtual Lectio Divina Bible study	Happy Birthday Donna Fratzke Glen Kimber Madeline Riley	3 10 am Virtual coffee break Happy Birthday Barb Johnson	4 INDEBENDENCE DAY Happy Birthday Patti Baker Mike Chapman Michael Truax	
9:00 am Worship Livestream 9:45 am Virtual fellowship Happy Birthday Sandy Strachan Drew Teske	Happy Birthday Brody Little	Happy Birthday Keith Harner	8 10:30 am Virtual Lectio Divina Bible study	Happy Birthday Marilyn Finneseth Catherine Miller	10 am Virtual coffee break  Happy Birthday  Ramona Pumper	Happy Birthday Karen Kimber Grace Martin Richard Ozmun Elmer Pumper
9:00 am Worship Livestream 9:45 am Virtual fellowship Happy Birthday Elijah Bridley	Happy Birthday Wes Anderson Victoria Finger Maren Simonson	Happy Birthday Bryn Bridley Eleanor Olson	1 5 10:30 am Virtual Lectio Divina Bible study Happy Birthday Mar	16	9-3 Blood Drive 10 am Virtual coffee break Happy Birthday Kelley Erickson	Happy Birthday Arthur Bergee Geraldine Jasan Scott Sevcik
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9:00 am Worship Livestream 9:45 am Virtual fellowship Happy Birthday Justine Gerlach Char Hamblin JoAnne Olson	Happy Birthday Deb Metz Avery Valek	28 Virtual book study  Happy Birthday  Robert Rasmussen	29 10:30 am Virtual Lectio Divina Bible study	Happy Birthday  Marilyn Hill Bette Lee Matthew Saari Sheryl Trebelhorn	3 I 10 am Virtual coffee break Happy Birthday Duane Peterson Neale Thompson	Check www. northfieldstp. org for calendar changes. Sign up to receive weekly e-mails on the website.

# July & August Worship Leaders

Thank you, volunteers! 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

Date	Time	Reader	
July 5	9:00 a.m.	Patrick Bougie	
July 12	9:00 a.m.	Mary Bleckwehl	
July 19	9:00 a.m.	Dale Ness	
July 26	9:00 a.m.	Rebecca Peterson	
August 2	9:00 a.m.	Sandy Bremer	
August 9	9:00 a.m.	Richard DeBeau	
August 16	9:00 a.m.	Patrick Bougie	
August 23	9:00 a.m.	Sheryl Kleppe	
August 30	9:00 a.m.	Dale Ness	

# Time & Talents

The Apostle Paul compares the Church (the Body of Christ) with our human body. We have hands, feet, ears, eyes, etc. Every part is important and necessary. Our hands cannot hear, our feet cannot see, and we cannot walk on our ears. Every part of the body is important, and no part can do everything. We are our best when working together and celebrating the gifts of each part.

We have included a Time & Talent sign-up sheet. We're asking you to sign up to serve for the coming year (September 2020-August 2021). We offer Time & Talent sign up once a year

and every year because we know your interests change.

Whatever you signed up for last year will NOT be automatically continued for the coming year. We will do our best to follow up so that the appropriate leaders contact you.

Though only two forms are included, we would like every member of your household to complete a Time & Talents sign-up—and that includes children! We want to include children and youth more in our congregational life.

Though we are presently worshiping online, we're hoping and assuming that

we will return to in person gatherings. When that will be and what it will look like is yet to be determined. We understand that this new COVID creates some uncertainties regarding when and how you can share your God-given gifts. Please make note of the months you feel you will be available to help.

Lastly, THANK YOU for the ways you live your faith, loving and serving your neighbor—whether or not your service is connected with St. Peter's. Mail in or drop off your form(s) by July 15 for September scheduling. Yes, forms received after July 15 will be accepted!

#### Please fill out and return by July 15 -- Additional form on back side.

Name: Phone:		Has your address changed recently?			
Email:	J	New:			
Circle the months you are a	vailable in 2020-21	Administrative Support			
Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. Jul. Aug.		<ul><li>Substitute Secretary</li><li>Newsletter Assembly</li></ul>	Sub. Graphic Deisigner Special Projects		
Worship and Music		,	_ of verm 110)vere		
Altar Ministry Team	Communion Set-up	Outreach			
Choir Bell Choir Instrumentalist/Vocaist Instrument:	<ul><li>Communion Server</li><li>Reader</li><li>Live Stream Operator</li><li>Nursery Assistant</li></ul>	Meals on Wheels Quilt Making (LUV Quilters) Thursday's Table	<ul><li>Sharing and Caring Hands</li><li>Mission Trips</li><li>New Member Sponsor</li></ul>		
Song Leader			Congregational Care		
Individual Usher Acolyte (grades 2+) Usher as a Family (include names)		Prayer Chain BeFriender Ministry Provide Meals When	Baptismal Blanket/Boxes SOLOS Needing a BeFriender or		
<b>Faith Formation</b>		Necessary	Prayers		
Middle School Leader High School Leader	Special Events VBS helper	Join a Woman's Circle Sunday morning Kitchen	Wed. Evening Kitchen help Breakfast Club Cook		
Sunday School Teacher	Day Camp helper	Funerals			
Parent Volunteer	Adult Bible study leader	Kitchen Server	Provide Bars		
Properties		Set Up/Take Down Tables			
<ul><li>General Repair/Upkeep</li><li>Plant/Shrub Care</li><li>Interior Painting</li><li>Set Up/Take Down Tables</li></ul>	Bucket Gals (BGs)	Other talents you would lik	e to share:		

Look for the St. Peter's Ministry Guidebook for a more complete list of groups, circles and other ministries (and their descriptions) that are available through St. Peter's. Available on our website as well as in print at the church. As we work through this odd separation due to the pandemic, new needs are popping up, and old are evolving.

Let's take this opportunity to try something new, step up, and make a stronger St. Peter's, together!



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Email:		New:			
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·	Song Leader Sharing Your Faith Story		Congregational Care		
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Find the newsletter on our website to print additional, or contact the church office.

Thanks for using your time and your talents to make a difference in the world around us!

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# Council Highlights

June 9, 2020 • 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bougie, C. Hill, S. Hill, Kleppe, Julie Klock, Lee, Picha, Sillanpa, Pastor David Weeks, Ziegler

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by all.

**Devotions:** The devotion was led by Pastor David who read a devotion by Peggy Hahn from LEAD (Living Everyday As Disciples) which focused on racism and privilege.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Lee and seconded by Ziegler – all voted yes

#### **Staff Reports:**

- Pastor David Weeks provided a report. Highlights include:
  - Pastor David is in the office Tuesday-Friday
  - Hosting an online Bible study Wednesday mornings at 10:30am —Lectio Divina.
  - Faith on Tap will be scheduled periodically this summer.
  - The Outreach Team organized a donation drive for Holy Trinity Lutheran in Minneapolis, MN. The response from the congregation was outstanding.
  - Pastor David did a Zoom class with the ELCA to become an Advocate for the ELCA's Care of Creation program. As an Advocate, he will be available to speak publicly about issues concerning God's creation, and should participate in care of creation activities.
  - Terra has ordered the AV equipment to upgrade our recording.
  - Pastor David and staff are considering what would need to happen in order to offer in person worship either outdoors or indoors. At this time we will continue with live streaming of the church service.
- Julie Klock provided a report. Some of the highlights include:
  - Backyard VBS will be happening this summer. Curriculum is purchased and Julie has done some preliminary publicity and sent registration to all of our Sunday School families.
  - Book Group Launching Soon. As Lutherans, we are called to work for justice and peace from the day of our baptism. Recent events are making many of us look hard at justice issues. In support of those who are asking questions, I am gathering a group to discuss a book designed to help us get in touch with our unexamined assumptions about race and prejudice.
  - Youth. Meeting via Zoom every other week with the Youth people from St. John's and Bethel. We are tentatively planning four middle school events in July and August - with lots of flexibility for in person or together.
  - The BeFrienders group continues to meet and support one another. All BF's continue to meet with their "friends" via telephone, and are calling 4 senior households each month.
  - Prayer Chain. Our faithful intercessors continue to pray. We have had some inquiries about the prayers during worship, specifically who we are

praying for since we are only using first names. Because we want to respect people's privacy we are not publishing that information, or speaking it publically but Terra will respond if someone asks for more information.

- Blood Drives are scheduled at St. Peters.

#### **Ministry Teams:**

• Teams will meet first Tuesday of July.

Capital Projects Committee: Projects are being discussed to improve the Narthex and middle school classroom; Bougie is developing a scope with a list of options and costs. Klock wants the middle school classroom to be a large space where kids can play games and have a gathering space. There are some other rooms that need painting; may possibly seek volunteers from the congregation to help with the painting projects.

Treasurer's Report: Picha gave a report. During this time when we are unable to gather in person, church members can give their offerings through Paypal, Vanco, Billpay or another automatic payment service. Members can also mail a check to the church if they prefer. We do have a year-to-date shortfall, however in April and May we received more money than we spent – thank you to the congregation for your generosity. The church also received a payroll protection loan.

**Gift Acceptance Policy:** Theron Leopold helped us create a gift acceptance policy for St. Peters. S Hill will look it over to ensure it reads well for St. Peters. He will then email it out to the council and we will vote on it for the next meeting.

Parsonage Update: We have a current tenant who will move out in September. Kleppe and Lee met with Suzanne Fox of Ruth's House. A decision will be made by end of July whether they will work with us starting in October. There will be up to five nonrelated adult women living in the house; likely around 3 at a time. The parsonage will be called Sarah's House.

**Survey:** Information from Julie – a survey will be sent out to the congregation. Feedback was discussed about the survey.

Other Items: Question – can quilting happen again if spread out? Yes - if follow regulations (under 10 people, 6 feet apart at least and wear face masks)i

**Closing:** Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:38pm

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, July 14 at 7pm via zoom. Submitted by Amy Sillanpa, Secretary



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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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#### Sick? Hospitalized?

Please contact the Church Office if you would like a visit from Pastor Weeks.

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Watch replays and find service bulletins on our website:

www.northfieldstp.org

# NEW American Red Cross Blood Drive Scheduled

St. Peter's is hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive. If you are interested in giving blood, please sign up at www.redcrossblood.org. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office and we'll get you connected.

Friday, July 17, 9am - 3pm St. Peter's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall