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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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From Pastor David

Dear Body of Christ:

You are the presence of Christ Jesus in the world. You are the body of Christ. We are baptized into the Body of Christ and we receive the Body of Christ when we celebrate communion.

I think we're all a little weary of *virtual* time with each other and we long for real time with each other. But, is *virtual* presence not *real* presence? Is a *virtual* relationship not a *real* relationship?

Dr. Deanna Thompson has written Christ is Really Present: A Proposal for Virtual Communion. "Virtual gatherings for worship over the past few weeks, for many of us, have been real experiences of gathering, connection and worship....In his theology of the cross, Martin Luther insisted that God is present precisely where we least expect God to be. Luther called on Christians to pay attention to God's hidden presence in the pain and suffering of the cross, witnessing how God is at work in such unexpected places to bring redemption and healing. Rather than discouraging practicing communion virtually, perhaps we're being called to more reflection on how God is really present even where many least expect God to be: in, with and through virtual spaces."

As Lutheran Christians we believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and wine

of communion, wherever two or three are gathered in his name (Mt 18:20), and in the lives of the sick, imprisoned, and hungry when we visit them. When we commune, we confess that we are united with all Christians in all time and all space. The presence of Jesus is real, the presence of Jesus is virtual, and the virtual presence of Jesus is real.

We have been fasting from Holy Communion during these COVID days. Many of you have noted your hunger for communion and have asked if we might find a way to celebrate it.

Beginning on August, we will return to celebrating Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month. We will include the Words of Institution in our Facebook Live broadcast. As you watch, you should have a piece of bread and wine or grape juice. I recommend you buy or make your favorite bread. In preparation for the service, set out your bread and wine on a nice towel or napkin. If more than one of you are present in your household, you should serve each other with the words "The body of Christ for you."

Jesus is present in the Body of Christ—the bread and the community. Whether we gather in person or virtually, Jesus is truly present and his promises of love and forgiveness set us free and give us hope.

Peace, David

Faith Formation & Adult Ed

by Julie Klock, Faith Formation Director

Update on this Summer's Backyard VBS: Christmas in July!

There is lots of fun going on in backyards and at Grandma's house this summer. Many St. Peter's families participated as well as several from our surrounding community.





Thank you, Strauch family (and Grandma!!) for sharing these photos!

Middle School August SonShine Day:

Who: Middle School StudentsWhat: We're going to build bunks!When: August 20, 2008, 9-11amWhere: Adaugeo Farms, 3888 65th St. W,

Northfield, MN 55057

Why: Because there are kids sleeping

on floors in Minnesota!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is an organization that uses donations and volunteers to build bunks for children who don't have beds. Sometimes this is because of poverty, sometimes it is because of natural disasters such as flooding or tornados. You'll need a mask and some work gloves. Everything else is provided, including teaching you how to build the beds.

Parents, you will be emailed a link to sign up. Decide quickly as there are only 19 slots available!

Faith at Home

Did you fill out a time-and-talent form last month? Did you stop to think about your kids' time and talents too? We do time and talent each year partly to organize people for the year ahead, but also as a spiritual discipline. We hope that each member will take stock of their God-given gifts and lifelearned skills and share them with God by using them in the church and the community. Children have more gifts than skills at this point in their early years, and it is good for adults to take note of them. Is your child or grandchild energetic? Determined? Compassionate? Let them know that you have noticed this. Suggest ways to use these gifts: Ask them to carry packages to the car for an older person. Ask them to help a younger child complete a task. Stop and pray with them when they see something makes them feel deeply. Let them know that these gifts are for sharing. Help them find opportunities to use their gifts and commend them when they do. And do the same for yourself. Don't let false modesty get in your way - if you are a good singer or a good cook - share those gifts. If you have compassion for those who suffer - walk with those who suffer. Both time and talent are gifts - we can't go out and buy more or different ones so get creative with what you have and you will bring glory to our Father in Heaven - the giver of all that is good!

Fall Planning for Sunday School:

As I write this, we are still developing plans for the fall, and waiting to hear what the schools will be doing. It seems inevitable that we will still be social distancing throughout the fall. This presents challenges for many of our usual activities and we will have to revise our "methods of delivery" just as the schools are having to do. The good news is that, unlike algebra, we can "get" God without classrooms and books and rigid schedules.

Stay tuned for updates as decisions become more solid! (And be prepared for our plans to change throughout the year.)









Music Notes

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

Our worship band met last night for the first time since March 11. It has been over four months since we have gathered together. It was wonderful to make music together again, even while socially distancing ourselves. By the time you read this, the worship band will have already led the music at our July 26 services – both indoor and outdoor. Thanks to all of St. Peter's dedicated musicians who have stepped in to lead online worship and now as we gather outdoors.

There are many ideas on how worship will incorporate music when we gather in person, while still living with the pandemic. I have virtually attended three separate music conferences this summer, and it is a hot topic amongst music directors nationwide. Please know that St. Peter's is planning to use thoughtful and purposeful safe practices.

I thought you might be interested in looking at a few of the Psalms which will be highlighted this August, and how some of our traditional hymns fit in so well with their text. Psalm 145 is for August 2 and Psalm 67 is for August 16. They both fall into the category of "Praise" psalms. They are uplifting and powerful – as are their corresponding hymns, Praise to the Lord and Now Thank We All Are God. I encourage you to compare these Psalm texts with the adjacent hymn lyrics:

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
- 16 You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
- 18 You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.
- ²⁰ You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.
- **4.** Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Now Thank We All Our God

- 1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Thanks for being part of St. Peter's worship as we pass through this unique time in history. Have a wonder-filled August! Be safe!

Mary Kay

SHEETS NEEDED!

LUV Quilters are in need of clean, spotless sheets to use for backing for quilts. Bring to the Fellowship Hall during office hours and leave on the tables in the northwest corner. Thank you!

Sweet Corn The Bergemanns are selling sweet corn again this August at \$5/dozen, with proceeds being donated to the church, AND a promised match of 100%. Stay tuned to emails later this month for logistics & dates

St. Peter's Swag

Our members volunteering in our community have been wearing these...

Masks with the St. Peter's logo as well as t-shirts are available for a small free-will donation. Contact Doris Welke for yours! Her email address is dkewelke@msn.com



Worship Leaders on "Standby" for September

With a new list created, worship leaders have been assigned, but it is not known at this time which Sundays of September, or if any at all, a (near) full range of worship leaders will be needed for services. We will continue to include a reader, but will only serve communion when/if we are worshiping in person. This, of course, is a moving target.

To help ensure the safety of our congregation, communion assistants and ushers will need to learn new protocols to reflect the current public health conditions when we do worship in person again.

Thank you to all of the worship leader volunteers for being available and willing to do God's work at St. Peter's. You will be contacted if you are needed for your assigned Sunday, or you can always contact the church with questions or concerns.

August & September 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	Ushers	Communion Setup	Communion Servers	
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	-	-	-	
September 6	9:00 a.m.	Beth Vivant	Lael Weselmann Mona Weselmann	Dale Ness	Beth Vivant	
September 13	9:00 a.m.	Laura Gilligan	Dianne Peterson Gary Peterson			
September 20	9:00 a.m.	Michon Weeks	Dale Ness Linda Ness	Linda Ness	Sheryl Kleppe	
September 27	9:00 a.m.	Jolene Manzey	Brian Peterson Mary Peterson			

August Events & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 am Worship Livestream on fb 9:45 am Virtual fellowship Happy Birthday LeAnn Finger Maxine Halverson	3 Happy Birthday Jax Little Steve Schmidt	Happy Birthday Bill Bleckwehl Gretchen Ehresmann Tom Johnson	5 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina Happy Birthday Sharon Bauer Kevin Landry	6	7 10 am Virtual coffee break	Happy Birthday Tom Brodin Murray Finger Janis Truax
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Zoom Meeting Links >>>

Sunday morning coffee @ 9:45am: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86470442646

Wednesday morning Bible Study @ 10:30am: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84491194572

Friday morning coffee break @ 10am: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9396024095 (new)

See online version at www.northfieldstp.org/newsletter for active links.

Outdoor worship on the evening of 7/26 was a big success with nice weather, good music, a happy crowd and holy communion! We'll do it again! Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 16 for another - (weather permitting).





It's that time again! LWR School Kits

Lutheran World Relief is in need of the kits and plenty of bags all ready to be filled. It's time to do school kits again, but this year a bit differently. Follow these 6 steps:

- Clip or copy the list of supplies with this article
- Go shopping
- Remove any packaging
- Bring to St. Peter's during office hours of Tues-Friday, 8-noon (or Sunday morning 8-10)
- Place items in categories on designated tables in the Fellowship Hall
- Take empty shopping bags/packaging home with you

LUV Quilters will assemble kits on Friday mornings.

The deadline is Friday, September 11.

The coronavirus crisis has not slowed down the need for School Kits. In fact, we can't keep up with demand.

This summer, organize a School Kit assembly for your congregation or group.

WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER.

Assembly and shipping instructions at https://www.nrg/schoolkits.

Did you know? Your School Kits can have an even greater impact when you purchase Fair Trade drawstring backpacks to fill. Visit **lwr.org/schoolkits** to learn more!



At the time of LWR's silver anniversary (25 years), LWR had shipped 1,467,447,837 lbs of clothing, food, medical supplies, blankets and kits around the world.

Include the following items in each School Kit:

- Four 70-80 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide- or collegeruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items

listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging. Pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Visit **lwr.org/schoolkits** or call **800.597.5972** for an easy-sew backpack-style bag pattern, tips for purchasing pre-made bags, and printable signs to help with your next assembly.

Shipping Note: LWR's approximate cost to handle and ship one School Kit overseas is \$1.40. See Page 15 to learn how to support the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.



800.597.5972 | lwr.org



Mince Georgia established independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, families there have struggled with high levels of unemployment and endured periods of violent conflict.

LWR mission Quilts, along with Personal Care, School, and Baby Care Kits, bring comfort to families living in poverty, including those who are displaced due to past conflict between Georgia and Russia.

The quilts and kits are distributed through soup kitchens, elderly care centers and schools that serve children with special needs.

"Commodities like quilts can be hard to find locally, and all of these people are very poor, so this support really helps them save money to cover their immediate needs, says Irakli Saralidze, program manager at UIHP, LWR's partner in Georgia.

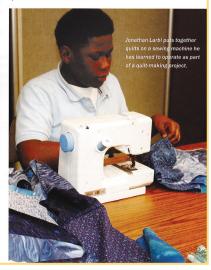


LWR's first major development program was in 1962, helping 1,000 refugee families from North Korea create 3,000 acres of rice-producing land.

t. Luke Ministries in Chicago, Illinois, brings together quilters across the age spectrum to make LWR Mission Quilts to share with people in need around the world.

The intergenerational effort started around 2000, and matches up middle schoolers with experienced quilters to teach them how to make LWR Quilts. Over time, the students gain enough experience and confidence to make the quilts on their own.

Being part of such a meaningful service project is very moving for the youth involved. "This was the first time I did something with my hands that would help people. I know other people will be using it to keep warm," says 13-year-old quilter Giselle Escamilla. V



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Council Highlights

July 14, 2020 • 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bougie, C. Hill, S. Hill, Kleppe, Lee, Picha, Sillanpa, Pastor 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 based on Isaiah 58:11.

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

Staff Reports:

- Pastor David Weeks provided a report. Highlights include:
 - We continue to worship online. "Live" attendance is down a little from where we began, however, we still have many viewers. One advantage of being online is that you can attend worship any time of the day on any day of the week-from anywhere.
 - We now have two cameras installed so we get a little different angle on the views.
 - Lectio Divina Bible study meets on Wednesdays.
 - Added: A Friday coffee break at 10:00 a.m. and a Sunday Coffee Fellowship after worship at 9:45 a.m.
 - One private baptism took place.
 - We've pulled most of the weeds from around the church, but could use some weeding assistance around the parsonage. We've got a nice crop of thistles in the front between the foundation and the hostas.
 - Weather permitting, we are hoping to host an outdoor worship service on Sunday, July 26, time TBD. (We will record the service at 9:00 as usual, and will come back for an in person gathering.)
 - In early August, the staffs of St. Peter's, St. John's, and Bethel will meet via Zoom to share thoughts and ideas regarding worship, education, etc. this fall.
 - The ELCA promotes a God's Work our Hands Sunday on the weekend after Labor Day. In Northfield, that is DJJD weekend, so we have not participated. As there is no DJJD this year, the staff is recommending that we participate this year in some service project(s) in Northfield.
 - Pastor David has a Zoom discussion of the book Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US at 7:00 pm on July 21 & 28.
- Julie Klock provided a report. Some of the highlights include:
 - Back Yard Vacation Bible School has nine host families with 12 families joining in. We are still working out the details for music sharing.
 - Sunday School students continue to receive weekly messages with music from Ms. Josie. We are evaluating fall plans and will be finalizing decisions after the school district plans are in place.
 - Confirmation conversations are also underway.

- Julie has joined a group of pastors and faith formation people around the country who are working to write a "pivot" curriculum that can be rapidly transposed into different types of learning settings: in-person, Zoom, family, large group/small group, etc.
- BeFrienders discussed BeFriending by telephone at the last meeting - the importance of setting goals for going deeper than a cursory check in
- Faith Formation Team postponed their July meeting pending the school district announcement on July 27th.

Ministry Teams:

- Teams met the first Tuesday of July. The communications team ceated masks to distribute with the St. Peter's logo.
- **Capital Projects Committee:** Bougie is developing a scope with a list of options and costs for the updates to the middle school room; also considering various uses for that room. Also working on the narthex refresh project and repairs to the steeple tower.
- **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 received a subsidy from the payroll protection program. Income in June was 8.3K below budget, YTD, 24.1K below budget.
- **Gift Acceptance Policy:** The council reviewed the Gift Acceptance Policy created by Theron Leopold for St. Peters. Motion to approve the Gift Acceptance Policy was made by Picha and seconded by Kleppe all voted yes.
- Parsonage Update: Kleppe and Lee have been working with Suzanne Fox of Ruth's House about renting the parsonage starting in October. A decision will be made no later than August 8. There will likely be three nonrelated adult women living in the house. The parsonage will be called Sarah's House, and is a sober house ministry.

Closing: Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:15pm

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, August 11 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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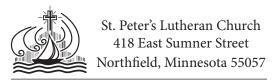


Sick? Hospitalized?

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

(507) 645-8252

Or visit www.northfieldstp.org/ prayers-and-announcements



Please contact the Church Office if you've moved or if you would like to be removed from our mailing list.

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A ministry request form is now on our website at www.northfieldstp.org, under the ministry tab.



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Worship on-line with us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am!

Facebook Live

facebook.com/northfieldstp

Watch replays and find service bulletins on our website: www.northfieldstp.org

GET READY

Small Group Ensembles this Fall... hoping to reach some of the "younger" crowd

- Commitment will be for just a few weeks each a time, 2-3 half hour rehearsals and then play/sing for church.
- Typical group size of 4 to 6 people, for safe social distancing.

Email Mary Kay with interest in being in any of the following: marykaybougie@northfieldstp.org

BEGINNERS 5th-12th grade BELL GROUP (need to be able to read treble clef music)

BEGINNERS ADULT BELL GROUP (need to be able to read treble clef music)

4-PERSON BELL GROUP (INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED)

6-PERSON BELL GROUP (INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED)

MIXED 2-PART SINGING ENSEMBLE (2 women & 2 men on each part)

WOMEN'S 2-PART SINGING ENSEMBLE (4 voices, 2 on each part)

MEN'S 2-PART SINGING ENSEMBLE (4 voices, 2 on each part)

MIXED 3-PART SINGING ENSEMBLE (2 women, 1 man, each on their own part)

MIXED 4-PART SINGING ENSEMBLE (2 women, 2 men, each on their own part)

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