



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Parish

Visitor

418 East Sumner Street
Northfield, MN 55057

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www.northfieldstp.org

Church office hours:

Tuesday–Friday

9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Worship

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

join on-line or in-person

Education

Resuming in the fall

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From Pastor David:

Dear Saints of St. Peter's:

Our granddaughter, Violet, has begun taking steps for the past few weeks. We were delighted to watch a video on our phones as she took a few steps. She grinned and was clearly proud of herself—"look at me, I'm walking."

Since taking her first steps, we had her overnight and we discovered she will walk when she wants to walk. Sometimes, when I tried to encourage and help her walk, she would simply sit down on the floor and crawl. She resorted to what she could do more easily.

We had a picnic on a blanket in our backyard with Violet. She loved sitting on the blanket, but she would not leave the blanket. She did not like the feel of grass.

On February 17 (Ash Wednesday) we took a baby step back to worshipping in person. In March 2020, following the CDC's recommendations, we suspended in person worship. Since Ash Wednesday, we have followed the CDC's guidelines which include wearing masks and distancing. For the past month, in accordance with CDC's guidelines, our quilters and some circles have met without masks as they have all been fully vaccinated.

We are all weary of the restrictions that the pandemic demanded, and we are all eager to return

to gathering with our friends and family once again.

The CDC recently announced that fully vaccinated people "can resume activities you did prior to the pandemic." We have decided to again follow the CDC's recommendations. Therefore, if you are fully vaccinated you may worship without a mask. If you are not yet vaccinated, we recommend that you wear a mask and get vaccinated. Of course, all people are free to wear a mask if they desire to do so.

We will all need to practice patience and grace with ourselves and our neighbors in the coming months. Just because Violet can walk from point A to point B, doesn't mean she will. She'll walk when she wants to and when she's ready.

The same is and will be true for us as a Christian community as we gather in-person and online for worship, fellowship, nurture, and education. We may need to encourage our siblings in Christ while at other times be encouraged. We may need to support our brothers/sisters in Christ while at other times be supported. We will all need to be patient with each other and ourselves.

I am excited for and intrigued by what the coming months will hold for us. However the summer unfolds, we are God's beloved children, abiding in Christ's love, and bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God.

Peace, David

FAITH FORMATION & ADULT ED

by Julie Klock, Faith Formation Director

Summer Opportunities

Summer brings so many opportunities for growing in faith!

1. Time together, with less hectic and uncertain schedules, there will be more time for passing on the faith - generation to generation.
2. Different worship experiences abound. Are you visiting Grandma? Go to her church. Are you camping on the weekends? Check out the local church on Sunday morning. (Go in your shorts! You're most likely welcome, and if you're not, don't go back there!)
3. Grab every opportunity to worship outdoors!
4. Go camping at our Lutheran Camp - and by camping, I mean tents, campers, bunkhouses or even hotel style rooms! Good Earth Village is welcoming families to camp the weekends of July 23rd and July 30. Learn more at <http://goodearthvillage.org/intercamp>
5. Watch the gardens and crops grow and reflect together on LIFE, on God-given life.
6. Take part in our intergenerational VBS. See more details on this page.

June and July will be buzzing with Youth Activity!

Middle School students will continue their tradition of monthly service projects combined with students from St. John's and Bethel.

June 14 - Food Scavenger Hunt: Bring the kids. Bring the dog (on a leash!) and bring the wagon. Get a walking assignment; knock on doors and collect food for the food shelf. Then load up and take it over to the CAC and they will weigh it in. Prizes for assorted achievements!

July 16 - Feed My Starving Children: We'll be heading up to Eagan to pack dried foods that can be made into meals anywhere in the world. You must register ahead of time.

Middle & High School students will be exploring God in the great outdoors each week this summer. Intern

Annalisa will be leading them all over the county for outdoor activities.

High School students: Additional plans include an after-worship bike ride and a bonfire!

Family VBS

When **August** rolls around, and all the summer events wind down, treat yourself to a family outing at Family VBS. This year we are gathering **Under the Stars** to explore and celebrate God's presence in our world. **Wednesdays August 4, 11, and 18th** we will gather with our neighbors and friends at Bethel Lutheran Church (1321 North Avenue) from **6 to 7pm** for **stories, songs, music, science and games, all outdoors**, all designed for people of all ages to participate. It will look a lot like an UpsideDown Sunday! You can even pack a picnic and come early to eat together. We're suggesting a \$20 donation per family, but donate as you can and you wish when you're there.

We do need some idea of how many people are coming though, so please [go to the website and sign-up](#). It's a pretty quick and easy form!

Sabbatical News

I will be on Sabbatical in June and July. My time away from St. Peter's will be spent exploring retreat options, methods, and demands for future Faith Formation activities. During my absence the summer youth activities will be led by Intern Annalisa and Pastor David. BeFrienders and Prayer Chain activities will be managed by other staff and volunteers, and I'm counting on parents to keep their kids engaged while school is out. I will be back in time for VBS and all the fall kick-offs!

Thank you St. Peter's for this gift of time,

~ Julie



MUSIC NOTES

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

Summertime Music at St. Peter's!

It has been wonderful to see more people, in recent weeks, returning to St Peter's for in-person worship! We all look forward to the day soon, when the above scripture becomes "normal" practice in our church, and all places of worship throughout the world.

As I plan music for summer worship, I encourage any of you who has ever sung or played an instrument to offer your talent at St. Peter's. If you would rather not do so alone, we can put a group together! Or, if you would like to give a try at playing a handbell, please contact me and let me know of your interest! If your son or daughter has picked up an instrument to play in the school band, has just started piano lessons, or has played for a few years and would like to share a solo with us – please contact me!

"Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy." Psalm 47:1.

"Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:3-6.

I had to chuckle a bit as I have been reading the chapter on summer preparations in our ELCA worship planner. I realize that the 2021 guide to worship planning was written well in advance of the Covid-19 pandemic (after all we already have our 2022 guide)! But the summer preparations section suggest that we encourage everyone to sit closer together to maximize singing! Although fully vaccinated people may now worship unmasked, we are still waiting for the opportunity to sit close and sing robustly!

"The whole assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded."

2 Chronicles 29:28

I would like to implement one of the suggestions from the guide at St. Peter's this summer. I would like to try a "hymn of the month" or perhaps use a repeated "sending hymn" throughout the season. I haven't heard any suggestions (in the past year) of hymns you would like to hear in worship. Please know you can suggest a hymn any time to me. The readings of the summer include themes of planting, growing, feeding, and healing. Be on the lookout to see if those themes are present in the hymns at worship this summer!

Thank you for reading. Let's make a joyful noise!

~ Mary Kay

St. Peter's SOLOS support group welcomes ALL solos!

Solos group resumes "get-togethers" on Thursday, June 17 at 2:30 in Phyllis Swanson's Church Garage at 1813 Estate Ln. Bring your own treat, beverage and a picture to share. Let's still wear masks, according to guidelines or personal preference. Solos' theme verse is still posted, "May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13.

Solos' July gathering will be at Perkin's restaurant on Thursday, July 15th at 2:30. Bring a favorite treasured object to share. Questions? Call co-chairs Hazel Peterson 645-9276 or Phyllis Swanson 645-4231.

June, July & August Worship Leaders

Thank you, 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

Date	Time	Ushers	Reader
June 6	9:00 a.m.	Mickey Brodin Janet Gilbertson Joan Paulson	Pete Pedersen
June 13	9:00 a.m.	Doris & Eldon Hill	Shari Hagen
June 20	9:00 a.m.	Carmen Sevcik Neale Thompson	Steve Hill
June 27	9:00 a.m.	Diane Boyum Laura Gilligan	Laura Gilligan
July 4	9:00 a.m.	Dennis & Janet Hahn	Sheryl Kleppe
July 11	9:00 a.m.	Brian & Mary Peterson	Dale Ness
July 18	9:00 a.m.	Dan & Shari Hagen	Bill Bleckwehl
July 25	9:00 a.m.	JoAnne & Phil Olson	Sandy Bremer
August 1	9:00 a.m.	Richard DeBeau Doris Welke	Richard DeBeau
August 8	9:00 a.m.	Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey	Patrick Bougie
August 15	9:00 a.m.	Dale & Linda Ness	Beth Vivant
August 22	9:00 a.m.	Evonne Clay Ramona Pumper	Michon Weeks
August 29	9:00 a.m.	Dianne & Gary Peterson	Mary Bleckwehl

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

A new meals on wheels volunteer opportunity is being set up for this summer. Please watch our weekly emails for more about signing up for a route or two on behalf of St. Peter's.



If you don't receive our emails and would like to, subscribe at www.northfieldstp.org/email.

Meals on Wheels is a midday meal home-delivery program, locally supported by the Northfield Hospital. Routes should only take an hour or less. Meals are prepared by the hospital and delivered by volunteers daily. See more info, along with health precautions, at www.northfieldhospital.org.



HANNAH CIRCLE

June 15 @ 10:30 am

Ruth's on Stafford for brunch (\$15)

July 13 @ 9:30 am

St. Peter's Fellowship Hall

RACHEL CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday at 1:00 pm

June 8 & July 13

St. Peter's Fireside Room

SOLOS

3rd Thursday at 2:30 pm

June 17 @ Phyllis Swanson's 1813 Estate Ln.

July 15 @ Perkin's Restaurant

EVE CIRCLE

3rd Monday at 6:30 pm

June 21 & July 19

St. Peter's Fellowship Hall

Time & Talents

Thank you for all you do!

We have included a Time & Talent sign-up sheet. We're asking you to sign up to serve for the coming year (September 2021-August 2022). 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'll 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.

The Outreach Committee has added some additional items that should be noted. First, we are aware that we frequently have individuals who may need rides to appointments, who may be caretaking and need respite for the person they are caring for, or who need assistance occasionally with simple home maintenance chores. We would like to

create a list of folks willing to volunteer to help in this way. We will then create a contact list. By checking "request a contact list" on the time and talent sheet will indicate you need one or more of the services listed. This way, you will have at your fingertips people you may call to assist you if necessary.

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: _____
Email: _____

Has your address changed recently?

New: _____

Circle the months you are available in 2021-22

Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. Jul. Aug.

Worship and Music

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Ministry Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Set-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Server |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bell Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumentalist/Vocalist | <input type="checkbox"/> Live Stream Operator |
| Instrument: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Song Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing Your Faith Story |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Acolyte (grades 2+) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher with family/friend (include names) _____ | |

Faith Formation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> VBS helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Bible study leader |

Properties

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Repair/Upkeep | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up/Take Down Tables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant/Shrub Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket Gals (BGs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Painting | |

Administrative Support

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Assembly & Mailing Prep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Adobe | |

Community Outreach

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Meals on Wheels driver | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity meals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Making (LUV Quilters) | <input type="checkbox"/> H.F.H. builder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday's Table | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a Highway clean-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing and Caring Hands | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Cross blood drive help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah's House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Torch College Student Care Packages | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Action Center |

Congregational Care

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chain | <input type="checkbox"/> Needing a BeFriender or Prayers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BeFriender Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Wed. Evening Kitchen help |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday morning Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Blanket/Boxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Church event photo taker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOLOS | |

Congregational Outreach

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide rides to the Cities | <input type="checkbox"/> Offer to do easy home maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide rides to Rochester | <input type="checkbox"/> Request a contact list for rides, respite or home maintenance help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide rides locally | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer 1-2 hour respite care | |

Funerals

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Bars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up/Take Down Tables | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator |

Other talents you would like to share:



What's your gift? ...

1 Corinthians 12 tells us that the same Spirit provides and creates a variety of gifts in the Body of Christ. Fortunately, we are not all gifted in the same way. Thankfully, others enjoy things we do not, and we skillfully do things others cannot. What brings you joy? What gifts do **you** have to share with others? How **can** you make a difference in our world and **bring joy to others?**



Thank You!

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



ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Bring your bike--pedal power only, electric assist, or combustion engine--and get it (and you) blessed. Invite your biking friends to come and have their bikes blessed as well. Blessing of the Bikes will be **June 6 at 10:00 a.m.** in the parking lot. Andrew Wierson, who has ridden bike patrol for the Northfield Police Department will also provide some bike safety tips. Immediately following the Blessing, we will go for a casual group bike ride to Dundas and back, riding on the bike trail. The route is 8 miles, so we should be back to St. Peter's around 11:30.

June Events & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PSALM 37:7 SURRENDER YOURSELF TO THE LORD, AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM.		1 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Janie Anderson Tanner Peterson	2 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina Happy Birthday Merlin Bauer John Rowan	3 8:00 am Thursday's Table @ Dawn's, Dundas 9:15 am BeFriends Happy Birthday Ella Palmquist Eric Schrader Patricia Shaw	4 Happy Birthday Bruce Jensen	5
	6 9:00 am Worship w/ communion 10:00 am Blessing of the Bikes 10:30 am Youth group bike ride Happy Birthday Dan Johnson Nancy Johnson Bruce Martinson Dottie Scharber	7	8 10 am Staff Meeting 1 pm Rachel Circle 7 pm Council Meeting Happy Birthday Pamela Sholtz Phyllis Swanson	9 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina	10 8:00 am Thursday's Table @ Dawn's, Dundas Happy Birthday Marilyn Dewar Tricia Streitz	11 Happy Birthday Terry Johnson Andrew Stoesz
12 9:00 am Worship	13 Flag Day	14 10:30 am Hannah Circle @ Ruth's on Stafford *note change usual schedult	15 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina 6:30 pm Youth food drive scavenger hunt Happy Birthday Sam Harner	16 8:00 am Thursday's Table @ Dawn's, Dundas 2:30 Solos @ Phyllis' Church garage. All SOLOS welcome	17 Happy Birthday Nicole Hallcock Dennis Kenison Steve Picha	18
19 Father's Day First Day of Summer 9:00 am Worship w/ communion 6:30 pm Outdoor worship Happy Birthday Jim Lamb	20 6:30 pm Eve Circle	21 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Andrew Schmitz Paul Wegner	22 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina 6:30 pm Summer youth group Happy Birthday Vicki Behr Mary Johnson	23 8:00 am Thursday's Table @ Dawn's, Dundas Happy Birthday Tim Babbini Megan Culhane	24 Happy Birthday Lily Landry Reed Sommers	25 Happy Birthday Debra Boyum Jennifer Riley Jim Topp
26 9:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Lower HS bonfire Happy Birthday Anika Wierson	27 Happy Birthday Nathan Quinell	28 10am Staff Meeting	29 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina 6:30 pm Summer youth group Happy Birthday Carrie Quinell	Watch for more on the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build on Archibald Ct. (next to St. Peter's). Morning coffee and lunches will be needed for Tues/ Thurs/Saturdays (≈12 people). Builders needed, too. Contact Diane Boyum for meals & Daryl Knudsen for building. Starting in June.		



July Events & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>If your birthday was not listed, please contact the Church Office and we will add your birthday to our database. Thanks!</p>	<p>1 8:00 am Thursday's Table @ Dawn's, Dundas 9:15 am BeFriends</p>	<p>2 Happy Birthday Donna Fratzke Glen Kimber Madeline Riley</p>	<p>3 Happy Birthday Barbara Johnson</p>
<p>4 Independence Day 9:00 am Worship w/ communion Happy Birthday Patti Baker Michael Chapman Michael Truax</p>	<p>5 Happy Birthday Sandra Strachan Drew Teske</p>	<p>6 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Brody Little</p>	<p>7 Happy Birthday Keith Harner</p>	<p>8 8:00 am Thursday's Table @ Dawn's, Dundas Happy Birthday Myla Culhane</p>	<p>9 Happy Birthday Marilyn Finneseth Catherine Miller</p>	<p>10 Happy Birthday Ramona Pumper</p>
<p>11 9:00 am Worship Happy Birthday Karen Kimber Grace Martin Richard Ozmun Elmer Pumper</p>	<p>12 Happy Birthday Elijah Bridley</p>	<p>13 9:30 am Hannah Circle 10 am Staff Meeting 1 pm Rachel Circle 7 pm Council Meeting Happy Birthday Wes Anderson Victoria Finger Maren Simonson</p>	<p>14 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina 12:15 pm Noontime Organ recital Youth day trip: Feed My Starving Children Happy Birthday Bryn Bridley Eleanor Olson</p>	<p>15 8:00 am Thursday's Table @ Dawn's, Dundas 2:30 Solos @ Perkins Restaurant. All SOLOS welcome</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 11:00 am Celebration of Life and remembrance for Jan Gutzmann Happy Birthday Kelley Erickson</p>
<p>18 9:00 am Worship w/ communion Happy Birthday Arthur Bergee Geraldine Jasan Scott Sevcik</p>	<p>19 6:30 pm Eve Circle</p>	<p>20 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Bruce Albers Claire Hill</p>	<p>21 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina Happy Birthday Nancy Schoenbauer</p>	<p>22 8:00 am Thursday's Table @ Dawn's, Dundas Happy Birthday Jayne Hager Dee Norma Lundell Sophie Sevcik</p>	<p>23 Family Camping open at Good Earth Village Jul 23-25 Happy Birthday Sean Simonson</p>	<p>24 Happy Birthday Rona Kasel Kennedy Larsen</p>
<p>25 9:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Outdoor worship Happy Birthday Ali Little</p>	<p>26 Happy Birthday Justine Gerlach Charlene Hamblin Polly Hendee JoAnne Olson Riley Sabyan</p>	<p>27 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Deb Metz Avery Valek</p>	<p>28 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina Happy Birthday Robert Rasmussen</p>	<p>29 8:00 am Thursday's Table @ Dawn's, Dundas</p>	<p>30 Family Camping open at Good Earth Village Jul 30-Aug 1 Happy Birthday Isaac Estrem Marilyn Hill Bette Lee Matthew Saari Sheryl Trebelhorn</p>	<p>31 Happy Birthday Duane Peterson Neale Thompson</p>

REMEMBERING FORMER PASTOR NIELSEN



John Wolter Nielsen, June 29, 1925 – May 12, 2021, was the pastor during the construction of our current St. Peter's church building. He passed away earlier this month. See his full obituary at albertleatribune.com.

Excerpts:

John was born June 29, 1925 in Mankato, Minnesota to John

Nielsen, an immigrant from the west coast of Denmark, and Mette Wolter Nielsen, who was born to German immigrant parents in rural Martin County, Minnesota. On April 8, 1949, he was united in marriage at First Lutheran Church in Blair to Elizabeth Hansen Solevad of Watsonville, California, whose parents were also Danish immigrants.

Church and school shaped his life. After attending a one-room school for eight grades, he attended and graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1943 and received his BA in English from Dana College in 1947. He taught junior-senior English for two years in Stanton, Nebraska before attending the University of California – Berkeley. While there he felt the call to enter the ministry, and so returned to Trinity Seminary in Blair where he received his BD in 1953. Following his ordination, he served St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Northfield, Minnesota.

In 1962 he accepted the call to be Dana College's first campus pastor and a professor of religion. In 1968, he

NORTHFIELD NOONTIME ORGAN RECITALS

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals will enter their 14th season this summer with the theme "Beauty in the Midst of Chaos." All persons are invited to attend.

All recitals are on Wednesdays, 12:15 to 12:45 p. m., beginning with July 7th at the United Methodist Church.

Richard Collman will play the recital on **Wednesday July 14th, at St. Peter's Lutheran**. This recital is especially recommended for children since it will feature organ interpretations of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Scenes of Childhood" with narration by Katherine Collman.

The third recital will be on July 21 at All Saints Episcopal Church. (Masking and distancing are recommended at each).

matriculated at Oxford University in Great Britain, where he received his D.Phil. in June, 1976.

Always interested in the importance of collecting archival materials – letters, journals, and diaries – for documenting the history of everyday individuals, he initiated and directed a reorganization of institutional archival holdings that, following the closing of Dana College in 2010, became the Danish American Archive and Library. He served as its director until 2011 when he was named Executive Director Emeritus.



Chloe* Shares Her Story

My story started out very normal. I had a career as an RN. This career afforded me the opportunity to travel throughout state working in healthcare facilities. I loved my family and job. Fast forward, my kids grew up and moved out, and then came the divorce. It was a difficult time for me, and even though the divorce was amicable, I started drinking.

I met my boyfriend and drinking became a way of life. We had been together for two years and I had learned early on that drinking led to altercations. But one fight changed my life forever. It started as any other argument but escalated to violence quickly. A sympathetic doctor later explained that I had a brain bleed and broken bones in my face from the brutal beating I had endured. I was left with a traumatic brain injury that is now my reality. I was terrified. I decided to go to treatment.

My boyfriend kicked me out, leaving me to live in my car. I entered a treatment center and successfully completing my program. Unfortunately, I found myself without a home and unable to work because of my traumatic brain injury.

I found Sarah's House, and it sparked renewed hope. My caseworker and I addressed my individual recovery needs and Sarah's House offered the space to transition from inpatient treatment to living in my community. Less than three months later, I found my own apartment and have the tools and resources needed to embrace my new beginning.

*name changed



SHE CAME HOME

By DAVID GUTZMANN, DAWNA GUTZMANN, JON GUTZMANN,
MARY FREIERMUTH, LINDA SCHLIECKAU AND DUANE PETERSON

Janet Gutzmann (1/21/1933 – 3/26/2020) was born in Melrose, MA. After her mother died when Janet was about age 4, her father moved back to his home state of Minnesota. They settled in West St. Paul near Janet's aunt and uncle who helped care for Janet and her elder brother. Janet's ancestors came from Sweden to homestead near Millersburg, MN. Janet's great-grandfather was a founding member of Christdala Church, constructed in 1878 in Millersburg by Swedish immigrants after a young man in their community was murdered during the raid on the bank in Northfield by the James and Younger gangs.

As a teenager, Janet dreamed of becoming a missionary. Her desire to serve the Lord was shared by George Gutzmann. George's intention to enter the ministry was one of the reasons that Janet accepted his proposal of marriage. George took a winding road that eventually led to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He became an ordained Lutheran minister in 1970. Janet was his partner in ministry, particularly in planning and implementing programs for the women and children in the five parishes in which they served. After George retired, they moved from Great Falls, MT back home to Minnesota. They chose to settle in Northfield to be near their many friends and family members who lived in the area.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church seemed to be an ideal church home in the last phase of their lives. Through their membership in the community of believers at St. Peter's, cherished friendships were formed that enriched the remainder of their lives. It was an inviting place to worship with other believers; a place to deepen their faith; a place to explore the scriptures and a place to share their faith.



The photo of her in the dance circle with some girls and other women is so typical of my mom. It was a scene from "Amahl and the Night Visitors," according to Phyllis, who has the original photo. They are performing at St. Peter's. My mom was game to try new things in worship.

Janet became involved in a variety of areas of ministry at St. Peter's. In 1996, Janet became a member of the first Congregational Life Board which included Bruce and Kristin Dennison, Colleen Meyer, Pete Pedersen and Pat Picha. In August 1996, Janet was sent by St. Peter's Lutheran Church to Baltimore, MD to participate in a training for Christ Care Equippers, a new program in the ELCA. Janet shared what she had learned with other Christ Care Equippers at St. Peter's including Jane Albers, Whitey Aus,

Lynn Cybysae, Bruce and Kristin Dennison, Pete Pedersen and Dottie Scharber.

Janet felt a strong connection with and a commitment to her church family at St. Peter's. Even after selling her home and moving to Northfield Retirement Community (NRC,) Janet maintained her membership at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. She attended services there as often as she could. She was also pleased to have the opportunity to worship at the chapel at NRC when her health or the weather prevented her from making the drive to St. Peter's. She, along with other residents at NRC who were members at St. Peter's, enjoyed monthly luncheons hosted at NRC by Pastor David Weeks.

One of her last acts of service at St. Peter's was to deliver a sermonette at a Lenten service in 2018. In her message, she stated, "We gather as a community and taste the Bread of Life. When we come together to share Holy Communion, we become whole, complete and filled with the Power to reach beyond borders."

As her family, we are grateful to have the support and assistance of her church family at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in the celebration of Janet's life. We take comfort in the assurance that she is now in her true home.

Annual *Council* Retreat

The Church Council met on Saturday, **May 15, 2021, at Log Lodge on the Good Earth Village campus from 9:30 to 3:30.** Those present were: Steve Hill, Patrick Bougie, Jolene Manzey, Tom Picha, Sheryl Kleppe, Mary Bleckwehl, Naomi Ziegler, Julie Klock and Pastor David Weeks. Bette Lee was not able to attend. Pastor David began the retreat with devotions reading Scripture related to the symbols of light, rock, cross and water. Julie Klock then led an ice breaker activity on "Never Would I Ever."

Pastor David showed a LEAD video focused on the following three questions: **Who are we? What do we do together? Why do we do what we do?**

We discussed our thoughts on these questions as a lead-in to a review of the work the Council had done at last year's retreat. We then broke into three groups to begin discussion of the focus areas we had identified last year. **The focus areas are Youth, Stewardship, and Newcomers.** We were asked to attend a group we had not been in last year. *The discussion groups were:*

Youth Jolene Manzey, Steve Hill, Tom Picha

Stewardship Pastor David, Sheryl Kleppe, Naomi Ziegler

Newcomers Mary Bleckwehl, Julie Klock, Patrick Bougie

After lunch we came back together to share what each group had discussed:

Youth: The possibility of Wednesday night Sunday School in lieu of Sunday morning. Continue Family Worship Services. Make connections by neighborhoods

Stewardship:

- Selecting a Stewardship Team with the composition being varied by age level and gender.
- Beginning discussion with older members about estate planning with St. Peter's in mind.
- We discussed the need to have older members talk with each other about this.
- We discussed how younger members consider budgeting for a church offering.
- Communicate the financial information with more clarity. le -What is the cost for current
- Programming, how much money do we need to accomplish that

Newcomers:

- Discussed need to be a "presence" in the community.
- Discussed using various media outlets to advertise our presence.
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We began our **regular business** meeting following this discussion. The following items were discussed:

- Next year we are ordering new **offering envelopes** that will be sent to members regularly through the mail.
- The Outreach Committee intends to host regular **free dinners to newcomers** to Northfield for the purpose of answering questions and introducing them to other newcomers. We are applying for an Open Doors Grant from the ELCA to assist with seed money. The grant is being given through random computer selection.



- **Time and Talent** Sheets will be distributed in the mail as well as in the newsletter. Expect them within the next month.

- We discussed **recruiting leaders** to fill positions on our Committees.

- Julie Klock will be taking a **sabbatical** this summer in June and July. Annalisa will cover youth activities during her absence.

- Tom reported that **April offerings** were again positive.

- We discussed the difficulty with obtaining **insurance coverage for the middle school room** and flat roof repair. Since this has been ongoing for around 3 years, it was decided we will ask for legal assistance.

- We are continuing to work on **facility use**. We need to check the insurance and liability for room usage both long term and single usage

- In-person **church attendance** continues at 30-50 attendees per week. We will wait for further instruction from the state and CDC as to increasing numbers, removing masks and singing.

- Julie Klock, Steve Hill and Pastor David attended the **Southeast Minnesota Synod Assembly** via Zoom.

The group closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jolene Manzey, Secretary*



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To express God's love and
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where people believe in God,
belong to Christ,
and become disciples who
serve in day to day living.

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June/July 2021 Parish Visitor

BRINGING BACK OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Dates are scheduled for summertime outdoor worship once a month. Join us those days at 9:00 am on Sunday morning in the sanctuary, and/or outdoors in the evening. Bring your own lawnchair and meet up on the NE lawn! Chairs can be placed on the sidewalk as well. See you then! **June 20, July 25 and August 15 at 6:30 pm.** Inclement weather plans will be announced if needed.



BIKES

St. Peter's Lutheran
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Sunday, June 6
10:00 a.m.

Ride over!

Meet in the parking lot for a
blessing & safety tips.
More on page 7.

**From Huffys to Harleys... all
bikes & trikes welcome!**