

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Parish USULO September 2021

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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

Rally Day September 19! Sunday School Sept. 26, 10:10 am

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NEW MEMBER CLASS

It is a gift to be a part of a community—to be loved and accepted, to have others to share your joys and struggles. The Christian faith is lived in community as we worship, enjoy fellowship, and serve our community together. We will be offering a New Member class **October 3, 10, & 24 in the Fireside Room** at 10:00 a.m. (after worship), with reception of new member on October 31. Each session will last one hour maximum. For our visitors or others around us looking for a church home, we warmly invite you to make new friends and discover how you can use your God-given gifts to make a difference in our world.



From Pastor David:

Dear Saints of St. Peter's:

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Luke 24:21

I'm feeling a bit like the followers of Jesus did after he was crucified and before the resurrection. As Jesus' popularity grew, so did the size of the crowds following him. His followers sensed the momentum of the movement and they were filled with hope. But, their hopes fizzled with Jesus' death.

You, like me, likely had hoped that we would continue worshiping without masks and we would be able to return to congregational life closer to prepandemic. But the Delta variant of COVID has put our hopes on hold for a little longer.

Within our community of St. Peter's it has been a difficult month--l officiated the funeral/burial of seven beloved saints in three weeks' time.

Smoke from wildfires in Canada have given us hazy skies, Haiti has again been shaken with a hurricane, the Afghanistan government collapsed,

parts of our beloved BWCA are closed and all of it is under a fire ban due to a lack of moisture, and water is rationed in the Western states.

Disappointment, pain, and fear make us a little anxious about our personal lives, our congregation, and the world at large. Even so, we are people of hope.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

A couple weeks ago I rode a 240 mile gravel bike race with my son. I had ridden the race three times previously, but this year I was suffering like I had not before. I repeated Paul's words from Romans in my head many times throughout the ride.

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul tells us, (Love) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

The abiding presence and the everlasting love of Jesus gives us strength and hope to face the many challenges we face. In Jesus, we are people of hope.

Peace, David

FAITH FORMATION

by Julie Klock, Children & Family Faith Formation

RALLY DAY this year we will start out with a Blessing of the Backpacks and Blessing for Teachers during the 9am service (backpacks optional). Kids, Sunday School Teachers, and Teachers by profession will be recognized and given a

special blessing. Afterwards our Rally celebration will feature a fun bake sale fundraiser, train rides, yard games, egg toss, prizes and tons of photo ops! With the fundraiser we will be raising money to buy a school bus for a Lutheran school in Senegal. Similar to the annual youth fundraiser, we will be soliciting baked goods from students and adults. These goodies will be set out, silent auction style, and bids will be made. Every offer will also have a buy-it-now price of \$50 so if you don't want to stick around for the competition, you can still participate. Mark your calendars for September 19th!

No breakfast this year. Weather permitting all events will be outdoors. See Page 6 for bus fundraiser information.



BACK TO BUSY FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS!

It's an exciting time of year! School starts back on September 9th, and with it, a lot of our church programming.

BREAKFAST CLUB will start up again

on September
15 at 7:45AM.
Registrations
are coming in
as I write this,
and we are
welcoming some
new kitchen staffers
as well.

NEW!!! JOYFUL NOISE BAND will

be open to 3rd-5th graders beginning September 15th. Join Ms. Josie for fun with bells, boomwhackers, and rhythm instruments. You are welcome to bring your friends. Watch for sign-up links in your email. (Grandchildren who attend other churches in Northfield are also welcome to attend!)

CONFIRMATION kicks off on September 15. This is for all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Supper will be

served beginning at 5:30, followed by a 30-minute interactive worship at 6:15, and a 45 minute class after that. Everyone is welcome to attend dinner and worship! Music rehearsals will be tucked in between times as well. It's the place to be on Wednesdays!

SPY will have two groups this year. Hi-SPY, for Juniors and Seniors, will meet by arrangement for Bible Study. Lo-SPY, for 9th and 10th graders, will meet on Wednesday nights. Both groups will be led by intern Annalissa Lane and another intern we hope to onboard this fall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin in earnest on September 26th. Pre-K through 2nd grade will be exploring Jesus' miracles, while 3rd-5th graders will do their Bible Milestone. On-line Sunday School will also be available. Register now.

ADULTS & FAMILIES

A NEW RECOGNITION Julie Klock will be identifying members to be designated as Compassionate Friends. We are working to identify people who independently and informally visit the sick or the elderly, check in on their neighbors, or

care for others in a variety of ways. Feel free to nominate someone else too!

If you are providing friendship and support to someone or some group on a regular basis, or know of someone who is, please contact Julie to discuss the possibilities. You could probably use a little support and friendship too!

PET BLESSING & CELEBRATING ST.

FRANCIS will be held on October 3rd during the Sunday School time. As part of the celebration, we would like to collect pictures of you with your pets for a visual display. Please send digital photos by the end of September to julie@northfieldstp. org and she'll get them printed and displayed. We'd like to know their names too. (If you need a digital photographer, call Julie 645-8252 and she'll send a photographer.)

ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH REGISTRATIONS CAN BE DONE ONLINE: northfieldstp.org/youth

MUSIC NOTES

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

SO MANY HYMNS!!

I love to sing hymns. I love standard hymns I grew up singing in our Lutheran church; hymns at the Catholic school where I taught for many years; old Gospel hymns and Spirituals which just pop up in various hymnals and choral arrangements, and contemporary Christian hymns which you can hear on Christian radio stations. There are so many hymns available to our worship service, it's sometimes very difficult to choose which ones to use each week! In our St. Peter's music library, there have been new supplement books added this summer - more hymns to share in worship!

When choosing hymns for worship, my first "look" is always to the scripture readings of the week. There are always generalized hymns which can work for any week of the church year, but sometimes the bible readings have been written really nicely into a "singable hymn" (see next paragraph). Each service should include a hymn which everyone will recognize, so if there is a hymn that is familiar AND matches one of the readings, that is a good start!

Hymns should be singable. Most of the standard hymns are, which is why they last for generations. Oftentimes a church will use a contemporary Christian top-40 song for worship, and not realize that even though the song sounds great on the radio (BECAUSE ITS MEANT FOR A SOLO ARTIST) an average congregation would not be able to sing along. When choosing contemporary hymns, I make sure it is singable, and hymn-like, or poetic. Sometimes just the refrain of the song works best for group singing, and songleaders sing the verses. Thanks to church members, who offer suggestions, Terra and I try to make the text or the music easy to follow in the bulletin.

Finally, our St. Peter's worship uses blended service elements (because of one service each week, we try to include both traditional and alternative worship styles). You may notice one hymn each week might be unfamiliar. The rest of the hymns may be quite familiar. On August 22nd, the closing hymn was an old hymn, although not ever in the Lutheran hymnals where I grew up. One of our church members mentioned she grew up in a Swedish Lutheran church where they sang "Wonderful Words of Life" quite often. That was a fun discovery!

I've mentioned before, if you ever have a yearning to use a certain hymn for worship, please let me know! Until next Sunday, think of a hymn you love, and hum away!



ST. PETER'S WORSHIP & HANDBELL CHOIRS

It is strongly suggested that musicians be fully vaccinated before joining the bells or worship choir.





7:00 pm in the choir room
(across from the balcony)

If you are interested in singing in the choir or ringing bells, please contact Mary Kay at marykaybougie@northfieldstp.org, so a music folder will be ready for you at the first rehearsal.

If you can't decide until September 8 - just show up anyway!

We love to see new members!

August & September 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. *Names are now being used from the 2021-22 Time and Talent list. Please send in your form if you'd like to be included!! 507-645-8252

Date	Time	Ushers	Reader	Coffee/Kitchen	
September 5	9:00 a.m.	Boris & Joyce Mokoff	Diane Boyum	Diane Boyum Evonne Clay	
September 12	9:00 a.m.	Phil & Thelma Winter	Janet Hahn	Brad & Barb Anderson	
September 19	9:00 a.m.	Lael & Mona Weselmann	Sandy Bremer	Bill & Mary Bleckwehl	
September 26	9:00 a.m.	Mickey Brodin Janet Gilbertson Julia Daly Joan Paulson		Eldon & Doris Hill	
October 3	9:00 a.m.	Debra Boyum Carmen Sevcik	Marilyn Finneseth	Mickey Brodin Joan Paulson	
October 10	9:00 a.m.	Doris & Eldon Hill Carmen Sevcik		Dennis & Janet Hahn	
October 17	9:00 a.m.	Laura Gilligan Bette Lee	Connie Albers	Thelma Winter Norma Lundell	
October 24	9:00 a.m.	Brad Anderson Neale Thompson	Jolene Manzey	Doris & Eldon Hill	
October 31	9:00 a.m.	Mary Bleckwehl Diane Boyum	Steve Hill	Dale & Linda Ness	

NEWSLETTER PREP GROUP

The last time our prep group met was a year and a half ago. In the meantime the ST. Peter's staff has been managing it during staff meetings at the end of the month. We are very happy to pass the task back to our volunteers (who can get it done in half the time!). They met again for the first time last month to prep the August newsletter. Thank you to this group!



Thank you, Volunteers!



BUCKET GALS (BGS)

1st Thursday - St. Peter's Kitchen

September 2 @ 8:00 am

St. Peter's Kitchen

HANNAH CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall Study leader: Ginny Paulson **September 14 @ 9:30 am**

RACHEL CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's **September 14 @ 1:00 pm**

LUV QUILTERS

Fridays - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall September 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 9:00 am

SOLOS

3rd Thursday

September 16 @ 12:30 pm

at Boonies Bar & Grill Address: 3301 Millersburg Blvd. Faribault, MN. Meet at Phyllis Swanson's by 11:45 to carpool.

EVE CIRCLE

3rd Monday

September 20 @ 6:30 pm

NEW SPIRIT CIRCLE

4th Thursday - St. Peter's Fireside Lounge **September 23 @ 1:00 pm**Bring your recent copies of the Gather Magazine to our gathering, if you have them. New members and visitors welcome!

September Events & Birthdays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
God Bless	Our St	udents!	Happy Birthday Tom Picha	2 8 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 8 am BGs 9:10 am BeFrienders Happy Birthday Kamrey Humann Joan Odell	3 9 am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Andria Sommers	Happy Birthday Inez Nelson Lisa Nystuen
5 9:00 am Worship w/ communion 10:00 am Coffee	6 LABOR DAY Happy Birthday Jon Lovoll Stephanie Riley	7 10 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Ministry Teams Happy Birthday Shari Hagen	8 4:30 pm Bells rehearsal 7 pm Choir rehearsal Happy Birthday Elizabeth Berry Eleanor Croone Brian Turner	9 8 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang Happy Birthday Eleanor Salisbury	9 am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Collin Estrem Charlie Fratzke	I I PATRIOT DAY 3 pm Phyllis Swanson's 90th birthday party
12 GRANDPARENTS DAY 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee	13	9:30 am Hannah Circle 10am Staff Meeting 1 pm Rachel Circle 7 pm Council Meeting Happy Birthday Julia Daly Donald Hill Mary Ann Larsen Jude Quinnell	7:45 am Breakfast Club 4:30 pm Bells rehearsal 5:30 pm Meal 6:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm SPY Happy Birthday Shane Peterson Mike Standfull	8 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 12:30 pm SOLOs Happy Birthday Deb Anderson Jane Valek	9 am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Evonne Clay	I 8 Gods Work Our Hands Habitat for Humanity build on Archibald
Rally Sunday 9 am Worship w/ communion & Blessing of the Backpacks, Teachers Gods Work Our Hands Habitat for Humanity build on Archibald	20 6:30 pm Eve Circle Happy Birthday Hayden Johnson Margit Lovoll	2 I 10am Staff Meeting	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 7:45 am Breakfast Club 4:30 pm Bells rehearsal 5:30 pm Meal 6:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm SPY Happy Birthday Ashley Quinnell Mark Shaw	23 8 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang 1:00 pm New Spirit Circle Happy Birthday Lisa Sevcik	24 9 am LUV Quilters Red Cross Blood Drive	25 Happy Birthday Joan Paulson Sandy Trebelhorn
26 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee 10:10 am Sunday School Happy Birthday Philip Olson Christa Prescott Jenna Strand Doris Welke	27 Happy Birthday Kathryn Hart	28 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Chelsie Connolly Tracy Humann Roberta Morse	29 7:45 am Breakfast Club 4:30 pm Bells rehearsal 5:30 pm Meal 6:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm SPY Happy Birthday Avonne Kaplan	30 8 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang Happy Birthday Callie Strand	If your birthday is not listed and should be, contact the church office so we can add it to our database. THANKS!	

Check <u>www.northfieldstp.org</u> for calendar changes, or a group/event leader.

<u>Subscribe</u> to receive weekly e-mails.

Bake Sale at Rally Day \$\delta\text{ school bus fundraiser}\$

School Bus Fundraiser, Rally Day--September 19, 2021 St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Northfield

Purpose

- Raise funds (goal is \$1000) to help Complexe Scolaire Nanondiral in Yeumbeul, Senegal (suburb of Dakar) purchase a second school bus to transport their growing student population (600+ students in pre-school and elementary) safely and efficiently to classes every day.
- 2. Have fun within the St. Peter's community by having a friendly competition between the youth and adults to see whose baked goods sell for the most \$\$.
- 3. Enjoy baked goods and fellowship while supporting a good cause under the umbrella God's Work. Our Hands.

Donation Processing (Naomi to collect, Terrence to process)

Cash and checks will be accepted for bake sale and deposited into the church's account. Church will send a check on behalf of the congregation.

Anyone wishing to donate directly can send funds to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Reference: GMG0408 Senegal, LDS Vehicle

All donations are tax-deductible.





Blood Drive at St. Peter's

Friday, September 24

9 am - 3 pm



Schedule an appointment to give at <u>redcrossblood.org</u>, download the <u>blood donor app</u> or call 1-800-RedCross.

GOD'S WORK - OUR HANDS & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are celebrating ELCA's God's Work, Our Hands weekend **September 18 & 19.** This is an annual event which we don't normally shed a lot of light on because of Northfield's Defeat of Jesse James Days lining up with our Rally Day (many ELCAs have rally day the week we celebrate DJJD). Our Rally Day will again be the weekend after DJJD, Sunday, September 19, and we are also encouraging our members to participate in the Habitat for Humanity home build on **Archibald Court**, just on the west side of our parking lot. This build needs 10-12 volunteers to help in construction, and others to help provide lunch. Being that this project is **literally in our back yard**, the **Rice County HfH comittee has dedicated a separate sign up just for us St. Peter's people** for that weekend. Our members, Daryl Knudsen and Diane Boyum are heading the sign ups and handling information for this special weekend. Feel free to contact either with questions or to sign up for the 18th or 19th. Daryl: 507-321-1994; Diane: 507-645-8535. No experience necessary. Construction volunteers must be 18+. Childcare can be arranged.

*Cool fact about the Archibald Court project: one of our own St. Peter's families will be the family living in the home once it's complete!



Of course this build is not going to happen in one weekend. Rice County HfH has two builds currently in Northfield which need volunteers the rest of the summer. Please see these sign up links for those dates and info:

To sign up for construction (outside of the 18 & 19th) go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4bafae2aa2fa7-1207

To sign up for providing lunches (outside of the 18 & 19th) go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4bafae2aa2fa7-lunch1

Visit <u>habitatricecounty.org</u> for info or contact Community Engagement Coordinator, Jodi Beach at <u>jodihabitat@gmail.com</u>. Or Daryl or Diane.

Council Highlights

August 10, 2021 • 7:00 p.m.

Present: M. Bleckwehl, P. Bougie, S. Hill, J. Klock, S. Kleppe, B. Lee, J. Manzey, T. Picha, Pastor Weeks

Call to Order: President Steve Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended by adding God's Work Our Hands. Mary made motion to approve agenda as amended. Patrick seconded. Motion carried.

Devotions: Julie led us in devotions. We chose a color that matched our mood. She read a quote from \underline{A} Cup of Life by Joyce Rupp.

Approval of Minutes: Sheryl moved to approve the minutes. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

• Pastor David Weeks provided a report. Highlights include:

Ministry/Activities of previous month:

- We plan to serve Wednesday evening meals with a brief worship service afterwards on Wednesdays.
- The council wants to clarify Pastor's vacation: Pastor David was gone Sundays: June 27, July 4, 11, and August 8. However, these included weekdays only between July 4-11.
- Pastor has been able to do some home visitation, but the additional funerals and now the delta variant are making it a challenge.

Looking Ahead:

- We plan to serve Wednesday evening meals with a brief worship service afterwards on Wednesdays.
- Julie Klock provided a report. Highlights include:
- Vacation Bible School is underway on three Wednesday nights in August. This is the three ELCA congregations and Emmaus. Julie oversees the science station.
- Interns Annalissa and Alissa invested in the kids over the summer. They are thinking ahead to fall. They will both be graduating this year. Intern Josie is looking forward to coming back this fall. She will be looking for ways to sing outdoors and do movement and using "spitless" instruments with elementary students this fall.
- Breakfast Club will return this fall. Sheryl Kleppe and Doris Welke have worked over the summer to fill all our cook spots for fall: Spring Creek (Sibley) seems to be very supportive of us this year and hopefully will "advertise" for us.

Ministry Teams:

• Stewardship Pastor is grateful that the congregation has continued to faithfully give financially to our ministry. However, last year's budget was "bare-bones" with below inflation raises for staff. We would welcome thoughts and ideas to share with the Stewardship Ministry Team. Members of the Stewardship team are Dan Hagen, Tom Picha, Steve Hill and Pastor David.

- Property Capital Projects Patrick moved to commence shingling the church, garage and parsonage. We will take depreciated values of flashing and apply to the flat roof. Sheryl seconded. The stewardship and capital improvement committees will create a package plan for combining the roof/middle school room renovation and the entryway/narthex renovation to bring to council and also the congregation for approval. Sheryl seconded.
- Multiple: We will have a bake sale on Rally Sunday with a competition between youth and adult bakers to make money for this project. Naomi talked about Senegal needing a school bus and the council decided to support this project.

God's Work Our Hands September 19- our goal is to provide 10 builders. The three ELCA churches are working together September 18-19 on a quad build and a single home build. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

Treasurer's Report: Income for July was \$33,600. This was about \$5000 higher than 2020. Year To Date income is \$203,500. This is about \$15,000 below the budget plan. YTD income is the same as last year. YTD, we are \$28,900 deficit. This is \$2000 lower than the deficit we had last year at this point in the year.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Sheryl moved to adjourn. Patrick seconded. Motion carried.

Closing: Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 pm.

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room at St. Peter's.

Minutes by Jolene Manzey, 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 your address has changed or if you would like to be removed from our mailing list.

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