

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Parish

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Church office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Worship

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays (Sept-May) 6:15 p.m.

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Sundays 10:10 a.m. Wednesdays (Sept-May) 6:45 p.m.

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From Pastor David

Dear Friends in Christ,

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31

The Gospel of John ends with the hope that by believing Jesus you might have life in his name. Earlier in the gospel of John, Jesus proclaimed, "I came that you might have life" John 10:10.

The Easter season is about life. When we trust that our sins are forgiven, when we are confident that we are loved, we live joyously and freely.

Discipleship is good news. Following Jesus' way of love, forgiveness and grace enriches and enlarges our life. Following Jesus connects us with other people as well with all of God's creation.

Douglas John Hall, in his book, The Steward: A Biblical Symbol Come of Age, says, "stewardship has not only to do with money, budgeting, and finances, but with the whole ordering of our life, our corporate deployment of God's varied grace in the daily life of the world."

In this Easter season of life, I want to lift up stewardship as something we are, and not as something we do.

Stewardship is not only a way of life, it is a good way of life. Stewardship connects us with others. Stewardship reminds us that we do not live only for ourselves

Summer will soon be here, and with summer come travels to the cabin and vacations over the weekends. As disciples of Jesus and as members of St. Peter's Lutheran, it is our desire that the witness and ministry of the congregation remain

If you're interested in signing up to have your offering given electronically, our Financial Administrator, Dennis McClintock, has made the forms available outside his office. You decide the frequency of your offering: weekly, bimonthly, monthly, etc. With automated giving you never get behind and you experience the joy and life that comes through giving. No longer need you feel guilty about being behind a payment or two.

You will receive in the mail soon a Time & Talents form to return to the church. Each and all of us have gifts to share in order to make this a better world.

We are Easter people. We are people of the resurrection. Let us live and let us share with all the world the Good News of Jesus' love.

Peace, Pastor David

May & June 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	Ushers	Reader	Comm. Setup	Comm. Servers	Hospitality
May 5	9:00 a.m.	Jane Albers Sheila Roehrick Phil Winter Thelma Winter	Larry DeBoer	Faith Bergemann	Richard DeBeau Ramona Pumper Doris Welke	Mickey Brodin Joan Paulson Nancy Solberg Emery Solberg
May 12	9:00 a.m.	Boris Mokoff Joyce Mokoff Helen Rockey Thomas Rockey	Mary Bleckwehl			Marilyn Hill Carol Irwin Ginny Paulson Janet Gilbertson
May 19	9:00 a.m.	Mavis Bell Maxine Halvorson Doris Hill Eldon Hill	Patrick Bougie	Bette Lee	Faith Bergemann Scott Bergemann Neale Thompson	Janet Hahn Dennis Hahn Brian Peterson Mary Peterson
May 26	9:00 a.m.	Mickey Brodin Kristen Dennison Janet Gilbert Barb Meyer	Pete Pedersen			Dale Ness Linda Ness Lorraine Rovig Thelma Winter
June 2	9:00 a.m.	Joan Paulson Ramona Pumper Lael Weselmann Mona Weselmann	Larry DeBoer	Patti Baker	Brian Peterson Mary Peterson Shirley Shaft	Mary Bleckwehl Diane Boyum Lyle Gunderson Nancy Gunderson
June 9	9:00 a.m.	Richard DeBeau Doris Welke Dale Ness Linda Ness	Diane Boyum			Mary Franzen Les Lundell Norma Lundell Ruth McCarty
June 16	9:00 a.m.	Dan Hagen Shari Hagen Lorraine Rovig Shirley Shaft	Nancy Solberg	Evonne Clay	Mary Bleckwehl Dale Ness Linda Ness	Connie Albers Mark Albers Patti Baker Kristen Dennison
June 23	9:00 a.m.	Brad Anderson Laura Gilligan Brian Peterson Mary Peterson	Julia Daly			Evonne Clay Marilyn Finneseth Doris Hill Eldon Hill
June 30	9:00 a.m.	David Boyum Debra Boyum Larry DeBoer Pam DeBoer	Lorraine Rovig			Jayne Hager Dee Dennis Hahn Janet Hahn Carmen Sevcik

Thank you to everyone who made a glorious Easter worship possible:

Worship Leader volunteers to help with extra services, Easter Flower donations and coordination, Musicians for extra rehearsals and performances, Guatemala Mission Team for breakfast, Altar Ministry Team for extra decorations and time spent on the details, Terra for extra bulletins and printing, Pastor David, Mary Kay and Julie for the extra work put into planning, The members and visitors of St. Peter's who faithfully worship with us, And anyone else not mentioned here, thank you!

Have a blessed Easter Season!

~ From all of us at St. Peter's Lutheran



Women's Circles

LW Quilters Fridays, May 3 & 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Women's Fellowship Fridays, May 3 & 17 at 8:00 a.m.

New Spirit Circle Monday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Hannah Circle Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study Leader: Ginny Paulson; Hostesses: Maxine Halvorson & Arly Boyum

> Eve Circle Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Study Leader & Hostess: Doris Hill, 603 Primrose Ct.

> Rachel Circle Tuesday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m.



All singles, **men and women**, are welcome for lunch with the SOLOs at 12:15 pm:

Monday, May 20 at Nfld Retirement Ctr. Cafe

Questions? Call: Hazel Peterson **(645-9276)** Phyllis Swanson **(645-4231)**



May Events & Birthdays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
until fall, so see each Enjoy the rest of the If your birthday we the Church Office a	h with many things of Wednesday for its o school year and reheases not listed,	wn schedule! earsals! please contact your birthday	7:45 am Breakfast Club 5:00 pm Field trip to: Feed My Starving Children, Eagan Happy Birthday Dale Finger Madyson Sevcik Violet Weed	7:00 am Table Talk, The Tavern 8:00 am BGs 2:30 pm Thursday's Table 3:15 pm BeFrienders 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Faith on Tap, Froggy Bottoms Happy Birthday Tom Metz	8:00 am Women's Fellowship, The Tavern 8:30 am LUV Quilters 4:30 pm Bells Rehearsal Happy Birthday Megan Goldstein Jean Spittle	1:00 pm Ditch Clean Up (reschuled from Apr28) Happy Birthday Mark Madson
5 8:40 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship with Community Connection: Common Hope 10:10 am Sunday School 10:10 am Sedar Meal Milestone 6:00 pm Sedar Meal 3-5 Grade Happy Birthday Dale Boyum	Happy Birthday Nicole Laue Nicole Lieske Nancy Nytes	9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm PEO Meets 7:00 pm Ministry Teams Meet Happy Birthday Ethan Anderson Karen Turner	8 7:45 am Breakfast Club 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Worship 6:45 pm Confirmation/Spy Happy Birthday Brittney Laue Borris Mokoff Chad Seeley Jim Trebelhorn Terra Wierson MEAL: Stroganoff	7:00 am Table Talk, The Tavern 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Canton of Nordleigh Meets Happy Birthday Lori Schleif	4:30 pm Bells Rehearsal Happy Birthday Madeleine Douah Barb Liebenstein Ron Lovoll Wendell Spittle	5:30 pm Sons of Norway Happy Birthday Benjamin Palmquist Jacob Saari
MOTHER'S DAY 8:00 am Band Rehearsal 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:10 am Gospel of Luke 10:10 am Sunday School Happy Birthday Laura Gilligan Jill Kuntz Lorraine Lemke	13 10:00 am New Spirit Cir Happy Birthday Jim McKinnon Amy Palmquist	9:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Hannah Circle 4:30 pm Bells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church Council Happy Birthday Bob Baker Amy Palmquist	JUNE / JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:45 am Breakfast Club 5:30 pm WELCOME SUMMER BBQ with closing worship & yard games MEAL: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs (Bring a small side to share)	7:00 am Table Talk, The Tavern 7:00 pm Faith on Tap Froggy Bottoms Happy Birthday Peter Lovoll Nolan Thompson Harland Wegner	8:00 am Women's Fellowship 8:30 am LUV Quilters Happy Birthday Brian Paulson	Happy Birthday Jessica Hoffman Karen Johnson
LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 7:30 am Sharing & Caring Hands 8:00 am Bells Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship, Children Sing 10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:10 am Gorgee of Luke 10:10 am Sunday School Outdoor Play & Ice Cream Party	20 12:15 pm SOLOS 6:30 pm Eve Circle Happy Birthday Thomas Culhane	9:00 am Staff Meeting 11:30 am NRC Lunch w/ Pastor David 2:00 pm Rachel Circle Happy Birthday David Boyum Roger Hendershot Dan Scharber	7:45 am Breakfast Club 6:00 pm Music Party Happy Birthday Alana Lieske Steve Reindal	7:00 am Table Talk, The Tavern Happy Birthday Terry Heilman Anthony Irwin	24 Happy Birthday Lori Lieske Melissa Wiste Naomi Ziegler	25 Happy Birthday Laura Johnson
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News from Upstairs by Julie Klock, Faith Formation

Confirmation and S.P.Y.:

Wednesdays in May...

MAY 1: Confirmation students, together with their parents, will pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan this week. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. It was founded in 1987, and since then has sent food to nearly 70 countries.

"Hope begins with nutritious food. FMSC exists to provide this hope in the name of Jesus. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential so that they can become productive members of their communities."

Please note there will not be worship or supper this night.

MAY 8: Normal Wednesday Schedule with dinner at 5:30, Worship at 6:15, and Confirmation and SPY at 6:45.

MAY 15: Our traditional Welcome Summer event. It begins with a cookout at 5:30 followed by fun and games outdoors (unless weather interferes - then indoor fun and games.) Bring the whole family! This is the last regular Wednesday event before fall, but look for special events over the summer!

This will be Maddi and Britta's last Wednesday night so let's make sure to have a good SPY turnout to wish them well!

Seder Milestone:

The Seder is a feast that includes reading, drinking wine, telling stories, eating special foods, singing, and other Passover traditions. Our Christian practice of communion was instituted by Jesus at a Passover Seder, just before he was arrested, tried and crucified.

Sunday, May 5th, our third through fifth grade students will take part in a traditional Seder Meal as part of their continuing communion education. We are grateful to the Liebenstein family who make this event possible.

Faith Formation Team:

The Faith Formation Team will meet on May 7, at 7pm to finalize summer plans and collaborate with other church boards. Parents of youth and children, and adults who like to continue to learn throughout life: if you have hopes, dreams, or wishes for the coming school year, please share them with us. We don't promise to make them come true, but we do promise to use the information to help us plan for Faith Formation in the year ahead!

Sunday School:



Students will sing in worship on May 19. The song will be a great closing to the school year as it is about loving one another.

May 19th is the last day of Sunday School for the spring. We will have a "fun day" at the Sibley playground and end up with some ice cream as usual. Everyone is invited!

Ascension Day:

Ascension Day is May 30. Most Sundays we say "he ascended into heaven" as part of the Apostle's Creed. The description of Jesus' ascension supports our concept of heaven as "up." While it doesn't get much play these days, some churches still hold a special service, and in some countries - France, Germany, Norway, and Sweden among others - it is a public holiday.

What could we do on Ascension Day, in our homes, to commemorate this day? How could we share that with each other on Sunday? The answer will be unique to your setting, but couldn't it be fun?

Vacation Bible School:

Planning is well underway and it is going to be a fantastic adventure! It's a four day program that runs 9-11:30 for children aged 3 through entering 3rd grade. This year we will be at St. John's. You can register at our website: www.northfieldstp.org/ summer-programming.

We are also looking for kitchen volunteers and teens to help out with moving groups through their stations.

It's a lot of fun and the mornings just fly by. Friends and cousins are also welcome to attend!

Good Earth Village Day Camp:

St. Peter's will host a Good Earth Village Day Camp in August. This is for elementary school students and is open to friends as



woven good earth village **August 5-9**

Register before it fills - only 32 spots available. Camp goes 8:30-4:30 every day except Friday when it ends at noon. Cost is \$65/camper. We have funds available for scholarships and sibling discounts. As always, friends and cousins are welcome. We are looking for High School and Middle School volunteers to help. Registration is open on our website under the "youth" tab.

www.northfieldstp.org/summer-programming

Music Notes by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

Thank you St. Peter's musicians (Worship Choir, Jubilee Bells, organist Richard Collman, and brass ensemble) for the time, work, and heart that you put into preparing your part of the special music for Holy Week: Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Your faithfulness and commitment to St. Peter's ministry is astounding. The Wednesday nights of rehearsals, the Sunday morning run-throughs, the worship services on Sunday, over and over again. Your musical gifts are a wonderful enhancement to our worship, giving praise to God. I'm reminded of Psalm 150. Pastor Weeks recently read this in our staff devotions (it was also in the lectionary for April 28th 's worship service). Here is Eugene Peterson's version from The Message:

Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy house of worship. praise him under the open skies; Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his magnificent greatness; Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings; Praise him with castanets and dance, praise him with banjo and flute; Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise him with fiddles and mandolin.

Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Hallelujah!







Brass quintet, St.

Olaf students,

leading Easter

Choir view of Easter worship



First Communion Milestone

This spring 15 children completed the First Communion Milestone class wtih St. Peter's and received their first communion during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday. Congratulations: Aimee Bergee, Elijah Bridley, Rayden Hanson, Noah Hanson, Maddison Hanson, Finley Kopak, Ali Little, Tia Randall, Eleanora Schmitz, Kaelyn Sillanpa, Madison Simonson, Alexander Talbert, Natalie Talbert, Abigail Whipple, and Anika Wierson.

LUV Quilters

With a few generous donations we will have sufficient funds to purchase batting for over a year. About 100 quilts will be delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouses. The Quilters would appreciate additional funds to send to LWR for shipping these quilts from the warehouse to their destinations around the world. The goal is \$300. Can you help us?

The Quilters will follow their regular schedule of first and third Fridays during May, June, August and September. No meetings in July. - Celena Witt

Electronic Giving

With bad winter weather behind us and an undoubtedly busy summer coming up ahead, Sunday mornings at church can be hard to come by. Please consider signing up to give electronically. This helps simplify members' offerings, and it helps the church to plan the budget accordingly. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or with our Financial Administrator, Dennis McClintock.



Remember that over-filled shopping cart parked in our narthex in March??

Thanks to our generous congregation and friends, we filled our cart with 210 pounds of food! The food was delivered to the Northfield Community Action Center in early April to be put to good use right away. Great job, St. Peter's!

Sunday, May 5 10:10 am

Community Connection Guest:

Common Hope



during the coffee hour



Common Hope is the organization which St.

Peter's has partnered with for our
mission trips to Guatemala and connecting
with the children we sponsor.

For more on Common Hope visit commonhope.org

By the way- we raised just over \$500 on Easter morning for the children we sponsor and the mission work we do!

THANK YOU!

Announcements

Time & Talent

Watch for the 2019-2020 Time and Talent forms to arrive in your mailbox sometime in May. Please fill out and return within a week or two. Forms can be dropped off, mailed, or placed in the offering basket. Call the church office with questions. Your help is ALWAYS appreciated!



Little Free Pantry Coming

We have been blessed with a local Girl Scouts troop providing a Little Free Pantry to go along with our Little Free Library! Watch for the installation later in May. Visit littlefreepantry.org for more info.

NORTHFIELDERS FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE/ISREAL

Announcing the upcoming events for those who would like to join in the conversation:

Tuesday, May 7: Book Group, <u>The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine</u>, by Ilan Pappe - St. John's Lutheran, 7pm

Saturday, May 11: Nabka Commemoration - Bridge Square, 2pm

Tuesday, June 11: Summer Film Series, *How are the Children?* Palestinian Children in Israeli Military Detention - Bethel Lutheran, 7pm

Tuesday, June 18: Summer Film Series, *Killing Gaza* - Bethel Lutheran, 7pm

Tuesday, June 25: Summer Film Series, *Imprisioning a Generation* - Bethel Lutheran, 7pm

For more information: info@njpmn.org or www.njpmn.org

Council Highlights

April 9, 2019 • 7:00 p.m.

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

Approval of the Agenda: motion to approve the agenda was made

by Kleppe and seconded by Bougie - all voted yes

Devotions & Book Discussion: Pastor David read from the book, <u>The Mission Table</u> by Stephen B. Bouman. The Council discussed chapter 2.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve March minutes was made by Kleppe and seconded by Picha – all voted yes

- · Staff Reports:
- Pastor David: A written report was submitted. Highlights include:
 - Beth Vivant has been leading a group discussing 40 Days with Parker Palmer
 - Better Angels facilitated a "Skills Workshop" 32 people attended; an important takeaway was the importance of learning to listen to others' perspectives.
 - Pastor David met with the BeFrienders to talk about their role with visitation when he is on sabbatical.
 - Confirmation students and parents will be doing Feed My Starving Children on May 1.
 - Time and Talent forms will be mailed out soon. We will be encouraging family's to volunteer for tasks such as ushering.
- Julie Klock: A written report was submitted. Highlights include:
 - The Sunday School children sang in church in February and will sing with the Senior Choir on Palm Sunday.
 - Parent Meet-Up group has requested a class on worshipping with children. Julie will schedule this for Fall.
 - Next UpsideDown will be on April 28 th and will focus on forgiveness.
 - Vacation Bible School is June 10-13 for age 3 through entering 3rd grade; registration is live on the St. Peters website (combined for St. Peter's, Bethel, St. John's and Emmaus Churches). Register on the St. Peter's website.
 - Daycamp for K-5th grade students will take place August 5-9. Register on the St. Peter's website.
 - Faith Formation Team is planning a schedule of summer family meet-ups.
 - First Communion Milestone is underway. Fourteen students will make their first communion on Maundy Thursday.
- Treasurer's Report: Tom Picha gave the financial report. A written report was submitted.
 - Offerings have been down lately which is significantly impacting the budget. We will encourage signing up for automatic electronic giving. This is helpful for weeks that are lower in attendance due to snow storms, summer vacations, etc.
- Bathroom Project: The bathrooms in the narthex will be remodeled into single user, gender neutral, accessible bathrooms. Bougie prepared a design concept plan. The Council reviewed and approved the plan. Bougie will work with a committee to finalize the design and contact general contractors for estimates. motion to approved the preliminary concept plans for the new bathrooms was made by C. Hill and seconded by Lee all voted yes.
- Sabbatical Leave Policy: Pastor David provided articles about sabbatical leave policies. The Council should read the materials before the May Council meeting. Pastor David will draft a policy and plans to form a sabbatical committee.
- Leaking Roof: The ice/snow caused issues with leaks in the church. The church received a check from the insurance company for \$3900 (after \$1000 deductible) for the interior damage. The insurance adjuster will come back next week to look at exterior damage if there is no snow.
- Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College: Klock, C. Hill, and S. Hill will be attending the Developing Spiritual Intelligence conference on Saturday, April 27. https://gustavus.edu/churchrelations/gacac/faithconference/

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Council Meeting is May 14 at 7pm in the Fireside Room, St. Peters Lutheran Church. 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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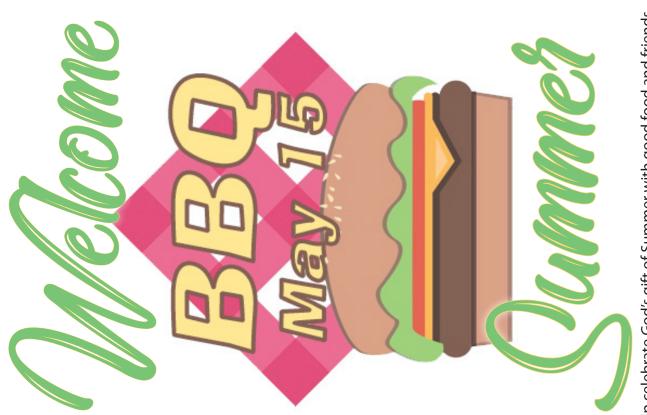
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June/July Publication Deadline May **15**

You may email information to terrawierson@northfieldstp.org



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



Help celebrate God's gift of Summer with good food and friends Wednesday, May 15 at 5:30pm. An informal worship will take place during supper. Stay for yard game and fellowship.

Please bring a small side to share if you're able (even a bag of chips!). We'll provide hotdogs and hamburgers from the grill.

Bring a friend - all are welcome!