



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Parish

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Church office hours:
Tuesday–Friday
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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From Pastor David:

Dear Friends in Christ:

God of tempest, God of

*whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend! Drive us out from
sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear
the cross, There with Christ to bear the cross*

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles who were gathered together and it sounded like the rush of a violent wind. Our preference is to imagine the Holy Spirit as comforting (which it can be), but the Holy Spirit can also be disruptive and challenging.

Pentecost is the third of the major festivals in the church calendar—Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. We will celebrate Pentecost this year on May 23, and as red is the liturgical color, we invite you to wear red on May 23.

Last year, my Pentecost sermon included the following sentence: On this day when we hear that Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon and into his followers, our hearts ache over the death of George Floyd who said, "I can't breathe."

This past year has been exhausting and trying as the pandemic has isolated us from each other

and we as a nation have grappled with systemic racism. We've experienced a plethora of emotions: fear, sadness, anger, and hope. Derek Chauvin has now been found guilty by a jury and we breathed a sigh of relief as Minneapolis would hopefully not experience more rioting, violence and destruction.

I pray that Jesus breathes hope, love and forgiveness into me and all who follow him. I do pray that the Holy Spirit comes as a gentle breeze to bring calm and peace, but I also know we need the more forceful work of the Holy Spirit to do the hard work of bringing about positive change.

The work of the Holy Spirit is not found exclusively within the officially sanctioned ministries of the Christian Church and God's love is not extended exclusively to Christians.

As we are now emerging from the pandemic, it is increasingly clear that our new normal will not be our pre-pandemic normal. Come, Holy Spirit, come and send your Church into the world as peace-makers and bridge-builders. Come, Holy Spirit, come to equip your saints to serve and bring healing. Come, Holy Spirit, come and reform us all daily as a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Peace, David

FAITH FORMATION & ADULT ED

by Julie Klock, Faith Formation Director

It's a wrap!

This is the month we wrap things up for the school year and announce what we have planned for the summer!

- Confirmation classes are concluding May 5th (until then the fun continues!)
- Family Worship will conclude on May 16 (but tune in for the great interviews with members at 10am on Sundays)

Looking toward summer!

In a year where every event has required a re-tooling, and we have had to be ready to turn on a dime, a lot of things still happened! We continued to learn and grow and communicate using a variety of tools, and as a result, we will continue to be closer to each other as it grows safer to be together.

The summer is going to be exciting for the Middle and High School students of St. Peter's. Our intern for youth, Annalissa Lane, will be in Northfield over the summer and she is planning to build the **High School S.P.Y. community** "camp style" with lots of outdoor activities on Wednesdays. Each Wednesday she plans to hold an outdoor gathering in a different space. **We could use your help finding a wide variety of outdoor experiences!** We will, of course, visit the natural space across the street, and take advantage of the St. Olaf woods and the Carleton Arb. We would like to add gardens and farms and barns and waterfalls and streams to those options. Please send Julie your suggestions via email or phone call so we can add them to the mix.

Middle School students will continue their tradition of monthly service projects combined with students from St. John's and Bethel as well. There will also be social events and combined MS/HS events. First up will be a scavenger hunt for the food shelf. We'll let you know

what night they'll be scavenging the neighborhoods so you can be ready.

This, like many other things we are hoping to accomplish this summer, will be family events. And we are hopeful that whether your family consists of just you, you and a parakeet, or a couple of retired folks, or a multigenerational mix of kids, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and foster kids - **everyone is welcome when you see the word FAMILY!** In addition, please invite others to join us - it has been a long season of separation - as we are able to gather in the good weather, please invite others to soak in the joy of sharing space.

VBS Registration will be available on the website soon.

A **Family Campout** is under discussion. Are you interested in getting away for a camping weekend with other families from St. Peter's? Let Julie know so the Faith Formation Team can plan!

Special thanks to the families for all the ways you've stepped up this school year!



MUSIC NOTES

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

VICTORY!

"I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" John 16:33



NASA had a VICTORY recently! The first-ever powered flight on another planet! NASA team members broke into applause as they observed this successful spin of the Ingenuity helicopter.

It's good to hear of celebrations in the news! I enjoyed watching this NASA success. As Christians, we experience VICTORY with Jesus' resurrection – it's a worldwide celebration!

I came across a great "Worship in the Home" blog on our ELCA website, <https://blogs.elca.org/worship/3714/> Gordon Lathrop, a retired professor of liturgy, reflects on the Easter story. God swallows up death and wipes the tears from our faces (Isaiah 25:8). Current life events are difficult: conflict, tragedy, anxiety/depression, disaster. With Easter comes promise. Lathrop states, "as we read the story of Jesus, **he is with us**, with us in all the scriptures, adding us to the list of **witnesses**. Empowered by God's Spirit we can join in wiping away tears from our **neighbors'** faces." I love that little twist at the end, where we turn our inward thoughts into outward service – to our neighbors.

There are many ways to wipe those tears. I would like to offer up two places which can always use your help:

1. Community Action Center of Northfield. They welcome monetary donations as well as volunteer hours.
2. Community Aid Network MN (canmn.org), located in the Whittier neighborhood of Minneapolis. They welcome online donations or drop off items. Their 'High Need' items include: Diapers, Baby wipes, Liquid dish soap, Laundry detergent pods or small liquid detergents, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toilet Paper, Flour, Cooking oil, Pads.

Then let us rejoice in this Easter season!

*"There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again*

*And as He stands in **VICTORY**
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ"*

-from "In Christ Alone", by Keith Getty /
Stuart Townend, CCLI License #2296957

*- Blessings,
Mary Kay*

BLOOD DRIVE THIS MONTH

We've filled all of our past drives at **St. Peter's** so far, and the next one will be **Friday, May 7, 9am - 3pm**.

If you can donate, please schedule an appointment



Council President Steve Hill

to give! Schedule on the Red Cross [website](#), download the app, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



HANNAH CIRCLE

The Hannah Circle met together in April for the first time in a year. The group of women had a very happy reunion and welcomed a couple of new members as well. They plan to meet again in May on the 2nd Tuesday (5/11) at 9:30 am at St. Peter's in the Fellowship Hall.

RACHEL CIRCLE

The circle will meet Tuesday, May 11 at 1:00 pm. Our gathering will take place in-person in the Fireside Room at St. Peter's. Please note the time change; 2nd Tuesday of the month.

EVE CIRCLE

The Eve Circle met in April at St. Peter's in the Fellowship Hall for their Bible study with success. The Circle will plan to meet at St. Peter's (instead of member homes) each month to come, for now, 6:30pm the 3rd Monday of the month.

May & June Worship Leaders

Thank you, worship leaders! If you are unable or uncomfortable to assist on the date assigned, please change with someone else on the list (or let us know in the office to temporarily remove you from the list) and contact the church office so that the bulletin can be updated.
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Date	Time	Ushers	Reader
May 2	9:00 a.m.	Richard DeBeau Doris Welke	Neale Thompson
May 9	9:00 a.m.	JoAnne Olson Phil Olson	Janet Hahn
May 16	9:00 a.m.	Dale Ness Linda Ness	Patrick Bougie
May 23	9:00 a.m.	Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey	Phyllis Swanson
May 30	9:00 a.m.	Dianne Peterson Gary Peterson	Richard DeBeau
June 6	9:00 a.m.	Mickey Brodin Janet Gilbertson Joan Paulson	Pete Pedersen
June 13	9:00 a.m.	Doris Hill 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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SARAH'S HOUSE

Sarah's House is finally fully operational following a soft start due to the CoVid pandemic. There are currently three residents living at the house full time. The length of stay for residents is dependent on individual needs, however the average stay is six months.

The women are enjoying the home which is fully furnished and supplied with linens and towels as well as kitchen appliances and dishes. The women are either employed or seeking employment and are working with case managers to deal with issues as they arise.

Is there any way you can still help? At the present time, we are putting out a call for paper and cleaning products for the house. If you are out shopping for soaps, detergents, paper towels, Kleenex, or toilet paper for yourself, think about picking up an extra for the women over at Sarah's House. Your donation can be left in the narthex at the church.

Thanks in advance for being a good neighbor to women in need.

May Events & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy Birthday Dale Finger Madyson Sevcik Violet Weed
2 9:00 am Worship w/ communion Happy Birthday Tom Metz	3 Happy Birthday Jeannie Spittle	4 10am Staff Meeting	5 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina Happy Birthday Dale Boyum	6 Happy Birthday Nicole Laue Nancy Nytes	7 9-3 Red Cross Blood Drive Happy Birthday Ethan Anderson Karen Turner	8 Happy Birthday Borris Mokoff Chad Seeley Jim Trebelhorn Terra Wiersen Madeleine Douah
9 Mother's Day 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Family Worship on FB	10 Happy Birthday Barb Liebenstein Wendell Spittle	11 9:30 am Hannah Circle 10 am Staff Meeting 1 pm Rachel Circle 7 pm Council Meeting Happy Birthday Benjamin Palmquist	12 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina Happy Birthday Laura Gilligan Jillian Kuntz Lorraine Lemke	13 Ascension Day Happy Birthday Jim McKinnon Amy Jo Palmquist	14 Happy Birthday Bob Baker	15 Nat'l Peace Officers' Day Armed Forces Day
16 9:00 am Worship w/ communion 10:00 am Family Worship on FB Happy Birthday Peter Lovoll Nolan Thompson Harland Wegner	17 6:30 pm Eve Circle Happy Birthday Brian Paulson	18 10am Staff Meeting Happy Birthday Karen Johnson John Schmitz	19 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina	20 Happy Birthday Thomas Culhane	21 Happy Birthday David Boyum Roger Hendershot Dan Scharber	22 Happy Birthday Steve Reindal
23 9:00 am Worship Pentecost Sunday-Wear Red! Happy Birthday Terry Hellman Vaeda Robinson	24 Happy Birthday Lori Lieske Melissa Wiste Naomi Ziegler	25 10am Staff Meeting	26 10:30 am Virtual Bible Study, Lectio Divina Happy Birthday Kristin Harner Tori Lauseng	27 Happy Birthday Aimee Bergee	28 Happy Birthday Allan Boyum Dominic Humann Carol Irwin Seth Thompson	29
30 9:00 am Worship	31 Memorial Day Happy Birthday Keagan Grobe Dianne Peterson	<p>If your birthday was not listed, please contact the Church Office and we will add your birthday to our database. Thanks!</p>			 <p><i>Pentecost</i></p> <p>When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.</p> <p><i>Acts 2:1-4</i></p>	

THANK YOU TO RICHARD

Since reading Organist Richard Collman's "No 7-Year Itch Here" in the December 2020 St. Peter's Parish Visitor we have felt honored to have enjoyed his music for that long. The whole St. Peter's family wants to thank Richard for his 7, and counting, years for sharing his talents with us! He not only plays organ for us close to half the Sundays in the year, but he also plays his harp, helps in sharing ideas, planning, contributing articles from time to time, spends extra time around holiday seasons practicing and now this past year, pre-recording, and performing recitals. We are blessed to have him as he enriches our worship experience here at St. Peter's.



Richard's heartfelt thank you came especially from his last paragraph:

Thank you, St. Peter's, for a good run to date and I hope many years into the future. From hymn introductions, to choir anthems, to a cappella Sundays, to gracious hospitality (with good treats and coffee!), to fellowship hall hymn sings, you keep me serving as one of your cantors, as one who helps lead our faith in song. Soli Deo Gloria!

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

We are loving our neighbors and bringing hope around the world. Last February, a cold snap shut down the electrical power supply in Texas. Our MEF sent a gift of \$1,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response for work in Texas. We also sent \$1500 to Lutheran World Relief to pay for shipping of quilts overseas. LWR lovingly gives away 300,000 quilts annually. We have a faithful team of quilters who quilt every Friday and contribute to the quilts that bring comfort and warmth. Thank you for your support of our MEF which spends interest earned to share God's love and grace in Jesus.

VOLUNTEER YOUR PRAYERS!

365 Days of Prayer: The Rice County Habitat for Humanity is asking for your prayers on their upcoming housing projects. There are 365 days worth of prayers needed, and if you want to commit to this, please go to this signup genius link to register: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4bafae2aa2fa7-365days

More information for the projects can be found on the County's website: www.habitatricecounty.org



Join us as we prepare for our 2021 *7*th Builds by signing up for a day to intentionally pray for our ministry and mission. www.habitatricecounty.org

DITCH CLEAN UP DAY

We had a good turn out to clean our section of Highway 246 east of Northfield. In addition to many cans and bottles, we removed a plowshare and a cell phone.



Thank you to Dustin and Noah Hanson, Tom and Pat Picha, David and Michon Weeks, Patrick Bougie, and Richard DeBeau for participating in creation care. Special thanks to Richard, for again spearheading our ministry.

Council Highlights

April 13, 2020 • 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bleckwehl, Bougie, Hill, Kleppe, Julie Klock, Manzey, Picha, Pastor Weeks, Ziegler

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

Approval of the Agenda: Sheryl made motion to approve agenda. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Devotions: Pastor Dave read Psalm 80 which is a lament. Trust God. The discussion on Eight Disruptive Church Trends was continued from last month.

Approval of Minutes: Patrick moved approval of minutes. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

- **Pastor David Weeks** provided a report. Highlights include:

Ministry/Activities of previous month:

- Discussion about continuing sign up for in person worship – decision was to continue sign up for now.
- Sunday in person worship with about 30 people attending consistently.
- Lectio Divina continues on Wednesday at 10:30 A.M. Pastor Dave wants to expand it.
- Easter in person worship went well.

Looking Ahead:

- Pastor Dave has a hike to Nerstrand Big Woods scheduled for the end of April. Hopes to see the trout lilies which only grow in the Cannon River watershed.
- August 24-29 will be the trip to BWCA canoe trip through Ely.
- I Cantanti are practicing in our sanctuary. All members are fully vaccinated and singing with masks.
- Connie Albers has expressed interest in doing some work with our landscaping with Brennen Bergee who wants to do an Eagle Scout project.
- Phyllis Swanson will celebrate her 90th birthday on September 11 at St. Peter's. In lieu of gifts she wants to put money toward a railing along the sidewalk leading into the offices.

- **Julie Klock** was in attendance and provided a report. Highlights include:
 - Family Worship – introduced a new format for the next 6 weeks.
 - Communication – Calls continue.
 - BeFriends – all are vaccinated and would be able to have visits inside a private home.
 - Youth – want to meet in person. Confirmation will begin in person this week. A family with three teenage daughters has expressed interest in joining.
 - Good Earth Village – camp is offering 3 weekends of intergenerational programming.
 - VBS our community plans continue.
 - Sabbatical- Julie would love to take some time for Sabbath and study this summer, the pandemic has really limited her options for a sabbatical at this time. She will take advantage of some continuing education opportunities on-line and locally.

Ministry Teams:

- **Stewardship** (Capital Projects) Committee- Council members: Steve and Tom
Projects continuing in the future:
 - Roof repair will be starting this spring. Roof repair will be the church, parsonage and garage.
 - Middle School room project will be after the roof.
- **Community Outreach** council member: Sheryl
- **Property** council member: Patrick
- **Faith Formation** council member: Naomi
- **Congregational Life** council member: Mary
- **Music/worship** council member: Jolene
- **Congregational Care** council member: Bette

Treasurer's Report: We finished the 1 st quarter of 2021 with income of 91K, about 3% below plan, and expenses at 96.8K right about on plan. Total net was a 6.5K deficit vs. a plan deficit of 3K. This is a very encouraging start for the year, as last year after quarter 1 we had a net deficit of 34.4K. Now we need to carry this momentum forward into the rest of the year. The key will be sustained and continued growth in contribution from members. Thank you all for a good start to 2021.

Old Business: None

New Business: We decided to put off joining Stewardship for All Seasons, a *Southeast Mn Synod workshop*, until a later date. The 2021 **Council Retreat** will be at a location to be determined on May 15. Jolene made the motion. Patrick seconded. Motion carried. **Synod assembly** will be via zoom on May 8. Julie and Steve will be St. Peter's representatives along with Pastor Dave.

Use of Church Protocol: Julie, Sheryl and Naomi will be communicating about rental space in mailing and temple talk. Rice County uses space for visitations, etc. They pay rent for this. These three will continue to have discussions about insurance, needs for preparing space for rental and rental prices etc.

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

Closing: Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:12PM.

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 11, at 7 PM.
Minutes by Jolene Manzey, Secretary.



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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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May 2021 Parish Visitor

YOU'RE INVITED!



**Groundbreaking
Ceremony**

**Join us to celebrate the
groundbreaking of our
Faith Build Quad!**

**Sunday, May 2, 4 pm
2444 Cotton Lane, Northfield**

Questions?

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**We are getting a food truck (cheese curds and mini
donuts) so it will be helpful if you RSVP to our website:
habitricecounty.org**