



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

# Parish

# Visitor

November 2019

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

## Worship

Sundays 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays (Sept–April) 6:30 p.m.

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## From Pastor David

Dear Saints of St. Peter's

*"The church is God saying: 'I'm throwing a banquet, and all these mismatched, messed-up people are invited. Here, have some wine.'"*

– Rachel Held Evans

*"Churches should be the most honest place in town, not the happiest place in town."*

– Walter Brueggemann

November begins with All Saints Day. It is a celebration of a messy organization we know as Church.

On All Saints Sunday we typically give thanks to God for the people in our lives through whom the light of Christ has shined. We remember parents, grandparents, siblings, Sunday School teachers, pastors, etc.

On November 3, we will again provide you the opportunity to light a candle in memory/honor of a saint who has radiated Jesus' love for you. We remember Jesus' words which we repeat at baptism: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

All Saints Sunday reminds us that following Jesus is a communal activity. None of us became

a Christian and none of us lives as a Christian apart from the community. We need others for support and encouragement, and others need us for support and encouragement.

When we give thanks to God for the saints in our lives, I suspect we all tend to focus on those with whom life is easy. What if we were more intentional about including in our All Saints' thanksgiving, people who make life difficult for us? What if we were more honest about our own brokenness and God's equal love for people with whom we disagree? What if we focused on our shared brokenness, confusion, and disillusionment? What if we remembered and embraced that we are just as messed up as those we believe to be messed up?

Jesus' Kingdom parables reveal that God's love and grace are found where we least expect it. In Jesus' parables, it is in the least that God's love is revealed and it is the outsider who does God's will. More often than we care to admit, God's love and grace are revealed in the words and actions of the very people we exclude and dismiss.

As we remember the saints of Jesus Christ, may God grant us strength to be honest about our own shortcomings and Jesus' amazing grace that invites, welcomes and includes us all.

Peace,  
Pastor David

# Family and Faith Formation

by Julie Klock, Faith Formation Director

## Sunday School

November means it is time to start rehearsals for the Christmas Program. As we prepared last year, we discussed that it was time to replace many of our **costumes**. To that end, our Sunday School families will be having a **fundraiser: Take & Bake Caramel Rolls**.



Pans of rolls will be available on Wednesday 11/20, and Sunday 11/24 for \$10/pan (6 large rolls). We hope to raise \$600 for costumes. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Youth

The youth gathered on October 26th for a scary movie night. SPY and confirmation continue on Wednesday nights at 6:30.

**The Annual Youth Auction (Dec 8)** will take on a new shape this year. Because the generosity of this congregation exceeds the number of bidders, this year's Youth Auction will feature baked goods and raffles.

We are looking for donations of baked goods and themed baskets. We hope this change will bring some new energy to this great fundraiser. As always, all proceeds will go to summer programs such as camp and Youth Gatherings.



**Friendsgiving Youth Event**  
Saturday, November 23! At 6:00 pm, **grades 6-12** will meet for a potluck dinner with all your favorite fixings! Let's all give thanks for the people in our lives... St. Peter's friends included! Watch for more from Annalissa and Leah on other details and what to bring!



## No School Elementary Day Camp

This camp will be devoted to Vikings (not the Minnesota team, but the historical Scandinavian sailors/raiders). November 4, 8:30-4:30, \$25/student. Grandkids welcome! Call Julie or register at the website. <https://www.northfieldstp.org/schoolyearcampsandmore>



## Advent Fest

We will again hold an Advent Festival on the first Sunday in Advent. Join us for treats, stories, crafts, games and sharing and making memories. Advent Fest will take place **December 1, 2019, at 10:10** in the Fellowship Hall - during the Sunday School and coffee hour. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Visitors welcome, too!



## Parents

November 3 and 10 parents (and grandparents) are invited to participate in a class on **"Worshipping with Children"** where we will examine the various parts of worship, and discuss ways to help your child participate. We will meet in the Parent Room in the education hallway.

## BeFrienders

Our BeFrienders have begun brining communion to those who cannot attend worship services. Please let us know if you desire a visit and communion.





# Adult Ed Opportunities

**Community Connection:** A presentation on the work of Ruth's House on **November 10** after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Ruth's House provides transitional housing in a safe, supportive and healing environment to help women and families on their way to a new beginning.

**Giving Thanks Hymn Sing:** *"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary."* - Martin Luther. On Sunday, November 17, Richard Collman will lead a hymn-sing of songs of thanksgiving in the fellowship hall after the worship service. We will sing songs from the St. Peter's Songbook and the ELW. Music, and singing in particular, is good for the soul and connects us with the divine. The Psalms, which are the Bible's "song book", are filled with words of thanksgiving. Hope you can join us in giving thanks to God in song.

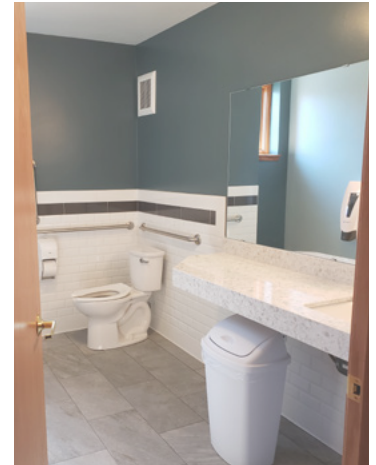
**Parent Meet-up:** Every Sunday during Sunday School in the parent room, upstairs near the classrooms -- meet for discussions, most often related to the Bible story lesson of the week. Nov 3 & 10 we'll discuss how to help your child engage more during worship.

## Restroom #Progress Report



Our **narthex restrooms** have been updated from two multi-stall single sex restrooms to two single person unisex restrooms with handicapped accessibility and changing tables. St. Peter's capital funds were used for the project along with money from many generous member contributions. Thank you all for your patience

through this 6-week project and your continued support. The restrooms turned out beautiful and are open for business!



# Music Notes

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

We are almost to the end of another church year. Christ the King Sunday (November 24) is considered the last Sunday of our church year. Advent kicks off a new church year – quite appropriate, as Advent literally means, "the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." The four Sundays of Advent prepare us for the arrival of the most notable person in world history. The coming of our Savior.

Advent is a fun, yet difficult, season to plan worship. There are so many wonderful hymns! Hymn-singing is a big part of my life. I learned to sing hymns at an early age. My dad was a pastor at a large church in West Allis, Wisconsin during those years. There was an active Senior Citizens group at the church that apparently enjoyed when mom, also a church music director, would bring me to their gatherings to "sing for them." Later, in my school years, my mom followed her mother's tradition, which was to give a monetary award for each hymn I could play – all voice parts - without stopping!

I grew up singing harmonies to hymns. My mother would often whisper in my ear during a hymn at worship, "sing tenor

on the next stanza" or "try the bass line up an octave" (didn't every mother do that?!). The tradition of reading music is heightened through singing hymns. As a lifelong music educator, I of course strongly support reading music. Blogger Tim Challies says, "Hymns were most often written so they could be sung a cappella or with minimal instrumentation. For that reason, hymnals almost invariably included the music for both melody and harmonies and congregations learned to sing the parts."

I love learning new, singable, worship songs both in our hymnal as well as found elsewhere. I appreciate being able to see them in full – melody and harmony – to fully praise, prayerfully sing, and proudly proclaim my faith.

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing."*

Psalms 100:1-2

Sing on!

Mary Kay

# November & December 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
<b>November 3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Connie Albers Mark Albers Sheryl Kleppe Jolene Manzey	Bill Bleckwehl	Brian Peterson	Laura Gilligan Julie Klock Phil Olson	Carmen Sevcik Nancy Nytes Ramona Pumper Kathie Westlund
<b>November 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Dale Ness Linda Ness Phil Winter Thelma Winter	Nancy Solberg			Mavis Bell Evonne Clay Doris Hill Eldon Hill
<b>November 17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mickey Brodin Kristen Dennison Janet Gilbertson Joan Paulson	Julia Daly	Dale Ness	Faith Bergemann Scott Bergemann Neale Thompson	Connie Albers Mark Albers Brian Peterson Mary Peterson
<b>November 24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Linda Blaisdell Boris Mokoff Joyce Mokoff Susan Pedersen	Sandra Bremer			Brad Anderson Patti Baker Diane Boyum Jayne Hager Dee
<b>December 1</b> <i>Advent Celebration</i>	9:00 a.m.	Bruce Albers Jane Albers Dennis Hahn Janet Hahn	Pete Pedersen	Pat Picha	Evonne Clay Julia Daly Michon Weeks	Beth Berry Dennis Berry Norma Lundell Thelma Winter
<b>December 8</b> <i>Youth Bake Sale</i>	9:00 a.m.	Larry DeBoer Pam DeBoer Lorraine Lemke Reinhold Lemke	Charline Hamblin			Mary Bleckwehl Mary Boyum Eleanor Croone Julia Daly
<b>December 15</b> <i>Sunday School Program</i>	9:00 a.m.	Faith Bergemann Scott Bergemann Richard DeBeau Doris Welke	Steve Hill	Evonne Clay	Beth Berry Brian Peterson Mary Peterson	Kristen Dennison Lyle Gunderson Nancy Gunderson Ruth McCarty
<b>December 22</b> <i>Lessons &amp; Carols</i>	9:00 a.m.	Mary Bleckwehl Debra Boyum David Boyum Laura Gilligan	Sandra Bremer			Mickey Brodin Janet Gilbertson Janet Hahn Joan Paulson
<b>December 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	<p><i>Volunteers will be needed to usher, read, help with communion, and acolyte. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the Welcome Desk in December. Thank you!</i></p>				
<b>December 29</b> <i>Service of Hope</i>	9:00 a.m.	Diane Boyum Maxine Halverson Bette Lee Neale Thompson	Larry DeBoer			Linda Blaisdell Richard DeBeau Doris Welke Kathie Westlund



## Women's Circles

*LW Quilters*  
**MOST Fridays in November:**  
1, 8, 15 & 22 at 8:30 a.m.

*Women's Fellowship*  
**Fridays, November 1 & 15**  
at 8:00 a.m.

*New Spirit Circle*  
**Thursday, November 14**  
at 1:30 p.m.

*Hannah Circle*  
**Tuesday, November 12**  
at 9:00 a.m.

*Eve Circle*  
**Monday, November 18**  
*at Ruth McCarty's home*  
6:30 p.m.

*Rachel Circle*  
**Tuesday, November 19**  
at 1:30 p.m.



All singles, men and women, are welcome for lunch with the SOLOS:

**Monday,  
November 11<sup>th</sup> at  
Perkins**  
at 12 Noon.

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



*Christmas Poinsettia  
Sales Begin Sunday,  
December 1*





# November Events & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>→ The line item, Faith Formation Ed, refers to Sunday School as well as any adult education planned. Watch the bulletins, facebook and newsletters for special adult education opportunities!</p>			<p><u>Wednesdays</u>  <b>7:45 a.m. Breakfast Club</b>  <b>4:30 p.m. Jubilee Bells</b>  <b>5:30 p.m. Supper</b>  <b>5:45 p.m. Worship Band</b>  <b>6:30 p.m. Worship</b>  <b>6:30 p.m. Confirmation/SPY</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Worship Choir</b></p>		<p><b>1</b>  8:00 am Women's Fellowship  8:30 am LUV Quilters  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Barb Anderson  Joanne Corbin  Catherine Johnson</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Rayden Hanson  Arnold Witt</p>
<p><b>3</b>  9:00 am Worship with communion  10:00 am Coffee &amp; Social  10:10 am Faith Formation Ed</p> 	<p><b>4</b>  No School Elementary Day Camp: Vikings and Scandinavians  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Ella Sommers</p>	<p><b>5</b>  9:00 am Staff Meeting  7:00 pm Ministry Teams  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Amy Randall</p>	<p><b>6</b>  Regular Wednesday Programming  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Dylan Teske  Ryan Wiste    <b>MEAL:</b>  Chicken Fajitas, Rice</p>	<p><b>7</b>  7:00 am Table Talk, Ole Store  8:00 am BGs  2:30 pm Thursday's Table  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Jon Jensen</p>	<p><b>8</b>  8:30 am LUV Quilters  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Bernice Christensen  Nicole Fredrickson  DeeDee Schwager  Kim Stowe</p>	<p><b>9</b>  5:00 pm Son's of Norway  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Theresa Evans  Jarred Lienke</p>
<p><b>10</b>  9:00 am Worship  10:00 am Coffee &amp; Social  10:10 am Faith Formation Ed  Community Connection: Ruth's House  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Roger Trebelhorn</p>	<p><b>11</b>  VETERAN'S DAY  12:00 pm SOLOS  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Shawn Paulson  Marcia Peterson  Mike Strobel</p>	<p><b>12</b>  9:00 am Staff Meeting  9:00 am Hannah Circle  7:00 pm Church Council  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Peggy Hoffman  Peter Schleif  Evie Wegner</p>	<p><b>13</b>  Regular Wednesday Programming    <b>MEAL:</b>  Pulled Pork Sandwich</p>	<p><b>14</b>  7:00 am Table Talk, Ole Store  1:30 pm New Spirit Circle  7:00 pm Pre-1600 Crafts (previously listed as Canton of Nordliegh, open to the public)  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Quinn Crase</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>DEC. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  8:00 am Women's Fellowship  8:30 am LUV Quilters</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Mavis McKinnon  Brian Peterson</p>
<p><b>17</b>  7:30 am Sharing &amp; Caring Hands  9:00 am Worship with communion  10:00 am Coffee &amp; Social  10:10 am Faith Formation Ed  10:10 am Hymn sing, Fellowship Hall  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Helen Rockey</p>	<p><b>18</b>  6:30 pm Eve Circle</p>	<p><b>19</b>  9:00 am Staff Meeting  11:30 am NRC Lunch w/ Pastor David  1:30 pm Rachel Circle  6:30 pm Girl Scouts  6:00 pm PEO  6:30 pm Girl Scouts  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Glade Nelson  Tia Randall  Cordelia Stenstrom</p>	<p><b>20</b>  Regular Wednesday Programming  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Diane Boyum    <b>MEAL:</b>  Chicken, Mashed Potatoes</p>	<p><b>21</b>  7:00 am Table Talk, Ole Store  7:00 pm Faith on Tap  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Connie Albers  Sheryl Kleppe  Lorraine Rovig</p>	<p><b>22</b>  8:30 am LUV Quilters  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Glenn Behrens  Mary Liebenstein</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Ella Woxland</p>
<p><b>24</b>  9:00 am Worship  10:00 am Coffee &amp; Social  10:10 am Faith Formation Ed  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Laura Rezac</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Jason Nystuen</p>	<p><b>26</b>  9:00 am Staff Meeting  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Pam DeBoer  Nicole Icaza  Dorothy Johnson</p>	<p><b>27</b>  4:30 pm Jubilee Bells  5:45 pm Worship Choir  6:30 pm Thanksgiving Worship  7:00 pm <b>PIE FEST</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Mary Peterson</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>  Office Closed  7:00 am Table Talk, Ole Store</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Taylor Lienke</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b>  Michon Weeks</p>

If your birthday was not listed, please contact the Church Office and we will add your birthday to our database. Thanks!

Check [www.northfieldstp.org](http://www.northfieldstp.org) for calendar changes, additions or corrections.

## Fighting Hunger One Pie at a Time

by Lorraine Rovig

Many thanks to all the members of St. Peter's who preordered a \$12 homemade Swedish Apple Pie. You have helped feed the hungry of Northfield. Using a grant from Thrivent for the ingredients, including perfectly ripe Zestar apples, our volunteers made 50 of the yummy Swedish Apple Pies. The finished pies went off to the walk-in freezer at Family Fare, and were delivered as ordered during the coffee after the service on Sunday, October 6. The frozen pies can be baked in a 350 degree oven for 60 minutes for a wonderfully easy dessert (especially when you add vanilla ice cream). Because folks who have managed the annual Crop Walk in Northfield were unable to run it this year, this year's local Crop Walk was canceled, and we had to give our donation somewhere else. Our volunteers voted unanimously to lessen hunger in Northfield by donating all the money we made to CAC's Food Bank. The amount was more than the \$600 for the 50 pies as some gave additional donations.

The Food Bank was pleased to receive the unused Zestar apples too. They went directly into the fresh produce section to fill that empty apple bin. If you have extra garden produce or find you have too many unopened bags of flour or sugar, cans, bottles, or spices, chips or breads, or other items found in a grocery, here is how to donate to the Food Bank. Circle to the east side of the 50North building, go past the door for customers, to the door for donations. There is room to park one car and one truck at a time. Ring the doorbell beside that donation door, and wait for those inside to let you in. They'll mark the name of the gift giver and the gift on their clipboard, and that's it. No fuss; no lengthy paperwork.

Thank you volunteers! They were Claire Hill, Diane Boyum, Lorraine Rovig, Julie Klock, Rein and Lorraine Lemke, Janet Hahn, Sandy Bremer, Norma Lundell, Maxine Halverson, Eleanor Croone, Mavis Bell, Evonne Clay, and Jon Finger.



## Women's Advent Gathering

5:30 p.m. | Sunday, December 8

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evening. Ashley has just joined the SE MN Synod Bishop's staff as the Director Of Communications. Her background previously served as director of Children, Youth and Family ministry at St. Olaf Lutheran church, Austin, and as Facilitator of Faith Formation at Lands Lutheran, Zumbrota. Come and be inspired by her personal faith story. Music will be provided with the beautiful voices of Dottie Scharber and Pastor Janet White. Tickets are \$15 and will be sold Sunday mornings during the month of November.

\*\*Volunteer Sign up will be at the Welcome Center--- We're looking for 7 men to help serve dinner. Also, volunteers are needed to help clean up after the program. Your help is appreciated!



## Many Thanks...

Thanks from the Hannah Circle to all who contributed to Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. With your help, we were able to assemble 26 kits. They have been delivered to the LWR warehouse in South St. Paul.  
- Ginny Paulson

Thanks to all who volunteered to deliver for Meals-on-Wheels the weeks of 10/13 and 10/20. And thank you, Jolene Manzey for coordinating - this time on-line with Signup Genius!

Thanks also to everyone who helped with ditch clean-up on our section of Highway 246 on 10/20. We couldn't continue our efforts without you! St. Peter's has been an Adopt-a-Highway member since 2016!



## Council Highlights

October 8, 2019 • 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Bougie, C. Hill, S. Hill, Lee, Picha, Sillanpa, Weeks, and Ziegler

**Approval of the Agenda:** Ziegler added pew pads to the agenda; the agenda was approved by all.

**Devotions & Book Discussion:** The devotion was led by Pastor David on Chapter 5 of The Mission Table and Luke 24 about the road to Emmaus. The council had a discussion.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by C Hill and seconded by Bougie – all voted yes.

### Staff Reports:

- **Pastor David Weeks** provided a report. Some of the highlights include: blessing of the pets took place, with a turtle being the most unique pet this year; confirmation is going well; 2nd Sunday of October a community connection conversation will take place on what it means to be a sanctuary denomination – from a faith perspective being loving and caring of all neighbors; Eucharistic ministry starts Oct 20; and no crop walk is happening this year.
- **Julie Klock** prepared a written report to distribute to the council. Some of the highlights include: Sunday School started with Rally Sunday; the kids sang in church Oct 6; the youth interns are planning a scary movie night for Saturday Oct 26; the kick-off confirmation event went well; confirmation students are registered for the January classes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Picha provided a financial report. The council discussed that giving is down. If congregation members are interested in signing up for Vanco, which is an automatic withdrawal that makes regular giving easy, there is a form that can be filled out and submitted to Dennis.

**Sabbatical Leave Policy:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Project Updates:** The balcony floor and sanctuary floor have been fixed. The bathroom project is going well and should be done soon.

**Parsonage:** We most likely will work with Ruth's House to provide housing to families in need. Working on getting the home ready – still some interior work to do so will be reaching out to the congregation for help. Picha will work on determining date(s).

**Capital Planning:** A special meeting for this project will take place on October 15, 7pm. In addition to council members, the following people will be invited because of their expertise in various aspects of the building: Troy Nystuen, Phil Olson, Paul Wegner, Steve Schmidt, Brian Kopack, Steve Harner, and Eric Randall. Others are welcome to attend.

- The council discussed the need to do repairs and paint the Middle School Classroom.

**Endowment Fund:** Pastor Weeks distributed a donor commitment form that could be updated for St. Peter's. A presentation by Theron Leopold on wills/estates and the Mission Endowment Fund will happen on Oct 27.

**Substituting Pastors:** The council discussed how to handle visitations while Pastor Weeks is gone on sabbatical.

**Pew Pads:** Discussed what the pew pads are used for. Pastor Weeks said they help identify visitors so we can reach out to them.

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

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm in the Fireside Room, St. Peter's Lutheran Church.  
Submitted by Amy Sillanpa, 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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[www.northfieldstp.org](http://www.northfieldstp.org), under the ministry tab.*



Bring your favorite pie to share!  
Drop it off in the kitchen any time on  
Wednesday before the worship service. Thanks!

Thanksgiving  
& Service  
Pie Fest  
6:30, Wednesday,  
November 27

Sunday School Christmas Costume Fundraiser:\*

Take and Bake Large Gooey Caramel Rolls (1/2 dozen per 9" pan).  
Available for purchase Wednesday 11/20 and Sunday 11/24  
Take home the same day! \$10



\*See page 2