



ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH DUBUQUE, IOWA

Weekly News and Information for June 27-July 4, 2020

We pray to you, Almighty God, in this time of uncertainty. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Do not let us fail in the face of these events. Uphold us with your love, and give us the strength we need. Help us in our confusion, and guide our actions. Heal the sick, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are in peril; for the sake of your great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*This week's Altar Flowers are in memory of our grandmother, Agnes Winter.
- from Karla and Anna O'Connor*

Worship Servants

We are excited to be able to include this important info once again! If you are currently signed up as a worship servant, thank you, and please check your email, as the new summer schedule has been posted, and is ready for you to sign up. If you are not quite ready to come back to in-person services, that is okay! We will be here when you are ready 😊

**** If you would like to help with the July 4 Drive-in style Parking Lot Communion Service, contact Kelly Roen directly or check your email for sign-up info ****

THIS WEEK

Altar GuildBetty Artus & Ellen Gukeisen

Saturday, June 27

Assisting Minister Doug Horstmann

Ushers Aaron Vaassen

Sunday, June 28

Assisting Minister Doug Horstmann

Ushers Dave & Ann Straley

NEXT WEEK

Altar GuildBetty Artus & Ellen Gukeisen

Saturday, July 4 – Drive-in Parking Lot Communion Service

Assisting Minister

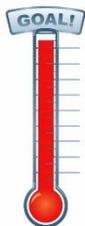
Ushers/Greeters/Communion Servers (need 4 total).....

Parking Directors (need 2 total. Light sabers optional)

Sunday, July 5 – Inside, No Communion

Assisting Minister

Ushers.....



PASTOR FUND UPDATE:

WE ARE ALMOST THERE! So far we have received \$253,792 in pledges.

Thank you to all who have so generously pledged to grow St. Peter.

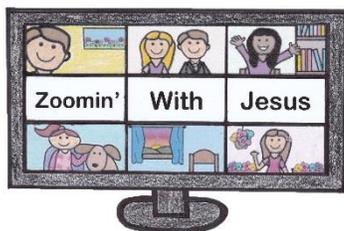
A little note to those that have pledged support:

We will be mailing you envelopes to use to send in your pledges, however they will not be going out until August. Because of the on-going pandemic, we decided to hold off on actively collecting pledges in June and July, as originally planned. If you have already budgeted this money and wish to send it in, we will more than willingly accept it!

**** When sending in money toward the "Pastor Fund" please include a note that indicates if your check is to be put toward your existing pledge ("For My Pledge"), OR if it is for a new pledge ("New Pledge"), OR if it is a new one-time donation ("One-Time donation"). This will help us keep track of who is giving what.**

If you have questions, please contact someone on the Pastor Fund Campaign Committee.

-Yours in Christ: Donnelle Fuerste, Amy Unmacht, Mark Whitaker, and Dave Yeager



EDUCATION UPDATE:

Vacation Bible School – “Zoomin With Jesus!” - July 20-24

**** Deadline to register is next Sunday, July 5 ****

Please contact Sara Wernimont (cuenowernimont@aol.com) to request the online registration form, so that you may register your children or grandchildren.

(Pre-registration is required so we can have a take-home box ready for them.)

The Zoom live streaming will be from 10-11 am each day (July 20-24) and will require a front-facing web camera and audio on your device. It will be recorded and posted to replay later if your schedule keeps you from joining us live.

NOISY OFFERING BUCKET: As we start to worship in-person, the Noisy Offering Bucket will again be available for you to drop your coins into.



- **Through Sunday, July 12**, it will be used to help with VBS costs. The Education Board decided not to charge because of this year’s unconventional format, but if you would like to donate towards this ministry, to help with the cost of the take-home boxes, that would be very welcome. Please designate your gift for “St. Peter VBS”. *Thank you!*
- **Starting Sunday, July 13**, we will switch the “noisy” offering to helping Mission Support with School Supply Kits for Lutheran World Relief. This project will run **through Sunday, September 13**.



Birthday Boxes for the Food Pantry – YES, we will still be doing them, but we will wait to decorate and fill them as part of our Sunday School activities on **Rally Sunday scheduled for Sept 13**. So save your LARGE shoe boxes and add to your shopping list any of the Birthday Box supplies: *cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, napkins, plates and cups*.

Bring them to weekend services with you or you may also drop them off during church office hours. Call first to make an appointment, 563-583-0860.

For updates from **Camp EWALU** about summer schedules go to www.ewalu.org

YES! We are still planning YOUTH ACTIVITIES! We can’t wait to get together and have some fun!

➔ **Hey St. Peter Youth:** Do you have an idea for a fun youth online get-together? Share it with Rick Maiers! (We are still looking forward to our Ping Pong Tourney, Family Pool Night, Bowling, and more!)

If you are in, or will be starting, high school in 2021-2022, you do not want to miss this event:



**The ELCA YOUTH GATHERING in Minneapolis MN
June 29-July 3, 2021**

2020 Youth fundraising will be focused on raising dollars to help our youth attend this event!

Be on the lookout for a communication by email, bulletin or in the Bellringer for the first meeting happening very soon on the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis!

Prayer Shawls ... Do you know someone who could use one?

Did you know that St Peter has a group that knits and crochets prayer shawls?

Our library shelves are stocked pretty full right now, so if you know of someone that could use a little extra comforting, please contact the office to pick one up to give them. *The Prayer Shawl group usually meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, but until we are able to do so again, keep knitting!*

Our Re-Opening Plan

By now we hope you have received a communication from St. Peter’s regarding our plan to reopen the church for weekend worship services. A letter had been mailed (and emailed) a couple of weeks ago, so if you haven’t received it, please double-check your email or contact Christine in the office (563-583-0860), and she will get you a copy of it.



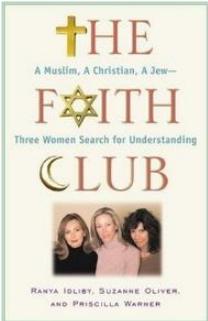
Office Quarantine/Lockdown continues, for the foreseeable future.

We are as anxious as you to reopen 100%, but we hope you understand the need to keep our staff safe as we work through the steps to get there. So, for the time being, the St. Peter’s office will continue to operate under the current quarantine/lockdown conditions. Masks encouraged – feel free to ask staff to put theirs on, too.

Please continue to call the office before entering the building, (even if you have a key), so Christine may assist you in the safest way possible. She is still maintaining regular office hours and is happy to check your mail for you, or send you anything that may be in need of. *Thank you, for your continued cooperation.*

Book Club – Moved to Every Other Tuesday at 6:30 pm, Starting July 7

Hello everyone. I think often about all of you as summer arrives and we struggle with the ongoing pandemic, and so I have moved ahead with Book Club planning. **Our next book will start on July 7, and continue with July 21, August 4, August 18, and September 1.** We will have the meetings on Zoom, for the time being – watch your email for the link!



I have chosen **THE FAITH CLUB: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew: Three Women Search for Understanding**. The co-authors are Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, & Priscilla Warner. It contains their personal conversations about family, faith, and faith traditions. *The Faith Club* is a result of the completion of a children's book about these women’s own traditions. The women became friends and made the decision to learn more about each other. It is really a good book for us.

The book was published in 2006 by Free Press, a Division of Simon and Shuster. Used copies of the book can be found on Amazon in the paperback category. The prices range from \$5.00 and a few cents! The book includes good aids for our conversations. We will read and discuss a few chapters at each meeting. **New members always welcome! See you soon! – Jean Rienets**

Special Fund

Due to the generosity of several donors, St Peter’s has established a fund to assist our members that may be impacted financially by COVID-19. If your income has been affected due to the coronavirus and you need a little help with your bills right now (nothing to be ashamed of) please contact Pastor Matt, or the office, at 563-583-0860.

Prayer List

We welcome you to continue sharing your prayer requests.

Please complete and mail this prayer card, drop it off, or call/email the office. Also, if you know of someone whose prayers have been answered, please let us know so that we can remove them from the prayer list. Thank you!



Please write your prayers requests here, and then, mail it, drop it off, email it, or call the office.

Please Pray For: _____ **Date Added** _____

Reason (optional): _____

Your Name (optional) _____ **Your Phone Number (or Email)** _____

Place this request on the prayer list? Yes No **For how long?** 1 Week 2 weeks Other (Please specify): _____

St. Peter Lutheran Online Links: All worship services are available online, as well as through Mediacom.

Here you will find links which will take you to our live and most recent services:

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4kMfyh_knV8Xmk0CaQztA

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpeterdubuque

Websites: st-peter-lutheran.org (the website you are probably familiar with)
stpeterdbq.org (we are in the midst of transferring info to this one, so both are active)

PayPal: <http://stpeterdbq.org/give>



SIGN UP to Attend Weekend Service: <https://www.timetosignup.com/stpeterdbq/>



Once there, please select "Worship Sign-up for July 4-5" and you will be taken to the form.

The link will be open for sign-up by Saturday, July 27 at noon.

Yes, we would really appreciate if you would sign up to attend the outdoor service on July 4th – as it will help us plan accordingly. For the July 4th service only, there will not be an attendance limit.

If you don't have internet access and want to register to attend service, please call Christine in the office (563-583-0860) and she will be happy to sign you up!

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK June 27-July 5, 2020

*Meetings will continue via Zoom or phone, contact your group's leadership for updated meeting info.
Please let the office know of any meeting time/date updates. Thank you!*

Saturday (6/27)	Worship – In-person (limited to 50 people) <i>(Pre-signup required-see top of page for link. Communion will not be celebrated until further notice)</i>	4:30 pm
Sunday (6/28)	Worship - In-person (limited to 50 people) & live online <i>(Pre-signup required-see top of page for link. Communion will not be celebrated until further notice)</i> Coffee Hour/Fellowship via Zoom	9:00 am after service-10am-ish
Monday (6/29)	Staff Meeting – via Zoom	10:45 am
Tuesday (6/30)	--	--
Wednesday (7/1)	Bible Study - via Zoom	5:30 pm
Thursday (7/2)	Quilting Group	cancelled
Friday (7/3)	--	--
Saturday (7/4)	Independence Day Worship – Drive-in Parking Lot Communion Service <i>(More info coming! Pre-signup encouraged - see top of page for link)</i>	4:30 pm
Sunday (7/5)	Worship - In-person (limited to 50 people) & live online <i>(Pre-signup required - see top of page for link. Communion will not be celebrated indoors until further notice)</i> Coffee Hour/Fellowship via Zoom VBS Registration Deadline (see page 2)	9:00 am after service-10am-ish
Monday (7/6)	<i>In observance of Independence Day, the St. Peter's office will be closed July 6th.</i>	



Mediacom TV Schedule:

Public Access Channels 81 and 117-4

Sun: 8:30 am
7:15 pm

Mon: 10 am
Tue: 6 pm

Wed: 8 am
Thurs: 4 pm

Fri: 8 pm
Sat: 5 pm

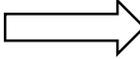
If your contact info has changed,

please email your updated info to the office at stpeterdbq@q.com or call Christine during office hours: 563-583-0860.

Also, if you know of a member who does not have computer or internet access, please let us know, so that we can be sure to reach out to them.

Offering Plate Options: The ongoing ministries of St. Peter are made possible by your financial support. Almost all of our budget comes from weekly giving – Thank you!!

1. *Bring it with you to church!!* Offering stations will be located in the back of the sanctuary, for now.
2. Send your offering in the mail. The US Postal Service brings us letters daily.
3. Drop off your offerings or envelopes in our new secure, white mailbox. It is located near the south entrance of the church. It is checked several times a day.
4. If you would like to set up a direct withdrawal from your bank, there is an ACH form at the end of this News Insert. Please complete it and email it to stpeterdbq@q.com, mail it, or drop off at church.
5. Donate via PayPal. Here's how:

- Go to www.stpeterdbq.org/give and then select the Donate button. You will be taken to the St. Peter PayPal page. From there you can use your PayPal account, credit card or debit card to donate. (You do not need to set up a PayPal account to donate with your credit/debit card.)
- Or, from your cell phone you can simply scan the QR Code here  and it will take you directly to the St. Peter PayPal page.



Automatic Giving: Set up or Changes:

If you would like to set up automatic giving through your bank account, please complete this form and return it to the church office. We understand if present circumstances are causing a need to change your current automated giving amount, even temporarily. If that is the case, please complete this form (including signatures) and note the changes you would like made. Please also include the date(s) you would like any changes to take effect. Thank you.

**Authorization Agreement for Automatic Giving
(Automatic Account Withdrawal)**

I/we hereby authorize St. Peter Lutheran Church to initiate debit entries on or about the 15th of each month from my/our Checking Account/ Savings Account (select one) indicated below at the depository financial institution (bank or credit union) named below. I/we acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my/our account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

Bank Name _____ Amount (Monthly) _____
 Bank Routing Number _____ Bank Account Number _____

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until St. Peter Lutheran Church has received written notification from me/us (or either of us) of its termination.

Name(s) _____ (please print) _____ (please print)

Signature _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Note: If you are currently signed up for automatic withdrawal, you do not need to re-sign this form. If you wish to change your giving amount, it will be captured on the commitment form.

Please enclose a voided check—not a deposit slip. Thank you.

