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Drive-In-Worship continues through July

Services will be held every Sunday through July at 9am at the Gathering Place. No one will leave their vehicle, and everyone is asked to follow the list of safety procedures that are posted via email and Facebook.

Special worship service to be held on July 12

A Celebration of Creation is the theme for the special worship services (online and drive in) for July 12. Join us as we read scripture, join in responsive readings and prayers, and unite in giving God thanks as we celebrate the wonderful creation God has provided for us! *Note: there will not be communion during this service.*

Youth service project planned for July 13

“Operation Cheer” is a service project sponsored by our youth. Youth and interested adults will meet at The Gathering Place on Monday, **July 13th, at 6pm** to paint flower pots, and plant flowers in them. Each family will sign up to take some of the potted flowers and make arrangements to do a “honk parade” as they deliver them to shut-ins and homebound at the convenience of the family and that person.

Plants needed for drive in worship service

During our Drive in Worship, we have been trying to have flowers or plants in front of the stage. Although no one has signed up in July, if you would be willing to provide a plant or two it would be very much appreciated. Just call or email the office to get your name on the list!

Worship in the sanctuary to resume on August 2

Indoor worship will resume on Sunday, August 2, at 9am. The guidelines for this service are enclosed in this newsletter, and by your attendance you are agreeing to follow these guidelines. Please read them carefully before coming, as there are a lot of changes from what we previously used during worship in the sanctuary. *Note that masks are required of all attending, during the entire service.* Communion will be celebrated, with families asked to bring their own elements.

Online worship will continue, so all still have that option. We will record the Sunday morning service, which will then be posted sometime Sunday afternoon.

Plans announced for St. Peter’s blessing of teachers and students and one-day VBS

Christian Education Sunday will be **August 9**. Worship will be a *Christian Education Celebration*, featuring a parade of decorated bikes, wagons and scooters around “the loop.” The service will include Sunday School songs and the blessing of teachers and students as they begin the school year.

Vacation Bible School will follow the worship service in a modified format opened just to the St. Peter’s family, not the entire community. Plans are still in progress, but mark your calendars and watch announcements, Facebook and emails for updates.

Sharing family Christmas traditions to be the theme for St. Peter’s 2020 Christmas program

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be different this year, as well. This year we will be asking families of the congregation to join us for *Christmas Around St. Peter’s*. Each family will be making a video of themselves telling about Christmas traditions and celebrations with their family. All the videos will then be put together in a movie which will either be shown during worship (if we can gather together) or on YouTube (if we can’t gather). Start planning your presentation now (Brenda has some ideas if you need them!), and watch for more details to come. *Note: the deadline for getting your videos in will be November 30.*

Pictures needed to share your stories

What have you been doing during this quarantine? Have you started a new hobby or renewed an interest in something, or learned how to do or make something new? Email a photo either to the church or to Pastor Anne and we’ll get them printed and posted on the bulletin board to help us “catch up” with each other when we’re back in the building.

Church Council Highlights of the June 28 meeting

CHURCH COUNCIL met on Sunday, June 28. Most of what was reported and decided is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other highlights:

- We will resume taking reservations for private party use of the picnic area.
- We will hold off on contributions to benevolence for one more month. The total pledged to these will be paid at the end of the year, regardless, it's just that we're not paying them right now.
- The purchase of ceiling fans for the Gathering Place was discussed, but no action was taken.

Additional member needed for Mission Endowment committee

We are currently in need of a congregational member to serve on the Mission Endowment Fund committee.

St. Peter's Mission Endowment Fund was established in 2008, to fund mission work at home and around the world, above and beyond the programs supported through regular offerings. The committee usually meets 1-2 times a year and oversees the savings account and annual distribution. The funds are distributed to ELCA Mission Support, St. Peter's youth group, Camping Ministries, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Campus Ministry, ELCA Missionary Sponsorship, Local Benevolence, Upbring, Lutheran World Relief, and Texas Lutheran University.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact President Linda Koehler.

Benevolence Offerings

Benevolent giving from the general fund has been stopped at least through the end of July by order of the church council. If you wish your offering, or any part of your offering, to go to one of the benevolence causes in our budget (eg: ELCA, Cross Trails, Campus Ministry, etc) you need to designate it as such on your envelope. These designated funds WILL go to whatever organization you wish to support, and is the only way St. Peter's is giving financially beyond itself to help others.

PASTOR ANNE AND JERRY

will be on vacation July 7-14. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Linda Koehler (361-645-4819) or Kathy Albrecht (361-645-2922) at the church office or (361-645-9385) and they can help you.

HOW TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING:

(1) put it in the mail. (2) drop by the church and slide it under the office door. (3) go to www.stpetersander.org/give and scroll down to the GIVE NOW button, or (4) bring it to Outdoor Worship. Contact Jackie Gardiner with any questions. Thank you for remembering your church!

LOCAL MASKS: Once we start meeting in the sanctuary again, we will need to make masks available to those that come without them. If you could donate masks, please leave them on the display case by the offices to keep them separate from the LWR masks. Any fabric masks left over after the crisis will be donated to LWR.

Instructions for entry to the Church/Hall

The glass doors to the sanctuary are now locked any time there is not worship in the sanctuary. The left-side door into the fellowship hall is always unlocked for access to the building. You need to pull UP on the handle in order for the door to open.

WELCA Bible study and meeting to resume on August 11

Plans are being made for the next Women of the ELCA Bible study and meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 11. Bible study will begin at 2pm followed by a brief meeting. Masks will be required to be worn by all attending. Please watch for more information to be published in the August newsletter.

Help needed for LWR

Lutheran World Relief has increased the fabric mask challenge to 150,000 and has 92,225 pledged as of today. A commitment of 100 masks has been pledged from St. Peter's. Jackie Gardiner is coordinating the gathering and shipping. Jill Wiggins and Jackie have 50 masks ready to ship (they ask for them in packs of 25). A box has been placed in the parish hall for drop off, if anyone has masks they want to send. Jackie has also sent 25 masks to the Navajo Nation Health Services in Arizona—they had issued a request through the ELCA American Indian and Alaska Native Ministry office.

LWR is also in need of quilts and kits, since the spring ingatherings were cancelled. Three smaller ingatherings are in the planning stages. More information will be shared when it becomes available.

****Some of our quilters have been working through the quarantine, but we're running out of supplies! We are in need of fabric, sheets, boxes and batts. Please put them in the fellowship hall on Sunday or whenever you come by the church.**

July

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Sun July 5, 2020

9am Drive In Worship service at the Gathering Place—bring your communion elements

Tue July 7, 2020—Tue July 14, 2020

Pastor Anne's vacation

Sun July 12, 2020

9am Drive In Special Worship service "Celebration of Creation" at the Gathering Place—no communion

Mon July 13, 2020

6pm Youth project "Operation Cheer" at the Gathering Place

Sun July 19, 2020

9am Drive In Worship service at the Gathering Place—bring your communion elements
10am Church Council meeting

Mon July 20, 2020

Newsletter Articles due in the office

Sun July 26, 2020

9am Drive In Worship service at the Gathering Place—bring your communion elements

Sun Aug 5, 2020

9am Worship service in the sanctuary—bring your communion elements

REMEMBER TO CONTACT Pastor Anne by email at revsplca@gmail.com, or by texting/calling her at 361-676-4799, if you want to receive daily Bible Study, devotions or links to the sermon by email.



St. Peter's Ander

St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through May 31, 2020

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2020	\$58,080.63
Offerings	\$78,858.64
Cost of ministries	\$79,565.96
Ministry fund ending balance, May 31, 2020	\$57,373.31

Note: St. Peter's Ministry Fund (previously known as the current fund and the general operating fund) includes all of St. Peter's regular, budgeted ministries, including ELCA Mission Support. It does not include designated gifts to the building fund, memorials, or other non-budgeted designated gifts.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7-06 Sherry Sanders
- 7-07 August Ball
- 7-07 David Krueger
- 7-11 Arlis Henry Adickes
- 7-12 Randy Koehler
- 7-22 Paxton Bates
- 7-22 Jamie Friedrichs
- 7-24 Tara Krueger
- 7-24 Tom Morris
- 7-27 Danielle Egg
- 7-28 Tyler Griffith
- 7-29 Denise Lovett



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7-7-12 Ashleigh & Travis Post
- 7-7-07 Wendi & Jarrett Yendrey
- 7-9-11 Linda & Allan Hartman
- 7-18-09 Amanda & Wade Beutnagel
- 7-18-13 Shelby & Ashford Taylor
- 7-21-06 Jessica & Adam Griffith
- 7-22-78 Linda & Randell Koehler
- 7-24-65 Nancy & Bob Gerhardt

If any listings of birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect, or if a listing is missing, please contact the church office at 645-2922 or office@stpetersander.org



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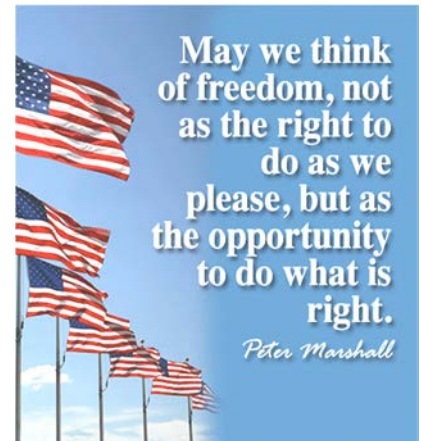


ST. PETER'S PRAYER LIST: O blessed Jesus, you ministered to all who came to you. Look with compassion upon all who are sick or in pain, the lonely and grieving —

Troy Allen
 Mia Balko
 Troy Berthold
 June Bethke
 Vergie Bitterly
 Cecil Boyd
 Paula Calhoun
 Kim Curlee
 David Dohmann
 Wilburn Eckhardt
 Denise Engle
 Kurt Flower and family
 Joyce Foster
 Robbie Friedrichs
 Ainsley Garza
 Barry Geary
 Harold Gleinser
 Rebecca Graves
 John Hausmann
 Healthcare workers
 Don Hedgpeth
 Dale Henderson

J.J. and Jackie
 Betty Jacob
 Kenneth Jacob
 Donna Justice
 Melita Keith
 Cullen Kickendahl
 Glen Kurtz
 Joe Ladeairus
 Jo Nell Martin
 Michael McLead
 Doris Moore
 Marilyn and Tom Morris
 Charles Nixon
 Carolyn Nunley
 Cole Ohrt
 Mary Poppert
 Marcus Rezendez
 Susan Calhoun Rosello
 James Rung
 Sara
 Stefani Soper
 Bonnie Staha

Bobbie Stiles
 Kathy Sullins
 Jay Thigpen
 Victor Vargas
 Rob Wall
 Mike Wilburn
 Mary Nell Young



GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING TO INDOOR WORSHIP

Beginning August 2, 2020 9:00 am

- Those running fever or feeling sick are asked to please stay at home and worship online
- Those who are elderly or otherwise high risk are encouraged to continue worshipping via the online recording of the service, which will be posted Sunday afternoon
- The doors will open at 8:30 am for the 9:00 service. There will be no fellowship before or after worship, and the playroom will be closed
- Out of love and concern for others, **face masks are required of all 5 years old and older**, and are to be worn anytime you are in the building. Masks will be made available at the entrance for those who do not have one
- Entrance and exit will be limited and clearly marked to reduce foot traffic in the building
- In the sanctuary:
 - Everyone's temperature will be taken upon entering the building
 - People will enter the building one family at a time, and be seated by safety/security committee members
 - Every other pew will be roped off, with the short pews for wheelchair access all accessible
 - Only families will be seated together closer than six feet
 - Once seated, please stay in your seat
 - Once the sanctuary is filled, people will be seated in the fellowship hall and Sunday School rooms with the same restrictions. Once we have reached "social distance capacity" no one else will be able to enter
 - Hymnals, pens, children's Bibles and offering envelopes will be removed from the pews, as will pew pads. Coloring books/crayons and instruments will not be available for children
- Worship:
 - Communion will be brought by each family for their family only
 - Offering plates will be placed at the entrance to the sanctuary, not passed down the pews
 - There will be no printed bulletins. We will continue to make the worship handout available online each week
 - The worship service will be around ½ hour long to limit exposure to one another