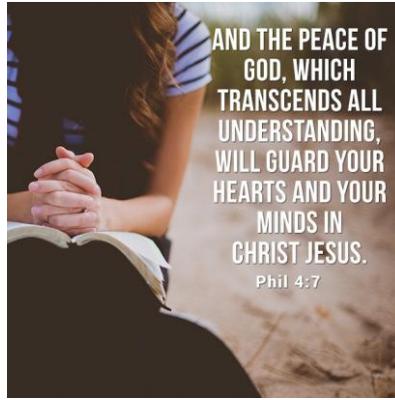


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP - August 1st, 2021



Summer Worship – 9:00 am
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God is still speaking

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*** - In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.**

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Blessed” (*Morgan*)

Judy Schneider

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 118:1-9) Written by Pastor Kyle

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

People: His love endures forever!

Leader: Let every nation, every tribe, and every tongue proclaim God’s grace and goodness.

People: His love endures forever!

Leader: When we are hard pressed, let us cry to the Lord; for He carries us into His spacious and loving place.

People: Let us proclaim, “The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

Leader: May our minds always remember that the Lord is with us; He is our helper. Let us take refuge in His strength.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

We cry out to You, merciful and saving God! There are times in our lives that we feel like we are surrounded by the pressures of this life. Our enemies gather to bring us down, bills pile up, the workload seems unbearable, and news of bad health brings us to our knees seeking answers that we realize we cannot provide on our own. Inhabit our bodies this day, that we may have the strength and the power to overcome our anxieties, fears, and struggles. With the power of Jesus Christ in our lives, we can defeat the attacks of the evil one. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor

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Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director

Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director

Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Peg McCraw, Custodian

Jessica Bornemann & Kole Stadt, Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Connect Leaders

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

Max Toppen, President

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No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here

Children & Youth Ministry



Children & Youth News

Sunday School Rally Day (September 19th) – Join us on September 19th at 9 am as we kick off our new Sunday School year. Classes are available for Pre-School – 5th grade, 6th-8th grade, 9th-12th grade, and adults!

2021-2022 Confirmation Class – Attention parents of students entering 7th and 8th grade (or higher) who have not been confirmed or would like to learn more about the confirmation program. We will meet on September 19th following church to discuss the upcoming year. If you are unable to attend, please let the church office know.



Beginning August 2nd, St. Peter's UCC will have new office hours for the Office Manager.
Monday – Thursday (8-11 am)
Friday (8-12 am)

Adult Christian Education Opportunities

Bad Characters in a Godly Person – We will meet on Sunday mornings from 9 am – 10 am in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall. Coffee (and maybe treats) will be provided. All are welcome to join us at any time as we explore characteristic traits of a faithful Christian. Our first Sunday will be September 19th.



Thank you Michelle Claussen for making us this bulletin board.

Man-to-Man Group – Faith, Fellowship, Food, and maybe Football. ALL men are welcome to join us on Mondays at 7 pm beginning September 20th. We will discuss some books (don't worry, you don't have to buy/read the book if you don't want to) written by Retired LTG William G. Boykin, former Commander of the U.S. Army Special Forces. There will be great fellowship, plenty of food, and if you want to stay and watch football with us that evening, you may do so as well. Currently the plan is to meet in the church basement, but stay tuned for any changes just in case.

Virtual Bible Study with Pastor Kyle – Aren't able to join us for a weekly Bible Study, but would still like to receive additional spiritual nourishment? Sign-up for a virtual Bible Study by Pastor Kyle. Email pastorkyletimmons@live.com if you'd like to receive a weekly reading schedule, discussion questions, and other spiritual emails. These will begin in Mid-September.

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Gary Ekhoﬀ
Louise Sievers
Austin Delaney
Mildred Katz
Minnie Pﬂingsten
Gilbert Stadt
Cheyenne Jones

Gene Sievers
Nancy Lewke
Mason Beseke
Pauline Mitchell
Melissa Mort
Dennis Balgemann

Carter Fortin
Linda Havelly
Rev. Frank Hoss
Joy Currier
Taylor Cleary
Donna Dorrough
Margaret Johnson



Are you a handyperson? Or, simply willing to do a task or two around the church? We are in need of everyone's help to accomplish tasks, big and small, in and around the church grounds. A list will be on the bulletin board near the church office soon, or you can contact the church office for a list and description of things that need to be done.



St. Peter's is looking for someone (or more) to voluntarily lead our Fusion Youth Ministry as Kole Stadt and Jessica Bornemann have recently announced that they are stepping down.

Fusion is for students in grades 6-12. Leaders will be asked to plan and lead missions projects, organize monthly gatherings and events, or have unique and fellowship style events for our youth. To learn more, please see Pastor Kyle.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 (NIV)

4 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. **2** Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. **3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **5** For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. **6** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. **8** We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; **9** persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. **10** We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. **11** For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that His life may also be revealed in our mortal body. **12** So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of^[c] faith, we also believe and therefore speak, **14** because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to Himself. **15** All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

16 Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.