

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

*The mission of St. Peter's is to be a supportive congregation for all seeking and wanting to share Christ's love in a welcoming and inclusive community where the Bible, human reason and the historical traditions of the Church are celebrated.*

## September 2010



### St. Peter's Journey to Adulthood Pilgrims

In July, St. Peter's J2-A members Ramsey Allen, Alex Heesch and Eli McDonald, accompanied by Joe Chambers and Jane Hoffman, traveled to New Orleans to participate in TEAMEFFORT'S Hurricane Disaster Relief program which repairs damaged homes thus helping families re-establish their lives. Our group's main project was replacing a rotten roof. (Check out the pictures in the back of the church.) About St. Peter's pilgrims, the TEAMEFFORT staff wrote, "It was a blessing to meet and work with them. They represented your church well. We know many lives in the Eastview community were affected by their actions and words. It was exciting to see your youth put their faith into action."

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe  
Bishop of Iowa

The Rev. Dr. Lynne  
Carver  
Rector

Karl Bodenbender  
Music Director

Carolyn Tapscott  
Administrative Assistant

### Worship Schedule

Sundays  
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist  
Wednesdays  
5:30 p.m. Holy  
Eucharist

### Christian Education

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

### Vestry

Shelley Chambers  
Nancy Czubara  
Jane Hoffman  
Sonita Oldfield-Carlson  
Anne Petrie  
John Swarney  
Duane Timm  
Keith Wilson  
Marty Yeast

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## “Kick-Off” Sunday, September 12

September is here! Much as we enjoy the “lazy days of summer,” there’s something invigorating about the season of fall and its cooler temperatures, more disciplined lifestyle and new challenges. It’s a time of reconnecting with people we haven’t seen during the summer and for meeting new folks. It’s a time to celebrate a new beginning.

On Sunday, September 12, we will “kick-off” the new program year at St. Peter’s. We will resume worship at 8:00 and 10:00 after a summer of being all together at 9:00. The new Christian formation year commences. And, the choir will resume singing as a group. Please note that our fall picnic, which is usually on “kick-off” Sunday will be September 19 this year.

The beginning of the school year often brings visitors and new members to our church. If you see someone you don’t know, introduce yourself and help the newcomer feel welcome. Name tags will be available for everyone so that folks who are new can more easily get acquainted. Remember, it’s up to all of us to help those who are new become part of St. Peter’s church family.

Just as the members of a football team train diligently prior to the first game; many people at St. Peter’s have been preparing for our parish “kick-off.” I’d like to thank the Wardens, Vestry and staff who have worked so hard for the benefit of all here at St. Peter’s and for those yet to come through our doors.

Lynne+

## Christian Formation: 2010 - 2011

The Atrium of the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** is a special place created for our youngest members (ages 3-5). The Atrium is a unique environment where Bible stories are told and each child is given the time and space needed to grow in relationship with God as he or she works with the materials. Lorri Swarney will serve as catechist.

Our **church school** classes are using an Episcopal web-supported curriculum entitled *Weaving God’s Promises*. Teachers have access to a wide variety of educational materials and activities for children ranging in age from 3 to 11. The curriculum helps children connect their experience with the Biblical story, Christian faith and Episcopal tradition. Lisa Bancroft, Shelley Chambers, Alex Heesch and Sarah Wesson will teach.

The *Journey to Adulthood* Program offers a peer group with whom youth can travel through their middle and high school years. It provides information and teaches skills needed by adult Christians. Patrick Carlson and Ghada Hamden-Allen will mentor the **J2-A** group.

If desired by parents, **Nursery care** for preschool children is available during the 10:00 service. **We welcome all children to worship with the St. Peter’s family.** Parents, we enjoy having children in our midst; don’t worry if they make a bit more noise or are more active than our adult members. Children’s worship materials, based on the Sunday’s Bible lessons and including word games and puzzles, paper, markers and quiet toys are available from the ushers. Most Sundays there is a children’s sermon. **Please encourage your children to actively participate in worship.**

The **adult class on Sunday morning** will begin the year with *Living Faith: Exploring the Essentials of Christianity*. This is a quick-paced, ten part introduction to the essentials of Christianity. Each week we will watch a 25 minute DVD program that begins with a presentation by The Rt. Rev Tom Wright and transitions to a dialogue between Wright and his two conversation partners Marilyn Sharpe and Joel Quie. We will then discuss the material. If you would like to enhance your learning, you can read a short summary of the material (about 10 pages per week) by ordering *Living Faith: A Guide to Christian Life* by John Schwarz. Available from Amazon for \$9.34

September 12	The Story & Message of the Bible
September 19	The Hebrew Scriptures
September 26	The World, Life & Ministry of Jesus
October 3	The Gospel Testimonies to Jesus
October 10	Paul & the Outward Movement
October 17	A Brief History of Christianity
October 24	Christian Doctrines & Beliefs
October 31	Other Religions and Beliefs
November 7	Growing In & Sharing Christ
November 14	Living Christianly in the World

**Book group** members select and discuss works of both fiction and nonfiction. For several years we've met on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. If there is sufficient interest in a second book group scheduled during evening or weekend hours, we will offer one. If you'd like to participate, sign-up on the table at the back of the church.

**Education for Ministry (EFM)** is a program of theological education that is designed for people who want to deepen their faith, improve their ability to think theologically and become more effective in their daily ministry. EFM meets weekly from September through May. It's a 4-year program; you sign up for 1 year at a time. Pat Kirkland and Linda Neuman will serve

as mentors. If you'd like more information or want to participate, call the church office or contact Linda or Pat.

### Yoga Class

Beginner hatha yoga class will be offered at St. Peter's from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays starting September 20, 2010. No previous yoga experience is necessary. Hatha yoga uses set poses or *asanas* to lengthen and strengthen the muscles of the body, calm the mind, and the spirit. Wear loose, comfortable clothing; bring your own yoga mat. Class will be taught by Joan Marttila. Joan has completed the yoga teacher training program with Jeani Mackenzie at the Davenport School of Yoga. No class fees; donations accepted. Class location is fully accessible. Questions? Contact Joan Marttila at 355-5037.

### An invitation into peace and quiet . . .

The World Community for Christian Meditation defines meditation as "an inner journey of silence, stillness and simplicity . . . the missing contemplative dimension of much of Christian life today."

Come to St. Peter's on Mondays at 5:45 pm to experience this journey into stillness. We'll follow the model suggested by the World Community for Christian Meditation. The program includes a short prayer, contemplative music, 20 minutes of silent meditation and a musical closing. No experience necessary! Just set your time piece and join us for a little *peace time*.

Questions? Contact Linda Neuman at 289-3255.

## **Fall Picnic - Mark Your Calendars**

On **Sunday, September 19** we will gather at Devils' Glen Park in Bettendorf after the 10:00 service for a potluck.

Burgers and hot dogs will be furnished. Please bring something to share – veggies, salad, drinks or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church so we have an idea of how many are coming. We'll provide the finest of tableware.

We have reserved a shelter. Rain (we hope not) or shine we will gather for games (playground is nearby, brings sports equipment, etc), fellowship and food. You can even wear your picnic clothes to church. Hope to see you there!

## **Worship Committee Seeks Members**

Karl and Lynne need help planning worship that is Episcopal but also uniquely St. Peter's. We want our worship services to help us all praise God. We want them to be times when we encounter God both in prayer and through one another. We desire to be transformed by our participation in worship and prepared to live more fully as Christians in the world. It is the work of the parish worship committee to design services that help us meet these goals. It will be the particular responsibility of the 2010-2011 worship committee to work with Karl in developing our new music program. If you have questions, please talk with Lynne. If you want to be on the committee, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church.

## **Nursery - Help Needed**

We need older youth and adults to care for preschool children in the nursery during the 10:00 service. (Ideally we'd like to have nursery care available for preschoolers during the 8:00 service and for "little ones" not yet old enough for the Atrium during Christian Education time (from 9 to 9:50) so parents can participate in adult education, practice with the choir or teach church school classes.) **Let's start with "staffing" during the 10:00 service** – hopefully enough people will offer to help so no one will miss participating in worship more than once every couple months. Willing to help? There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church.

## **Congregational Care**

From time to time we all have needs that seem insurmountable, and for those occasions St. Peter's family wants to be of assistance. St. Peter's Congregational Care Team will consist of volunteers from our congregation who offer to share their time and talents -- this is your opportunity to assist individuals who have either long term or temporary needs. Needs vary over time, so you might not receive a call for assistance very often, but when needs arise Team members will be contacted. We invite each of you to become part of this team by completing the Pew Bulletin Insert in September.

Congregational Care Team Members could volunteer to listen, support, encourage, befriend, send cards, prepare a meal, make a home or hospital visit or telephone call, help with simple house or yard work, provide food for and/or help with a reception, provide a ride, babysit, and/or pray with or for individuals.

Cards will be placed in pews racks for those who need assistance, and calls may also be directed to St. Peter's office at 563-355-4640.

The ministry of congregational care is a compassionate presence in imitation of Jesus' care of people, especially those who were hurting and in need. It is the fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?"

We look forward to hearing from you.

***"Whatsoever you do for the least . .***

Given our current economy and the world wide food crisis, it's more important than ever to remember those who are hungry. The shelves of our food pantry cabinet are looking a bit bare! The CROP Walk is coming: Sunday, October 3! Registration/donation sheets are on the back table in the church.

**August 3, 2010 Vestry Minutes**  
(submitted not yet approved)

Present: Keith, Duane, Jane, Anne, Marty, Sonita, Lynne, Nancy. Absent: John, Bruce, Shelley.

The meeting opened at 6:40 PM. Sonita led the opening meditation with music and the request to the vestry to share how we define "community" at St. Peters.

The June 22, 2010 Minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The close-the-gap total is now \$15,941. The July report will be sent to vestry when Bruce returns from vacation.

## OLD BUSINESS

**2010 Deficit:** Our letter has been received by the diocese requesting our Opportunity Campaign loan payments be deferred for 12 months. Our request will be reviewed at the September Board meeting. Bruce will give the details to Maggie Tinsman so she will be prepared to discuss our request at the Board meeting.

**Property:**

**Ants:** Anne reported that Orkin has been retained to spray and set out bait for the ants.

She has begun trimming tree branches which touch the roof which serve as a bridge for ants to reach and enter the church. Gutters and downspouts need to be cleaned out, too.

**Windows:** Anne explained the need for recaulking the exterior side of the windows and the replacement / stabilization of the horizontal wooden spacers from the inside. Caulking is an immediate need due to the complete absence of caulk in some places which allows rain to enter unhindered. Replacing the spacers is less critical as they are not structural. Estimates for caulking were presented. [In a vote on Aug 22, the vestry approved hiring JD Coussens to be hired for caulking at a cost of \$2775.]

**Diverting excess water:** We are continuing to explore options.

**Memorial plaque:** Lynne described a simple plaque design which she and James viewed. (A sample can be seen at Leech Park.) The suggested design is a wall mounted 8" x 12" simulated granite to be placed on the chapel wall. The cost is \$120. Lynne and James will meet with Michael Heesch from Missouri Valley Monuments at 10AM on Thursday to discuss details.

**Music:** Lynne distributed the signed letter of agreement, dated 7/26/10, with Karl Bodenbender. His first Sunday will be August 8, 2010.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Start up Sunday is Sept 12.  
Fall picnic: Sept 19 at Devil’s Glen Park.  
J2A Pilgrimage report: Jane and Joe will show a DVD of the trip on August 8th and give a presentation on August 15th.

**NEXT VESTRY MEETING:** September 14. Shelley will lead the opening meditation.

The closing prayer was led by Lynne. The meeting closed at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Petrie

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Paul Koch, Duane Timm, Dick Gast
- 6 Kent Pilcher
- 7 Cait Bodenbender
- 9 Erica Scheidecker
- 10 Karl Bodenbender
- 11 Corinne Scheidecker
- 15 Emily Batkie, Len Dose, Caryl Jones
- 16 Ben Tinsman
- 17 Steve Batkie
- 18 Helen Bovenmyer
- 20 John Allen
- 21 Brendan Chambers
- 23 Clare McAndrews, Lorri Swarney
- 27 Cathy Batkie, Jamie Johnson, Lousia McDougal
- 28 Monique McDonald

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Gaye Dunn & Steve Trainor
- 11 Patrick & Sonita Carlson
- 12 Jamie Johnson & Tony Bencke

Have we missed anyone? Let us know!

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

- Sunday, September 5
  - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday, September 8
  - 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
  - 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, September 12
  - 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
  - 9:00 a.m. Christian Education
  - 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday, September 15
  - 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
  - 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, September 19
  - 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
  - 9:00 a.m. Christian Education
  - 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
  - 11:30 a.m. All Parish Picnic:  
Devils Glen Park
- Monday, September 20
  - 4:45 p.m. Yoga Class
  - 5:45 p.m. Contemplative Prayer
  - 6:30 p.m. EFM
- Wednesday, September 22
  - 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
  - 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, September 26
  - 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
  - 9:00 a.m. Christian Education
  - 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Monday, September 27
  - 4:45 p.m. Yoga Class
  - 5:45 p.m. Contemplative Prayer
  - 6:30 p.m. EFM
- Wednesday, September 29
  - 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
  - 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Help St. Peter's when you shop at Amazon!

**If you happen to buy things using Amazon (an online provider of retail goods) would you please consider using our unique link to get to the Amazon website?**

It is available on our St. Peter's website ([www.saintpetersbettendorf.org](http://www.saintpetersbettendorf.org)) where other LINKS are provided.

Here's why: St. Peter's Church has teamed up with Amazon in the Amazon Associates Program. This link is coded to show an affiliation with our church, and for every purchase made using this link, Amazon will contribute a percentage of the purchase to our church. That's it. It's free. It's easy. It's helpful. And all it takes is one small "click" from you.

Here are answers to questions you might have about this invitation:

1. **Why are we doing this?** Every little bit helps St. Peter's stewardship of resources.
2. **Will this cost me anything?** No, not a penny. And there is no cost to the church either. There is no hidden fee or extra charge to you. Your purchase will not be "marked up" just because you used this link.
3. **Will I start receiving junk email or spam because of this?** Nobody will be selling or distributing your name or email address, including the church.
4. **Do I have to do anything special to qualify?** Not at all. Just use this link from our website when you go to Amazon.
5. **If I already have an Amazon account, will my Amazon page look any different?** No, your homepage will look the same.
6. **Are there restrictions or limits on what I can buy using this link?** You can use this link to purchase *anything* Amazon sells. This includes books, electronics, food, toys, clothes, etc. Everything counts, including used items and items sold by third party vendors who are not Amazon.

7. **Is this a limited time offer?** No. Does the link expire? No. Use it anytime!
8. **How much good will this do?** A lot. The church will receive 4-15% of the value of any purchase made through this link. The exact percentage depends on how many purchases are made in a given month and the type of items purchased.
9. **Is Amazon a responsible company?** Yes. We did a lot of research into Amazon's environmental, workplace and sustainability practices before pursuing this partnership. Their business model and their operations are about as good as it gets. If you'd like more details, feel free to check out their discussion of "Amazon and the environment."

Thank you for making the extra effort to help St. Peter's while you shop!

***We pray for those in need of strength,  
healing and comfort . . .***



It's been suggested that we send cards to people for whom we pray by name during the Prayers of the People on Sunday. We will send the card after the first Sunday the person is included in our prayers. If you think the person for whom you're requesting prayer would be comfortable receiving a card indicating we're praying for them, please leave their full name and address on the church voice mail, in a note to Carolyn or by using the prayer request cards on the back table in the church.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday services return to 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School begins for both youth and adults.**



**Our All Parish Picnic will be the *following* Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Devils Glen Park in Bettendorf**

**Look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the church!**

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