

## July News from Saint Peter's

**Please join us for worship!  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

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### Upcoming Events and Joyful Celebrations

#### Two Glorious Baptisms

This Sunday, July 22 we will celebrate the Baptism of Everett Peter Guth, son of Tyler Guth and Ellen McAndrews Guth, grandson of Peter and Kitty McAndrews.

On Sunday, August 12, we will celebrate the Baptism of Wyatt Allen Christiansen, son of Neil and Margy Christiansen.

#### Worship Together

Sunday July 29th at 9:30 am all three congregations will worship together at Trinity Cathedral. Which means, neither St Peter's or St Albans will have services at their own buildings. We will gather to give thanks together and for each other!! Hooray! Robin Sade will preach. I am so looking forward to this celebration. As we get better acquainted and able to work together we can raise the visibility of Episcopalians in the Quad Cities, with mutual discipleship as our goal, and not competition. After all, it's a tough time to be church and we can better serve the world by working together.

## Diocesan Convention

October 27 and 28 will be Diocesan Convention, at the downtown Des Moines Marriott. We have delegates and alternates, Monique McDonald, Carolyn Krenos-Bodnar, Jane Hoffman. As well as members who hold elected diocesan offices, Maggie Tinsman and Linda Neuman who will represent St Peter's. In addition, EVERYONE is welcome to attend. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will speak, preach and preside. This will be a rollicking good time! Please sign up if you'd like to attend. An old friend of mine from Chicago, has already asked me to add her to the list and reserved a room, because she is so excited by this event.

What's the big deal? On Sunday October 28, at 11 am, the Most Rev Michael Curry will preach at the Convention Eucharist in the Marriott and he expects all diocesan clergy to be present at it. Thanks to an anonymous donor, all congregations in the diocese will have the equipment to livestream this event. That means, a new large tv and other electronic equipment has begun to arrive at St Peter's. All are welcome to come to Des Moines to participate. At the same time, all will be able to be at the church and share in this very special Holy Eucharist.

Sunday a week before the convention, we will as a congregation, consecrate extra bread and wine, so that these may be distributed to all who gather for the livestream event. If you are interested in helping lead and coordinate the equipment and the worship, at St Peter's for the livestream, please let Elaine, Perry or the office know!

## Water, water everywhere!

Actually, that is a huge exaggeration. Last week we had a heavy intense rain in Bettendorf, and water poured across the parking lot, down the hills all around the building and settled up against the backdoor. The high watermark was about a foot and a half. The vestry quickly began to look into potential causes, and the Junior Warden asked the City Public Works Department about nearby storm sewers and drains. Within a day, a city crew came out and cleared a deep accumulation of mud and debris from two city drains near our building. This should reduce the amount of water significantly, at least for a while.

The bids have been received and the contract signed for maintenance work to the bridge/walkway into the front door of the building from the parking lot. Some of the bricks, mortar and surface joints are quite worn, and need to be repaired or replaced. As well, a surface sealant will be applied to protect it for a long time. The work will take place this summer, and means that for a short time, we may worship in the basement, because we won't be able to enter through the front door. Many thanks to Robin Andrews for all the work he put into planning this and finding contractors. He is truly a treasure. The vestry is moving ahead on the projects of the capitol campaign

Likely, the next project maybe the sealing of two holes in the wood on the west side of the building where squirrels have begun to move in and nest in the walls of the church. Crowd-sourcing for expertise on what companies to contact to resolve this issue?

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