

June News from Saint Peter's

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

Vestry Projects (from the Priest's point of view)

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?

Junk in the Trunk

Do you have treasures to sell or would like to purchase some? St. Peter's will be sponsoring a "Junk in the Trunk Sale" June 9, 2018 from 9-1 in the parish parking lot. Sell your garage sale items out of the trunk of your car or bed or your truck. No loading or unloading. Put your own prices on items. You can rent a space the size of 2 parking spaces, that will accommodate one car and room for a table. The cost to sell your wares is \$20. Vendors receive a small gift and water from the church. There will be food and drink available for purchase by visitors. Contact Ellen at 563-355-4640 or saintpetersbettendorf@gmail.com for application.

Journey to Adulthood

All year, Monique McDonald and Joe Chambers have led J2A for all Episcopal high school youth on this side of the river (all three churches were welcome). In July, youth from St Peter's and Trinity Cathedral will go on a mission trip to St Louis. We expect to get a report from them when they return.

Worship Together

St Alban's, Trinity Cathedral and St Peter's will be worshipping together on the fifth Sunday of the month for the rest of the year. On July 29th at 9:30 am we will worship together at the Cathedral. Please put this on your calendar, hanging out with our fellow Episcopalians is uplifting and good fun.

Office Hours

The Church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. Which means, Ellen will be in, available and answering the phone. It also means if you want an announcement or prayer in the bulletin, she needs to receive these early on Thursday morning. Nonetheless, we can pencil in late additions to the prayers.

Elaine's Day Off

Beginning June 1, 2018, Elaine's Day Off will be Friday, this is a change. I will be in my office Monday through Thursday, usually from about 9 am to 1 pm. Email or call me for an appointment as needed. ecaldbeck@gmail.com or 515-570-9869.

Music@St. Pete's

I want to give a great big thank you to everyone who sang with and supported the choir during this past year. We've had an exciting year full of new music, committed singers, and

fun guests. The choir will begin singing again during our Sunday worship services after Labor Day. If you're interested in joining us, more information will follow in late summer.

Next week, we have another exciting musical event here at St. Peter's. Gifted singer and Quad Cities-native Lauren Carroll will be giving a recital in the sanctuary on Friday, June 8 at 7pm. Lauren is a sophomore at Drake University studying vocal performance. I will be playing for her hour-long recital. The concert is free and all are welcome to attend!

Starting in the fall, all of our Music@St. Pete's events will need an assistant - someone from the congregation to distribute programs and provide information to our guests. This is a great way to make those attendees who are not yet familiar with St. Peter's feel welcome in our church. More information and sign-up sheets will be available in the fall.

Summer Service Schedule (Ellen please provide this - including that July 29, the service will be at 9:30 am at the Cathedral as well as the date of the end-of-summer picnic)

Growing Iowa Leaders (aka GILEAD)

All year long, our Diocese of Iowa is holding Growing Iowa Leaders gatherings. Each is a training session for three congregations. Thanks to generous funding from an anonymous donor, trainers for these events have either flown in, or taught via video. Most of us have a sense the church is changing and congregations need more expertise than they have had. These trainers share wisdom, insights, research and encouragement to help diocesan parishes to thrive.

In addition, these donor funds have included video-taping the training to be posted on the diocesan website. Therefore, if you want a reminder of your own session, or access to another set of expertise, it will all be there! It's a new and exciting way of the diocese providing aid to ALL congregations in the diocese. Iowa is ahead of the rest of the church! Hooray Bishop Alan.

The donor funds will also insure that every parish in the diocese has adequate internet access and electronic resources to live stream the Eucharist with the Presiding Bishop in October.

Another element of what the donor is funding is a stewardship campaign for the diocese and every congregation. We are just learning about how this will work. At the June 10 vestry meeting, Diocesan folks will introduce this to the vestry. Anyone else who is interested is welcome to attend. The long-term goal is to create a fund to sustain this kind of local training to meet local needs everywhere in the diocese. More on this topic later.

Fourth of July

We will be hosting the public on Wednesday, July 4th by offering popcorn and water to those viewing the fireworks from our lawn. Please join us in offering this hospitality to our community. Also, please provide information, if you have it, on past similar efforts so we can grow in offering hospitality.

Messy Church

Messy Church is on hiatus for the summer. Plans for next year likely will include shifting it to Sunday nights at 4 pm. Please share your questions.

Summer Church in the Park

What a wonderful day, for Holy Eucharist and barbecuing at Devil's Glenn Park. We had good turnout, laughter, mild weather, sunshine and really enjoyed each other's company. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event so successful.

Opportunity To Be Welcoming

We have an opportunity! An extended family from Rock Island, Anglican folks who immigrated from Myanmar (Burma), some time ago, will be joining us. Let's get to know them and make them welcome. Through our conversations, it seems we and they have a lot in common and may make a good match. Fun piece of information, the children play instruments, such as piano and cello and are interested in playing as part of worship. WOW totally exciting!

Through the Asiamerica Ministries of the Episcopal Church, I have obtained liturgical leaflets, instructions to access to Bible texts, and other resources in their language (though as with most immigrants, the children are fluent in English). I am going to print those resources out and show them to the family to discover if any of these would help them feel part of our worship.

All this to say, we may change a few things to welcome these newcomers -- and I am looking forward to the possibility for new life, new ideas and the challenge of breaking out of my English-speaking mindset! I hope this works, and if anyone has worries or anxieties about these possible

changes, please contact me, I will listen and seek to work with everyone, so that we don't lose ourselves, but we also welcome these good people.

A workshop on welcoming immigrants will be offered the evening of Saturday, June 9 (from 6 pm to 9 pm). Feel free to check out the All Saints Smyrna, Tennessee Facebook page. Other information (the Hollywood version) is available through the movie All Saints [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints_(film)) which was released last August.

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