

November News from Saint Peter's



Holy Eucharist with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry this Sunday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us in this Special Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. There will be no services at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

that day. We will join our fellow Episcopalians in worship via livestreaming of the closing Eucharist at the Diocesan Convention in Des Moines. The sermon will be delivered by The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

If you can't be in either Des Moines or Bettendorf, or near an Episcopal Church in Iowa - you can find the link to the livestreaming through the webpage: <https://iowaepiscopal.org>

All Saints

On **All Saints, November 4, 2018**, we celebrate at **8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

We remember all those who have gone before us, both the dead and those still with us, who provide loving insight into being followers of Jesus Christ. Turn in the names of those you wish to remember to the office (saintpetersbettendorf@gmail.org). These names will be posted on the remembrance wall. During the service, we will light candles in memory of our loved ones, give thanks for them and share together in the glory and delight of their presence with us in God.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4, 2018, the turn your clock back an hour.

November 11, 2018- Vestry Meeting Scheduled after the 10 am service.

November 11- only one service, at 10:00 a.m. and no Adult Formation.

I will be in Pella at the Diocesan Board of Directors meeting (as president pro tem of the Standing Committee) on Friday and Saturday. There is a concert that evening, and I will be back on Sunday morning in time for the 10 am Holy Eucharist, vestry and Messy Church.

Messy Church on November 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Messy Church is holy play and worship of God for all ages. We begin with a light meal. This is followed by story-telling, crafts or dramatic acting out of the story. We close with an informal Eucharist. This low stress exploration of faith and our Christian story allows us to learn from one another, the young have as much to teach as the old, and middle-aged. Messy Church is particularly suited to people unfamiliar with church, or wanting to learn the narrative of our faith in a relaxed, supportive gathering. Participants include Middle Schoolers, grade schoolers, middle aged, and older adults. WE ALL HAVE FUN TOGETHER. Come and share in the joy.

Music@St. Pete's

As the Holiday season fast approaches, I want to make you aware of two exciting musical events.

First up, we have a sing-a-long of **Handel's Messiah on December 7** at Trinity Cathedral at 7:30pm. This event, a joint venture between Trinity music director Ron May, myself, and the Handel Oratorio Society, was a huge success last year. Come join us in singing this classic work.

Next up, we have an exciting holiday program here at **St. Peter's is on Saturday, December 8**. This concert of carols old and new will feature the **Vocal Ensemble QC** (who you might remember from last spring's concert of Marian Anthems). In between the programmed sets by the ensemble, there will opportunities for the audience to join us in singing familiar Advent and Christmas songs.

Make plans to join us for one or both of these lively, fun events!

Deficit for 2018

St Peter's is a very important part of the lives of many people. This includes the people that are here today, those that we don't see every week, and those we don't know, but whose lives we've touched.

In the past year we've strengthened our connections to the larger community through offering Messy Church, building bonds with the other Episcopal Churches in the area, and opening our building to community music lessons and concerts.

We've baptized two babies and supported high schoolers on their Journey to Adulthood.

We continue to support the community through the community meal, Underwear Because We Care, and Thanksgiving and Christmas giving to those in need.

St. Peter's has also experienced, and continues to experience, a number of challenges. We've lost several families, some through retirement and some for other reasons. We have a building that is more than 50 years old, and requires repairs and updates. As a result, for 2018 we expect to face a budget deficit of about \$17,000.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to assist St. Peter's in addressing this deficit. Please think about offering support, above your normal pledge amount, sometime before the end of the year.

Carolyn Krenos-Bodnar and Holly Soboroff, for the Vestry

Stewardship for 2019

On November 4, we begin this year's Stewardship Campaign. This time we will have access to resources from Church Development, through the Diocese of Iowa. We plan on having fun and fellowship and plan for the future together through this process!

Carolyn Krenos-Bodnar and Ghada Hamdan-Allen

Community Meal

Our turn for the Community Meal is **Wednesday, November 28**. This time we have a new location, meals are now being served at **Zion Lutheran, 1216 - 8th Street, Davenport**.

This is a great space with more room for diners, and more parking. This is joyful work, meeting with, finding commonalities with and giving of ourselves to those whose lives have not included the privileges that we have.

Jane Hoffman

Other Upcoming Events

We will be looking for donations for **holiday food baskets**.

For **Advent** we will be laying our canvas Labyrinth out on the lower level, and setting up opportunities for people to come and pray it.

We will hold a **Blue Christmas** service with an emphasis on prayers and healing stations addressing of loss and trauma, keeping especially in mind Veterans and victims of all kinds, such as those the recent #metoo movement has unsettled.

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