

# St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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WELCA Family Fun Day, Souper Bowl,  
Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, Lent

## FEBRUARY 2024

The Newsletter of

St. Peter Lutheran Church [ELCA],  
Greene, IA

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Valentine's Day



For this is the  
message  
that you have  
heard from  
the beginning  
that we should  
**LOVE**  
one another.

1 JOHN 3:11

**St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA**  
**Unofficial Council Meeting Minutes January 4, 2023 - 7:00 pm**

Present: Cheryle Arjes, John Backer, Keith Christensen, Dana Frerichs, Dixie Hughes, Erin Mulder, Lyndsie Pitzenger, Christine Shultz, Les Steere, Dawn Van Etten, Phil Wahlgren. Absent: Addy Spain. Also Present: Gale Brinkman, Robin Majewski, Marilyn Wahlgren  
Dawn moved, and Dixie seconded – motion passed to open the meeting. Erin called to order.

1. Church Vision – Erin shared some comments from the theme of her Christmas Day message: Light is all around us, and Jesus is the light of the whole world – St. Peter as a church and members are also lights for the community and the world. Erin shared her gratefulness for the council members and congregation for stepping up during this past year again – you are the lights that shine for us, and appreciate you all! And special kudos to Robin, too, for doing all she does for us and the church!

2. Secretary's Minutes from 12/06/2023 meeting – Phil moved, John seconded, motion passed to approved minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report: A. Appointment of new Treasurer, Marilyn Wahlgren, was approved at the last meeting; Gale has agreed to stay on in role as co-treasurer during transition time and training, especially to complete the signature cards required and updates on accounts – Dawn moved, Cheryle seconded - council approved the co-treasurer role. B. John moved, Keith seconded – motion passed to establish a new corporate resolution required by the bank for account access and updates. C. Dawn moved, Phil seconded – motion passed to set up two CD's at LSB – one for stained glass renovation fund and one for general renovation fund. (5.4% rate now) D. Signature cards, credit card access, etc. will be updated, plus other transitions for accounts will be completed soon. Gale will work with Marilyn on the financial reporting and prepare the 2023 numbers for upcoming annual meeting. E. Reviewed financial report, council approved Treasurer's report.

4. Additions to the Agenda: Action items F. & G.

5. Action Items: A. Wedding policy fees – tabled until next meeting due to length of agenda. B. Supply Pastors – Dawn V. has been working on January – March schedule and has all but 2/11 filled, council suggested contacting Mark Anderson. Shared that Pastor Kim Smith is willing to cover first Sundays of months – for communion services for us. Dawn asked if others would be able to assist recruiting supply pastors, but also indicated she is willing to continue through June. C. Lent mid-week services – Council asked if Keith and Pastor Joan would be willing to take on these services again in 2024, with Pastor Joan covering Ash Wednesday (2/14) and they determine schedule after that. Keith will ask her and get back to council with full schedule and theme, also discussed timing: services at 6:30 pm each Wednesday 2/14 – 3/20 (6 weeks) and possible nights with meals before service (5:30 pm on 2/14, 2/21, and 3/20) and dessert receptions after service on other nights. D.

Reminder – next council meeting for current and new members following annual meeting on January 28 with pizza lunch also. E. Sunday services, 11 am – discussed keyboard options and ideas for these services which need coverage after the January 7 service until we start Lent mid-week services (then we go back to single Sunday morning, 9 am service, during that season), will discuss plans for services and coverage after Lent then. F. Cradle Roll – discussed options for this – subscription coming due soon, input was to determine if we can go back to hard copy vs. digital subscriptions – parents in the room indicated that this might be more palatable and used option for families. Robin will check options and report back. G. Robin was dismissed temporarily – council discussed the personnel committee recommendation for her hourly wage rate. John moved; Dawn seconded – motion passed to increase.

6. Pastor's Report:

7. Committee Reports: Call Committee: Last meeting was to update congregational profile, so hopefully this has been submitted. Council asked Dana to request that Kelly be present to provide an update to congregation at annual meeting, plus reach out to contact Pastor Liz at Synod to schedule meeting with committee to determine next steps and hear updates/progress/options. Buildings & Grounds: Last met in December, new custodian (Rachel) hired and doing well, updated the building committee names, boiler inspection coming up. Education & Youth: last meeting 12/20 with updates on Luther League, leading service (Christmas Eve), and Sunday School schedule. Council discussed ideas for more children's sermons from supply pastor or even better volunteers & youth leaders to take on this role, also options for youth/ Sunday School singing at services (4/21 – scheduled) Stewardship & Finance: last meeting was before December meeting, but since then, Keith did annual review for Gale and Holly and those are in personnel files. Shared update on the stained glass fund (\$58,325 in the account, but "pledges" of another \$30K+), encouraged council members to invite families to complete the forms outside of church office to "adopt" windows still available, provided overview of recognition plaque idea, and also discussed that we need to let congregation know who has given and for what windows as a way to encourage others, too. Worship & Evangelism: Reported on sanctuary technology project (still funds available to cover costs but original provider is not responding to our request to finish – seeking other source to complete this), also discussing the idea of doing a congregation survey to pursue interests for worship and how to get people back in the pews/seats more regularly. Personnel: completed Robin's annual review – all good, and pleased with new custodian, too. Mutual Ministry: Erin encouraged us to think about potential members for this role, it is in our constitution but not formalized yet and needs to be in place before new pastor is called. WELCA: no report this meeting. Phil moved, Dawn seconded – motion to approve committee reports passed.

8. Adjournment: Dawn moved, Christine seconded – motion to approved adjournment of meeting passed.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church  
Financial Report  
January 22, 2024**

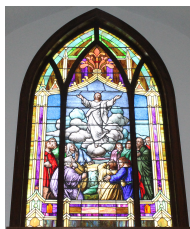
	Ending Balance	
Current Fund Balance	\$71,548.68	
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>                    </u>	
	\$71,548.68	
Other Fund Balances		
Technology	\$2,890.83	
Benevolence and Mission	\$726.21	
Building and Repair	\$1,738.16	
Stained Glass Windows	\$69,835.00	
Fellowship	\$2,497.74	
Thrivent Choice	\$1,008.00	
Restoration	\$47,537.72	
Missionary Support	\$235.00	
Balcony Improvements	\$1,000.00	
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>	
	\$127,918.66	
Bank Balance		
Checking	\$178,160.00	
Money Market	<u>\$21,307.34</u>	
Total	\$199,467.37	
Goyer Scholarship	\$1,998.69	
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,268.18	

**Restoration Fund  
St. Peter Lutheran Church**



"FOR GOD  
SO LOVED THE  
WORLD THAT HE GAVE  
HIS ONLY  
BEGOTTEN  
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THAT WHOEVER  
BELIEVES IN HIM  
SHALL NOT PERISH  
BUT HAVE ETERNAL  
LIFE."  
♥ JOHN 3:16

**Stained Glass  
Window Fund  
St. Peter Lutheran Church**



*Mission Statement*

*St. Peter Lutheran Church*

**WELCOMES** people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church,  
**EQUIPS** people with a faith that works in daily life, and  
**SERVES** in the world to make a difference in Jesus' Name.

## FEBRUARY - Holy Communion

9:00 am & 11:00 am - Sunday, February 4th

6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday, February 14th

•When individual glasses are offered at Holy Communion, the clear glasses have wine in them and the purple glasses have grape juice.



### Home Communion

For those of you who received home communion last month, our volunteers will be in contact with you as to when you would like communion this month. If you have not be contacted and would like communion in your home, please call the church office and schedule a time for the us to come to you.

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## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member?? See how you can provide funds for your church at St. Peter. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2024, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to St. Peter Lutheran Church. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. **This must be done on a yearly basis.** Any questions contact Julie Brinkman or the church office.



## Thrivent Action Team

Thrivent Action Teams make it easy for you to bring people together to make a positive change in your community! When you see a need, apply to Thrivent. Once your idea is approved, a Thrivent Action Kit is delivered to your door. It's packed with everything you need to help make your project a success. It even includes \$250 in seed money to help get your project started. If you are a Thrivent Benefit member you can help with TWO \$250 projects, and Associate members can help with ONE \$250 project for our church or community per year.

This passion-powered program is brought to you by Thrivent Financial because we believe that being wise with money and living generously go hand in hand.

If you have any questions contact Julie Brinkman or the church office.



**Giving QR Code**



**Funeral Planning Worksheet**

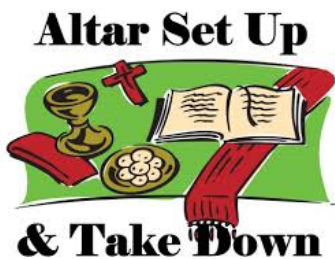
Until Jesus returns, all of us will one day die. The most universal fact of human life is that it ends. Although it may be uncomfortable to think about, planning for the end of your life is an act of love and kindness for your family. Planning ahead for your funeral gives your family the gift of helping them through a difficult time by letting them know your wishes.

We encourage you to consider your funeral wishes and take the time to fill out a Planning Form available in the church office. Once completed, we will make a copy for you and keep a copy in the office. When your earthly life is complete, your family will have the gift of your plans to use as they prepare for your funeral. If you have any questions, please give the office a call.



**Altar Guild**

Altar Guild is in need of a few people to fill some open spots on guild. If interested, please contact Kelly Zurcher or the church office.



**St. Peter WELCA**

**ALTAR FLOWERS: February - Glory Circle**

**WELCA CALENDAR**

- 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27: Quilting Days 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 8th (Thursday): Bible Study 9:30 am - Glory refreshments
- 11th (Sunday): Family Fun Day - Bowling & Pizza from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Freeze Frame
- 19th (Monday): Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

**Greene Food Bank**

Food Bank item for the month of February is paper towels and dish soap. All donations are appreciated, we can use any food / paper items that are given to us. We are using the "item of the month" as just a suggestion.



**Offering Envelopes**

For those of you who would like Offering Envelopes and don't have a set, please contact the church office and we will get some ordered for you.

Also if there are some of you that have went to eGiving and would not like Offering Envelopes anymore, please contact the church office and we can have your name removed.



## Souper Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday

Some are going to watch their team play, others are hoping to watch a certain team lose. Most of us are going to eat way too much, while enjoying time with family and friends.

St. Peter Lutheran has a challenge to submit to you: **On the weekend of the big game, will you take a bite out of hunger by throwing 1 dollar in our church Soup Bowl?** Imagine the impact we can make locally and globally if each person throws just a dollar in! Half of the donations will be sent to Greene Food Bank, and the other half to Lutheran World Hunger Appeal. We've put a \$1.00 challenge down. Can you beat it?



## Lent Suppers

February 14th

February 28th

March 20th

5:30 pm at St. Peter Lutheran Church

Everyone is welcome to attend. Free will offering.



## Lent Worship



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Join us in remembering both the reality of our human mortality and the promise of God's eternity. Our Ash Wednesday worship will be at 6:30 pm and the theme is "Drawn to the Cross".



All services will be at St. Peter Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm

February 14th  
Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion

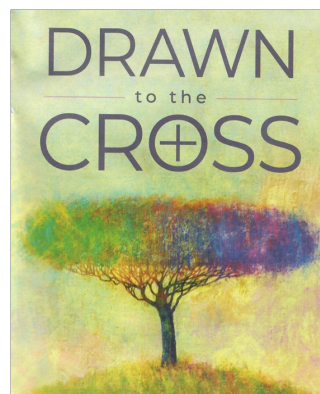
February 21st

February 28th

March 6th

March 13th

March 20th



## St. Peter Lutheran FEBRUARY Birthdays

1 - Kaitlynn Brandhorst,  
Jane Martzahn,  
Kayden Spratt  
Judy (Calvin) Steere  
2 - Dan Meyne,  
Clarice Stephenson,  
Alexis Wiegmann  
3 - Brett Dane,  
Bruce Miller  
4 - Galen Hoodjer  
5 - Bev Brinkman  
6 - Derek Landers,  
Steve Mulder,  
Blair Shultz  
7 - Chelsi Majewski,  
Rachel Steere

8 - Jolene Stotler,  
Kathleen Wefel  
10 - Kirsten Hawker,  
Damian Spratt  
11 - Sylvia Hawker,  
Derek Steere  
12 - Emersyn Blong,  
Katie Platts  
13 - James Austin  
15 - Zach Taylor,  
Jean Towsley  
16 - Michael Allen,  
Cameron McBurney  
18 - Molly Iverson,  
Kelsie Jensen  
19 - Layne Bartels,  
Darin Stotler

20 - James Deike  
21 - Pat Stock  
22 - Christine Shultz  
23 - Tim Brunner,  
Marjorie O'Brien,  
Calvin Steere,  
John Steere,  
Mark Yerkes  
24 - Michelle Jensen  
25 - Reagan Mulder  
26 - Erin Mulder,  
Cody Ritter  
27 - Shelbie Reitem,  
Patrick Zimmerman  
28 - Benjamin Backer,  
Hannah Fox

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## LSI

### Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

*"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19*

The idea behind Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is centered around love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service.

We give thanks to all our ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, adults, and families.

At LSI, we see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who are overcoming years of trauma and building brighter futures, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other joyous moments.

You can help carry out LSI's mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

## February Worship Servants

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.  
- Colossians 3:23

If you are assigned to a date and time when you cannot serve, please find someone to trade places with you. Once you've traded dates, please notify the Church Office so the bulletin can be accurate.  
Your help and partnership here really makes a difference!

*Communion Bread: Dixie Hughes*

### February 4, 2024

#### 9:00 Sunday

*Ushers:* Teresa Feldman

Jared Feldman

*Lector:* Teresa Feldman

*Communion:* Dixie Hughes

#### 11:00 Sunday

*Lector:* Carol Barth

*Communion:* Carol Barth

### February 11

#### 9:00 Sunday

*Ushers:* June Vogelmann

Cheryle Arjes

*Lector:* Liz Schroeder

#### 11:00 Sunday

*Lector:* Dawn Van Etten

### February 18

#### 9:00 Sunday

*Usher:* Dana Frerichs

Mary Brinkman

*Lector:* Mary Brinkman

### February 25

#### 9:00 Sunday

*Usher:* Owen Almeliem

Keith Hyman

*Lector:* Connie Yerkes





## Mark Your Calendar!

St. Peter WELCA Women invite you to a FREE  
BOWLING/PIZZA FUN DAY  
FOR St. Peter's families  
Sunday, February 11th  
Freeze Frame Bowling Alley  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm



Bowling games start at 11:30 am & 12:30 pm

WELCA is sponsoring a fun day for everyone!!!

Children *(with an adult)* through senior citizens.

Come bowl or just come and watch the fun.

We will pay for a game of bowling,  
your rental shoes, pizza & beverage.

Hope to see you there!



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### First Communion

First Communion for 5th grade students is planned for Sunday, April 7th at 9:00 am worship.

We will hold a few classes to prepare the students. First class will be Sunday, February 18th (creating pottery). Pizza around 11:45 am, pottery class 12:00 - 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Other class dates TBD.



You're Invited to a  
*Ladies Luncheon*

Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30 am

Hosted by

*WELCA Women of St. Peter Lutheran*

324 E Traer St., Greene, IA

*Special Music by Witness 4 "The Greatest Love Ever Known"*

Light Lunch will follow at no charge



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## St. Peter Lutheran Church Stained Glass Project Capital Campaign

### Donation/Pledge Form

Significant financial support is needed (\$180,000) to cover this important renovation and repair of our beautiful and historic stained glass windows in the sanctuary and entrance. Specifically, many of the storm windows are cloudy and possibly leaking, so all of the old stained glass window storms will be replaced, 26 in total. While they are at it the contractor we choose will repair any issues with the stained glass itself: replace missing panes (possibly one), fix any area that's buckling, and recement the stained glass exterior. Loose paint will be removed from exterior millwork, then reprimed and repainted. We welcome support at all levels and if interested in memorial opportunities, please talk to a member of the Stewardship or Building committees. Any commitments of \$1,500, \$3,000, \$5,000 and \$25,000 will be recognized on a plaque in a location to be determined. (Donors can choose to remain anonymous—please note that in the final section of this form if you prefer that.) Thank you!

I/we want to adopt the repair of a specific window (see map on next page):

Make your gift a memorial or tribute:

This gift is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Individual/Couple Gift

Family Gift (multiple donors)

Donor name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check  Pledge  payable over no more than 2 years: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /quarter or other

Credit Card  Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Security code \_\_\_\_\_

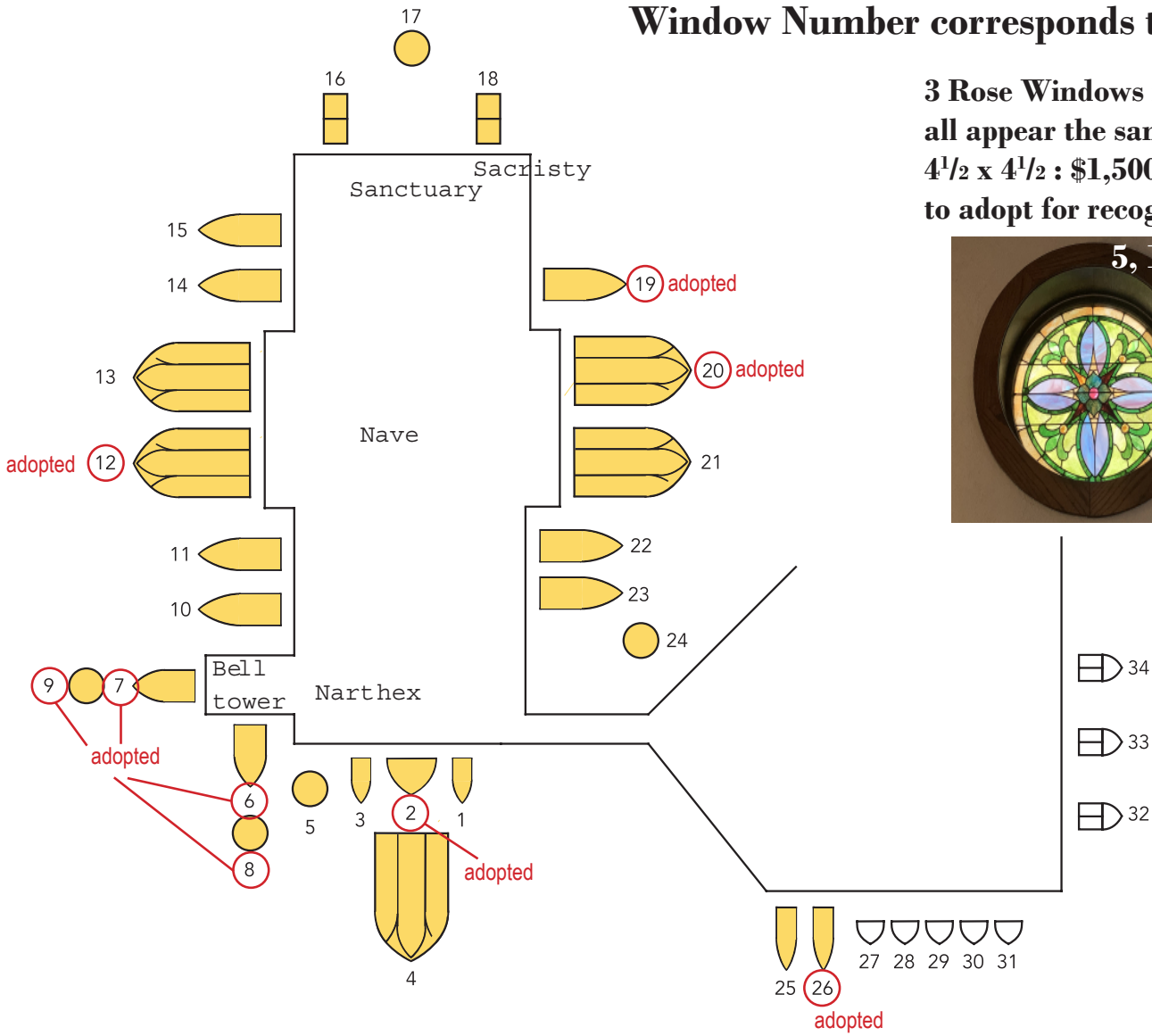
If you would like information about giving stock, crops, qualified charitable distribution for IRA, or other, please contact the church office.

Additional Information, Names, Donors, Payment Schedule...

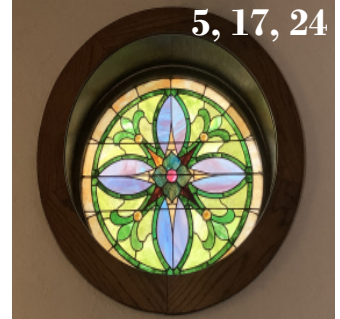
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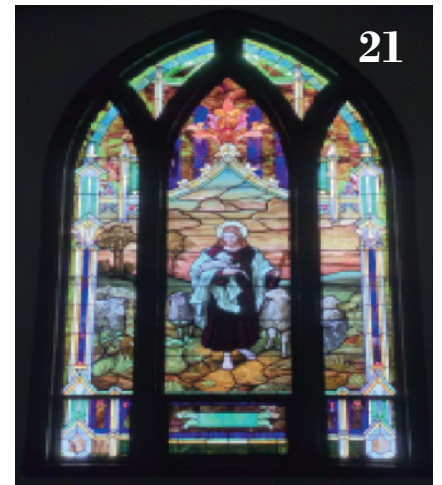
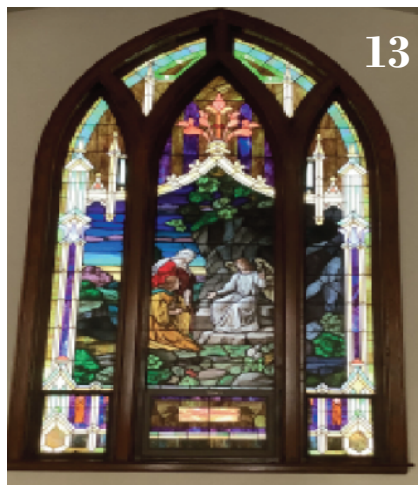
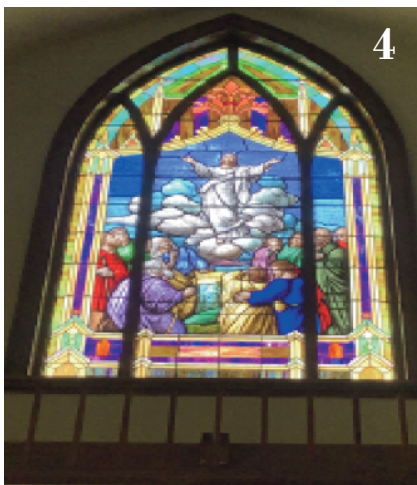
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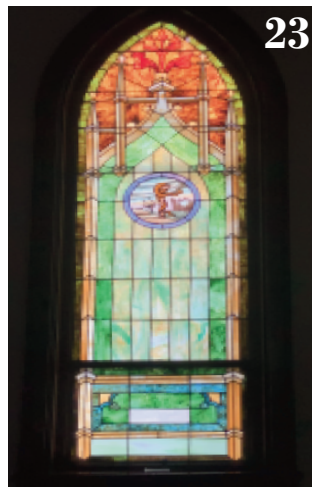
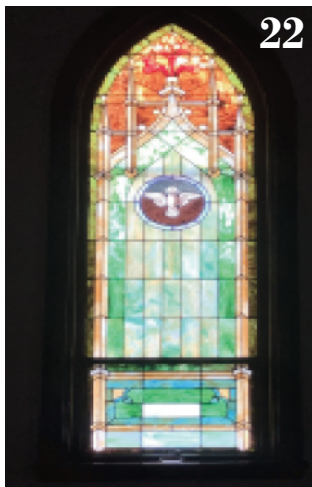
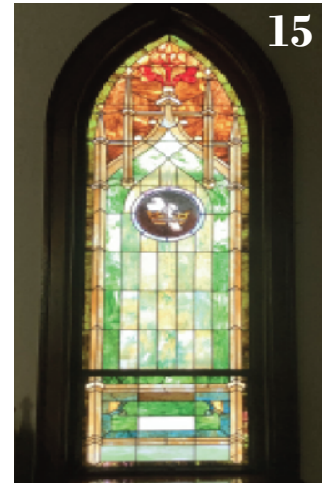
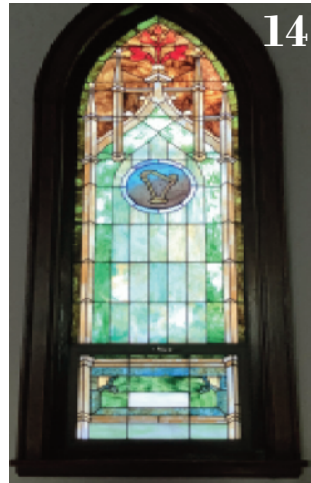
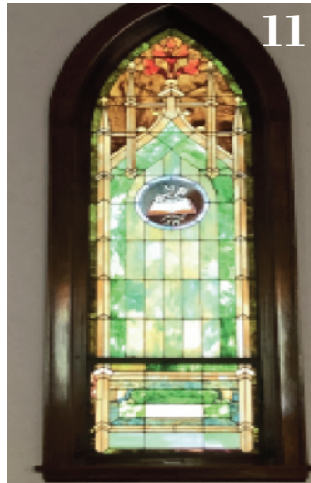
**3 Rose Windows remain,  
all appear the same,  
4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> : \$1,500 each  
to adopt for recognition**



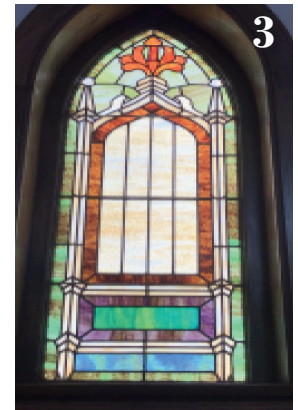
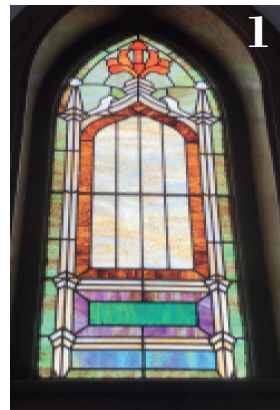
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13 & 21 (9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> by 16), are \$25,000 each to adopt for recognition**



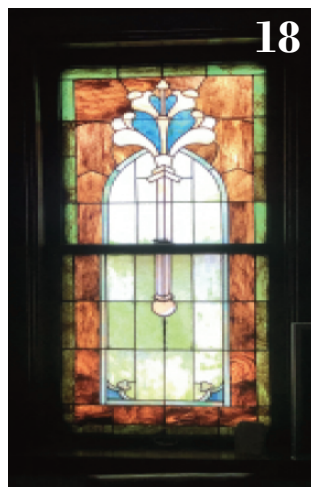
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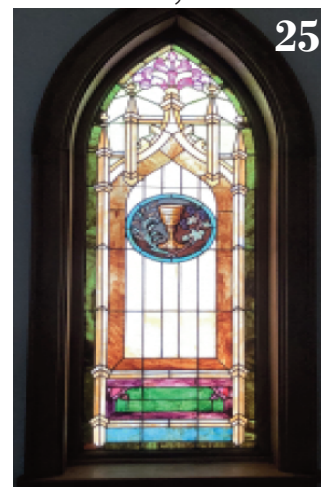
These "Smaller" Windows,  
 1, 3, 16, 18, 25  
 \$3,000 each to adopt for recognition



Windows 16 & 18, 3½ x 7



Window 25, 3½ x 8½





## Can Sorting Schedule

Watch Facebook and a reminder will be sent.

Luther League watch Facebook, Remind and school announcements for upcoming meetings and other activities.

Luther League will meet at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, February 14th & 28th to serve the meal before Ash Wednesday and Lent worship.



## February

- 10 - Kirsten Hawker
- 16 - Cameron McBurney
- 25 - Reagan Mulder



Harold Hestland

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	3
4 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship with Communion	5 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting	6 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	7 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm Luther League at St. Peter 6:30 pm Confirmation	8 9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle meeting	9 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	10
11 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship 11:30 am - 1:30 pm WELCA Family Fun Day at Freeze Frame	12	13 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	14 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion at St. Peter	15 Newsletter Items Due	16 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	17
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