

# St. Peter Lutheran Church

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**JUNE 2023**

The Newsletter of  
St. Peter Lutheran Church [ELCA],  
Greene, IA

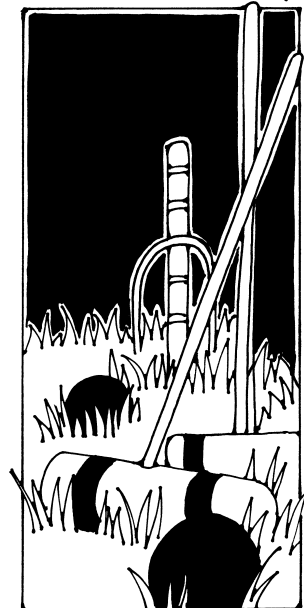
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FATHER'S DAY



LET US LOVE, NOT IN  
WORD OR SPEECH,  
BUT IN TRUTH AND  
A C T I O N

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## St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA Unofficial Council Minutes, May 3, 2023

Members Present: Cheryle Arjes, John Backer, Les Steere, Keith Christensen, Lyndsie Pitzengerger, Erin Mulder, Dana Frerichs, Addy Spain, Phil Wahlgren, Dawn Van Etten. Members Absent: Dixie Hughes, Christine Schultz. Also Present: Robin Majewski (Sec.), Gale Brinkman (Treas.)

Meeting called to order by Council President Erin Mulder.

**1. Last Month's Secretary's Minutes:** Motion by Cheryle Arjes to approve, 2nd by John Backer. Motion carried

**2. Additions to the Agenda:** X

**3. Church Vision:** X

**4. Action Items:**

A. Memorial Giving List: Keith Christensen update; he still wants council members to give input to the list. Many items are completed on the existing sheet.

B. Goyer Scholarship—No applicants and deadline was May 1.

C. Sanctuary technology: John Backer—almost complete. There are issues with the microphone. Dana Frerichs asked if video to go with the Gospel, for example, could be done. She saw it at another church.

D. Joint back to school worship with St. James: at Wilder Park? Sunday service this summer? Council agreed to have services June 25 and July 23 in Perrin Park.

E. Luther League trip send-off: On 7/16 they take off early so have it the weekend before, for instance 7/9 with St. James. Motion to

have joint services on Saturday 7/8 here and Sunday 7/9 in Allison by John Backer, 2nd Keith Christensen. Motion carried.

F. Flowers for Mothers' Day: Pastor Kittelson wants carnations to give to the women in the congregation. Motion by Phil Wahlgren to buy 100 flowers, 2nd Keith Christensen. Motion carried.

**5. Pastor's Report:** Jaycees approached us for River Days donation. Motion by Keith Christensen for \$100, same as last year, 2nd by John Backer. Motion carried.

The church received an invitation for a Family Ministry meeting on May 18 in Independence.

NE Iowa Synod Assembly donation. Motion by Phil Wahlgren to donate \$250 to George Anderson memorial (associated with the synod assembly), same as last year, 2nd by Cheryle Arjes. Motion carried.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** nothing outstanding. Motion to approve by Keith Christensen, 2nd Phil Wahlgren. Motion carried.

**7. Committee Reports:**

Call Committee: Dana Frerichs—we have third candidate for pastor who will be interviewed soon.

Building and Grounds Committee: Dawn Van Etten—we did not meet. We have 3 revised estimates for repairing the stained glass windows. We have 2 estimates for replacing the Parsonage & garage roofs. Goal is to get more roof estimates and also for metal shingles, not just asphalt.

Education and Youth: Erin Mulder—19 going on Luther League trip, 4 adults. Bible School is in July. Confirmation classes are complete—youth to be confirmed on Reformation Sunday.

HUGE thank-you to Dick & Nancy Reser for maintaining Luther League bottles & cans collection area.

Stewardship and Finance: Keith Christensen—committee decided a mid-year giving statement would be useful for all.

Pastor Liz has suggestions for fund raising for the stained glass windows & will be a supply pastor one weekend.

Worship and Evangelism: John Backer—hymns selected.

Personnel: Dixie Hughes—X

WELCA—Julie Brinkman—X.

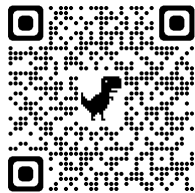
Motion by John Backer to approve committee reports. 2nd Phil Wahlgren. Motion carried.

**8. Adjourn:** Council closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer together. Motion by John Backer to adjourn, 2nd Phil Wahlgren. Motion carried.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church**  
**Financial Report**  
**May 15, 2023**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$32,549.42
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$32,549.42
<b>Other Fund Balances</b>	
Technology	\$2,890.83
Benevolence and Mission	\$861.00
Building and Repair	\$171.13
Stained Glass Windows	\$4,575.00
Fellowship	\$2,347.30
Thrivent Choice	\$5,015.00
Restoration	\$44,262.72
Missionary Support	\$235.00
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	\$60,807.98
<b>Bank Balance</b>	
Checking	\$72,164.13
Money Market	<u>\$21,193.27</u>
Total	\$93,357.40
Goyer Scholarship	\$1,579.82
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,016.20

**Giving QR Code**



***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.

**Planned Giving**

Our lives are journeys of faith and generosity. As our faith matures and deepens, so do the ways we support God's work in the world. As a child, perhaps you started by giving coins at Sunday School and watching as your parents gave offerings in worship. As we grow up in the church, our giving evolves as well, reflecting new depths of meaning, understanding, and experience.

When your earthly life comes to a close, you can continue to give and make a difference in our congregation through planned giving. Have you remembered the church in your will or through a charitable trust or annuity? What a wonderful enduring testimony to God's blessing in your life! Ask the church office for more information about planned giving.

**Restoration Fund**  
**St. Peter Lutheran Church**



## JUNE - Holy Communion

6:00 pm - Saturday, June 3

9:30 am - Sunday, June 4

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

•We have gluten free wafers available; just let the Pastor know that you need it at communion.



## Funeral Planning Worksheet

Unless Jesus returns, all of us will one day die. This is the most universal fact of human life, it ends. As much as we would rather not think about it, it is an act of love and kindness for our family if we do. By planning for our funeral we are giving our families a gift, the gift of helping them through a difficult time by letting them know our wishes.

We encourage you to take the time to consider what you would like to be done for your funeral and fill out a Planning Form available in the Parish Office. Once completed, we will make a copy for you and keep a copy in the office. Then when your life here is done, 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.

### *MEMORIAL GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of:*

**Ryan Godderz**

\$20.00 to Prayer Shawl Ministry by friends.

**John & Jeanette Pittenger**

\$10.00 to Prayer Shawl Ministry by friends.

**Letha Brinkman**

\$100.00 to WELCA by family & friends.



**For any pastoral need  
you might have, please  
call President Erin  
Mulder 319-239-6685,  
Vice President Phil  
Wahlgren 641-330-6544  
or Robin at the church  
816-5531.**

## Church Directory Update

Time for a new church directory! Every year in July, we mail out an updated church directory in place of the monthly newsletter.

In order for the directory to be as accurate as possible, we need your help. If have changed your phone number, address, or have an email address for the directory, please let us know. Many of you have switched from a landline to a cell phone and we have no way of contacting you. So please call the church office at 816-5531 or email any updates to [stpeter@myomnitel.com](mailto:stpeter@myomnitel.com). Thank you!



## LSI

### Happy Father's Day!

At LSI, we strive to empower and celebrate fathers and father figures in every stage of their life. This Father's Day, take some time to celebrate and show appreciation to all the male role models in your life.

Through our Early Childhood Services, we provide fathers with the education and resources they need to become the best parents and caregivers they can be. In our Clinical Services Department, we support fathers and father figures by providing individuals with mental health counseling and the tools they need to create bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. In our Foster Care and Adoption services, we support male individuals through the process of expanding their families, or becoming a new parent altogether.

We are able to provide these services to fathers of young children with the generous support from people like you! Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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

## St. Peter WELCA

### ALTAR FLOWERS: JUNE - Faith Circle

8th - Bible Study 9:30 am - Faith refreshments

19th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

**If there are any committee changes that need to be made in the WELCA booklet, please call and let the church office know by August 1st.**

## Country Time

Country Time will be held on September 17, 2023. The WELCA Board and Committee Chairs will begin meeting in June to plan this annual event. Volunteers are always needed to help with committees, work on the day of the event along with donating food and/or resources. Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall for anyone interested in helping with this event. You may contact Betty Heitland to volunteer. We are looking forward to working together again.



## Altar Guild

Altar Guild is in need of a couple people to fill some open spots on guild. If interested, please contact Kelly Zurcher.



## Stained Glass Windows

### Stained Glass Window Project Update and Opportunity

As noted in several bulletin updates last Fall and Winter, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has been investigating options and bids for the repair and renovation of the antique stained glass windows in the Sanctuary. The five large windows provided the theme and Bible verses that were the subject and focus of our guest pastors during St. Peter Lutheran's sesquicentennial year. The 3 initial windows were part of the church construction in 1914, and the additional 2 larger windows were added in 1952 during a remodeling project. In addition to the five larger windows, there are another 17 smaller and medium stained glass windows that will be part of this repair and renovation project.



The committee will bring a recommendation to the Church Council meeting in June for approval, and at this time the proposal that is moving forward for final approval totals \$162,000 – with a 10% contingency built into the cost to allow time for fundraising and inflation before construction/repairs can begin the projected cost will be \$180,000. This is a significant, but necessary, investment to maintain these beautiful windows in our church. And, it will require support from members and friends of the church.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee will assist the Buildings and Grounds to invite gifts and short-term pledges for funding this project. We encourage individuals, couples, and extended families to consider support of this effort – all gifts are welcomed! We also are offering the opportunity to support the project in the form of memorials to remember loved ones or in honor of someone special. The 5 large windows can be renovated and recognized in a special memorial/honorarium giving booklet that will be put on display at the level of \$20,000 - \$25,000 per window. Smaller windows can be memorialized at the \$5,000 level.

Please contact the church office, church treasurer, or a member of the Stewardship Committee to discuss if you have interest, questions, or would like to “reserve” a window recognition option for you or your family. We encourage gifts to this project above and beyond the normal support of the ministry and outreach of St. Peter with your normal offerings and support. Thank you!

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### Ministry of the Food Bank

Nonperishable food items or  
financial donations

**“It is more blessed to give  
than to receive...”**

### Food Bank

Food Bank suggested items  
for the month of June are  
hand soap & shampoo. All  
donations are appreciated,  
we can use any food or paper  
items that are given to us.



## St. Peter Lutheran JUNE Birthdays

1 - Lisa Steere  
2 - Keith McCormick  
4 - John Worley  
5 - Braxton Taylor  
7 - Aidan Gotto,  
Robin Majewski,  
Roger Martzahn,  
Eyla Sheppard  
Darlyce Steere,  
Cheryl Warner,  
Sawyer Zimmerman  
10 - Janet Bradley,  
Macabe Klink,  
Jaydon Siemons  
11 - Carrie Tidemanson  
12 - Haily Backer

13 - Kendall Leavens,  
Dustin Osier  
14 - Jeff Dralle,  
Linda Schafer,  
Morgan Weiskamp  
15 - David Crow,  
Jocelyn Lewis,  
Megan Schmidt  
16 - Ashley Mead,  
Jeremy Richards  
18 - Carrie Eiklenborg,  
Jeanette Miller,  
Addasyn Spain  
19 - Roger Backer,  
Justin Rogers

20 - Evan McCormick,  
Dick Reser  
21 - Hayzel Stroberg  
22 - Greg Eiklenborg,  
Anna Mae Steere  
23 - Nancy Ebling,  
Connie Yerkes  
25 - Marilyn Steere  
26 - Kenadee McCormick,  
Cheryl Rogers  
28 - Cooper Backer,  
Darrel Wiele  
29 - Joe Nelson  
30 - Nickolas Brummond,  
Emma DeVries,  
Jessi Harms

## Vacation Bible School

It's time to sign up  
for Vacation Bible  
School!



Vacation Bible School  
will be July 5th - 6th  
for 1st grade - 5th grade from 5:00 - 8:00  
pm with a meal at 5:00 pm at St. Peter  
Lutheran Church.

July 5th - 7th for 3 years old - K from  
8:30 - 11:30 am at Mary Catholic Church.

We also need LOTS of youth and adult  
volunteers to make VBS happen! If  
anyone is willing to volunteer to help at  
VBS please email or call Liz Schroeder  
[lizeckhardt@yahoo.com](mailto:lizeckhardt@yahoo.com) 641-420-6136

Registration form is available in last  
months newsletter and outside the  
church office. **Registration deadline is  
Monday, June 5th.**

## A Prayer for Aging with Dignity

I don't want to grow old, God. I don't want any  
part of it. But since I have no power to stop the  
clock, my prayer is this: Let me age with grace.

Show me the way, God. Be with me. Grant  
health to my body and clarity to my mind. Give  
me strength. Help me to overcome my vanity.

Teach me to combat self-pity. Don't allow me to  
become set in my ways. Shield me from  
isolation and from loneliness.

May the love of my family and friends be my  
reward for all the struggles of my youth.

Let all the blessing of age emanate from me.  
Let wisdom flow from my mouth, let  
compassion flow from my heart, let acts of  
kindness flow from arms, let faith flow from my  
soul, let joy shine forth from my eyes. Amen.

-Author unknown

## June Worship Servants

*The greatest among you will be your servant. - Matthew 23:11*

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!

June Communion Bread  
(1<sup>st</sup> weekend)—Monika Teeple

### June 3-4

6:00 Saturday, June 3

*Usher:* Carol Barth  
*Lector:* Carol Barth  
*Communion:* Carol Barth

9:00 Sunday, June 4

*Ushers:* Owen Almeliem  
Keith Hyman  
*Lector:* Addy Spain  
*Communion:* Addy Spain

### June 10-11

6:00 Saturday, June 10

*Usher:* Dawn Van Etten  
*Lector:* Dawn Van Etten

9:00 Sunday, June 11

*Ushers:* Cheryle Arjes  
June Vogelmann  
*Lector:* Liz Schroeder

### June 17-18

6:00 Saturday, June 17

*Usher:* Kelly Zurcher  
*Lector:* Keith Christensen

9:00 Sunday, June 18

*Ushers:* Laurie Schultz  
Emma Wedeking  
*Lector:* Laurie Schultz

### June 24-25

6:00 Saturday, June 24

*Usher:* Tim Brunner  
*Lector:* Mary Brinkman

9:00 Sunday, June 25 in Perrin Park

*Ushers:* Delos Adelmund  
Delores Adelmund  
*Lector:* Amy Testroet

## Worship in Perrin Park

St. Peter Lutheran will be having worship in Perrin Park at the South Shelter house on Sunday, June 25th and Sunday, July 23rd at 9:00 am. In case of bad weather, worship will be held at the church. So bring your lawn chair and enjoy our outdoor worship.





**We're looking for lots of youth help with VBS again this year!**

VBS will be **July 5-7**, with options to help in the mornings and/or evenings. Please talk to Liz Schroeder if you're available!



All Montana Trip Youth are expected to help with River Days clean up on **June 17th and 18th**. Please meet at the park at 7:30 am.

We need as many hands as possible, so please do your part and help out. Parents are greatly appreciated also!



**JUNE**

**10 - Macabe Klink**

**18 - Addy Spain**

**20 - Evan McCormick**

## **Can Sorting Schedule**

**Watch Facebook for reminders about cans**



Psalm 118:24

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.

Please continue to watch the church Facebook pages for activities and opportunities to be active in our community this summer.



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