

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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Lent, World Day of Prayer, Quilt Dedication,
Servant Leaders, Egg My Yard

MARCH 2023

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

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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.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene, Iowa
Unofficial Council Minutes January 29, 2023

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

President Erin called the meeting to order

Introduction of everyone

Secretary Minutes -Dana motioned to approve. Dixie second. Motion carried

Nomination for President and Vice President Dixie nominated Erin Mulder for President and Phil Wahlgren Vice President

Accepted by candidates -Dixie made a motion to approve President Erin and Vice President Phil. Dawn Second. Motion carried

Nomination for Secretary Dixie nominated Christine Shultz. Accepted by Christine -Dixie made a motion to approve Secretary

Christine. Keith Second. Motion carried

Committees assigned Call Committee - Dana Frerichs, Building and Grounds - Dawn Van Etten, Dixie Hughes, Phil Wahlgren, Les Steere

Education & Youth - Dana Frerichs, Christine Shultz, Lyndsie Pitzengerger, Stewardship & Finance - Cheryle Arjes, Keith Christensen,

Worship & Evangelism - John Backer, Personnel - Dixie Hughes, John Backer, WELCA - Julie Brinkman

Congregational members on committees Brooke Landers - Christian Education, Jan Osier will be replacing Stacie Osier on

Stewardship & Finance -John made a motion to approve congregational members on committees. Phil Second. Motion carried

Church Council Covenant was reviewed

Action Items - How much will we be offering to youth going to church camp. -Keith made a motion to approve \$250 per child.

Dawn Second. Motion carried

Date for installation of Council Members in February. February 4th and 5th

Lent offerings. -Keith made a motion to give 50% to both Lutheran Service of Iowa and Greene Food Bank. Phil Second. Motion carried

Lee and Pat Calease have requested their membership at St. Peter Lutheran be removed. -Dawn motioned to accept request. John

second. Motion carried

AED - battery and pads These are checked by John Backer

Additions Update to Congregational Directory phone numbers i.e Cell phones. Council to go through directory and forward cell phone numbers to Robin.

Keith made a motion to update the wording on page 28 in the Annual Report from Audit to Financial Review Committee. -Phil Second.

Motion carried

Phil motion to approve Treasurer report in annual meeting. -Dana Second. Motion carried

Committee Reports - Call Committee One rostered pastoral candidate. Erin and Dana stated the individual meets the list of requirements and the profile that our Church submitted to the Synod and the first interview date is set. Current Ministry sharing with St.

James is not on the profile as it was put in place after profile was created. Dana is making sure that it is included in future information.

Education & Youth Confirmation, Food Pack event in March, Luther League, Deadline 1/29 for Luther League trip to Bozeman Montana leaving 7/15 to 7/22. Currently 10 youth signed up.

Stewardship and Finance - Next meeting first Monday of the month 2/6

Worship & Evangelism - Next meeting first Monday of the month 2/6

Personnel Will review possible contract for new pastor and meet with Treasurer to discuss and review when a new pastor accepts call

WELCA Pizza and Bowling gathering 2/5 12-2. Sending Valentine balloons to shut-in

150th Anniversary Committee The 150th committee has donated the proceeds of the 150th Anniversary to the Stain Glass Window Fund.

-Dawn made a motion to approve the committee report. Dixie second. Motion carried

Madison Ralls sent a thank you and her grades to thank St Peters on her scholarship. She is doing very well.

Next meeting is March 1st.

Council discussed the menu for the Lent supper they will be serving. It will be a baked potato bar on March 8th.

Phil motioned to adjourn meeting. Dixie Second. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

**Greene
Food Bank**



Lent Offerings

This year the offering will be divided
1/2 to Greene Food Bank
1/2 to LSI



**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
February 20, 2023**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$150,423.78
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$150,423.78
Other Fund Balances	
Technology	\$2,470.83
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,039.75
Building and Repair	\$280.56
Fellowship	\$2,456.97
Thrivent Choice	\$3,023.00
Restoration	\$46,392.72
Missionary Support	\$385.00
150th Celebration	\$0.00
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	\$56,498.83
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$185,767.68
Money Market	<u>\$21,154.93</u>
Total	\$206,922.61
Goyer Scholarship	\$21,563.99
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,015.80

Planned Giving

Our lives are journeys of faith and generosity. As our faith matures and deepens, so does the way 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**



MARCH - Holy Communion

6:00 pm - Saturday, March 4th

9:00 am - Sunday, March 5th

•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.

Drive-Up Communion

Sunday, March 5th from 10:00 - 10:15 am. This will be behind the fellowship hall under the canopy.



LSI

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month! Take time this month to recognize social workers in your life and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa, we want to give thanks to all our social workers who do such important work every single day. Without you, LSI wouldn't be able to provide the essential services that Iowa families need.

Our social workers provide a variety of services to families in Iowa, such as crisis child care, in-home programs and classes for parents. These services provide families the support and education they need to care for their young children.

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

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Quilt Dedication

Quilt Dedication will be held Saturday evening March 18th and Sunday morning March 19th.

Our Lutheran World Relief items will be going to the Spring Ingathering at Redeemer



Lutheran Church in Waverly, on Saturday, April 15th, from 8 – 11 a.m.

Vacation Bible School

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to be St. Peter Lutheran church coordinators for Vacation Bible School next year. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Liz Schroeder at lizeckhardt@yahoo.com.



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

Linda Landers

\$25.00 to the Organ Fund by friends.



St. Peter WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: MARCH - Faith Circle

3rd - World Day of Prayer at Greene Yoke Br-Pr-Um TBA

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

18th & 19th - Quilt dedication

20th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be hosted by Greene Yoke Br-Pr-Um on Friday, March 3rd TBA.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March.



First Communion

First Communion for 5th grade students is planned for Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 am worship.

We will hold 3 sessions to prepare the students. First session will be Saturday, March 4 (creating pottery) at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Second session is Sunday, March 26 at 10:00 am (baking bread), and Final session is Saturday, April 1 at 4:30 pm.



2023 Servant Leaders of St. Peter Lutheran Church

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Erin Mulder ('24) - President
Phil Wahlgren ('25) - Vice President
Christine Shultz ('26) - Secretary

Pastor

Dana Frerichs ('24)
John Backer ('24)
Dawn Van Etten ('24)
Cheryle Arjes ('25)
Keith Christensen ('25)
Dixie Hughes ('25)
Lyndsie Pitzenberger ('26)
Addy Spain ('26)
Les Steere ('26)

Gale Brinkman - Treasurer
Holly Wedeking - Financial Secretary

COMMITTEES:

Personnel:

Dixie Hughes
John Backer ('25)
Jeff Dralle ('23)
Clarene Backer ('24)

Nominating:

Esther Backer ('24)
Clarene Backer ('24)
William Schmidt ('24)
Owen Almelién ('25)
Andrea Gotto ('25)
Lindsay Landers ('25)
Jan Osier ('25)
Tracy Steere ('25)

Building & Grounds:

Dawn Van Etten
Dixie Hughes
Les Steere
Phil Wahlgren
Gary Schmidt ('24)
Roland Martzahn ('25)
Leah Reser ('26)

Christian Education &

Youth Work:

Lyndsie Pitzenberger
Dana Frerichs
Christine Shultz
Brooke Landers ('24)
Liz Schroeder ('25)
Bridget Shultz ('26)

Stewardship & Finance:

Keith Christensen
Cheryle Arjes
Jan Osier ('24)
Laurie Shultz ('25)
Monika Teeple ('26)

Worship & Evangelism:

John Backer
Addy Spain
John Ebensberger ('24)
Mary Brinkman ('25)
Delores Adelmund ('26)
Esther Backer
Sandra Schuknecht, advisor

Financial Review:

Lisa Landers ('24)
?? ('25)
Terri O'Brien ('26)

There is a spot open on our **Financial Review Committee.**

All confirmed members are eligible to serve on a committee. Please pray and ask where God might be calling you to serve, and then if you're interested, contact any of the council members (in bold type) on the committee you're interested in or President Erin Mulder.

Thank
you!
Volunteers



St. Peter Lutheran MARCH Birthdays

1. Aaron Hanson
3. Juliene Bramer
4. Delores Adelmund,
Clint Griffin
6. Pastor Kent Mechler,
Benjamin Miller,
Bruce Sneed
7. Troy Feldman,
Emily Pittenger,
Paul Rover
8. Cody George,
Corey Hoodjer
9. Tina Freesemann,
Betty Heitland
11. David Martzahn
12. Richard Kleinschmidt
13. Kinsley Knapp,
Milo Muhlenbruck,
Rod Steere

14. Harold Kock,
Fred Miller
15. Calley Steere,
Cindy (Mike) Steere
16. Layton Nordmeyer,
Bridget Shultz,
Samantha Yerkes
17. Jaret Wunsch
19. Fred Meyne
22. Cheryl Christensen,
Logan Nordmeyer,
Kiera Steere,
Josie Vanderloop,
Remington Wordes
23. Sue Brinkman,
Andrea Gotto,
Lucas Wedeking
24. Dominick Nicholson
25. Linnea Gabe,
Darla Spratt

26. Carrie Jensen,
Haley Landers,
Lisa Landers,
Allen Schroeder,
Levi Zimmerman
27. Eislely Dralle,
Taylor Jensen,
April Kleinschmidt,
Chase Wiegmann
28. Denise Brummond,
Paul Christensen,
Marlene Landers
29. Marlene Marsh,
Hayden Sage
30. Maria Mathers,
Kari Raush
31. Brooke Landers,
Chance Nicholson,
Larry Ott,
Tammy Wiedeman

Camperships

St. Peter has a long history of supporting our youth as they attend the various Bible camps in our area. Each year we offer some assistance to any youth who chooses to go to a camp. This year any youth of St. Peter who wishes to attend a Lutheran Bible Camp will get \$275.00 (\$250 from St. Peter and \$25 from WELCA), but not to exceed the cost of the camp. So grab a camp brochure and get them registered for Bible Camp this summer!

It is also very important to know that if you want to go to camp, but just don't have the funds, contact the church office and we will help find the money needed. No one needs skip attending a Bible Camp just because money is limited. All inquiries will be strictly confidential.



Food Bank

Food Bank item for the month of March is **toothbrushes & toothpaste**. 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.



Lent Worship



Worship is at 7:00 pm

March 1 at St. Peter Lutheran Church

March 8 at St. Peter Lutheran Church

March 15 at First Presbyterian Church

March 22 at St. Peter Lutheran Church

March 29 at First Presbyterian Church

Lent Suppers

March 8th hosted by Church Council

March 22nd hosted by Jr. High Ministry

6:00 pm at St. Peter
Lutheran Church

Everyone is welcome
to attend.

Free will offering.



March 1st following worship
there will be fellowship
hosted by WELCA

Egg My Yard

The St. Peter Junior High youth will once again be doing an "Egg My Yard" fundraiser. Let us help you create a fun at-home egg hunt by spreading plastic eggs filled with candy and toys throughout your yard. Cost for the eggs are 2 dozen - \$15, 4 dozen - \$30, 8 dozen - \$50. You can also order this as a fun surprise to be sent to a friend or family member to help brighten their Easter!

All proceeds from this event will be used to help grow this ministry and offer additional fellowship and service events for our junior high students. To sign up please email the church office stpeter@myomnitel.com or call the office 641-816-5531. There is also a form available in this newsletter, please fill out along with payment and mail to St. Peter Lutheran or drop off at the church office.

The deadline to order eggs is **Friday, March 31st** and all deliveries will be made the evening of Saturday, April 8th - just in time for Easter morning!

A poster for the "Egg My Yard!" fundraiser. The background is a green field with several colorful plastic eggs (pink, orange, yellow, blue) in the foreground. The text on the poster reads: "EGG MY YARD! ST. PETER JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER". Below this, there are two boxes. The left box contains the text: "SIGN UP TO HAVE CANDY AND TOY FILLED EGGS DELIVERED IN YOUR YARD AND WAKE UP TO A FUN AT HOME EGG HUNT ON EASTER MORNING!". The right box contains the pricing: "2 DOZEN - \$15", "4 DOZEN - \$30", and "8 DOZEN - \$50".

Annual Congregational Meeting
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene, IA
Sunday, January 29, 2023
Unofficial Minutes

There were 31 voting members in attendance

President Erin Mulder called the meeting to order.

Jeff Dralle made a motion to cease nominations and approve the 5 nominations for church council Lyndsie Pitzenberger, Christine Shultz, Addy Spain and Les Steere for a 3 year term and John Backer to fill an unexpired term.

-Laurie Shultz second the motion. Motion carried

Keith Christensen Made a motion to approve ELCA's model constitution for congregations year 2022

-Monica Teeple second. Motion passed

Call committee

Dana Frerichs gave update that one applicant with a rostered pastor has been scheduled for an interview in two weeks.

Proposed Budget

Gale Brinkman discussed some of the challenges there are when predicting a budget without a pastor. Pastor typically takes up to 50% of Budget.

-Jeff Dralle made a motion to approve budget. Dawn Van Etten Second. Motion carried

Corrections for the Annual Report:

The number of Baptized last year was 4.

Dawn Van Etten updated for Building and grounds

-It was determined the Sanctuary roof replacement is not needed at this time

-Window project is moving forward.

Keith Christensen updated for the Stewardship and Finance committee

-They are wondering if a regular stewardship and annual stewardship drive would help to make a neutral budget. Benefits would make budgeting a more predictable process.

-Laurie Shultz made a motion to approve the reports with the corrections.

-Phil Wahlgren second motion. Motion carried

Keith Christensen gave benediction

Dawn Deines-Christensen motioned to adjourn meeting. Dawn Van Etten second. Motion carried

Generosity

We can learn to be generous disciples. In a recent workshop on faith and giving, the presenter reminded us that “Generosity is a basic orientation to life. It is a learned character trait, an attitude, a practice, and it is a virtue.”

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” — Galatians 5:22-23

I’ve met generous people before, those who are generous deep down into the core of their being. It oozes out of them in the way they talk with words and body language that say “you are welcome, it is so good you are here, and I will make sure this is a safe space for you to be you.”

When they share their time, they are fully present. When they volunteer and commit to something, you know it will be done. They know what matters to them, and they actively pray to discern what might matter to God. They support the ministries that they are called to with generous financial support and the use of their time and talents.

Have you met these generous people? There are so many traits that make up an embodied, truly generous person. One of the gifts they provide, for which I am deeply grateful, is the gift of space—a hospitality in their mind and heart. This hospitality allows me space to think, create, wonder, or simply be without fear of judgement or being mocked.

I want to be a deeply generous person like the one described in this article. Do you? Because God is so generous with abundant grace, we are called to respond by living our lives generously and giving freely of our time, talents, and money to those ministries that are important to us, and that we feel God is calling us to.

Generosity is a process. It is not a destination that we arrive at; it is a goal that pulls us ever forward into new and exciting endeavors. Whether you are new to the practice of living generously or you have been practicing these skills and behaviors for years, we are all called to continue to grow in our generosity.

I hope you might join me in our mutual calling to practice the art of generous living and help to cultivate generous communities. Be a beacon of generosity that creates hospitality for those around you. Give freely of your time, talents, and money.

There is no shortage of need in our world, whether our immediate community, our geographical region, or our planet. But the good news of Jesus Christ is that God is abundant in grace. In response to that abundance, we are called to live with abundant generosity, knowing that the Holy Spirit will equip us for all the good work that we are called to do.

— *Pastor Liz*

From February 2023 issue of the Northeastern Iowa Synod’s *Star* newsletter

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"Egg My Yard" Fundraiser Sign Up Form

Please fill out the information below if you would like to have eggs filled with candy and toys distributed in your yard (or someone else's yard) and wake up to a fun at-home egg hunt on Easter morning!

All eggs will be filled by the students and delivered the evening of Saturday, April 8th.

Please return this form and payment to the church office by Friday, March 31st.

Thank you for supporting our Junior High Ministry!

•Your Name

•Your Phone Number

•Address where you would like the eggs DELIVERED (please note we are willing to deliver to neighboring towns such as Allison and Clarksville, but for addresses outside of Greene there will be an additional \$5 delivery fee)

•Is the address listed above YOUR house, or are you surprising someone ELSE?

The address listed is my home

The address listed is the home I wish to surprise

•How many eggs would you like delivered?

2 dozen (\$15)

4 dozen (\$30)

8 dozen (\$50)

•Where would you like the eggs distributed?

Front yard

Back yard

Both front and back yards

No preference

•Would you like the eggs to be out in the open or somewhat hidden?

Out in the open

Somewhat hidden

•Checks can be made out to "Jr. High Ministry"

Mail this form and payment to "Jr. High Ministry" at PO Box 638, Greene, IA 50636

Drop off this form and payment directly at St. Peter Lutheran Church office

Payment and form deadline is March 31st



Wednesday Lenten Schedule

6:00 pm - Supper on March 8th & 22nd

6:15 pm - Confirmation

7:00 pm - Worship

**There is no confirmation on March 15th*



March

22 - Kiera Steere

March 8th - Luther League will meet
at 6:00 pm at St. Peter

March 22nd - All Montana Trip youth meet
at 4:00 pm at St. James

Confirmation students – don't
forget that you need to complete 20
sermon notes prior to the end of
our class this spring on April 30th.



Can Sorting Schedule



March 5th & 19th
All Montana Trip Youth meet at
recycling center at 10:45 am

MARCH 2023 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

Church Office Email - stpeter@myomnitel.com Church Website: www.stpetergreene.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ushers and Lectors - Call the church office to volunteer.			1 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Lenten Worship at St. Peter Lutheran 7:30 pm Fellowship 7:30 pm Church Council meeting	2	3 World Day of Prayer - Greene Yoke Br-Pc-Um	4 4:30 pm First Communion class 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
	5 9:00 am Worship with Communion 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Trip Youth - cans	6 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting	7	8 6:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm Luther League at St. Peter 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Lenten Worship at St. Peter Lutheran	9 9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle meeting	10
12 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts: Turn Clocks Forward</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	13	14	15 Newsletter Items Due 7:00 pm Lenten Worship at First Presbyterian	16	17	18 6:00 pm Worship <i>Quilt Dedication</i>
19 9:00 am Worship <i>Quilt Dedication</i> 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Trip Youth - cans	20 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	21 Senior Health Clinic	22 4:00 pm Trip Youth at St. James 6:00 pm Supper 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Lenten Worship at St. Peter Lutheran	23	24	25 6:00 pm Worship
26 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am First Communion class	27	28	29 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Lenten Worship at First Presbyterian	30	31	<u>Altar Guild:</u> Robin Ralls, Kelly Zurcher

