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Lent, World Day of Prayer, Egg My Yard, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Victory of God at Easter!

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 2024

The Newsletter of St. Peter Lutheran Church [ELCA], Greene, IA Church Office - 641-816-5531 Church Office Email - stpeter@myomnitel.com Website: www.stpetergreene.com Facebook Pages: St Peter Lutheran Church and St. Peter Lutheran Church Children and Youth Streaming: YouTube St Peter Lutheran Greene



COLOSSIANS 3:4

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene, Iowa Unofficial Council Minutes January 28, 2024

Present: John Backer, Nancy Reser, Dana Frerichs, Cheryle Arjes, Dixie Hughes, Phil Wahlgren, Erin Mulder, Keith Christensen, Carrie Eiklenborg, Christine Shultz, Lyndsie Pitzenberger. Absent: Les Steere. Also present: Gale Brinkman, Marilyn Wahlgren, Robin Majewski

Keith moved, Cheryle seconded – Motion passed to open the meeting. Erin called to order.

- 1. Discussed Covenant
- 2. Elected John Backer as President, Erin Mulder as Vice President, and Carrie Eiklenborg as Secretary
- 3. Council members chose committees to participate on.
- 4. Secretary's Minutes Erin moved, Phil seconded, motion passed to approve minutes.
- 5. Treasure's report Not available due to earlier meeting date
- 6. Additions to Agenda Action items J. and K.
- 7. Action Items
 - A. Keith moved, Christine seconded, motion passed to offer youth going to church camp \$250/ camper
 - B. Council members will be installed Feb. 11 at both 9:00 and 11:00 services.
 - C. Christine moved, Phil seconded, motion passed to divide Lent Offerings between Butler Co. Visions of Wellbeing and the Greene Food Bank.
 - D. Erin moved, Carrie seconded, motion passed to continue 11:00 service until the summer schedule begins.
 - E. Erin moved, Keith seconded, motion passed to purchase Cradle Roll materials from Augsburg Publishing for the first year. Dixie and Mary Brinkman will take care of mailings and updating the Cradle Roll.
 - F. Revising wedding policy fees for active and non-active members discussed. Dana, Erin, and Robin will create a draft to be reviewed later.
 - G. Erin moved, Phil seconded, motion passed to approve paying \$50 + mileage for lay leaders.
 - H. Ash Wednesday service will be led by Pastor Joan with the Youth helping with communion and Erin helping with ashes.
 - I. Lenten meals will be on Feb. 14, Feb. 28, and Mar. 20 with the 20th being served by Church Council. Meals will begin at 5:30.
 - J. The back door under the canopy sticks. Buildings and Grounds will contact someone to repair it.
 - K. We have possible leads for a Pastor.
- 8. Pastor's Report NA
- 9. Committee Reports
 - Call Committee did not meet
 - Buildings and Grounds Checking on repair for back door, Rachel (custodian) is doing well
 - Education and Youth did not meet, looking for chaperones for Luther League trip on July 12-15 to Chicago.
 - Stewardship and Finance did not meet, 13 of 26 stain glass windows have been adopted.
 - Worship and Evangelism seeking ideas to increase outreach to the community.
 - Personnel did not meet
 - Mutual Ministry need to form this committee before we get a pastor
 - WELCA Free Bowling and Pizza on Feb. 11th from 11:30-1:30
 - Christine moved, Phil seconded, motion passed to approve committee reports.
- 10. Phil moved, Cheryle seconded, motion passed to adjourn meeting.

Lent Offerings



This year the offering will be divided 1/2 to Greene Food Bank 1/2 to Butler County Vision of Wellbeing



St. Peter Lutheran Church Financial Report February 18, 2024

	ding Balance							
Current Fund Balance	\$74,303.47							
Current Fund Amount in MMDA <u>\$0.00</u>								
\$74,303.42								
Other Fund Balances								
Technology	Technology \$2,890.83							
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,155.00							
Building and Repair	\$1,819.16							
Stained Glass Windows	\$131,342.18							
Fellowship	\$2,607.24							
Thrivent Choice	\$2,423.00							
Restoration	\$45,430.54							
Missionary Support	\$235.00							
Balcony Improvement	\$1,000.00							
AED	\$450.00							
	\$189,352.95							
Bank Balance								
Checking	\$242,334.64							
Money Market	\$21,321.78							
Total	\$263,656.42							
Goyer Scholarship	\$2,205.60							
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,268.18							

Giving QR Code



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.

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.

MARCH - Holy Communion

9:00 am - Sunday, March 3rd & 31st 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday, March 28th

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

Home Communions

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.

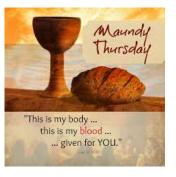
If you have not be contacted and would like communion in your home, please call the church office and schedule a time for the us to come to you.

Holy Week: The Heart of the Christian Faith



Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30 pm with Communion

How important must it have been for Jesus with less than 24 hours to live, to command His followers to love and serve one another? Extremely! So come and share in the Lord's supper and renew your commitment to following the command of your Lord and Savior.



Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm

Come to the cross and bring your sins to Jesus. Let the wounds of our Lord bring forgiveness and Life.



Easter Worship 9:00 am Christ Is Risen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Come celebrate the good news that the tomb is empty and Jesus is aligned. Christ the

alive! Christ the Lord is risen today, and Christians gather to sing praises to our risen Lord.



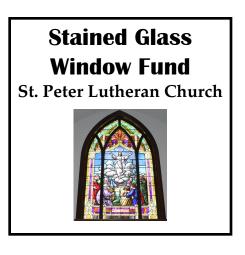


Easter Flowers

Flowers around church on Easter Sunday add to the beauty of the day. This year we are having a variety of flowers. Please stop at our local florist to place your



order and they will deliver to the church or bring your purchased flower to St. Peter fellowship hall by Saturday, March 30th by 9:00 am. You may take your flowers home after the worship service on Easter Sunday, March 31st. Please let the church office know who the flowers are in memory of by March 26th.





St. Peter WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: MARCH - Faith Circle

1st - World Day of Prayer at St. Peter Lutheran Church at 1:00 pm

- 14th Bible Study 9:30 am Faith refreshments
- 18th Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm
- 23rd Ladies Luncheon 10:30 am
- 30th Put up Easter flowers

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be hosted by St. Peter Lutheran Church on Friday, March 1st at 1:00 p.m. 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. This years program comes from the women of Palestine. Our theme is "Bear with one another in love" (Ephesians 4: 1 - 3).



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.



Sunday School

Sunday School will meet Sunday, March 3rd at 10:00 am.



2024 Servant Leaders of St. Peter Lutheran Church

CHURCH COUNCIL:

John Backer ('27) - President Erin Mulder ('26) - Vice President Carrie Eiklenborg (27) - Secretary Cheryle Arjes ('25) Keith Christensen ('25) Dixie Hughes ('25) Phil Wahlgren ('25) Lyndsie Pitzenberger ('26) Christine Shultz ('26) Les Steere ('26) Dana Frerichs ('27) Nancy Reser (27) Pastor

Marilyn Wahlgren - Treasurer Holly Wedeking - Financial Secretary

COMMITTEES:

Building & Grounds: Dixie Hughes Les Steere Phil Wahlgren Roland Martzahn ('25) Leah Reser ('26) Keith Hyman ('27)

<u>Christian Education & Youth</u> <u>Work:</u> Lyndsie Pitzenberger Dana Frerichs Christine Shultz Liz Schroeder ('25) Bridget Shultz ('26) Brooke Landers ('27) <u>Stewardship & Finance:</u> Keith Christensen Cheryle Arjes Erin Mulder Laurie Shultz ('25) Monika Teeple ('26) Nancy Ebling ('27)

Worship & Evangelism: Carrie Eiklenborg Nancy Reser Mary Brinkman ('25) Delores Adelmund ('26) Terri O'Brien ('27) Esther Backer Sandra Schuknecht, advisor

<u>Personnel:</u> Dixie Hughes Christine Shultz ?? ('25) Jeff Dralle ('26) Emily Pittenger ('27)

Mutual Ministry:

?? ?? ??

Call: Dana Frerichs John Backer Carol Barth Dawn Deines-Christensen Kelly Hoodjer Reagan Mulder Matt Pittenger

Nominating:

Owen Almelien ('25) Andrea Gotto ('25) Lindsay Landers ('25) Jan Osier ('25) Tracy Steere ('25) Dawn Van Etten ('26)

<u>Financial Review:</u>

Jan Osier ('25) Terri O'Brien ('26) Lisa Landers ('27)



St. Peter Lutheran MARCH Birthdays

1. Aaron Hanson 3. Iuliene 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, Lisa Landers, Haley Lehman, Allen Schroeder, Levi Zimmerman 27. Eisley Dralle, Taylor Jensen, April Kleinschmidt, Chase Wiegmann 28. Denise Brummond, Paul Christensen, Marlene Landers 29. Marlene Marsh, Hayden Sage 30. Maria Mathers, Kari Reser 31. Brooke Landers, Chance Nicholson, Larry Ott, Tammy Wiedeman

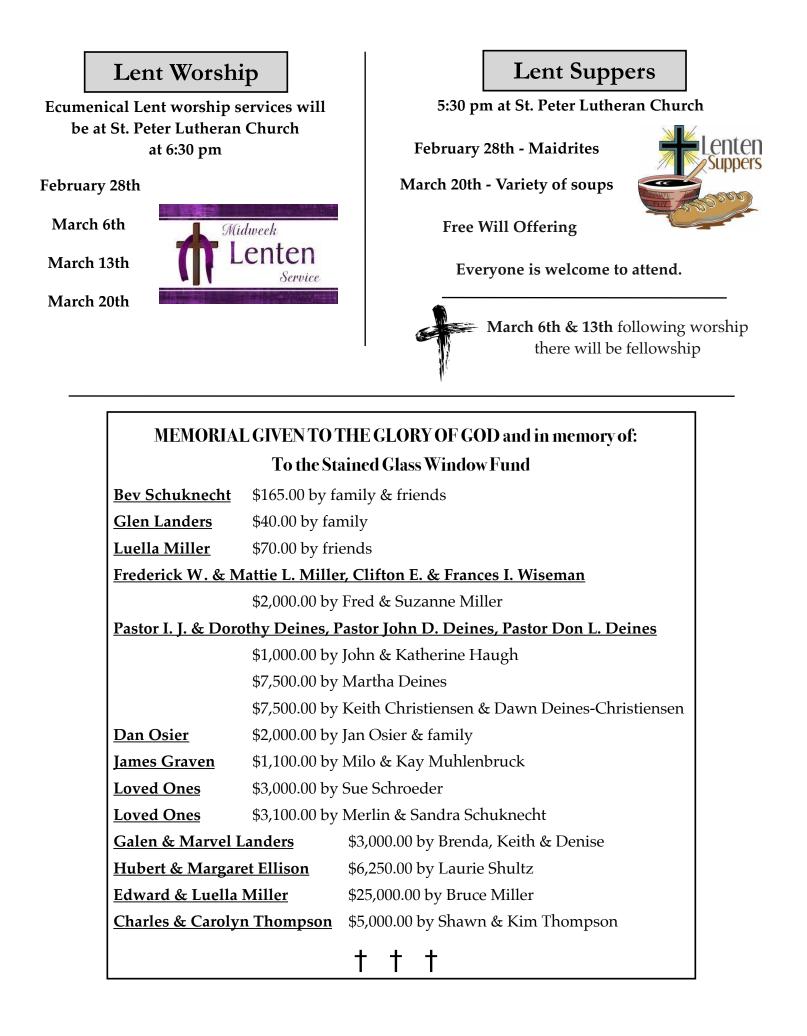
Camperships

St. Peter has a long history of supporting our youth as they attend the various Lutheran 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 a Lutheran 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 Lutheran Bible Camp just because money is limited. All inquiries will be strictly confidential. For any pastoral need you might have, please call President John Backer 303-519-5284, Vice President Erin Mulder 319-239-6685 or Robin at the church 816-5531.



March 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!

Don't forget Lent Services on Wednesdays!

Communion (3/3/24 & 3/31/24) Bread: Mary Brinkman

March 3, 2024

<u>9:00 am Sunday</u> Ushers: Laurie Shultz Merlin Schuknecht Lector: Laurie Shultz Communion: Merlin Schuknecht

March 10, 2024

<u>9:00 am Sunday</u> Ushers: Kelly Hoodjer Mary Brinkman Lector: Mary Brinkman March 17, 2024 9:00 am Sunday Usher: Delos & Delores Adelmund Lector: John Backer

March 24, 2024 9:00 am Palm Sunday Usher: Matt & Emily Pittenger Lector: Emily Pittenger

March 31, 2024

9:00 am Easter Sunday Usher: William Schmidt Dixie Hughes Lector: Keith Christensen Communion: Dixie Hughes



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



Annual Congressional Meeting St. Peter Lutheran Church Greene, IA Sunday January 28, 2024 Unofficial Minutes

There were 53 voting members in attendance.

President Erin Mulder called the meeting to order.

Esther Backer gave the nomination committee report.

Jeff Dralle made a motion to cease nominations and approve the nominations for church council John Backer, Carrie Eiklenborg, Dana Frerichs, and Nancy Reser for a three year term and Erin Mulder to fill an unexpired term.

- John Shultz second the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Dralle made a motion to unanimously elect the candidates.

- John Barth second motion carried.

Proposed Budget

Gale Brinkman discussed the proposed budget.

Keith Christensen made a motion to approve the proposed budget.

- Carrie Eiklenborg second, motion carried.

John Backer made a motion to approve all other minutes, reports.

- Cheryle Arjes second, motion carried.

Keith Christensen with the Stewardship and Finance committee, discussed the window project progress. Currently have 13 of the 26 windows committed.

Call Committee

Dana Frerichs recently updated the ministry profile. At this time there haven't been new applicants. Jeff Dralle said that there are 28 enrolled in seminary currently, but it is unknown if the interest is in northeast Iowa.

Keith Christensen gave benediction.

Dawn Deines-Christensen motioned to adjourn meeting. Monika Teeple second. Motion carried.

Please Notify

the church office or a church council member of any hospitalizations, health problems or any other concerns involving St. Peter members and their families. We can't help, if we don't know.

LSI

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we are grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

At LSI, we believe every Iowan deserves the independence they need to thrive. LSI's Host Homes is an innovative way LSI is serving adults with disabilities. Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected mentor. This program is built entirely around an individual's goals and interests, and LSI's extensive matching process ensures the mentor and mentee are a great fit.

Take a moment to read the following story from a Host Homes mentee:

"My journey with LSI's Host Homes started in early 2023. I've known my mentor for a few years while he provided hourly services to me. We learned about Host Homes and thought it would be a good fit for us. I moved into my mentor's home where he helps me maintain a daily routine with schoolwork, household tasks, daily living skills, improving independence, and more.

I attend a college nearby and go to classes a few days a week. I am able to navigate the local bus system to access my community to attend classes and visit friends. My mentor is always available to transport me into the community as needed.

This summer, I went on a trip across the country with one of my classes. While on this trip, I was able to maintain my independence with limited support, but I knew my mentor would be available by phone to assist me with my coping skills and problem solving. This trip was a big success for me knowing I had support only a phone call away.

I like LSI's Host Homes Program because my mentor supports me in the way I want to be supported, assists me with some daily tasks I struggle with, and understands me."

If you are interested in becoming a Host Homes mentor and helping a fellow Iowan achieve independence, please visit LSIowa.org/HostHomes for more information.



Daily Devotions

Reminder - Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home are available in the fellowship hall for you to pick up.



"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, March 30th. **Please return this form and payment to the church office by Friday, March 22nd.** Thank you for supporting our Junior High Ministry!

• Your Name

• Your Phone Number



•Address where you would like the eggs DELIVERED (Delivery is available within 10 miles of Greene)

• 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 or drop off this form and payment directly at St. Peter Lutheran Church office. Venmo option (for payment) is also available by contacting Bridget Shultz at 319-240-3440. **Payment and order form deadline is March 22nd.**

If you would like to recycle the eggs after the event, you can return them back to St. Peter Lutheran Church 324 E Traer Street and we will reuse them. Thank you!



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St. Peter Lutheran Church Great News About the Stained Glass Project Capital Campaign

The opportunity to support the stained-glass window project has been received with overwhelming success. Out of the 26 windows available, 23 have been "adopted" by individuals, couples or families (only windows 4, 13, and 16 are remaining as of this writing). What a remarkable response – thanks to all who have stepped forward to make gifts or pledges! Two of the remaining windows are the large ones with a restoration cost of \$25,000 each. We've heard from some of you who wanted to adopt a specific window or had hoped to give at a specific level but may be surprised or disappointed that the only remaining options include the more expensive two larger windows. We have a new opportunity for you to consider allowing more people to support this project by making a gift towards the adoption of one of the two large windows. Any new gifts or pledges of \$1000 or more may be designated as a memorial or tribute to the window of your choosing.

We welcome support at all levels. Each donation adds to the success of the project to restore our wonderful stain glass windows for years to come. If you choose to give throughout the year, please make a note on your donation that it goes toward the window project. Thank you!

Please contact the church office or a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee if you have interest or questions.

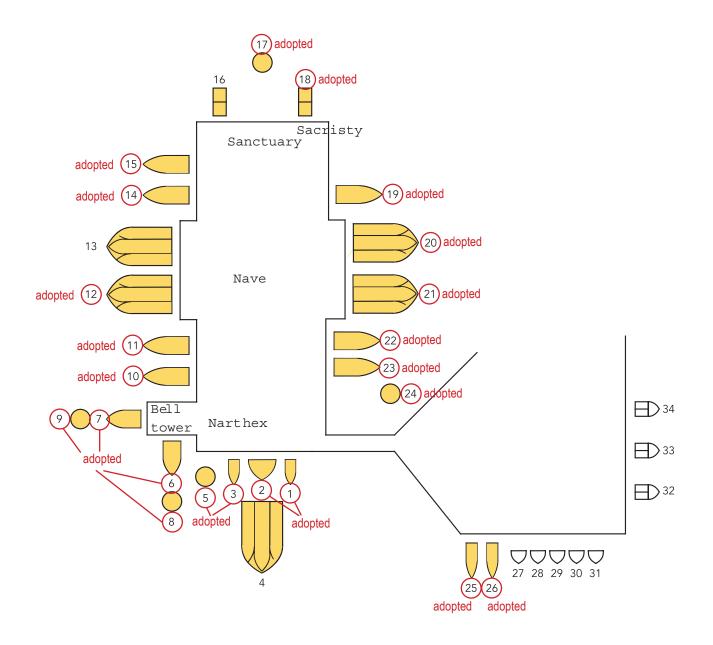
I/we want to adopt the repair of a specific window (see map on next page):

ake your gift a memorial <u>or</u> tribute:
his gift is in memory of
his gift is in honor of
□ Individual/Couple Gift □ Family Gift (multiple donors)
onor name(s)
ddress
hone
onation amount \$
heck Pledge payable over no more than 2 years: \$ /quarter or other
redit 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...



Window Number corresponds to Map







Jr. High Ministry

Confirmation 6:30 pm Class on Wednesdays at St. Peter

"Egg My Yard"

We will be stuffing eggs for the "Egg My Yard" fundraiser on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 pm and then on Saturday, March 30th at 6:30 pm everyone will help with egg deliveries.

Sermon Notes

Remember that you need to complete 16 sermon notes and have them turned in by our last class in May.

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 there is 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 **March 22nd** and all deliveries will be made the evening of Saturday, March 30th - just in time for Easter morning!



March

22 - Kiera Steere 24 - Adri Sheppard 29 - Hayden Sage

Wednesday Lenten Schedule 6:30 pm - Worship on March 6th, 13th & 20th 5:30 pm - Supper on March 20th Luther League Watch Facebook, Remind of the line of the and school announcements the dead? EGG MY YARD! He is not here, ST. PETER JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER but has **LISP** SIGN UP TO HAVE CANDY AND TOY 2 DOZEN - \$15 ILLED EGGS DELIVERED IN YOUR YARD 4 DOZEN - \$30 uke 24:5 AND WAKE UP TO A FUN AT HOME 8 DOZEN - \$50 EGG HUNT ON EASTER MORNING! **Can Sorting**

Schedule

Watch Facebook,

Remind and school

announcements

MARCH 2024 - 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.			Altar Guild: Delores Adelmund, Jeanie Krull		1 1:00 pm World Day of Prayer - St. Peter Lutheran	2
	9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School	4 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm	5	6 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 Lenten Worship at St. Peter Lutheran	7	8	9
10	Daylight Savings Time Starts:	Stewardship Committee meeting 11	12	7:00 pm Church Council meeting 13	14	15	16
	<i>Turn Clocks Forward</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship			6:30 pm Lenten Worship at St. Peter Lutheran	9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle meeting	Newsletter Items Due	
17	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Palm Sunday	18 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	19 Senior Health Clinic	20 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Lenten Worship at St. Peter Lutheran	21	22	23 10:30 am WELCA Ladies Luncheon
	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	25	26	27 6:30 pm Confirmation	28 Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday 6:30 pm Worship	9:00 am Have your
31	Easter Sunday "Christ Is Risen." 9:00 am Worship with Communion			Holy Week	6:30 pm Worship with Communion		Flowers to the church 6:30 pm Confirmation Egg My Yard