

# *St. Peter Lutheran Church*

*[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]*

*Greene, Iowa*

## *2015 Annual Report*

*For the Annual Congregational Meeting - January 31, 2016*

## **St. Peter Lutheran Church Council**

2015

Sylvia Hawker  
Jennifer Hoodjer  
Maria Mathers  
Monika Teeple

2016

Delores Adelmund  
Kelly Hoodjer  
June Vogelman  
Tanya Yerkes

2017

Carrie Eiklenborg  
Eldie Peterson  
Gary Schmidt  
Scott Watkins

2018

Carol Barth  
Jennifer Hoodjer  
Miranda Joebgen  
Phil Wahlgren

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## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

1. Worship is the Opening Devotions
2. Nominating Committee Report
3. Council Elections
4. Proposed Budget
5. Secretary's Report\*
6. Pastor's Report\*
7. Treasurer's Report\*
8. President's Report\*
9. Committee Reports\*
10. Organizations Reports\*
11. Open discussion
12. Benediction
13. Adjournment

\* Will only be referred to during the Annual Meeting if there are questions or comments from the congregation.

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# Parish Report

	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
Membership as of December 31, 2015	818	629
<b>Members received during 2015</b>		
By Baptism: children (15 years & younger)	9	*
By Baptism: adults (16 years & older)	0	0
By affirmation of faith	0	0
By transfer from ELCA congregations	4	4
By transfer from other Lutheran congregation	0	0
From non-Lutheran congregations	0	0
Statistical adjustment	0	0
Total members received during 2015	13	4
Baptized members confirmed in during 2015		7
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>640</b>
<b>Members removed during 2015</b>		
By death	12	12
By transfer to other ELCA congregations	1	1
By transfer to other Lutheran congregations	0	0
To non-Lutheran congregations	1	1
Statistical Adjustment	0	0
Total members removed during 2015	14	14
<b>Membership as of December 31, 2015 -----</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>626</b>

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332 members communed at least once during 2015. (2014 - 368)

86 communion services were held with a total of 3,473 communing. (2014 - 83 services - 3,405)

60 private communions were given during the year to the ill & shut-ins. (2014 - 86)

Average attendance at Saturday night Worship was 51. (2014 - 52)

Average attendance at Sunday morning Worship was 54. (2014 - 61)

Average attendance at Contemporary Worship was 33. (2014 - 29)

Average weekly worship attendance was 138. (2014 - 142)

Average attendance at midweek worship was 73. (2014 - 59)

Christmas Eve attendance - 200. (2014 - 350)

Christmas Day attendance - 14. (2014 - 36)

# Parish Report

## BAPTISMS

Jackson George Shultz  
Finn Christopher Pitzenberger  
Kellen Joseph Ebling  
Jaydon William Landers  
Kayden John Tidemanson  
Luke Tyler Majewski  
Oakley James Ruby  
Carly Lorane Schmidt  
Aubrey Jo Schmidt

## FIRST COMMUNION

None in 2015

## CONFIRMATIONS

Chase John Eiklenborg  
Lauren Judith Hawker  
Caitlin Judith Hyman  
Alexandra Christine Mathers  
Alexis Marie Stirling  
Dallas Bruns Micheal Testroet  
Bryce Richard Trees

## MARRIAGES:

Seth Emory Paul Kleinschmidt  
Linsey Ann Chalgren

David Kee Martzahn  
Olivia Catherine Wilwert

## BURIALS

Adela Sophia Schroedermeier  
Harold Erick Heeren  
Galen Landers  
Marlene Kay Rust  
David Joe Eimers  
Ronald Howard Innes  
Lavone Jean Schroeder  
Lonnie William Steere  
Ronald Emil Steere  
Susan Miller  
Ione Margaret Hildebrand  
Dixie Lee Brinkman  
Irene Marie Landers

## Pastor Sandberg's Report

I have only been at St. Peter for two months, but already I am thankful for your gracious support and the many ways the congregation has sought to live out its mission to proclaim Christ through worship, fellowship and service. I am grateful to those of you who have allowed me into your lives to share moments of sadness and times of great joy. It has been a good start.

But the new year of 2016 must not be more of “business as usual.” Now is the time for you at St. Peter to get radically intentional about our growth in Christ. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote that “*Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.*” I agree.

John Ortberg in his book, “*The Life You’ve Always Wanted*” draws a parallel between our life of discipleship and being invited to run an Olympic marathon. He writes:

*Right now you cannot run a marathon. More to the point, you cannot run a marathon even if you try really, really hard. Trying hard can accomplish only so much. If you are serious about seizing this change of a lifetime, you will have to enter into a life of training. You must arrange your life around certain practices that will enable you to do what you cannot do now by willpower alone. When it comes to running a marathon, you must train and not merely try.*

Such a spiritual transformation is not a matter of trying hard but of training wisely. Learning to think, feel, and act like Jesus is at least as demanding as learning to run a marathon or play the piano. I hope that you will join together in training to develop a healthy and vibrant spiritual life—a life involved in prayer, bible study, learning the art of forgiveness, and sharing the faith.

Such growth is contagious...and it is my hope that being caught by such love and joy will lead us to reach out and share the good news.

I conclude by expressing my thanks to all who have offered their gifts and talents for the benefit of Christ’s church. You are many and your devotion is great. I thank you and wish God’s blessings on you all.

In Christ’s service

Pastor Irving L. Sandberg

## **President's Report**

What can I do? I am just one and my resources are small and my time is limited. Becoming active in a church expands everything that you can do. Combined will power and resources of all the members enhances everything that we can do. January was our first showing of what can be done. Dismantling the Sanctuary for new carpet, sanding the floor and painting was estimated to take 2 or 3 days but it was done in ½ of a day. The same thing happened when putting everything back, ½ a day. Many members stepped up to get the needed services attended to when Pastor Hatcher resigned.

We are trying to expand a communion lay team that can bring communion to the members that cannot make it to a communion service. When you cannot make it to the altar, communion is brought to the pew. When you cannot make it to the pew, communion will be brought to you at your home. Of course advance notice is needed. This service is not to replace the Pastoral visit but in addition to.

We are always looking for new ways to expand our ministry, either expanding the old ways or starting something new so your input is always needed.

Council President

Gary Schmidt

## **Building and Grounds Committee**

### Sanctuary/Church:

2 new windows installed in old basement, rest of windows will be installed in future. Renovation of sanctuary—painting, reconditioning floor, new carpeting—all completed in January, 2015. Thanks to the 20 plus people who provided hours of volunteer labor to complete that project. 4 pianos were moved to accommodate better sound—latest piano was donated by Ray Brinkman family.

### Fellowship Hall:

3 new dehumidifiers purchased, new lighting installed under back canopy.

### Parsonage:

2 new doors and locks installed, new overhead door and floor repair to attached garage. Checklist completed after Pastor Hatcher moved for future needs. Fuel oil tank emptied by Tim Brunner. Lawn care at parsonage completed by Roland and Deanne Martzahn. New recliner for parsonage donated by Jeff and Pam Dralle.

### Grounds:

Delos and Delores in process of removing and replacing landscaping front of church & fellowship hall, shrubs purchased by Harold Heeren memorial. Dead tree removed by John Barth.

### Future projects:

Electronic sign	Replace 3 doors to sanctuary / old basement
Fire, smoke alarm system	Handicap access to new basement
New entrance door to sanctuary	Rear parking lot surfacing

Eldie Peterson, Gary Schmidt, June Vogelman,  
Jeff Stirling, John Barth, Dave Iverson

## **Christian Education & Youth Work Committee**

Christian Education honored the Sunday School Teachers and helpers in March with treats and drinks for everyone. The teachers and helpers were presented with cross or angel garden stakes to show appreciation for all they do for the youth of St. Peter's.

We collected offering for the last two months and donated money to a local family in need and the elevator fund.

After the summer break the Christian Education Committee found teachers and helpers for the 2015-16 Sunday school year and established a calendar. Special events for this year include a hayride, whole group activities/speakers, singing in church, and presenting the Christmas program. The year has run smoothly so far and we are looking forward to 2016.

Carrie Eiklenborg, Jennifer Hoodjer, Tanya Yerkes, Pastor Hatcher, Pastor Sandberg



## **Stewardship & Finance Committee**

Stewardship in its most simple form is the practice of generosity. It's about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care including time and talent. Even more simply put, it's the act of giving what you can, but having Faith that you can afford more. The generosity of our members was displayed in 2015 in numerous ways. We not only met the financial needs of our church, but we gave back to our community and neighbors across the world through donating to the food bank, making quilts for those in need and giving to those in need at Christmas. There are certainly many more things that could be added, and numerous acts of kindness showed upon others. Through giving of ourselves, we discover great joy in Christ, and we look forward to 2016 knowing our church members will once again meet the needs of others.

As you look to the New Year, examine all the God has given to you. Choose to live generously as an expression of your faith.

Kelly Hoodjer, Scott Watkins

## **Worship and Evangelism Committee**

Worship Committee meets the first Monday of each month throughout the year with the Pastor. Committee members read weekly scriptures and from those readings, we select hymns that coordinate with the lectionary and Gospel for each week. Volunteer lectors are found for each week throughout the school year; the Pastor will lector during the summer months.

Members of the worship committee also call on prospective families who are interested in St. Peter. A small welcome gift is delivered as an expression of good will. We try to answer any concerns or questions they may have regarding our church.

Community Lenten services are shared with the Presbyterian and Methodist/Brethren churches each year. Good Friday services include nailing our sins to the cross, which has and will continue to be a very meaningful part of our preparation for Easter. Easter services include the usual church services and also a Sunrise Service led by our Luther League, followed by a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent services this year were also held jointly with the Presbyterian and Methodist/Brethren churches, preceded by Soup Suppers, hosted by the Luther League and by the involved churches.

Christmas Eve service went very well, with the Luther League participating in the service. The weather was great and about 200 were in attendance. Pastor Sandberg handed out story blocks to the children depicting the birth of Jesus, candle lighting was part of the worship. Christmas Day service was also held with few in attendance.

Monika Teeple, Delores Adelmund, Sylvia Hawker, Jo Ann Peterson, Sandra Schuknecht.

## **Greene Parish Health Council**

2015 was the 15<sup>th</sup> year for Parish Nursing involvement in Butler County and the 13<sup>th</sup> year for Greene Health Council—I am proud of all involved—especially Council members, also volunteers, contributors, churches, and supporters who have made this program an important part of our community life. The Food Bank continues to serve those in the Greene area with a monthly distribution of food, Christmas gifts for the children, and donated quilts—support comes from many organizations with gifts of food and money. A Caregiver Support Group is available. Make a Difference Day is held each October—a community-wide service project that provides service to about 40 individuals with the help of 70 plus volunteers. Blood Pressure screenings are a monthly event at the churches. We are thankful for the monetary support from St. Peter, St. Mary, WELCA, Thrivent, Presbytery, Kyle Fund, those who support our Pie by the Slice fundraisers, and individual donations. Without many individuals interested in our program, we would not be able to serve---thanks to each one of you for your involvement, whether it is donating money, volunteering time, or praying for our program. God Bless each of you in this New Year.

### Individual statistics:

- Visits (church, home, hospital, etc.) - 207
- Phone calls - 211
- Referrals - 19
- Blood pressure screenings - 24 (147 individuals screened)
- Food Bank hours - approximately 3 hours each month
- Hours worked - 207

Jo Ann Peterson

**Annual Congregational Meeting - January 25, 2015**  
**St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene, IA**

The annual congregational meeting of St. Peter Lutheran church was held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with 36 voting members present.

Council President Gary Schmidt called the meeting to order. The 10:10 a.m. worship served as devotions for this meeting.

Gary presented the following names for church council . Each will serve a three-year term. Gary Schmidt, Eldie Peterson, Carrie Eiklenberg, and Scott Watkins. No other nominations came from the floor.

*Jeff Dralle moved to have nominations cease. John Backer seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*John Backer made a motion to cast an unanimous vote accepting all four candidates presented. Don Bliss seconded. Motion carried.*

Two questions were raised about the Proposed Budget:

1. Revising the Synod giving budget goal. Gary said this can be discussed.
2. Involving other churches in Stephen's Ministry since in will be long-term. Gary and others in congregation agreed this is a good idea and we should discuss further when the time comes.

Pastor thanked the congregation for the upkeep on the parsonage. He also thanked Gary for all his work as president of the council.

*In regards to the Proposed Budget, Jeff Dralle mad a motion to accept, Don Bliss seconded. Motion carried.*

The following reports were offered with no discussion: Secretary's Report, Pastor Hatcher's Report, President's Report, Treasurer's Report, Committee Reports, and Organizational Reports. *Gail Schafer made a motion to accept the reports, seconded by Monika Teeple. Motion carried.*

*Motion to adjourn by Fred Hawker, seconded by Erin Mulder. Motion carried.*

*Pastor closed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer.*

**St. Peter Lutheran Church  
Monthly Fund and Bank Account Balance Report  
December 31, 2015**

		12/1/2015			12/31/2015	
		Beginning			Ending	
		Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance	
Current Fund Balance		\$21,880.08	\$18,805.71	-\$15,149.69	\$25,564.82	
	Employee Withholding & Payroll Taxes		-\$487.20	\$515.92		
Other Fund Balances						
	Elevator	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
	Benevolence and Mission	\$0.00	\$2,323.05	-\$2,323.05	\$0.00	
	Building and Repair	\$3,342.87	\$20.00	-\$1,579.35	\$1,783.52	
	Basement Windows	\$956.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$956.53	
	Fellowship	\$2,261.37	\$59.86	-\$5.30	\$2,315.93	
	Thrivent Choice	\$617.00	\$243.00	\$0.00	\$860.00	
	Restoration	\$31,591.30	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$31,931.30	
	Missionary Support	\$0.00	\$390.63	-\$390.63	\$0.00	
	Electronic Sign	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	
	Riverside Bible Camp	\$1,401.46	\$170.62	\$0.00	\$1,572.08	
		\$47,170.53	\$3,547.16	-\$4,298.33	\$46,419.36	
Bank Balance						
	Checking	\$17,816.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,739.28	
	Money Market	\$66,233.65	\$11.25	\$0.00	\$66,244.90	
				TOTAL BANK	\$86,984.18	
Goyer Scholarship		\$2,220.06	\$27.61	\$0.00	\$2,247.67	
McCosh - Gift of Love		\$1,556.31	\$5.31	\$0.00	\$1,561.62	

**St. Peter Lutheran Church  
Asset Account Balances December 31, 2015**

Account Number	Account Name	Book Value
<b>Cash</b>		
101100	Checking - St Peter 108	20,739.28
101300	Goyer CD 695	20,000.00
101200	Goyer Money Mkt 442	2,247.67
101400	McCosh (Gift of Love) 920	1,561.62
101500	Money Market - St Peter 112	66,244.90
	<b>Cash Totals</b>	<b>\$110,793.47</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
193000	G. Hildebrand Annuity	119,373.62
	<b>Other Assets Totals</b>	<b>\$119,373.62</b>
	<b>Report Totals</b>	<b>\$230,167.09</b>

Gale Brinkman, Treasurer

**AUDIT STATEMENT:**

The audit for the 2015 calendar year was completed in accordance with the Audit Guidelines for St. Peter Lutheran Church. The Audit Committee found the disbursement ledger and corresponding receipts very orderly and in compliance with the accounting principals. (Dated January 22, 2016)

Audit Committee: LeAnn McRoberts, Jean Ann Wedeking, Leah Reser

## Luther League

We began 2015 with eight members, 3 returning upperclassmen and 5 new freshmen. Keith and Michelle Hyman remained the sponsors from the fall of 2014.

We started the year by taking the Christmas tree and decorations down from the sanctuary. Other than that, January proved to be an uneventful period for us. We did have one fun outing to a Waterloo Black Hawks hockey game, but other than that, the following months were focused on raising money for the upcoming Habitat for Humanity trip for the summer. We hosted soup suppers during Lent, spent an afternoon 'spring' cleaning the church, worked the River Days pop stand and performed clean-up detail.

In July, the league departed from Greene and headed to Charleston, SC for the Habitat for Humanity trip to help those less fortunate. They spent a week there and visited some sites on the way down and back. This was the finale to the summer before starting the new school year.

In September, we started the new year with more members. We lost one upon graduation and another chose not to re-join, but we gained 5 freshman and 2 upperclassmen to bring our number of members to 13, up from 8! We started off by helping serve at Country Time. We also walked our adopted portion of highway 14 to clean the ditches and followed that with bowling and pizza at the bowling alley. Keith remained as primary Luther League sponsor, but enlisted the help of Maria Mathers and Jeff Stirling as co-sponsors.

With the beautiful weather that October brought, we worked with other organizations during 'Make A Difference' day to rake leaves of those that requested this service. For a fall fun activity, we elected to go to a Wartburg football game and enjoy a afternoon lunch at the Pizza Ranch.

While all the leaves hadn't fallen off the trees completely in October, we elected to rake more leaves on a Sunday after church in November. Three girls from our league attended the 'Sounds Like Love' program that is hosted by a large church in St. Paul. They enjoyed being a part of the event as much as those viewing the concert at the close of the weekend. We finished November by decorating the sanctuary with Christmas decor.

In December, we were asked to host a soup supper for the season of Advent. The group was eager to assist and the parents of the kids joined up to pull off this task under short notice. We also prepared 16 trays of fruit, cookies, bars, and tea/cocoa for the shut-in church members and delivered them. Then, we hosted the Christmas Eve candlelight church service. The kids served as ushers and lectors and assisted in the passing of the Light.

Continuing into 2016, the Luther Leaguers continue to work and maintain the can depository in the recycling area. This continues to benefit the group and the community alike. We would like to thank the congregation for their support and ask that you continue to pray for us as we are looking forward to an active 2016!

Keith Hyman  
Luther League Sponsor

# Luther League Treasurer's Report

**LUTHER LEAGUE SAVINGS**

Beginning Balance:	<b>\$3,341.93</b>
Ending Balance:	<b>\$2,648.55</b>

**LUTHER LEAGUE CHECKING**

Beginning Balance:	<b>\$1,882.11</b>
Ending Balance:	<b>\$2,929.64</b>

	Expenses:		<b>\$1,256.93</b>
	Deposits:		<b>\$2,304.46</b>

**EXPENSE/DEPOSIT REPORT**

Expenses:	
Keith Hyman - Reimbursement - Ice cream snack in lieu of dining	\$4.16
Keith Hyman - Reimbursement [Hockey Tickets]	\$175.00
Greene Recorder - Soup Supper Ads	\$25.00
T & M Foods - Soup Suppers	\$34.22
Greene Recorder - Soup Supper Ads	\$22.70
T & M Foods - Soup Suppers	\$58.08
Keith Hyman - Reimbursement [Grad Gifts, Gift Bags]	\$74.79
Pastor Gary Hatcher - Reimbursement for WW Rafting	\$360.00
Smith's Etc.	\$10.58
Freeze Frame Bowling (pizza, pop & bowling)	\$99.65
Wartburg College - FB tickets	\$30.00
Pizza Ranch (pizza - Wartberg Football game trip)	\$92.79
Jeff Stirling - Soup Supper Reimbursement	\$269.96
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$1,256.93</b>
DEPOSITS:	
Reimb. for hockey tickets	\$14.00
Jr High	\$91.00
Reimb for ww rafting	\$360.00
Cans	\$154.95
Can - River Days	\$404.60
Cans	\$148.55
Cans	\$118.30
Soup Supper	\$338.00
Christmas Eve Service	\$458.60
Reimb	\$216.46
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS:</b>	<b>\$2,304.46</b>

## Luther League Trip 2015

The Luther League trip group left for South Carolina on Thursday, July 23rd. They went white water rafting in Tennessee on Saturday, July 25th. The group arrived in South Carolina Sunday, July 26th. On Monday, July 27th to Friday, July 31st , they worked for Habitat for Humanity around Georgetown, SC. On Saturday, August 1st, they began their trip back home and arrived in Greene on Sunday, August 2nd. Those going were Ramsey Kock, Jocelyn Lewis, Morgan Arjes, Dylan Clipperton, Jared Feldman, Kaylie Fox, and Issac Trees. The chaperones were Russell & Robin Kock and Jeff Lewis.

## Luther League Trip Treasurer's Report

LUTHER LEAGUE SAVINGS		LUTHER LEAGUE CHECKING	
Beginning Balance:	\$134.34	Beginning Balance:	\$6,039.23
Ending Balance:	\$150.60	Ending Balance:	\$2,340.22
		Expenses:	\$8,794.05
		Deposits:	\$9,340.31

## **Junior High Ministry**

The St. Peter Lutheran Junior High Ministry works in conjunction with Confirmation in showing the seventh and eighth graders how to apply their Christian Faith in serving and helping others, both in our local community and in our world. The service projects involved continuing what was started in 2013, the tying and wrapping of baby blankets for the St. Peter Cuddle Club. These are presented to every baptized baby in our church during the Baptism service. The Confirmation students get to see the fruits of their labor go to a newly baptized baby and his or her family.

In March, the Jr. High youth had planned to attend “Kids Against Hunger” (a food packaging service for the needy) in Grundy Center, but inclement weather prevented them doing so. Also in March, the Junior High Ministry students, along with parent chaperones, went to a Waterloo Blackhawks’ hockey game.

In June, seven youth were confirmed by Pastor Gary Hatcher before he left Greene. Each confirmand received a flower and a bag of goodies (paid for by the Jr. High Ministry) to commemorate the event.

In the September, the Junior High Ministry helped with the serving of Country Time.

In October, they sponsored a “Welcome to Junior High Ministry/Congratulations to the Confirmands” party. Confirmation students, along with parent chaperones, traveled to New Hampton to the Crystal Bowl Roller Rink for a pizza and skating party.

In November, the Jr. High youth held a fundraiser, through BEC out of Clear Lake, selling Gingerbread and Christmas Cutout cookies, puffins and pizza puffins. This was the current sponsor’s first experience with a junior high fundraiser, so there is a bit of a learning curve. 103 items were sold and profit was only about \$500. Participation was not at 100%, so there will need to be changes before the next fundraiser.

In December, the youth put up and decorated a Christmas tree (donated in memory of Sandra Schuknecht’s mother) in the Fellowship Hall. Some of the students helped with the younger classes at the Christmas program and acted as ushers handing out programs.

Sarah E. Hawker, Junior High Ministry Sponsor (January 1 – December 31, 2015)



## **Junior High Ministry Treasurer's Report**

**BALANCE (for checking account)    January 1, 2015                    \$963.44**

**RECEIPTS:**

6/10/15	Transfer from Savings	\$50.00
11/19/15	Fundraiser	\$1155.00
11/28/15	Fundraiser	\$179.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$1384.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

3/15/15	check #995	Hockey Tickets (x12)	\$84.00
6/10/15	check #996	Smith's Etc. (Gift Bags)	\$25.46
6/10/15	check #997	Dralle's (Gift Bags)	\$56.98
6/17/15	check #998	Clayton's Bakery (GC)	\$35.00
6/26/15	check #999	Bouillon LF & G (flowers)	\$10.50
10/11/15	check #1000	Casey's (Pizza)	\$48.14
10/11/15	check #1001	Crystal Bowl Roller Rink	\$93.75
11/24/15	check #1002	BEC Foods (103 items)	\$887.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$1240.83**

**2015 Ending Balance (for checking account)                    \$963.44**

**2015 Ending Balance (for savings account)                    \$1047.94**

Sarah E. Hawker, Junior High Ministry Treasurer (January 1 – December 31, 2015)

**St. Peter Lutheran Church - Memorial Fund**

Ray Brinkman Memorial: \$400 Sunday school, \$100 Prayer Shawl Ministry, \$1300 Memorial Fund  
Galen Landers Memorial: \$1000 for WELCA Quilting, fellowship chair and undesignated  
Gene Steere Memorial: \$1100 for Back Entrance lighting  
Ron Innes Memorial: \$300 undesignated  
Harold Heeren Memorial: \$3000 for electronic sign  
Lonnie Steere Memorial: \$300 undesignated  
Ron Steere Memorial: \$1000 undesignated  
Mary Schroeder Haack Estate Memorial: \$5000 undesignated  
Susan Miller Memorial: \$400 Sunday school, \$500 undesignated  
St. Peter WELCA Memorial: \$100 undesignated  
Dixie Brinkman Memorial: \$100 Sunday school

Many smaller memorials were given to the Prayer Shawl fund and for undesignated memorials.

Balance December 31, 2015  
Memorial Checking Balance: \$134.17  
Money Market Saving Balance: \$26,129.05  
Total Memorial Acct. Balance \$26,263.22

Julie Brinkman, Memorial Fund Secretary / Treasurer

**ALTAR GUILD**

The following ladies are currently serving on Altar Guild:

Delores Adelmund	Rose Adelmund	Clarene Backer
Mary Brinkman	Jennifer Hoodjer	Jeanie Krull
Erin Mulder	Marjorie O'Brien	Donna Spratt
Donna Wunsch	Tanya Yerkes	Kelly Zurcher

Alternates: Julie Brinkman & Robin Ralls

Holiday church displays: Donna Spratt, Kelly Zurcher

Baptismal Napkins: Marilyn Schroeder

## **W.E.L.C.A. Report**

**(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)**

As Women of St. Peter, we come together for study, support, and fellowship. We count on support from all women of St. Peter. We grow in our faith through monthly Bible study, led by the Pastor. We affirm our gifts through quilt tying, school bags, layettes, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cuddle Club and other mission work outside and within our community. We support Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Social Service of Iowa, and area camps monetarily and with our quilt donations. We send care packages to those serving in the military. We remember shut-ins and those in care centers, support our missionaries, and give to children going to camps. Thank you to the congregation for the donations for the Giving Tree and Operation Christmas Child and the Sunday School for all their help donating items to fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We sponsored a family afternoon at Wartburg College, a family Card and Game Day, community Card Party/Salad Luncheon, and the Fall Countrytime Dinner. Women of WELCA volunteer at our Senior Center Meal Program.

WELCA also supports the upkeep of our parsonage. This last year we purchased new carpeting for the livingroom and tile for the entry and dining area.

Your 2015 WELCA Board

Sue Schroeder, Sue Brinkman, Julie Brinkman, Betty Heitland, Nancy Reser, Bev Christensen, Connie Yerkes

<b>WELCA Treasurer's Report</b>
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Balance 12-31-14.....6774.30

**Receipts:**

Funeral Luncheons.....	1050.00
Funeral Rolls.....	242.28
From Parsonage Fund.....	4332.48
Circle offering.....	234.05
Thrivent Choice Dollars.....	1000.00
Donation.....	275.00
Salad Luncheon/Card Party.....	559.00
From EPIC Fund.....	200.00
From Prayer Shawl/Blanket Fund.....	537.44
Thank offering.....	202.89
Country Time dinner/raffle.....	8742.40
Galen Landers Memorial.....	250.00
Giving Tree donations.....	<u>586.00</u>
Total Receipts	18211.54

**Disbursements:**

Kitchen Supplies.....	281.76
Women ELCA (offering).....	300.00
Ashley Coake (donation).....	100.00
Bank Checks.....	28.70
Parsonage Flooring.....	4332.48
Funeral Rolls.....	242.28
Quilting/LWR Kits.....	187.31
T&M Foods.....	194.73
Salad Luncheon/card party.....	70.28
Easter Balloons (for shut-ins).....	105.00
Postage.....	97.90
Postage (Operation Child boxes).....	98.00
Confirmation flowers.....	19.50
Pastor Farewell.....	343.23
Wartburg College (EPIC scholarship).....	200.00
St. Peter Memorial Fund.....	100.00
Gather Subscription.....	30.00
Family Fun Day.....	248.23
Country Time.....	2770.97
Christmas Giving.....	3800.00
Claytons Bakery.....	102.12
Thank offering.....	202.89
Giving Tree Gifts.....	652.71

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Baptismal Blanket Fleece.....	205.13
Prayer Shawl Yarn.....	332.31
To Parsonage Fund(proceeds from Raffle / card party).	<u>1708.72</u>
Total Disbursements	16754.25

Balance 12-31-15.....8231.59

**WELCA Prayer Shawl / Baptismal Blanket Fund**

Balance 12-31-14.....824.67

**Receipts:**

Memorials.....	205.00
Donation.....	<u>200.00</u>
Total Receipts	405.00

**Disbursements:**

Prayers Shawl yarn.....	332.31
Baptismal blanket fleece.....	<u>205.13</u>
Total Disbursements	537.44
Balance 12-31-15.....	692.23

**WELCA Parsonage Fund**

Balance 12-31-14.....5228.59

**Receipts:**

Interest.....	7.97
From RAGBRAI Fund.....	1000.00
Salad Luncheon/Card party proceeds.....	488.72
Country Time Raffle proceeds.....	1220.00
Transfer from WELCA checking.....	<u>1000.00</u>
Total Receipts	3716.69

**Disbursements:**

Parsonage Flooring.....	4321.25
Parsonage floor register.....	<u>11.23</u>
Total Disbursements	4332.48
Balance 12-31-15.....	4612.80

**WELCA RAGBRAI Fund**

Balance 12-31-14.....	4398.13
Transfer to parsonage fund.....	<u>-1000.00</u>
Balance 12-31-15.....	3398.13

**WELCA EPIC Fund**

Balance 12-31-14.....	1017.78
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Interest.....	98
Transfer from checking.....	<u>200.00</u>
Total Receipts	200.98
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Ramsey Kock Scholarship.....	<u>200.00</u>
Total Disbursements.....	200.00
Balance 12-31-15.....	1018.76

Julie Brinkman, WELCA Treasurer

**Sunday School Memorial Fund**

Checking Account	
Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$1668.05
Deposits:	
Memorial-Ray Brinkman	\$400.00
Memorial-Susan Miller	\$400.00
Memorial-Dixie Brinkman	\$100.00
Total Yearly Interest Earned	\$2.18
Total:	\$902.18
Expenses:	
Transfer to General Account	\$450.00
Total:	\$450.00
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$2,120.23

Susan Stirling, Sunday School Treasurer

## Sunday School Treasurer's Report

Checking Account	
Balance Ending as of December 31, 2014	\$1,315.85
Deposits:	
Offering	\$966.58
Disbursement from St. Peter Fund	\$50.00
Donation Tim/Kay Joebgen	\$600.00
Disbursement from St. Peter Fund	\$50.00
Transfer from Memorial Fund	\$450.00
Disbursement from WELCA	\$300.00
Christmas Program Offering	\$326.00
Total:	\$2742.58
Expenses:	
Claytons Bakery (Teacher Gifts)	\$30.00
Walmart (Supplies)	\$140.46
Menards (Teacher Gifts)	\$237.29
JoAnn Fabrics (Office Supplies)	\$26.73
Kay Joebgen (Room Supplies)	\$53.77
Walmart (Two TV's, supplies)	\$442.55
Donation to Pastor Ben Hartwig Family	\$250.00
Smith Etc. (Card Stock)	\$5.29
University Book & Supply (supplies)	\$43.83
T&M (Treats)	\$30.63
Dollar General (Treats)	\$33.28
Brothers Market (Treats)	\$23.55
Walmart (Supplies)	\$12.50
Monty Heitland (Disposal of TV)	\$39.00
Tanya Yerkes (Supplies)	\$45.27
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Samaritan's Purse (Christmas Boxes)	\$49.00
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Group (Curriculum)	\$276.04
PP Felt Enterprises (Supplies)	\$175.85
Walmart (IPAD, supplies)	\$571.38
Fareway (Treats)	\$16.95
Amazon (Curriculum)	\$75.99
Concordia (Curriculum)	\$61.82
Amazon (Curriculum)	\$103.69
Christian Books (Christmas Offering Envelopes)	\$26.96
Bouillon Flowers (Retiring Teacher Flowers)	\$27.77
Total:	\$2839.07
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$1,219.36

## **Sunday School Staff and Enrollment**

### **Class**

#### **Nursery (15), Pre-K (4), and Kindergarten (8)**

Teachers-- Erin Mulder, Traci Bartels, Liz Schroeder

Helpers-- Shelby Gallagher, Bridget Shultz, Leah Reser

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade (6) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (8)**

Teacher--Jean Ann Wedeking

Helpers-- Kay Joebgen, Holly McBurney, Tanya Yerkes

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (9) and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (5)**

Teacher--Holly Wedeking

Helper—Miranda Joebgen

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade (5) and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (11)**

Teacher—Dana Frerichs

Helpers--Erin Dralle, Sonja Shirah

#### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (12)**

Teachers--June Vogelman and Sarah Hawker

Pianist- Betty Heitland

Music Director- Nursery-1<sup>st</sup>- Erin Mulder

Music Director- 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>- Jean Ann Wedeking

Sunday School Director- Carrie Eiklenborg

Sunday School Treasurer- Susan Stirling

Cradle Roll- 22

Current Enrollment- 83

Average Weekly Attendance- 48

Average Offering- \$32

For 2015, our students sang for worship: Sunday AM Service, Saturday PM Service, and Sunday Contemporary Service. We presented a Christmas Program on December 13<sup>th</sup> and again on December 20<sup>th</sup> for the Valley View Care Center Residents.

Attendance Awards Assemblies: October, February, and May

Teacher Meetings: November, February, April

Bibles were presented to nine 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in September.

All students enjoyed a hayride on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

We participated in Operation Christmas Child and we filled many gift boxes in November.

We are using Group curriculum and we're utilizing online resources.

St. Peter Lutheran is blessed to have a dedicated group of teachers and support staff.

Director- Carrie Eiklenborg