

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

Greene, Iowa

2016 Annual Report

For the Annual Congregational Meeting - January 29, 2017

St. Peter Lutheran Church Council

2017

Delores Adelmund
Kelly Hoodjer
June Vogelmann
Tanya Yerkes

2018

Carrie Eiklenborg
Eldie Peterson
Gary Schmidt
Scott Watkins

2019

Carol Barth
Ashely Coake
Miranda Joebgen
Phil Wahlgren

2020

Delores Adelmund
Kelly Hoodjer
Jan Osier
June Vogelmann

Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Worship is the Opening Devotions
2. Nominating Committee Report
3. Council Elections
4. Vote on By-Laws 2.4
5. Vote to update our constitution to match the ELCA's model constitution for congregations year 2013 & 2016
6. Vote on Youth and Children's Ministry Director position
7. Proposed Budget
8. Secretary's Report*
9. Pastor's Report*
10. Treasurer's Report*
11. President's Report*
12. Committee Reports*
13. Organizations Reports*
14. Benediction
15. Adjournment

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Parish Report

	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
Membership as of December 31, 2015	817	626
Members received during 2016		
By Baptism: children (15 years & younger)	11	*
By Baptism: adults (16 years & older)	1	0
By affirmation of faith	0	0
By transfer from ELCA congregations	2	2
By transfer from other Lutheran congregation	0	0
From non-Lutheran congregations	8	8
Statistical adjustment	0	0
Total members received during 2016	22	10
Baptized members confirmed in during 2016		5
TOTAL -----	839	641
Members removed during 2016		
By death	6	6
By transfer to other ELCA congregations	7	4
By transfer to other Lutheran congregations	0	0
To non-Lutheran congregations	6	3
Statistical Adjustment	0	0
Total members removed during 2016	19	13
Membership as of December 31, 2016 -----	820	628

376 members communed at least once during 2016. (2015 - 332)

86 communion services were held with a total of 3,826 communing. (2015 - 86 services - 3,473)

80 private communions were given during the year to the ill & shut-ins. (2015 - 60)

Average attendance at Saturday night Worship was 50. (2015 - 51)

Average attendance at Sunday morning Worship was 61. (2015 - 54)

Average attendance at Contemporary Worship was 38. (2015 - 33)

Average weekly worship attendance was 146. (2015 - 138)

Average attendance at midweek worship was 58. (2015 - 73)

Christmas Eve attendance - 295. (2015 - 200)

Parish Report

BAPTISMS

Colton Gene Platts
Erica Lynn Jungling
Jett Ryan Stroberg
Mya Raigh Landers
Austin Ambrose Spain
Eleanor Kate McGrane
Silas James Spratt
MaddieJean Marie Dale Ott
Maxwell Neal O'Brien
Hank Brian Johannsen
Ivee Jayden Steere
Ian Richard Kleinschmidt

FIRST COMMUNION

Owen Almelien
Colton Chisholm
Elizabeth Mathers
Mya McWilliams
Dawson Testroet

CONFIRMATIONS

Teryn Timothy Joebgen
Rainy Anna Mae Kock
Miles Logan Ralls
Ivee Jayden Steere
Jonathan Christopher Ulrich

MARRIAGES

Ross Christopher Clapham
 Kaitlin Margaret Carolan

Nicholas Dean Schweizer
 Kaylah Katherine Demaray

Thomas Paul Eystad
 Jodi Rae Conry

DEATHS

Edna Marie Steere
Mary Leigh Dralle
Thelma Rodean Riggins
Elmer Otto Landers
Terry Francis Rickart
Ethel Lenora Backer
Gerald Dean Schrage
Jason Richard Reser

NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Daniel & Christin Flucke
Kevin & Shania Jungling
Brooke Landers
Steve Mulder
Todd & Liz Schroeder
Christine Shultz
Chet Shultz



I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 1:4-7

First of all, on behalf of both Christin and myself, thank you for welcoming us into the community here at St. Peter and in Greene. To the congregation and especially to the call committee, thank you for your willingness to call a new pastor fresh out of seminary. To all of you, especially the council and other congregational leaders, thank you for your patience and support as we begin our ministry together.

As a congregation, we have many blessings we can be thankful for this year. We have a supportive community here in Greene, good partnerships with other churches, great staff (again, THANK YOU to all our staff for your help and work this year!), many active members of all ages, and too many wonderful ministries to list.

In addition, we begin this year in a good financial position, giving us the exciting opportunity to expand our ministry with our youth and children through a new staff position this year. God has blessed us with so many gifts to steward, and there is a great deal of talent in this congregation. I hope you as you read through these annual reports you will celebrate all the work we are doing together as God's people.

When I look back on this year, one highlight I will remember is the flood in September. I know many of you experienced similar flooding in 2008, but seeing the river rise, filling sandbags, and being involved in the county's long-term economic recovery coalition were all new experiences for me! Although it's an experience I have no desire to repeat, it was wonderful to see how the community and church came together to care for our neighbors during and after the flood. I saw Christ working through you.

Other highlights for me have included spending a great weekend at Camp Ewalu with the confirmation students, feeding the tremendous crowd at Country Time, and meeting so many people through the church directory project. Of course, I am also enjoying getting to know more and more of you each week. It is truly an honor to be involved in your lives through funerals, baptisms, weddings, and confirmations.

Since beginning ministry with you in July, I am increasingly aware of just how large St. Peter Lutheran Church really is. I think because we are in a small town, we sometimes assume we must be a small congregation. Far from it! By worship attendance, we are in the top quarter of ELCA churches nationwide. By membership, we're even higher. We are doing a tremendous amount of ministry in this community, as well as beyond Greene through our synod and the ELCA. God is touching many lives through this church.

Another reason I suspect we feel smaller than we are is the way we do worship. Having three services offers good opportunities for variety in worship, but it does mean we rarely get to see our congregation gathered together, which leads to one of the challenges I see for St. Peter.

All of us are busy, and weekends are precious, so it can be easy to skip coming to church. Yet worship is the center of our life together as Christians. Worship is where we hear the good news of God's grace, good news that sets us free to serve our neighbor. This good news frames our entire lives as followers of Jesus. How can we help each other this year to live worship-centered lives? Let's make worship a priority for this year.

I'm not just talking about coming and sitting through worship, although attendance is certainly important. When we come to worship, we come to participate. Worship is not a spectator sport; it's something we all do together. Whether it's through singing boldly, reading, ushering, acolyting, running media, preparing communion, or modeling worship participation for your family, I hope everyone in our congregation can be actively engaged in worship. For those who can't be physically present, we always need prayer.

As we enter the new year, I am excited to see where God is calling us as a congregation. 2017 is a particularly exciting year as this is the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation. All year, we'll be looking at our heritage as Lutherans, exploring the unique contributions our particular flavor of Christianity has made in the last 500 years and looking forward to the next 500. The Gospel message of God's grace we proclaim is as relevant now as ever, and we continue to look for new ways to share God's love with a world that still desperately needs to hear it.

Our Lutheran tradition has always embraced new mediums of communication, beginning with Martin Luther. In fact, using the new technology of the printing press, Luther quickly became the most published author in the world during his lifetime. In that spirit, we now have a new website at www.stpetergreene.com, church social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and we're exploring even more ways of communicating with each other and with our neighbors.

Thank you for your work this year as ministers of the Gospel. With confidence, I pray that God will continue to bless our work together as church in 2017, and I ask for your continued prayers.

In Christ,
Pastor Daniel Flucke

Pastor Daniel's Report

President's Report

St. Peter Lutheran Church was a very busy church in 2016. A donated piano caused a piano shuffle, moving pianos from the sanctuary, to the fellowship hall, to the basement, and to the nursing home. Some areas of the parsonage were updated while we were in the transition of finding a new pastor. Ceiling fans were installed in several rooms and new carpet was installed in the office.

The Goyer scholarship was provided to three students that were in college. Our facilities were used by many outside groups throughout the year and because of the flood. "Creative Solutions" has helped us create a new web site with ongoing improvements.

The Call Committee has done a good job in filling out all the surveys and forms needed in the Call Process. Pastor Irving Sandberg helped us through the Call Process as the Interim Pastor. The selection of Pastor Daniel Flucke by the Call Committee was a good choice. Since Pastor Daniel has been installed we have seen several things happen. A new directory is being made helping the new pastor and everyone else put names to faces. Cottage meetings were organized in November with many members in attendance.

Thank you to all the council members and to the church members that have agreed to serve on the council upon approval by the congregation: Delores Adelmund, Kelly Hoodjer, Jan Osier, and June Vogelmann. Thank You to Ashley Coake for agreeing to serve by filling the unexpired 2 year term.

Gary Schmidt



Building and Grounds Committee

Church/Sanctuary

- New pump for boiler
- New vacuum donated by Mel's TV
- New secretary computer/wireless router
- Estimates requested for new Elevator

Outside lawn care

New landscaping front of church—donated by Ed and Luella Miller in memory of their daughter, Susan. Planned and planted by Judy Osier, Laurie Shultz, and Delores Adelmund (with family help).

New grass trimmer purchased

Lawn care for church and parsonage provided by Monte Heitland and Eldon Peterson.

Plantings completed by Diane Storey, Kelly Zurcher, Jo Ann Peterson, John and Carol Barth D & E hired for snow removal

Cleanup following flooding—parsonage / church yard (some water in church basement, little other damage)

Outdoor workday in October—trees trimmed, shrubs trimmed

Parsonage

- 5 ceiling fans installed
- New window well covers installed

Future projects

- Electronic sign
- Handicap access to new basement
- Door replacement—sanctuary, old basement
- Fire/smoke alarm update

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



Christian Education and 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 "Refill-Psalms 103:5" infusion water cups to show appreciation for all they do for the youth of St. Peter's.

Vacation Bible School was a big success again this year thanks to our representatives Erin Mulder and Liz Schroeder.

After the summer break Erin Mulder and the Christian Education Committee found teachers and helpers for the 2016-17 Sunday school year and established a calendar. Special events for this year include Rally Sunday with treats and a craft, 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 kicking off 2017 with an Epiphany Party.

Carrie Eiklenborg, Jennifer Hoodjer, Tanya Yerkes, Erin Mulder, Christin Flucke, Robin Ralls, Holly McBurney, Holly Wedeking



Stewardship and 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 once again in 2016. 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.

The stewardship committee took a huge step forward, by adding new members. Please join me in welcoming Jeff Dralle, Phil Wahlgren, Bob Schroeder, Laurie Shultz, and Scott Watkins. We now hold regular meetings, and intend on sharing the story of how God is working not only through us, but through our church. You will be hearing from us on a regular basis, and we sincerely hope and pray that you are as excited about the new direction as we are! Please feel free to chat with any of us on the committee about it.

Yours in faith,

Worship and Evangelism Committee

The Worship Committee meets the first Monday of each month with Pastor Daniel. We select hymns that coordinate with the lectionary and Gospel for each week. Volunteer lectors are found for each week. For the 2017 year Pastor Daniel added Saturday night lectors. There will be sign up sheet in the fellowship hall for this.

In November pictures were taken for a new church directory. We are still in the process of putting the directory together.

Community Lenten services are shared with the Presbyterian and Methodist/Brethren churches each year. Lenten services were held on Wednesday evenings rotating at the churches. The Lutheran church hosts a soup supper prior to the service. It is a freewill offering. The soup is prepared by the Luther League and money is used for their trip.

On Easter morning a Sunrise service is led by our Luther League followed by a breakfast in the fellowship hall.

Advent services were also held jointly with the the Presbyterian church. They were preceded by soup suppers and were hosted by the Luther League, Presbyterians and WELCA.

Christmas Eve worship was held at 6:00 pm with 295 in attendance. Pastor Daniel handed out story blocks during the children's sermon depicting the birth of Jesus. Candle-lighting was also a part of the service. Christmas Day service were held with a small crowd attending.

Delores Adelmund, Carol Barth, Miranda Joeegen, Mary Brinkman, Sandra Ross, Monika Teeple, Sandra Schuknecht.

Greene Parish Health Council

The Parish Health Council has concluded its 14th year in Greene. It has been a successful program, conducting preventive health activities, sponsoring health programs—scam prevention, caregivers education, etc., taking part in an ecumenical community Make a Difference Day, (serving 35-40 residents with the use of 60-70 volunteers), staffing the Food Bank monthly, Christmas gifts for needy children (again, a community-wide program). It is only successful with the support of our churches and community—thank you for volunteering to help, supporting us with monetary donations and fundraisers (Pie by the Slice, Cookie walk, Thrivent funds, Kyle funds), and with quilts for needy people. The Council consists of representatives of each church and at-large members—all who are very dedicated to our purpose and what makes this a successful program. I have resigned as Parish Nurse and we are looking for someone to take that position. The program will continue as in the past. I am privileged to have been a part of this program.

Individual statistics:

Visits ---69 (church, home, hospital, nursing home, etc)

Phone calls---191

Referrals---22

Hypertension screenings---34 (181 individuals)

Food Bank Hours---3-5 hours monthly

Hours worked---250

Jo Ann Peterson

Annual Congregational Meeting - January 31, 2016
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene, IA

The annual congregational meeting of St. Peter Lutheran Church was held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 10:03 a.m. with 39 voting members present.

Council President Gary Schmidt called the meeting to order.

Sue Brinkman reminded everyone about the upcoming Winter Fest event on February 21, 2016.

Gary presented the following four names for church council. Each will serve a three-year term if elected: Miranda Joebgen, Carol Barth, Phil Wahlgren, and Jennifer Hoodjer. No nominations came from the floor.

Jeff Dralle made a motion to cease nominations, seconded by Mike Brinkman. M/C.

Gale Brinkman made a motion to have an unanimous ballot, seconded by Connie Yerkes. M/C. Four new members approved for council.

In regards to the Proposed Annual Budget, Laurie Shultz made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Joe Brinkman. M/C.

The following reports were offered with no discussion: Secretary's Report, Pastor Report, Treasurer's Report, President Report, Committee Reports, and Organizational Reports. Motion to accept reports made by Cheryle Arjes, seconded by Sue Schroeder. M/C

Open Discussion followed: Question as to where Stephen's Ministry is at? It was put on the back burner after Pastor Hatcher left due to cost and commitment. Our energy is on looking for a new pastor right now.

Synod giving has not reached our budget goal of \$16k and this has been an ongoing concern. We decided to wait and see what giving is this year and adjust accordingly for next year.

Dennis Griffin gave an update on the Call Committee: The Ministry Site Profile has been sent to ELCA. They have approximately three weeks of receiving the Profile and then a representative of the bishop will meet with the call committee.

Final Comments: A big thank you to the Call Committee for all of their work and dedication. Jeff Dralle thanked Gary and the council for all of their work. Eldie Peterson thanked Pastor Sandberg for all he continues to do for us. Also, thank you to Robin for all she does here at St. Peter.

Motion to adjourn by Laurie Shultz, seconded by Sue Brinkman.

Meeting closed at 10:20 a.m.

Luther League

Beginning in 2016, Jeff Stirling and Keith Hyman continued to serve as advisors for Luther League. We had a student join the group in January bringing our membership total to 14 students. As a group, we discussed a summer adventure and it was decided that the group wanted to see the mountains, hike, and white-water raft. We set a goal of funds to raise.

In January, we started the new year taking down the decorations in the sanctuary. For a fun trip, we ventured to Mt. Kato in Mankato for an afternoon of sledding. In February, we began planning for soup suppers starting at the end of the month. Luther League hosted 3 soup supper fundraisers and also Easter Brunch during the month of March. Deciding that we needed to raise more money for the trip, the group chose to do some babysitting at the church. Other fundraisers included spring cleaning the church, a bottled beverage stand at River Days and cleaning the park after River Days for the Jaycees. Our can and bottle collecting efforts also helped to raise the funds to go to camp.

In July, a group of 8 students and 3 adults headed for Fort Collins, Colorado to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for a week. Memories were made as we hiked, rafted, worshipped, learned and performed service projects in the mountains.

Starting up again once school started, we lost 2 members due to graduation and 3 choose not to attend. But we had one previous member re-join and gained 3 freshmen bringing our membership to 13. Christin Flucke and Carrie Eiklenborg joined as advisors to Luther League.

In the fall, we helped with Country Time and raking leaves on 'Make a Difference Day'. Since all the leaves had not fallen, we choose to rake an additional time. We also walked our adopted section of Highway 14 and took in some bowling and pizza following. In November, 3 of the girls participated in 'Sounds Like Love' and really enjoyed themselves. For Christmas, we decorated the sanctuary as we do every year and hosted a soup supper during Advent. We also prepared and served 18 care packages to the shut-in members of our church as well as worked with Pastor to assist with the Christmas Eve service.

Luther League continues to maintain the can and bottle depository as a community service. We strive to serve the community as well as our church family, and we want to thank the congregation for the support they give us and ask that the congregation continues to pray for us as we continue to serve in 2017.



2016 Financial Report			
	Date	Balance	
LL Checking Acct	1/1/2016	\$2929.64	
	12/31/16	\$2075.57	
LL Saving Acct	1/1/16	\$2648.55	
	12/31/16	\$5581.01	
LL Trip Checking Acct	1/1/16	\$150.60	
	7/31/16	\$0.00	
LL Trip Saving Acct	1/1/16	\$2340.22	
	7/31/16	\$0.00	

The trip accounts have been closed since the middle of July. This was done to simplify our records and accounting. Without combining funds from the regular accounts and trip accounts, we would not have been able to afford the Colorado trip. As it stands, the size of the group and the fundraising has not called for additional accounts. For future purposes or until it is decided that we have a need for a separate trip account, we intend to deposit much of our fundraising revenue in the regular savings account and withdraw as needed to fund any activities.



Luther League Trip 2016

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp, Fort Collins, CO

On July 23rd, we left St. Peter's church at 10pm to begin our journey to Fort Collins, Colorado. By driving all night, we were able to make it to Fort Collins by 11am on Sunday - given the various breaks we took. We began to ascend the mountains to get to camp and arrived early. We checked in and got acquainted with our accommodations. The evening was filled with activities to make the kids comfortable.

On Monday, we split into different groups, with the different groups each focusing on a different activity. One group went hiking on trails throughout camp to different points in the mountains. The trails each had a skill level associated with it and the group could decide their difficulty level. Another group was assigned a service project and the project typically consisted of cleaning dead trees and brush up. A third group was called 'ropes'. This entailed team building skills and trust to succeed. Some ropes were only 12" off the ground while the others were 30' off the ground. These activities/groups occupied our days Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, we as a whole camp, went down the mountain to white water raft. Everyone got wet and had fun with that.

Everyday started with worship in the morning before we began the day's activities. The weather was beautiful every day we were there. Every night ended with worship also as we reflected on the day's activities. On the last night, there was a celebration that involved a lot of singing and music.

We departed camp Friday morning and headed to Cheyenne, Wyoming. The PRCA Cheyenne Rodeo was going on, so we stopped to watch that in the afternoon. The weather started to turn bad, so we began to head home that evening, driving as far as we could before stopping to eat and rest for the night. We arrived back in Greene Saturday afternoon. It was a positive experience for everyone!!



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 April, the Jr. High youth attended "Kids Against Hunger" (a food packaging service for the needy) in Grundy Center, along with several parent volunteers. There were youth from many area Lutheran churches working together to package meals to be sent overseas.

In the September, though not directly through the church, most of the youth helped with flood recovery work all over town. The kids made everyone proud with their willingness to lend their hands to the effort, both before and after the flood. Also in September, the Junior High Ministry helped with the serving of Country Time. Students helped set up on Saturday night and helped serve and clean up on Sunday.

In October, they sponsored a "Welcome to Junior High Ministry/Congratulations to the Confirmands" party. Confirmation students, along with parent chaperones, met at Freeze Frame Bowl/Splitz Bar & Grill for a pizza and bowling party. Also in October, four students were confirmed and one baptized by Pastor Daniel Flucke. Each student received a flower and a goody bag (paid for by the Junior High Ministry) to commemorate the event.

In November, the group attended another "Kids Against Hunger" event in Osage, along with Pastor Flucke and several parent volunteers. 26 people packaged over 5,800 meals!

In December, the youth helped with the younger classes both during practices and at the Christmas program, and acted as ushers handing out programs.



St. Peter Lutheran Church - Memorial Fund

- 100.00 Bob and Shirley Brinkman memorial, undesignated by: Sue Schroeder, Mark & Carla Brinkman, Joe & Sue Brinkman, Gale & Mary Brinkman
 - 24893.75 Irene Landers memorial (Life insurance policy). Undesignated
 - 800.00 Susan Miller memorial for landscaping by Edward and Luella Miller
 - 100.00 Susan Miller memorial, undesignated by Lyna Miller
 - 100.00 WELCA annual memorial, undesignated
 - Fellowship Hall Stained Glass Window:** Thelma Riggins memorial, given by family
 - 410.00 Terry Rickart memorial, designated by family and friends
- Many other smaller memorials have been given to the Prayer shawl ministry, Sunday School, WELCA and the undesignated memorial Fund.

Memorial Fund Balance:

Checking: 141.65

Money Market Fund:

Designated: 6608.03

Undesignated: 44586.08

Balance 12-31-15 51335.76



Julie Brinkman, Memorial Fund Secretary/Treasurer

ALTAR GUILD

The following ladies are currently serving on Altar Guild:

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| Delores Adelmund | Rose Adelmund | Clarene Backer |
| Mary Brinkman | Jennifer Hoodjer | Jeanie Krull |
| Erin Mulder | Robin Ralls | Tanya Yerkes |
| Kelly Zurcher | | |

Alternates: Julie Brinkman

Holiday church displays: Robin Kalls, Kelly Zurcher

Baptismal Napkins: Marilyn Schroeder

Thank you to Marjorie O'Brien, Donna Spratt & Donna Wunsch for your years of service on Altar Guild

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.

This year the Prayer Shawl Ministry has distributed 37 shawls. This ministry was started in 2007, with 450 shawls made and 420 shawls given away since the start of the program.

We worked with the women of the Presbyterian Church to serve Advent soup suppers, with the money donated going toward Community Bible School. We prepared and donated 100 sack lunches for farmers working on fall harvest, financially supported and helped serve the Community Christmas Cantata, and served 850 people at our Country Time Dinner in September.

A coffee was sponsored for our local pastors so that they could meet Pastor Daniel and Christin. In April we had the salad luncheon/card party, and a Family Bingo Fun Day in February. We invited Wings of Refuge of Hampton to an informational presentation on sex trafficking in our area. Winterfest 2016 was a free meal served and a performance by the Lampost Theatre of Cedar Falls that followed. Many of our WELCA women also contribute their time to the Community Senior Center.

Your 2016 WELCA Board

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



Balance 1-1-16.....	8231.59
Receipts:	
Funeral Lunches.....	800.00
Circle Offering.....	264.25
Edna Steere Memorial (for LWR kits).....	105.00
Galen Landers Memorial (for sewing machine).....	244.00
Irene Landers Memorial (for quilting).....	10.00
Funeral Rolls.....	210.16
From Parsonage Fund.....	3684.34
From Prayer Shawl Fund.....	114.80
Thank Offering (For World Hunger).....	178.22
Salad Luncheon/Raffle.....	482.00
Country Time.....	8967.35
Sewing machine rebate.....	80.00
Giving Tree donations.....	463.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars.....	500.00
Advent Soup Supper (Free will donations).....	300.00
Operation Child (postage donation).....	91.00
Total Receipts	16496.12
Disbursements:	
Baptismal Candles.....	29.75
Postage.....	269.77
Quilting/LWR Expense.....	866.48
Gather Subscription.....	15.00
Altar artificial flowers.....	166.31
Parsonage Expenses.....	3686.34
Card Party/Raffle Expense.....	103.95
Kitchen Supplies.....	113.59
WELCA ELCA offering.....	300.00
Funeral Rolls.....	210.16
Operation Child gift boxes.....	36.56
Wings of Refuge donation.....	100.00
Prayer Shawl Expense.....	114.80
T & M Foods.....	492.25
Winterfest Expense.....	1250.00
Bouillons Flower & Garden.....	103.50
LSI (for mittens, hats and gloves).....	50.00
Dralles (gift).....	26.69
Giving Tree Gifts.....	412.17
Community VBS (soup supper offering).....	300.00
Campership.....	25.00
Memorial Fund.....	100.00
Thank Offering (for World Hunger).....	178.22
Parsonage Fund (card party/raffle proceeds)...	378.05
Parsonage Fund (C. time raffle proceeds).....	1259.00
Country Time Expense.....	2784.90
End of Year Donations.....	4225.00
Total Disbursements	17697.49
Balance 12-31-16.....	7030.22



Balance 1-1-16.....712.23
Receipts
 Memorials.....95.00
Disbursements:
 Transfer to checking.....114.80
 Balance 12-31-16.....692.43

WELCA Prayer Shawl / Baptismal Blanket Fund



Balance 12-31-16.....3398.13



Balance 1-1-16.....1018.76
Receipts:
 Interest.....1.03
 Balance 12-31-16.....1019.79

WELCA EPIC Fund

Balance 1-1-16.....4613.54
Receipts
 Donation from Jeff & Pam Dralle.....500.00
 Salad Luncheon/Raffle proceeds.....378.05
 Paint Rebate.....30.00
 Country Raffle Proceeds.....1259.00
 WELCA End of year transfer.....1000.00
 Interest.....6.76
 Total Receipts 3173.81
Disbursements:
 Transfer to WELCA checking.....3686.34
 Balance 12-31-16.....4104.01



Julie Brinkman, WELCA Treasurer

WELCA PARSONAGE

Our WELCA Board along with volunteer congregation members did a thorough cleaning of the parsonage before Pastor Daniel and Christin moved in. The rooms that needed painting were painted. A washer and dryer was purchased to complete the provision of all appliances. The carpet in the office was replaced. New window treatments were provided where needed. Ceiling fans were purchased for the bedrooms, living room, and office.

We will do our next walk through in May of 2017.

Sunday School Memorial Fund

Checking Account

Balance as of December 31, 2015 \$2,020.23

Deposits:

Memorial-Dixie Brinkman \$100.00

Memorial-Dralle \$50.00

Total Yearly Interest Earned \$2.14

Total: \$152.14

Expenses: \$0.00

Balance as of December 31, 2016 \$2,172.37

Erin Mulder, Sunday School Treasurer

Sunday School Treasurer's Report

Checking Account

Balance Ending as of December 31, 2015 \$1,248.17

Deposits:

Offering \$662.25

Noisy Offering \$817.24

Thrivent (Gerald Wagner) \$145.00

Disbursement from WELCA \$300.00

Christmas Program Offering \$597.04

Total: \$2,521.53

Expenses:

Transfer to memorial fund (Dixie Brinkman) \$100.00

Jean Ann Wedeking (supplies)	\$37.07
Kmart (supplies)	\$12.81
Donation (Wings of Refuge)	\$200.00
Jennifer Hoodjer (cookies for Sunday school)	\$63.00
Group Publishing (teacher presents)	\$222.11
Living Grace	\$101.09
T&M Foods (treats)	\$27.81
T&M Foods (treats)	\$42.68
Freeze Frame (confirmation party)	\$66.29

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Christian Brands	\$23.76
Christianbook.com (supplies)	\$32.98
Walmart (Supplies)	\$17.83
Hobby Lobby (supplies)	\$17.84
Holly McBurney (supplies)	\$14.99
Smith's Etc. (supplies)	\$9.21
Lander's Hardware	
(Christmas presents-adopt a child)	\$63.07
Blain's Farm Fleet	
(Christmas presents-adopt a child)	\$209.20
Allison Variety (Christmas Program corsages)	\$42.00
Bethany Gabe (Christmas Program cakes)	\$50.00
Oriental Trading (star costume)	\$12.99
Total:	\$1,366.73
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$2,402.97

Sunday School Staff and Enrollment

Class

Nursery (7), Pre-K (9), and Kindergarten (10)

Teachers-- Traci Bartels, Liz Schroeder

Helpers-- Bridget Shultz, Jennifer Hoodjer

1st Grade (5) and 2nd Grade (6)

Teacher--Jean Ann Wedeking

Helpers-- Holly McBurney, Tanya Yerkes

3rd Grade (6) and 4th Grade (9)

Teacher--Holly Wedeking
Helper—Mary Brinkman and Hallie Testroet

5th Grade (4) and 6th Grade (5)

Teacher—Michelle Hymen
Helpers—Galen Hoodjer

7th & 8th Grade (18)

Teachers--June Vogelmann and Sarah Hawker

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Pianist- Betty Heitland
Music Director- Erin Mulder, Tracy Bartels
Sunday School Director- Erin Mulder
Sunday School Assistant- Ashley Coake

Cradle Roll- 26
Current Enrollment- 79
Average Weekly Attendance- 45
Average Offering- \$27.50
Average Noisy Offering- \$85

For 2016:

The year kicked off on Rally Sunday with an activity for children and their families. Prayer boxes were made and fellowship was served by the Christian Ed Committee.

Bibles were presented to 3rd grade students on September 25th.

All students enjoyed a hayride on October 2nd

The Sunday School students sang for worship at Sunday AM Service, Saturday PM Service, and Sunday Contemporary Service.

We presented a Christmas Program on December 11th. The theme was a birthday party for Jesus. Cake and cookies were served at the party following the program.

The Sunday School adopted 4 children, locally, and purchased Christmas gifts, which were presented at the Christmas Program. Families were encouraged to also support Operation Christmas Child.

The teachers are using Group curriculum and utilizing online resources.

Attendance Awards Assemblies: October, February, and May

Teacher Meetings: February, April, October

St. Peter Lutheran is blessed to have a dedicated group of teachers and support staff. These volunteers have put in countless hours to teach the children of St. Peter's about Jesus.

Director - Erin Mulder