

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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Holy Week, Victory of God at Easter!
Salad Luncheon/Card Party

APRIL 2019

The Newsletter of
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Greene, IA

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St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA -- Unofficial Council Minutes, March 6, 2019

Members Present: Delores Adelmund, Clarene Backer, Esther Backer, David Crow, John Ebensberger, Carrie Eiklenborg, Kelly Hoodjer, Keith Hyman, Erin Mulder, Jan Osier, Chuck Thompson, and June Vogelman

Members Absent: none **Also Present:** Christin Flucke, Robin Majewski and Gale Brinkman (Treasurer).

Devotions: John read from Bread for the Day. **Secretary's Minutes:** *John made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes and Annual meeting minutes. Erin 2nd. M/C* **Church Vision:** Ash Wednesday sermon by Pastor Daniel reminds us to "Remember, you are dust". **Additions to Agenda:** Goyer Scholarship

Committee Reports Building and Grounds: **A.** The focus this year will be to get the repairs done to the steeple. The steeple is leaking and needs the repairs done as soon as possible. Approximate costs will be in the range of \$22,000.00.

B. The stained glass window, which was found in the old basement, has been repaired by Eddie Hesalroad at a cost of \$875.00. The decision of where to hang it will be tabled until the April council meeting. **C.** June had 2 estimates for the new AED Defibrillator. The normal life of the AED is 5 years and we are at that point. Both estimates were about the same price, so it was decided to choose the Life Pack because it has rechargeable batteries. June has a grant application that she will complete, and other grant ideas were discussed. *Motion by John to spend up to \$1,700.00 for the AED. Kelly 2nd. M/C* **D.** Ross' Plumbing checked out the leaky shower in the parsonage. After removing tile, it was found that there were more issues. After discussing with WELCA, it was decided to install new surround tub/shower. **Education and Youth:** Did not meet due to weather.

Stewardship and Finance: Did not meet. Jeff Dralle had sent out an email regarding using your IRA Required Minimum Distributions (once you reach the age of 70 ½) by making a donation to the church it would be a non-taxable event. Robin has put this information in the March newsletter. **Worship and**

Evangelism: Met Monday, March 4th. **A.** The hymns have been chosen for the next 4 weeks and has special music ideas. **B.** Discussed about visiting the homebound. **C.** Pastor Daniel and the committee are compiling a list of important focuses for this committee going forward. **D.** On June 2nd at 10:30 am, First Presbyterian Church has invited St Peter to attend a service at Perrin Park led by Frankie & Phyllis Valen. A potluck lunch will follow. More details to follow. *Kelly made a motion that this will be our Sunday Service (Saturday service as usual). John 2nd M/C* **E.** June 30th the New Legacy Project will be leading our Sunday worship. All area churches will be invited to attend. June will contact Perrin Inn for reservations for the group.

Staff Support: **A.** Met with Pastor Stephen Brackett. He suggested that the staff support committee's roles be divided into 2 groups: 1. Personnel committee would manage position descriptions for employees of the church, conduct reviews, and make policy recommendations to the church council regarding church staffing. 2. Mutual Ministry committee would support the ministry of the Pastor and congregation by setting and evaluation goals for ministry together. Pastor Brackett emphasized the importance of open communication and commitment to working out issues in the congregation and between staff, rather than indirect "people are saying" or "I've heard" complaints. Our ultimate goal as a church is always to spread the Gospel and to live the Gospel. It was discussed to get a Base Group of at least 5 members for each committee who have not previously served on the Staff Support committee. Erin and John have volunteered to be part of the personnel committee.

Motion made by June to accept committee reports. David 2nd. M/C.

Youth & Children's Ministry: **A.** Pastor Daniel and Christin attended a 3 day "Youth Ministry Extravaganza" conference in Jacksonville, Florida. They both felt this was a very worthwhile conference to attend. **B.** 10 students from 3-6 grade attended a 24 hour camp at EWALU. It was the first time any of them had attended a camp, they enjoyed it! **C.** 18 high school youth and 4 adults will be going to Houston TX this summer. They have participated in several fundraisers: serving at the Pizza Ranch in Waverly and hosting the soup suppers during Lent. Erin suggested that an article be put in the local papers telling the cost of each youth's expense for the trip so the community has a better understanding. **D.** Sunday, May 5th the youth are planning a Texas barbeque meal and silent auction. More information will be coming on this event.

Pastor's Report: **A.** Pastor Daniel will be asking all council members to write a profile about themselves for the monthly newsletter. He will let each of us know when it's our turn. **B.** Pastor Daniel's sermon series, "Pray like Jesus" has gone well, even though the weather has been a factor for attendance. A Facebook livestream, Blizzard worship, was well received and appreciated for those not able to attend services. **C.** During Lent, Pastor Daniel is offering an adult education time on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:30. The sessions will look at spiritual practices. All are encouraged to come to any or all of these sessions.

Motion by Keith to accept Pastor's report. Carrie 2nd. M/C

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
March 18, 2019**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$9,444.73
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$9,444.73
Other Fund Balances	
Elevator	-\$4,978.46
Benevolence and Mission	\$2,007.00
Building and Repair	-\$97.69
Basement Windows	\$3,000.00
Fellowship	\$1,805.73
Thrivent Choice	\$3,388.00
Restoration	\$27,040.77
Missionary Support	\$725.00
Electronic Sign	\$1,177.62
Riverside Bible Camp	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$34,067.97
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$4,508.41
Money Market	<u>\$39,004.29</u>
	\$43,512.70
Goyer Scholarship	\$746.86
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,125.94

Synod Assembly

The Synod Assembly of the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA will be June 14-16 (Friday evening - Sunday morning) at Wartburg College in Waverly (note that this is Greene River Days weekend). Our congregation should send two lay delegates - are you willing to serve as one of them? If so, talk to Pastor Daniel.

Family In Other Churches

As Christians, we are called to participate in a local congregation of Christ's Body, the Church. We are grateful for the many people who have chosen to serve the Lord through membership at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene. We appreciate your commitment to this congregation!

We also recognize that today, people frequently move between communities and it can be easy to get disconnected from a church congregation. We hope that when someone moves away from St. Peter, they will connect with another congregation and continue their service to Christ in a new church home. If you have a family member who is part of another congregation, please let the church office know so their membership may be properly transferred to their new community.

On Stewardship

"Get to know two things about a man - how he earns his money and how he spends it - and you have a clue to his character. You will know all you need to know about his standards, his motives, his driving desires, and his real religion." —Robert McCracken

"In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another." —1 John 4:10-11

Saint Peter Lutheran Church
Mission Statement

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.

Sunday, April 21st

Valley View
Care Center
Devotions
at
2:00 pm

APRIL - Holy Communion

6:00 pm - Saturday, April 6th & 13th - Communion

8:30 am - Sunday, April 7th & 14th - Communion

11:00 am - Sunday, April 7th, 14th, & 28th - Praise & Communion Worship

6:15 pm - Maundy Thursday - Communion

Holy Saturday, April 20th at 6:00 pm - Communion

Easter Sunrise Service April 21st at 7:00 am - Communion

Easter Festival Worship April 21st at 9:30 am - Communion

There will be no 11:00 am Praise Worship on Easter Sunday

Home Communions

Please call the church office and schedule a time for the Pastor to come to you with Communion.

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



**Communing With
All the Saints**

We have an extension of our Worship by offering the opportunity to receive Holy Communion on the day we celebrate it in worship. For those who are not able to attend worship, but would like to receive Communion, we will send the Sacrament to you right from the worship service. Lay ministers will bring Communion to those who wish it. If you are interested in receiving Holy Communion from the Sunday Service or if you have questions about this, please call the parish office at 816-5531 to set up a time.

HOSTING FELLOWSHIP IN APRIL

7th - Volunteer needed
14th - Stewardship
Committee
21st -Luther League
Breakfast
28th -Volunteer
needed



ST. PETER WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: APRIL - Faith Circle

Senior citizen meals coordinator - Mission
Community

TBA - LWR Spring Rally & In-Gathering

11th - Bible Study 9:30 am - Faith refreshments

15th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

20th - Put up Easter Lilies

TBA: Deliver Easter balloons

21st - Valley View Devotions 2:00 pm All Circles

28th - Take down Easter Lilies

Elevator Fund

St. Peter Lutheran Church



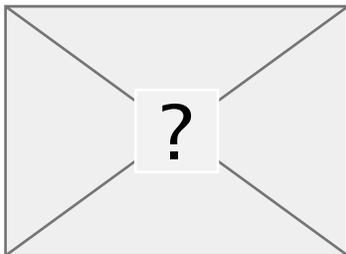
**CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING:
Wednesday, April 3rd
at 7:30 pm**

Ministry of the Food Bank

Nonperishable food items or financial donations

**"It is more blessed
to give than to receive..."**

Restoration Fund
St. Peter Lutheran Church



Food Bank

Food Bank item for the month of April is laundry soap. 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.

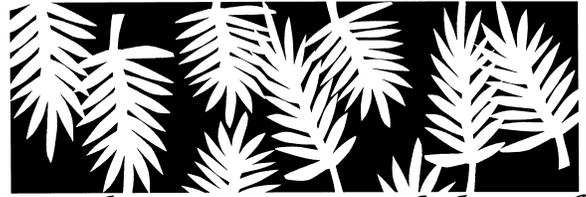


**Nursery - 6th grade
Sunday School will be
sharing some
special
music and a
short skit on
Sunday,
April 14th**



April 14

P A L M - S U N D A Y



God has raised Him up to the height of
H E A V E N

Salad Luncheon and Card Party

Calling all 500 and Bridge Players . . . LET'S PARTY!!!

A salad Luncheon and Card party will be hosted by WELCA as a fund raiser on Thursday, April 25th at 11:30 am for \$6.00 in the fellowship hall. Following the luncheon and raffle, cards of 500 and Bridge will be played with prizes awarded. This event is open to the public. Come and bring a friend.

WELCA circles will be asked to donate food for this event and more information will be given at the next WELCA meeting in April. Those women who are donating a salad or uncut pan of bars can bring them to the church kitchen the night before or by 9:30 am on April 25th.

Anyone who would like to donate prizes for the raffle, call Bev Christensen 816-4176.

Salad Luncheon



Visitation Ministry

Thanks to the Visitation Volunteers for their time spent with members of our congregation in the past year. We are hopeful to continue with one-on-one visits and telephone calls on a monthly basis to those who have homebound issues, they are still a vital part of our St. Peter ministry. If anyone has suggestions to offer—visits needed, volunteer to visit, etc.—please let me know. Jo Ann

Easter Offerings

During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent, and financial contributions, but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving and mobile GivePlus programs. It takes just a few minutes to set up. Contact the church office or Gale Brinkman for more details.



St. Peter Lutheran APRIL Birthdays

1 - Tabitha Buss,
Becky Heidenwirth,
Jaydon Landers,
Karen Worley
2 - Jared Allen
3 - Colton Chisholm,
Makenzie Quade
4 - Tucker Brinkman,
Kale Mulder
5 - Tom Heidenwirth,
Ramsey Kock,
Rick Martzahn
6 - Emily Egertson
Ainsley Spain
9 - Haley Freesemann,
Hannah Weiskamp

10 - Roger Landers,
Brooke Trees,
11 - Darvin Arjes
12 - Alex Almelien,
Richard Landers
14 - Marty Adelmund,
Camryn Bartels,
Cooper Bartels,
Todd Steere
15 - Travis Krull,
Levi Towsley
16 - Chad Duckworth,
17 - Dienna Schafer
18 - Dean Johnson,
Judy Otto,
Oakley Ruby

23 - Leighton Schoville
24 - Steve Brinkman,
Aubrie Obermier,
Darin Osier
25 - Matt Rottler,
Mandy Schmidt
26 - Allison Fox
28 - Delos Adelmund,
Olene Schroeder,
Carter Yerkes
29 - Nanette Spratt
30 - Martin Bramer,
Brooke Rohwedder

LSI

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,558 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2017. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health treatment.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI's Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2018, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 14,000 in-home visits to families.

LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you!

April Worship Servants

*So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all,
and especially for those of the family of faith. - Galatians 6:10*

If you cannot serve when assigned, **please** trade places with someone else, then notify the Church Office. **Your help and partnership here really makes a difference!**

April 6-7

Altar Guild: Delores Adelmund, Jeanie Krull

Communion Bread: Monika Teeple

6:00 Saturday, April 6

Ushers: Judy Steere

Jim & Shirley Fesenmeyer

Lector: Robin Ralls

Communion: Sandra Ross

8:30 Sunday, April 7

Ushers: Laurie Shultz, Traci Bartels

Shelby Gallagher

Lector: Liz Schroeder

Communion: Emma Wedeking

11:00 Sunday, April 7

Ushers: Jeff & Susan Stirling

Lector: David Crow

Communion: Nathan Hawker

Media: Madie Clipperton

April 13-14

Altar Guild: Delores Adelmund, Jeanie Krull

Communion Bread: Jennifer Hoodjer

6:00 Saturday, April 13

Ushers: Marilyn Steere, Margaret Johnson

Lector: Les Johnson

Communion: LaVon Steere

8:30 Sunday, April 14

Ushers: Merlin Schucknecht

Jan Osier, Tanner Arjes

Lector: Gale Brinkman

Communion: Monika Teeple

11:00 Sunday, April 14

Ushers: Carrie Eiklenborg

Colton Chisholm

Lector: Carrie Eiklenborg

Communion: Erin Dralle

Media: Owen Almelien

April 20-21

Altar Guild: Delores Adelmund, Jeanie Krull

Communion Bread: Carrie/Sydney

Eiklenborg

6:00 Saturday, April 20

Easter Volunteers Needed

7:00 Sunday, April 21

Easter Volunteers Needed

9:30 Sunday, April 21

Easter Volunteers Needed

April 27-28

6:00 Saturday, April 27

Ushers: Gene & Sandra Ross

Lector: Sandra Ross

8:30 Sunday, April 28

Ushers: Keith, Michelle, Caitlin Hyman

Lector: Mary Brinkman

11:00 Sunday, April 28

Ushers: John Ebensberger

Dawson Testroet

Lector: Chuck Thompson

Communion: Chase Eiklenborg

Media: Sydney Eiklenborg

Want to get involved? Fill out a form at church and we'll add you to the rotation!



A Sign to Proclaim Good News

*As you go, proclaim this message:
'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'*

– Matthew 10:7 (NIV)

I trust by now you've noticed our new electronic sign outside the church building. **Thank you** to all the people and groups within the congregation who have given memorials and dedicated gifts to make this new sign a reality (*particularly the Heeren family!*).

This new sign provides an opportunity for us to consider our message as a congregation. When our neighbors here in Greene drive by our church building, when friends and relatives visit St. Peter for events and holidays, what impression do we want our congregation to make?

First and foremost, our mission as a church is to proclaim the good news of God's love for the world revealed in Jesus Christ. In his first sermon recorded in the Gospels, Jesus read to the crowd in the Nazareth synagogue this passage from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor... Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (*Luke 4:18-21*)

As the church, we are the hands and feet of Jesus working in the world. Paul tells the young church in Corinth, "We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (*2 Corinthians 5:20*) I confess, there are times when I wonder why God chooses to work through sinful people like you and me. But this is the way God has chosen to work in the world. We are the body of Christ.

God has trusted the best news in all of history to us! We are not alone, trapped in our sin, condemned to a meaningless existence followed by death and nothingness. Rather, the God who created us knows us and loves us. As we'll celebrate this month, Jesus loves us enough to die for us. And Jesus has not just died; Jesus has been raised from the dead! Death is defeated! We have hope!

So what will we do with this good news? Will we keep it to ourselves? Or, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will we use our time, talents, and resources to proclaim the good news of God's love, the good news of Jesus' resurrection, the good news of God's grace and love to everyone?

Our new sign is a great tool for sharing this Gospel message, but it is only a tool. The best it can do is offer encouragement, inform passers-by of events, and invite them to come inside the building. The work of proclaiming God's love is up to us. **Who do you know who needs to hear the promise of the resurrection? Invite them to Easter!** Who have you not seen in church for a while? Reach out to them and offer to pray for them and to come with them to worship.

We want every person who comes into contact with St. Peter Lutheran Church to hear the good news of God's love for them, and we want that good news to inspire them to change their life and be reconciled with God. This message is too good to keep to ourselves!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Daniel Flucke

Lutheran World Relief

MISSION ACTION -- Quilt Dedication will be on Saturday, March 23 and both services on Sunday, March 24. If we counted right, we ended up getting 301 quilts done. Most of them are distributed through Lutheran World Relief. Some are set aside for raffles at the April Card Party/Salad Lunch and Country Time. Many are given to Bremwood (LSI) in Waverly. We keep a supply in a closet that are distributed sometimes through our local food bank at their discretion. Some are also given to various fund-raisers, such as for medical expenses, to people it is decided are in need of help. We were able to assemble 15 Baby Care Kits and 144 School Kits and 10 Personal Care Kits to be distributed through Lutheran World Relief. We were able to donate one quilt to Robin Ralls for a raffle that she is involved with that helps to raise money so foster children can attend a special camp for one week. Two other ladies contributed one quilt each also to this cause.

None of this could have been done without the generous donations of this congregation, members of the community, WELCA and monetary donations through Thrivent Financial.

Volunteers put in many, many, many hours to complete the quilt/kit project. Thanks to all of you for giving so unselfishly of your time and talents. And thank you for the many donations of supplies needed for the kits and materials needed for quilts.

Thanks to Delores Adelmund for sewing school bags; to Laurie Shultz and LaVon Steere for knitting baby caps; and to Norma Noel for knitting receiving blankets. Thanks to T & M Grocery for supplying us with boxes needed to pack quilts for Lutheran World Relief and to Ramana and Gary Schmidt for often delivering these boxes to us. Thanks to Connie Yerkes for serving on WELCA Board on behalf of Mission Action. Thanks to Julie Brinkman for being so efficient in ordering batting as needed.

I thank Robin for keeping me on my toes regarding any necessary announcements for the newsletters and bulletins.

Whatever part any of you play in this way of "doing God's work", just know you are appreciated and you DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE in someone's life.

Marilyn Schroeder

Pie By The Slice

The Greene Parish Nursing Council will be holding a Pie-By-The-Slice event April 6th & 7th after each worship. If you are able to donate 1 or 2 pies, we would be very appreciative. Please contact Bev

Christensen 816-4176 or Donna Wunsch 816-4649. Thank you for your support of the Parish Nurse Program.



Oyebade's will be visiting St. Peter July 6/7

Please reserve your calendar for the weekend of July 6/7. Our missionary from Nigeria, Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and family will be in the United States and plan to visit St. Peter Lutheran. More details to come later.



A BIG thank you to everyone who supported Luther League's book drive! With your help, we received over 250 children's books and over \$80 to help with shipping costs. Your generosity allows the Bright Boys and Girls Club in Chicago to continue instilling a love for reading in the children they serve!

"Journey Through the Bible" Retreat at Camp EWALU



10 elementary students and 2 adults enjoyed an overnight retreat at Camp EWALU in Strawberry Point, Iowa from March 2-3. These first-time campers had a blast growing in faith and exploring God's glorious creation through Bible studies, worship, games, a craft project and even a scavenger hunt!

If your child or grandchild is looking for a chance to experience all the fun and faith formation that our wonderful outdoor ministry partners including EWALU, Riverside, and Ingham Okoboji Bible camps have to offer, be sure to pick up one of the brochures from church and sign up for one of the many amazing summer camp options! Scholarships are available!

Easter Flowers



Flowers around church on Easter Sunday add to the beauty of the day. This year we are having a variety of flowers: tulips, lilies, hydrangeas, hyacinths, and fresh cuttings. 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, April 20th at 9:00 am. You may take your plant home after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 21.

Please let the church office know who the flowers are in memory of by Wednesday, April 17th.

Holy Saturday & Sunrise Service

Holy Saturday - 6:00 pm

Join us for the first celebration of Easter as the darkness of Good Friday gives way to the new light of our risen Savior! Holy Communion by Intinction.



Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 am

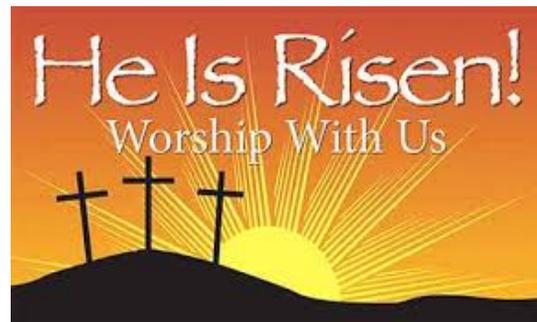
“Very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb...” Join us to celebrate the best surprise in history - the empty tomb! Our Savior is no longer dead, but alive and risen from the tomb, and because he lives, we too shall live! Altar Communion.



Come celebrate Christ's resurrection and enjoy some good food and fellowship together. Luther League youth will be hosting an Easter Breakfast from the end of the Sunrise Service up to the start of the 9:30 service on Sunday, April 21st. Free-will donations will help support Luther League's 2019 Summer Trip to Houston.

Easter Festival Worship - 9:30 am Christ Is Risen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Come celebrate the good news that the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive! Christ the Lord is risen today, and Christians gather to sing praises to our risen Lord. Holy Communion by Intinction.



Please note there will be no 11:00 am Praise worship on Easter Sunday.

Snow Make Up Services

As a church, all our ministry is funded by your generous giving. Some members give automatically through their bank accounts, which is a tremendous help in smoothing out the operational budget. *(Talk to the church office if you'd like to start giving automatically!)* However, the majority of our income comes through offerings given in worship, and with many people unable to safely make it to worship this winter, this year's offerings have been much lower than expected.

At least 3 weekends when we've had services, the weather was so bad that fewer than half of our usual number of people were able to participate. Twice, we've even had to cancel worship services.

Schools make up snow days at the end of the year. Adding a weekend is not an option for us as a church, but we are going to have a **"Snow Day Make Up Offering."** **On April 13 & 14, would you join in by making up any weekly offerings you've missed due to weather in addition to giving your regular weekly offering?**

Thank you for your partnership in ministry and your support to keep your church financially stable! In appreciation, we will serve fellowship between Sunday services.

-Stewardship Committee



Save the Date: New Legacy Project Concert

Mark your calendars: St. Peter Lutheran Church will be hosting a concert from Christian band New Legacy Project **on Sunday, June 30**. Free admission with amazing harmonies, musicianship, comedy, and worship. Watch for more details coming soon!

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.

Funeral Planning Worksheet

Until Jesus returns, all of us will one day die. The most universal fact of human life is that it ends. Although it may be uncomfortable to think about, planning for the end of your life is an act of love and kindness for your family. Planning ahead for your funeral gives your family the gift of helping them through a difficult time by letting them know your wishes.

We encourage you to consider your funeral wishes and take the time to fill out a Planning Form available in the church office. Once completed, we will make a copy for you and keep a copy in the office. When your earthly life is complete, your family will have the gift of your plans to use as they prepare for your funeral. If you have any questions, please give the office a call.

TEXAS BBQ

SUNDAY MAY 5TH

- **BBQ Meats with All the Fixin's**
- **Serving 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**
- **Free-Will Donation for Meal**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Help Us Get to Houston!**



Auction Items Needed

Do you own a local business? Do you have a unique talent such as wood-working, painting, or baking that you'd be willing to use to support our youth?

The 2019 Luther League Trip Team will be hosting a Texas BBQ dinner and silent auction event at church on Sunday, May 5th to raise money for this summer's mission trip to Houston. For this event to be a success, we need lots of silent auction items to be donated.

Please talk to Christin Flucke before Sunday, April 14th if you have something you might be willing to donate!

Items will be on display and available to bid on at church beginning Easter weekend.

Houston Trip Details

A group of 22 youth and adults from St. Peter and 2 other churches will be traveling to Houston, Texas, this summer from July 19-27.

In Houston, we'll help with different service projects including continued relief efforts from 2017's Hurricane Harvey. We'll also take in some fun and educational experiences including the Houston Space Center, a Holocaust museum, and a little beach time on the Gulf of Mexico!

The entire trip will cost an estimated \$700 per participant, of which youth will pay \$100 out-of-pocket. The remainder of the money comes from church donations and fundraising efforts like sorting cans, hosting Lenten suppers, and our upcoming Texas BBQ. **Thanks for helping make this mission experience a reality for our youth!**

FIRST COMMUNION - Palm Sunday, April 14th

Our Fifth grade children are ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion after receiving instruction about the Sacrament.

They understand the significance of receiving God's grace through communion with Jesus Christ. As Luther wrote in the Small Catechism: **"HOW CAN EATING AND DRINKING DO ALL THIS?"** "It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, **"GIVEN AND SHED FOR YOU FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS."**

These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins."

The following children will receive the Lord's grace in Holy Communion on Palm Sunday:

Laney Brinkman

Hayden Freeseemann

Sawyer Hanson

Kale Mulder

Ryland Pitzemberger

Sam Stirling



Holy Week: The Heart of the Christian Faith

Maundy Thursday Worship 6:15 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 6:15 pm

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



March 27th hosted by
Luther League
April 10th hosted by
Luther League

5:30 - 6:00 pm
at St. Peter Lutheran Church
Everyone is welcome to attend.
Free will offering.



Embracing the Uncertain

Worship at 6:15 pm

March 27 at St. Peter Lutheran Church

April 3 at United Methodist Church

April 10 at First Presbyterian Church

YAGM Update

This year, St. Peter is supporting Kayla Taylor, a missionary in Hungary serving through ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program.

Since my last newsletter, much as happened in my YAGM service year in Hungary. I celebrated my birthday with a surprise cake at choir practice, learned about how to combat antigypsyism at a weekend conference, cheered on the Roma College soccer team in a tournament, learned the Books of the Bible rap with a confirmation group, baked pogácsa (a tasty Hungarian biscuit) with a neighbor, spent time in Serbia with the Central Europe YAGM cohort, and danced at a Farsang (carnival) with the Élim girls. Although this may sound busy, I have also appreciated intentional time to read, journal and reflect. One of the things I've been pondering is the Lord's Prayer.

It took me several months to recognize the Lord's Prayer when it was being recited, but now my ears can catch the first line and I join in with its English counterpart. Hungarian words can be longer than the English translation, thus some of the lines of the prayer are also longer. I have had to learn to wait after I finish each line for the Hungarian speakers to finish as well so that we can continue to the next line in unison.

At first, I thought nothing of it, but one Sunday morning as we were praying, I realized how precious that pause is before proceeding to the next line. The Lord's Prayer is something I grew up saying in church and is now something I can recite without a second thought. That second or two of stillness between lines is a chance to reflect on the words that I know so well, but often forget to embrace. "Be still, and know that I am God" -Psalm 46:10

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done
On Earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory.
Amen.*

*Mi Atyánk, aki a mennyekben vagy,
Szenteltesd meg a Te neved;
Jöjjön el a Te országod;
Legyen meg a Te akaratod,
Mint a mennyben, úgy a földön is.
A mi mindennapi kenyerünket, add meg nekünk ma;
És bocsásd meg vétkeinket,
Miképpen mi is megbocsátunk
Azoknak, akik ellenünk vétkeztek;
És ne vigy minket kísértésbe,
De szabadíts meg minket a gonosztól.
Mert tiéd az ország és a hatalom és a dicsőség mind örökké.
Ámen.*



The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, April 28th. All Nursery-6th grade students will be going to Valley View to sing, visit with residents, and enjoy a special end-of-the-year treat!

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date. Vacation Bible School will be June 30 - July 2 in the evenings for all children who have completed grades 1 - 5, and July 1 - 3 in the mornings for children age 3 - those who have completed kindergarten. Registration forms will be available in next month's newsletter.



All Luther League Houston Trip Youth are asked to help with Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 21st. Please be on the lookout for info from Christin about what to bring!



4/3 - Colton Chisholm
4/9 - Haley Freesemann
4/10 - Brooke Trees
4/24 - Aubrie Obermier

Can Sorting Schedule



April 10th - Trip Team Pastor
(Lauren, Caitlin, Aubrie, Kedric)

April 28th - Trip Team Keith
(David, Rainy, Nathan, Haily)



Dirty Feet Retreat at Camp EWALU

All confirmation students, remember to meet at church at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 5th (please eat supper beforehand).

Schedule Changes

There will be no Luther League on Sunday, April 14th following prom night.

There will also be no Jr. High or Luther League meeting on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

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Christ Suffered, Christ Died, Christ Rose Again!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:30 am Worship with Communion 9:45 am Fellowship, Adult Education, Sunday School, Luther League <i>Pie By the Slice</i> 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion 3:00 pm First Communion 6:30 pm Lent Book Study	7:00 pm Worship Committee		7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm Lenten Worship at Methodist Church 6:45 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting			6:00 pm Worship with Communion <i>Pie By the Slice</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Confirmation Retreat</div>
14 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Worship First Communion with Communion 9:45 am Fellowship, Adult Education, Sunday School 11:00 am Praise Worship First Communion with Communion Special Music - Sunday School 6:30 pm Lent Book Study	8	9	10 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Supper by Luther League 6:15 pm Lenten Worship at Presbyterian Church 6:45 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	11 9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle Meeting	12	13 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
15 Newsletter Items Due 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	16 Senior Health Clinic <div style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Holy Week</div>	17 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	18 Maundy Thursday 6:15 pm Worship with Communion	19 Good Friday 6:15 pm Worship	20 Holy Saturday 9:00 am Have your Lilies to the church 6:00 pm Worship with Communion	
21 Easter Sunday "Christ Is Risen." 7:00 am - Easter Sunrise Worship with Communion 8:00 am - Easter Breakfast 9:30 am - Festival Worship with Communion NO Sunday School & Praise Worship	22 <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>	23	24 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	25 11:30 am Salad Luncheon and Card Party	26	27 6:00 pm Worship
28 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion 2:00 pm - Valley View Devotions	29	30	Ushers and Lectors - See "Worship Servants" page for schedule.			Altar Guild: Delores Adelmund, Jeanie Krull