

“Take, O, take me as I am  
Summon out what I shall be  
Set Your seal upon my heart  
And live in me.”

“Take, O Take Me as I Am” #814 ELW

Greetings, friends in Christ! We made it to spring, and there are glimpses of new life coming up all around us. The message of Easter is revealing itself among us and I pray this message is growing just as much in your hearts as it is in your flowerbeds. To guide you during this time I invite you to look above at Hymn #814, Take, O Take Me as I Am. This is the song we started singing on Ash Wednesday and the song we sang before our scripture readings at each of our Lenten midweek services. I hope you take this song with you and continue to reflect on it in your lives. Easter reminds us that Jesus took us as we were, still sinners in need of redemption. Through His death on the cross and resurrection to new life, we are united with Him through our baptisms where every day we are cleansed of our sins and gifted with new life and new opportunities. Each day Jesus calls us forward as the beloved child of God that we were made to be. And each week Jesus reminds us of this love when we come to worship and partake in Holy Communion. Each Sunday is a mini-Easter where we celebrate Christ’s victory over death. Jesus’s body and blood is given and shed for us as the covenantal promise of forgiveness and eternal life. It is certainly the seal that binds our hearts together. Jesus opens the gateway to heaven for each of us and starts calling us forward, now! This is our Easter message and something we live into each and every day. It is one thing for Jesus to come and be “God with us” on Christmas, it is another to know that God is not only with us, but within us. Guiding us, loving us, protecting us. God is so, so good! With God we have all the potential to be great, because God is great, and God is shaping us.

I hope to see you all during Holy Week as we hear the story of our crucified and risen Lord.

Happy Easter, everybody!

Pastor ChyAnne

Quick note: I am taking vacation starting April 6<sup>th</sup> and I will return to the office on April 14<sup>th</sup>. If anything comes up, please contact the church office. Pastor Charlie in Clarksville will be available for any pastoral care emergencies while I am gone. When I return, we will start our Bible Study on the promised blessings in the book of Matthew!

## St. Peter Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Present: Dawn Van Etten, Dixie Hughes, Phil Wahlgren, John Backer, Carrie Eiklenborg, Dana Frerichs, Nancy Reser, Keith Christensen, Kelly Hoodjer, Matt Pittenger, Kris Dralle, Ryan Behnke, Pastor ChyAnne.

1. Secretary's Minutes—Keith moved; Kelly seconded – motion passed to approve the secretary minutes.
2. Additions to the Agenda:
3. Church Vision—
4. Action Items:
  - A. Schuknecht Estate - 2nd check of \$100,000 was deposited and allocated.
  - B. Kitchen Committee – WELCA will take care of replenishing supplies and checking expiration dates.
  - C. Solar Panel Credit Update - Kelly moved; Nancy seconded - motion passed to contract with Hacker & Nelson CPA, PC to submit the Solar Panel Credit for a cost of \$800.
  - D. Council Directory – Publish in the newsletter along with a message to contact the appropriate committee with concerns and compliments.
  - E. Technology - will join the Worship Committee, John and Matt Rottler found a solution to the third TV!
  - F. Parsonage Allowance - Kelly moved; Ryan seconded - motion passed to increase the Parsonage Allowance to \$3,000.
5. Pastor's Report - Planned and led two funeral services, many phone calls and prayers with members, 10 people visited with home communion, participated in World Day of prayer at the Methodist Church, Continuing Education in Dubuque, updated confirmation requirements on our website, took Luther League to the mobile food bank in Charles City.
6. Treasurer's Report - Keith moved; Carrie seconded – motion passed to approve the January Treasurer's Report.
7. Committee Reports
  - Building & Grounds –
    - The breaker box and electrical in the Parsonage are outdated. Maybe time to seek an electrician's expertise to update things.
    - Fixing a gap in the main double doors
    - Installed 2 new fans in the range hoods.

- Replaced a light fixture and fluorescent bulbs
- Thinking of removing the men's bathroom in the old basement
- Removing carpet from the room beside the old basement kitchen. It has been wet many times.

•Education & Youth –

- Sunday School - the last day of Sunday School will be April 15th.
- Youth Group - 1st Communion classes will be held in March. Discussed changing the age from 5th grade to 3rd grade.
- Confirmation - Will visit the funeral home February 11, end of year party/last class will be May 6th.
- Luther League - Trip July 20-24
- VBS - Pastor will book Riverside for July 27-29
- The committee will host a Friday Family Movie Night on March 20th at 6-8 pm for the community. We will stream a movie and offer snacks in the Fellowship Hall.

•Stewardship & Finance –

The committee did not meet in person, but have had several email exchanges plus received the January financial statements from Marilyn in late February (no action or recommendation for approval by committee). One item being reviewed is how we should report on the investment funds/endowments (Goyer & Hildebrand combination, plus the two Schuknecht estate endowments: general and scholarship). Specifically: how the spending allowance/earnings from those endowed funds need to be separately accounted for and reported to the committee and council.

In addition, Erin Mulder provided a draft of the Schuknecht Endowed Scholarship application to the committee for review and approval before the March 11 council meeting. Keith will share information with the council if there are questions. Applications will be due by April 3 so the committee can review at our April 7 meeting.

Worship & Evangelism –

- Easter Sunday will include two services at 7:00 and 9:00. Worship will serve fellowship between services.
- Planned music for upcoming services.

•Personnel – no report


•Mutual Ministry – We discussed further continuing education opportunities for the year. We thought a reading week would be a good way to assist with our ministry goals this year and provide insights into what Mutual Ministry is and what we do.

•WELCA – Family Fun Day was well attended, bowling lanes were full and a lot of pizza was eaten. WELCA will provide fellowship on Palm Sunday.

Kelly moved; Ryan seconded – motion passed to approve the Committee Reports.

8. Adjournment: Closed with the Lord's Prayer

# TREASURER'S REPORT



ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH				
February Financial Report				
February 28, 2026				
	2/1/2026			2/28/2026
	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$61,710.65	\$12,284.14	-\$13,143.98	\$59,786.25
Employee Withholding & Payroll Taxes		-\$1,064.56	\$0.00	
Current Fund Amount in MMDA				\$0.00
				\$59,786.25
Other Fund Balances				
Technology	\$4,757.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,757.45
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,922.73	\$1,302.50	-\$797.50	\$2,427.73
Building and Repair	\$3,615.17	\$620.00	-\$154.53	\$4,080.64
Fellowship	\$3,217.42	\$120.90	-\$219.08	\$3,119.24
Thrivent Choice	\$5,759.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$6,229.00
Restoration	\$5,759.00	\$1,007.00	\$0.00	\$6,766.00
Missionary Support	\$0.00	\$475.00	-\$475.00	\$0.00
Balcony Improvement	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
AED	\$4,757.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,757.35
	\$32,788.12	\$3,995.40	-\$1,646.11	\$35,137.41
Bank Balance		Transfer from MM	Transferred to MMDA	
Checking	\$47,658.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,800.94
Money Market 112	\$46,839.86	Trans from Ckg + Int	Transfer to Ckg	\$46,839.86
	\$94,498.77		TOTAL BANK	\$110,640.80
Goyer 442 Scholarship	\$2,590.99	\$1.19	\$0.00	\$2,590.99
McGosh 920 - Gift of Love	\$1,274.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,274.49
Companion Savings	\$134,556.40		-\$10,000.00	\$124,556.40
YTD Revenue	\$56,165.91	YTD Expenses	\$55,444.29	

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone for coming out to enjoy the family movie night on March 20<sup>th</sup>. We served around 25 people. Special thanks to Julie Brinkman for grocery shopping, LSB for providing the popcorn supplies, and everyone who was involved in planning and serving.

**Thank You!!**



### Memorials Given:

- \$250.00 Sylvia Hawker Memorial from friends
- \$40.00 given to WELCA Prayer Shawl Ministry in memory of Sylvia Hawker by friends
- \$25.00 Sylvia Hawker Memorial from friends

## **Louise E. Goyer Scholarship Policy**

During her lifetime, Louise E. Goyer donated the sum of \$20,000.00 to St. Peter Lutheran Church for the purpose of providing financial assistance in the form of scholarships to members of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene, Iowa, that attend a Lutheran college. The gift document provides:

*“ . . . the income from this gift shall be used to provide scholarships to members of St. Peter Lutheran Church who are attending a Lutheran College. The gift is to be invested and the income may be accumulated over two or more years to provide larger scholarships or used annually for one or more students per the discretion of your Church council.”*

**On November 7, 2002 the St. Peter Church Council adopted the following policy regarding this scholarship endowment. In March 2023 the council adopted changes to the scholarship endowment.**

- 1.** The income from the Louise E. Goyer Scholarship Fund, herein referred to as the Goyer Scholarship, shall be accumulated for two years prior to the award of any scholarship(s). The first scholarship(s) shall be awarded for the academic year beginning in the fall of 2003 and each alternate academic year thereafter.
- 2.** The Goyer Scholarship Fund will be awarded yearly starting in 2014. When and or if the scholarship funds are depleted, we will then go back to every other year or until we have funds available. This will be decided on by the church council each March.
- 3. Any member of St. Peter Lutheran Church that is attending or will attend a Lutheran college may apply for a Goyer Scholarship.**
- 4. The application must be filed with the St. Peter Church office before May 1 of any year that the Goyer Scholarship is awarded.**
- 5.** The application will be either be typed out and submitted in person or by mail to the church office, or, by email to the church office. The application should include the applicants full name, home address, email address, phone number to reach them directly, and the name(s) of the Lutheran college(s) they have applied to and intend to enroll. The application should include parent name(s) and contact information also. In addition, the applicant is required to provide a short essay outlining their reason for going to the college(s) identified and their potential majors or study intentions. A summary of their high school accomplishments and involvement can also be included in this essay.
- 6.** The Church Council will review the applications and determine the amount of the scholarship(s) to be awarded to each Applicant.
- 7.** The Goyer Scholarship funds will be distributed to the Applicant and the college upon proof of the Applicant's enrollment in a Lutheran college.

## April 2026 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 are assigned to a date and time when you cannot serve, please find someone to trade places with you. Once you've traded dates, please notify the Church Office so the bulletin can be accurate. Your help and partnership here really makes a difference!

### **April 5, 2026- Easter**

7:00

*Ushers:* Dick Reser & Merlin Schuknecht

*Lector:* Dixie Hughes

*Communion:* Merlin Schuknecht

9:00

*Ushers:* Luther League

*Lector:* Luther League

*Communion:* Luther League

### **April 12, 2026**

9:00

*Ushers:* Roland & Deanne Martzahn

*Lector:* John Backer

11:00

*Lector:* Keith Christensen

### **April 19, 2026**

9:00

*Ushers:* Phil & Marilyn Wahlgren

*Lector:* Marilyn Wahlgren

*Communion:* Phil Wahlgren

11:00

*Lector:* Jeff Dralle

*Communion:* Jeff Dralle

### **April 26, 2026**

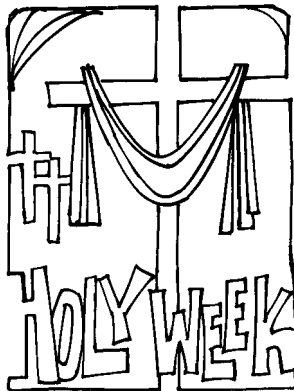
9:00

*Ushers:* Ryan Behnke & Bently Behnke

*Lector:* Laurie Shultz

11:00

*Lector:* Betty Heitland



**April 2 worship at 6:30 p.m.**



**April 3 worship at 6:30 p.m.**



### **Easter Services April 5**

- † Sunrise service 7:00 a.m.
- † Fellowship at 8:00 a.m.
- † Worship service at 9:00 a.m.

# April Birthdays



1 - Henry Bain, Tabitha Buss, Becky Heidenwirth,  
Jaydon Landers, Jordan Vanderloop,  
Karen Worley, Makayla Westendorf  
2 - Jared Allen  
3 - Colton Harms, Makenzie Quade  
4 - Tucker Brinkman, Kale Mulder  
5 - Tom Heidenwirth, Rick Martzahn  
6 - Emily Egertson, Ainsley Spain  
7 - Martha Deines, Briar Ulrich  
9 - Haley Freesemann, Dixie Hughes,  
Hannah Weiskamp  
10 - Brooke Trees  
11 - Darvin Arjes  
12 - Seger Allan, Alex Almelien, Richard Landes  
14 - Marty Adelmund, Camryn Bartels, Cooper  
Bartels, Henry Pittenger, Todd Steere

15 - Travis Krull, Levi Towsley  
16 - Chad Duckworth, Megan Vanderloop  
17 - Dienna Schafer  
18 - Dean Johnson, Judy Otto, Oakley Ruby  
19 - Harper Leavens  
23 - Leighton Schoville, Walker Allan  
24 - Steven Brinkman, Aubrie Obermier,  
Darin Osier  
25 - Matthew Rottler, Mandy Schmidt  
26 - Allison Fox, Saylor Kock  
28 - Delos Adelmund, Olene Schroeder,  
Carter Yerkes  
29 - Nanette Spratt  
30 - Martin Bramer, Brooke Rohwedder

## Count for the 2026 Quilts

- quilts to Fost Care Auction
- 121 Lutheran World Relief Quilts
- Veteran Quilts
- 9 Baptismal Quilts
- 11 Large Batted Quilts
- 12 Lap Quilts
- 11 Youth Quilts
- 14 Baby Care Kits
- School Kits



In this newsletter you will find a contact list for council members, and the respective committee each serves on. We'd like to encourage you to reach out to a one of us directly with any concerns so we can lighten Pastor and Kirsten's plate while at services. You are always welcome to contact the office during business hours or email as well. Thank you for your cooperation- Church Council.

April Food Bank Suggestion is:  
Laundry Soap



Giving QR Code





Church Update  
April 2026

*LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.*

**Growing Hope: LSI's Spring Plant Sale**

Spring is an exciting season at LSI, and this year brings an especially meaningful milestone for our Global Greens program. After many years of renting space, we are grateful to share that LSI has purchased our local greenhouse in Des Moines, IA. This step allows us to expand our work and continue creating opportunities for the refugees and immigrants we serve.

Our Global Greens program brings together individuals and families from many different countries who are building new lives in our communities. In the greenhouse, participants grow flowers, vegetables, and hanging baskets while learning valuable job skills, practicing English, and forming friendships. It is a place where people from around the world work side by side, gaining confidence and experience as they move forward in their new home.

The Spring Plant Sale is an important part of making this program possible. The plants sold during the sale are grown and cared for by the refugees and immigrants in our program. Every purchase helps support training, supplies, and the ongoing work of LSI as we walk alongside newcomers adjusting to life in Iowa.

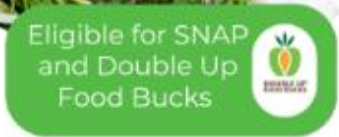
For our participants, the greenhouse represents more than a place to grow plants, it is a place to grow opportunity, community, and hope.

We invite you and your congregation to support this ministry by visiting the greenhouse during the plant sale, sharing the event with friends and neighbors, and keeping the families we serve in your prayers. When you purchase plants from LSI, you are not only preparing your garden for spring you are helping cultivate new beginnings for our newest neighbors.

Thank you for your continued partnership in this important work.



# LSI GLOBAL GREENS PLANT SALE



Support former refugee farmers by purchasing locally grown plants!



**MANY VEGETABLES INCLUDING :**

- ✓ Tomatoes- Heirloom and Hybrid
- ✓ Hot & Sweet Peppers
- ✓ Herbs
- ✓ Lettuces & Greens

**FLOWERS**

- ✓ Common Annuals (Marigold, Petunia, etc)
- ✓ Native Perennials
- ✓ Hanging Baskets
- ✓ AND MORE

<p><b>FRIDAYS : 12 - 6 PM</b>          April 24          May 1 , 8 , 15</p> <p><b>SATURDAYS : 8 AM - 2 PM</b>          April 25          May 2 , 9 , 16</p> <p><b>SUNDAYS : 8 AM - 2 PM</b>          April 26          May 3 , 10 , 17</p>
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 Keith Hyman 641-512-1023 ('27)  
 Ryan Behnke  
 Kelly Hoodjer

#### Christian Education & Youth

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**Matt Pittenger**  
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 Dana Frerichs  
 Erin Mulder  
 Christine Shultz ('27, '28, '29) 3  
 Liz Schroeder ('27, '28) 3  
 Brooke Landers ('27) 2  
 Kirsten Zimmerman ('27, '28)

#### Stewardship & Finance:

**Laurie Shultz**  
 Keith Christensen  
 Cheryle Arjes ('27, '28)  
 Erin Mulder ('27, '28, '29)  
 Monika Teeple ('27, '28, '29) 2  
 Kris Dralle

#### Worship & Evangelism:

**Carrie Eiklenborg**  
 Nancy Reser  
 Mary Brinkman ('27, '28) 4  
 Delores Adelmund ('27, '28, '29) 3  
 Sandra Schuknecht (Advisor)  
 Peggy Griffin

### Mutual Ministry:

Carol Barth  
 Gale Brinkman  
 Emily Pittenger  
 John Shultz

### Personnel Committee:

**Dixie Hughes**  
 Christine Shultz ('27, '28, '29)  
 Emily Pittenger ('27)

### Nominating Committee:

**Dawn Van Etten**  
 Erin Mulder ('27)  
 Christine Shultz ('27)  
 Lyndsie Pitzenberger ('27)

### Financial Review:

Lisa Landers ('27, '28, '29) 2  
 Jan Osier ('27, '28)  
 Kelly Zurcher ('27)  
 \*(All 3 agreed to stay on indefinitely)



## **Remember in Prayers...**

- **Shut-ins and those in Care Centers-**

Ron Schafer, Rose Adelmund, Marty & Juliene Bramer, Lois Eliassen, Marilyn Steere, Irene Loomer, Darlyce Steere, Martha Deines, Judy Lau, Norma Noel, Caroline Schafer, Monty Heitland, Marlene Marsh

- **Missionaries-**

Mary Beth and Bayo Oyebade, Tobi, David, and Lily in Nigeria and Pastor Zach Courter and Rachel Eskesen in Hungary

- **In the Military-**

Hannah Fox, Kaylie Fox, Shane Schroeder, Seth Poe, David White, Matthew Ulrichs, Tony Albrecht, Matt Heeren, Paxton Hinders, Cody Codner, Alan Peters, Christine Doudell, Ian Bain, John K. Backer, Colby Beek

- **Luther League**

The Luther League youth are collecting five cent redeemable bottles and cans, which can be put in the bins at the recycling center. Please separate aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and glass and place in the designated bins. If the bins are full, please come back another time rather than piling items on the ground. Thank you for supporting the youth of St. Peter

- **Prayer Shawls**

If you know of a person who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please contact the church office, 641.816.5531

- **Missionaries**

Remember to support our missionaries, Marth Beth and Bayo Oyebade and their family in Nigeria, and Pastors Rachel Eskesen and Zach Couter in Hungary. You can designate your gift for our missionary, or missionaries you wish to support.

- **Flowers**

You can honor loved ones and special occasions by placing flowers on the alter for worship. Flowers can be ordered from your preferred vendor. Please request them to be delivered to the church by Saturday afternoon of the weekend for which you have signed up. The flower sign-up sheet is outside of the church office.

- **Use of Building**

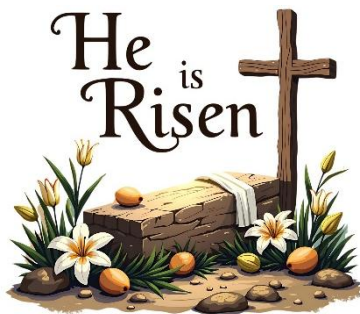
St. Peter is please to share our beautiful church building with members, friends of the congregation, and the community. The church is open from 7:00am until 7:00pm for prayer, devotions, and activities. Please remember to close what you open, turn off what you turn on, pick up as you leave the building. There is a checklist on the refrigerator door in the kitchen. To be human is to err. If you arrive and find something another person forgot, just quietly turn it off, close it up, pick it up, or flush. Thank you for your consideration.

# April

Altar Guild: Dixie Hughes & JeanAnn Wedeking  Church Council: Nancy Reser			1 -6:00 youth Group	2 Maundy Thursday- 6:30 p.m.	3 Good Friday- 6:30 p.m.	4 WELCA to put up easter flowers
<b>5- Easter</b> -7:00 a.m worship -8:00 a.m. fellowship -9:00 a.m. worship	6  *Pastor is on vacation now through April 13 <sup>th</sup>	7 -Yoga- 5:15 p.m. -Worship & Evangelism- 6 p.m. -Stewardship & Finance- 7 p.m.	8	9 WELCA Circle- 9 a.m. location TBD	10	11 Quilt In Gathering
12 -9:00 Worship -10:00 Fellowship -10:15 3yr-2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday School -11:00 Worship -WELCA to take down Easter flowers	13	14 Yoga- 5:15 p.m.	15 -Community Dinner- 5:15p.m. -6:00 p.m. youth group -6:30 p.m. confirmation	16	17	18
19 -9:00 Worship  -10:00 Fellowship  -11:00 Worship	20 Prayer Shawl Ministry- 3 p.m.	21 Yoga- 5:15 p.m.	22 6:30 p.m. confirmation	23	24	25
26 -9:00 Worship -10:00 Fellowship -10:15 3yr-2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday School (last day) -11:00 Worship	27	28 Yoga- 5:15 p.m.	29 6:30 p.m. confirmation	30		

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**Mission Statement**

**St. Peter Lutheran Church**

***WELCOMES*** people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church,  
***EQUIPS*** people with a faith that works in daily life, and  
***SERVES*** in the world to make a difference in Jesus' Name.