

# St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]  
324 East Traer Street, PO Box 638  
Greene, Iowa 50636



Call Committee Survey, Mary Beth Oyebade visit,  
3rd Grade Receive Bibles, Blessing of Backpacks

## **AUGUST 2022**

The Newsletter of

St. Peter Lutheran Church [ELCA],  
Greene, IA

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### *Mission Statement*

#### *St. Peter Lutheran Church*

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relationship with Jesus Christ  
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# Country Time

at St. Peter Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 18, 2022

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

All meals will be Drive Thru for Carry Outs

Cost: \$9.00 a meal

Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit, Roll & Bar



The meals will be served from the back of the church/fellowship hall.

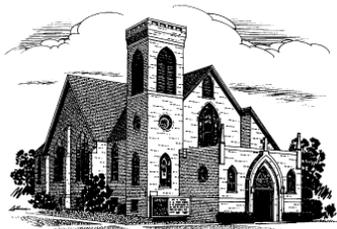
- **ENTER** - Traer Street to 3rd Street then the alley
- **EXIT** - 4th Street

## Blessing of Backpacks

It's back-to-school time already! **Students of all ages** attending school this fall are invited to a "Blessing of the Backpacks." Bring your backpack with you to worship **on August 21st at 9:30 am** so we can send you off in prayer for another great school year. Teachers and staff, come join us for a blessing on your vocation as well!



## Restoration Fund St. Peter Lutheran Church



## Ministry of the Food Bank

Nonperishable food items or financial donations

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

## Food Bank

Food Bank items for the month of August are Spaghetti Noodles & Spaghetti Sauce. All donations are appreciated, including any food or paper items. Thank you for feeding the hungry!



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GLORY OF GOD and in memory  
of:*

### Les Johnson

\$30.00 to the Prayer Shawl Fund by friends;

\$1,200.75 to the Memorial Fund by friends.



**St. Peter Lutheran Church  
Financial Report  
July 19, 2022**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	-\$5,013.79
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	-\$5,013.79
<b>Other Fund Balances</b>	
Technology	\$4,428.18
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,029.50
Building and Repair	\$891.35
Fellowship	\$2,261.04
Thrivent Choice	\$3,612.00
Restoration	\$32,055.54
Missionary Support	\$260.00
150th Celebration	\$4,125.64
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	\$49,113.25
<b>Bank Balance</b>	
Checking	\$22,981.86
Money Market	<u>\$21,117.60</u>
Total	\$44,099.46
Goyer Scholarship	\$896.88
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$665.44

**Servant Leaders**

The Christian Education Committee has a couple open spots. Please pray and ask where God might be calling you to serve, and then if you're interested, contact President Erin Mulder.



**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.

**On Stewardship**

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen—not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” —C. S. Lewis (1898-1963) Author & Christian Apologist

“You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” —Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

## AUGUST - Holy Communion

6:00 pm - Saturday, August 6th

9:30 am - Sunday, August 7th

### Home Communions

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

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

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THANK YOU  
**Volunteers!**  
We couldn't do it without you

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## School Supply Donations

Back to school items are now on sale. Lutheran World Relief School Kits will be assembled in the future and donations of the following materials are needed: Pens with black or blue ink (should be stick type and **SHOULD NOT BE gel ink**) - 2-1/2 inch erasers – boxes of 16 or 24 count Crayons – small pencil sharpeners – **BLUNT** small scissors – **PLASTIC** rulers; 30-centimeters on one side **OR** with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side – 70 count sheet notebooks in either **WIDE** or **COLLEGE** ruled paper (**NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER PLEASE**). Any items you can donate would be greatly appreciated.



You can place these items in a clear tote in the fellowship hall.

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*Gratitude*  
IS THE BEST  
*attitude*

Author Unknown

## Check out “Care Notes”

Check out the “Care Notes” in the fellowship hall for help in lots of occasions and circumstances in your life, from divorce to grief, to family troubles to teen problems. They are free. Take them and pass them on.



## LSI

### Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSI (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).*

## St. Peter WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: AUGUST - Faith Circle

15th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

### Greene Community Vacation Bible School

Greene's Community Vacation Bible School was a wonderful success again this year!

Approximately 75 kids participated in this year's program of songs, games, crafts, and tasty treats at St. Peter and St. Mary churches. We also had a lot of fun with our "Big Faith Under the Big Top" theme and thinking about how nothing is impossible for God!

A HUGE thanks to the more than 50 amazing adult and youth volunteers who helped make this year's programs happen by donating their time and talents! We also want to thank all of the members of the congregation who donated supplies and monetary gifts. We couldn't have done it without you!



Volunteers are  
seldom paid; not  
because they are  
worthless, but  
because they are  
PRICELESS!

## Bibles for 3rd Graders on August 28<sup>th</sup>

The primary way we learn about God is through reading God's Word, the Bible. When children are baptized, their parents and sponsors promise to "place in their hands the Holy Scriptures."

As a congregation, we promise to support families in the Christian education of their children. One of the ways we fulfill that promise is by presenting our third grade students with their very own Bibles, which we will do during worship at 9:30 on Sunday, August 28! Each child will receive a special "Deep Blue Kid's Bible" with age-appropriate notes and pictures to help make God's word more accessible for children. Those receiving Bibles are:

Henry Eggena

Colton Hoodjer

Kendall Leavens

Isabelle Schroeder

Eyla Sheppard

Kayden Spratt

Gabriel Young

***"The Bible is the  
cradle wherein  
Christ is laid."***  
*-Martin Luther*

Third grade youth and their parents will also have a meeting following worship and fellowship at 10:45 am to learn more about how to use their new Bibles and see how God speaks to us through this holy book.

### August Worship Servants

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,  
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10*

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

#### August 6-7

*Communion Bread:* Dixie Hughes

6:00 Saturday, August 6

*Usher:* Grace Pittenger

*Lector:* Matt Pittenger

*Communion:* Emily Pittenger

8:30 Sunday, August 7

*Ushers:* Dixie Hughes

Jack Dwyer

*Lector:* Sarah Hawker

*Communion:* Owen Almelién

#### August 13-14

6:00 Saturday, August 13

*Usher:* Kelly Zurcher

*Lector:* Robin Ralls

9:30 Sunday, August 14

*Ushers:* Laney Brinkman

Keith Hyman

*Lector:* Teresa Feldman

#### August 20-21

6:00 Saturday, August 20

*Usher:* Mary Brinkman

*Lector:* LeAnn McRoberts

9:30 Sunday, August 21

*Ushers:* Lindsay Landers

Laurie Shultz

*Lector:* Laurie Shultz

#### August 27-28

6:00 Saturday, August 27

*Usher:* Augusta Dralle

*Lector:* Keith Christensen

*Communion:* Matt Pittenger

9:30 Sunday, August 28

*Ushers:* John & Esther Backer

*Lector:* John Backer

Want to get involved? Fill out a form at church and we'll add you to the rotation. Thank you for helping make worship services happen each week!

## St. Peter Lutheran AUGUST Birthdays

- 1 - Sydney Eiklenborg
- 2 - Ardith Buss
- 3 - Rob Rottler
- 4 - Tara Austin,  
Deb Ott
- 5 - Clarene Backer,  
Keith Hyman,  
Irene Loomer,  
Eli Martzahn
- 7 - Cheryl Arjes,  
Angie Christensen,  
Pam Dralle,  
Keith Johnson,  
Laurie Shultz
- 8 - Katherine McGrane,  
Tim Siemons
- 9 - Kurt Brinkman,  
Dave Skillen
- 10 - Ricky Niehaus,  
Marlene Rogers,  
Jennifer Wordes
- 11 - Carter Backer,  
Addison Ebling  
Reese Kock,  
Macabe Schmidt

- 13 - Matt Pittenger
- 14 - Lyna Miller,  
Jason Steere
- 15 - Todd Schroeder,  
Jason Skillen
- 16 - Teresa Feldman,  
Seth Kleinschmidt,  
Carol Menken,  
Lila Shultz,  
Jim Steere
- 17 - Dave Constien,  
Tara Kock
- 18 - Susan Hodges,  
Jacque Nordmeyer,  
Marjorie Nordmeyer,  
William Zurcher
- 19 - Dylan Clipperton,  
Sue Ebensberger,  
Eleanor McGrane
- 20 - Beth Grant,  
Gabriel Spratt,  
Mike Steere
- 21 - Amanda Warner
- 22 - Caitlyn Septer,  
LaVon Steere

- 23 - Toya Knapp
- 24 - Rick Ebling,  
Alecia Landers,  
Ireland Spratt
- 25 - Amanda McCormick,  
Kay Muhlenbruck
- 26 - Augusta Dralle,  
Dennis Gabe,  
Amy Paulsen,  
Dawson Testroet
- 27 - Carol Barth,  
Danté Raymond,  
Julia Towsley
- 28 - Joanie Behnke,  
Mary Brinkman,  
Lois Eliassen
- 29 - Jeanie Krull,  
Harper Landers,  
Mark O'Brien,  
Carol Stotler
- 30 - Becky Newton
- 31 - Keith Christensen,  
Addisyn Gotto,  
Jonathan Ulrich

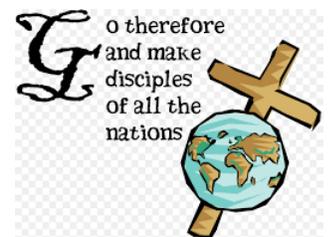
### Children & Youth

Watch for the September newsletter, Facebook, and church bulletin for updates regarding Sunday School, Confirmation, and Luther League.



### Oyebade's Visiting

We are looking forward to a visit from our missionary, Mary Beth Oyebade on Saturday, August 13th at our 6:00 pm worship. We are excited to have them here again to report on their activities in Nigeria. WELCA is planning on refreshments and fellowship following worship.



## 150th Thank You

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR A SUCCESS!!!

Special thanks to the 150th committee, John and Esther Backer, Julie Brinkman, Mary Brinkman, Dawn Deines-Christensen, Sandra Ross and LaVon Steere. (We need to include Robin Majewski for helping with doves and history book and many other little things). The committee organized all the visitation pastors, pictorial directory, updating all the doves in sanctuary, ornaments, history book, parade float, pebbles, catered dinner, outside theme sign and many little behind the scene things done to make the events a success.

We need to give a BIG THANK YOU to the WELCA board members and WELCA Volunteers that planned, prepared, made cookies or bars and served all the 150th Anniversary special event meals for Saturday and Sunday fellowships. We couldn't have done it without them! Thank you to WELCA for making quilts and providing them, for the silent quilt auction that raised \$1580 to go our missionary Mary Beth Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Nigeria.

A big thank you to St. Peter Members that took part in all the events. God's Blessing for 150 years of ministry that St. Peter Lutheran Church has provided in Greene. We pray that our ministry will continue for many more years!!!



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## Sponsor a Bible for a Confirmation Student

*When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 1 Corinthians 13:11*

For the last few years, we've been intentional about giving an age-appropriate "Deep Blue Kids" Bible to every student in our congregation as they begin 3rd grade. This full-text Bible has lots of fun, kid-friendly features to help elementary students dig into God's Word.

Now that our students who received that Bible are entering 7th grade, it's time to get them a new age-appropriate Bible to help them engage at a deeper level in confirmation class and beyond.

Here's where you come in: **Will you cover the \$20 cost of a new Bible for one of our 8 junior high students?** Please let the church office know if this is a cause you're willing to contribute towards.



## Congregational Survey

The Call Committee is seeking your help in gathering information as we work to call our next pastor to St. Peter. Your input is important to us and to the call process. The feedback from this survey will be used when completing our Ministry Site Profile. Please fill out this survey and return to Robin by August 5th. You can also complete this survey online at: <https://forms.gle/sQpHeSFVD1JvVyxH9>

### Ministry Tasks -

Select the 5 areas you feel are most critical for our next pastor.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> - Administration               | <input type="checkbox"/> - Youth and Family Ministry        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Communications/Media         | <input type="checkbox"/> - Building a Sense of Community    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Counseling/Social Work       | <input type="checkbox"/> - Children's Ministry              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Evangelism/Mission           | <input type="checkbox"/> - Financial Management             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Innovation/Creativity        | <input type="checkbox"/> - Preaching/Worship                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Ministry with Seniors        | <input type="checkbox"/> - Self Care/Family Life            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Pastoral Care and Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> - Spiritual Formation/Direction    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Recruit and Equip Leaders    | <input type="checkbox"/> - Teaching                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Campus/Young Adult Ministry  | <input type="checkbox"/> - Christian Education              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Conflict Management          | <input type="checkbox"/> - Ecumenical Work                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Interpret Theology           | <input type="checkbox"/> - Ministry in Daily Life           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Music/Worship/Arts           | <input type="checkbox"/> - Participant in the Larger Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Public Policy/Advocacy       | <input type="checkbox"/> - Small Group Ministry             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Stewardship                  | <input type="checkbox"/> - Volunteer Coordination           |

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# Congregational Survey Continued...

## Pastoral Expectations -

List 3 areas of focus that you wish the incoming pastor to give special attention to during his/her first year of ministry at St. Peter.

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## Congregation Support -

List 3 ways that our congregation will support, encourage, and help the incoming pastor accomplish his/her responsibilities during their first year.

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Thank you for your feedback and your help in this process!

- *The St. Peter Lutheran Church Call Committee*

*Carol Barth, Dawn Deines-Christensen, Dana Frenicks, Kelly Hoodjer, Reagan Mulder, & Matt Pittenger*

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**Aug. 21** - Backpack Blessing at 9:30 am worship

**Aug. 28** - Pennsylvania Trip Presentation after 9:30 am worship

**Aug. 31** - 7th/8th grade Confirmation Meeting at 6:30 pm

**Sept. 14** - 7th/8th grade Confirmation begins

Watch for updates on Facebook and the newsletter

A BIG thanks to all of the Jr. High and Luther League youth who helped with VBS this year!

You are all wonderful role models to the younger kids in our community and we couldn't have done it without you!



**8/11** - Carter Backer  
**8/26** - Gussie Dralle  
**8/26** - Dawson Testroet  
**8/31** - Addisyn Gotto

## Prayers for a New School Year

8/1 - Pray for the health and wellbeing of students

8/2 - Pray for the health and wellbeing of teachers and staff

8/3 - Pray for school boards, superintendents, and principals

8/4 - Pray for teachers as they prepare for a new year

8/5 - Pray for para-educators and school support staff

8/6 - Pray for custodians, maintenance workers, and food service

8/7 - Pray for school administrators, secretaries and office staff

8/8 - Pray for bus drivers and school nurses

8/9 - Pray for coaches and athletes as they begin practicing

8/10 - Pray for government leaders overseeing education policies

8/11 - Pray for all technology platforms utilized by schools

8/12 - Pray for school supplies and adequate funding

8/13 - Pray for those starting at new schools this year

8/14 - Pray for parents as they prepare to send kids off

8/15 - Pray for NB elementary and its staff and students

8/16 - Pray for NB high school and its staff and students

8/17 - Pray for NB graduates attending college this year

8/18 - Pray for the opportunity to go to school and learn

8/19 - Pray for those who are excited about a new year

8/20 - Pray for those who are anxious about a new year

8/21 - Pray for patience and positive attitudes

8/22 - Pray for last minute preparations for students & staff

**8/23 - Pray for the first day of school!**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting	2	3 7:00 pm Church Council meeting	4	5	6 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
7 9:30 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Fellowship 7:00 pm Call Committee meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13 6:00 pm Worship with Mary Beth Oyebade visit Fellowship following worship
14 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	15 Newsletter Items Due  3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	16 Senior Health Clinic	17	18	19	20 6:00 pm Worship
21 <i>Blessing of Backpacks</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	22	23 North Butler School classes start	24	25	26	27 6:00 pm Worship
28 <i>Bible Presentation to 3rd Grade Youth</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship & PA Trip Presentation 10:45 am Meeting for 3rd Grade Youth & Parents	29	30	31 6:30 pm 7th & 8th grade confirmation student and parent meeting	Ushers and Lectors - Sign up at church to volunteer.	<u>Altar Guild:</u> Rose Adelmund, Mary Brinkman	Altar Guild is in need of a few people to fill some open spots on guild. If interested, please contact Kelly Zurcher.

