

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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Drive Up Communion, WELCA Family Fun Day,
Souper Bowl, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, Lent

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The Newsletter of

St. Peter Lutheran Church [ELCA],

Greene, IA

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Valentine's Day



For this is the
message
that you have
heard from
the beginning
that we should
LOVE
one another.

1 JOHN 3:11

St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA
Unofficial Council Meeting Minutes January 4, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Members Present: Cheryle Arjes, Phil Wahlgren, Dana Frerichs, Keith Christensen, Dixie Hughes, Owen Almeliem, Erin Mulder, Tracy Steere, Dawn Van Etten. **Members Absent:** Lindsay Landers, Jan Osier, Andrea Gotto. **Also Present:** Robin Majewski (Sec.), Gale Brinkman (Treas.)

Meeting called to order by Council President Erin. She thanked everyone for a great 2022.

- 1. Secretary's Minutes:** Reviewed. Keith moved to approve with amendments from tonight. Phil 2nd. Approved.
- 2. Additions to the Agenda:** Drive up Communion suggested to the Council, Pastor Hatcher perform ceremony July 29, Pay raises
- 3. Church Vision:** None tonight. Owen's last meeting.
- 4. Action Items:** **A.** Monthly Council help, Jan (Dawn) & Feb (Dixie) covered. March—Phil. April—Erin. May—Keith.
B. Ash Wednesday service 2/22/23, it will include Communion, 45 min to 1 hour service. We had joint services with other churches in town other years.. There are 6 weeks of Lent. Council approved 7 pm service (1/2 hour). Supper prior to service? If there is it will be at 6 pm, prior to church service. Confirmation is 6:15 to 7-ish. More information to come.
C. Annual St. Peter Church meeting is Sunday, January 29 at 10:00. Church Council will meet immediately after for its February meeting.
D. Monthly drive up Communion suggested by a parishioner. Have the visiting pastor do it after church? The Pastor could be assisted by someone from the Home Ministry team or they could take over in case the Pastor cannot stay. Motion by Keith to have drive up Communion once a month conducted by the visiting Pastor for 15 minutes (or so) after Sunday church service. 2nd by Dana. Approved.
E. Pastor Hatcher is available to perform a wedding on July 29, must be approved by Council. Motion by Dana to accept him for the ceremony. 2nd by Cheryle. Approved.
F. Pay raises for personnel were discussed and voted upon. Church budget will be adjusted to reflect pay raises.
- 5. Pastor's Report:** Gary Schmidt & Keith Christensen took over getting visiting Pastors for church services from Phil Wahlgren. They are making great progress.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Council received, via email, reports: Asset Account Balances 12-2022, Income Statement-Actual-Budget 12-2022, Lincoln Savings Bank Account Balances 12-31-22, Monthly Fund Balance Report 12-2-22 (also handed out at meeting), Payments Journal 12-22, and Statement of Cash Flows 12-2022. Motion to approve by Dawn. 2nd Keith. Approved.
- 7. Committee Reports:** **Call Committee**—Dana—no potential Pastor to interview. They will likely meet January 12 at 6:30 for further discussion.
Building and Grounds Committee—Dawn—we did not meet. Back door of old basement which opens onto alley was installed by local contractors. Broken tile was removed below the stairs at that same door and was replaced by a local business. CO detector to be placed in boiler room.
Education and Youth—Erin—Luther League to go to NE Iowa Food Bank January 14th. Fun event being planned for this winter. Summer trip will be to Montana. Sunday School resumes this weekend, the 8th. First Communion is coming up, Palm Sunday, April 2nd.
Stewardship and Finance—Keith—met on the 2nd. Budget is in the newsletter. Stewardship fund drive is being considered.
Worship and Evangelism—Erin—upcoming hymns chosen.
Personnel—Dixie—gave review to custodian.
WELCA—Erin—quilters have resumed. Motion by Phil to approve committee reports. 2nd Cheryle. Approved.
- 8. Audio/Visual:** Electrical is done. Camera still to come. Then comes training from the equipment company.
- 9. Motion to adjourn by Owen.** 2nd Tracy (her last meeting too). Approved.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
January 22, 2023**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$151,162.29
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	_____
	\$151,162.29
Other Fund Balances	
Technology	\$2,470.83
Benevolence and Mission	\$951.12
Building and Repair	\$428.39
Fellowship	\$2,475.10
Thrivent Choice	\$386.00
Restoration	\$43,050.54
Missionary Support	\$385.00
150th Celebration	\$2,082.18
AED	\$450.00
	\$52,679.16
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$182,695.50
Money Market	\$21,145.95
Total	\$203,841.45
Goyer Scholarship	\$21,554.84
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,015.80

Vacation Bible School

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to be St. Peter Lutheran church coordinators for the Vacation Bible School next year. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lizeckhard Schroeder at lizeckhardt@yahoo.com



Restoration Fund

St. Peter Lutheran Church



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.

FEBRUARY - Holy Communion

6:00 pm - Saturday, February 4th

9:00 am - Sunday, February 5th

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

Home Communion

For those of you who received home communion last month, our volunteers will be in contact with you as to when you would like communion this month. If you have not be contacted and would like communion in your home, please call the church office and schedule a time for the us to come to you.

Drive-Up Communion

Sunday, February 5th from 10:00 - 10:15 am. This will be behind the fellowship hall under the canopy.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member?? See how you can provide funds for your church at St. Peter. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2023, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to St. Peter Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. **This must be done on a yearly basis.** Any questions contact Julie Brinkman or the church office.



Thrivent Action Team

Thrivent Action Teams make it easy for you to bring people together to make a positive change in your community! When you see a need, apply to Thrivent. Once your idea is approved, a Thrivent Action Kit is delivered to your door. It's packed with everything you need to help make your project a success. It even includes \$250 in seed money to help get your project started. If you are a Thrivent Benefit member you can help with TWO \$250 projects, and Associate members can help with ONE \$250 project for our church or community per year.

This passion-powered program is brought to you by Thrivent Financial because we believe that being wise with money and living generously go hand in hand.

If you have any questions contact Julie Brinkman or the church office.



**MEMORIAL GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF
GOD and in memory of:**

Marlene Rogers

\$20.00 to the Prayer Shawl Fund by friends.



Funeral Planning Worksheet

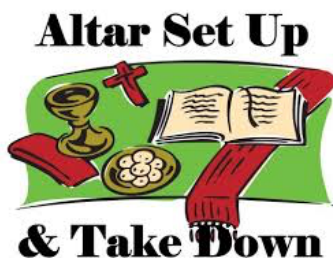
Until Jesus returns, all of us will one day die. The most universal fact of human life is that it ends. Although it may be uncomfortable to think about, planning for the end of your life is an act of love and kindness for your family. Planning ahead for your funeral gives your family the gift of helping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



Altar Guild

Altar Guild is in need of a few people to fill some open spots on guild. If interested, please contact Kelly Zurcher or the church office.



St. Peter WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: February - Glory Circle

WELCA CALENDAR

- 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24:** Quilting Days 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 5th (Sunday):** Family Fun Day - Bowling & Pizza from 12:00 - 2:00 pm at Freeze Frame
- 9th (Thursday):** Bible Study 9:30 am - Glory refreshments
- 20th (Monday):** Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

WE ARE IN NEED of more containers for left-overs from meals that take place now and then here at St. Peter. We could use those that are the size of cool-whip containers, larger containers for cottage cheese, sour cream, frozen fruit, etc. ALSO we could use any containers that would be large enough for left over bars. Bring these containers and put them in the kitchen off of the fellowship area and they will then be placed in the proper cupboard space. THANK YOU for your help.



Greene Food Bank

Food Bank item for the month of February is paper towels and dish 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.



Souper Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday

Some are going to watch their team play, others are hoping to watch a certain team lose. Most of us are going to eat way too much, while enjoying time with family and friends.

St. Peter Lutheran has a challenge to submit to you: **On the weekend of the big game, will you take a bite out of hunger by throwing 1 dollar in our church Soup Bowl?** Imagine the impact we can make locally and globally if each person throws just a dollar in! Half of the donations will be sent to Greene Food Bank, and the other half to Lutheran World Hunger Appeal. We've put a \$1.00 challenge down. Can you beat it?



Lent Suppers

February 22nd hosted by Luther League

March 8th hosted by Church Council

March 22nd hosted by Jr. High Ministry

6:00 pm at St. Peter Lutheran Church

Everyone is welcome to attend. Free will offering.



Lent Worship



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. Join us in remembering both the reality of our human mortality and the promise of God's eternity. Our Ash Wednesday worship will be at 7:00 pm.



Worship is at 7:00 pm

February 22 Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion at St. Peter Lutheran Church

March 1 at First Presbyterian Church

March 8 at St. Peter Lutheran Church

March 15 at First Presbyterian Church

March 22 at St. Peter Lutheran Church

March 29 at First Presbyterian Church

St. Peter Lutheran FEBRUARY Birthdays

1 - Kaitlynn Brandhorst,
Jane Martzahn,
Kayden Spratt
Judy (Calvin) Steere
2 - Dan Meyne,
Clarice Stephenson,
Alexis Wiegmann
3 - Brett Dane,
Bruce Miller
4 - Galen Hoodjer
5 - Bev Brinkman
6 - Derek Landers,
Steve Mulder,
Blair Shultz
7 - Chelsi Majewski,
Rachel Steere

8 - Kathleen Wefel
10 - Kirsten Hawker,
Damian Spratt
11 - Sylvia Hawker,
Derek Steere
12 - Katie Platts
13 - James Austin
15 - Zach Taylor,
Jean Towsley
16 - Michael Allen,
Cameron McBurney
18 - Molly Iverson,
Kelsie Jensen
19 - Layne Bartels,
Darin Stotler
20 - James Deike

21 - Pat Stock
22 - Christine Shultz
23 - Tim Brunner,
Marjorie O'Brien,
Calvin Steere,
John Steere,
Mark Yerkes
24 - Michelle Jensen
25 - Reagan Mulder
26 - Erin Mulder,
Cody Ritter
27 - Shelbie Reisem,
Patrick Zimmerman
28 - Benjamin Backer,
Hannah Fox

LSI

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI

At LSI, loving our neighbor is an essential value that we continuously work and grow towards. This Valentine's Day, take time to share with your friends, family and neighbors how important they are to you. February is a time of giving, a time of love and a time of gratitude. Share with those around you how much they mean to you and the impact they have had on you.

It's also a time when we want to thank you, the congregations that so generously support the work of LSI throughout the year. We are blessed by your love and support. Your generosity has continued to offer hope and healing to Iowans of all ages.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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 LSA (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 and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

February 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!

February 4-5

Communion Bread: Emily Pittenger

6:00 Saturday, February 4

Usher: Dawn Van Etten

Lector: Robin Ralls

Communion: Dawn Van Etten

9:00 Sunday, February 5

Ushers: Jack Dwyer

Shelby Gallagher

Lector: Shelby Gallagher

Communion: Monika Teeple

February 11-12

6:00 Saturday, February 11

Usher: Jeff Dralle

Lector: Jeff Dralle

9:00 Sunday, February 12

Ushers: Emma Wedeking

Ross Hawker

Lector: Sarah Hawker

February 18-19

6:00 Saturday, February 18

Usher: Kelly Zurcher

Lector: Betty Heitland

9:00 Sunday, February 19

Ushers: Teresa Feldman

Jared Feldman

Lector: Teresa Feldman

February 25-26

6:00 Saturday, February 25

Usher: Keith Christensen

Lector: Keith Christensen

9:00 Sunday, February 26

Ushers: Keith Hyman

Kelly Hoodjer

Lector: Connie Yerkes



Mark Your Calendar!

St. Peter WELCA Women invite you to a **FREE BOWLING/
PIZZA FUN DAY**



**FOR St. Peter's families
Sunday, February 5th
Freeze Frame Bowling Alley
12:00 – 2:00 pm**

**Bowling games start at noon & 1:00 pm
WELCA is sponsoring a fun day for everyone!!!**

**Children (*with an adult*) through senior
citizens.**

**Come bowl or just come and watch
the fun.**

**We will pay for a game of bowling,
your rental shoes, pizza & beverage.**

Hope to see you there!



Sunday School

Sunday School will meet
Sunday, February 19th & 26th
and March 5th at 9:45 am.



First Communion

First Communion for 5th grade students is planned for
Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 am worship.

We will hold 3 sessions to prepare the students. First
session will be Saturday, March 4 (creating pottery) at
4:30 pm in the
Fellowship Hall,
Second session is
Sunday, March 26 at
10:00 am (baking
bread), and Final
session is Saturday,
April 1 at 4:30 pm.



Prayer Chain

Is there anyone who would like to be included in our Prayer Chain? These people are contacted whenever someone wants prayers for whatever reason—we use a calling tree, so you will be asked to only call the person listed below in the list. Any questions, please call me. Jo Ann 816-5647



Stewardship & Finance

THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP

Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory. We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.



St Peter Lutheran Church encourages you to use our eGiving tools to make your donations. You can use the QR code to the left to access giving options. We still accept your envelopes, checks, and cash. As long as you provide a note as to your wishes, we will record your offering accordingly.

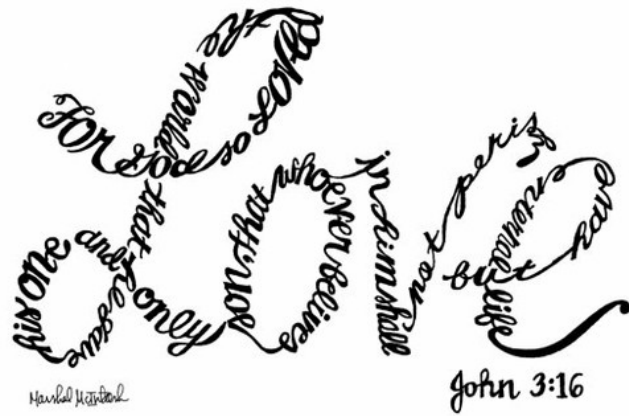
THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS.

Offering Envelopes

For those of you who would like Offering Envelopes and don't have a set, please contact the church office and we will get some ordered for you.


Also if there are some of you that have went to eGiving and would not like Offering Envelopes anymore, please contact the church office and we can have your name removed.





Luther League will meet
Wednesday, February 15th
at 6:00 pm at St. James in Allison

Luther League will meet
at 4:30 pm on
Wednesday, February 22nd
to serve the meal before
Ash Wednesday worship.



February

10 - Kirsten Hawker
16 - Cameron McBurney
25 - Reagan Mulder



**Can Sorting
Schedule**

Watch Facebook for reminders
about cans

Confirmation will meet
Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15
at 6:15 pm

No confirmation class on
Ash Wednesday, February 22

FEBRUARY 2023 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

Church Office Email - stpeter@myomnitel.com Church Website: www.stpetergreene.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:15 pm Confirmation	2	3 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	4 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
5 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship	6 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting	7 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	8 6:15 pm Confirmation	9 9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle meeting	10 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	11 6:00 pm Worship
12 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	13	14 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	15 Newsletter Items Due 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Luther League at St. James	16	17 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	18 6:00 pm Worship
19 9:00 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship	20 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	21 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm Senior Health Clinic	22 4:30 pm Luther League 6:00 pm Supper 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion at St. Peter	23	24 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm	25 6:00 pm Worship
26 9:00 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship	27	28 WELCA Quilting Day 9 am - 1 pm		Altar Guild: Robin Ralls, Kelly Zurcher		