

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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Souper Bowl, Valentine's Day, WELCA Fun Day,
Ash Wednesday, Sunday School Sings

FEBRUARY 2020

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.

St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA
Unofficial Council Meeting Minutes 1/8/2020 - 7:00 pm

Members Present: Delores Adelmund, Clarene Backer, Esther Backer, Carrie Eiklenborg, Kelly Hoodjer, Keith Hyman, Erin Mulder, Jan Osier and Chuck Thompson **Members Absent:** David Crow, John Ebensberger, June Vogelma and Pastor Daniel Flucke **Also Present:** Julie Brinkman, Robin Majewski and Gale Brinkman

Devotions: Kelly read from Bread for the Day.

Church Vision: Pastor Daniel is on paternity leave.

Secretary's Minutes for the December meeting: *Erin made a motion to accept the secretary's minutes. Delores 2nd. M/C*

Additions to Agenda: Parsonage guidelines, Greeting each other during the cold/flu season at worship

Committee Reports Building and Grounds: Did not meet, but Keith did go over the employee reviews & a storage area that needs to be tidied up.

Education and Youth: Did not meet.

Stewardship and Finance: Did not meet.

Worship and Evangelism: **A.** Met Monday, January 6th, hymns have been chosen through February. **B.** Still working on welcome bags that can be given to new residents to Greene through City Hall telling St Peter's times of worship services.

C. There are new seasonal banners from memorial funds that should work on the left wall of the sanctuary. The alter guild will change these banners when the alter cloth is changed. *Carrie made a motion to use these banners. Delores 2nd. M/C*

Personnel: **A.** Planning to meet quarterly.

Chuck made a motion to accept the committee reports. Keith 2nd. M/C

Mutual Ministry:

WELCA: **A.** Special thanks to Gary Schmidt for moving the card tables to the table closet. **B.** Sunday February 16th there will be a family "Bowling & Pizza" fun day provided by WELCA. **C.** The quilting group have started. The quilts are made for World Relief, Country Time raffle, Bremwood, among other places. **D.** March 28 a light luncheon with "Witness 4 Program" will held. Area church ladies will be invited to attend.

Youth & Children's Ministry: Christin is on maternity leave.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Daniel is on paternity leave

Treasurer's Report: January 16th there will be an audit to the books.

Motion made by Carrie to accept the Treasurer's report. Esther 2nd. M/C

Old Business: **A.** The lift elevator going to the Sanctuary is working well. Thanks to Gary Schmidt, John Backer, Keith Hyman and all others who gave their talents to fix this at a low expense.

New Business: **A.** Andrea Gotto is willing to fill a 3 year term on council. Kelly Hoodjer and Jan Osier have agreed to fill another 3 year term on council. *Keith made a motion to present them to the congregation for election at the annual meeting. Carrie 2nd. M/C*

B. One copy of the "Bread of Life" will be ordered at this time. **C.** The pillar pole holders for the poinsettias and Easter lilies will be taken down by the Buildings & Grounds committee. **D.** Parsonage guidelines will now be handled by the Buildings & Grounds committee and the church council. **E.** There is a piano in the old basement that is not being used. It will be checked to see if it is tuned & worth keeping.

Other Business: **A.** Erin will attend the Three River Conference Assembly on Sunday February 9th at St Paul Lutheran Church in Wellsburg. **B.** Aubrie Obermier has requested to use the new basement to babysit on February 14th as a Student of the year project. *Kelly made a motion to approve Aubrie for using the basement. Esther 2nd. M/C* **C.** During the cold/flu season, we will not be greeting each other by shaking hands during the worship services. **D.** Keith may be needing totes for the storage of Christmas decorations.

Kelly made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Keith 2nd M/C

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
January 20, 2020**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$15,276.45
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u> </u>
	\$15,276.45
Other Fund Balances	
Benevolence and Mission	\$584.25
Building and Repair	\$457.65
Basement Windows	\$3,899.00
Fellowship	\$2,204.75
Thrivent Choice	\$172.00
Restoration	\$17,196.76
Missionary Support	\$395.00
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	\$25,359.41
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$19,577.76
Money Market	<u>\$21,058.10</u>
Total	\$40,635.86
Goyer Scholarship	\$1,108.12
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,220.31

On Stewardship

“Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.”

—First Lady Barbara Bush

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

—1 Timothy 6:17-19



**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 Schedule

6:00 pm Saturday, February 1st, 29th

8:30 am Sunday, February 2nd

11:00 am Sunday, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

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.



Communing With All the Saints

Our Worship is extended 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 are happy to bring Communion to those who wish it. If you are interested in receiving Holy Communion from the Sunday Service or if you have questions, please call the parish office at 816-5531 to set up a time.

**Sunday,
February 2nd**

**Valley View
Devotions
at 2:00 pm**

Funeral Planning

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.

Lutheran World Relief

MISSION ACTION extends a big THANK YOU to all who have helped with the continued success of the Quilting that is being completed. So many people have been very generous with donations of fabric and the quilting could not be carried out without that kind of help. The hours given by individuals in tearing clothing apart for quilting, in sewing school bags, in assembling quilts, or the hours given in the sewing of quilts, can not begin to be counted. Thank you everyone for sharing your time and talents.

If you ever want to see what goes on in January and February in the old basement regarding finishing up the quilts, please feel free to drop by. We are there from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays during those two months - unless school is canceled and then we stay home also. COFFEE BREAK IS 10 a.m. and there is a potluck at noon - come and join us!!



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

ALTAR FLOWERS: February - Faith Circle

Senior citizen meals coordinator - Nancy Reser
Quilt Tying Days - February 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm with a noon potluck
2nd - Valley View devotions 2:00 pm All Circles
13th - Bible Study 9:30 am - Faith refreshments
Deliver Valentine balloons
17th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm
16th - Family Fun Day Bowling at Freeze Frame

Photo Release



From time to time our members may have their pictures taken or be videotaped during major events. If you do not want your picture shared on Facebook or on our Website, please contact the church office so we can be sure to honor your wishes. Thank you!

HOSTING FELLOWSHIP IN FEBRUARY

2nd - Flucke's
9th - Steve & Erin Mulder
16th - Volunteer needed
23rd - Volunteer needed

A graphic with the text "We love our Volunteers!" in a black, cursive font. The word "love" is written in a smaller, red font and is surrounded by a circular arrangement of red hearts. The background is white.

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 friends and family.

The Stewardship Committee 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???

Time to Plan for Summer Camp

It might be winter outside, but summer is coming, and it's time to sign up for camp! Our congregation is fortunate to partner with two different Lutheran camps, Camp EWALU and Riverside Bible Camp. Flyers for both camps are at church.

Wondering what summer camp is all about? It's an awesome experience of playing games, going swimming, doing crafts, and best of all, learning more about Jesus. For older students, there are also a variety of specialty and adventure camps, like ranch camp with horses, music and drama camp, night camp, Boundary Waters canoeing, and even houseboating.

Half-week programs are for kids who have completed grades 1-3, and full-week programs are for anyone who has completed grades 4-12. Camp is such a great opportunity that St. Peter has scholarship money available to help pay for it! Early registration discounts are also available.

Sunday School Sing



The nursery-6th grade Sunday School students will be singing and sharing about what they've been learning

as part of the 6:00 worship service on **Saturday, February 29th**. After worship, all students and families are encouraged to stick around for a fun, family event. There will be no Sunday School then on Sunday, March 1st.

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.



St. Peter Lutheran FEBRUARY Birthdays

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

8 - Kathleen Wefel
10 - Kirsten Hawker,
Damian Spratt
11 - Sylvia Hawker,
Derek Steere
12 - Katie Platts
13 - James Austin
15 - Jean Towsley
16 - Michael Allen,
Cameron McBurney,
18 - Molly Iverson,
Kelsie Ruby
19 - Layne Freiberg,
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 - Ray DeVries,
Shelbie Reisem,
Patrick Zimmerman
28 - Benjamin Backer,
Hannah Fox



February 26th

March 11th

March 18th

April 1st

5:30 - 6:00 pm

St. Peter Lutheran Church

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Free will offering.



Worship at 6:15 pm

February 26 at St. Peter Lutheran Lutheran
Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion

March 4 at United Methodist Church

March 11 at First Presbyterian Church

March 18 at St. Peter Lutheran Church

March 25 at United Methodist Church

April 1 at First Presbyterian Church

LSI

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Family Fun Day

WELCA invites you to a FREE BOWLING/PIZZA FUN DAY

FOR St. Peter's families on Sunday, February 16th at

Freeze Frame Bowling Alley from 12:00 - 3:00 pm.

Bowling games will start at noon, 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm.

WELCA is sponsoring a fun day for everyone!!!

Children thru 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!**



February Worship Servants

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

- Colossians 3:23

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!**

February 1-2

Altar Guild: Robin Ralls, Kelly Zurcher

Communion Bread: Pam Dralle

6:00 Saturday, February 1

Ushers: Jasmine Spratt, Andrea Gotto

Lector: Sylvia Hawker

Communion: Andrea Gotto

8:30 Sunday, February 2

Ushers: Shelby Gallagher

Cheryle Arjes, Connie Yerkes

Lector: Connie Yerkes

Communion: Tanner Arjes

11:00 Sunday, February 2

Ushers: Kris & Erin Dralle

Lector: Olivia Dralle

Communion: Clayton Towsley

Media: Colton Chisholm

February 8-9

6:00 Saturday, February 8

Ushers: Les & Margaret Johnson

Lector: Les Johnson

8:30 Sunday, February 9

Ushers: Keith & Michelle Hyman

Brooke Trees

Lector: Gale Brinkman

11:00 Sunday, February 9

Communion Bread: Monika Teeple

Ushers: Isaac & Karen Almelien

Lector: Amy Testroet

Communion: Alex Almelien

Media: Owen Almelien

February 15-16

6:00 Saturday, February 15

Ushers: Jim & Shirley Fesenmeyer

Lector: Robin Ralls

8:30 Sunday, February 16

Ushers: John & Esther Backer

Gary Schmidt

Lector: Gary Schmidt

11:00 Sunday, February 16

Ushers: Addisyn Gotto, Meredith Shultz

Lector: John Shultz

Communion: Maddy Shultz

Media: Jack Hanson

February 22-23

6:00 Saturday, February 22

Ushers: Judy Steere, Dawn Van Etten

Lector: Carol Barth

8:30 Sunday, February 23

Ushers: Merlin Schucknecht

Nolan & Leah Reser

Lector: Mary Brinkman

11:00 Sunday, February 23

Ushers: Jean Towsley, Carter Backer

Lector: David Crow

Communion: Maria Mathers

Media: Addasyn Spain

February 29 - March 1

Altar Guild: Robin Ralls, Kelly Zurcher

Communion Bread: Reagan & Erin Mulder

6:00 Saturday, February 29

Ushers: Jeff & Pam Dralle

Lector: Jeff Dralle

Communion: Jane Innes, Rainy Kock

8:30 Sunday, March 1

Ushers: Laurie Shultz

Delos & Delores Adelmund

Lector: Teresa Feldman

Communion: Laurie Shultz

11:00 Sunday, March 1

Ushers: Jeff & Susan Stirling

Lector: Chuck Thompson

Communion: Holly Wedeking

Media: Emma Wedeking



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

Pastor Impersonation Scam

A number of church communities in our Northeastern Iowa Synod have recently been targeted by a scam where someone texts or emails members of a congregation falsely claiming to be the pastor. Often, the scammer will claim to be visiting someone in the hospital and request that you purchase a gift card for them and respond with the number. Pastor Daniel will never make such a request of members. If you receive such a request, please call Pastor Daniel at 641-257-9794 to report it.

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, 2020, 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, an Associate members can help with ONE \$250 project for our church or community per year.



ACTION TEAM

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.

The 7th & 8th grade confirmation students will be taking a field trip to a mosque in Waterloo on Wednesday, Feb. 19th.

We will leave from church at 5:30 that night (please eat supper beforehand), and be back about 9:00 pm.

If other youth or adults would like to join us, please talk to Pastor Daniel or Christin.



2/10 - Kirsten Hawker

2/19 - Layne Freiberg

2/25 - Reagan Mulder

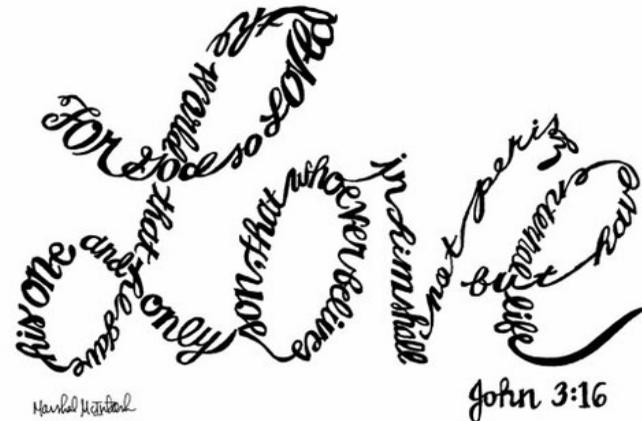


Can Sorting Schedule

Feb. 9th - All Call During LL

Feb. 23rd - Team Keith

Kedric, David, Madie C., Aubrie



Are you going on the Luther League trip to Colorado this summer?

Be watching for information from Christin about upcoming fundraising efforts!

FEBRUARY 2020 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ushers and Lectors - See "Worship Servants" page for schedule.		<u>Altar Guild:</u> Robin Ralls, Kelly Zurcher				1 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
2 8:30 am Worship with Communion 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion 2:00 pm - Valley View Devotions	3 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting	4 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm	5 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	6	7 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm	8 6:00 pm Worship
9 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion 11:45 am Christian Ed meeting	10	11 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm	12 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	13 9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle meeting	14 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm	15 6:00 pm Worship Newsletter Items Due
16 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion 12:00 pm WELCA Family Fun Bowling Day	17 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	18 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm Senior Health Clinic	19 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	20	21 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm	22 6:00 pm Worship
23 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion	24	25 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm	26 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Ash Wednesday Worship at St. Peter with Communion 6:45 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	27	28 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm	29 6:00 pm Worship with Communion Sunday School sing followed by a family event