

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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Annual Meeting Agenda, Proposed 2021 Budget

JANUARY 2021

The Newsletter of
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Greene, IA

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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.

St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA
Unofficial Council Minutes, December 2, 2020

Members Present via Zoom or in person: Clarene Backer, Esther Backer, John Ebensberger, Carrie Eiklenborg, Andrea Gotto, Erin Mulder, Jan Osier, Chuck Thompson, William Schmidt **Members Absent:** David Crow and Kelly Hoodjer **Also Present:** Robin Majewski, Gale Brinkman (Treasurer) and Christin Flucke.

Devotions and Church Vision: We watched a short video from Episcopal Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. He emphasized the soul of who you are is connected to God, and the heart of Christmas is God's love coming into our world. Pastor Daniel read from 1 John Chapter 4.

Secretary's Minutes: John made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Chuck 2nd M/C. **Additions to Agenda:** None

Building and Grounds: Gary Schmidt submitted a list of things that has happened this month. **A.** Gary has talked to Paul at Mel's TV about the humidifier that is still under warranty. Paul is not getting a response from the company. Gary will keep checking. **B.** Ross Plumbing has repaired the men's urinal & waiting for a part for the drain. One 11-25-2020 Ross Plumbing fixed the drain & checked the 5 furnaces in the new addition. **C.** The annual staff evaluation for custodians will happen soon. **D.** The boiler in the Sanctuary was inspected on 11-9-2020 and everything is ok. **E.** The parsonage had water coming up from the floor drain (caused by the washer). Ross' cleaned out the drain again. **F.** Roland Martzahn replaced 3 smoke detectors in the kitchen and both offices on 11-25-20. **G.** Gary removed a bat in the narthex. **Education and Youth:** **A.** Met and discussed feedback on how Sunday School is going in the pandemic. **B.** In December Christin will be sending packets with fun Advent activities. **C.** There will be a sign up for a family Christmas movie night kit, partially funded by a Thrivent grant from Flucke's.

Stewardship and Finance: Went over the proposed 2021 budget. **Worship and Evangelism:** Did not meet, waiting to see what is decided for Christmas. **Personnel:** **A.** Evaluations are starting. **B.** Sandra Schuknecht asked that as she is an independent contractor, she not have a formal staff evaluation done using the personnel committee's process. Council will direct worship committee to update her position description accordingly. *Motion made by Esther to accept committee reports. John 2nd M/C.*

WELCA: Donations for the Giving Tree can be dropped off at the church office, mailed to the church, or given to Julie Brinkman by Dec 15th. **Youth & Children's Ministry:** **A.** Confirmation students have been meeting via Zoom. They have finished studying the Old Testament. **B.** Christin is hoping to have an online Christmas party for the students. **C.** Two trailers have been lined up to take the cans to the redemption center on Saturday, December 5th. **D.** The Luther League has mailed our care packages to our college aged students, they should have received them before Thanksgiving. **E.** Plans are being worked out to have a virtual Christmas program for the Sunday School. Christin is getting positive feedback. **F.** It was decided since the church is closed, it will not be decorated inside. Delores Adelmund has decorated outside the church. Robin will check out the nativity set to be put in the front door with a light shining on it.

Pastor's Report: **A.** Pastor Daniel is currently leading an online Advent study on Sunday afternoons with 14 people signed up. **B.** Starting in January, Pastor Daniel will be leading a group through a study of "The Generosity Challenge: 28 Days of Gratitude, Prayer, and Faith". **C.** All annual reports need to be submitted by January 4th. The annual meeting is set for January 31st. It is unclear at this time how this can be handled. Tabled to January meeting. **D.** Pastor Daniel has secured July 11th for a Cowboy Church group from Shell Rock. There is no fee, but they would appreciate donations especially enough for gas money. **E.** Thank you to Clarene Backer, Keith Christiansen, Jeff Dralle, & Kelly Hoodjer for calling members about the drive-in communion in November. **F.** Thank you to Carol & John Barth for raking the leavings outside the church building. *Motion by Carrie to accept Pastor's report. Jan 2nd M/C*

Treasurer's Report: **A.** The PPP money that our church was able to apply for helped with keeping our current budget in good standing. **B.** Pastor Daniel is considering sending a letter to members about the importance of giving, even though we are not having in-person services. He will draft a letter and have the Stewardship committee review it and give him feedback. *John made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Carrie 2nd M/C*

Old Business: **A.** The Christmas Eve service will be an online worship service. **B.** After discussion, it was decided to continue to suspend in-person worship through Jan 10th. It will be re-evaluated again at the January council meeting.

John made a motion to approve online worship through Jan 10th. Clarene 2nd M/C **C.** William has been in contact with a NIACC media specialist. He will be coming on Wednesday, December 9th to meet with Pastor Daniel and William to get an estimate to have a display screen in the sanctuary and other items that are on the priority list. **D.** Trees need to be replaced at the parsonage for those that have been removed. Erin will contact Bruce Burroughs. **New Business:** **A.** Gale answered questions about the proposed 2021 budget. *Carrie made a motion to accept the 2021 proposed budget. Clarene 2nd M/C* **B.** The budget preview for the congregation will be available Jan 23/24. **C.** The annual meeting agenda was reviewed. **D.** The Annual meeting is scheduled for January 31, the decision of how this will be handled is tabled until the council meeting in January. **Other**

Business: **A.** Gale has been getting letters requesting donations from different organizations. It was discussed that local donations at this time should be the priority. *John made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Chuck 2nd M/C*
Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
December 15, 2020**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$14,901.01
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$14,901.01
Other Fund Balances	
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,469.00
Building and Repair	-\$2,287.71
Basement Windows	\$5,899.00
Fellowship	\$1,991.25
Thrivent Choice	\$126.00
Restoration	\$22,211.49
Missionary Support	\$555.00
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	<u>\$30,414.03</u>
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$24,228.00
Money Market	<u>\$21,087.04</u>
TOTAL BANK	<u>\$45,315.04</u>
Goyer Scholarship	\$717.50
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,021.09
PPP - Loan - Not Forgiven - Included in Current Fund	\$0.00

**Restoration Fund
St. Peter Lutheran Church**

*Thank you for your
generous giving in 2020!*

**End-of-year Giving
Statements**

will be mailed out shortly after the first of
January for your tax filing purposes.

Contact Treasurer

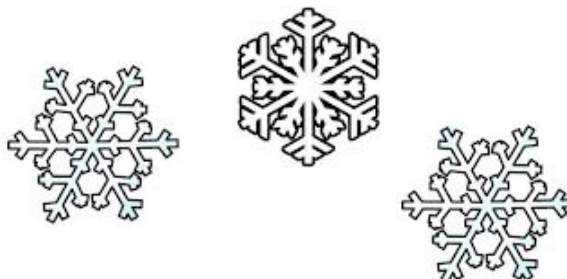
Gale Brinkman

about any possible questions about your
2020 giving.

On Stewardship

The world asks, "What does a man own?"
Christ asks, "How does he use it?" —Andrew
Murray, South African Pastor

"Give to the emperor the things that are the
emperor's, and to God the things that are
God's." —Jesus in Mark 12:17



A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated money towards gifts for the giving tree children. We had ten children in all this year - 6 boys and 4 girls. Thank you to Leah Reser for your help in shopping and wrapping the gifts. Thank you one and all for sharing your gifts with these children and brightening their Christmas.

Nancy Reser,
Mission
Community



2021 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Worship is the Opening Devotions
2. Nominating Committee Report
3. Council Elections
4. Proposed Budget
5. Secretary's Report*
6. Pastor's Report*
7. Treasurer's Report*
8. President's Report*
9. Committee Reports*
10. Organizations Reports*
11. Benediction
12. Adjournment

* Will only be referred to during the Annual Meeting if there are questions or comments from the congregation.

JANUARY - Holy Communion

6:00 pm Saturday, January 16th, 23rd & 30th

9:30 am Sunday, January 17th, 24th & 31st

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

Drive-Up Communion - Sunday, January 10th from 10:30 - 11:30 am

This will be behind the fellowship hall under the canopy.

The next one will be Sunday, February 14th from 10:30 - 11:30 am.



Worship
With Us Online

The Church Council has decided to suspend all in-person worship services due to COVID-19 from now through January 9/10. This includes Christmas Eve & Christmas Day worship.

Online worship will be Sunday mornings at 9:30 am on our Facebook page and on our website.

WELCA

QUILTERS: Since the church is closed to in-person activities thru Jan. 10, we will wait to see if the church opens in order to begin our quilting.

So there will be no quilting Jan. 5th or 8th, and then we will see how things are looking. Hopefully we can work at some point,

St. Peter WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: January - Vision Circle

WELCA CALENDAR

Senior citizen meals coordinator: Nancy Reser
18th (Monday): Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

LSI Article

Raising Our Voice for Iowa Children and Families

Families struggling without access to mental healthcare.
Human services providers overworked and underpaid.
Former refugees and immigrants striving to build new lives.

These are all issues faced by Iowans. Help us ensure their voices are heard at the Iowa State Capitol.

This legislative session may look different from past years. But now more than ever, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) will be advocating for our community members who are so often overlooked in our society.

You can join us in this important work. Visit LSIowa.org/advocacy and sign up for our Advocacy Alerts. Learn more about the legislative process, the issues impacting your neighbors, and your role as a citizen in helping to amplify their voices. If you would like 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.

Electronic Giving

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St. Peter Lutheran Church**

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GIVE + APP



**Give online at
stpetergreene.com/giving**

**Or set up automatic giving
through your bank account**

EACH OF YOU MUST GIVE AS YOU
HAVE MADE UP YOUR MIND,
NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER
COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A
CHEERFUL GIVER.
- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Annual Reports DUE NOW! Please!

If you are the head of a committee or organization in the church, we need your annual report by January 4th.

The Annual Reports can be e-mailed to the church at stpeter@myomnitel.com. We need a report from the following people and committees - Pastor, President, Building & Grounds, Christian Ed, Worship, Stewardship, Personnel, Youth & Children's Ministry, Audit, Treasurer, Luther League, Luther League Treas., Luther League Trip, Luther League Trip Treas., Jr. High Ministry, Jr. High Ministry Treas., Memorial, WELCA President, WELCA Treas., WELCA Prayer Shawl, WELCA EPIC, Sunday School, Sunday School Treas., Sunday School Memorial.

2021 Annual Meeting: 10:30 am Sunday, January 31st

As prescribed by our congregation's constitution, St. Peter holds our annual meeting each year in January. **As baptized members of this church, your voice and vote are important as we make decisions for our ministry together. All confirmed members of St. Peter Lutheran Church who have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding calendar year are eligible and encouraged to vote.**

This is your opportunity to elect your leaders to represent you on Church Council and to vote on our financial ministry plan for 2021. Read through the congregational annual report, which is available in the fellowship hall and on our website.

Church Council Elections January 31st

Thank you to those who have served on the church council! Although often serving "behind the scenes," they have an indispensable role in guiding and managing the ministry of our congregation.

We are especially grateful to those whose terms are ending: John Ebensberger, Carrie Eiklenborg, Erin Mulder and Kelly Hoodjer. Thank you for your faithful, dedicated service!

The Nominating Committee is still seeking members to serve on the church council. Whether you've served previously or not, prayerfully consider and let the church office know whether this might be a role God to which God is calling you. Council members will be elected at the Annual Meeting:

Term of 3 years - 4 to be elected:

You??
You??
You??
You??

**Term of 2 years to fill unexpired term -
1 to be elected:**

You??



St. Peter Lutheran JANUARY Birthdays

2. Lyna Debner,
Russell Folkers,
Riley Kock
3. Isaac Almeliën
4. Seth Orta
6. Nicole Warner
7. Michael Lewis,
Bev Schuknecht,
Calvin Trepp
8. Bentley Behnke,
Carrissa Martinez,
Grace McBurnery
9. Erin Dralle
10. Kris Dralle,
Lacey Ritter,
Jolene Steere
11. Jeremy Knapp,
Shane Ott
12. Jenny Backer
13. Karla Steere
14. Austin Spain,
Tanya Yerkes

15. Marcia Landers,
Dakota Martzahn,
Leah Reser
16. Matt Brinkman,
Kayden Tidemanson
17. Bennett Yerkes
18. Riley Christensen,
Don Feldman,
Jack Hanson,
Robin Ralls,
Monika Teeple
19. Lorraine Brinkman,
Katie Hassman,
Nolan Reser
20. Tara Raymond,
Isabelle Sage,
Sandra Schuknecht,
Gabriel Young
22. Laney Brinkman,
Wesley Klink,
Richard Kock,
Eldon Peterson,
Joshua Richards,
Meta Siemons

23. Galen Menken
24. Julie Eggena,
Randall Landers,
Carolyn Rover
25. Karen Almeliën,
Lois Meyne
26. Madelyn Shultz
27. Gabe Vieth
28. Ethel Krueger
29. Colton Klink,
Kyle Landers
30. Danielle Ebling,
Lois Heeren,
Kaelan Nicholson
31. John Barth,
Sara Eggena,
Kim Wiebke



Greene Food Bank

I want to say thanks to each of you who has contributed in any way to the Food Bank. The support for our Christmas Children gifts was fantastic, **30 children** in our area will have a better Christmas because of you. We continue to serve members of our community on a monthly basis, open on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8-9 AM. We also will help people throughout the month as needed. We appreciate the community support--donations of food and money cover nearly all the expenses each year. We feel this is still a vital service to those in need in our area. We are hoping for a more "normal" 2021, wishing God's blessings to each one of you. Jo Ann Peterson

Food Bank

Food Bank item for the month of January is Kleenex & Toilet Paper. 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.



Snow Cancellations

In case we have to cancel worship we will send out an email (if we have your email address), and put it on St. Peter's Facebook page along with the following stations KIMT, KWVL and KLMJ.



Also, if school is canceled during the day then all youth & confirmation activities will be canceled as well.

First and last rule:
"Use the good sense God gave you and be safe!"

**CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING:
Wednesday,
January 6th at 7:30 pm**

100th Birthday Card

The family of Lorraine Brinkman is having a card shower celebrating her 100th birthday on January 19th. Lorraine's address is Rehabilitation Center, PO Box 645, Allison, IA 50602.



Starting a New Year

People plan their path, but the Lord secures their steps."

-Proverbs 16:9

The first month of a year ought to be the easiest month for writing a newsletter article. The topic is simple: Each January represents a fresh start, new opportunities, hopes, and ambitions. It's the perfect time for making resolutions and dreaming of new possibilities.

And yet, right now I'm having trouble thinking about the start of a new year. Don't get me wrong: I'm completely ready to be done with 2020! But this year has shown me the folly of planning too far ahead, thinking I can predict what's the year will bring. At the same time, 2020 has provided plenty of evidence of God's faithfulness. Perhaps it's even helped you to experience God in new ways, even as your anchor in a storm.

Going into 2020, we know things won't turn out quite the way we picture, and we also know God will be with us through it all. I think my 2021 resolution is to look for unexpected joy and growth.

Below the Ministry Plan in this newsletter, you'll find a coloring page with space to help you consider your hopes, dreams, goals, and intentions for this year. Perhaps it will be helpful to you to plan, or at least to distract yourself with doodling. Use it as you will! May God bless you in this new year and always!

-Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Flucke

2021 Ministry Plan (Budget) approved by the Church Council December 2, 2020

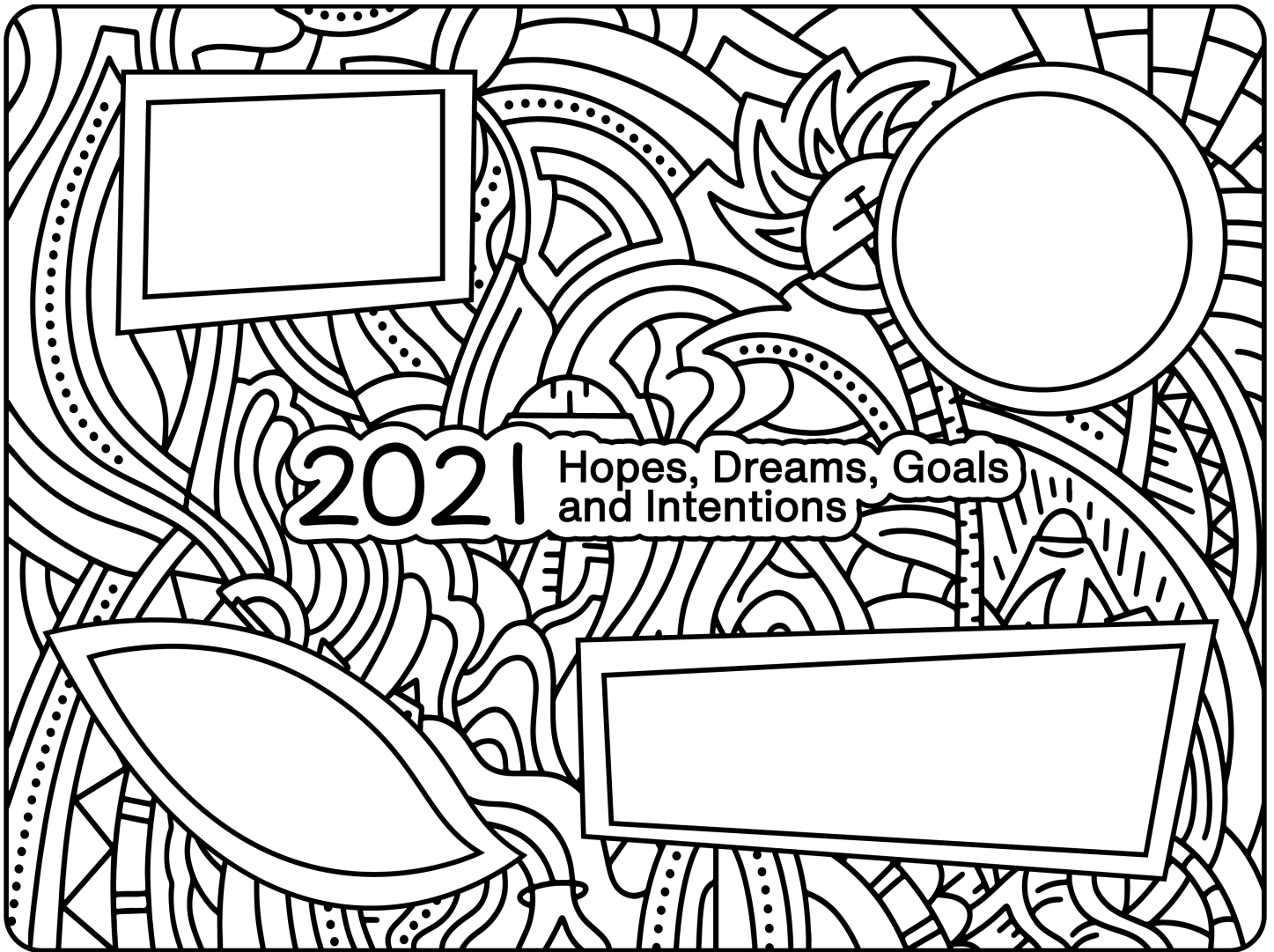
St Peter Lutheran Church - 2021 Ministry Plan Draft				
	Jan 2020 Dec 2020 Ministry Plan	Jan 2020 Dec 2020 Projected	Jan 2021 Dec 2021 Ministry Plan	Difference between 2020 and 2021 Ministry Plans
	Revenue			
Hall Use Giving	600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Other Donations Given	800.00	\$1,600.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Fellowship Giving	600.00	\$106.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
NE IA Synod & ELCA Giving	11,000.00	\$10,700.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00
Food Bank Giving	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Lutheran Services In IA Giving	100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Other Benevolence Offering	100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
McCosh/Gift of Love giving	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Give+Mobile	\$5,000.00	\$9,400.00	\$7,000.00	\$2,000.00
Give+Online	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Current Giving	\$160,000.00	\$134,000.00	\$140,000.00	-\$20,000.00
Plate Giving or Undesignated	\$2,000.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Building Repair Giving	\$1,700.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$800.00
Restoration/Building Giving	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
Other Facilities Giving	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Elevator Giving	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance Proceeds - Bldgs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Initial Envelope Offset	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Other Miscellaneous Giving	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Wedding Giving	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
World Hunger Giving	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Bremwood Giving	\$7,200.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,800.00	\$600.00
Missionary Support Giving	\$10,200.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,800.00
Disaster Relief Giving	\$1,700.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$500.00
Other Mission Response Giving	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Lenten Offering	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Harvest Offering	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	-\$500.00
Advent Offering	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Christmas Offering	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Luther League Giving	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Sunday School Giving	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Vacation Bible School Giving	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Memorials Given	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars Giving	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	-\$500.00
Special Giving	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$216,300.00	\$203,686.00	\$206,000.00	-\$10,300.00

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	Jan 2020 Dec 2020 Ministry Plan	Jan 2020 Dec 2020 Projected	Jan 2021 Dec 2021 Ministry Plan	Difference between 2020 and 2021 Ministry Plans
	Expenses			
Admin Support - Hourly	\$18,438.00	\$17,700.00	\$18,438.00	\$0.00
Custodian - Hourly	\$11,000.00	\$8,026.00	\$10,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Organist Payroll	\$4,500.00	\$3,690.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
Pianists Payroll	\$1,600.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
Supply Pastor Payroll	\$2,300.00	\$696.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,300.00
Supply Pastor Mileage Ex	\$700.00	\$262.00	\$300.00	-\$400.00
Pastor - Salary	\$42,568.00	\$42,568.00	\$43,327.00	\$759.00
Custodian - Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Admin Support - Salary	\$4,873.00	\$4,873.00	\$4,873.00	\$0.00
Y & C Ministry Director-Salary	\$16,380.00	\$16,380.00	\$16,380.00	\$0.00
Administrative/Vanco Expense	\$400.00	\$403.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Copyright Expense	\$500.00	\$429.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Music Expense	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Organ / Piano Maintenance Exp	\$550.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	-\$50.00
Bulletin Expense	\$1,000.00	\$950.00	\$900.00	-\$100.00
Misc Office Supply Expense	\$500.00	\$385.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Copier Supplies Expense	\$200.00	\$114.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Copier Lease Expense	\$4,100.00	\$4,111.00	\$4,200.00	\$100.00
Computer Expense	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Other Office Machine Exp	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Paper Expense	\$1,000.00	\$596.00	\$800.00	-\$200.00
Employer FICA Tax	\$3,142.84	\$2,935.00	\$0.00	-\$3,142.84
Employer Medicare Tax	\$735.02	\$686.00	\$0.00	-\$735.02
Continuing Education Expense	\$1,350.00	\$630.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
Health Insurance Expense	\$17,156.76	\$17,118.00	\$17,038.00	-\$118.76
Disability Benefit Expense	\$893.52	\$890.00	\$909.00	\$15.48
Basic Group Life Expense	\$417.00	\$415.00	\$424.00	\$7.00
Retiree Support Expense	\$417.00	\$249.00	\$0.00	-\$417.00
Housing Equity Expense	\$1,600.00	\$1,599.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
HAS - Pastor - Health Care			\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Retirement - Pension - Exp	\$5,957.16	\$5,957.00	\$6,063.00	\$105.84
SS Offset Expense	\$2,639.22	\$2,639.00	\$2,686.27	\$47.06
Medicare Offset Expense	\$617.24	\$617.00	\$628.24	\$11.01
Theological Supplies Expense	\$500.00	\$348.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Transportation Expense	\$3,500.00	\$990.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Natural Gas - Parsonage	\$1,200.00	\$667.00	\$1,000.00	-\$200.00
Electricity - Parsonage	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,600.00	\$100.00
Water and Sewer - Parsonage	\$1,000.00	\$1,132.00	\$1,200.00	\$200.00
Telephone - Parsonage	\$1,850.00	\$1,926.00	\$1,920.00	\$70.00
Dues & Subscriptions Expense	\$2,000.00	\$1,421.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Property/Package Insur Expense	\$9,000.00	\$8,092.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
Worker's Comp Insurance Exp	\$1,600.00	\$1,293.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
Marketing Expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Web Page Expense	\$500.00	\$90.00	\$400.00	-\$100.00
Postage Expense	\$2,600.00	\$2,652.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00
Communion Supplies Expense	\$300.00	\$183.00	\$300.00	\$0.00

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Other Altar Expense	\$300.00	\$283.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Giving Envelope Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,298.00	\$1,300.00	\$100.00
Travel or Meeting Expense	\$700.00	\$0.00	700.00	\$0.00
Electricity Exp - Church	\$4,500.00	\$3,299.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
Natural Gas Expense - Church	\$5,500.00	\$2,997.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
Telephone Expense - Church	\$1,800.00	\$1,659.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Water and Sewer Exp - Church	\$1,200.00	\$1,008.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Other Business Expense	\$100.00	\$301.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,000.00	\$138.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Bible Camp Exp	\$750.00	750.00	750.00	\$0.00
Food Bank Expense	\$200.00	\$592.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Lutheran Services in IA Exp	\$700.00	\$488.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
NE IA Synod or ELCA exp	\$12,000.00	\$11,398.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Other Benevolence Expense	\$1,000.00	\$516.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Parish Health Project Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Signage Expense	100.00	0.00	100.00	\$0.00
Cleaning Expense - Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Elevator Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,001.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Maintenance/Repair Exp-Church	\$3,700.00	\$849.00	\$3,700.00	\$0.00
Maintenance/Repair Exp-Parson	\$1,000.00	\$6,490.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Misc Facility Supply/Maint Exp	\$1,000.00	\$1,272.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Waste Removal Expense	\$700.00	\$714.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Restoration Expense - Church	\$100.00	\$868.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Snow Removal/Grounds Expense	\$1,600.00	\$1,040.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
Fellowship Expense	\$500.00	\$376.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Bremwood Expense	\$7,200.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,800.00	\$600.00
Disaster Relief Expense	\$1,700.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,200.00	\$500.00
Missionary Support Expense	\$10,200.00	\$12,768.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,800.00
Special Giving Expense	\$0.00	500.00	0.00	\$0.00
World Hunger Expense	\$100.00	\$920.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Luther League Program Exp	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Luther League Trip Exp	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Misc Spiritual Gr/Worship Exp	\$500.00	\$1,449.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Adult Education Expense	\$500.00	\$1,410.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Confirmation Expense	\$500.00	\$31.00	500.00	\$0.00
Baptismal Expense	\$300.00	\$61.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Marriage Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Sunday School Expense	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Vacation Bible School Exp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jr High Youth Expense	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$100.00
Other Youth Program Expense		\$52.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$239,684.75	\$225,110.00	\$238,136.52	-\$1,548.24
Total Net Income (Loss) From C	(\$23,384.75)	(\$21,424.00)	(\$32,136.52)	\$12,465.66
Other Revenue				
Savings Account Interest Inc	\$50.00	\$33.00	\$50.00	\$0.00

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	Jan 2020 Dec 2020 Ministry Plan	Jan 2020 Dec 2020 Projected	Jan 2021 Dec 2021 Ministry Plan	Difference between 2020 and 2021 Ministry Plans
CD Account Interest Inc	\$400.00	\$2,580.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,200.00
Endowment Income	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,200.00
Total Other Revenue	\$2,650.00	\$2,613.00	\$2,650.00	\$0.00
Total Net Income (Loss)	(\$20,734.75)	(\$18,811.00)	(\$29,486.52)	\$12,465.66

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Hungary Missionary Update from Pastor Zach Courter & Rachel Esekzen

This year, St. Peter is supporting Pastors Zach Courter & Rachel Esekzen, who serve as missionaries in Hungary and as coordinators for the Central Europe region of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. This update comes from their December newsletter.

God's Work, *Our* Hands.

BY PASTOR ZACH

Pastor Marta Bólba leads the Lutheran church's worshipping community in Budapest's 8th District. This community does its best to live out its response to the Gospel message of Christ in wholistic ways. Marta's community does this in a whole host of ways. They are intentional about spending time together around the altar-table of their worship space, as well as the kitchen-table of their shared community living space in Mandák House.

These table graces have led to an outpouring of gospel work in the forms of advocating for community housing for those experiencing homelessness, offering refugee housing in their community space, making space for non-governmental agencies to have offices, and much more. Much of this ministry has been captured in the documentary film "A Mandák Ház Lelkésze" or "The Pastor of Mandák House."



Advent Reflection *-BY PASTOR RACHEL*

My toddler daughter Dorothy and I crafted an Advent calendar together with some finger paint, cardboard, masking tape and cotton balls. We hung it in the living room. Yesterday, Zach and I asked Dorothy "where's the advent calendar?" *slowly repeating* "Advent, Aaadveeeent." She looked around the room, past the calendar, and gestured quizzically to the elephant pictured on the carpet.

Advent said slowly does sound a little bit like elephant. Zach and I were impressed with this new insight. In some ways, Advent is a chance to address (or at least identify) the elephants in the room.

For our family, the big elephant in the room is missing our families. I think something that many can relate to with ongoing Covid-19 impacts globally. Another elephant of Advent is the arrival of God in the most surprising form-- a tiny baby born in less than ideal circumstances-- according to the world. That can be where God shows up: where, when and with whom we least expect.

So our family invites you this year to look for the elephants in your Advent. To see how many ways the God of surprises is inviting us to look at the world in a new way.

JANUARY 2021 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ushers and Lectors - Sign up at church to volunteer. Altar Guild - Clarene Backer					1 <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>	2 No Worship
3 9:30 am Online Worship	4 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting All Annual Reports Due!	5	6 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Church Council meeting	7	8	9 No Worship
10 9:30 am Online Worship 10:30 - 11:30 am Drive-Up Communion	11	12 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm TBA	13 6:15 pm Confirmation	14	15 Newsletter Items Due WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm TBA	16 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
17 9:30 am Worship with Communion	18	19 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm TBA Senior Health Clinic	20 6:15 pm Confirmation	21	22 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm TBA	23 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
24 9:30 am Worship with Communion	25	26 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm TBA	27 6:15 pm Confirmation	28	29 WELCA Quilt Tying Day 9 am - 3 pm TBA	30 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
31 9:30 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am - Annual Meeting						