

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
June 12, 2021**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$8,996.92
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	0.00
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Other Fund Balances	
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,534.05
Building and Repair	\$1,615.28
Basement Windows	\$1,445.74
Fellowship	\$2,153.61
Thrivent Choice	\$3,958.00
Restoration	\$19,716.49
Missionary Support	\$705.00
AED	\$450.00
	\$31,578.17
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$19,473.40
Money Market	\$21,101.69
Total	\$40,575.09
Goyer Scholarship	\$717.82
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,021.60
PPP - Loan - Forgiven	\$0.00

On Stewardship

“Gratitude goes beyond the 'mine' and 'thine' and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift.” —Fr. Henri Nouwen

“You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” —Jesus in John 15:16-17

St. Peter WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: JULY - Vision Circle

Senior citizen meals coordinator - Marie Heeren
8th - Brunch & General Meeting 9:30 am - WELCA Board
19th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

Soon it will be time to work on the WELCA booklet. If you would like to make a committee change, or add your name to another committee, please let us know soon. Sue Schroeder 816-4668 Thank you

Quilting

Quilting is finished for the year. We did not have an easy time getting together, but we managed to complete quite a few quilts. About 12 of the items below were made the year before, but because of Covid, we were not able to deliver everything.

This year we made and are donating the following: 15 Baptismal quilts to be used at St. Peter, 2 quilts given to a local family. To Waverly Friends of the Family: 17 smaller quilts, 2 donated comforters, and 11 60x80 quilts. 37 quilts to the Willis Dady Homeless Shelter of Cedar Rapids. 8 lap quilts to Valley View. 2 quilts to the Clarksville Care Center. 26 quilts to the Women’s Shelter in Waterloo. 13 items to Bremwood: 4 big quilts, 4 smaller quilts, 1 blanket, and 4 60x80 quilts. 4 quilts for the Veterans Home. 76 quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

This gives a total of **213** items we will be donating this year. Thank you to the ladies who came and helped. Thank you to the congregation members for their donations and support.

St. Peter Lutheran July Birthdays

1 - Shannon Trees,
Mason Wordes
2 - Brooklyn Hanson,
Stacie Osier,
Ryland Pitzenberger
4 - Sean Mathers,
Heidi Mechler,
Alysa Towsley,
Isaac Trees
4 - Nevaeh Spratt
6 - Tanner Arjes,
Tim Feldman
7 - Amelia Brinkman,
Morgan Davis,
Rainy Kock,
Ron Schafer
8 - Collin Brinkman,
Mackenzie Shultz
9 - Tim Heidenwirth
10 - Brecken Schmidt,
William Schmidt,
Cameron Siemons,
Diane Storey
11 - Rod Fesenmeyer

12 - Cody Landers,
Lyndsie Pitzenberger,
Anthony Wahlgren,
Austin Wahlgren
13 - John Eggena
14 - John Backer,
April Hanson,
Terri O'Brien
16 - Pastor Flucke,
Alex Kleinschmidt,
Carol Schroeder
17 - Chase Eiklenborg,
Dewain Wiebke
18 - Liz Schroeder
20 - Esther Backer,
Judy Osier
21 - Dan Schroeder,
Susan Stirling
22 - Kevin Clipperton,
Janet Schafer,
Donna Wunsch
23 - Jason Arjes,
Joe Brinkman,
Nathan Hawker,
Robin Kock,
Jo Ann Peterson

24 - McKenzie Schmidt
25 - Deb Kock,
LeAnn McRoberts,
Brad Rottler
26 - Kayla Heitland,
Keith Landers,
Iverson Quade
27 - Ryan Arjes,
Rod Eliassen
28 - Brenda Butzlaff,
Wrenlee Lehman,
Ramona Schafer
29 - Bryan Quade,
Miles Ralls
30 - Lindsay Brinkman,
Elsa Newton,
Sue Schroeder
31 - Linda Landers,
Lindsay Landers,
Rick Landers,
Jim Loomer

July - Holy Communion

6:00 pm - Saturday, July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

9:30 am - Sunday, July 4th, 11, 18th, 25th

- When individual glasses are offered at Holy Communion, the clear glasses have wine in them and the purple glasses have grape juice.
- We have gluten free wafers available; just let the Pastor know that you need it at communion.

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



**There will be No
Saturday Night
Worship on July 3rd,
due to the holiday
celebration.**



LSI

God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we are able to provide education to parents of young children, empower Iowans with disabilities, and offer critical mental health care to community members of all ages. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus on your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project.

On a planned day in September, each congregation is encouraged to reach outside of the church and do good deeds in the community by participating in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to combine community projects with a special project for nonprofits like LSI, whether it's raising money or contributing in-kind gifts.

We thank you for your service! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI or would like to get involved in a "God's work. Our hands." project with LSI, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI 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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

School Supply Donations

Back-to-school sales begin soon, so now is the time to start thinking about school supply donations. As a congregation, we have global and local opportunities to help.

First, we are continuing to collect specific supplies for **Lutheran World Relief school kits** to go to children in need around the world - and with the global disruption of the pandemic, supplies are even more needed this year! Our most urgent needs are **notebooks** (wide or college-ruled), 16 or 24 pack boxes of **crayons**, **erasers** (2 1/2" size), and black or blue ball-point **pens**. **Money** to help buy additional supplies in bulk is greatly appreciated as well.

Second, we have a new opportunity to make a difference in our own **North Butler School District** by collecting **personal hygiene supplies**. The goal is to have items like **deodorant**, **body wash**, **shampoo**, **feminine products**, and similar items available for students.

All donations can be dropped off at church in the clear tote between the fellowship hall and sanctuary. **Thank you** for supporting the gift of education for God's children!

Food Bank

Food Bank suggested items for the month of July are tuna & canned chicken. All donations are appreciated, we can use any food or paper items that are given to us.



St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA
Unofficial Council Minutes June 2, 2021

Members Present: Esther Backer, Andrea Gotto, Lindsay Landers, Jan Osier, William Schmidt, Chuck Thompson, and Dawn Van Etten

Members Absent: Clarene Backer, David Crow and Erin Mulder **Also Present:** Robin Majewski, Gale Brinkman (Treasurer), and Christin Flucke.

1. Secretary's Minutes: Dawn made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Lindsay 2nd M/C

2. Additions to Agenda: Dance Practice

3. Devotions and Church Vision: The council read Chapters 4 and 5 of the book Reclaiming the "L" Word: Renewing the Church from Its Lutheran Core. There was a discussion on this part of the book. What makes us feel welcome coming to worship at St Peter & what can we do to help others feel welcome? St Peter wants to Welcome All. Jesus does not want us "drawing lines" between sinners & saints, because we all fall under both of these descriptions.

4. Action Items: **A.** COVID The tape has been removed spacing the pews in the sanctuary. Esther made a motion to remove the limit for funeral dinners. Chuck 2nd M/C **B.** Custodian Lanae French has been hired as the new custodian. Carol Barth helped her the first week & she has been working on her own since. If there are any questions, please direct them to Carol. It was suggested to also hire Eric Andrews to help with some of the custodial duties such as lawn mowing and moving heavy tables as needed. Dawn made a motion to hire Eric Andrews as a "as needed" custodian. Esther 2nd. M/C **C.** St Peters 150th Anniversary in 2022. Five members have stepped forward to be on the committee for the 150th Anniversary of St Peter in 2022. They are Monika Teeple, Dawn Deines-Christensen, William Schmidt, Julie Brinkman and Betty Heitland. Please contact the church office if you would also be willing to help with them as the planning begins. **D.** Buildings & Grounds will check to see if the urinals need to be replaced in the men's bathroom. **E.** Jan made a motion to approve LaVon Steere to be on the Christian Education Committee. Chuck 2nd M/C **F.** The park has been reserved for a cowboy worship on July 11th. We will be inviting other churches in Greene. There will fellowship and refreshments after the worship service. The park has also been reserved for an outdoor worship on August 15th. Will made a motion to have outdoors services in Perrin Park on August 14th. Lindsay 2nd. M/C **G.** Tracy Bartels has requested using the basement for dance practices for several nights. It was agreed for her to be able to do this.

5. Youth & Children's Ministry Report: **1.** Vacation Bible School will be July 6-9th. The theme this year will be "Ship-wrecked". The finale will be a family pool party. The deadline for registration is June 7th. Almost 30 have registered so far. **2.** The Luther League trip has been planned for July 18-23 with going to Kansas City. **3.** Christian is working on a mini overnight trip for Jr High Ministry July 31-August 1st. **4.** Break-out day will happen 3 times this summer for youth in 3-6th grade.

6. Pastor's Report: **1.** Pastor Daniel spoke in May at both the North Butler Baccalaureate service and the Memorial service at Greene's Rose Hill cemetery. **2.** Pastor Daniel attended an in-person retreat May 10-11 in Des Moines. **3.** Pastor Daniel and David are registered for the one-day online Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly on Saturday, June 12. Erin is now not able to attend, if anyone would be able to take her place, please call the church office. **4.** Thank you to Carol Barth for working with our new custodian Lanae to help her get a good start. **5.** Thank you to Keith Christensen and Liz Schroeder for leading Saturday worship on June 12, while Pastor Daniel is participating in the Synod Assembly. Lindsay made a motion to accept the Pastor's report. Jan 2nd. M/C

7. Treasurer's Report: **1.** Gale has received a letter that the PPP loan has been forgiven. **2.** Gale has paid Dennis Griffin \$1,808.00 for the labor of putting metal coverings on the window trim of the parsonage. Jan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Will 2nd M/C

8. Committee Reports Buildings & Grounds: **1.** The lock needs to be fixed on the glass door to the fellowship hall. **2.** The ceiling fan in the cry room is not working (the light is). **Education & Youth:** Did not meet. **Stewardship and Finance:** Will meet June 8th at 7:00. Shelby Gallagher has resigned from this committee, so if anyone is interested in being a part of this committee, please call the church office. **Worship and Evangelism:** Will be meeting June 7th. A committee has been formed to get more information on putting screens in the sanctuary. **Personnel:** Did not meet. **WELCA:** Weekend of Hope for Relay For Life will be at St Peter June 26th & 27th. There are forms in the fellowship hall if anyone would like to purchase a luminary "In Memory of" or "In Honor of". The suggested donation is \$10 per bag. Butler County Relay for Life is July 9th. Motion made by Will to accept committee reports. Lindsay 2nd. M/C.

Esther made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dawn 2nd. M/C Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Cowboy

On Sunday, July 11, join us for "Cowboy Church" in the Perrin Park main shelter! This special outdoor worship service will include a country-western style liturgy led by the *Double J Wranglers*, with refreshments provided by our worship committee. What a great week to invite a friend to try something new for worship! (Rain location: St. Peter's sanctuary)

Prayers for VBS and Luther League Trip

July is a busy month for our youth and children's ministries. We are so excited to be able to offer an in-person community VBS again this summer from July 6-9! Our theme this year is "Shipwrecked" and we have a fun program planned including Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and more as we learn about what it means to be loved and rescued by God. Please pray for the more than 70 kids signed up to participate as well as the many incredible volunteers who are helping to make VBS possible!

We are also excited to once again offer a week-long service trip for our Luther League youth! Seven students and four adults will travel to Kansas City July 18-23. While there, we will have the opportunity to partner with local service organizations and learn more about the history and culture of the city. Please pray for the team going to serve and all those we will encounter in Kansas City.

Thank you for supporting the youth and children of our congregation year-round with your prayers and donations!

Faith Vocab: Sabbath

The Bible begins with the story of God creating the world in six days. Then on the seventh day, it says God rested. Did God get tired? Of course not! By taking a day to rest, our Creator was giving us a model to follow. Later, in the 10 commandments, we are told to "Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy."

Originally (and still for Jews today), Saturday was the Sabbath day. We Christians moved our primary day of worship to Sunday, in celebration of Jesus rising from the tomb on the first day of the week.

It's unfortunate how easily we and our society abandon Sabbath time, sacrificing rest and time to worship and learn about God in exchange for commerce and pleasure. The Sabbath is given to us as a gift (not a burden!), because God knows we need rest. Be intentional about taking Sabbath time. Pause from the rushed rhythms of daily life, and spend time with God, not as another thing on a checklist, but as moments of renewal for life.

Bishop Elected

Meeting in assembly on June 12, our Northeastern Iowa Synod elected Rev. Kevin Jones to a six year term as our new Bishop.

Bishop-Elect Jones currently serves at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City. His installation service will be on Saturday, September 25, at Trinity in Mason City.



Country Time

Country Time will be September 19, 2021, as a Drive Thru event for carry out/pick up only from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Here's the committees that will be needed. Please reach out to the chair if you have a specific committee you would like to volunteer with. Please reach out to a member of the WELCA board with any questions.

- **Food Committees -**
 - Potatoes** - Sandra Schuknecht
 - Rolls - Chair Needed**
 - Dressing** - Delores Adelmund, Jeanie Krull
 - Cranberries** - Julie Brinkman
 - Turkey** - Lyndsie Pitzenberger
 - Gravy** - Sue Brinkman
 - Green Beans** - Connie Yerkes
 - Bars** - Betty Heitland
- **Non Food Committees -**
 - Advertising** - Sarah Hawker
 - Church Advertising** - Robin Majewski
 - Cashiers** - Lisa Landers
 - Shut In Deliveries - Chair Needed**
 - Shut In Calls - Chair Needed**
 - Carry Outs - Chair Needed**
 - Dish washing - Chair Needed**
 - Set Up - Chair Needed**
 - Clean Up - Chair Needed**

**Country Time meeting is
Wednesday, July 21st at 6:30 pm**

JULY 2021 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ushers and Lectors - Sign up at church to volunteer.	<u>Altar Guild:</u> Clarene Backer			1	2	3 No Worship
4 9:30 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Fellowship	5	6	7	8 9:30 am WELCA General Meeting	9	10 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
Vacation Bible School 3 year olds - Kin., 8:30 - 11:30 am at St. Mary - July 7, 8, 9 1st - 5th grade, 4:30 pm meal, 5:00 - 8:00 pm class at St. Peter - July 6, 7, 8						
11 9:30 am Cowboy Church at Perrin Park with Communion 10:30 am Fellowship	12	13	14	15 Newsletter Items Due	16	17 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
18 9:30 am Worship with Communion Commissioning of the youth trip group 10:30 am Fellowship	19 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	20 Senior Health Clinic	21 7:00 pm Country Time Chair meeting	22	23	24 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
→ Luther League Trip to Kansas City ←						
25 9:30 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Fellowship	26	27	28	29	30	31 6:00 pm Worship with Communion