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Well, this has been a curve. One day I was biking 25 miles in the morning, and the next I was basically incapacitated by pain. I guess I blinked wrong somewhere along the way. My primary care providers here at WinnMed in Decorah have gone over and above trying to get me connected to the medical care I need. The hope is that a spinal injection would have me up and on my way again. I'm still waiting for an appointment. So near, and yet so far.

I miss the people of St. Peter in Greene. I miss worshipping with you on Sunday mornings. I miss being in the office working together with Kirsten and our little office helper, Clay. I miss church council conversations. I missed being able to preach at the baccalaureate service before graduation. I missed celebrating with our students on graduate recognition Sunday.

I cherish your prayers, and phone calls, emails, and texts expressing your concern. I am so grateful to members who were available to help me get across the street from the parsonage to the church building, or assisted with details needing attention for activities, or drove me to medical appointments. And I am excited for St. Peter as I hear of committee decisions that are moving the congregation forward in ministry and mission. Thank you for being a loving community of faith. Thank you for your

patience with me during this challenging time.

This medical odyssey, as inconvenient and frustrating as it is, does offer some spiritual thoughts, not just for me, but for all of us. I'm a fairly independent person, and I now find myself very dependent on the goodness of people in Greene, and on the kindness of friends and neighbors here in Decorah. In our society today, independence is praised, and dependence is frowned upon. The thought behind this is that responsible people look out for themselves, responsible people do for themselves. Then we expand that thought to others--other people should look out, and do, for themselves too. The truth is that we need to lean on one another. The greater truth is that God created the human family, God created global society, so that we can take care of each other. Sometimes we're strong and we can do the serving. Sometimes we're weak and we receive the caring of others. That's how God created us to be.

The even greater truth is that we, everyone of us, we are dependent on God. From our very first breath to our dying sigh, we are dependent upon God for life. When sin mars and disfigures our humanity, we are dependent on Jesus who dies, so we can be remade in the image of Jesus, and live in the way of compassion and service. God asks that we believe, and even then, we are dependent on the Holy Spirit who calls us to faith. And when we use up the last moments of our life, we are dependent on God who will speak into our place of death and call us to rise up to new life. We are God's dependent people, cradle to grave dependent, and God delights in caring for us. Such is the grace in which we live.

Grace and peace to you!

Pastor Jenny

St. Peter Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Present: Dawn Van Etten, Dixie Hughes, Phil Wahlgren, Christine Shultz, Erin Mulder, John Backer, Carrie Eiklenborg, Dana Frerichs, Les Steere, Keith Christensen, Lyndsie Pitzenberger.

Also Present: Marilyn Wahlgren, Gale Brinkman

1. Secretary's Minutes—Christine moved; John seconded – motion passed to approve the secretary minutes

2. Additions to the Agenda: none

3. Church Vision— Dawn shared a prayer

4. Action Items:

A. Goyer Scholarship – Keith moved; Lyndsie seconded - motion passed to gift a \$500 scholarship to Reagan Mulder.

B. Schuknecht Estate –

Keith moved; Carrie seconded – motion passed to allocate the initial \$250,000 of the Schuknecht estate for the following designations and projects in accordance with the St. Peter Lutheran Church gift policy and stewardship and finance committee recommendations:

- 10% for ministry plan/budget = \$25,000 (impacts 2025 budget, including operations and benevolence)
- 20% - allocated to St. Peter Lutheran Endowment for the "Schuknecht Endowed Fund" (like the Hildebrand fund) for operating/annual support = \$50,000 (which would produce about \$2,000/year support)
- 30% - allocated to St. Peter Lutheran Endowment for a "Ron & Bev Schuknecht Endowed Scholarship Fund" to provide scholarships (\$500 for first year) to all members graduating and going to college, tech school, etc. after high school = \$75,000 (est. \$3,000/year spending allowance)
- 30% - allocated to fund special projects from the Memorial Giving List (new HVAC System for sanctuary, possibly geothermal to provide even more efficiency; solar panels for church/fellowship hall roof; new seating for fellowship hall; or other?) = \$75,000 for projects TBD
- 10% - allocated for "extra benevolence" that could support special appeals in memory of Ron and Bev (\$12,500 split between ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and LSI support; plus; local projects of impact in Greene/Butler County, specifically: \$12,500 for the Greene pool project in memory of Bev - a project that was important to her!)

C. Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly on June 6-7 – Keith and Dawn will attend to represent St. Peter

D. Supply Pastors – Pastor Smith and Pastor Kittleson will cover

5. Pastor's Report

6. Treasurer's Report – Carrie moved; Dixie seconded - motion passed to approve the Treasurers Report.

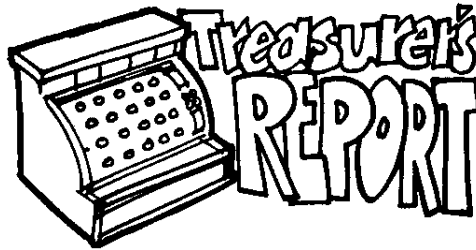
7. Committee Reports

- Call Committee – Recently had an interview and have scheduled a second interview.
- Building & Grounds – Bids received for parsonage roof, siding, and gutters. Decided the tree on the parsonage yard will be professionally removed. Outdoor faucets at the parsonage are not working. May 27th , Mike from 1 Source Solar will come to present a solar panel project. June 3rd , Chance from Mort's will come to present a geothermal project. Seeking bids to replace kitchen and bathroom floors.
- Education & Youth – Programs are wrapping up for this school year. Discussed VBS and our role working with Riverside Bible Camp. VBS will be July 28-30th from 9:00-2:00 for 2nd-6th grade. Luther League trip is July 11-16th .

- Stewardship & Finance – Made the recommendation on the Schuknecht Estate in Action Item B.
- Worship & Evangelism – Planned music for June, favorite hymns for July and August. Planning has begun for the joint service on August 10th at Perrin Park. We will provide the space, sound system, and supplies. St. James will host fellowship.
- Personnel – Rachel is having surgery and Council and B&G will cover. Kirsten will take vacation June 7-15.
- Mutual Ministry – no report
- WELCA – no report

Erin moved; Dana seconded - motion passed to approve committee reports

8. Adjournment: Christine moved; Dixie seconded - motion passed to adjourn.



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| | | Monthly Fund and Bank Account Balance Report | | | |
| | | ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH | | | |
| | | April Financial Report | | | |
| | | April 30, 2024 | | | |
| | | 4/1/2024 | | | 4/30/2024 |
| | | Beginning | | | Ending |
| | | Balance | | Receipts | Disbursements |
| | | Balance | | Receipts | Disbursements |
| Current Fund Balance | | \$99,172.58 | \$24,047.09 | -\$18,085.77 | \$104,987.96 |
| | Employee Withholding & Payroll Taxes | | -\$518.06 | \$372.12 | |
| | Current Fund Amount in MMDA | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | \$104,987.96 |
| Other Fund Balances | | | | | |
| | Technology | \$5,069.65 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,069.65 |
| | Benevolence and Mission | \$390.00 | \$1,632.12 | -\$2,022.12 | \$0.00 |
| | Building and Repair | \$2,982.68 | \$218.00 | -\$82.18 | \$3,118.50 |
| | SG Windows | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Fellowship | \$2,924.33 | \$122.02 | -\$78.49 | \$2,967.86 |
| | Thrivent Choice | \$3,580.00 | \$1,829.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,409.00 |
| | Restoration | \$74,718.54 | \$435.00 | \$0.00 | \$75,153.54 |
| | Missionary Support | \$0.00 | \$235.00 | -\$235.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Balcony Improvement | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| | AED | \$450.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$450.00 |
| | | \$92,115.20 | \$4,471.14 | -\$2,417.79 | \$94,168.55 |
| Bank Balance | | | Transfer from MM | Transferred to MMDA | |
| | Checking | \$144,760.91 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$152,629.64 |
| | | | Trans from Ckg + Int | Transfer to Ckg | |
| | Money Market | \$46,526.87 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$46,526.87 |
| | | \$191,287.78 | | TOTAL BANK | \$199,156.51 |
| Goyer Scholarship | | \$2,576.80 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,576.80 |
| McCosh - Gift of Love | | \$1,272.10 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,272.10 |
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| SG Window CD | | | | | \$225,221.05 |

Committee News

Call Committee:

The call committee has met with a potential Pastor. We will give more information once we have had time to talk more with the candidate and as a committee.

We do appreciate the prayers and support we have been given!



Worship & Evangelism Committee:

- We chose music for June.
- We will be taking requests for favorite hymns to sing in July and August.
- We started planning a joint service with St. James at Perrin Park on August 10th.



Both Personnel and Stewardship & Finance Committees did not meet in May.

Buildings & Grounds:

Building and Grounds had a workday on Sunday May 4. Shrubs were trimmed around the church and fellowship hall. Pews and chairs were vacuumed, windows washed, and dusting was done. Thank you to Les, Erin, Carrie for your help. Still a list of some items that can be completed on the bulletin board if anyone is wishing to help.



Received 2 bids for shingles, siding and gutter system for the parsonage, the bids are on the bulletin board if anyone is interested in viewing.

Received information about Geothermal and Solar options for our heating solution which are also hanging on the bulletin board. Any and all feedback is welcome.



Quilters are in need of sheets OR large piece of material to make into quilt backs or liners. Even sheets that are slightly faded can be used for liners. Please put your donations in the clear tote found by the Tracts, etc. in the fellowship area. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for continuing to support the quilting projects.

LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.

A Father's Day Reflection: Amanda's Journey of Hope and Stability

This Father's Day, we're honored to share the powerful story of Amanda, a young woman whose life has been transformed over the past 13 years through the unwavering dedication of LSI's Host Home program and the compassionate care of Megan D.

Amanda came to LSI with many challenges. With a limited IQ and emotional struggles rooted in past trauma, she had difficulty connecting with others and managing daily life. Before LSI, she lived in institutional settings, heavily medicated, and unable to thrive. Her life was a series of difficult chapters, until she found her match in LSI and Megan.

Megan has been a steady and committed presence in Amanda's life. With unmatched patience, professionalism, and deep care, Megan helped guide Amanda from a place of instability to one of emotional balance. What was once a life of uncertainty is now one of structure, safety, and growth thanks to the loving environment of a Host Home.

Today, Amanda lives with "Momma Mavis," her dedicated Host Home provider, who gives her 24/7 care and inclusion in family life, appointments, and even special needs art classes. The flare-ups that once led to hospital visits are now a thing of the past. Amanda is thriving, living proof that compassion and commitment can change a life.

As Bruce C., Amanda's adoptive father, says: "LSI and Megan never wavered. I call this stabilization in

Amanda's life. The individual care from a non-family member is needed beyond words. Thanks to Mavis and Megan, Amanda's quality of life would not be possible without the LSI Host Home program." Amanda, the 25th foster child welcomed by the C. family and their third adoption, is still on her journey and we're honored to walk alongside her.

This Father's Day, we celebrate all the fathers, families, caregivers, and advocates who believe in second chances, and who help make stories like Amanda's possible.



This month marked the start of our 160th Anniversary celebrations! We gathered to reflect on our legacy and share excitement for the journey ahead. Stay tuned for details on the main celebration in October, you won't want to miss your chance to be part of this historic milestone!

Your gift changes the lives of thousands of people across Iowa.

Give By Mail: Lutheran Services in Iowa
3125 Cottage Grove Ave
Des Moines, IA 50311

Give Online:
<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/>

May 2025 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!

June 1, 2025

9:00 Sunday

Ushers: Matt & Emily Pittenger

Lector: Emily Pittenger

11:00 Sunday

Lector: Keith Christensen

June 8, 2025

9:00 Sunday

Ushers: John & Esther Backer

Lector: John Backer

Communion— Matt Pittenger

11:00 Sunday

Lector: Dixie Hughes

Communion: Keith Christensen

June 15, 2025 (Father's Day)

9:00 Sunday

Ushers: Merlin Schuknecht & Cheryl Arjes

Lector: Connie Yerkes

Communion: Merlin Schuknecht

11:00 Sunday

Lector: Betty Heitland

Communion: Keith Christensen

June 22, 2025

9:00 Sunday

Ushers: Erin & Steve Mulder

Lector: Teresa Feldman

11:00 Sunday

Lector: Teresa Feldman

June 29, 2025

9:00 Sunday

Ushers: Mary Brinkman & Nolan Reser

Lector: Mary Brinkman

11:00 Sunday

Lector: Carrie Eiklenborg



Given to St. Peter:

In honor of Donna Wunsch given by friends- \$210

Given to WELCA :

\$20 Memorial Donna Wunsch

\$10 Memorial Dorothy Bloker

\$10 Memorial Evalyn Nettleton



June Birthdays

- 1- Lisa Steere
- 2- Keith McCormick
- 4- John Worley
- 5- Braxton Taylor
- 7- Aidan Gotto, Robin Majewski, Roger Martzahn, Eyla Sheppard, Darlyce Steere, Cheryl Warner, Sawyer Zimmerman
- 10- Janet Bradley, Macabe Klink, Jaydon Siemons
- 11- Carrie Tidemanson
- 12- Haily Backer
- 13- Kendall Leavens, Dustin Osier
- 14- Jeff Dralle, Linda Schafer, Morgan Weiskamp
- 15- David Crow, Jocelyn Krueger, Megan Schmidt

- 16- Ashley Mead, Jeremy Richards
- 18- Carrie Eiklenborg, Jeanette Miller, Addasyn Spain
- 19- Roger Backer, Justin Rogers
- 20- Evan McCormick, Dick Reser
- 21- Hayzel Stroberg
- 22- Cathie Abbott, Greg Eiklenborg, Anna Mae Steere
- 23- Connie Yerkes
- 25- Marilyn Steere
- 26- Kenadee McCormick, Cheryl Rogers
- 28- Cooper Backer, Darrel Wiele
- 29- Joe Nelson
- 30- Nickolas Brummond, Jessica Harms



Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement that you sent to me. It arrived today amid the challenging and almost impossible task of getting medical care scheduled, and added a bright and cheerful note to the day. They are a wonderful and greatly appreciated floral expression of your love and concern. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and concern. Thank you! Thank you!

Pastor Jenny

Attention Luther League:

Cans will move to Sundays for June and July. Summer months are busy for everyone, but cans are typically full every week. We need all hands on deck! Remember, this fundraiser eliminates the need for other fundraisers throughout the year. It also makes trips, activities, and other events free for those participating!

June Schedule:

- June 1: Team 2 at 10:30 a.m.
- June 15 and 16th Everyone plus parents (River Days Cleanup) 7:30 a.m. both days.
- June 29: Team 1 at 10:30 a.m.

July Schedule:

- July 6: Team 2 at 10:30 a.m.
- July 22: Team 1 at 10:30 am.





Remember in Prayers...

- **Shut-ins and those in Care Centers-**

Robert & Lois Eliassen, Marilyn Steere, Martha Deines, Judy Lau, Norma Noel, Caroline Schafer, Monty Heitland, Jo Menken, Marlene Marsh

- **Missionaries—**

Mary Beth and Bayo Oyeade, Tobi, David, and Lily in Nigeria and Pastor Zach Courter and Rachel Eskesen in Hungary

- **In the Military-**

Hannah Fox, Kaylie Fox, Shane Schroeder, Seth Poe, David White, Matthew Ulrichs, Tony Albrecht, Matt Heeren, Paxton Hinders, Cody Codner, Alan Peters, Christine Doudell, Brad Wilken, Ian Bain, John K. Backer, Colby Beek, Stephanie Lashbrook

- **Luther League**

The Luther League youth are collecting five cent redeemable bottles and cans, which can be put in the bins at the recycling center. Please separate aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and glass and place in the designated bins. If the bins are full, please come back another time rather than piling items on the ground. Thank you for supporting the youth of St. Peter

- **Prayer Shawls**

If you know of a person who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please contact the church office, 641.816.5531

- **Missionaries**

Remember to support our missionaries, Marth Beth and Bayo Oyeade and their family in Nigeria, and Pastors Rachel Eskesen and Zach Couter in Hungary. You can designate your gift for our missionary, or missionaries you wish to support.


- **Flowers**

You can honor loved ones and special occasions by placing flowers on the alter for worship. Flowers can be ordered from your preferred vendor. Please request them to be delivered to the church by Saturday afternoon of the weekend for which you have signed up. The flower sign-up sheet is outside of the church office.

- **Use of Building**

St. Peter is please to share out beautiful church building with members, friends of the congregation, and the community. The church is open from 7:00am until 7:00pm for prayer, devotions, and activities. Please remember to close what you open, turn off what you turn on, pick up as you leave the building. There is a checklist on the refrigerator door in the kitchen. To be human is to err. If you arrive and find something another person forgot, just quietly turn it off, close it up, pick it up, or flush. Thank you for your consideration.

June 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|--|--|-----|--|
| 1 9:00 worship 10:00 fellow- ship 11:00 worship LL Cans Team 2 at 10:30 a.m. | 2 Stewardship & Finance– 7 p.m. | 3 5:15 p.m. Yoga | 4 | 5 5:15 p.m. Yoga | 6 | 7 Fellowship hall booked |
| 8 9:00 worship 10:00 fellow- ship 11:00 worship | 9 | 10 5:15 p.m. Yoga | 11 Church Council – 7 p.m. | 12 WELCA circle– 9 a.m. 5:15 p.m. Yoga | 13 | 14 Luther league & parents River Days Cleanup– 7:30 a.m. |
| 15– Father's Day 9:00 worship 10:00 fellowship 11:00 worship Luther league & parents River Days Cleanup– 7:30 a.m. | 16 Prayer Shawl Ministry– 3 p.m. | 17 5:15 p.m. Yoga | 18 | 19 5:15 p.m. Yoga | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:00 worship 10:00 fellow- ship 11:00 worship | 23 | 24 5:15 p.m. Yoga | 25 | 26 5:15 p.m. Yoga | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:00 worship 10:00 fellow- ship 11:00 worship L.L Cans Team 1 at 10:30 a.m. | 30 VBS for 3 yr- 1st Grade 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church | July 1 VBS day 2 for 3 yr-1st Grade | July 2 VBS closing program at 11:00 at St. Mary's Catho- lic Church |  | | |

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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.