

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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Ash Wednesday, Lent, Lent Suppers,
Quilt Dedication

MARCH 2020

The Newsletter of

St. Peter Lutheran Church [ELCA],
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, Iowa
Unofficial Council Minutes 1/26/2020

Members Present: Clarene Backer, Esther Backer, John Ebensberger, Carrie Eiklenborg, Andrea Gotto, Kelly Hoodjer, Keith Hyman, Erin Mulder, Jan Osier, Chuck Thompson **Members Absent:** David Crow **Also Present:** Robin Majewski and Gale Brinkman (Treasurer).

Devotions: Kelly read from Bread for the Day.

Secretary's Minutes: *John made a motion to accept the January Secretary's minutes. Carrie 2nd. M/C*

Church Vision: Pastor Daniel handed out copies of the Church Council Covenant, and the Introduction to Serving on Council. Pastor Daniel led us in filling out two surveys as a group in order to fill out the annual ELCA Form C congregational report describing this congregation by ranking various criteria from 1-5. We compared the rankings and discussed the answers.

Additions to Agenda: **A.** Keith Hyman was selected by ballot vote to serve as Council President. **B.** Erin Mulder will serve as Council Vice President. **C.** Jan Osier will continue to serve as Council Secretary. *Kelly made a motion to accept these appointments for 2020. Carrie 2nd M/C*

Committees: Council members have agreed to serve on the following committees: Buildings & Grounds: Keith Hyman and David Crow. Education & Youth: Erin Mulder, Carrie Eiklenborg and Clarene Backer. Stewardship & Finance: Kelly Hoodjer, Jan Osier and Chuck Thompson. Worship & Evangelism: Andrea Gotto, John Ebensberger and Esther Backer. Personnel: Erin Mulder and John Ebensberger.

John Barth has asked to continue on the Buildings & Grounds Committee for a third term. *Kelly made a motion to extend John's term. Esther 2nd M/C*

Non-council members were approved to be on committees as recommended by the nominating committee. *Kelly made a motion for the approval of non-council members on committees. Carrie 2nd. M/C*

Committee Reports Building and Grounds: Did not meet. **A.** Keith reported that there are 2 holes in the ceiling in the basement of the parsonage that need to be repaired. The holes were made when wires were run through some time ago.

B. The dishwasher in the kitchen is not just a sanitizer. Keith will research and print off the instructions how it can be used.

C. The bathroom toilet in the old basement is not working correctly.

Education and Youth: Did not meet. **A.** The toys in the cry room need to be replaced, so they will be looking into donations of toys for this room. **B.** The Luther League's ski trip was cancelled due to the weather.

Stewardship and Finance: Did not meet. **A.** The committee recommends Lent Offerings this year be a 3-way split to LSI, the Greene Food Bank, and Missionaries (split 50/50 between Mary Beth Oyebade and YAGM). **B.** "Souper Bowl" Sunday will be Sunday, February 2nd. Half of the donations will be sent to the Greene Food Bank, and the other half to World Hunger.

Kelly made a motion to accept these recommendations. Erin 2nd. M/C

Worship and Evangelism: **A.** The hymns have been chosen. **B.** Letters have been sent to area churches to see if they would be interested in being included to do welcome bags for new to Greene residents. The Presbyterian Church responded and would like to meet and talk about it.

Personnel: Met January 12th. Labor Law posters will be printed and posted.

Motion made by Kelly to accept committee reports. Esther 2nd. M/C.

WELCA: WELCA will be sponsoring a Free Bowling/Pizza Fun Day on Sunday February 16th from 12:00-3:00 pm.

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

Pastor's Report: **A.** Pastor Daniel's 1st day back from paternity leave was January 26th. Pastor Daniel thanks all who worked together during the time he was off. *Motion by Kelly to accept Pastor's report. Carrie 2nd. M/C*

Treasurer's Report: **A.** The treasurer's report was in the annual report. **B.** The giving information of 2019 will be mailed out this week. *Erin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Kelly 2nd. M/C*

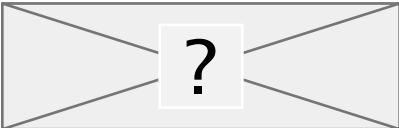
Old Business: None

New Business: **A.** St Peter will be giving any child who wishes to attend church camp \$250.00 toward the expense of the camp. *Carrie made a motion to give each child who goes to church camp \$250.00. John 2nd. M/C* **B.** During the worship services on Saturday, February 8nd, and Sunday February 9th there will be installation of Council members.

Other Business: **A.** Pastor Daniel handed out the Checklist for Worship Cancellation. On the checklist a change will be made to update the electronic sign when worship is cancelled. **B.** Robin said the electronic sign is not working. Keith will talk to Wedeking Electric to have the breaker box marked which switch is for the sign.

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

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> Greene Food Bank </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> Missionaries </div>
<p>Lent Offerings this year 1/3 to Lutheran Services in Iowa 1/3 to the Greene Food Bank and 1/3 to our missionaries Mary Beth Oyebade & Zach Croonquist</p>		

St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
February 16, 2020

On Stewardship

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$11,557.99
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$11,557.99
Other Fund Balances	
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,442.42
Building and Repair	\$290.06
Basement Windows	\$3,899.00
Fellowship	\$2,110.69
Thrivent Choice	\$172.00
Restoration	\$17,191.49
Missionary Support	\$1,155.00
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	\$26,710.66
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$17,207.87
Money Market	<u>\$21,060.78</u>
Total	\$38,268.65
Goyer Scholarship	\$1,108.21
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,020.31

“To do more for the world than the world does for you—that is success.” —Henry Ford

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”
—Jesus in Matthew 6:2-4

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

Marjorie Butzlaff
\$65.00 to the Prayer Shawl Ministry by friends.
\$20.00 to the Prayer Shawl Ministry by St. Peter Quilters.

Carolyn Martin
\$50.00 to the Prayer Shawl Ministry by family.
\$50.00 to the Memorial Fund by family.

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Quilt Dedication Saturday, March 21st & Sunday, March 22nd

ATTENTION QUILTERS

-- Quilt / Kit Dedication will be Saturday, March 21st and Sunday, March 22nd during worship.

Those who can help lay out the quilts on

Saturday, March 21st

should be at the church at 9:00 a.m. Quilts from the sanctuary will be taken down to the old basement immediately following worship. IF YOU CAN HELP that would be very much appreciated.



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.

MARCH - Holy Communion

6:00 pm - Saturday, February 29th & March 14th

8:30 am - Sunday, March 1st & 15th

11:00 am - Sunday, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

6:15 pm - Ash Wednesday, February 26

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 communion, the clear glasses have wine in them and the purple glasses have grape juice.
- We have gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know that you need it at communion.



**CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING:
Wednesday, March 4th
at 7:30 pm**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be hosted by United Methodist, Brethren & First Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 6th at 1:00 pm at United Methodist church. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. Invite your friends and family.

St. Peter WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: MARCH - Glory Circle

Senior citizen meals coordinator - Mary Brinkman
6th - World Day of Prayer at United Methodist Church at 1:00 pm
12th - Bible Study 9:30 am - Glory refreshments
15th - Valley View devotions 2:00 pm All Circles
16th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm
21st - Display quilts 9:00 am
21st & 22nd - Quilt dedication at all 3 worship services
28th - Ladies Luncheon 10:00 am

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.

Lutheran World Relief

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF -- "SPRING CLEANING"... Think of the Quilters when you are going through closets and drawers. **Items we can use are:** old blankets, mattress pads, bed skirts, comforters, bedspreads to use for liners (can have holes); sheets (flat or fitted) for backs and/or liners and also pillowcases. For tops we can use curtains, drapes, table cloths, yard goods, jeans, sweat shirts, clothing (adult or teenage size), material samples, etc. Also, we can use regular spools of thread (any color and do not have to be full spools), and crotchet thread.. These items can be put into the clear tote in the fellowship area or on tables in the old basement.

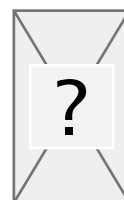
Food Bank

Food Bank item for the month of March is toothbrushes & toothpaste. 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.



HOSTING FELLOWSHIP IN MARCH

1st - Volunteer needed
8th - Volunteer needed
15th - Volunteer needed
22nd - Volunteer needed
29th - Volunteer needed



St. Peter Lutheran Church Delivers Senior Center Meals in April 2020

**You will need to be at the
Community Center by 11:00
am to get your list of people
and the meals.**

**Please sign up on the
clipboard for the days you
can help!**

Camperships

St. Peter has a long history of supporting our youth as they attend the various Bible camps in our area. Each year we offer some assistance to any youth who chooses to go to a camp. For 2020, any member of St. Peter who wishes to attend a Christian Bible Camp will get \$275.00 (\$250 from St. Peter and \$25 from WELCA) for each youth going to a church camp, but not to exceed the cost of the camp. So grab a camp brochure and get them registered for Bible Camp this summer!

ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving

“Generous God, provide bread for the hungry, shelter for the homeless and protection for the vulnerable. Listen to the cries of all who are abused or imprisoned, or who suffer pain, anxiety or illness. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.” Amen

During the 40 day season of Lent, your St. Peter Stewardship Committee is setting a goal of raising \$500 to send to ELCA World Hunger. \$500 can provide a herd of goats and a community vegetable garden, or a fish farm and mosquito nets for a small village.

Through ELCA World hunger, our church supports work in areas related to health care, income generation, food security, clean water and education--addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty. Learn more about our approach at ELCA.org/Hunger.

Please consider how you and your family can help meet this goal as we partner with our generous God to feed and clothe those in need. This is a special offering for World Hunger, please memo your check or giving envelope “World Hunger”.

“Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.” Amen



St. Peter Lutheran MARCH Birthdays

1. Aaron Hanson,
Marvel Landers
3. Juliene Bramer
4. Delores Adelmund,
Clint Griffin
6. Benjamin Miller,
Bruce Sneed
7. Troy Feldman,
Paul Rover
8. Cody George,
Corey Hoodjer
9. Tina Freeseemann,
Betty Heitland
11. David Martzahn
12. Bill Christensen,
Richard Kleinschmidt
13. Kinsley Knapp,
Milo Muhlenbruck,
Rod Steere

14. Harold Kock,
Fred Miller
15. Calley Steere,
Cindy (Mike) Steere
16. Layton Nordmeyer,
Bridget Shultz,
Samantha Yerkes
17. Jaret Wunsch
19. Merle Krueger,
Fred Meyne
22. Cheryl Christensen,
Logan Nordmeyer
23. Sue Brinkman,
Andrea Gotto,
Lucas Wedeking
24. Dominick Nicholson
25. Linnea Gabe,
Darla Spratt

26. Carrie Jensen,
Haley Landers,
Lisa Landers,
Allen Schroeder,
Levi Zimmerman
27. Easley Dralle,
Taylor Jensen,
April Kleinschmidt
28. Denise Brummond,
Paul Christensen,
Marlene Landers
29. Marlene Marsh,
Hayden Sage
30. Maria Mathers,
Kari Raush
31. Brooke Landers,
Chance Nicholson,
Larry Ott,
Tammy Wiedeman



You're Invited to a

Ladies Luncheon

Hosted by

WELCA Women of St. Peter Lutheran

Special Music by Witness 4

"The Greatest Love Ever Known"

Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 am

324 E Traer St., Greene, IA

Sunday, March 15th

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





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

March is National Professional Social Workers Month

March is National Professional Social Workers Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

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.

**Restoration Fund
St. Peter Lutheran Church**

2020 Servant Leaders of St. Peter Lutheran Church

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Keith Hyman - President
Erin Mulder - Vice President
Jan Osier - Secretary

Pastor Daniel Flucke

Clarene Backer
Esther Backer
David Crow
John Ebensberger
Carrie Eiklenborg
Andrea Gotto
Kelly Hoodjer
Chuck Thompson
?? 1 more needed

Gale Brinkman - Treasurer
Holly Wedeking - Financial Secretary

COMMITTEES:

Personnel:

Erin Mulder ('22)
John Ebensberger ('21)
Deanne Martzahn ('21)
John Backer ('22)
Jeff Dralle ('23)

Nominating:

Carol Barth ('21)
Ashley Coake ('21)
Lauren Hawker ('21)
Phil Wahlgren ('21)
Delores Adelmund ('22)
June Vogelmann ('22)

Audit:

Cheryle Arjes ('21)
Jessi Lane ('22)
Terri O'Brien ('23)

Building & Grounds:

Keith Hyman
David Crow
Gary Schmidt ('21)
Roland Martzahn ('22)
John Barth ('23)

Christian Education & Youth Work:

Clarene Backer
Carrie Eiklenborg
Erin Mulder
Tanya Yerkes ('21)
Liz Schroeder ('22)
Ashley Coake ('23)
Christin Flucke, advisor

Stewardship & Finance:

Kelly Hoodjer
Jan Osier
Chuck Thompson
Jeff Dralle ('21)
Laurie Shultz ('22)
?? 1 more needed ('23)

Worship & Evangelism:

John Ebensberger
Esther Backer
Andrea Gotto
Kay Muhlenbruck ('21)
Mary Brinkman ('22)
Delores Adelmund ('23)
Sandra Schuknecht, advisor

The Church Council is still in need of 1 person. If you are interested, please contact President Keith Hyman.

The Stewardship & Finance Committee is still in need of 1 person to fill their committee. If you are interested, please contact committee member Kelly Hoodjer, Jan Osier, Chuck Thompson.

We need your help in filling these spots. Thank You



Worship Whys: Offering & Prayer

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2

Continuing our exploration this month of “Why do we do that in worship?” I want to think about our response to God, the things we offer in worship.

First and foremost, worship is about what God has done for us. God the Father has created us, God the Son has redeemed us, and God the Holy Spirit sustains our lives. Everything we have, everything we are, and everything we will be all comes from God. Every worship service is an opportunity to hear yet again—hopefully in new and fresh ways—the old, old story of what God has and is doing for us.

Hear that message loud and clear: **Worship is about what God does, not about what we do.** At the same time, within our worship services we offer our response to God’s action. The very word “worship” refers to our response to God. When the Holy Spirit leads us to recognize God’s loving action, we respond with worship and praise, because God is worth it. God is worthy of our worship.

Our response to God includes giving tangible gifts in the **offering**. Offering is an act of worship, because it’s a response to the good news of God revealed in Jesus Christ. It’s not paying dues or admission; it’s a physical way of responding to God, a costly way to show our gratitude. I don’t always succeed, but I try to always say we “receive” the offering rather than “collect” it.

Putting something in the plate is a concrete act of faith. If you give online, take one of the “I give electronically” cards and put it in the plate as an act of worship. Offering belongs in the worship service to give us a channel to respond to God. It’s about our need to give out of gratitude, not about the needs of the church institution to receive. God’s work will be accomplished whether we give or not, but God graciously gives us the chance to get involved.

Of course, we offer much more than money—we also give our time, our most valuable resource. Simply showing up for worship and dedicating an hour or so of your week to praising God is a response to the Holy Spirit’s nudging. Hopefully you’re spending far more than 0.59% of your week in intentional time with God, but one hour out of 168 per week is a start! In addition, I hope everyone occasionally serves in worship, perhaps by ushering, reading, behind the scenes on the altar guild, or in a plethora of other ways.

Another offering we make in worship is our **prayers**. With our money and our time we give out of our abundance; with our prayers we give out of our need. Giving our needs to God is an act of worship, for in praying, we admit our need for God and declare our trust and hope that God will act. Sometimes our prayers are carefully crafted and written out ahead of time; other times they’re spontaneous as the Spirit moves. Each of our worship services includes a prayer of the day connected to the themes in the day’s Scripture readings. (*Pay attention to the structure of that prayer – each prayer of the day includes praise for what God has done, and a request for God to help us in a related area of our lives.*)

We pray to dedicate our monetary offerings. We pray for the world’s needs in the prayers of intercession, asking God to mercifully hear our prayer and step in (“intercede”) in various situations. Often those prayers include petitions for the church, for justice and peace in the world, for the natural world God has made, and for particular individuals in need in our community, as well as other specific needs that week. And of course, we always pray the Lord’s Prayer as well, using the words Jesus taught his disciples.

In Christ,

-Pastor Daniel Flucke

March Worship Servants

The greatest among you will be your servant. - Matthew 23:11

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 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
John & Esther Backer
Lector: Teresa Feldman
Communion: Laurie Shultz

11:00 Sunday, March 1

Ushers: Jeff & Susan Stirling
Lector: Chuck Thompson
Communion: Holly Wedeking
Media: Emma Wedeking

March 7-8

6:00 Saturday, March 7

Ushers: Marilyn Steere, Tim Brunner
Lector: Sylvia Hawker

8:30 Sunday, March 8

Ushers: Delos & Delores Adelmund
Dylan Clipperton
Lector: Connie Yerkes

11:00 Sunday, March 8

Ushers: Carter Backer, Traci Bartels
Lector: Liz Schroeder
Communion: Clarene Backer
Media: Alex Almelien

March 14-15

Altar Guild: Robin Ralls, Kelly Zurcher
Communion Bread: Pam Dralle

6:00 Saturday, March 14

Ushers: Jasmine Spratt, Robin Ralls
Lector: Robin Ralls
Communion: LaVon Steere

8:30 Sunday, March 15

Ushers: Steve & Erin Mulder
Jan Osier
Lector: Galen Hoodjer
Communion: Reagan Mulder

11:00 Sunday, March 15

Ushers: Addisyn Gotto
Meredith Shultz
Lector: Olivia Dralle
Communion: Dixie Hughes
Media: Jack Hanson

March 21-22

6:00 Saturday, March 21

Ushers: Gene & Sandra Ross
Lector: Les Johnson

8:30 Sunday, March 22

Ushers: Keith & Michelle Hyman
Mary Brinkman
Lector: Gale Brinkman

11:00 Sunday, March 22

Ushers: Jean Towsley
Carrie Eiklenborg
Lector: John Shultz
Communion: Roland Martzahn
Media: Madie Clipperton

March 28-29

6:00 Saturday, March 28

Ushers: John & Carol Barth
Lector: Carol Barth

8:30 Sunday, March 29

Ushers: Laurie Shultz
Nolan Reser, Leah Reser
Lector: Laurie Shultz

11:00 Sunday, March 29

Ushers: Jeff & Susan Stirling
Lector: Lindsay Landers
Communion: Clayton Towsley
Media: Olivia Dralle

GENEROSITY Ways to deduct a Gift

Some people don't like paying taxes and some especially don't like paying taxes on their IRA distributions that they are not voluntarily withdrawing.

When you make a contribution to a tax-deferred 401(k) account or IRA, the tax on that money is deferred, which means that income tax is due on that money when you take withdrawals in retirement.

Annual withdrawals from traditional retirement accounts are required after age 70½, and the penalty for skipping a required minimum distribution is 50 percent of the amount that should have been withdrawn.

However, if you are in the fortunate position of not needing your distribution for living expenses and are charitably inclined, you can avoid income tax on your required withdrawal by donating your money directly to your congregation or to other charities. Have a conversation with your financial advisor before making your end-of-year withdrawal.

– Pastor Mark Anderson Assistant to the Bishop

Charitable IRA Rollover

USE YOUR DISTRIBUTION FOR GOOD AND RECEIVE TAX BENEFITS.

WHO	WHAT	HOW
The IRA Charitable Rollover provision allows individuals 70½ or older to donate to charities of their choice. You must be 70½ at the time of your gift.	Donations up to \$100,000 may be given annually to charitable organizations directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) without treating the distribution as taxable income. Cannot be made to donor advised funds.	Qualified IRA Charitable Rollover gifts can be given to a nonprofit (church) organization through the Custodian of your IRA or 401K account.

Planned Giving

Our lives are journeys of faith and generosity. As our faith matures and deepens, so does the way we support God's work in the world. As a child, perhaps you started by giving coins at Sunday School and watching as your parents gave offerings in worship. As we grow up in the church, our giving evolves as well, reflecting new depths of meaning, understanding, and experience.

When your earthly life comes to a close, you can continue to give and make a difference in our congregation through planned giving. Have you remembered the church in your will or through a charitable trust or annuity? What a wonderful enduring testimony to God's blessing in your life! Ask the church office for more information about planned giving.

Youth and parents will help serve supper at the mid-week Lenten services on the following Wednesdays:

February 26th - Luther League

March 11th - Jr. High

Please be on the lookout for more info from Christin about how you can help!



No March Birthdays
Remember that you are **ALL** beloved children of God!!

Can Sorting Schedule



March 8th - All Call During LL

March 22nd - Team Carrie
Sydney, Brooke, Haley F., Maddy S.

Lent Practices for Youth

During the season of Lent (*the forty* days from Ash Wednesday to Easter*), Christians traditionally focus on three spiritual practices: **Prayer**, **Fasting**, and **Giving**. The idea is that like training for a sport, a specific focus on faith for 40 days can help you build your “faith muscles” for the rest of life. So, during this season, your challenge is to **pick at least one of these Lenten practices and try it for 40 days**.

Prayer - *Lent is a great opportunity for intentionally spending time with God*

- Write down your prayers in a journal
- Sit in silence for 5 minutes a day listening to God
- Listen to a Christian song each day
- Pray the Lord’s Prayer every night before going to bed
- Read a chapter of the Bible each day (the book of Luke works well for this)

Fasting - *The purpose of giving up something for Lent (fasting) is to make room for God.*

- Give up something that takes time: Video games, Instagram, a tv show, or your phone for an hour a day
- Fast from a bad practice: Sarcasm, complaining, yelling at others, or gossiping
- Give up buying something new: New clothes, coffee, movie tickets, or makeup
- Fast from a particular food: Chocolate, pizza, soda & energy drinks, or (most traditionally) meat on Fridays
- Give up a negative habit: Swearing, trolling, sleeping in, or speeding

Giving *Our faith practices don’t do any good unless they lead us to help others in Jesus’ name!*

- Donate the money you save from giving up something for Lent to a cause you care about
- Save \$1 each day to give it to our church’s *40 Days of Giving* world hunger campaign for world hunger
- Use the time you save from giving up something to help others
- Go through your closet and find 40 things to donate
- Write a daily note of encouragement and give it to someone

Finally, if you try something on this list and fail at it, remember Lent & Easter are about Jesus forgiving us!

**If you’re paying really close attention, you might notice that’s 46 days. But, Sunday is the day Jesus rose from the dead, so every Sunday is counted as a “mini-Easter” and not as part of Lent. 46 days - 6 Sundays = 40 days!*

MARCH 2020 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Worship with Communion 9:45 am Fellowship, Luther League, No Sunday School 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion	2 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting	3 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting	4 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm Lenten Worship at Methodist Church 6:45 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation 7:30 pm Church Council	5	6 1:00 pm World Day of Prayer at United Methodist Church	7 6:00 pm Worship
8 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts: Turn Clocks Forward</i> 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday, School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion	9	10	11 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Lenten Worship at Presbyterian Church 6:45 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	12 9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle meeting	13	14 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
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22 8:30 am Worship Quilt Dedication 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion Quilt Dedication 3:00 pm First Communion class	23	24	25 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm Lenten Worship at Methodist Church 6:45 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	26	27	28 10:00 am WELCA Ladies Luncheon 6:00 pm Worship
29 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion	30	31	Ushers and Lectors - See "Worship Servants" page for schedule.	Altar Guild: Robin Ralls, Kelly Zurcher		