



Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:7-11 NRSVUE

Greetings St Peter. I hope this letter finds you all warm and well. It seems we are heading into March like a lion, let's pray we go out like a lamb!

Coming up in worship you will notice that we kind of set aside the book of Matthew in our humble Lenten journey to focus on other parts of the bible. Therefore, I would like to propose a six-week bible study beginning after lent that will bring our focus back to the book of Matthew before we spend the whole summer journeying through it in worship. The book study is called "Matthew: The book of Promised Blessings" by Matthew Skinner. Matt Skinner is a New Testament professor at Luther Seminary and one of the trusted resources I use for weekly sermon preparation. Each participant will need his book which costs \$13.36 for a paperback and \$10.69 for the kindle version (as of the time of writing this). Please let me know if you are interested so we can have the materials ready and start the study sometime between April 19th – 25th.

We will also need to pick a time for our study. I am open to doing a hybrid study, both in person and on zoom, so it is more accessible for you to join. These will be hour long studies. We could meet on Sundays from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (or 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm) or Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm. Let me know what works best.

I am looking forward to great discussion, deeper engagement, and exploring who our mighty God is with you all in community. The bible was made for us to read together, so let's ask, seek, and knock on the door of the book of Matthew and unearth these promised blessings. For if we can give good gifts just think of how much more our Father in heaven has in store for us!

Take care everybody! God's peace and blessings be with you all throughout the month of March,

Pastor ChyAnne

Instead of having a bible reading this month, I encourage you all to focus on the Lenten practices that you chose. An update on mine, I started my prayer shawl and was about a couple hours and seven rows up before I realized it was not wide enough, so I pulled the whole thing out (you crocheters and knitters will feel my pain) and I will be starting again. I may have to put a few extra prayers into this shawl because during that time it might have heard a few cursings! Alas, it is not the first time and probably not the last time that will happen. Thank God for new beginnings!

St. Peter Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Present: Dawn Van Etten, Dixie Hughes, Phil Wahlgren, John Backer, Carrie Eiklenborg, Nancy Reser, Keith Christensen, Kelly Hoodjer, Matt Pittenger, Ryan Behnke, Pastor ChyAnne Slick.

Also Present: Marilyn Wahlgren

1. Secretary's Minutes—Kelly moved; Keith seconded – motion passed to approve the secretary minutes
2. Additions to the Agenda: See action item F
3. Church Vision— Keith shared a passage from Christ in Our Home.
 - A. Council Nuts and Bolts-
 - Elect officers- President - Dawn VanEtten, Vice President - Kelly Hoodjer, Secretary – Carrie Eiklenborg, Treasure – Marilyn Wahlgren. John moved; Phil seconded – motion passed to elect these positions.
 - Committee assignments were divvied out
 - Sunday prep months – January- Christine, February-Phil, March- Dixie, April Nancy, May- Keith, June-Carrie,
 - B. Vilmar is requesting old choir music -agreed to “loan” our music to the Vilmar choir
 - C. Council host a Lenten Community meal – March 4th at 5:30
 - D. Milage Rates – IRS recommends milage rates of \$.72.5 cents/mile Keith moved, Phil seconded, motion passed to adapt the 2026 IRS recommended milage rate of \$.72.5 cents/mile.
 - E. Nursing Home Transportation – Dawn contacted Issac Schwante to offer our support.
 - F. Constitution – The Synod offered many edits, changes, and updates to our constitution. They suggest that the bylaws be added to our constitution. Dawn, Keith, and Pastor will continue to work on it.
5. Pastor’s Report
 - o Funeral planning and service for Ronald Allan
 - o Led one Advent service
 - o Christmas Eve Service
 - o Wrote my End of Year Report
 - o Numerous phone calls and prayers with members
 - o Funeral Presentation in Cedar Falls for Lay Leaders. Was invited by Pastor Kristen Rod at the Synod office.
 - o Visits to shut-ins
 - o Looking for Lent material to start planning midweek services.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Carrie moved; Matt seconded – motion passed to approve the Treasurer’s Report for December.
7. Committee Reports
 - Building & Grounds – Parsonage dishwasher is working, needs house numbers, garage has condensation. Sanctuary front doors are leaking, ping pong table is repaired, Doug’s Plumbing repaired

a blower on the furnace.

- Education & Youth – Luther League trip to Detroit will be July 20-24th. First Communion will be in March and include 3rd-5th grade students. Planning a family movie night March 20th 6-8:00 p.m.

- Stewardship & Finance – Did not meet, next meeting is Feb. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

- Worship & Evangelism –

- o Discussed Lent and Easter services including a Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
- o Planned music
- o Next meeting is Feb. 3 at 6:00 p.m.

- Personnel – Did not meet

- Mutual Ministry – Working to set goals for ministry. Possible Bible study of the book of Mathew and End of Life education, people enjoy the youth helping, request for newer hymns or singing fewer verses.

- WELCA – excess of giving tree donations so donated to the school for lunch accounts, Feb 4th WELCA is hosting the Community meal, a family event is being planned at Freeze Frame Bowl on March 8th


Kelly moved; Phil seconded – motion passed to approve the Committee Reports.

8. Adjournment: Closed with a pizza lunch

Next meeting March 11th at 7:30 pm



TREASURERS REPORT



St Peter Lutheran Church						
Monthly Fund and Bank Account Balance Report						
			1/1/2026			1/31/2026
			Beginning			Ending
			Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Current Fund Balance			\$64,911.57	\$23,969.91	-\$28,474.57	\$60,154.88
Employee Withholding & Payroll Taxes				-\$1,730.18	\$1,478.15	
Current Fund Amount in MMDA						\$60,154.88
Other Fund Balances						
Technology			\$4,757.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,757.35
Benevolence and Mission			\$500.00	\$4,171.53	-\$2,798.80	\$1,872.73
Building and Repair			\$3,619.50	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$3,639.50
Fellowship			\$3,259.41	\$51.06	\$0.00	\$3,310.47
Thrivent Choice			\$5,589.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$5,694.00
Restoration			\$41,361.46	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$41,726.46
Missionary Support			\$0.00	\$776.00	-\$776.00	\$0.00
Balcony Improvement			\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
AED			\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
			\$61,536.72	\$5,488.59	-\$3,574.80	\$63,450.51
Bank Balance						
Checking			\$80,200.29	Transfer from MM -\$69.62	Transferred to MMDA \$0.00	\$80,130.67
Money Market 112			\$46,748.00	Trans from Ckg + Int \$63.04	Transfer to Ckg \$0.00	\$46,811.04
			\$126,948.29		TOTAL BANK	\$126,941.71
Goyer 442 Scholarship			\$2,371.17		\$0.00	\$2,371.17
McGosh 920 - Gift of Love			\$1,273.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,273.69
Companion Savings			\$183,128.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183,128.86
YTD Revenue		\$39,167.12	YTD Expenses	\$32,536.87		



Midweek Services schedule for March:

- March 4- Community Meal from 5:30- 6:15 p.m.
Lent Service at 6:30 p.m. Bound by Violence.
- March 11- Lent Service at 6:30 p.m. Bound by Dishonest Systems.
Fellowship to follow.
- March 18- Lent Service at 6:30 p.m. Bound by Family.
Fellowship to follow.
- March 25- Lent Service at 6:30 p.m. Bound by Guilt.
Fellowship to follow.

Annual Congressional Meeting
St. Peter Lutheran Church Greene, IA
Sunday February 1, 2026

There were 44 voting members in attendance, meeting started at 11:25 a.m. following fellowship hosted by Council members.

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

- President Dawn Van Etten called the meeting to order.

Annual Congregational Meeting Opening Liturgy was led by Pastor ChyAnne

Nominating Committee Report

- Phil Walgren gave the nomination committee report with recommendations for candidates.
- Jeff Dralle moved to cease nominations and approve the nominations slated for church council.
- Matt Pittenger, Ryan Behnke, Kris Dralle, and Kelly Hoodjer were nominated.

Council Elections

- Jeff Dralle made a motion to unanimously elect the candidates, Mike Brinkman seconded, motion carried.

Proposed 2026 Budget

- Marilyn Wahlgren gave an overview of the 2025 results and proposed 2026 budget. Keith Christensen and Laurie Shultz (Stewardship & Finance Committee) reviewed the 2025 revenue report and mentioned the generous initial donation from the Schuknecht Estate which had a significant impact for the 2025 budget (as well as support to fund two generous endowed funds- one general support plus a scholarship fund - plus projects funded: solar panel project and new HVAC system for the sanctuary). Both reminded members that without the Schuknecht funds for the budget, 2025 would have been a negative balance. Asked members to prayerfully consider increasing their support for the 2026 ministry plan.
- A question was asked about Memorial funds and how the funds are designated. Julie Brinkman shared that families may designate funds to a specific project (which is available for review in the church office) and undesignated funds are designated by the Stewardship Committee with final approval by the Church Council.
- Jeff Dralle moved to approve the proposed budget, Keith Christensen seconded, motion carried.

Other Reports:

- Secretary's Minutes - 2025 Annual Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Other Committee Reports
- No questions raised from reports or comments. John Backer moved to approve all minutes and reports, Laurie Shultz seconded, motion carried.

Organization Reports:

- Keith Christensen moved to approve all Organizational Reports, Phil seconded, motion carried

Council Installation:

- Pastor ChyAnne installed the new and current council members

Kelly Hoodjer moved to adjourn the meeting, Connie Yerkes seconded, motion carried.

Youth Activities

Sunday School

3 year olds - 2nd Graders

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month
10:15-11 am

March classes will be held on the
8th & 22nd

Youth Group

3rd - 6th Graders

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month
6:00-6:45 pm

March classes will be held on
the 4th

Confirmation

7th & 8th Graders

Meet on Wednesdays except the first
Wednesday of the month, 6:30-7:30

March 11th - Class 6:30-7:30

March 25th - Class 6:30-7:30

Luther League

High Schoolers

March 4th @ 6:00 pm

Can Schedule TBA

Community Meal

Served on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of the month
5:30-6:15 pm

Movie Night

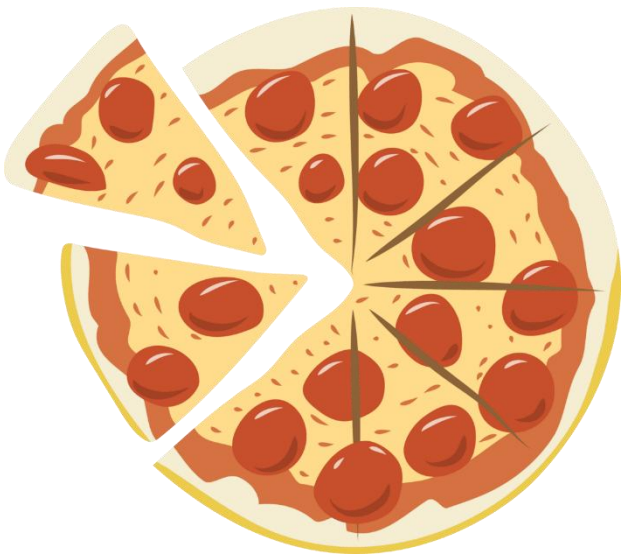
Friday, March 20th 6-8 pm



Everyone is welcome!

Mark Your Calendar!

St. Peter WELCA Women invite you to a **FREE BOWLING/PIZZA FUN DAY** for St. Peter's families Sunday, March 8th at Freeze Frame Bowling Alley. 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.



Bowling games start at 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. WELCA is sponsoring a fun day for everyone!!! Children (with an adult) through senior citizens. Come bowl or just come and watch the fun.

WELCA will pay for a game of bowling, your rental shoes, pizza & beverage. Hope to see you there!



Committee Reports

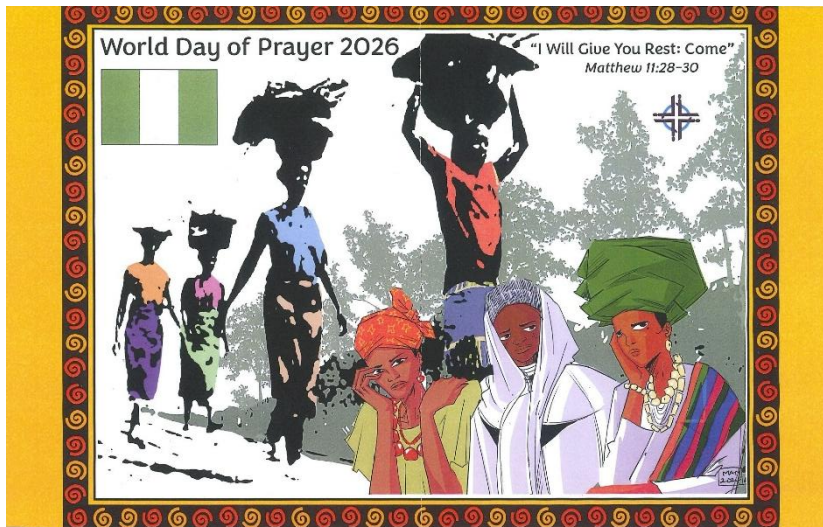
Worship & Evangelism:

- o Discussed Lent and Easter services including a Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
- o Planned music
- o Next meeting is March. 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship & Finance:

- Kris Dralle will be a new member of this committee.
- Erin Mulder is working on scholarship guidelines for the Schuknecht investment fund.
- Discussed Pastor's salary for 2026 to insure it's being paid as approved.
- The time and talent survey did not produce many responses. Laurie will share what was received with committee chairs.
- Discussed possible interest from members for helping with homebound communion.
- Decided on recommendation to Council for Lenten offering of 50% to the Greene food bank and 50% to LSI.
- Reviewed 2025 financials to report to the ELCA the percent given to the synod (5.4%) and benevolence (9.5%).
- Emily Pittenger has offered to develop an informational piece on planned giving for the Newsletter.
- Need to complete the giving plaque for the window project. Laurie will work with Julie Brinkman.
- Next meeting is March 3rd at 7:00.

Organizations News



WELCA-

- Presbyterians, Methodist and Brethern Women will be hosting World Day of Prayer March 6th at the Methodist church at 1:30pm. All community members are invited to attend.

March 6 1:30 p.m.
Greene Methodist Church

- During Lent the WELCA women will be hosting fellowship after church. WELCA Board on Feb 25th, Vision Circle on March 11th, Glory Circle on March 18th, Faith Circle on March 25th with the WELCA Board serving Palm Sunday.

March 2026 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!

March 1, 2026

9:00

Ushers: Laurie Shultz & John Shultz

Lector: Laurie Shultz

Communion: John Shultz

11:00

Lector: Jeff Dralle

Communion: Jeff Dralle

March 8, 2026

9:00

Ushers: Todd Schroeder & boys

Lector: Liz Schroeder

11:00

Lector: Carrie Eiklenborg

March 15, 2026

9:00

Ushers: John & Esther Backer

Lector: Teresa Feldman

Communion: Kelly Hoodjer

11:00

Lector: Teresa Feldman

Communion: Dixie Hughes

March 22, 2026- Quilt Dedication

9:00

Ushers: Jeremy & Toya Knapp

Lector: Teresa Feldman

11:00

Lector: Teresa Feldman

March 29, 2026- Palm Sunday

9:00

Ushers: John Shultz & Mary Brinkman

Lector: Mary Brinkman

Communion: John Shultz

11:00

Lector: Dawn Van Etten

Communion: Dawn Van Etten



The Christian Education Committee is hosting a Spring Break Family Movie Night on March 20th from 6-8 p.m.! This event is open to community so grab your family and friends and come enjoy a free movie at St. Peter Lutheran Church! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

March Birthdays



1. Aaron Hanson
2. Izik Pattison
3. Juliene Bramer
4. Delores Adelmund, Clint Griffin, Ashley Siemons
6. Pastor Kent Mechler, Benjamin Miller, Bruce Sneed, Linda Schroeder
7. Troy Feldman, Emily Pittenger, Paul Rover
8. Cody George, Corey Hoodjer
9. Tina Freesemann, Betty Heitland
11. David Martzahn, Boone Siemons
12. Richard Kleinschmidt
13. Kinsley Knapp, Rod Steere
14. Fred Miller
15. Calley Steere, Cindy (Mike) Steere
16. Layton Nordmeyer, Bridget Shultz, Samantha Yerkes
17. Jaret Wunsch
19. Fred Meyne
22. Cheryl Christensen, Logan Nordmeyer, Kiera Steere, Josie Vanderloop, Remington Wordes
23. Sue Brinkman, Andrea Gotto, Lucas Wedeking
24. Dominick Nicholson, Cody Penrod
25. Linnea Gabe, Darla Spratt
26. Carrie Jensen, Haley Lehman, Lisa Landers, Allen Schroeder, Levi Zimmerman
27. Easley Dralle, Taylor Jensen, April Kleinschmidt, Chase Wiegmann
28. Denise Brummond, Paul Christensen, Marlene Landers
29. Marlene Marsh, Hayden Sage
30. Maria Mathers, Kari Reser
31. Brooke Landers, Chance Nicholson, Larry Ott Jr., Tammy Wiedeman

To all Thrivent Financial Members:

Did you know that as a Thrivent Financial member you can give funds to Lutheran Organizations such as St. Peter Lutheran Church through Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund? It costs you **NOTHING!** It is a donation from Thrivent from you for having a policy or investment through Thrivent. The amount given to St. Peter's depends on what policies or investments you have with them. (Not all policies/investments apply to this and you will only know if you call). Now is your time to give Thrivent a call at **1-800-847-4836** and say **"Thrivent Choice"** or go online to **Thrivent.com/thriventchoice** and use prompt for Directing Choice dollars and check into it. This has to be done on a yearly basis. To use your Choice Dollars from April 2025-March 2026, you must call or go online by **March 31, 2026. Don't miss the deadline date.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office or Julie Brinkman at 641-816-4335.

If you have already signed up for Thrivent dollars to go to St. Peter's, we thank you! It will help in our continued ministry at St. Peter's in Greene.

March Food Bank Suggestion
is Toothbrushes (all sizes) and
Toothpaste



Spring forward
set your clocks one hour ahead

Don't forget to set your clocks
ahead on March 8th

LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, 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.

Your SUPPORT makes these stories possible...



Shining a Light on Disability Support

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Brain Injury Awareness Month and Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month making it the perfect time to highlight LSI's services for individuals with disabilities.

LSI provide respite care for those caring for loved ones with mental and developmental disabilities along with 24 hour care, hourly options and host homes. In total LSI provided over 366,000 hours of services to those living with disabilities last year.

For families caring for a child or adult with disabilities, the demands of around-the-clock care can be overwhelming. That's where respite support makes a meaningful difference. Respite care offers caregivers a personalized break while ensuring their loved one continues to receive quality care. A trained respite provider can step in for a few hours or up to an entire weekend to support children and adults with disabilities. Services can be provided in the individual's home, the provider's home, or within the community.

As one parent put it, "Respite helped me step back and rethink things, breath and start over again with a better mind set! I truly believe that respite has changed my family and my life."

LSI's thorough matching process and ongoing oversight help ensure the success and quality of respite services. One of our respite providers, met her client and his family when they moved into a new neighborhood. This provider and client had an instant connection during this visit, and the provider knew that she wanted to provide respite services to him. The family worked with LSI, after being introduced to our respite program by the provider, to enroll the client in services. They started out with small amounts of time, and as the years went by, the amount of respite increased.

This provider has now been providing respite services to this client for over 10 years. Their relationship has continued to grow, and is stronger than ever, as the provider has supported both the client and his family.

This client has become a part of his provider's expended family, and sees her at least once a week. The client enjoys spending weekends once a month at his provider's home. This also allows the client's parents to have a scheduled break each month. One of this client's favorite activities during his weekends at his provider's home is to visit his provider's parents, and discuss the latest book that he has read with them.

"I became a respite provider because it offered me an opportunity to earn some extra income around my family's busy schedule. What I was not expecting was the learning opportunities that occurred for both my children and the respite children on our home. It has been an amazing experience to see the children grow. I love when I run into them out in the community and they come over and tell me everything they are now doing. Through respite care you are able to make a difference!"

-Respite Provider

If you are interested in learning more about respite services or becoming a respite provider, contact Kay Baker at 319-883-9583.



Remember in Prayers...

• Shut-ins and those in Care Centers-

Ron Schafer, Rose Adelmund, Marty & Juliene Bramer, Lois Eliassen, Marilyn Steere, Sylvia Hawker, Irene Loomer, Darlyce Steere, Martha Deines, Judy Lau, Norma Noel, Caroline Schafer, Monty Heitland, Marlene Marsh

• Missionaries-

Mary Beth and Bayo Oyebade, 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, Ian Bain, John K. Backer, Colby Beek

• 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 Oyebade 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 our 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.

March

1 -9:00 Worship -10:00 Fellowship -11:00 Worship -First Communion class: 1 p.m.	2	3 -5:15 p.m. Yoga -7:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance	4 -5:30-6:15 p.m. Community Meal -6:00 p.m. Youth Group -6:30 p.m. Luther League/Confirmation -Lent service at 6:30 p.m.	5	6 -World Day of Prayer at Methodist Church 1 p.m.	7
8 -9:00 Worship -10:00 Fellowship -First Communion Class 10:00 -10:15 3yr-2 nd Sunday School -11:00 Worship -WELCA family fun day 11:30am	9 **March 8 (after services_ -10 Pastor is gone at conference	10 -5:15 p.m. Yoga -6:00 p.m. Worship & Evangelism	11 -Lent service at 6:30 p.m. Fellowship after -6:30 p.m. Confirmation -7:30 p.m. Church Council	12 WELCA Circle at Coffee Baa- 9 a.m.	13	14
15 -9:00 Worship -10:00 Fellowship -11:00 Worship	16 Prayer Shawl Ministry- 3 p.m.	17 -5:15 p.m. Yoga	18 -Lent service at 6:30 p.m. fellowship after	19	20 -Spring Break Family movie night 6-8 p.m.	21
22 - Quilt Dedication -9:00 Worship -10:00 Fellowship -10:15 3yr-2 nd Sunday School -11:00 Worship	23	24 -5:15 p.m. Yoga	25 -Lent service at 6:30 p.m. fellowship after -6:30 p.m. Confirmation	26	27	28
29 -9:00 Worship -10:00 Fellowship -11:00 Worship	30	31 -5:15 p.m. Yoga	Altar Guild: Delores Adelmund & Jeanie Krull Church Council: Dixie Hughes			

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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.

