

# St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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Mother's Day, Graduation, VBS form

**MAY 2023**

The Newsletter of  
St. Peter Lutheran Church [ELCA],  
Greene, IA  
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**St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA**  
**Unofficial Council Minutes April 5, 2023**

**Members Present:** Erin Mulder, Dixie Hughes, Keith Christensen, Lyndsie Pitzenberger, Dana Frerichs, John Backer, Christine Shultz, Les Steere, Phil Wahlgren, Cheryle Arjes, Dawn Van Etten. Absent: Addy Spain.

Also present: Gale Brinkman, Robin Majewski, Jeff Dralle.

Keith Christensen started meeting with prayer.

Jeff Dralle discussed Northeast Iowa Synod Goals and Priorities and talked about the workings of the Synod and its reach.

1. Secretary's Minutes - Phil Wahlgren motioned to approve secretary's minutes from last meeting; Dixie Hughes second; motion carried

2. Additions to the Agenda: Carpet in sanctuary, Grant for Windows, Facebook

3. Church Vision - Jeff Dralle discussed NE Iowa Synods goals

4. Action Items:

A. Synod Assembly Delegates for 6/9 and 6/10 - Keith Christensen and John Backer are interested and Addy Spain will be contacted to go as well.

B. Sanctuary Technology - Everything is hooked up, fine tuning at this point. John Backer, Dennis Griffin, Liz Schroeder and Erin Mulder have been trained on the system, many more will be trained. Service will be able to be posted and live-streamed.

C. Request by Katherine & Ellie McGrane to transfer their membership at St. Peter Lutheran to St Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, IA - Christine Shultz motioned to approve; Keith Christensen - Second; Motion Carried

D. Monthly council help - May is Keith, June - Cheryle Arjes, July - Lyndsie Pitzenberger, August - John Backer, September - Christine Shultz

E. Supply pastors for June, July; Keith and Gary are working on this and would like to talk to Synod for interim pastor.

F. Additions:

- Carpet repair in sanctuary due to booth addition, it was decided to square it up and put strips on rather than replacing.

- Grant from POET in Shell Rock. Community Impact one time grant up to \$4000, project to improve the town. Closes on 4/28. Possible ideas would be for use window project or recycling area.

- Facebook - Erin will become an administrator to post more updates.

5. Treasurer's Report - Insurance premium is similar to last year. Cashflow by month- Income year to date isn't enough to support a pastor at this time. Keith Christensen motioned to approve, Phil Wahlgren 2nd; motion carried.

6. Committee Reports

A. Call Committee - Two candidates had meetings. Second candidate declined second interview. First candidate had second interview, declined the call. Council is suggesting the Ministry Site profile update to address multiple services and Council is wanting to be flexible to future candidates.

B. Building & Grounds - Stainless window 3rd proposal was discussed. Parsonage roof will have bids and will be presented to council.

C. Education & Youth - St Peter will have VBS on July 5th and 6th for 1st through 5th. Catholic Church will hold 3 year old to kindergarten July 5th, 6th, 7th in the AM.

D. Stewardship & Finance - Bids for windows range widely. Requests to review the giving/memorial list and have it returned by May meeting. Stewardship messaging would like to find those that would be willing to write and those that would be willing to speak.

E. Worship & Evangelism - Trying to find ways to reach out to community

F. Personnel - Future pastoral salary adjustments will need to be addressed with call committee.

Dawn Van Etten motioned to approve committee reports; Gail Arjes second - motion carried

Keith Christensen motioned to adjourn, Phil Wahlgren second. Motion carried.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church**  
**Financial Report**  
**April 20, 2023**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$31,799.29
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	\$0.00
	\$31,799.29
Other Fund Balances	
Technology	\$2,890.83
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,101.50
Building and Repair	\$21.13
Stained Glass Windows	\$4,205.00
Fellowship	\$2,435.79
Thrivent Choice	\$4,966.00
Restoration	\$43,712.72
Missionary Support	\$255.00
AED	\$450.00
	\$60,037.97
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$70,657.92
Money Market	\$21,179.34
Total	\$91,837.26
Goyer Scholarship	\$1,579.04
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,016.20



*Memorial Day*  
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*Saint Peter Lutheran Church*  
**Mission Statement**

*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.

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

**Marlene Rogers**

\$1,000.00 to WELCA by family & friends.

**Ramona Schafer**

\$30.00 to Prayer Shawl Ministry by friends.

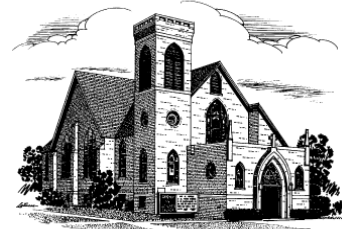
\$260.00 to WELCA Quilting by family & friends.

**Letha Brinkman**

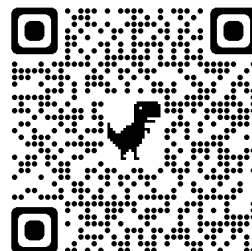
\$300.00 to WELCA by family & friends.



**Restoration Fund**  
**St. Peter Lutheran Church**



**Giving QR Code**



## Ministry of the Food Bank

Nonperishable food items or financial donations welcome!

**“It is more blessed to give than to receive...”**

## St. Peter WELCA

**ALTAR FLOWERS: MAY - Glory Circle**

**11th** - Bible Study 9:30 am - Glory refreshments

**15th** - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

## Food Bank

Greene Food Bank suggested items for May are canned fruit and cold cereal. We can use any food or paper items given to us. All donations are appreciated!



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Over 630 shawls have been crafted since 2007 by our church members and 588 given away! This is impressive—the thanks go to all those who have either knitted or crocheted, those who have donated funds for yarn, and the support of the congregation. We are always grateful to have anyone who is interested in becoming active in this service project join us, just let Jo Ann know—we welcome all.



## MAY - Holy Communion

**6:00 pm - Saturday, May 6th & 20th**

**9:00 am - Sunday, May 7th & 21st**

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

### Home Communions

For those of you who received home communion last month, our volunteers will be in contact with you as to when you would like communion this month. If you have not be contacted and would like communion in your home, please call the church office and schedule a time for the us to come to you.



## Church Directory

The annual church directory comes out in July so we need to make sure **everyone's phone number, email, and address is current and up to date. Many of you have canceled your landline phone, so please call or email the church office** at 816-5531 or [stpeter@myomnitel.com](mailto:stpeter@myomnitel.com) with any of your changes. Email is also a great way for members to contact each other. If you would like your email address included in the directory, email the church office to let us know. We appreciate your help!



## Funeral Planning Worksheet

Until Jesus returns, all of us will one day die. The most universal fact of human life is that it ends. Although it may be uncomfortable to think about, planning for the end of your life is an act of love and kindness for your family. Planning ahead for your funeral gives your family the gift of helping them through a difficult time by letting them know your wishes. We encourage you to consider your funeral wishes and take the time to fill out a Planning Form available in the church office. Once completed, we will make a copy for you and keep a copy in the office. When your earthly life is complete, your family will have the gift of your plans to use as they prepare for your funeral. If you have any questions, please give the office a call.

## Senior Center Meals

St. Peter Lutheran Church Delivers Senior Center Meals in June 2023.

You will need to be at the Community Center by 10:00 am to get your list of people and the meals.

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



## Vacation Bible School

**It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School!**

Vacation Bible School will be July 5th - 6th for 1st grade - 5th grade from 5:00 - 8:00 pm with a meal at 5:00 pm at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

July 5th - 7th for 3 years old - K from 8:30 - 11:30 am at Mary Catholic Church.

If anyone is willing to volunteer to help at VBS please email or call Liz Schroeder [lizeckhardt@yahoo.com](mailto:lizeckhardt@yahoo.com) 641-420-6136

Registration forms are available in the newsletter and outside the church office. **Registration deadline is Monday, June 5th.**

## Care Notes

Check out the "Care Notes" in the fellowship hall for help in lots of occasions and circumstances in your life, from divorce to grief, to family troubles to teen problems. They are free. Take them and pass them on.



**Vacation Bible School**



# 2023 Graduates

May 21st, 9:00 am

Congratulations to our St. Peter members graduating from high school this year! We will be recognizing our graduates in worship on Sunday, May 21, encouraging them as they enter the next stage of their life journey to hold on to the promise of Jesus in Matthew 28:20: "Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

*Our graduates this year are:*

*Owen Almelien*

*Colton Harms*

*Wesley Klink*

*Elizabeth Mathers*

*Dawson Testroet*



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## LSI

### Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and empower all the strong, loving women in your life. At LSI, we provide mothers, and soon-to-be mothers, with the education and resources they need to build the brightest future for their children.

LSI's Foster Care and Adoption Services work to bring families together and to help them throughout the process of becoming licensed for foster care and approved for adoption. Our Family Centered Services uses a strengths-based approach to keep Iowa families together by equipping parents with skills they need to be successful, independent and healthy.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember that your support helps empower Iowa moms. If you are looking for a way to help these moms, or to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto: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](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## St. Peter Lutheran MAY Birthdays

1 - Kaylie Fox  
 2 - Morgan Arjes,  
 James Wiele  
 3 - Mike Brinkman,  
 Crystal Buss  
 6 - Jodee Cooper,  
 Molly Newton  
 7 - Jennifer Hoodjer,  
 Wyatt Landers,  
 LaDonna Schriver  
 8 - Molly Marquard,  
 John Shultz  
 9 - Ron Schuknecht,  
 Scott Spratt  
 10 - Cortney Kreimeyer  
 11 - Dalen Krull  
 12 - Darby Christensen,  
 Denver Landers,  
 Samuel Stirling  
 13 - Luella Miller,  
 Amy Testroet

14 - Courtney Blong,  
 Lori Kock,  
 Jill Osier,  
 Gary Schmidt  
 15 - Carlin Keifer,  
 Irene Stanbrough,  
 Justin Schroeder  
 16 - Virginia Feldman,  
 Parker Wefel  
 17 - Nora Reser,  
 Doug Stark  
 18 - Ezra Almelien,  
 Allyson Sage  
 19 - Shirley Fesenmeyer,  
 Lorie Quade,  
 Rosie Riggins  
 21 - Robert Eliassen,  
 Ivey Steere,  
 Mary Steere

22 - Nick Landers,  
 Thad Landers,  
 Jordan Lewis,  
 Alyse Orta  
 23 - Aimee Hodges,  
 Scott Watkins  
 24 - Owen Almelien,  
 Adri Sheppard,  
 Davis Reser  
 25 - Dean Bergman,  
 Levi Nordmeyer  
 26 - Lisa Feldman,  
 Tom Spratt  
 27 - Kayden Landers,  
 Verla Lahr  
 28 - Jeanne Loomer,  
 Nathan Stark  
 30 - Sandra Ross  
 31- Kenneth Brinkman,  
 June Vogelmann

### Mission Action

If you are doing Spring cleaning and getting rid of things, please remember our quilting project before you pitch things.

We can use old sheets, pillowcases, jeans, and of course any kind of material. Even if the items have holes in them, we may be able to make them into liners. AND if you happen to find some crochet thread, or regular thread, we can use those items also.

With **GARAGE SALES** coming up, if you are so inclined, we can always use items for the Baby Care Kits -- receiving blankets, baby hats, size 6-24 months light weight boys or girls T-shirts or tops, long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers, jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with or without a hood. Also needed: baby socks, hand towels, and bath-size (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap.

### Sunday School, Jr. High Ministry & Luther League

A **BIG** thanks to all of our amazing Sunday School teachers, helpers, Jr. High Ministry and Luther League leaders for another great year of ministry together! We are so grateful for the love and support you pour out week after week on the children and youth of our congregation! Have a blessed summer!



- Christian Education Committee

## May Worship Servants

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,  
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10*

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!

*Communion Bread—*

*Toya Knapp 5/6, Clarene Backer 5/20*

### **May 6-7**

6:00 Saturday, May 6

*Usher: Tim Brunner*

*Lector: Robin Ralls*

*Communion: Kelly Zurcher*

9:00 Sunday, May 7

*Ushers: Carrie Eiklenborg*

*Merlin Schuknecht*

*Lector: Teresa Feldman*

*Communion: Carrie Eiklenborg*

### **May 13-14**

6:00 Saturday, May 13

*Usher: Mary Brinkman*

*Lector: Mary Brinkman*

9:00 Sunday, May 14

*Ushers: Kelly Hoodjer*

*Ross Hawker*

*Lector: Connie Yerkes*

### **May 20-21**

6:00 Saturday, May 20

*Usher: Gene Ross*

*Lector: Sandra Ross*

*Communion: Sandra Ross*

9:00 Sunday, May 21

*Ushers: John & Esther Backer*

*Lector: John Backer*

*Communion: Esther Backer*

### **May 27-28**

6:00 Saturday, May 27

*Usher: Keith Christensen*

*Lector: Keith Christensen*

9:00 Sunday, May 28

*Ushers: Matt & Emily Pittenger*

*Lector: Matt Pittenger*

## Sanctuary Technology

The technology in the sanctuary at St. Peter Lutheran is ready. Each week we will have available a recorded service from our 9:00 am worship. You can find the recording on Facebook "St. Peter Lutheran Church Children and Youth" or "St. Peter Lutheran Greene IA YouTube"

We will be live streaming soon.





# Greene Community Vacation Bible School Registration

July 5-7, 2023

## 3 year olds\* through Completed Kindergarten

- 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
  - Wednesday, July 5th - Friday, July 7th
  - St. Mary Catholic Church
- \*Must be 3 years old by July 1st and potty-trained to participate in VBS.

## Completed 1st - 5th Grades

- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. Optional Supper
- Wednesday, July 5 - Thursday, July 6th
- St. Peter Lutheran Church

*St Mary's programs will end on Friday with a special program! Parents and family members are welcome to attend!*

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers – Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Other adult(s) who may pick up this child from VBS: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child(ren) plan to eat the evening meal at 5:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church before VBS

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Preferred name to go on a nametag)

Grade Completed in 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month, Day, Year)

Allergies/Other Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Preferred name to go on a nametag)

Grade Completed in 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month, Day, Year)

Allergies/Other Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Preferred name to go on a nametag)

Grade Completed in 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month, Day, Year)

Allergies/Other Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians AND students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to help with VBS!

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am available to help with VBS! Name(s) of those helping: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Help at Catholic Church 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. AND/OR \_\_\_\_ Help at Lutheran Church 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## Photo Release and Authorization:

I grant permission to Greene Community Vacation Bible School or any of the involved churches to use video or photos of my child, or statements made by them, in media, worship, and online.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Registration Deadline is Monday, June 5th** – More information will be sent home after registration deadline. Send this form and \$5 per child (checks made out to VBS) to: St. Mary (VBS) at PO Box 480, Greene, IA 50636.



**Congratulations to our 2023  
graduating seniors!**

**We'll miss you, and pray  
God's blessings on whatever the future  
has in store for you!**

**Please wear your gown to 9:00 am worship on  
Sunday, May 21st for a chance to be honored  
and prayed over by your church family.**



*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future."*

**Jeremiah 29:11**

All Luther League freshmen-  
juniors are asked to help serve  
fellowship on **Sunday, May 21st**  
in celebration of your senior  
classmates.

## **Can Sorting Schedule**



**Watch Facebook for reminders  
about cans**



## **May**

- 12 - Sam Stirling**
- 18 - Ezra Almelen**
- 22 - Alyse Orta**
- 24 - Owen Almelen**
- 24 - Davis Reser**
- 27 - Kaylen Landers**

# MAY 2023 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ushers and Lectors - Call the church office to volunteer.	1 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting  7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting	2	3  7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	4	5	6  6:00 pm Worship with Communion
7  9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship	8	9	10	11  9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle Meeting	12	13  6:00 pm Worship
14  9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	<b>Mother's Day</b>  15  Newsletter Items Due  3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	16  Senior Health Clinic	17  6:30 pm North Butler Baccalaureate in Allison	18	19	20  6:00 pm Worship with Communion
21  9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship	<b>Graduation</b>  22	23	24	25	26	27  6:00 pm Worship
28  9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	29  	30	31		<b>Altar Guild:</b> Jennifer Hoodjer	Altar Guild is in need of a few people to fill some open spots on guild. If interested, please contact Kelly Zurcher.

