

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]

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All Saints, Harvest Offering, Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 2019

The Newsletter of
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Greene, IA

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A special Harvest Offering will be taken on

November 23rd & 24th. This gift will be in addition to

the regular weekly offering. This year the Harvest

Offering will go to the following

1/3 to the Greene Food Bank,

1/3 to Lutheran Disaster Response and

1/3 to our YAGM Missionary.

• Please put your offering in the enclosed **Harvest Offering envelope**.

Please think of the many gifts you have received this year.



St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA
Unofficial Council Minutes October 2, 2019

Members Present: Delores Adelmund, Clarene Backer, Esther Backer, John Ebensberger, Carrie Eiklenborg, Kelly Hoodjer, Keith Hyman, Erin Mulder, Jan Osier and Chuck Thompson

Members Absent: David Crow and June Vogelmann **Also Present:** Christin Flucke, Robin Majewski, Gale Brinkman, Julie Brinkman and 9th grade Confirmands: Owen Almelien, Colton Chisholm, Elizabeth Mathers, and Dawson Testroet.

Devotions: Kelly read from Bread for the Day.

The 9th Grade Confirmands introduced themselves, read their chosen Bible verse, and explained why that verse was meaningful to them. *Pastor Daniel made a motion to affirm these confirmands in their choice to be confirmed and to receive them as adult members of St. Peter Lutheran Church. Kelly 2nd. M/C*

Church Vision: Pastor Daniel asked all council members and 9th grade confirmands to read definitions of "Church" and "Mission" from "Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms". The church doesn't have a mission, *the church is a mission.*

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

Additions to Agenda: Old elevator under New Business

Committee Reports Building and Grounds: Did not meet

Education and Youth: Met Sunday, Sept 8th. **A.** Sunday school attendance is up. **B.** There is a need for someone to take the role of Hand Bell Director for 5th & 6th graders. If anyone is interested in this, please contact Christin. **C.** Confirmation classes have started and are going well. **D.** Would like to do a possible survey on Adult Education ideas.

E. Working on covering for Christin while she is on maternity leave.

Stewardship and Finance: Met Monday, Sept 30th **A.** The Harvest Offering date will be November 23/24. It was decided to be divided as follows: 1/3 to the food bank, 1/3 to YAGM and 1/3 to Lutheran Disaster Response. **B.** The Stewardship committee members are writing reflections on why you do certain things in the church such as usher, lector, teach, give, or working on church committees. Pastor Daniel will use these in bulletin inserts this fall. **C.** The Minnie Bruns family would like to make a memorial donation of additional chairs in the worship area of the fellowship hall. Robin will talk to the family about chair options.

Worship and Evangelism: John is still working on a handout for new residents to the Greene area.

Personnel: Met Sunday Sept 29th. **A.** Erin handed out the employee performance evaluation forms for the council to read. **B.** Erin feels there should be some sort of employee handbook in place and will look to see what we can follow.

Carrie made a motion to accept the committee reports. Jan 2nd. M/C

Mutual Ministry: Keith has read "*Pastor & People: Making Mutual Ministry Work*". John took the book to read. *Motion made by Erin to accept the committee reports. Delores 2nd. M/C.*

WELCA: Julie reported that Country Time was a big success, and she thanks everyone for coming together to make this event happen. The 2 head chairs are stepping down this year, and a few other committee leaders are also stepping down, so in order for Country Time to happen new leaders will need to come forward and volunteer.

Youth & Children's Ministry: **A.** Christin will be taking 13 confirmation kids to Riverside Bible Camp the first weekend in November. **B.** Christin is working on an event that was successful with the Confirmation and Luther League kids last year called "Trick or Treat so Others can Eat".

Pastor's Report: **A.** Pastor will be gone October 12/13 presiding at a friend's wedding. **B.** October 26th Feed My Starving Children service project will be in Osage. Pastor would like as many St Peter members as available to volunteer to work at this worthy project. **C.** October 26th & 27th Confirmation Sunday. *Motion by Erin to accept Pastor's report. Delores 2nd. M/C*

Treasurer's Report: **A.** Gale had updates on the health insurance policy. There will be a 4% increase in the premium for Pastor Daniel and family. It was discussed and the decision was made to

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.

On Stewardship

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."

—Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman Orator and Statesman

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

—Proverbs 3:9-10

St. Peter Lutheran Church Financial Report October 21, 2019

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$18,260.60
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$18,260.60
Other Fund Balances	
Elevator	-\$2,416.66
Benevolence and Mission	\$922.90
Building and Repair	\$372.31
Basement Windows	\$3,000.00
Fellowship	\$1,897.16
Thrivent Choice	\$5,989.00
Restoration	\$13,341.77
Missionary Support	\$595.00
Electronic Sign	\$0.00
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	<u>\$24,151.48</u>
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$21,361.94
Money Market	<u>\$21,050.14</u>
TOTAL BANK	<u>\$42,412.08</u>
Goyer Scholarship	\$986.37
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,063.74

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.

Check out "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.

Communing With All the Saints

We have an extension of our Worship 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 will bring Communion to those who wish it. If you are interested in receiving Holy Communion from the Sunday Service or if you have questions about this, please call the church office at 816-5531 to set a time.

NOVEMBER - Holy Communion

6:00 pm - Saturday, November 2nd & 30th

8:30 am - Sunday, November 3rd

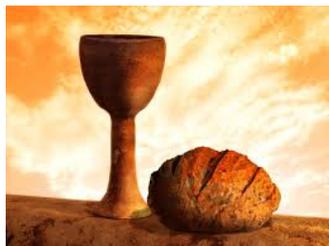
11:00 am - Sunday, November 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Eve, November 27th

Home Communion

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 Holy Communion, the clear glasses have wine in them and the purple glasses have grape juice.



Sunday School Christmas Program & Practice

Nursery - 6th grade

Sundays, November 17th, 24th and December 1st.

9:45 -10:45 a.m.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be Saturday, December 7th at 6:00 pm.



The Nominating Committee is seeking members to serve on the church council. This is an opportunity to serve the Lord and to better understand of all the ingredients that are needed to fulfill the ministry at St. Peter. We ask you prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. Council positions will be voted on at our Annual meeting. There are also openings on some of the committees. If you are interested, please contact the Nominating Committee: Eldie Peterson, Gary Schmidt, Carol Barth, Ashley Coake, Lauren Hawker & Phil Wahlgren.

WELCA -

Fall cleaning? Remember Lutheran World Relief. For **BABY CARE KITS** we can use baby gowns or sleepers (size 6 to 24 months), tops for either girls or boys (size 6 to 24 months), baby sweaters, sweatshirts or jackets, baby hats, & hand towels. For **QUILTING** we can use #10 crochet thread to tie quilts with. Bring your donations to the old basement, or put in the clear plastic tote in the fellowship area. Remember to come in January & February to help tie and assemble quilts (beginning with January 3 - every Tuesday and Friday during those months from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) - **UNLESS** school is called off those days, and then we don't get out either. We need your help to tie quilts, to sew around them once tied and to assemble kits. AND IF YOU FEEL LIKE SEWING QUILT TOPS AT HOME you'll find material in the large quilting closet in the old basement; help yourself!

Christ the King Sunday
- November 24th
Last Sunday of the
Church Year

CHRIST 
THE KING

ALTAR FLOWERS: November - Glory Circle

WELCA CALENDAR

Senior citizen meals coordinator - Nancy Reser
November 3rd - Valley View Devotions - 2:00 pm
All Circles

14th - 9:30 am - Circle meeting - Thankoffering -
WELCA Board refreshments

18th - Prayer Shawl Ministry - 3:00 pm

30th - Put up poinsettias

The WELCA Thank Offering Boxes will be given as part of our worship services on Saturday, November 16th and Sunday, November 17th. Place your money in an envelope and bring your offering to any of these worship services.

Please save your Thank Offering box so it can be used again next year.

We are looking for someone to chair or two people to co-chair Country Time in the fall of 2020. There may also be other committee heads that will have to be found. If this would be something you would be interested in doing, please contact Sue Schroeder at 641-816-4668. THE WELCA BOARD

**All Saints Weekend - November 2nd & 3rd
Remembrance**

A "saint" isn't perfect, just forgiven. That's why all believers in Christ can be and are called saints. The actual definition of a "saint" is "holy one." By faith in Jesus Christ, all who hold on to Jesus Christ and depend upon HIM to forgive their sins, make them right with God and give them a place in eternity with Him - those people and those people alone are "saints."

ALL SAINTS DAY historically has remembered this and we do as well at St. Peter's. These saints of God have finished their labor for Christ and have now been taken home to be with HIM where they are cheering us on until "our race also is done."

Come to worship the first weekend of November and remember them and be strengthened for the rest of "your" race/work for God. All were buried through the church since last ALL SAINTS DAY.

ALL SAINTS
DAY



2019

Thomas Spratt
January 23, 2019

Mitchel Nordmeyer
January 25, 2019

Gerald Wagner
February 15, 2019

Caroline Rohwedder
April 7, 2019

Shirley Schroeder
July 9, 2019

Kathryn Cassmann
July 13, 2019

Fredrick Hawker
July 23, 2019

Larry Butzlaff
September 26, 2019

**Greene Community
Food Bank**

Food Bank item for the month of November is Peanut Butter. All donations are appreciated, we can use any food or paper items that are given to us.



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

WELCA has given \$100.00 to the Memorial Fund in memory of all the Saints from November 1, 2018 - November 1, 2019

Bruce Schroeder & Ruth Wunsch

Card table cart by family.



NOVEMBER Birthdays

1 - Christian Odom,
Kristi Orta,
Tarah Osier,
Rhonda Rottler,
Mildred Senne,
Danielle Steere
2 - Zachary Quade
3 - Bryce Schroeder,
Autumn Studebaker
4 - Clarence Brinkman
5 - John Brinkman,
Russell Kock,
Shawn Landers,
Bob Nordmeyer
6 - Violet Brinkman
8 - John Landers,
Jonathan Worley
9 - Randy DeVries,
James Fesenmeyer,
Darla Steere
10 - Gale Brinkman,
Ramon Holtz

11 - Caitlin Hyman,
Kristen O'Brien,
Morgan Steere
12 - Lindsay Bain
13 - Evelyn Van Raden
14 - Debra Landers,
Mya Landers,
Dennis Wunsch
15 - Richard Johnson,
Dustyn Martin,
Shane Testroet
16 - Tegan Landers
17 - Les Johnson,
Kayleen Landers,
Marilyn Schroeder
18 - Richard Adelmund,
Joe Backer,
Mike Constien,
Colton Platts
19 - Calvin Kock,
Wendy Steere,
Michael Wilcox,
Robyn Wunsch,
Melodie Yerkes

20 - Hallie Testroet,
Tod Kock,
Joan Menken,
Silas Spratt,
Tyron Steere
21 - Scott Chisholm,
Lindsey Hoodjer
22 - Gail Arjes,
Elizabeth Mathers,
Kurt Menken,
Bryce Trees
23 - Phil Pitzenberger
24 - Thomas Hodges
26 - Teryn Joebgen,
Lyle Landers,
Fred Nordmeyer,
Casey Yerkes
27 - Jeff Stirling,
Holly Wedeking
28 - Jeff Lewis,
Neal Nordmeyer
30 - Rick Steere

Community Christmas Cantata December 1st at 2:00 pm at St. Peter Lutheran

Cantata practices are
Sundays at 6:00 pm at St.
Peter Lutheran. New
members welcome!
Questions call Carol Barth.

Come and join others
of the community as they
sing together to the glory of the newborn King!



Hosting Fellowship in November

3rd - Eldie & Jo Ann Peterson
10th - Jan Austin & Tara Spain
17th - Steve & Erin Mulder
24th - Volunteer needed



Coffee Fellowship

**Special Offering
Thanksgiving Eve
Worship**

**for the Ministry of
the Food Bank**

Bring some items or give a donation!
"Blessed are the givers..."



**Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
Wednesday,
November 27th, 7:00 pm**

The purpose of the Thanksgiving holiday is to give thanks - to God our Creator! Before the turkey, football, and shopping, join your church family in giving thanks at a special Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Praise God for the many blessings you have received this year!

**GIVE
Thanks
with a
GRATEFUL
heart**

Turn your clocks BACK

as you go to bed on Saturday night
November 2nd
and get one more hour of blessed sleep!



Family In Other Churches

As Christians, we are called to participate in a local congregation of Christ's Body, the Church. We are grateful for the many people who have chosen to serve the Lord through membership at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene. We appreciate your commitment to this congregation!

We also recognize that today, people frequently move between communities and it can be easy to get disconnected from a church congregation. We hope that when someone moves away from St. Peter, they will connect with another congregation and continue their service to Christ in a new church home. If you have a family member who is part of another congregation, please let the church office know so their membership may be properly transferred to their new community.



Operation Christmas Child



GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

Operation Christmas Child is opening doors to the Gospel. This program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse headed by Franklin Graham, brings shoe box gifts as well as the good news of Jesus to millions of children around the world experiencing suffering, pain, sorrow and poverty. These gifts become a channel for God's blessing, opening hearts to receive His love, hope and peace.

Just 20 years ago, it was illegal in Mongolia for children to go to Sunday School. In fact, any religion was strictly forbidden during the 70 years of Soviet rule. With the collapse of the Communist regime in Mongolia in 1990, doors of opportunity to share the Gospel opened slowly. Missionaries found it a difficult task since Buddhism took root in the culture. Mongolians think Christianity is a foreign religion, but when Operation Christmas Child boxes were sent starting in 1996, these gifts plus the telling of God's love really touched their hearts. The boxes show that God is not asking them to do something for Him and He is not angry at them. This is a very different God than what they are taught in their religion.

Through the project children and their families who live in some of the most remote provinces of Mongolia are being reached with the Gospel. One of these children is Balginyan who received a shoe box gift last year in the mountain community of Ulzit. Balginyan rises early every morning to milk his family's cows and helps his father look after their herd of sheep, goats and yaks. Horses are his mode of transportation.

When the boy opened his box, he was amazed to find a beautiful toy horse, as well as other small gifts. He also received "The Greatest Gift of All" Gospel booklet in his own language. He was so taken by the story and pictures that he carried it with him when he herded the sheep that evening. "I took the book with me and read it," he said. "After that, I started to read the Bible and I began to pray. I learned that God is a shepherd, the Great Shepherd."

A child from Ecuador stated, "I learned how Jesus died on the cross because He loves me. I know that God cares for me as a Father. Although my father abandoned me, God will never leave me."

Another child from Guyana was so thankful for her gift box. "Thanks for the beautiful gift you sent me. The box was packed with all the things I needed so badly. One of the things was a pair of shoes because the one I have are very old and have holes. The other children would make fun of me at school and at church. When I opened my box and saw the shoes I was so happy, and the shoes were even the right size."

This past year, 8,643,354 shoe box gifts, the most ever, were delivered to children all over the world. Gifts went by plane, boat, camel, yak, whatever it takes to bring the joy and Gospel message to hard to reach places. In Madagascar, a remote island dotted with towering trees, Operation Christmas Child had distributed hundreds of thousands of gifts boxes, reaching villages so remote that helicopters find them by smoke signals.

WELCA will be sponsoring this charity again this year. Please join us and fill a shoe box with simple gifts, include a letter and photo if you would like, and **enclose a check for \$9.00 to Samaritan's Purse to cover shipping expenses. Bring the boxes to the WELCA table in the fellowship hall by Sunday, November 17th.**

Operation Christmas Child

Instructions in preparing your shoe box:

- Use an empty shoe box (gift wrap lid and box separated), or a small plastic container, or use the red / green boxes provided by Operation Christmas Child,
- Decide whether it will be for a girl or boy in these age categories: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years. Tape a label on the lid of the box with the age category and gender of the child. Brochures which include labels will be located on the WELCA table.
- Fill the box with gifts. In a separate envelope you can include a note to the child and a photo of yourself and family.
- **IMPORTANT:** enclose a check for \$9.00 to Samaritan's Purse (envelope also included in brochure) for shipping and the Gospel materials in package. If you are packing more than one box, a combined donation in one envelope is okay.
- Place a rubber band around the box and **bring to the fellowship hall by November 17th.**



SUGGESTED GIFTS:

Toys such as small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, Slinky, etc. School supplies, pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books. Hygiene supplies such as toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc. Other items such as T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items, toothpaste, candy, war related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, medicines or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes, china dolls, glass containers or aerosol cans.

Thank you for helping to bring the Good News of God's love to needy children throughout the world. And thank you for your prayers.

Snow Cancellations

Worship services will only be canceled IF the town is completely shut down.

Also, if school is canceled during the day then all youth / confirmation activities will be canceled as well. Cancellations will be posted at Facebook.com/stpetergreene and on KWWL and KLMJ



Snowbird E-Mails

E-mail Bulletins while you're away?

The church e-mails bulletins to our students and others away from Greene. We'd be glad to do the same for you.

Give, call, or send your e-mail address to Robin and we will e-mail you the happenings of St. Peter Lutheran.



Generosity and Thanksgiving

In this season of thanksgiving, a sincere 'thank you' is in order to everyone who supports our congregation throughout the year with their attendance, service and regular financial contributions.

Please note, St Peter offers secure electronic giving options on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. An authorization form is required and can be obtained from the church office. We also offer giving opportunities through your smart phone and a link on the church's web page. Contact Gale Brinkman for more information or review the "electronic giving" card in the pew rack.

**Sunday,
November 3rd**

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

LSI Article

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, loving home.

In 30 counties across western Iowa, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment.

But more work needs to be done. According to the most recent federal data, more than 100,000 children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

**Restoration Fund
St. Peter Lutheran Church**

November Worship Servants

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. - Hebrews 13:16*

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!**

November 2/3

Altar Guild: Erin Mulder, Kay Joebgen

Communion Bread: Pam Dralle

6:00 Saturday, November 2

Ushers: Tim Brunner, Gail Schafer

Lector: Jeff Dralle

Communion: Jeff Dralle

8:30 Sunday, November 3

Ushers: Kelly Hoodjer

John & Esther Backer

Lector: Teresa Feldman

Communion: Kelly Hoodjer

11:00 Sunday, November 3

Ushers: Jeff & Susan Stirling

Lector: Liz Schroeder

Communion: Roland Martzahn

Media: Dawson Testroet

November 9/10

6:00 Saturday, November 9

Ushers: John & Carol Barth

Lector: Carol Barth

8:30 Sunday, November 10

Ushers: Steve Mulder

Delores & Delos Adelmund

Lector: Reagan Mulder

11:00 Sunday, November 10

Communion Bread: Erin & Steve Mulder

Ushers: Maddy Shultz

Ross Hawker

Lector: Sarah Hawker

Communion: Meredith Shultz

Media: Kirsten Hawker

November 16/17

6:00 Saturday, November 16

Ushers: Les & Margaret Johnson

Lector: Les Johnson

8:30 Sunday, November 17

Ushers: Connie Yerkes

Shelby Gallagher

Brooke Trees

Lector: John Shultz

11:00 Sunday, November 17

Ushers: Kris & Olivia Dralle

Lector: Nolan Reser

Communion: Erin Dralle

Media: Carter Backer

November 23/24

6:00 Saturday, November 23

Ushers: Judy Steere

Jim & Shirley Fesenmeyer

Lector: Robin Ralls

8:30 Sunday, November 23

Ushers: Merlin Schucknecht

Mary Brinkman

Traci Bartels

Lector: Gale Brinkman

11:00 Sunday, November 23

Ushers: Addasyn Spain

Addisyn Gotto

Lector: Christin Flucke

Communion: Clayton Towsley

Media: Tanner Arjes

Want to get involved? Fill out a form at church and we'll add you to the rotation!



Death Has Been Conquered!

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

- 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

On the first weekend of November, our congregation like many others around the world marks All Saints' Day in worship. At each service that weekend, we name aloud each member of our congregation who has died within the previous year. This is a solemn moment for our community as we grieve the death of friends and family.

All Saints' Day gives us an opportunity to proclaim the same good news we hear at every funeral: Death is not the end. Through Jesus Christ, we are promised eternal life. Of course, death is still a sad occasion. We still mourn and grieve, but we do so knowing the promise that when Jesus rose from the grave at Easter, he defeated death not just for himself, but for all of us. The power of death has been destroyed!

In the ritual of All Saints' Day, we recognize that the Church includes not merely those we can see who are physically present; it also includes the **Church Triumphant**—those who have died and are now with Christ. We celebrate that nothing—not even death—can separate us from the promises we are given as baptized children of God. As the writer to the Hebrews states, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us and encourages us as we live out our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2). As each name is read, a candle is lit to remind us of that person's continuing life in Jesus Christ.

Importantly, those who have died are not the only ones we mention on All Saints' Day. We also list each person who has been baptized in our congregation in the last year – each person who has been washed clean and named as a saint here at St. Peter. We give thanks for those who are new to faith, and for those who have completed their course on earth and now rest in the Savior's loving arms.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Daniel Flucke

Planning for Parental Leave

As you are likely aware, Christin and I are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Baby Flucke sometime around Christmas (the due date is December 26). Once he (yes, he!) makes his appearance, Christin and I will both be taking some time away from St. Peter for parental leave. Church Council has established a policy of four weeks of leave for fathers and six weeks for mothers, so I plan to be on leave for most of January. Coverage is lined up for worship, and while I'm away, the church office will be able to connect you to other local pastors who will be "on call" for pastoral emergencies and funerals.

Let's Talk Human Trafficking

Learn how to recognize and respond to human trafficking on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 am - noon at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene.

Presenters: Yolanda Harden - Regional Director of Iowa for The Set Me Free Project and Mary Ingham - Executive Director of Crisis Intervention Service



Workshop is Free of Charge
Lunch provided for \$5

Event Sponsored By the Three Rivers Conference of the Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA

Thank
YOU

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated hygiene items for the Towel Bundle project for Lutheran Services in Iowa last month! We were able to assemble 45 towel bundles, which will be distributed at LSI's Bremwood campus. A special thanks to Sunday School, Luther League and WELCA for their donations, and to the Jr. High students who helped organize and assemble all of the bundles. This was a great opportunity to put into action Christ's call to "love our neighbors" and we greatly appreciate everyone's support!

thanksgiving
gather family
thankful
blessed grateful
together
blessings
november

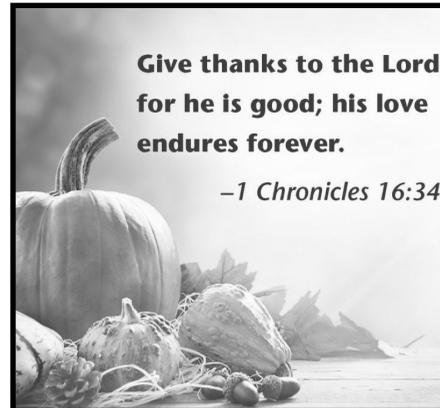
NOTICE
ELEVATOR
OUT OF ORDER

The lift elevator going to the sanctuary is not functioning for an indefinite period of time, due to mechanical problems.

Luther League youth who would like to go to shopping for Christmas gifts for our sponsored families are invited to join us at noon on Sunday, November 24th. We will head up to Mason City and enjoy lunch together, and then go shopping. Please RSVP to Christin if you plan to participate.



Reminder all confirmation students will be **leaving from church at 6:15 pm on Friday, November 1st** to head to Riverside Bible Camp for the "Recharge" weekend retreat. Please eat supper beforehand.



11/22 - Lizzy Mathers
11/26 - Teryn Joebgen

Can Sorting Schedule



Nov. 3rd - Team Carrie

Sydney, Haley F., Maddy S., Brooke

Nov. 17th - Team Keith

Kedric, David, Madie C., Aubrie



Luther League students will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas on Sunday, December 1st during Luther League time.

Luther League meets every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 am in the Luther League Room.

Jr. High meets every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 am in the Jr. High Room (old basement).

We hope you can join us for this weekly time of fellowship and growing in faith together!

NOVEMBER 2019 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

Grateful for the Harvest of Food and Souls for God's Kingdom

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ushers and Lectors - See "Worship Servants" page for schedule.	<u>Altar Guild:</u> Kay Joebgen, Erin Mulder				1 Confirmation	2 6:00 pm Worship with Communion <i>Departed Saints in Christ Remembered</i> Recharge Retreat
3 8:30 am Worship with Communion <i>Departed Saints in Christ Remembered</i> 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion 2:00 pm - Valley View Devotions	4 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting	5	6 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation 7:30 pm Church Council meeting	7	8	9 6:00 pm Worship
10 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion 11:45 am Christian Education meeting	11	12 Senior Health Clinic	13 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	14 9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle meeting & Thank Offering	15 Newsletter Items Due	16 6:00 pm Worship <i>WELCA Thank Offering</i>
17 8:30 am Worship <i>WELCA Thank Offering</i> 9:45 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion	18 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	19	20 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation	21	22	23 6:00 pm Worship <i>Harvest Offering</i>
24 8:30 am Worship <i>Christ the King Sunday & Last Sunday in the Church Year Harvest Offering</i> 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School Christmas Program Practice, Luther League 11:00 am Praise Worship with Communion	25	26	27 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Communion Food Bank Offering	28 Office Closed <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29 Office Closed	30 9:00 am Have your Poinsettias to the church 6:00 pm Worship with Communion