

St. Peter Lutheran Church

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The Newsletter of

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Greene, IA

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St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA Unofficial Council Minutes, September 7, 2022

Members Present: Keith Christensen, Dana Frerichs, Dixie Hughes, Erin Mulder, Jan Osier, Tracy Steere, Dawn Van Etten and Phil Wahlgren. **Member Absent:** Owen Almeliën, Cheryl Arjes, Andrea Gotto, and Lindsay Landers **Also Present:** Gale Brinkman (Treasurer) and Robin Majewski

1. Secretary's Minutes: *Keith made a motion to accept the Secretary's report Phil 2nd M/C*

2. Additions to the Agenda: Courtyard, Sound system, Gnome tree project

3. Church Vision: Erin handed out copies of an article "New Beginnings". Keith is going to edit the article and it will be in the newsletter for all to read.

4. Action Items: **A.** Holiday Services - Christmas Eve will be on a Saturday this year, Christmas day Sunday. It was discussed to change the time for Christmas Eve Service to begin either at 4:30 or 5:00 to accommodate our visitation pastor. *Dawn made a motion to change the starting time with the visitation pastor's wishes. Jan 2nd M/C* Christmas Day's service will remain at 9:00 with hymn sing and scripture readings. There will be 4 Advent services. Time will be at 7:00 with confirmation at 6:15. *Dawn made a motion that this year there would be no Thanksgiving Eve service. Jan 2nd M/C* **B.** Courtyard - There was recent vandalism noticed in the courtyard. Erin has informed the Butler Co Sheriff's department about the damage. It was discussed to put a motion light in the courtyard. **C.** Sound system - The sound system in the fellowship hall has not been working the last 2 weeks. After the council meeting the issue was resolved. **D.** Gnome tree project - There is a tree that is dying and will be removed at the parsonage. Anyone interested in adopting this tree for the gnome tree project please contact the office or someone on council. There are other trees in front of the church also dying that will need to be removed. **E.** Church council meetings will continue to start at 7:00.

5. Pastor's report:

6. Treasurer's report: *Keith made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Tracy 2nd M/C*

7. Committee reports: **Call Committee:** The Call Committee have reviewed the returned surveys and are working on the questionnaire form that needs to be submitted to the Synod. **Buildings & Grounds:** Met August 31st **a.** There is a wedding scheduled in the church in October. It was discussed about purchasing an additional coat rack for the lower level. This will be tabled. **b.** Our custodian will be off for a short time and Carol Barth will be filling in until she is able to return to work. **c.** Special thanks to Roland and Deanne Martzahn who have taken on many of the projects in the parsonage and for keeping the lawns mowed. **Education & Youth:** Did not meet. **a.** Luther League will start September 14th (jointly with St James, Allison). The plan is to meet one Wednesday night and month and one Sunday a month to do a service project. **b.** Confirmation will be starting September 14th. Tracy is working with the Synod for directions of scope and sequence of confirmation. There are approximately 11 students that will be attending confirmation this fall. **c.** Sunday School starts September 25th at 9:45. **Stewardship and Finance:** Met August 29th **a.** Mike Kleinfelter of the ELCA Foundation will be at the October 5th council meeting regarding the ELCA Ministry Growth Fund giving information about endowment asset options. He is also willing to hold an educational seminar for others in the congregation and community that may be interested in investment options/gift giving. **b.** Gale has been asked to get a breakdown of the last 5 years of gift giving per household to better help with budget planning in the future. **Worship and Evangelism:** Will meet Monday, September 12th **Personnel:** Did not meet. **WELCA:** Country Time turkey dinner will be September 18th with drive-thru again this year. The cost will be \$9.00. Betty has said everything is going smoothly.

Motion made by Phil to accept committee reports. Dixie 2nd. M/C.

Dawn made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dixie 2nd.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
September 20, 2022**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$5,552.58
Current Fund Amount in MMD	\$0.00
	\$5,552.58
Other Fund Balances	
Technology	\$4,428.18
Benevolence and Mission	\$1,751.80
Building and Repair	\$440.45
Fellowship	\$2,290.04
Thrivent Choice	\$3,698.00
Restoration	\$33,750.54
Missionary Support	\$595.00
150th Celebration	\$2,309.27
AED	\$450.00
	\$49,713.28
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$34,142.88
Money Market	\$21,122.98
Total	\$55,265.86
Goyer Scholarship	\$397.10
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$665.44



**Farmers and
Workers!**

Please be careful
during the harvest season!

LSI Article

Leaving a Legacy

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

LSI is now offering seminars to those interested in learning more about legacy gifts, wills and final wishes.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065.

LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

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.

St. Peter Lutheran OCTOBER Birthdays

1 - Alexis Cooley,
Channing Heitland
2 - James Schafer
3 - Letha Brinkman,
Nancy Reser,
Judy Steere
4 - Kelvin Menken,
Steve Otto,
David Shultz,
Dennis Wedeking
5 - Jacob Spratt
6 - Bev Christensen,
Elizabeth Lefferts,
Alex Otto,
Elias Vorhes
7 - Tyler Blong,
Dennis Griffin
8 - Carol Arjes,
Tim Joebgen

9 - Madison Clipperton,
Dustin Murray,
Marilyn Reid
10 - John McRoberts
12 - Bridget Bollman,
Courtney Weiskamp
13 - Madison Ralls,
Emma Towsley
14 - Collin Stark
16 - Tesslynn Brandhorst,
Brian Uhlenhopp
17 - Caroline Schafer,
David Warner
19 - Jackson Shultz
20 - Shelby Gallagher,
Jane Innes,
Glenn Landers,
Dallas Testroet

21 - Jeff Wunsch,
Paul Yerkes
22 - Reed Christensen,
William Martin
24 - Briley Behnke,
Jason Landers
26 - Kelly Zurcher
28 - Jan Austin
30 - Jared Feldman,
Miranda Joebgen
31 - Margaret Johnson,
Richard Siemons,
Clint Steere
Angelus Young



OCTOBER - Communion Schedule

6:00 pm - Saturday, October 1st

9:00 am - Sunday, October 2nd

Home Communion

Please call the church office and schedule a time for us to bring you Holy Communion.

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



Photo Release



From time to time our members may have their pictures taken or be videotaped during major events. If you do not want your picture shared on Facebook or on our Website, please contact the church office so we can be sure to honor your wishes. Thank you!

Daily Devotions

Reminder - Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home are available in the fellowship hall for you to pick up.

Mission Action LWR

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! We need people who will sew quilt tops. The Lutheran World Relief tops do not need to have a particular pattern, do not need to be fancy. **THEY JUST** need to be 60" wide and 80" long. **THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE** any material in them that have flags on them, or have any religious symbols or sayings on them.

We will be assembling quilts in January and February of 2023 and we will need volunteers for that (MEN or WOMEN). We will meet in the old basement from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday with a morning coffee break. January dates are: 3,6,10,13,27,20,24,27,31. February dates are: 3,7,10,14,17,21,24,28 Come when you can, leave when you must. **IF THERE IS NO SCHOOL**, then there will be no quilting that day.

Donations of material are always appreciated. We can also use crochet thread #10 for tying.

Re: Items for School Kits and Baby Care Kits – Check pages 14 and 15 of the WELCA Events Book for 2022-2023. If for some reason you don't have this book, call Marilyn Schroeder (641-816-3194) to find out what is needed. You can also call her if you want material to sew with and need some help getting it from the old basement.

PLACE ANY DONATIONS in the tote in the fellowship hall, or on the tables near the closet in the old basement.

THANK YOU for anyway you can help keep these projects going.

St. Peter WELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS: October - Vision Circle

WELCA CALENDAR

8th - LWR In-Gathering in Independence 8-11 am
10th - LWR In-Gathering in Mason City 8:30 - 11:30 am
13th - Bible Study 9:30 am - Vision refreshments
17th - Prayer Shawl Ministry - 3:00 pm

COUNTRY TIME RESULTS

Words will never be enough to thank all who help with Country Time. Approximately 750 meals were served along with meals provided to the Care Center. Thanks to the committee chairs for all your time in planning and organizing Country Time. Your planning helped to make the day run smoothly. Thank you to all those who helped whether it was cooking a turkey, baking, directing traffic, working in the kitchen, dishing the meals, etc. It is always amazing to see everyone come together to help out in so many ways to make Country Time so successful.
WELCA Board

A BIG thank you to Betty Heitland for chairing the 2022 Country Time. We know that you put in many hours organizing, ordering, getting supplies, going through supplies, setting up, etc. etc.. Many hours no one ever knows about. Your time is so appreciated by all of us. Thanks for a job well done! It was your leadership that helped make this year's Country Time another BIG success. **THE WELCA BOARD**



October 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!

October 1-2

Communion Bread: Pam Dralle

6:00 pm Saturday, October 1

Usher: Pam Dralle

Lector: Jeff Dralle

Communion: Jeff Dralle

New time! 9:00 am Sunday, October 2

Ushers: Matt Pittenger

Kelly Hoodjer

Lector: Emily Pittenger

Communion: Kelly Hoodjer

October 8-9

6:00 pm Saturday, October 8

Usher: Keith Christensen

Lector: Betty Heitland

New time! 9:00 am Sunday, October 9

Ushers: Carrie Eiklenborg

June Vogelman

Lector: Carrie Eiklenborg

October 15-16

6:00 pm Saturday, October 15

Usher: Kelly Zurcher

Lector: Robin Ralls

New time! 9:00 am Sunday, October 16

Ushers: Owen Almeliem

Cheryl Arjes

Lector: Liz Schroeder

October 22-23

6:00 pm Saturday, October 22

Usher: Jeff Dralle

Lector: Jeff Dralle

New time! 9:00 am Sunday October 23

Ushers: Delos & Delores Adelmund

Lector: Amy Testroet

October 29-30

6:00 pm Saturday, October 29

Usher: Mary Brinkman

Lector: Mary Brinkman

New time! 9:00 am Sunday October 30

Ushers: Merlin Schuknecht

Lindsay Landers

Lector: Lindsay Landers

Trick-or-Treat so Others Can Eat!

The youth of St. Peter will once again be collecting donations for the Greene Community Food Bank during community trick-or-treating on **Sunday, October 30th from 5:00-6:30 pm**. As you prepare to hand out candy that night, please also consider putting together a bag of non-perishable food items for them to grab. If you are going out trick-or-treating yourselves, you can leave the bag outside your front door and the youth will pick it up. Finally, we will do our best to get to as many neighborhoods as possible that night, but if we aren't able to make it to your house, you can always drop off donations in the shopping cart at church. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our community!



Mission Statement

St. Peter Lutheran Church

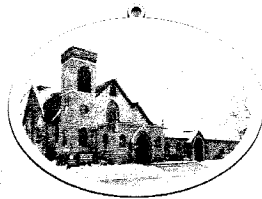
WELCOMES people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, **EQUIPS** people with a faith that works in daily life, and **SERVES** in the world to make a difference in Jesus' Name.

Restoration Fund St. Peter Lutheran Church



150 Years Ornaments

Wooden ornaments celebrating 150 years at St. Peter Lutheran Church are still available to purchase at the church office. They are oval or round ornaments that are 2 sided. Cost is \$10.00 each.



Food Bank

Food Bank item for the month of October is Pork & Beans, Chili Beans and Kidney Beans. All donations are appreciated, we can use any food or paper items that are given to us.



Please Notify

the church office or a church council member of any hospitalizations, health problems or any other concerns involving St. Peter members and their families.
We can't help, if we don't know.

We've Got Mail

For those of you who would like a weekly bulletin. On Friday's after 2:00 pm they will be available. The bulletins are in the mailbox on the bench under the canopy in the back of the fellowship hall.



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.



Altar Guild

Altar Guild is still looking for people to fill the some spots open on guild. If interested, please contact Kelly Zurcher or the church office.



NEW BEGINNINGS...

We all have them – sometimes more often than we want or need. Change can be stressful and cause people to be irritated and impatient but the reaction to change can depend on the type or reason for the change.

We all realize the Covid pandemic has caused many disruptions in families, schools, and workplaces in the last couple years. The way we communicate, care for others, educate our children, and work. There has been a shift in behaviors, the economy, in medicine, and so many other areas. Even though the variant viruses are present and continue to cause disruptions, there are many people trying to get back to a normalcy of life...or create and initiate a new normal – some using guidelines and protective gear.

With children back in school already, many parents and teachers have been encouraging students to “get back to basics” – especially those who spent time (or were supposed to be) with long distance learning. They need the reminder to look inside themselves for their own creativity, resilience, and strength to allow them to problem solve unexpected issues that they may encounter. Parents, extended family & friends, and teachers can empower kids to face situations and conceive solutions. Whether students are studying for tests or catching up on missed assignments – students need encouragement and motivation from all of us.

Adjusting to new schedules including getting up earlier, being on a time schedule, meeting new friends and teachers, and the challenges of a new grade can be daunting and demanding.

Families can help each other by committing to prioritize everyone’s mental health. This can be done in a number of ways including encouraging a good night’s sleep, staying active, and eating healthy meals. Small acts of family togetherness can be the anchor that helps kids deal with the uncertainties that they’re facing. And something we all need, not just our young students.

Yes, adults have been experiencing changes as well. Many professions have been inundated with people deciding to change their vocation – either during the pandemic or more recently, during the emergence from the pandemic situation. A new job or profession can be quite daunting during “normal” times, but during a pandemic the stress can build exponentially and get out of hand quickly. Adults also need reassurance and empowerment to carry on, tap into their reserve of patience, and adjust to the changes happening in their life.

Reminding people that uncertainty and change are to be expected and that being flexible and adaptive in the face of change will help them feel more resilient, confident, and at ease. Assisting people with finding the help they need will ultimately be best for their welfare – no matter their age.

(Edited and reprinted from Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA newsletter)

Confirmation

7th and 8th grade confirmation students will meet Wednesday's at 6:15 pm for a meal and 6:30 pm for lesson.

Jr. High Sunday School will meet
Sunday, October 30th
at 9:45 am

Jr. High Confirmation retreat is November 4th-6th. Please contact Tracy Steere if you have questions 281-753-6812

Be sure to join us
Sunday, October 30th
during community
trick-or-treating as we
go door-to-door
collecting donations for
the food bank.



Luther League will meet
Wednesday, October 12th
at 6:30 pm at St. James
Lutheran Church

Let your light shine so
people everywhere may
see your good actions
and praise God in
heaven because of it.
Matthew 5:16



No Birthdays



Can Sorting Schedule

Watch Facebook and
a reminder will be sent.

OCTOBER 2022 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Altar Guild: Jennifer Hoodjer, Tanya Yerkes						1 6:00 pm Worship with Communion
	3 6:30 pm Country Time meeting					
2 9:00 am Worship with Communion 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship	7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting	4	5 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Church Council meeting	6	7	8 6:00 pm Worship
9 9:00 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship	10	11	12 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Luther League at St. James	13 9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle meeting	14	15 Newsletter Items Due 6:00 pm Worship
16 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	17 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	18 Senior Health Clinic	19 6:15 pm Confirmation	20	21 6:00 pm Rehearsal	22 3:00 pm Wedding Kaitlynn Hinders & Tyler Blong 6:00 pm Worship
23 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship						
30 Reformation 9:00 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Jr High Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat	24	25	26 6:15 pm Confirmation	27	28	29 6:00 pm Worship
	31					