

St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]
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Mother's Day, Graduation

MAY 2024

The Newsletter of
St. Peter Lutheran Church [ELCA],
Greene, IA

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St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA
Unofficial Council Minutes April 3, 2024

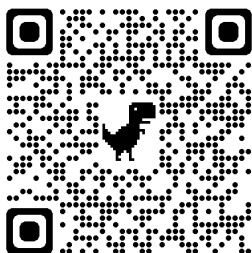
Present: Cheryle Arjes, Keith Christensen, Dixie Hughes, Phil Wahlgren, Lyndsie Pitzenberger, Christine Shultz, Erin Mulder, Les Steere, John Backer, Carrie Eiklenborg, Dana Frerichs, Nancy Reser. Also Present: Marilyn Wahlgren, Robin Majewski, Dawn Van Etten, Rachel Pierce

1. Church Vision – John shared an article by the Bishop from the NE Iowa Star
2. Custodian – Rachel Pierce introduced herself
3. Secretary's Minutes - Erin moved, Keith seconded – motion passes to approve minutes from March Council Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report - Christine moved, Carrie seconded – motion passes to approve Treasurer's report
5. Additions to the Agenda: John added items to discuss technology and Pastor Jenny's role
6. Action Items:
 - A. Stained glass window contract – Dawn Van Etten along with the Building & Grounds committee worked with 3 companies to get quotes and recommendations. Building & Grounds recommended the median bid with Associated Crafts & Willet Hauser. The Project Total is \$178,549 + tax. (In comparison the Replacement Value is \$1,278,925) Erin moved, Phil seconded – motion passes to approve a contract with Associated Crafts & Willet Hauser to refurbish stain glass windows.
 - B. Wedding/Funeral policy fees – Fees were discussed for building use, Pastor (including premarital counseling), technology assistance, and custodial work. An updated contract for Weddings will be presented at the May meeting.
 - C. 11 am piano players – Worship Committee will be responsible for finding pianist for the 11 am service.
 - D. Rolling Prairie Yoga (RPY) – Lisa with RPY agreed to provide proof of insurance, a usage agreement, and to clean up after workouts. Phil moved, Cheryle seconded – motion passes 11:1 to allow RPY to use the church basement for classes.
 - E. Communion services will continue the first Sunday of the month.
 - F. Pastor Jenny will be responsible for creating Google Slides for services. We will look into programs that simplify that process.
 - G. Technology – Christine will do slides for April 14th. Training to run the technology (presenting, live streaming, sound board) will begin April 14th and May 12th following the 9:00 worship service. All are encouraged to attend!
 - H. Housing Allowance – Erin moved, Christine seconded – motion carried 11:1 to reclassify 2024 pastoral salary to designate a housing allowance in the amount of \$2,500 per month while serving at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene, IA.
7. Pastor's Report - NA
8. Committee Reports
 - Call Committee – did not meet
 - Building & Grounds – The parsonage is being refreshed, utilities are connected, Keith Hyman sprayed for bugs, etc. The Courtyard door is being repaired, the organ was tuned, and the fire extinguishers were checked. **The Council would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Roland and Deanne Martzahn for everything they do to help maintain our church! They see what needs to be done and quietly do it. We appreciate your time and talents!**
 - Education & Youth – Four children will receive first Communion on April 7th, Luther League will have a parent/planning meeting April 14th, and the Sunday School children will sing in church and wrap up their year on April 21st.
 - Stewardship & Finance – Currently \$195,000 has been gifted or pledged to the Stain Glass Window fund! S&F will meet April 29th.
 - Worship & Evangelism – Chose hymns for April, will be responsible to find pianist for 11 am service.
 - Personnel – did not meet
 - Mutual Ministry – not needed at this time
 - WELCA – Had a great turnout for the Witness 4 concert and Salad Luncheon, quilt dedication will be April 7th.
9. Adjournment: Dana moved, Christine seconded – motion passed to adjourn

St. Peter Lutheran Church
Financial Report
April 15, 2024

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$78,636.05
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$78,636.05
Other Fund Balances	
Technology	- \$384.35
Benevolence and Mission	\$601.26
Building and Repair	\$3,046.16
Stained Glass Windows	\$46,342.18
Fellowship	\$2,561.53
Thrivent Choice	\$4,546.00
Restoration	\$6,315.54
Missionary Support	\$235.00
Balcony Improvements	\$1,000.00
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	\$64,713.32
Bank Balance	
Checking	\$121,999.61
Money Market	<u>\$21,349.76</u>
Total	\$143,349.37
Goyer Scholarship	\$2,207.77
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,268.97
Stained Glass CD	\$170,000.00

Giving QR Code



LSI

Give a Gift to LSI: Support Mothers across Iowa

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. Did you know LSI brings hope and healing to mothers in each of our service lines? Here are just a few examples:

The Child Care Business Development program in our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services prepares women, often mothers, to run an in-home childcare business. This small business opportunity allows them to provide for their family and ensure their children receive culturally appropriate care.

Many mothers benefit from our Foster Care and Adoption services, whether they be mothers who are blessed with a child through adoption or foster mothers who provide love and guidance to children from all paths of life.

Early Childhood Services prepares mothers-to-be for birth and raising a child. Additionally, home visitation programs help ensure a strong support system for young parents across the state.

These are just three examples of how LSI serves mothers in Iowa. This Mother's Day, we encourage you to give a gift in honor of your mother or motherly figure to ensure mothers around the state receive the care and support they deserve.

Donate online at lsiowa.org/donate or send a check to Lutheran Services in Iowa, PO Box 848, Waverly, IA 50677-0848.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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

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

20th - 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 645 shawls have been crafted since 2007 by our church members and 605 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, we welcome all. For any questions, please contact Esther Backer, Laurie Shultz or Nancy Reser



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, 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.

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 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!



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

To the Stained Glass Window Fund

Pastor I. J. & Dorothy Deines, Pastor John D. Deines, Pastor Don L. Deines

\$2,500.00 by Keith Christensen & Dawn Deines-Christensen

\$2,500.00 by Martha Deines

Loved Ones \$5,000.00 by Robert & Lois Eliassen

Eldo & Florece Meyne, Albert & Leona Lillick \$2,000.00 by Fred & Lois Meyne

Ryan Godderz \$5,000.00 by Joe & Louise Squires



Guess who's



Join us to celebrate the 100th birthday of

Rosie Riggins

Sunday 19th of May, 2024 at 1pm

**Timber Creek Assisted Living
Havre, Montana**

We would love for Rosie to get at least 100 Birthday Cards

Please send cards to:
Rosie Riggins
c/o Renita Brown
43 Chase Hill Dr
Big Sandy, MT 59520

RSVP to Megan or Renita at (406)262-3405 or (406)945-2773 by 5th May

**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.

HAPPY
Mother's Day
♥

2024 Graduates

May 19th, 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, 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:

Tanner Arjes

Jack Hanson

Kirsten Hawker

Reagan Mulder

Meredith Shultz

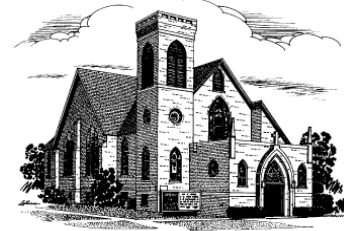
Emma Wedeking



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.

Restoration Fund St. Peter Lutheran Church



Prayer Chain

We are updating the Prayer Chain list. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain to pray for those in need of prayers, please contact LaVon Steere 515-333-2099 or the church office.



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.



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 - Amy Testroet
14 - Courtney Blong,
Lori Kock,
Jill Osier,
Gary Schmidt
15 - Carlin Keifer,
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,
Ivee Steere,
Mary Steere

22 - Nick Landers,
Thad Landers,
Jordan Lewis,
Alyse Orta
23 - Aimee Hodges
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 - Kinzer Frerichs,
Sandra Ross
31- Kenneth Brinkman,
June Vogelmann

MAY - Holy Communion

9:00 am & 11:00 am - Sunday, May 5th & 19th

- When individual glasses are offered at Holy Communion, the clear glasses have wine in them and the purple glasses have grape juice.
- We have gluten free wafers available; just let the Pastor know that you need it at communion.



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.

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

*A heartfelt
thank
you!
to our
volunteers!*

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: Emily Pittenger

May 5, 2024

9:00 Sunday

Ushers: Kelly Hoodjer

Keith Hyman

Lector: Liz Schroeder

Communion: Kelly Hoodjer

11:00 Sunday

Lector: Betty Heitland

Communion: Betty Heitland

May 12, 2024

9:00 Sunday

Ushers: Cheryle Arjes

Laurie Schultz

Lector: Laurie Schultz

11:00 Sunday

Lector: Keith Christensen

May 19, 2024

9:00 Sunday

Ushers: Matt & Emily Pittenger

Lector: Matt Pittenger

Communion: Emily Pittenger

11:00 Sunday

Lector: Carrie Eiklenborg

Communion: Carrie Eiklenborg

May 26, 2024

9:00 Sunday

Ushers: Owen Almeliën

Alex Almeliën

Ezra Almeliën

Lector: Connie Yerkes

11:00 Sunday

Lector: Dixie Hughes

We would like to welcome our interim,
Pastor Jenny Edinger.

Pastor Jenny will be in the church office

Wednesday - Friday from

10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

She can also be reached by
cell phone 515-368-1760 or email

pastor.jenny.edinger@gmail.com

Appointments can be made by calling

Pastor Jenny or the church office.



Memorial Day
REMEMBER AND HONOR





**Congratulations to our 2024
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 19th 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 19th**
in celebration of your senior
classmates.

Confirmation Class

May 1st will be the last confirmation
class of the year.

Sermon Notes

Complete 16 sermon notes and have
them turned in by our last class in May.



May

**12 - Sam Stirling
18 - Ezra Almelien
22 - Alyse Orta
24 - Davis Reser
27 - Kayden Landers**

**Can Sorting
Schedule**



**Watch Facebook for reminders
about cans**

MAY 2024 - St. Peter Lutheran Church

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