

# St. Peter Lutheran Church

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America]  
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## JUNE 2024

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

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Church Office Email - [stpeter@myomnitel.com](mailto:stpeter@myomnitel.com)

Website: [www.stpetergreene.com](http://www.stpetergreene.com)

Facebook Pages: St Peter Lutheran Church and  
St. Peter Lutheran Church Children and Youth

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Interim, Pastor Jenny Edinger

Office hours Wed. - Fri. - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

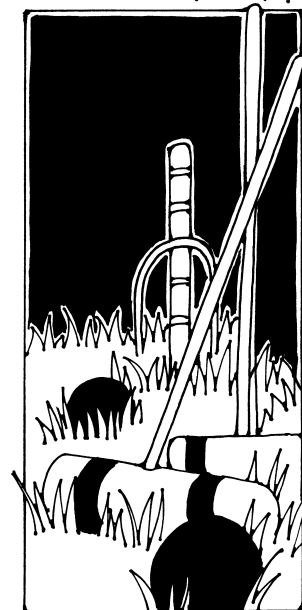
cell phone: 515-368-1760

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Appointments can be made by calling

Pastor Jenny or the church office

FATHER'S DAY



LET US LOVE, NOT IN  
WORD OR SPEECH,  
BUT IN TRUTH AND  
A C T I O N

1 J O H N 3 : 1 8

**St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greene, IA Unofficial Council Minutes, May 1, 2024**

Present: Cheryle Arjes, Dixie Hughes, Phil Wahlgren, Christine Shultz, Erin Mulder, John Backer, Carrie Eiklenborg, Dana Frerichs, Nancy Reser, Les Steere. Also Present: Marilyn Wahlgren

1. Secretary's Minutes-- Christine moved, Nancy seconded – motion passed to approve the secretary minutes
2. Additions to the Agenda: none
3. Church Vision—Discussed ideas to grow as a church, would like to send members to the C3 Ministry Fair on June 1, 2024
4. Action Items:
  - A. Erin moved, Nancy seconded – motion passed to continue the 11:00 am worship service
  - B. Carrie moved, Christine seconded – motion passed to award a \$500 Goyer Scholarship to Reagan Mulder who will be attending Wartburg College (Erin Mulder abstained)
  - C. Phil moved, Cheryle seconded – motion passed to accept new Wedding policy and fees
  - D. Technology – Looking into Easy Worship or a similar program to build the presentation, would like to get a rotation in place to run the Livestream and Slides
  - E. 'C3' Ministry Fair – Information will be presented at Services and during fellowship
5. Pastor's Report – Working on graduation service
6. Treasurer's Report—Erin moved, Christine seconded – motion passed to approve the treasurer's report
7. Committee Reports
  - Call Committee – did not meet
  - Building & Grounds – Discussed spraying fertilizer / weeds, courtyard door is repaired
  - Education & Youth – Seeking volunteers to take the lead with VBS, discussion of two deep leadership for all groups to share the workload
  - Stewardship & Finance – Thank yous were sent
  - Worship & Evangelism – will meet Monday, Carrie will line up pianist for 11:00 service
  - Personnel – did not meet
  - Mutual Ministry – not needed at this time
  - WELCA – did not meet
8. Adjournment: Christine moved, Carrie seconded - motion passed to adjourn

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

**To the Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Peggy & Letha Brinkman** \$2,000.00 by Darrel Brinkman;  
\$1,000.00 by Mike & Julie Brinkman.

**Leon Steere** \$1,000.00 by Jolene Steere, Laurie Steere, Angie Ayers family.



**St. Peter Lutheran Church**  
**Financial Report**  
**May 21, 2024**

	Ending Balance
Current Fund Balance	\$73,946.49
Current Fund Amount in MMDA	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$73,946.49
<b>Other Fund Balances</b>	
Technology	-\$384.35
Benevolence and Mission	\$715.50
Building and Repair	\$3,137.16
Stained Glass Windows	\$1,980.32
Fellowship	\$2,649.53
Thrivent Choice	\$4,565.00
Restoration	\$7,230.54
Missionary Support	\$235.00
Balcony Improvement	\$1,000.00
AED	<u>\$450.00</u>
	\$21,578.70
<b>Bank Balance</b>	
Checking	\$74,161.43
Money Market	<u>\$21,363.76</u>
Total	\$95,525.19
Goyer Scholarship	\$2,422.47
McCosh - Gift of Love	\$1,268.97
Stained Glass Window CD	\$170,000.00

**Giving QR Code**



*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.

**Planned Giving**

Our lives are journeys of faith and generosity. As our faith matures and deepens, so do the ways 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.

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



## JUNE - Holy Communion

9:00 am & 11:00 am - Sunday, June 2nd

•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.

## Funeral Planning Worksheet

Unless Jesus returns, all of us will one day die. This is the most universal fact of human life, it ends. As much as we would rather not think about it, it is an act of love and kindness for our family if we do. By planning for our funeral we are giving our families a gift, the gift of helping them through a difficult time by letting them know our wishes.

We encourage you to take the time to consider what you would like to be done for your funeral and fill out a Planning Form available in the Parish Office. Once completed, we will make a copy for you and keep a copy in the office. Then when your life here is done, 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.

## Church Directory Update

Time for a new church directory! Every year in July, we mail out an updated church directory in place of the monthly newsletter.

In order for the directory to be as accurate as possible, we need your help. If have changed your phone number, address, or have an email address for the directory, please let us know. Many of you have switched from a landline to a cell phone and we have no way of contacting you. So please call the church office at 816-5531 or email any updates to [stpeter@myomnitel.com](mailto:stpeter@myomnitel.com). Thank you!



## Altar Guild

Altar Guild is in need of a couple people to fill some open spots on guild. If interested, please contact Kelly Zurcher.



**For any pastoral need you might have,  
please call**

**Pastor Jenny Edinger 515-368-1760,  
President John Backer 303-519-5284,  
Vice President Erin Mulder 319-239-6685  
or the church 816-5531.**

## LSI

School may be out for the summer, but LSI continues to serve Iowans year-round. Our Early Childhood team continues their in-home visits, ensuring young families are supported and connected to their community as they raise the next generation of Iowans. Our therapists are talking and, most importantly, listening to individuals struggling with mental health challenges, difficult situations at home, and seemingly simple everyday problems. Children in our Foster Care and Adoption services are bonding with their foster parents as they grow and learn in their community. Immigrant and refugee learners gather at LSI offices in Des Moines, Sioux City, and Waterloo to attend class as they prepare for their citizenship test, learn how to become financially stable, practice their English skills, and more. Global Greens farmers are busy at the farm or selling their produce at the Global Greens Farmers Market in Des Moines.

Summer is a great time to get involved with LSI! Volunteer with our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services, check our social media pages to see what donations our services need most, or give a financial gift to support numerous services benefiting children and families across the state. Visit our website (LSIowa.org) to learn more about getting involved this summer.

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

## St. Peter WELCA

**ALTAR FLOWERS: JUNE - Faith Circle**

13th - Bible Study 9:30 am - Faith refreshments

17th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 pm

**If there are any committee changes that need to be made in the WELCA booklet, please call and let the church office know by August 1st.**

## Country Time

Country Time will be held on September 15, 2024. The WELCA Board and Committee Chairs will begin meeting in June to plan this annual event. Volunteers are always needed to help with committees, work on the day of the event along with donating food and/or resources. Our first meeting will be held June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall for anyone interested in helping with this event. You may contact Betty Heitland to volunteer. We are looking forward to working together again.



## Vacation Bible School

**If we want to continue VBS in the future, we really need help from the members of St. Peter.**

June 30 after service 11:30 am - 2:00 pm at the Lutheran Church meal and fun activities for 3rd - 8th grade. Please Contact Liz Schroeder if you are available to help [lizeckhardt@yahoo.com](mailto:lizeckhardt@yahoo.com) 641-420-6136.

VBS July 1-3 for 3 year olds - 2nd Grade at the Catholic Church 8:30 - 11:30 am.

Please Contact Janice Shultz if you are available to help [shultz7@myomnitel.com](mailto:shultz7@myomnitel.com) 641-330-1184.



## June Worship Servants

*The greatest among you will be your servant. - Matthew 23:11*

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!

Church Council - Christine Shultz

**June 16, 2024**

*Communion Bread: Toya Knapp*

9:00 Sunday

*Ushers:* Teresa Feldman  
Merlin Schuknecht

**June 2, 2024**

9:00 Sunday

*Ushers:* Dana Frerichs  
Mary Brinkman  
*Lector:* Mary Brinkman  
*Communion:* Mary Brinkman

*Lector:* Teresa Feldman

11:00 Sunday

*Lector:* Carrie Eiklenborg

11:00 Sunday

*Lector:* Carol Barth  
*Communion:* Carol Barth

**June 23, 2024**

9:00 Sunday

*Ushers:* Jeremy & Toya Knapp  
*Lector:* Erin Mulder

11:00 Sunday

*Lector:* Dawn Van Etten

**June 9, 2024**

9:00 Sunday

*Ushers:* Phil & Marilyn Wahlgren  
*Lector:* Marilyn Wahlgren

11:00 Sunday

*Lector:* Keith Christensen

**June 30, 2024**

9:00 Sunday

*Ushers:* Mike & Julie Brinkman  
*Lector:* John Backer

11:00 Sunday

*Lector:* Sandra Ross



Congratulations to Reagan Mulder who is receiving the Louise Goyer Scholarship for \$500.00 and St. Peter WELCA EPIC scholarship for \$200.00 for the 2024-2025 school year. Reagan will be attending Wartburg College in Waverly.

## THANKS



Thank you for your kind and warm welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church and to the community of Greene. The parsonage is lovely, and Sara and I are comfortably settled in. I am enjoying meeting individual members of St. Peter and am working on getting names and faces connected. I also look forward to meeting and visiting with groups and committees at St. Peter to talk about ministry needs, and hopes, and visions. Thank you also for your prayers, your expressions of concern, and your offers of help when I was grounded with covid. Thank you so much. It's good to be at St. Peter.

*Pastor Jerry*



## St. Peter Lutheran JUNE Birthdays

1 - Lisa Steere  
 2 - Keith McCormick  
 4 - John Worley  
 5 - Braxton Taylor  
 7 - Aidan Gotto,  
     Robin Majewski,  
     Roger Martzahn,  
     Eyla Sheppard  
     Darlyce Steere,  
     Cheryl Warner,  
     Sawyer Zimmerman  
 10 - Janet Bradley,  
     Macabe Klink,  
     Jaydon Siemons  
 11 - Carrie Tidemanson  
 12 - Haily Backer

13 - Kendall Leavens,  
     Dustin Osier  
 14 - Jeff Dralle,  
     Linda Schafer,  
     Morgan Weiskamp  
 15 - David Crow,  
     Jocelyn Krueger,  
     Megan Schmidt  
 16 - Ashley Mead,  
     Jeremy Richards  
 18 - Carrie Eiklenborg,  
     Jeanette Miller,  
     Addasyn Spain  
 19 - Roger Backer,  
     Justin Rogers  
 20 - Evan McCormick,  
     Dick Reser

21 - Hayzel Stroberg  
 22 - Cathie Abbott,  
     Greg Eiklenborg,  
     Anna Mae Steere  
 23 - Nancy Ebling,  
     Connie Yerkes  
 25 - Marilyn Steere  
 26 - Kenadee McCormick,  
     Cheryl Rogers  
 28 - Cooper Backer,  
     Darrel Wiele  
 29 - Joe Nelson  
 30 - Nickolas Brummond,  
     Emma DeVries,  
     Jessi Harms

### Ministry of the Food Bank

Nonperishable food items or  
financial donations

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

#### Food Bank

Food Bank suggested items for the month of June are hand soap & shampoo. All donations are appreciated, we can use any food or paper items that are given to us.



### A Prayer for Aging with Dignity

I don't want to grow old, God. I don't want any part of it. But since I have no power to stop the clock, my prayer is this: Let me age with grace.

Show me the way, God. Be with me. Grant health to my body and clarity to my mind. Give me strength. Help me to overcome my vanity.

Teach me to combat self-pity. Don't allow me to become set in my ways. Shield me from isolation and from loneliness.

May the love of my family and friends be my reward for all the struggles of my youth.

Let all the blessing of age emanate from me. Let wisdom flow from my mouth, let compassion flow from my heart, let acts of kindness flow from arms, let faith flow from my soul, let joy shine forth from my eyes. Amen.

-Author unknown



We've had many cloudy and rainy days these past couple weeks. The thirsty world lapped up the rain, rivers swelled, and ponds gathered in the fields. While we cheered the rain, we quickly tired of gray and dreary skies. And so today, all bright and sunny, grabs our attention. The sky is bluer. The grass is greener. The air is not heavy with humidity. The world and the day are fresh and refreshed.

Fresh and refreshed. In these final days of Easter, we continue to reflect on the power of Jesus' life after death to make life fresh and refreshed. In love, Jesus spent himself on the cross on Good Friday. Jesus spilled out his life for us and was placed in an earthen tomb. But Jesus didn't stay in that place of death. On Easter day, God made Jesus alive again. And now with our sins nailed to the cross and death defeated, life for us is fresh. Life is refreshed.

As we think about Jesus' new Easter life what often first comes to mind is the promise that like Jesus, we too will be raised to live forever in God's heavenly kingdom. And we rightly see Jesus' resurrection as a promise for the future. We will bask in the presence of God. We will be reunited with loved ones, and friends, and the faithful who have gone before us. And yet .....

And yet, there's more to Easter than that glorious future when everything is perfect. The promise of Easter is for the future, *and* the promise of Easter is for right now. Because Jesus who died is alive, life now is different. Life now is fresh. Life now is refreshed.

Every year during the weeks of Easter we read from the book of Acts which tells the experiences of the earliest Christian believers. Because Jesus is alive, everything was different for those early followers of Jesus. The new life of Jesus gave fresh understandings, fresh adventures, fresh perspectives. Recall some of the stories we have heard over these past weeks of Easter. Rather than continuing as individual households, the followers chose to be together, to live and stay together, as a community of faith. The Spirit is given early in the book of Acts, and the followers, empowered by the

Spirit, became an extension of Jesus' healing ministry by giving wholeness to a man who had been born lame. The followers who had spent some three years listening and learning from Jesus now were boldly speaking the good news of Jesus. The followers learned that God's grace included an unexpected expression of sexuality in the Ethiopian eunuch and welcomed different ethnicities. As the apostles appointed a replacement for Judas, they organized for mission. Jesus' new life changed everything. Life was fresh. Faith understandings were refreshed. The new life of resurrection unfolded in the here and now.

And isn't that where we are right now? Easter Sunday was my final time to lead worship at my previous parish, Washington Prairie. The life that I had known for more than seven years came to an end. That ending for me was also a beginning as I anticipated coming to St. Peter as an interim pastor. After 47 years, I have a good idea about how to be a pastor. Being an interim is new. Easter meant doing ministry in a different, or fresh, way.

And because of Easter, because Jesus is alive, that freshness can touch St. Peter Lutheran Church, here in Greene, IA. We know where we've been for 152 years. Where is the freshness of Easter leading us now? As I understand pastoral and congregational interim, it's a time to ponder how the new life in Jesus is stretching, how the new life in Jesus is challenging, how the new life in Jesus is nudging, how the new life in Jesus is expanding our expectations, how the new life in Jesus is blowing freshness into our whole being as a people of God here at St. Peter.

The first believers we read about in the book of Acts did things they never thought they would do. They thought things they never thought they would think. They went places they never thought they would go. They expected to be surprised and were refreshed because Jesus is alive.

The grand invitation to St. Peter is to join in the adventure of a living faith and to absorb the freshness that the Living Lord continues to give.

Christ is Risen! Indeed!



# Greene Community Vacation Bible School Registration

June 30 and/or July 1-3, 2024

## 3 year olds\* through Completed 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- St. Mary Catholic Church

\*Must be 3 years old by July 1 and potty-trained to participate in VBS.

## Completed 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

- Fun Activities
- 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 30
- St. Peter Lutheran Church

*St Mary's programs will end on Wednesday with a special program!*

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

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Grade Completed in May 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month, Day, Year)

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

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

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

### 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 3rd – 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 or place in designated box just inside the parking lot/canopy entrance.

# VBS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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- St. Peter Lutheran Church

If you are available to help with VBS, please fill out information below and return to: St. Mary Church (VBS) at PO Box 480, Greene, IA 50636 or place in designated box just inside the parking lot/canopy entrance.

Name of person helping: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (you will get a text with more info)

\_\_\_ Help at Catholic Church \_\_\_ Help on Monday \_\_\_ Help on Tuesday \_\_\_ Help on Wednesday

Area they would like to help \_\_\_\_\_

AND/OR

\_\_\_ Help at Lutheran Church on Sunday

Area they would like to help \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Janice Shultz (641-330-1184) if you are available to help.

Vacation Bible School will be June 30th, for 3rd - 8th grade 11:30 am - 2:00 pm at the Lutheran church. There will be a meal and fun activities.



Please Contact Liz Schroeder (641-420-6136) if you are available to help.

All Chicago Trip Youth are expected to help with River Days clean up on **June 15th and 16th**. Please meet at the park at 7:30 am.

We need as many hands as possible, so please do your part and help out. Parents are greatly appreciated also!

### Can Sorting Schedule

Watch Facebook for reminders about cans



Psalms 118:24

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.



### JUNE

10 - Macabe Klink

18 - Addy Spain

20 - Evan McCormick

28 - Cooper Backer

Please continue to watch the church Facebook pages for activities and opportunities to be active in our community this summer.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ushers and Lectors - Call the church office to volunteer.		Altar Guild: Dawn Deines- Christensen, Erin Mulder	Altar Guild is in need of a few people to fill some open spots on guild. If interested, please contact Kelly Zurcher.			1
2 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship with Communion	3 6:30 pm Country Time Chairs  7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting	4	5 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	10	11	12	13 9:30 am Faith, Vision & Glory Circle Meeting	14	15 Newsletter Items Due
16 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	Father's Day 17 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	18 Senior Health Clinic	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship  VBS - June 30, 3rd - 8th grade, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm at St. Peter						