

# The Voice



## *From the desk of Pastor Mark:*

I can't believe I'm writing the May Voice article right now. That means the end of the school year is in sight. It also means the end of the church program year is winding down. May 1st is the Sunday school carnival to celebrate the kids' year of learning and growing in their faith. The kids will then be singing in worship on May 1st to share that faith through music. May 8th is senior graduate recognition Sunday, along with Mother's Day. May 15th is Confirmation Sunday where several St. Peter youth will be affirming their baptism. Sunday, May 22nd, we'll have a luncheon following worship to celebrate the beginning of the Renewal Leave. A grand month of celebrations for sure. The month will end with May 29th, Memorial Day weekend, where we shift into our summer ministries.

This summer will be a bit different for all of us. Thankfully we've gotten pretty good over the last couple of years at functioning well when things are "different." This summer's "different" won't be half as wild as the last two summers during the pandemic though. In fact, it might be more "normal" than we're used to, as we keep moving more toward pre-pandemic ministries. Worship will be back to the typical 9:00 am summer schedule, and Vacation Bible School will be back. The main thing that will be different this summer is that I will be gone. Thanks to the Renewal Leave Grant that the church received from the Lilly Foundation, my family and I will be on leave from May 23rd – August 21st. I'm excited about the opportunities the grant affords us to spend time in Florida, take the family to Disney World, and then spend two months in Europe. I'm particularly ex-

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## Worship & Sunday School Schedule

*Thank you for joining us for worship!*

Sunday worship is at 9:30 a.m. through May 22.

Summer worship, May 29—September 4, will be at 9:00 a.m.

May 1st is the last day of Sunday School this spring at 8:15 a.m. Sunday School will resume September 11, 2022

Wednesday evening worship is at 6:30 p.m. through May 11 and will resume on September 7.



## Prayer Ministry Team May 29

Once a month, we meet in person to pray together for those who have requested prayers through the prayer chain or other requests. It is a chance to spend time in prayer, get updates, and send notes to those the group prays for. You don't have to be comfortable praying aloud to participate! **Join us after worship at about 10:00 a.m.**

cited to return to Berlin, where I spent a year on internship at the American Church in Berlin. It will be especially meaningful to return to Berlin with my family. I'm so thankful to all of you for the support of this Renewal Leave.

As Christians we are called to welcome the stranger. This is a calling that I am passionate about, which is why I've chosen it as a topic to explore while on leave. There are a couple books that I will be reading, as well as experiencing and learning about hospitality as strangers ourselves in a foreign country. Of course, we will also be experiencing hospitality from the masters at Disney. They didn't get the nickname of being the happiest place on earth for nothing. I hope that you will also take the opportunity to explore this topic this summer. Look for opportunities being offered here at St. Peter to learn and grow in this area.

I'm looking forward to catching my breath and returning rejuvenated and refocused for the years ahead. Three months seems like such a long time, and I will miss you. Thankfully you'll be in good hands with Pastors Dean Behr and Katharine Yarnell being here while I am gone. St. Peter is also blessed with a great staff and strong council leadership, so I know you all will be fine. I told church council a couple months ago how I get the joy and privilege of having an inside look at how God is on the move in and through the people and ministries of St. Peter. I'm not sure if God's been at work even more lately, or my eyes are just more open to it, but it's been fun to see. So, don't get toooooo comfortable with Pastor's Behr and Yarnell, because I'm coming back. 😊 I'm coming back rejuvenated, refocused, and anxious to see what God has in store for us next. Thanks again for your support and partnership in sharing the Good News of God's love for the world. Gathered to Grow. Sent to Serve.

Pastor Mark

## Renewal Leave Message from Church Council President Billi Brahn

Dear St. Peter Members and Friends,

Pastor Mark and Council are excited to finally see plans coming together for his sabbatical this summer. From May 23 to August 20, he will be away for a time of rest, renewal, and reflection.

The grant that our congregation received from the Lily Foundation calls this time a "Renewal Leave" and doesn't use the word sabbatical. This time of renewal for a pastor is not the same as an academic study that we typically think of for a college professor – the grant application encouraged Pastor Mark to consider what would make his heart sing. He is looking forward to introducing his family to the American Church in Berlin where he did his internship. The family will also travel to Florida to experience Disney World and travel to Stockholm, Sweden, and Copenhagen, Denmark, to worship with International congregations. Pastor Mark hopes to experience hospitality in all these places and find rejuvenation and new perspectives to share with us in Grimes where we continue to welcome new people into our community.

## Pastoral Acts

Evelyn Mae Shafer was born on February 1, 1925 in Dallas County, Iowa. She passed away on March 31, 2022, at Spurgeon Manor in Dallas Center, Iowa. Her funeral service was held at St. Peter Lutheran Church on April 3. Interment was at Sunny Hill Cemetery in Grimes.



Oliver Liuzhao Leppert and Cameron Liuxing Leppert, children of Bryan Leppert and Ying Liu, were born on November 10, 2019, in New York, New York.

Reagan Grace Sjoblom, daughter of Kelsey & Kody Sjoblom, was born on July 23, 2020, in Des Moines, IA.

Oliver, Cameron, and Reagan were baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church on April 16, 2022. Rene' Lego and Kelsey and Kody Sjoblom are Oliver and Cameron's baptism sponsors. Bryan Leppert, Ying Liu, and Rebecca Murphy are Reagan's baptism sponsors.

Since the idea of a sabbatical is new for us at St. Peter, I want to share the expectations that the Executive Committee has for Pastor Mark during this time. We are asking him to disconnect from the congregation and seek renewal with his family; we are asking him not to check his email or respond to concerns of our members. When the family returns on August 21, we look forward to welcoming them back and planning more opportunities to hear their stories and share experiences.

Pastor Mark has lined up regular preaching from Pastor Dean Baer and Pastor Katharine Yarnell for the summer – two pastors that are familiar faces for us. On July 17 we will have Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes of Grand View University preach and speak on a hospitality topic after worship. Each will be available the week prior to their scheduled Sunday to assist with Pastoral care needs during the summer. We will also rely on a newly formed care team to support other congregational needs that arise such as hospital visits (where visitors are welcome) and seeing homebound members or those experiencing injury, illness, or grief.

In our grant applications two years in a row we wrote that summers of 2020 or 2021 were “ideal” times for the renewal leave. Our plans are finally taking shape, just at an unexpected time, and I am confident that Pastor Mark and St. Peter are ready for the good opportunities that 2022 presents. Please pray for the Schlenker family as they prepare for an exciting, rejuvenating and unusual time away from Grimes. Please pray for our congregation to experience joy and support from each other during this time. I hope you will join us on May 22nd in sending them off with brunch after worship and time for fellowship.

Sincerely,

Billi Brahn, Council President

## Coming Up at St. Peter:

### Sunday School Carnival May 1

The Sunday School Carnival will take place during the Sunday School hour of 8:15-9:15 a.m. on May 1. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend, and we will be serving a light breakfast for all during this time. Kids will also practice their music and then sing during the service on May 1st. We look forward to a lot of fun on the last day of Sunday School!

### Men's Group Meets the 1st Sunday of the Month

The Men's Group is once again meeting once a month on the first Sunday of the month. Join us May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the church, with hopes of some future meetings taking place in outdoor settings in addition to the church. Come for fellowship and a brief devotion. Come as you are. You are not required to bring anything. Contact Bradley Fasse with any questions or concerns. @Facebook: St. Peter Lutheran Men's Group @bradleyfasse@gmail.com @515-971-2397

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### St. Peter Lutheran Church Office Hours

**The Church Office** is open  
Mon.— Fri. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Jill Capps** —  
Faith Formation Director  
Monday—Thursday  
10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.  
Appointments as necessary.  
Jill's day off is Friday.

**Pastor Mark Schlenker's** day off  
is Friday.

## Register for Vacation Bible School 2022 Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God!

St. Peter Lutheran invites children ages 4 through those entering 5th grade to a Food Truck Party – where we will be on a roll with God at Vacation Bible School! This party includes exciting new music, science, crafts, games, and Bible stories that will help children turn to God for all they need and join God in providing for the needs of others! The party runs from June 26-30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Register at: <https://www.myvbs.org/stpetergrimes> or by following the links on our website.



## Congregational Care Topics - Spring Workshop Series

A 5-part series of virtual workshops is being offered by the professional staff of Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center! This series may be especially relevant to those people wishing to join the newly-forming St. Peter Care Team. But it is also open to members of St. Peter who want to familiarize themselves with any or all of these timely topics. You may register for one, two or more, based on your interests and availability.

The fee for each 3-hour workshop is \$40. A discount of \$5 for each workshop you wish to attend is available when you register through St. Peter. Scholarships are available for Session 4 through St. Peter's clergy renewal grant. Contact Lauri in the St. Peter office if you want to register for any of the sessions. You may also contact Roberta Yoder with your questions. All workshops begin at noon and end at 3:00 p.m.

- 1) Suicide Awareness & Prevention in Faith Communities  
Thursday, April 28, led by Diane McClanahan, M.Div
- 2) Mindful Ministry  
Thursday, May 5, led by Mark Minear, Ph.D.
- 3) Practical Applications & Implications of Forgiveness in Ministry  
Thursday, May 12, led by Jim Hayes, D.Min.
- 4) Caring For Those Who Grieve: Pandemic and Beyond  
Thursday, May 19, led by Andrea Severson, LMHC, M.Div
- 5) Understanding Codependency  
Thursday, May 26, led by Douglas J. Detrick, LISW

## Senior Recognition May 8

On May 8th, we will recognize our graduating seniors at worship. Seniors will come forward at worship to share their future plans, and we will celebrate their achievements with a cake reception following worship.

The 15<sup>th</sup> of each month is the deadline date for newsletter items to be submitted to the church office. Thanks!

## Small Miracles Recognition May 4

Please join us Wednesday, May 4, as we recognize Small Miracles Preschool for its impact on the community over the many years it has been a ministry of St. Peter. We thank Beverly Ellis, lead teacher for over a decade; Jeanie Staton, director for 8 years; and Amy Dickkut, assistant teacher for three years. So many children have been blessed by their leadership and nurturing over the years, and we appreciate all the work and care they have brought to the program. Recognition will occur at Wednesday worship at 6:30 p.m. with a cake reception to follow.



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## Affirmation of Baptism – Sunday, May 15

On Sunday, May 15, ten 8th grade students will affirm the promises of their baptism at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. They will publicly profess their intention to:

- Live among God's faithful people.
- Hear the word of God and share in this Lord's Supper.
- Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.
- Serve all people, following in the example of Jesus.
- Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

These youth are not called to do these things alone but in community. During the Affirmation of Baptism Service, the congregation will "promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ." As you consider the ways you will rest and renew this summer, remember that your unique presence, voice and gifts enrich and enhance our community as we seek to live out our call to be in community with God and God's people.

Congratulations to the following who will affirm the promises of their Baptism:

Logan Anderson  
Cael Ramsey  
Oliver Rouse  
Will Valline

Hannah Fasse  
Kayli Reggio  
Hayden Wagner

Addie Morris  
Logan Renshaw  
Elora White

At this time, we would like to thank the Adult Guides who have faithfully journeyed alongside the youth during this time of faith formation:

Lauri Rouse

Sarah Capps

Darlene Wagner



## Send-Off Brunch for the Schlenkers

Pastor Mark's last Sunday at St. Peter before Renewal Leave will be May 22. Join us after worship that day for a send-off brunch to wish him and the whole Schlenker family well as they enter their time of renewal!

## Blood Drive and Youth Car Wash June 18

On June 18 from 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m., the youth will hold their annual carwash fundraiser for their Mission Trip July 24-30 to western North Kentucky to serve those affected by tornados this past fall. The Stewardship Committee is also planning a blood drive at this time, so you can give blood while you wait for your vehicle to be washed. Look for more info to come!

## Volunteers Needed – Can You Help?

If you can help as a communion **preparer** and/or **communion assistant**, please contact Kaarin Fasse or Summer Heeren.

If you would like to help as **assisting minister**, please contact Emily Wells.

If you would like to be a **reader**, please contact Sue Dooley.

If you can help **host** by greeting worshippers and helping them find their worship materials, contact Roxanne Hauge.

If you can assist as a **worship teller**, please contact Andrew Newman.

If you can learn our **livestream audio/visual production**, contact Jill. You would be trained in the production process for our live-stream service.

If you can help with **Creation Station** during worship, contact Jill or go to this link: <https://signup.com/go/CwrXJph>.

The church office can put you in contact with these volunteer coordinators. Thanks for sharing your time and talents with St. Peter!

## Grimes Storehouse – Community Food Pantry

The Grimes Storehouse is located at 112 NE Ewing St., Suite B, in Grimes. Grimes Storehouse hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and every 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

### NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

#### LISTED IN ORDER OF NEED:

64 oz. Bottled Orange/Apple/Grape Juice  
Rice-a-Roni/Minute Rice  
Juice Boxes/Pouches  
Baked Beans  
Grape Jelly  
Boxed Mashed Potatoes  
Canned Pasta  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Granola Bars  
Canned Pineapple  
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo/Miracle Whip  
Salad Dressing (Ranch & French)  
Skillet Dinners  
Potato Sides  
Pasta Side Dishes  
Boxed/Cups Instant Pudding

### PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS –

#### LISTED IN ORDER OF NEED:

Laundry Soap (Small/Medium/Large)  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Dish Soap  
Liquid Body Wash  
Baby Wipes  
Kitchen Storage/Garbage Bags  
Disposable Razors  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Body/Hand Lotion



*Can you help meet the Food Pantry's Needs with a meal or care pack?*

#### Meal:

- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Grape Jelly
- 64 oz. Juice

#### Sides & Condiments:

- Ketchup, Mustard, & Mayo
- Baked Beans
- Rice-a-roni/Minute Rice

#### Care Pack #1:

- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Liquid Body Wash

#### Care Pack #2

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Baby Wipes

## Online Giving Opportunities

St. Peter offers online giving options through Thrivent's Simply Giving Program, which includes one-time giving and recurring donations through the following secure methods:

1. **Updated app:** Find and download the **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app in the App Store or on Google Play for Android smartphones by searching "Vanco mobile". Choose search for a church near me or type in "St Peter Lutheran" and choose our address in Grimes, and follow the steps. **Please note: if you are currently using the Give+Church Mobile app, please switch to the Vanco Mobile app. Give+Church Mobile will no longer be available beginning in April.**
2. Go to St. Peter's website [www.stpeterofgrimes.org](http://www.stpeterofgrimes.org) and click on the yellow Online Giving link or scan the QR code printed here.
3. Set up bill pay through your bank to St. Peter Lutheran.
4. Please contact the church office to designate your donation between specific funds.

Contact the church office with questions. Thank you for sharing your resources to support the ministries of St. Peter!



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 3, 2022

### Pastor's Report:

- We celebrated the life of Evelyn Shafer and commended her to God's eternal care last month. She was our longest active member, having been baptized, confirmed and raising her family at St. Peter. She will be missed.
- Met with the Nominating committee last month to prayerfully discern next council leaders of St. Peter. Calls are being made now.
- Met with local ELCA pastors in Johnston for worship and fellowship with Bishop Amy Current. It has been a couple years since gathering with other clergy, so it was nice to get together.
- Men's group has resumed with its first meeting on April 3rd. It will continue meeting on the first Sunday of every month from 7-8 pm. Thanks to Bradley Fasse for his leadership.
- Lent, Holy Week, Easter all went well. So good to be getting back to our regular worship and activities. Wednesday skits were good to have back this year. Thanks to all who helped with those. Also, thanks to Matt Schmidt and the youth for resuming the soup suppers for the last three Wednesdays in Lent. It was good to have the food and fellowship. Palm Sunday kicked off Holy Week with the choir cantata, which went very well. Thanks to Emily and the choir for their time and gifts. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter were good to be back in person as well. Easter sunrise was a bit chilly outside, but 42 people braved the cold for outdoor worship. In person attendance numbers were about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of where we were pre pandemic. Add the online worshipers though, and we're probably where we started before the pandemic.
- Care Team has organized the event this Sunday titled "Friendship Visitation Basics: Caring. Empathy. Compassion." Eric Johnson, Director of Spiritual Care Services at UnityPoint Health, is our facilitator, from his perspective as a hospital chaplain. We all know people who end up in the hospital, get diagnosed with cancer or lose a loved one. This event is meant to help us with the basics for walking with others through difficult times. Hope you are able to make it. Invite others if you think they'd be interested. The event is 10:45-12:45 with brunch.
- Summer is fast approaching. Bambi and I are busy getting all the plans in place for the Renewal Leave starting May 23rd. I'll be back for worship on August 21st for Blessing of the Backpacks. Thanks again for all the support with this. Can't tell you how much I appreciate it.

### Faith Formation Report—Jill Capps

- Confirmation – March and April have been busy months for confirmation. We have been exploring the different parts of worship & service using our Lutheran Life journals. We also discussed social media and our responsibility as Christians to use it responsibly and to show the same care and concern for others online as we are expected to do in person. I met with 8th graders and their parents on March 30th to discuss the Faith Statements that the 8th graders will prepare as part of the Affirmation of Baptism.
- Service & Fellowship:
  - CFUM: Our 7th grade confirmation students prepared a meal for CFUM on Sunday, March 27th. The kids enjoyed making the entire meal from cheesy potatoes to biscuits and dessert.
  - Mosaic: Our 7th & 8th grade confirmation students, families and guides gathered supplies for Easter baskets for the residents & caregivers of the homes we sponsor. I was able to deliver these baskets to the houses on April 16th. The residents were so excited to receive the baskets of goodies and the caregivers were appreciative of the thank you baskets as well. I will meet with my Mosaic contacts later in April to discuss more opportunities to continue to grow our relationships with Mosaic. COVID required us to make changes to our interactions, but I am hopeful that we will be able to return to our fellowship nights and grow even more opportunities to show our support for this valuable ministry.
- Faith Formation:
  - Easter Egg Hunt—Faith Formation & Education partnered for our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt that was held at St. Peter on April 16th. We had over 68 kids participate in the Easter egg hunt this year. The weather was cool, but everyone still had a great time. This is a great event to connect with our members, and other residents of the Grimes area, in a relaxed and fun manner.
  - New CFUM Service Opportunity—Due to the continued need for meal providers at CFUM we have started a casserole program. Each month I will provide a disposable pan and recipe to members of St. Peter who would

like to help provide a meal to CFUM. Although we may not always be able to put a group together to prepare a meal on a specific night, we can still provide an evening meal at CFUM. The program will allow members to prepare a casserole at home and return it to church when it is convenient for them. I will then deliver the casseroles to CFUM at the beginning of the next month so they can heat the casseroles and serve them on the nights when they do not have a sponsor available.

### **Youth Report**

- Middle school Youth Group did not meet during the month of March due to us pausing our gathering (as usual) for the season of Lent.
- High school Youth Group met three times during the month of March. We held devotion nights on March 6th and 27th. We held a pizza night on Sunday, March 20th.
- We were able to hold our first Mission Trip meeting for our youth and chaperones on Sunday, March 27th. I am excited for the group to gather again and look forward to next 4 months of working with this group.
- In April, middle school Youth Group will resume again on April 20th. I look forward to getting the group back together after our break during Lent. High school Youth Group will meet each Sunday in April, except April 10th. On April 10th we will host our annual Spaghetti Dinner. In addition to the Spaghetti Dinner, we will also finish up Lent Suppers on April 6th and host our Easter Breakfast on Easter morning. Lastly, we will also hold a Mission Trip meeting for youth and chaperones on Sunday, April 24th.

**Treasurer's Report:** February financials were approved.

### **Stewardship :**

- June 18th is the scheduled blood drive, which will be in conjunction with the youth car wash. Financial Peace University has been pushed back, will possibly be in January 2023. Discussed Stewardship Campaign and materials to available for this

### **Building & Grounds**

- Light bulbs have been changed in the sanctuary. Tim is getting bids on the heating and cooling system, and we were able to save money this winter on snow removal.

### **Education:**

- Sarah Capps is the Sunday School Curriculum Coordinator. Carnival for Sunday School will be May 1st. VBS registration is now open. Discussion with council about VBS registration and music options.

### **Evangelism:**

- Photos will be taken October 4-8th for our new directory. May 8th we will have a cake reception after service for our seniors. May 22nd is the sendoff lunch for the Schlenker family after service.

### **Worship & Music :**

- More communion trays have been ordered. 9 am service time will resume for the summer; all summer worship will be indoors. May 11th is the last Wednesday evening service. September 11th we go back to two services.

### **Old Business:**

- Planning for Summer and Fall worship times
- Posting and recruiting for Sunday School curriculum coordinator- Sarah Capps has accepted this position.
- Sabbatical planning and care team/congregation events- meeting for Care team this Sunday at 10:45 pm, planned for 2 hours

### **New Business:**

- Nominating Committee status: Rob Ridnour will be on Evangelism committee, Danielle Rusch will be on Executive committee.
- Small Miracles staff recognition: Wednesday May 4th after service with a cake reception
- Synod Assembly, Coralville May 20, 21st. Pastor discussed this briefly; our church can bring one or two along with Pastor.

**Local Mission Donation:** Anna Heeren & Family

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WELCA MEETING - FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

- Gifts for some of our church family unable to come to in-person church were delivered since the last meeting and were well received. Alice Wicker sent a beautiful thank you note sharing with us that she had been reading

this to her mother, Evelyn Shafer, before she passed away.

- Pizza and cookies were delivered by Carol Eilers on March 15 to residents and staff of Mosaic. It was well received, as always. The confirmation class is planning to make and deliver Easter baskets in April, so WELCA will plan and deliver May baskets. Kellie Heiken suggested setting up a wish list on Amazon with items purchased being delivered to the church. Allison Prohaska and Sue Dooley will put the request on our WELCA Facebook page. WELCA members will assemble and deliver baskets on Sunday, May 1.
- Amy Dickkut has new cards for baptisms. There are 3 baptisms on the Saturday of Easter weekend.
- The WELCA sponsored bonfire is to be held at Carol and Monti Miller's home on April 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Plans will be made for approximately 30 people with families encouraged to bring their children. Details were discussed as far as table and tent for food, bottled water, forks, plates, napkins, buns, condiments, and smoked meat for pulled pork sandwiches. *\*Update 04-25-22—Event postponed due to inclement weather. Rescheduled date still to be determined.*
- The Silent Auction memory box event has been cancelled for this year, since there were only two people signed up to participate. *\*Update 04-25-22—WELCA will reach out to reimburse individuals that made this purchase at the Silent Auction.*
- Mother's Day is May 8. Sue Dooley will order flowers for mothers at church that day.
- Jay Brewer gave WELCA a certificate for donations to GVSS. Members took a picture after the meeting with the certificate and sent it to him at his request.
- Purchases for kitchen—The two roasters planning to be purchased for the kitchen are now being donated by Michelle Zeliadt. Allison Newman will send a thank you note to Michelle from WELCA. WELCA will now be purchasing some other smaller needed items for the kitchen; large serving spoons, rolling pins. Also, WELCA will look into replacing some of the dinner plates as the supply has dwindled.
- A donation of \$50 was received from a member. Allison N. suggested using it for the next pizza order for Mosaic and sending follow up note to that member as to how it was used.
- Allison Newman reported the Silent Auction event, the Escape Room evening, was a success. The next Silent Auction event, the Murder Mystery party, is set for May 7 at Del and Cindy Gustafson's home and the planning is underway by the host committee.
- Mary Stocks has volunteered to be the Funeral coordinator. Allison Newman will send her a note of thanks.
- Carol Eilers shared a message from Roberta Yoder. Roberta attended the Spring Gathering of the WELCA Clusters 10 & 11 on April 2 at St James Lutheran Church in Johnston. The leadership of the event was thrilled to have someone from St Peter attend. She reported there is a quarterly newsletter which is a publication of the Southeast Iowa Synod at a subscription rate of \$8. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The meeting ended at 6:40 pm at which time the altar brass was cleaned to be ready for Easter services.
- Treasurer's report submitted by Allison Newman:
  - General: \$2,815.74
  - Kitchen: \$1,833.80
  - Total: \$4,649.54

## From the Stewardship Committee—Jason Hughes, Andrew Newman, & Eric Soultz

	<u>March 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$24,136.05	\$68,726.72
Expense	\$23,774.91	\$76,138.40
Net Income	\$361.14	(\$7,411.68)

- March 2022 month to date, expenses were less than monthly income, thus it finished with a gain of \$361.14.
- March 2022 year to date, expenses were greater than income thus finished with a loss of (\$7,411.68) .