

The Voice



Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes will lead worship and give a presentation on July 17

Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes, chair of the Theology and Philosophy Department at Grand View College and published author in Lutheran journals, will be joining us at St. Peter on July 17. He has served parishes for 8 years and has been at Grand View for over 27 years. His wife is retired from the Des Moines Public Schools, and they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren in the Des Moines area.

Pastor Mark Mattes will lead our 9:00 a.m. worship service and have a presentation on the topic of "Sharing Your Faith" afterwards, with a little hands on work during the presentation. Brunch will be served. We welcome you to join us for this exciting opportunity at St. Peter!

Thanks to Pastors Dean Baer and Katharine Yarnell

While Pastor Mark is away on Renewal Leave, we appreciated the leadership of Pastor Dean Baer on May 29th and the first two Sundays in June. He will join us again in August.

We also appreciate the leadership of Pastor Katharine Yarnell, leading Sunday worship from June 19-July 31, except for July 17, when Pastor Mark Mattes will be with us.

Pastor Dean Baer spoke of the importance of his own Sabbaticals during the course of his call as a Pastor. We are blessed to have these pastors serving St. Peter during this time, and we appreciate their service to St. Peter's congregation!

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Summer Worship Schedule

*Thank you for joining us
for worship!*

Sunday summer worship is at
9:00 a.m. through September 4.

Sunday School will resume Sep-
tember 11, 2022

Wednesday evening worship at
6:30 p.m. will resume on Septem-
ber 7.



Prayer Ministry Team July 31

Once a month, we meet in person
to pray together for those who
have requested prayers through
the prayer chain or other re-
quests. 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 par-
ticipate! **Join us after worship at
about 10:00 a.m.**

Coming Up at St. Peter:

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting July 10

St. Peter's Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 10, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. We will elect Church Council members, find volunteers for the 2023 Nominating Committee, and discuss other business items. Make plans to attend this important business meeting!



Join us at St. Peter Lutheran for the 4th of July fireworks!

Join us on the lawn at St. Peter Lutheran for the annual 4th of July Grimes Fireworks! Popcorn and water will be made available by our Evangelism team. The church will be open for restroom availability. Come join the fun and have a great place to watch fireworks!

Mark Your Calendar: WELCA Adult Social at Kinship August 18

In June, WELCA hosted a great night of walking tacos, treats, and fellowship. Mark your calendar for their next social event at Kinship Brewery:

Join friends for some fun and fellowship at Kinship on Thursday, August 18th, at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!



Gathered to Grow Sent to Serve

St. Peter Lutheran Church Summer Office Hours

The Church Office is open
Mon.— Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-12:00
p.m. & by Appointment

Jill Capps —
Faith Formation Director
Sun. 8:30—10:30 a.m.
Mon. 9 a.m.—12.p.m.
Tues. 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Wed. 9 a.m.—12.p.m.
Thurs. —By Appointment
Fri.—Sat. Off

Pastor Mark Schlenker
will return from Renewal Leave
Aug.21.

2022 St. Peter Youth Mission Trip

July 24-30, 50 youth along with 12 adults will be heading to Western Kentucky to work with residents of the community who was recently hit by tornados. Youth and adults will actively work in the community doing household repairs and participate in faith-based activities throughout the week. If you are interested, there are still opportunities available to support their trip. Other than financially supporting the trip, you can also support our Mission Trip participants by encouraging them and praying for them on their trip.

Participants involved: Addison Morris, Ainslea Schmidt, Alex Pries, Alexia Henrichs, Amelia Johnston, Audrey Frett, Bailey Pierce, Ben Every, Brady Kinman, Brandon Bailiff, Brayden Meints, Brinn Johnson, Cael Ramsey, Caleb Morris, Campbell Valline, Carson Springer, Carter Schwantes, Colby Schwantes, Christine Harrelson, Dawson Hartman, Elena Bartak, Ellie Jermier, Emily Short, Emma Malmberg, Emma Sump, Gavin Wemhoff, Jack Every, Jackson Kaune, Kate Hartman, Kyle Dirks, Laura Klaessy, Lauren Wyllie, Macey Jermier, Max Reitano, McKenna Dirks, Milo Rouse, Nathan Scholl, Kick Kessler, Oliver Rouse, Owen Pries, Rocco Reitano, Sam Caron, Sam Watkins, Skyler Blessman, Sydney Meints, Trey Hartman, Tyler Bailiff, Will Valline, Will Weydert, Amy Short, Brad Bailiff, Hartman Meints, Kim Kaune, Matt Morris, Michelle Dirks, Mindy Morris, Preston Pellatz, Robin Wyllie, Steph Schwantes, Tim Schiller and Matt Schmidt.

If you are interested in supporting the Mission Trip, please reach out to Matt Schmidt for more information. Matt can be reached at 515-238-3053, or via email at youth@stpeterofgrimes.org.



2022-23 Confirmation Registration is Open

Confirmation registration is open for youth entering 7th grade in the fall. Registration is also open to youth older than 7th grade who have not yet been confirmed. (Those entering 8th grade and currently attending confirmation do not need to re-register.) St. Peter welcomes all youth to join in our confirmation program – youth do not need to be a member of St. Peter to attend confirmation.

The 2022-2023 Confirmation year will begin on September 7th and continue through May. We meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30pm-6:30pm. We do not meet during school breaks. (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break, etc.) An orientation meeting for 7th graders and their parents will be held in late July – watch the eNews, email and Facebook for more information.

To register your youth, or if you have any questions, please contact Jill Capps at faithformation@stpeterofgrimes.org.

Men's Group

Join us July 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the church for our monthly Men's Group gathering. Come as you are for fellowship and a brief devotion. 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



Need a Little Fellowship, Faith, and Conversation? Join us monthly for Moms Group!

Moms Group meets to offer friendship and support as we minister to one another, our children, and the community in grateful response to Christ's love. Join Moms Group at their monthly meetings the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the church library. For more information, email: momsgroup@stpeterofgrimes.org.

Planned Giving: A message from our Stewardship Team

Dear Members of St Peter,

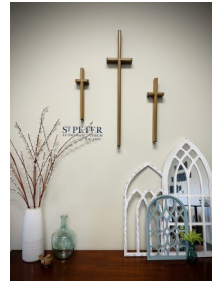
The Bible contains numerous verses where we, as Christians, are counseled to give from our hearts. For example, Christians can tithe and give generously of our time and talents. With rising expenses, it may seem a daunting concept to give financially right now, but we are still called to do what we can. The Stewardship Committee members would like to present you with some options to give longer term without breaking your current pocketbook.

One such way is through a program called Planned Giving. Planned Giving involves taking a long-term strategy or plan to giving. In Planned Giving there are several different options that you can consider. One example is that you can donate a percentage of your investments, retirement plans, or life insurance by naming St. Peter as a percentage beneficiary. Another example is to consider St Peter as a beneficiary when you are creating your estate plan to distribute assets upon your death via a trust or will. Many of these options provide tax incentives. Planned giving was one way that St. Peter was able to expand our current building years ago through a generous gift from a member who had St. Peter listed in their will.

If you are interested in learning more about how to be a part of the Planned Giving Program, please reach out to the Stewardship Committee.

Gathered to Grow, Sent to Serve!

Jason Hughes, Andrew Newman, and Eric Soultis



Service Spotlight: Hosting

St. Peter is exploring the theme of hospitality this summer. We offer hospitality to our members and visitors in the ways we serve each other. Service Spotlights will share more information on ways to volunteer at St. Peter. Gathered to Grow - Sent to Serve!

Volunteering to host at St. Peter Lutheran Church is an easy way to welcome members and visitors to church. How does it work? Arrive at church fifteen minutes early to stand at the host table, which will be set up for you, to greet people and assist with questions people may have. A list of specific duties is available by the hosting table to guide you through the service. Duties include passing out and collecting pew pads, filling out an attendance slip, passing collection plates, and directing rows of people for communion. You can pick a Sunday that works for you by checking out the list of dates on the link <https://signup.com/go/HtgxDax> or sharing basic information with Lauri in the church office to be put on the host/greeter contact list. You can host with members of your family or with friends. Give it a try; it's a chance to serve your church by helping the service run smoothly!

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



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CFUM Casserole Take & Make Ministry

Thanks to all who participated in making casseroles for CFUM Supper Club in June! We made 10 double-sized casseroles, which were paired with mandarin oranges, dinner rolls, and cookies. This was enough to feed 150 food-insecure people living in the Des Moines area, many of whom are children.



Attention Volunteers!

Are you a St. Peter Volunteer? Feel free to pick up a tshirt in Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your time and service to St. Peter!

Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for more info on these upcoming events at St. Peter:

- School Supply Drive for Moulton Elementary in August (CFUM partner)
- Myamba Scholarship Drive in August
- Backpack Sunday August 21st
- God's Work—Our Hands Congregational Activity on September 11
- WELCA Silent Auction in November



Thanks to those who participated in the Governor's Days Parade on June 11th!



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 1st & 2nd Tuesday from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

LISTED IN ORDER OF NEED:

Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce
Elbow Macaroni
Boxed Mac-n-Cheese
Mac-n- Cheese Individual Cups
Granola Bars
Peanut Butter (Large)
Rice-a-Roni/Minute Rice
Rice Side Dishes
Canned Pineapple
Baked Beans
Ramen Noodles
Skillet Dinners/Hamburger & Tuna Helper
Boxed Instant Pudding
Salad Dressing (Ranch & French)
Mayo/Miracle Whip, Ketchup, & Mustard



PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS –

LISTED IN ORDER OF NEED:

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

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

Meal:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti
- Canned pineapple

Sides & Snacks:

- Individual cups of Mac-n-cheese
- Granola bars
- Rice Side Dishes

Care Pack #1:

- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Liquid Body Wash

Care Pack #2

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Kitchen Storage/Garbage Bags

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

May 2022

Income: \$26,655.50
Expense: \$27,646.18
Net Loss: \$990.68

YTD

Income: \$126,588.19
Expense: \$129,667.89
Net Loss: (\$3,079.70)

- General Fund—May 2022, expenses were greater than monthly income, thus it finished with a loss of (\$990.68)
- General Fund Year to Date—May 2022, expenses were greater than income, thus it finished with a loss of (\$3,079.70)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 9, 2022

Pastor's Report:

- No report due to Renewal Leave

Faith Formation Report—Jill Capps

- Confirmation – On May 15th 10 8th graders affirmed their faith during the Affirmation of Baptism Service. A special thanks to their confirmation guides (Lauri Rouse, Sarah Capps & Darlene Wagner) and parents for providing support & walking along their faith journey with this amazing group of kids. I have begun planning for confirmation which will begin on September 7th. I will host an orientation for incoming 7th graders and their parents in July (tbd). Our curriculum provider is changing their format to electronic/online materials but primarily keeping the same content. I will review that once the product is fully released later in June to determine any adaptations that need to be made.
- Service & Fellowship:
 - Confirmation “Together we can ‘change’ the world”: Our confirmation students collected change this year and selected two organizations that they wanted to help with those funds. \$92.03 was given to both CFUM Supper Club and the Grimes Storehouse.
 - Mosaic: I met with Katie Flippen from Mosaic to discuss how we can continue to grow our relationship with members of this community.
- Faith Formation –
 - CFUM Casserole Ministry This is our 2nd month preparing casseroles for CFUM supper club. This ministry has been a great success so far, allowing members to help provide a meal to those in need when it is most convenient for them. This program is in response to the continued and increased need for meal providers at CFUM. 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.
 - Creation Station – We continue to struggle finding volunteers for this program. This will become even more evident this fall, as Sarah will not be here to run those. She has been the primary volunteer covering most of this program for the past year as I stream our services. I will be seeking more volunteers so that we are able to continue to offer this program in the fall. This is an easy way to serve as a volunteer – no preparation is required as I have everything set for you – no planning is needed.
- Live-Stream Special thanks to Rich Weiss & Justin Wells who provided coverage for the live-stream services so that I could take vacation & attend Sarah's college orientation. We had a slight issue on June 5th when Media-com made some changes to our set-up so that service was not able to broadcast. However, that issue has been resolved so we should be good to continue.

Youth Report

- Middle school Youth Group met once during the month of May. Our final meeting of the program year was on the 4th.
- High school Youth Group met twice during the month of May. We held devotion nights on May 1st and on the 8th. On the 22nd we held our year-end bar-b-que. We did not meet on the 15th due to Mother's Day and the 29th due to the Memorial Day weekend.
- In May we also held a Mission Trip meeting for our youth and chaperones. We heard from Kaitlyn Murano about upcoming VBS and volunteering opportunities. In addition, the youth participated in an activity involving measuring and sawing a board, hammering nails and using a drill.
- As we transition into summer, we will continue to gather for high school Youth Group each Sunday. We will also hold a Mission Trip meeting for youth and chaperones.

Treasurer's Report: April financials were approved.

Stewardship :

- Blood drive is June 18th. Met with Benji to continue discussions on planned giving.

Building & Grounds

- Front AC & Furnace unit need replaced. Obtained two quotes.
- We have 24 Ash trees that need to be removed. This can be done in two phases. Will address the tree close to the church and those in the parking lot during phase one. Have two quotes for removal. Will obtain another quote. Will assess how many trees need to be replaced once they are removed.
- Carpets will be cleaned after VBS.

Education:

- Everything is set for the parade. We have candy, fliers, etc. We have 71 kids signed up for VBS. The number is steadily growing. Still in need of volunteers. The Little Food Pantry has been approved by the city. Thank you Katie for working on this.

Evangelism:

- Would Appreciate feedback on the recent breakfast. Water and candy have been obtained for the parade.

Worship & Music :

- All the red has come down and green is going up. In need of summer volunteers.

Old Business:

- Small Miracles status

New Business:

- Approve slate of new Council members
 - Executive: Danielle Rusch
 - Evangelism: Rob Ridnour
 - Stewardship: Eric Soultis
 - Building & Grounds: Todd Pugh
- Little Pantry
- Semi-Annual meeting agenda items
- Thank you to our out-going Council members!
- Motion approved for Phase One of Ash tree removal, to include 11 trees up to \$4500.

Local Mission Donation: Mosaic in Central Iowa**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WELCA MEETING - JUNE 14, 2022**

- Amy Dickkut shared there were no baptisms in the past month.
- Plans for Mosaic—
 - Pizza is planned for June 23, and Allison P is delivering it with Door Dash. It will be 2 pizzas (1 cheese and 1 pepperoni) for each residence.
 - July 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm was suggested by Katie Flippen, from Mosaic, when Allison P. reached out regarding an ice cream social. It will be held at the Sherman and 68th residence, only. Allison P will reach out to the youth group and Confirmation to see if others want to join us. She'll find out from Katie Flippen if there is a limit to people in the yard. WELCA will pay for ice cream and will invite St Peter members to donate toppings. Allison will find out if the residents from the other home will join us at the Sherman and 68th location. If not, treats will be taken to them prior to the party. The invite on Facebook will go out on July 1.
 - There will be some sort of activity for August. Perhaps a game such as beach towel water balloon game if there is a St Peter family or two willing to facilitate this. Or perhaps a gift of a basket of activities delivered to each residence with items like sidewalk chalk, bubbles etc.
- Plans were reviewed for the women's summer social which will be a taco party in the Dooleys' and Schlenker's back yard on Friday, June 17, starting at 6:30 pm.
- Vacation Bible School is June 26 to 30. WELCA will fund the ice cream social. Katie Murano is planning to serve premade ice cream cups from the window of the kitchen which will be decorated to be a Food Truck. The theme this year is "Food Truck Party, On a Roll with God!"

- The round tablecloths for funerals, which had been missing, were located and the information will be shared with the office. At the WELCA meeting in August, a checklist and/or log sheet, will be designed to help users of the kitchen and contents.
- Updates to the kitchen were discussed. Feedback was received from Matt Schmidt and Jill Capps as they facilitate kitchen use most often and for the largest events. Allison P. also had feedback from Billi Brahn. The consensus is there is a greater need for a new stove, rather than a dishwasher. The family of Evelyn Shafer had mentioned her memorial money could be used toward a new stove. Gas vs electric, the advantages of commercial grade were discussed. The microwaves will need to be considered. Our ideas will be brought to church council. Determination will be made later as to as to who will take the lead on research and acquisition of this purchase; WELCA, church council, the building and grounds committee.
- The social in August will be held on Thursday, August 18 at Kinship Brewery. This event was well received last year.
- The bonfire, which has been delayed due to weather, is planned for October 8 starting at 6:30 pm at Carol and Monti Miller's home. Allison N. will make the event on Facebook.
- Allison P. will reach out to CFUM, Children and Families Urban Ministry, to find out if they are having their school supply drive in July like last year. If so, WELCA will collect items to contribute.
- Allison N. suggested we begin to reach out now to individuals to help church members recognize special skills they possess which could make a good gift for the Silent Auction. Discussion ensued as to how to spark ideas through an article in the Voice or temple talks.
- Treasurer's report submitted by Allison Newman:
 - General \$2,551.23
 - Kitchen \$2,052.96
 - Total \$4,604.19

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 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!

