

The Voice



From the Desk of Pastor Mark:

"Gathered to Grow. Sent to Serve" will be fully embraced and embodied this week as 50+ youth and adults will be on the youth mission trip in Altoona, PA. This will be my first youth mission trip with St. Peter Lutheran, and I'm looking forward to it for sure. I'm looking forward to connecting more with these youth and adults. I'm looking forward to growing in faith together. I'm looking forward to serving together. It's going to be a great week!

I was reminded this week of just how important having a positive mindset is in life. This life lesson reminder came for me on the golf course with a friend. I had been saying how poor my putting had been the last couple times I played. Early in the round I proceeded to have a 3 putt and then a 4 putt. (In

case you don't know golf, just know that it is pretty bad putting.) The next hole I hit it on the green from the tee. (Those that don't know golf, that is a good shot.). As I walked up I said, "Watch, somehow I'm going to turn this into a 4 putt." Sure enough, I did. Walking away from the green my friend says, "You know there's a sermon in there somewhere. Focus on 4 putting you're going to 4 putt. Focus on staying home from church you're going to stay home from church. Focus on giving generously, you'll give generously. Focus on serving and loving others, you'll serve and love others." So true, so true! I tested the theory on the next hole. "I'm a good putter and I'm going to 2 putt from now on." Well, I didn't 2 putt; but I did go down to 3 putts. Then the last three holes I got a 2 putt, 1 long 12-15 foot putt and a 2 putt to finish the round. How about that, it worked! It's good to be the one

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Worship Schedule

Thank you for joining us for worship!

Sunday summer worship is at 9:00 a.m. through September 3.

Fall scheduling will resume in September. Beginning September 10, Sunday worship will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume on September 10 at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday worship will resume on September 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Join the St. Peter Choir!

Choir rehearsals for fall are rapidly approaching! We will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:15 p.m., starting on Wednesday, August 23. Come join us for some mid-week fellowship and singing. ALL are welcome!!



Prayer Ministry Team August 27

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 in the library after worship at about 10:00 a.m.**

preached to sometimes . . . Haha!

Back to the youth mission trip. Matt and the other leaders have done a good job focusing on the good things to come on the mission trip. They've focused on the positive outcomes like stronger relationship connections, deeper faith, developing new skills, and fulfillment in serving others. They didn't completely sugar coat it. They've said it will be hard work, it will be hot, it will be tiring and exhausting. But, the main emphasis has been on the positive outcomes on why the exhaustion is worth it. It's powerful, as they speak from their own experiences. The mission trip participants are in a good mindset as they head out to serve the people and world God so loves. You can follow the pictures on the St. Peter Facebook page.

So, what's your mindset like these days? Is it on a negative focus, focusing on what's wrong, what's bad, what could go wrong? Or, are you focusing on positives, living with gratitude, and faithfully looking ahead at what could be? As faithful followers of Christ we know that we are loved beyond measure. Filled with this love, with gratitude in our hearts may we be led by the Holy Spirit toward things that bring love and life for all.

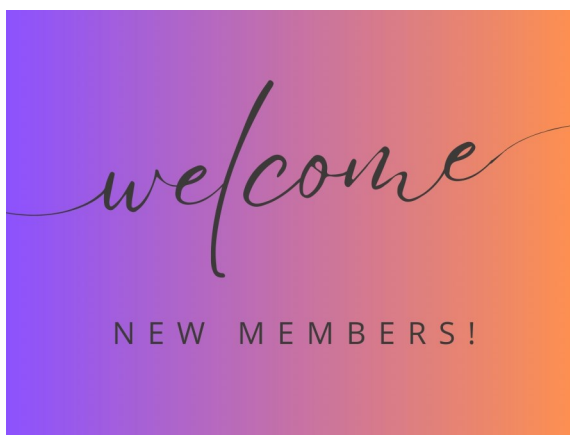
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Pastor Mark

Coming Up at St. Peter:

Summer **worship** is at 9:00 a.m. from May 28—September 3.

The **church office** summer hours are 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday and by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you are in need of assistance or to set up a time to meet at the church!



New Member Class

There will be a new member class Sunday, August 20, after worship. If you are interested in joining St. Peter, we welcome you to attend! New Member Sunday will be the following Sunday, August 27, where we will welcome new members during worship and fellowship.

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Backpack Sunday August 20

All children may bring their backpacks to church with them on Sunday, August 20, for a blessing of the backpacks for this upcoming school year. This is a great way for kids to connect their faith with their daily life!



Fall Kick-Off Carnival August 27

We are excited for the upcoming Sunday School year and are celebrating by having a party! Join us Sunday, August 27, after church for a Sunday School kick-off carnival! Games, activities, and prizes will be on the front lawn along with grab and go breakfast goodies to enjoy! Hope to see you there!

Online Directory

Get your church directory on your phone or computer! Each member household should have received an email from Universal Church Directory with their unique identifier password. All you have to do is download the app (search "Universal Church Directory") and enter your unique identifier. Complete instructions can be found in the eNews or in the email with your unique identifier. Contact the church office to update information, add a photo to your listing, or if you have any other questions.



2023-24 Confirmation

We are busy preparing for confirmation this fall. If you have not yet registered your 7th grader, please contact Jill at faithformation@stpeterofgrimes.org.

Important Dates:

Curriculum Pick Up - Wednesday, August 30, 7th & 8th grade parents may stop by anytime between 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. to pick up the curriculum.

Small Group Guide Meeting - Wednesday, August 30, at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Begins - Wednesday, September 6, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Service Project:

This year's first confirmation service project will be held during the month of September. Confirmation students will collect change ("Together we can CHANGE the world") that will be used to purchase books for the children served by Children & Family Urban Movement. The hope will be to provide each child with 2 new books for them to keep at home and help encourage a love for reading.

***Bible Study Meets
2nd and 4th Thursdays
at 1:00 p.m.***

Looking for a way to grow in your Faith? Join us for a Bible Study on the Book of Acts. We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursday from 1:00pm-2:30pm. ALL are welcome! Questions? Contact Jill at faithformation@stpeterofgrimes.org

***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. You can join Moms Group at our monthly meetings the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the church library. For more information, email: momsgroup@stpeterofgrimes.org.

Men's Group

Join us for our monthly Men's Group Gathering this month! Men's Group usually meets the first Sunday of the month. Contact Bradley Fasse with any questions, and join the Men's Group Facebook page for the latest updates and news. @Facebook: St. Peter Lutheran Men's Group @bradleyfasse@gmail.com @515-971-2397

Empty Nest Alliance

Please join us at the inaugural Empty Nest Alliance meeting on Saturday, August 26 at Destination Grille in Grimes, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Grab a coffee or some breakfast and join in the fellowship. Ask the hostess if you don't see us. Questions? Text Janet Schultz (515-419-9627). See you there!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



God's Work Our Hands Sunday September 10

All members of St. Peter are invited to join us for our "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday service project following worship services on Sunday, September 10. Members will have the opportunity to help assemble personal care packages. These packages will be distributed to those in need by the Food Bank of Iowa. If you have questions on how you can help with this project, please contact Jill at faithformation@stpeterofgrimes.org

ST. PETER Fellowship Bike Ride Sunday, August 6th

WELCA invites all St. Peter families and friends to join us on a fellowship bike ride and/or social August 6th. Riders will meet at The Handlebar in Dallas Center at 10:30 AM following service for a ride, and return to the Handlebar around noon for fellowship and rest. We encourage all members to attend and ride/join for fellowship/or go at your own pace! Hope to see you there :)



Pastoral Acts

Brooks Alan Meggison, son of Jared and Carsen Meggison, was born on August 4, 2022 in Des Moines, Iowa. Brooks was baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes on July 2, 2023, by Rev. Mark Schlenker. Jordan and Joel Decker are his baptism sponsors.

Cameron Lee Pierce, son of Nathan and Amy Pierce, was born on July 18, 2022, in Des Moines, Iowa. Cameron was baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes on July 16, 2023, by Rev. Mark Schlenker. Tim and Christi Pierce are his baptism sponsors.

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

St. Peter Lutheran Church Office Hours

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

Jill Capps –
Jill's day off is Friday.

Pastor Mark Schlenker
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August is Back-to-School Scholarships Month for Myamba Lutheran Parish

During August—back-to-school month in Iowa—St. Peter also focuses on our companion congregation in Tanzania, Myamba Lutheran Parish. Our emphasis is on the secondary school scholarship program for certain Myamba students attending the four years of public secondary school—those whose families need financial support in order to afford to send their children to school.

A \$100 annual scholarship provides a school uniform, socks and shoes, hot lunch, school fees, testing fees, and school security. Sponsors can also give \$15 to cover the cost of a Swahili Bible for a first-year scholarship student and a notebook and pen given to each scholarship recipient. Scholarship sponsors are partners with students' parents in providing for their education.

95 students are receiving annual scholarships for the 2023 calendar year school year through St. Peter's program. Let's match that number for the 2024 school year beginning January 2024!!

Hear all about it! You'll learn more about this program and how you can help during brief Myamba Moments at the beginning of each worship service in August. We'll show pictures of the schools, feature two fourth-year students who describe their typical school day, and hear from the five recent graduates who are continuing their education at high schools around the country. Pledge cards are provided. Pledge payments can be placed in the offering plates, in the baskets on the information table, received online, or mailed to the office.

Questions? Ask any member of the Team--Pr. Mark & Bambi Schlenker, Dave & Carol Eilers, Larry & Colleen Gulleen, and Reg & Roberta Yoder.



Ester, Grace, Raheli, and Elizabeth are students St. Peter sponsors at the Mwanga School for the deaf.

St. Peter's Additional Supports of Myamba Lutheran Parish

While St. Peter's Secondary School Scholarship Program has the most widespread impact on students and families of Myamba Lutheran Parish, St. Peter conducts additional programs to benefit children and families of Myamba. These programs are:

- Scholarships for Myamba students with hearing impairments to attend Mwanga School for the Deaf, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Four young children of Myamba Parish are now attending Mwanga. St. Peter Sunday school offerings pay a portion of the costs.
- Medical support for young children of Myamba Parish affected by what we understand to be excess, naturally-occurring fluoride in the drinking water that causes bowed legs. This condition can be surgically corrected or, in less severe cases, corrected with leg braces. Since 2011, two Myamba children have had surgery and two have received braces. A fifth Myamba child, Agness, received corrective surgery in June at a Tanzanian hospital, performed by Sioux City, Iowa orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Steve Meyer, through the non-profit he co-founded—Siouxland Tanzania Educational Medical Ministries.
- Contributing St. Peter confirmation offerings toward Myamba confirmation program expenses for curriculum and Bibles. A recent Myamba confirmation class had 104 students.
- Providing education expense support for post-secondary students seeking higher education or vocational training. Requests have been handled on a case by case basis as fund surpluses allow.
- An annual gift of \$2,500 from St. Peter to Myamba, provided by offerings through a General Fund line item. Gifts are used for building projects or parish-wide expenses.
- Occasional financial gifts to nearby Gonja Lutheran Hospital, operated by the Pare Diocese, of which Myamba Parish is a member.

Any questions about these St. Peter programs can be directed to members of the St. Peter Myamba Ministry Team listed on the previous page.

PLEDGE/DONATION FORM FOR 2024 SCHOOL YEAR (Jan.-Nov. 2024) MYAMBA SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH, GRIMES, IA

\$100 provides an annual scholarship for a student of Myamba Lutheran Parish, St. Peter's Tanzanian companion. \$100 covers approximately half of the costs to attend school for the year: tuition, school uniforms (shirt/slacks/sweaters for boys; blouse/skirt/sweater for girls), shoes, socks, school supplies, hot lunch, etc.

An additional \$15 will provide a Swahili Bible for a first-year scholarship student, as well as a school notebook and pen, thus giving tangible items while also addressing the student's spiritual needs.

In this way, St. Peter's scholarship program partners with students' parents/guardians to help pay for the education of students most in need of financial assistance, as identified by Myamba's companionship committee, pastor and parish evangelists.

_____ I pledge to donate \$100 per scholarship for _____ (# of scholarships) for the 2024 school year.

_____ I pledge to donate \$15 per new scholarship student _____ (# of students) for Swahili Bible/notebook/pen.

_____ I pledge \$_____ to be used as needed for the scholarship program.

_____ I pledge to pray for the Myamba Secondary School Scholarship Program & scholarship students.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone #/email address _____

My pledge payment is payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church; notation "Myamba Scholarship."

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 Meghan Reingardt.

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!

PB & J's for Hot Summer Days

Summer is here, and families that rely on school lunches for their kids' dietary needs will be needing some summer lunches. Can you donate a jar of peanut butter and a container of jelly (plastic, not glass, please!) to help feed kids that are home for summer? If so, bring in your donation to the designated basket near the service counter to help keep kids fed this summer season!



Grimes Storehouse – Community Food Pantry

The Grimes Storehouse helps food-insecure families in our community. Drop off your donations to the basket in Fellowship Hall, and they will be given to those in need. Some items that are always needed are: non-perishable food items, paper products, and toiletry/hygiene products.



Little Food Pantry

Anyone in need is able to pick up food items donated to the Little Food Pantry located in the St. Peter Parking lot. You are welcome to donate items as well, keeping in mind how seasonal temps might impact food donations. See the Little Food Pantry's website at: <https://sites.google.com/view/grimesminipantry/home?>



The Grimes Storehouse now accepts new/like new condition clothing for elementary aged children! The Grimes Storehouse accepts clothing sizes 4T-Adult Small. Contact the Grimes Storehouse for more information.

From the Stewardship Committee—Andrew Newman & Blake Franzeen

June 2023

Income: \$18,173.35

Expense: \$30,569.84

Net Loss: (\$12,396.49)

2023

Income: \$182,782.84

Expense: \$172,803.12

Net Gain: \$9,979.72

- General Fund—June 2023, income was less than monthly expenses, thus it finished with a loss of \$12,396.49.
- General Fund YTD—June 2023, income was greater than expenses, thus it finished with a gain of \$9,979.72.
- *Income for 2023 includes the IRS check for an employee retention credit of approximately \$35,000.00. These funds have been moved to our contingency savings.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 13, 2023

Pastor's Report:

- The parade during Governor's Days went well. Thanks to the Jacksons for driving their truck, and to the many volunteers that walked and helped pass out treats and invites to VBS. We had a large group of St. Peter folks walking this year, which was great!
 - Synod Assembly was online this year, which I participated in on May 15-16.
 - Just finished up another fabulous week of VBS. Thanks to all the many volunteers who helped make it such a success. It takes a lot of people to pull off a great event like this. Thankful for all the people that shared their gifts!
 - Matt Schmidt and I were at the St. Peter "booth" at the Farmers Market a couple Saturday's ago. We met and interacted with a number of people from the community, shared information on St. Peter, and had a couple of prayer requests. Monti and Carol were there this past Saturday.
 - Met a couple more times with the team negotiating with the city on road expansion. Great to have a variety of gifts in that group sharing their expertise.
 - Met with the Myamba ministry team last Sunday. It's remarkable and inspiring the amount of financial support St. Peter has been able to provide our brothers and sisters in Christ at Myamba Lutheran Parish for the last 12 years. This coming August will again be the month to highlight the scholarship ministry with Myamba. During this time the team will also share some of the ways St. Peter has supported Myamba.
 - Attended the mission trip meeting and car wash this month. It will be my first time attending the youth mission trip. I'm looking forward to building relationships with the youth and adults on the trip, as we work together sharing Christ's love in service to others.
- nected with Jacob at CFUM about a project for our confirmation students to work on during the month of September. CFUM has requested assistance providing the children in its program with books that they are able to take home and keep - essentially helping them to build at home libraries for the kids. I hope to connect with a couple of our members to obtain a Thrivent grant to help purchase some of the books. The youth will also collect change that will be used to purchase the books.

Faith Formation Report—Jill Capps

- **Confirmation:** Planning is underway for the 2023-24 confirmation year. Lessons have been selected and the calendar is tentatively completed. We will be covering The New Testament, Apostles Creed, and Lutheran Life as part of our 2nd year rotation. I am in the process of finding small group guides for the incoming 7th grade class. **Service Project** - I have con-
- **Thursday Afternoon Bible Study:** We had a great turnout for our June potluck - with about 15 people in attendance. We have had quite a few non-members join us for our Bible study; it has been a great way to connect with others. We are continuing our study on the book of Acts. Everyone is invited to attend the study, and the reading list can be found on our website.
- **Small Groups:** Small groups have been assigned and have begun meeting this summer. John and I met with our small group in June, it was great to get to connect with other St. Peter members. I am excited to hear from our small group leaders to see how the meetings have gone to date.
- **VBS:** I enjoyed working with Katie on VBS again this year. She did a great job and we have been lucky to have her leadership the past 2 summers. Katie will not be returning as VBS Director as she will be moving and plans to be married next summer. She has shared her working documents with me, so a new director should be able to step in and follow the format that Katie has set up.
- We had a great response to our VBS service project - LSI Immigrant and Refugee Resettlement Project. The kids collected \$1,397.35 in cash and 4 bedding tubs and 1 bathroom tub for a total of over \$1,700.00 in cash & goods. I will deliver these items to LSI on July 14. The staff at LSI is so impressed by this donation that they have asked to share our project on their Facebook & Instagram pages. Way to go VBS Heroes!
- **Church Publicity:** I have created a draft of the new St. Peter brochure that I will share with pastor when he returns later this week. It will be nice to have an updated brochure that we can share with visitors, and with those we meet at events such as the Farmers' Market, 4th of July, and other community events.
- **Volunteers:** Pastor and I will begin working on volunteer "how-to" videos next week. I have asked Kim & Micah Jackson and their family to be part of the videos so we can walk volunteers through things such as serving as hosts during offering, communion etc.

- **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday:** With the help of Jahn Bartelt I was able to connect with some of the staff at the Iowa Food Bank to find a project that St. Peter can participate in on Sunday, September 10th. We will create personal care packs that will be distributed by the Food Bank to Iowans in need. We will collect donations, and hopefully have a Thrivent grant to use to purchase most of the supplies. Members will then be able to assemble the kits following each worship service.

Youth Report

- In June high school Youth Group continued to meet on Sunday nights, taking off Father's Day and the Sunday of VBS.
- On June 17th we had our car wash fundraiser. We had a great morning and raised over \$1,700 from the event. The youth worked hard and we enjoyed our time together.
- As we move into July, we will gather on July 2nd, 9th, and 16th.
- July also brings us to our Mission Trip to Altoona, PA. We will depart on Saturday, July 22nd, and return on Saturday, July 29th. I look forward to our time together and am excited to grow in our faith.

Treasurer's Report:

- n/a

Stewardship :

- The pledge packets to be sent to members around Sept 6-8th. Still hoping to have LifeServe around for a blood drive sometime during that annual stewardship campaign;
- The church has CDs at Bankers Trust that mature on July 23rd - the Assessment CD is over \$35,500 and the Memorial funds have \$20,000 of the total \$35,000 in a CD. Council agreed to renew the Memorial funds of \$20,000 for 9-15 months at Bankers Trust depending on the rates available at renewal; we are moving the Assessment savings into a savings or checking account going forward as we have an appraisal review expense to allocate from those funds, and we may repurpose those funds toward signs or other lawn/parking lot costs once we know what the City is covering in our purchase agreement for the sale of land to add 11th St connection.

Building & Grounds

- Trees were all removed in late June by the Valley Disaster Relief organization, and now the Eagle Scout project is in the works for replanting. Tim shared the recommendations from Carol Clarke with the Scout on about 4 trees to provide various colors at different seasons, and they will continue to collaborate on locations to avoid the street project work.
- Approved payment of \$2,144 for garage door repair from building funds and refrigerator repair of \$1,821.10 from general funds.
- We also donated \$1200 to Valley Disaster Relief (\$100/tree) and will spend around \$500 from budgeted funds to have Brady Miller come with a stump grinder and solicit Council members and other volunteers to clear the stumps. These two expenses are less than half the approved congregational budget for tree removal approved in February. Thanks to Tim for all the communication with vendors on this project!

Education:

- Carnival: August 27th for mini golf with committees each taking a hole and a bounce house, breakfast food, and snacks; Sunday School starts Sept 10th.
- Facebook: Jill encourages members to like and share the church's posts to continue to increase traffic to our Facebook page.
- Katie Murano did a great job with VBS again this year; it will be her last year and Council thanks Katie for her 2 years in this new/formalized VBS Coordinator role! We will advertise within the church again and speak with Matt Schmidt about ideas on young adults for next year. Council encourages any member to express interest to the Education Committee: Destiny Estes or Jill Capps.

Evangelism:

- July 4th fireworks - 125 bags of popcorn were all consumed; we went through almost 200 bottles of water and \$109 was collected in the free will offering. People love the use of the restrooms and bug spray so donations about covered the church's costs.
- Finishing farmers market - location is going well and there were a number of prayer requests (about 25 total) and interaction with kids playing bean bag. Thanks to all who did the booth this summer!
- Rob shared a hospitality team idea - considering

whether a subgroup could help put together volunteers to help with sporadic events where we all wear the same St. Peter shirt and hand out brochures at events like the Governor's Day parade, 4th of July, farmers market, Sunday School carnival and possible ice cream social in addition to Sunday worship and VBS. The committee will work to figure out how to implement something like this.

Worship & Music :

- Summer reported that the two worship service schedule starts Sept. 10th, and Wednesday worship resumes Sept. 13th.

Old Business:

- James St project update - The City has provided a verbal counter offer to our recent items to discuss. They have included all pavement for the 2 entrances, longer driveway and parking to the east of the new driveway and the parallel sidewalk. Executive and Building & Grounds will continue to discuss and Billi will update the congregation at Sunday's meeting.

New Business:

- Website Banner - Committee involved needs to share with Jill the details of what's displayed. For the next month, we are promoting the start of Sunday School and resumption of fall worship times.
- Approve slate of new Council members to present to congregation at the semi-annual meeting:
 - Executive: Steve Schultz
 - Evangelism: Jay Brewer
 - Worship and Music : Rita Rosenberg
 - Education:
- Semi-Annual meeting agenda items to include the road and tree removal for old business.

- Thank you to our out-going Council members: Monti Miller, Kayla Bernardino, Kaarin Fasse & Billi Brahn
- **Local Mission Donation:** Previously allocated
- Next Meeting August 10 at 7 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING JULY 16, 2023

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes of February 2023 Semi-Annual Meeting

Old Business

- Tree project update - Amy shared that Valley Disaster Relief/Chainsaw Ministries removed the remaining dead ash trees, stumps to be removed by coordination from Council and an Eagle Scout project is starting with 4 trees to plant and water.
- James Street Project Update - Billi shared the map again of the City's planned round-a-bout connecting 11th St and James Street and discussed the new 11th St. entrance to the south of the church and the proposed new entrance from James that would be moved north and curve around the sign. The City has counter offered to include around 13-14 parking spaces to the east of the driveway facing the church with a sidewalk running along it. They would deduct pavement costs from the approx \$106,000 starting value that their appraisal generated. The church paid for an appraisal review to see whether assumptions are reasonable. We discussed various questions of members and Executive Committee will continue to discuss with Benji Rouse, who is leading negotiations with the City. Executive Committee thanks Benji, Mike Martin, Heath Picken, Steve Schultz and Todd Pugh who have

Online Giving Opportunities

St. Peter has online giving options through Thrivent's Simply Giving Program to include one-time giving and to enable members to set up their own recurring donations through the following secure methods:

1. *Phone 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". Type in "St. Peter Lutheran" and choose our address in Grimes, and follow the steps.
2. *Website:* 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. *Bill Pay:* Set up bill pay through your bank to St. Peter Lutheran.

Please contact the church office with any questions.



attended extra meetings to discuss and advise.

New Business

- Council Member nominations/slate with 3 year terms (unless otherwise noted) were approved:
 - Executive: Steve Schultz & Eric Soultz (2 year)
 - Evangelism: Jay Brewer
 - Stewardship: Blake Franzen (2 year)
 - Worship & Music: Rita Rosenberg
 - Education: Amy shared that we are looking for a church member who feels called to serve in the Education Committee for the next term. Please express your interest to Destiny Estes, Jill Capps or Pastor Mark.
- Requested volunteers for the upcoming year's nominating committee: Heidi Ridnour, Monti Miller, Tammy Pugh. Volunteers were approved.
- Next Semi-Annual Meeting Date: We will likely need another meeting to approve the purchase agreement with the City of Grimes TBD. Our Regular meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2024.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WELCA MEETING

JULY 6, 2023

- The Women's Summer Social was a taco night held at the Schlenker's home on June 16 and was enjoyed by all attending.
- VBS was held last week and very successful. WELCA provided bomb pops and ice cream sandwiches the final night to celebrate.
- The school supply drive will be held during the remainder of July. Our goal will be to contribute to the needs of one elementary school. This year it will be South Prairie Elementary in Grimes. Sue worked with Sarah Schock to identify items that are often forgotten or more difficult to obtain. We will set up the "Learning Tree" in the narthex and on it will be apples which name the desired items. Church members may pick an apple, obtain the item and return it to the basket under the Learning Tree. The drive will run through the end of July, but items may be returned until August 6.
- Ellie reported that gifts to Mosaic continue to be well received. She has started placing a card with the gift stating it is from St Peter. There are times when the care givers are short on time when she is making the delivery, so the intent of the card is to communicate our continued care and commitment to them. Upcoming plans are:

- August—State Fair tickets
- September—pizza party
- October—Something at Halloween
- The social in August will involve a family bike ride. Members can meet after church at the HandleBar restaurant located at 1607 Sugar Grove Ave in Dallas Center. We will meet at 10:30 then bike either direction. The thought is to return about noon to the restaurant for food and fellowship. This allows church family members not wishing to bike to still join in on the fun.
- There was one baptism in June.
- Michelle's treasurer report shows the following balances:

Kitchen	\$2,413.40
General	\$3,989.12
Total	\$6,402.52
- There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 7 in the fellowship hall to begin at 6:00 pm.
- Additional note July 9, 2023—Members made a unanimous decision to send \$400 to Myamba for the purchase of feminine hygiene products in support of the female scholarship recipients. Roberta Yoder is working with the office to send this gift along with some scholarship money this month.

