

The Voice



From the Desk of Pastor Mark:

The month of August in our community signals the end of summer break and the beginning of a new school year. The summer camps, vacations, and get-togethers begin to wind down as people begin to prepare for a new school year. At St. Peter, that also means we are wrapping up some fun summer ministries, while gearing up for a new program year.

Here's a recap of a few of St. Peter's summer ministries:

Worship: One Sunday 9:00 AM service allows for people to get to know others who typically may worship at a different time of service. It also allows for a more relaxed time of coffee/treats and fellowship without rushing off to Sunday school. An upgrade to the internet service this summer enhanced the live-stream services.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Kids enjoyed five nights of fun activities, singing and hearing the promise that "God is with us wherever we go." We had 74 campers and 45 youth volunteers, and 27 adult volunteers.. Fantastic!

Serving: VBS raised \$1,000 and tied 9 blankets for Iowa Homeless Youth Centers in Des Moines. School supplies were gathered in July for the Grimes Storehouse to distribute to kids in need in our community. July 20 and 27, fifty breakfast casseroles were made to help feed the homeless and near homeless through the mobile food pantry of Salvation Army. August focuses on the scholarship ministry for our companion congregation in Tanzania, Myamba Lutheran Parish. The goal is to reach 100 scholarships once again for their coming school year.

Youth Mission Trip: 45 youth and 11 adults drove to Copperhill, TN to help

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Worship Schedule

*Thank you for joining us
for worship!*

Summer Sunday worship runs from May 25– August 31 and is at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday worship and Sunday School will resume in the fall.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

The fall Kick-Off for both Middle School and High School Youth Group will be **August 27 from 5:30-7:30 PM**

Beginning in September, High School Youth group will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month and Middle School Youth Group will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

St. Peter Lutheran Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open
Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
*Call for appointments outside of
these hours
(Summer Hours)

Jill Capps – Director of
Faith Formation
Jill's day off is Friday.

Pastor Mark Schlenker
Pastor's day off is Friday.

people in need. Through home repairs/maintenance and community projects they will be bringing the love of Jesus with them through their work.

Grimes Farmers Market: St. Peter has had a prayer booth a number Saturdays in the summer. What a great way to be out in the community making Christ's love known. If you go to the Farmer's market, make sure to stop by and say hello. If you'd like to serve at the booth, reach out to church office for who to contact.

Here are a few upcoming activities that will kick off the new program year at St. Peter:

Church Picnic and Kickoff: Sunday, August 17 following 9:00 AM worship.

Backpack Sunday: Sunday, August 24 at 9:00 AM worship. Prayers and blessings for students before the beginning of a new school year.

Lunch Abroad: Tuesday, August 26 at 11:30 AM. More information found in the VOICE.

MS/HS Youth Group Kickoff: Wednesday, August 27, from 5:30-7:30 PM at Church.

It's been a great summer of ministry at St. Peter! I'm looking forward to the new program year kicking off soon. Exciting to see where the Spirit is at work in and through the ministries of St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Gathered to Grow. Sent to serve.

Pastor Mark

Coming Up at St. Peter

Fall Kickoff and Church Picnic

Join us on August 17th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for a church-wide picnic following the service! It will be a celebration of food, inflatables, and mini golf for all to enjoy! We can't wait to gather in fellowship to celebrate the final days of summer and kick off our upcoming fall activities!



Blessing of the Backpacks

All children are invited to bring their backpacks to church with them on Sunday, August 24, 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!

CALLED as children of God, and CLAIMED by the Holy Spirit, the members of St. Peter Lutheran Church are GATHERED together to build each other up to use and GROW our gifts in the multitude of ministries we share – and are SENT out to serve the greater church, our community, and our world by using those gifts and ministries to share God’s love as the united people of God.

Copperhill, TN Mission Trip Recap August 10

July 19-26, forty-five youth along with eleven adults went to Copperhill, Tennessee, to work with residents of their community. Youth and adults worked in the community doing household repairs and participated in faith-based activities throughout the week. On August 10, youth will share their experiences with the congregation during worship. We hope to see you there!



Choir Director Job Opening

Join our team! St. Peter has an opening for a part-time adult choir director. The program year runs from September – May, with practices occurring on Wednesday evenings and performances on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the church office at stpeter@stpeterofgrimes.org.

Farmer’s Market

Come visit your St. Peter friends at our booth at the Grimes Farmers and Community Market! The market takes place on Saturday mornings in June, July, and August from 7 a.m. -12 p.m. at Heritage Park in Grimes. St. Peter’s August booth dates are the 2nd and 16th.



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Lunch Abroad with Pastor Mark

Who: All are welcome

What: Enjoy good food, good conversations, and good fun. Pastor Mark will share some information on the Christian church and other facts of the country through fun trivia questions. See how much you know (or what you can learn) about a different country and how you like their food.

When: 11:30 am Tuesday, August 26th

Where: Istanbul Grill at 3281 100th St., Urbandale 50322 A room is reserved for St. Peter.

Why: Fun way to get together with other members while trying new food and learning something about our neighbors from other countries and cultures.

How Much: Each person will be responsible for paying their own meal. Check their website Istanbulgrilliowa.com for pricing.

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

Return of Fall Programming in September

September 3: Confirmation; High School Youth Group

September 7: Sunday School and 8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship

September 10: Wednesday 6:30 PM Worship; Middle School Youth Group

September 10: Children's Choir



VBS was great fun, with stations for crafts, science, games, stories, snacks along with singing and skits for opening/closing each night. Youth and volunteers had a great time and raised \$1000 for the Iowa Homeless Youth Center in Des Moines!

During **Governor's Days**, a fun crew represented St. Peter in the parade; and volunteers ran an ice cream social open to the community!



Pastoral Acts

Reagan Kay Pierce, daughter of Amy and Nathan Pierce, was born on February 24, 2025, in Des Moines, IA. Reagan was baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes on July 20, 2025, by Rev. Mark Schlenker. Michelle and Doug Leiding are Reagan's baptism sponsors.

Karen Eilers and Kyle King were married on June 15, 2025, in Hickman, Nebraska. Pastor Mark Schlenker officiated the wedding.

Faith, Fellowship, Coffee, & Dessert

All are welcome to join our Thursday afternoon Bible study, which is studying the book of Genesis from through August. This relaxed Bible study meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. There is no registration required, and you can come as often or as little as your schedule allows. Contact Jill with any questions.

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

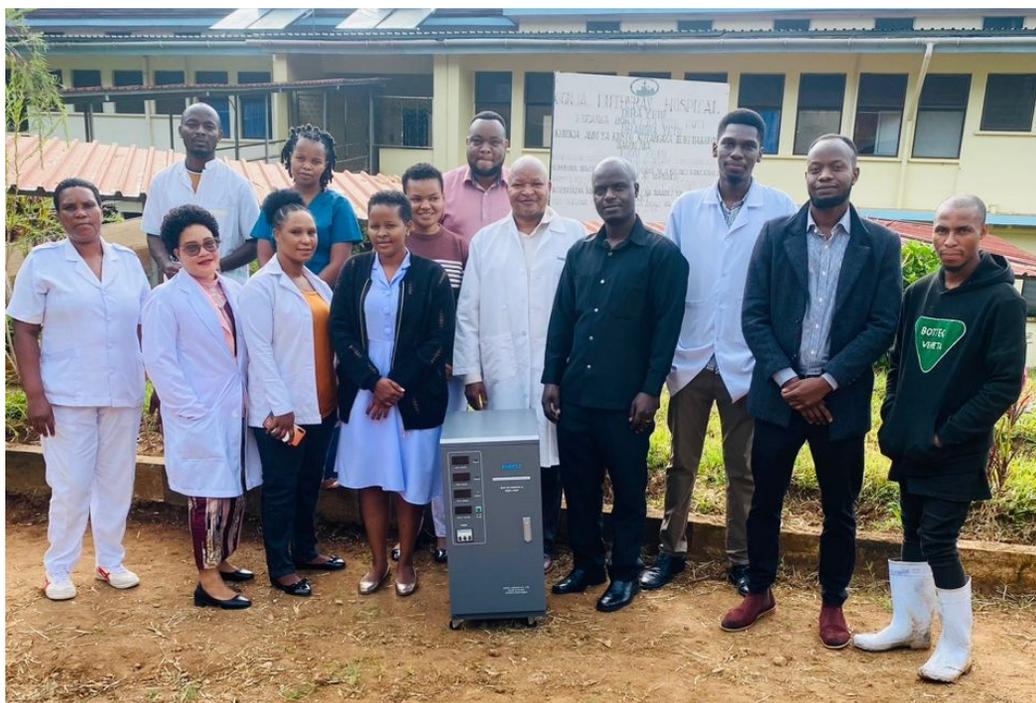


St. Peter's Additional Supports of Myamba Lutheran Parish

St. Peter's Secondary School Scholarship Program has widespread impact on Myamba, as does St. Peter's Annual Gift to Myamba of \$2,500 provided by offerings through a General Fund budget line item. The annual gift is typically used for building projects or parish-wide expenses. St. Peter has helped meet other needs of Myamba, nearby Gonja Hospital, and the Pare Diocese in general, when surplus funds permit. Some St. Peter members have expressed interest in helping meet future needs:

- Scholarships for hearing-impaired Myamba students to attend Mwanga School for the Deaf, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Three young girls of Myamba Parish attend Mwanga. St. Peter Sunday school offerings pay a small portion of the costs.
- Medical support for young Myamba children with bowed legs, which can either be corrected surgically or with leg braces. Since 2011, six Myamba children have received treatment. Sioux City orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Steve Meyer, through Siouxland Tanzania Educational Medical Ministries he co-founded, has either performed or overseen these treatments. St. Peter's Myamba Ministry Team is a liaison between STEMM and Myamba and has sent allowances for travel and treatment expenses.
- Education expense support for post-secondary students seeking higher education or vocational training. Requests are handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Occasional financial gifts to nearby Gonja Lutheran Hospital, owned by the Pare Diocese, of which Myamba Parish is a member. St. Peter sent some funds to Gonja in May to secure equipment to stabilize its electrical service to prevent destructive power surges (see picture below).

Your questions about St. Peter's Tanzanian programs can be directed to members of the St. Peter Myamba Ministry Team.



August—Back-to-School Scholarship 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. We emphasize St. Peter’s secondary school scholarship program for Myamba students attending 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 approximately one half of a student’s total cost, partnering with students’ parents/guardians who cover the balance. Total costs cover school fees; uniform, socks and shoes; hot lunch; testing fees; and school security. St. Peter 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.

116 students are receiving annual scholarships for the 2025 calendar year school year through St. Peter’s program. Your St. Peter Myamba Ministry Team is hoping to receive pledges to provide at least 100 scholarships for the 2026 school year beginning in January.

Hear all about it! You’ll learn more about this program and how you can help during brief Myamba Moments at worship services in August. The St. Peter Emissary team visited the Myamba schools and met with students during their January 2025 trip; you’ll see pictures they took there and during visits to Gonja Lutheran Hospital and Mwanga School for the Deaf. They’ll update you on their time with Semayombe, whose video was shown last August in a “Where are They Now” feature on Myamba secondary school graduates. In a new “Where is She Now” segment, you’ll hear about Elizabeth, who began primary school at Mwanga School for the Deaf in 2015 with St. Peter Sunday school offerings paying for part of her costs. Elizabeth graduated from Mwanga Primary School in 2024, passed the national exam and now attends a Secondary School for the deaf!

Pledge cards are available; a copy is included below. Pledge payments can be placed in the offering plate, in the baskets on the information table, received online, or mailed to the church office.

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

PLEDGE/DONATION FORM FOR 2026 SCHOOL YEAR (Jan.-Nov. 2026) 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 supplies; school uniforms (shirt/slacks/sweaters for boys; blouse/skirt/sweater for girls), shoes, socks, 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 those students most in need of financial assistance, as identified by Myamba’s companionship committee, Pastor, Parish Evangelists and lay leadership.

Secondary School Scholarship Program

_____ I pledge to donate \$100 per scholarship for _____ (# of scholarships) for the 2026 school year.

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

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

_____ I pledge to pray for St. Peter’s 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 Sec. Scholarships.”

Volunteers Needed – Can You Help?

If you can help as a communion **preparer** contact Kaarin Fasse. To be a **communion assistant**, please contact Katie Scholl.

If you would like to help as **Assisting Minister**, please contact Rita Rosenberg.

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 Rita Rosenberg.

If you want to 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!



We support the Grimes Storehouse Food Pantry!

Our August focus will be:



Personal Care Items



Bring in donations of body wash, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, Q-tips, toothpaste, mouthwash, and toothbrushes.

Donations can be dropped off in the basket next to the Service Counter.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 12, 2025

Pastor's Report:

- Habitat for Humanity build was a success on May 12 and 13th. We had 2 different groups of a dozen each work on a home in Greenfield, IA, which was hit with a tornado last year. The future home owner, Connor, helped on the build as well. Prayers for him and his young family of four.
- On May 11th we had the baptism for one of our youth, Shenandoah Clarke. We also recognized graduating seniors in worship.
- Confirmation rehearsal, meal and sharing of faith statements was on May 14th. What a wonderful and moving experience to hear these youth share in their own way and words, what their faith means to them.
- Confirmation Sunday was on May 18th. It is always a joy to have the youth boldly profess their faith in front of the whole congregation.
- Synod Assembly was on Saturday, May 17th. It was held at Grand View University this year. It is good to gather and celebrate our shared ministries together.
- Saturday, June 7th was a great day for St. Peter showing hospitality and welcome. A good group of St. Peter representatives walked in the parade in Grimes inviting the community to VBS, worship and the ice cream social. Ice cream social following parade at St. Peter saw over 300 people. The parking lot was opened to the community for the weekend of Governor's Days Carnival. Many people used the parking lot and grass of St. Peter to watch the fireworks. The building was opened for people to use the restroom as needed for the fireworks also. Thanks to everyone who made Christ's love known through hospitality at St. Peter Lutheran.
- Adult choir director position has not been filled as of yet. I posted information with DM metro pastors that I know. I also sent the synod information to post on their "job openings" spot on the website.

Faith Formation Report—Jill Capps

- **Faith Formation:** We had a great turnout for the Governors Days Parade with 28 members walking/riding in the parade. We threw out lots of candy & passed out

From the Stewardship Committee— Blake Franzen & Brenda Johnston

June 2025

Income: \$22,262.46
Expense: \$31,798.98
Net Loss: (\$9,536.52)

Year to Date June 2025

Income: \$161,073.46
Expense: \$187,188.07
Net Loss: (\$26,114.61)

- General Fund—June 2025, expenses were greater than income, thus it finished with loss of \$9,536.52.
- General Fund YTD—June 2025, expenses were greater than income, thus it finished with a loss of \$26,114.61.

fliers inviting people to St. Peter & the Ice Cream Social. Thank you to Heavenly Delights for providing ice cream to the over 300 people we served following the Governors Days parade and a thank you to those that helped serve & greet people at the ice cream social. I heard from many community members that were so thankful for the ice cream & access to our bathrooms following the parade & during the fireworks.

- Summer Sunday Service Opportunities – Thanks to a generous gift by a St. Peter member, the costs have been covered for a Salvation Army Breakfast casserole event in July. Members will have the opportunity to prepare breakfast casseroles following both the July 13th and July 20th worship services. Watch Facebook, ENews, and bulletins for more information about this project.
- **Confirmation:** On June 11th I will meet with the incoming 7th graders and their parents for confirmation orientation. Confirmation orientation is also open to any youth in 7th grade or above who has not yet been confirmed.
- At St. Peter we use the NRSV translation of the Bible, an updated version will be released and will be the Lutheran Study bible that we give in 5th grade that is used in confirmation. These Bibles currently cost more than the old version so we will see a slight impact (about \$7-10 per Bible) to the budget.
- **VBS:** We are just a couple weeks away from VBS. We have over 70 campers signed up along with 43 Youth volunteers (wow!) – it is great to see our youth excited to help our younger members have a fantastic week at VBS. We also have 26 adults signed up to help as well. Planning is well underway, and we have leaders and assistants for all areas.
- Our service focus during VBS will be on youth homelessness with funds raised going to support IHYC in Des Moines. Watch Facebook, ENews and the bulletin to learn how you can help our campers support this project.
- **Technology:** On June 10th we completed a successful transition to Metronet for our internet and phone service. The new internet line has already been buried. We will be in contact with Mediacom so they can come remove the existing line & equipment that belongs to them. We have already noticed an improvement in internet connections and clarity on the phone lines.
- A St. Peter member reached out to me and has generously offered to cover the cost of the soundboard computer (it's currently in the budget – I've let Chad know), and to replace the fellowship hall projector which will make it easier for us to connect our Apple devices wirelessly for presentations, confirmation lessons, and youth group mission trip meetings. In addition, they will be covering the cost of new adjustable height tables for the kindergarten & pre-k rooms.

Youth Report

- I finished out the school year with Middle School and High School Youth group in May. It was such a great year getting to know a lot of the youth at St. Peter! Thank you to my awesome volunteers, Jason Hughes, Matt Morris, and Mindy Morris!!
- Breakfast Club finished the school year with going to McDonalds. It was a fun breakfast with 12 kids and 2 awesome volunteers, Rob and Heidi Ridnour!
- Our May Mission Trip (June 1st) was successful with over 35 youth learning and trying out tools that they will be using in Copperhill.
- St. Peter Youth Group is now enrolled in the can recycling program called Droppett. Church members can get tags from church and place them on their bags of cans or boxes of bottles. The bags can be dropped off at Many Hands Thrift Market in Grimes at their new building in the front parking lot. You just scan the barcode on the tag and place the bags inside. St. Peter Youth Group will receive the 5 cent deposit per can.

Treasurer's Report:

- Discussed and approved May financials
- \$1,648.00 was paid in May from Building funds related to steeple repair

Stewardship :

- 2 CDs were moved from Bankers Trust to Charter. 1 remains at Bankers Trust

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.



- Both current Charter CDs were renewed or will be by the end of June.
- 5 total CDs with varying maturities and rates based on projected usage of funds and best rates for those time frames.

Building & Grounds

- Installed "No Parking on Grass" signs and rope
- Installed new batteries in the fire alarm panel
- Took down cross
- Rekeyed locks to youth room
- MoM: Discussed additional Steeple repair that is needed and has been a topic for several years. Wood frame is rotting and needs to be replaced. Estimate \$5000. Approved \$5000 for Bldg&Grounds to proceed with Steeple repair.

Education:

- VBS has about 70 kids signed up with lots of volunteers.
- Upcoming dates
- *Aug 3 - Sunday School Prep Party (many hands make light work to get the curriculum ready for the year!)
- *Aug 17 - Fall Kickoff and Church Picnic (with WELCA & the Men's Group)
- *Aug 24 Blessing of the Backpacks
- *Sept 7 First day of regular Sunday School Lessons
- There is an updated edition of the NRSVUE bible that we purchase for our kids in 5th grade. It is different from the current edition enough that it may impact students in some classes and confirmation during this transition. The cost is more expensive, and there will be a bumped cost when we decide the best way to get them on the same page.

Evangelism:

- More than 15+ members walked in the parade ,which was followed by serving 300-350 ice cream sundaes at our 2nd annual ice cream social. Thank you Capps family and Tim Schiller for setting up the ice cream station and dishing out the sundaes and the Jackson family for driving again in the parade. Later that evening we opened our church for those that stayed to watch the fireworks. Our parking lot was full and everyone enjoyed the show!
- Special thanks to Heavenly Delights ice cream for once again sponsoring all of the ice cream and cups.
- It's Farmers Market season!! Once again St Peter will have a tent at the Grimes Farmers Market. We have selected to participate on the following Saturdays in June 21, 28, July 12, 26, Aug 2, 16. Please stop out and say hello. 8 AM- 12 PM, 1055 NE Beaverbrooke Blvd.
- Thank you for everyone participating in Fellowship hour. Remember anyone can sign up and host our fellowship hour. Reach out if we can assist with sign up!

Worship & Music :

- Continue looking for choir director

New Business:

- Recommend to replace AC #4 unit and repair/recharge the others. The cost (quote) of \$7,784 seems reasonable. Building and Grounds has item in budget for A/C replacement. Recommend to do this before any China taxes are in effect.
- St. Peter Constitution- published Congregation – Email sent for preview of constitution – 1st reading. Paper copies available for those that don't receive the email
- Summary from Steve - St. Peter Insurance Policy review and comparison from current Church Mutual vs. Acuity quote - option to reduce any of the deductibles: Recommended from the insurance agent to conduct a review in October – appointment October 1st (an agent that will have a review of Church Mutual (current), Acuity, Philadelphia Insurance) to do the comparison
- Marco Copier lease - Fees – Tariff and Inflationary Assessment Fees – Steve contacted, no updates from Marco
- Update to Facility Use Policy – Revision related to entry to St. Peter (clubs, groups) by a minor must be accompanied by the responsible party (adult sponsor) for that club or group. A review of building access, (who has a key) is also being conducted.
- MoM: Slate of candidate nominations is progressing. 1 more position to have a candidate identified. Asking for candidates to attend the semi-annual congregational meeting June 29. Information set for the meeting. Facility use policy to

be updated and discussion to update the door code to the kitchen and set this on an annual schedule to update. Carol to update Lauri on kitchen door code refresh. Most council members will be able to attend the June 29 semi-annual congregational meeting.

Local Mission Donation: YSS (IHYS) in partnership with VBS

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 29, 2025

OLD BUSINESS

- Road Construction Update
- An electronic sign is proposed for future church signage. The church council has considered options and are waiting for the road construction to be completed to have a better idea of placement before ordering. The land sale CD is allocated as funds for the purchase of the signage.

NEW BUSINESS

- Constitution update: Steve reviewed the recommendations for modifications to our St. Peter constitution, which had been shared with the congregation prior to the meeting as well. Approved recommendation and revisions to the St. Peter Constitution. A 2nd vote of approval of this will be at the January/February Semi-Annual meeting.
- Choir Director position : To date , we have not had any interest or applications submitted. Following conversations with local universities and other congregations, we expanded to post on Indeed.
- Grimes Farmers Market St Peter Booth upcoming dates: July 12th & 26th; August 2nd & 16th
- Recognition of Council members stepping down at completion of their terms: Eric Soultz, Rob Ridnour, Blake Franzen, and Todd Pugh. Thank you to all and to your commitment to St. Peter. Eric is on deployment and could not be present.
- Approval of Executive and Church Council Nominations:
 - Jason Snow: Executive Council
 - Adam Springer: Building and Grounds
 - Allison Newman: Evangelism
 - To be named: Stewardship
- Status of St. Peter assistance to Myamba parish. Dave Eilers updated the funds (budgeted) provided for Gonja Hospital for a 3-phase stabilizer for their electricity (solar power units). Funds were also wired (in progress) for Kambeni sub-parish. Myamba team is planning to connect with other congregations (Iowa) with sister parishes in Tanzania to determine if funds can be coordinated for greater impact.
- Next Semi-Annual meeting date: February 8, 2026 (Proposed)

WELCA MINUTES JUNE 2025

OLD BUSINESS

Treasure Report - Kerry

- Balance \$10,030.69
- Craft Fair \$1097.62
- Admin - \$3697 out of \$4000
- Youth - \$1000 out of \$1000
- Outreach \$1222.92 out of \$1500
- Donations \$1500 out of \$1500
- Mission trip donation - Nicky reached out to Bambi for needs

Financial Requests

- Jill - \$100 for VBS party (popsicles) - **approved**
- Bambi - **approved** for a \$2000 to update front entryway. She will turn in receipts .

REPORT OUTS

- Baptisms - none to report

- Desert and Devotion - 9 in attendance- thank you to Stephanie
- Craft Fair - Road construction may have impacted the attendance and we would consider again for next year. Brought in over \$1000

NEW BUSINESS

- Desert and Devotion will be canceled for July - moved to Fall
- School Supply Drive: Month of July. We will receive a donation board from our Grimes Storehouse contact person. WELCA will purchase items not donated.
- Church Potluck/Picnic (WELCA and Men's Group) August 17th. Adult games and children's games outside - putt putt, bags. Food indoors ***Next step is to meet with Men's group to organize food***
 - WELCA Triennial Gathering (event center in DSM) - July 16-19, 2026. SE Iowa Synod Convention in Grinnell - June 27 -28th. Stephanie provided a report out. Donation for care kits for homeless in Des Moines is a opportunity for 2025. St Peter WELCA is recognized as an active organization

NEXT WELCA Meeting - July 15th - Destination Grill 6:30 p.m.

WELCA MINUTES JULY 2025

OLD BUSINESS

Treasure Report - Kerry

- Balance \$9326.63
- Admin - \$2992.94 out of \$4000
- Youth - \$1000 out of \$1000
- Outreach \$1222.92 out of \$1500
- Donations \$1500 out of \$1500

Financial Requests

- Sunday School Prep Meeting - \$100 approved - Beth Hanson will provide receipt
- Mission Trip Donation - Kerry will check in with Bambi for need

REPORT OUTS

- Baptisms—Reagan Kay Pierce 07/20/25

NEW BUSINESS

- School supply drive: monitoring tags. Board approved \$300 from Outreach budget to cover remaining items.
- St. Peter Webpage: Stephanie worked with Jill to update WELCA information on the website
- Fall Kickoff: August 17. Working with WELCA, Evangelism, and Men's Group for food items. Education will provide games.
- Mosaic Pizza party: Amanda will coordinate a pizza party in August.
- Silent Auction: planning meeting scheduled on Sept. 18 at Nicky's house at 6:30 p.m.
- Triennial Annual Gathering 2026—July 16-19 in Des Moines

Next WELCA Meeting—August 19