



**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
PO Box 127  
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## February Newsletter 2025

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### **Worship Times**

St. Peter, Rockwell  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

### **Worship Online Sundays at 9:00 am**

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) at St Peters Lutheran Church Rockwell IA  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) at St Peter Lutheran Church  
St Peter website: [www.stpeterrockwell.com](http://www.stpeterrockwell.com)



### **A Valentine to God: Psalm 139**

God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. I' m an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I' m thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I' m never out of your sight. You know everything I' m going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and you' re there, then up ahead and you' re there, too - your reassuring presence, coming and going. This is too wonderful - I can' t take it all in!

**Church Secretary:** Christy Meinders  
**Cell phone:** 641-430-1041  
**Church email:** [stpeter@netins.net](mailto:stpeter@netins.net)  
**Church Office Phone:** 641-822-3101

***Please pray for:***  
Jo Thomas, Jenn Butler, Shane Heft, DiAnne & Dave Severin, Dawn & Wendel Thomas, Dennis Huntbatch, Audrey Harder, Bob Brood, Joan Petersen, Kathleen Hansen, Larry Kruckenberg, Clarence Kirchhoff, Janet Hoftiezer, Kevin Hoftiezer, Lon Peterson, Wendy Jorgensen, Seneca Echelberger, Cheryl Heinz and all who are homebound or hospitalized, or are suffering in any way.

**Prayer Requests or Visits**

**Just a reminder:** If you have any prayer requests that you would like added to the bulletins/newsletters, or you would like someone to visit and/or bring communion, please contact the church office – leave a message on the phone 641-822-3101 or email [stpeter@netins.net](mailto:stpeter@netins.net)

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**Please send all announcements** to St. Peter’s email: [stpeter@netins.net](mailto:stpeter@netins.net) or call the church office phone number @ 641-822-3101 to leave any messages you may have. I am at the church most nights from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Sending an email is the best way to get a message to me. Thank you, Christy.

**Articles and information for the March’s Newsletter are due by Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. PETER CHURCH NEWS**

- President:** Jason Grunklee.....641- 990-9328
- Treasurer:** Mrs. Linda Meyer.....641-822-4755 [klmeyer@netins.net](mailto:klmeyer@netins.net)
- WELCA President:** Mrs. Cheryl Flatness.....641-822-3472
- LYO President:** Jana Harms
- Faith Formation Team:** Pam Litterer, Brandie Witte, Chelsey Morrison, Mary Etta Miller, Alicia Vaughn, Rich Fjone
- Custodian:** Wendy Jorgensen.....641-210-8187
- Organist:** Mrs. Lana Schaefer.....641-425-7615
- Secretary:** Christy Meinders.....641-430-1041

## **USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

Dave Meinders, Troy Meinders, Chris Morrison & Families

## **GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY**

Shane & Nancy Heft

## **COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR FEBRUARY**

Mark & Carol Ames

## **ACOLYTES FOR FEBRUARY**

JT Litterer & Emma Litterer

### **Sunday School February Happenings:**

● Frosting Containers ○ We are looking for donations of used/clean frosting containers ○ They will be used with our upcoming Lenten Mission Project ○ Containers can be placed in the Sunday School area

● Sunday School Kids will sing during the 9 am worship service on Sunday, Feb. 23.

● **Bake Sale** ○ Before and after church on Sunday, Feb. 23 the Sunday School will be having a Bake Sale in the Narthex. ○ It will be a free-will donation ○ The money earned will go towards our Lenten Mission Project ○ Anyone who would like to donate items for the Bake Sale please have them to the church by 8am on Sunday, Feb. 23.

■ Anyone in the congregation is welcome to bake something for our bake sale

■ Items can be placed in the kitchen (labeled Bake Sale)

■ Have them packaged the way that you want them sold Riverside Update (riversideLBC.org)

**Summer Camp dates** are open/early bird registration ends on February 15, 2025

● There are many options for those entering 3rd grade-High School

● There are even adult and family camp options Spring Blast registration is open

● April 5, 2025 ● Sunday School will be taking a group if we have enough people interested

● Open to those in 2nd-6th grade Missions will pay a portion for both Summer Camp and Spring Blaze, but the decision for how much will be made after the number of kids registered is known.

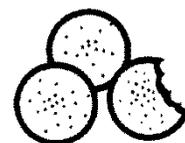
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**Our church volunteers lead bingo** at the **Rockwell nursing home**. We furnish the prizes plus 4 (four) dozen homemade cookies. If you would like to donate cookies, please sign your name and the amount of cookies you are furnishing on the signup sheet found on the bulletin board. Thanks for volunteering!



**St. Peter Men are invited to a Saturday Breakfast/Bible Study** at the Faith United Church. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (see church calendar for dates) Contact Rich Fjone for more information.

**Pleasant Valley Golf Course-Thornton** will be hosting a Soup Luncheon on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00. Chicken Noodle, Chili, Bean w/Ham, and Philly Cheesesteak are the soups along with buns, bars, and lemonade. Free Will Offering is accepted and Take Out Orders Available!

If you wish to **Reserve the Parish Hall and/or Church**, please contact the Church Secretary, Christy Baxter @ 641 -822-3101 or by sending an email to [stpeter@netins.net](mailto:stpeter@netins.net). The Reservation will be placed on the Church Calendar located in the Parish Hall hallway. Also, if you want to borrow any items from the kitchen, please notify the secretary, to check them out.



Women of Faith (formerly

Mary/Martha Circle)

**FEBRUARY MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**at 1:30 pm**

**Devotions: Carol Ames**

**Hostess: Carol Wessels**

**The Women of the ELCA St Peter** is composed of all confirmed women of the Church. They are “members” of (Mary Circle/Martha Circle) as listed in the Church Handbook.

All women are encouraged to attend the Circle Meetings.

The Officers for 2023 of the WELCA are as follows:

President: Cheryl Flatness

Vice President: Carol Ames

Secretary: Linda Meyer

Treasurer: Linda Corporon

Chairman of Education: Linda Heft

Chairman of Stewardship: Linda Corporon

## **St Peter Pastoral Acts 2025**

*“In Christ all shall be made alive” 1 Corinthians 15:22*

**Baptisms**

**First Communion**

**New members**

**Confirmation**

**United in Marriage**

**Transfer Out**

**Funerals**

## February Article

*February reminds us of love. Love for the Lord, love for our partners, and love for friends and family. We offer you this story of the power of love between a mother and daughter.*

**"Without Amy's support, I would still be an addict, and I wouldn't be where I am today," said Michelle, an LSI client.**

Michelle was struggling with substance abuse, legal issues, and mental health issues when she found LSI therapist Amy Davis back in 2021.

"God helps us in ways we don't always want him to," said Michelle. "When the coronavirus pandemic hit, I lost my job. The unemployment lines were long at the time, so we went several months without a paycheck, so I decided to get creative with my finances. I started selling drugs and was later arrested with a large quantity of drugs. They came in, took my kid, and I went to jail. After that, I was referred to work with Amy at LSI."

Michelle and Amy worked through Michelle's childhood trauma, processing the significant losses in her life due to drug overdose and death. Amy helped Michelle work on building a positive support system, a list of future goals, and a relationship with her daughter, Rachel.

"Rachel and I had a lot of problems when we entered therapy because I was a drug addict, and there was a lot of broken trust between us," said Michelle. "LSI therapists helped us rebuild that trust and helped show her the progress I had made when she couldn't see it herself."

Rachel, in therapy as well, has been seeing LSI Therapist Chelsea Zaragoza since 2019. In addition to one-on-one therapy sessions with their respective therapists, Michelle and Rachel also do family therapy sessions with Amy and Chelsea. These sessions help the mother and daughter have time set aside to talk about issues they are having in a healthy, productive way.

"Michelle has had a lot of struggles, loss, and a lot of people who didn't believe in her, and her daughter was one of them," said Amy Davis, LSI Therapist. "We have worked hard doing family and individual therapy to bring those two back together, and it has worked. Where they are now, I don't think I've seen a mother-daughter relationship as healthy as the two of them are."

Today, Michelle has her daughter back in her home, she is thriving as a general manager at a coffee shop, and she is going to school for substance abuse counseling. She just received her one-year sobriety chip, and she has a good support system.

**"To see how far Michelle has come since I met her is truly remarkable," said Amy. "She built the ladder, and she climbed out."**

"I was a mess when I first came to LSI," said Michelle. "Now, I'm sober, in college, have a high-paying job, and have my daughter back. Amy believed in me when no one else did, not even myself. She gave me hope."