



ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

PO Box 127
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August Newsletter 2026

Worship Times

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

Worship Online Sundays at 9:00 am

www.youtube.com at St Peters Lutheran Church Rockwell IA

www.facebook.com at St Peter Lutheran Church

St Peter website: www.stpeterrockwell.com

A Prayer for a New School Year

As the School Year Begins Lord Jesus Christ, as a child, you increased in wisdom and stature, you listened to your teachers and asked them questions. Bless those who learn that they may grow in the knowledge of their Maker, Redeemer, Life-giver, and your glorious world. Bless those who teach, that they may share the wisdom they have received from above and that they may do their work with patience and love that reflect your mercy that endures forever.

You yourself are the Great Teacher. Instruct all of us in your commandments: to show love by glorifying you and serving our neighbors. Disciple all of us with your holy Gospel: to be forgiven, renewed and empowered through your life, death, and [resurrection](#). Fill our hearts with wonder and excitement as we see your divine design in math and science, as we see your hand in history, as we learn to glorify you through art and music, as we learn to know our neighbors, their hopes, their hurts, their needs, that your love may flow through us to them.

Your holy Word also tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." By your power, help us increase in wisdom, never ceasing to learn all the days of our lives until we sit at your feet in your Kingdom; wherewith the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Greetings and Happy July from Lay Minister Jason-

I'd like to take a moment and wish everyone a happy summer! Hopefully you were able to spend some time with family and friends, whether on vacation, celebrating the 4th of July or whatever...you were able to pause life and enjoy some "R and R" with a few nearest and dearest and recharge the old batteries.

For this month's newsletter, I wanted to take a second and discuss two things...the first is my current work with CPE. CPE stands for Clinical Pastoral Education. I am currently serving, and will continue throughout August, with the amazing chaplains at Mercy One in Mason City. I'm also taking a class, which meets through Zoom on Tuesdays. My goal is to work, develop and practice my abilities to serve those who are patients at the hospital, to improve my abilities to offer professional, empathetic spiritual care to those in crisis. It is a major undertaking, and I appreciate all the prayer and support from St. Peter during this training. The time is flying by, to be sure! About 5 weeks and it'll be over already!

The second thing is a gentle reminder not to let summer disconnect you from the Lord. Three months off of school can be a time to relax, to recharge and to enjoy life. Sometimes, however, instead of summer feeling restful, it ends up busier than the school year and we don't have time to catch a breath. If this sounds like you, I hope you're able to take some time mentally and physically for you! I hope you have time to stop, relax and enjoy a little bit of this thing called life. There's therapy in "take a moment".

Along those same lines, I hope you're "taking a moment" with God too. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of life, the family at St Peter wants to remain an anchor for you. It is a place to find support, friendship and celebrate life together. It is also a place to lay down your burdens. Through a summer of life changes, schedule shifts and new/different habits, when you are not here, you are profoundly missed. It just isn't the same, looking into the congregation and not seeing you. Watching online is a great way to worship with us when traveling or unable to attend, but there is a unique and irreplaceable energy that happens when we gather together in person. Your presence matters...not just for what I hope you receive, but for the encouragement and impact you have on others in the pew. St Peter is incomplete without you.

I encourage you to make St Peter part of your routine again. Whether you're looking to reconnect after the summer off, or it's been a LONG TIME since you've attended, I promise that there's a seat waiting for you. The doors will be open and a warm welcome has your name on it.

If there is anything I can do to help and support you and your family, please do not hesitate for a second to reach out to me! I would love to connect with you! Matthew 18:20.

Thanks be to God! WHOOO!
Lay Minister Jason

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Please pray for:

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Chr'istine Foell, Jo Thomas, DiAnne & Dave Severin,
Dawn & Wendell Thomas, Audrey Harder, Joan Petersen, Larry
Kruckenberg, Janet Hoftiezer, Lon Peterson, Wendy Jorgensen, 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

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Please send all announcements to St. Peter's email: 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 September's Newsletter
are due by Friday, August 14th**

ST. PETER CHURCH NEWS

President:	Jenn Butler.....641- 512-5274	
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Organist:	Christy Meinders.....641-430-1041	
Secretary:		

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Mike Flatness & Families

GREETERS FOR AUGUST

Mike & Cheryl Flatness

COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR AUGUST

Jenn Butler

ACOLYTES FOR AUGUST

Sunday School News:

Grotto Trip Information

When: Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026.

- Leave from St. Peter at 11 am return to St. Peter around 5:30

Who: Anyone entering grades 3 -7 this fall is welcome to attend

- Each student will need to bring a sack lunch

The Sunday School will provide the donation for the tour

There is a gift shop that you can send money with your student

Please let Jason Grunklee or Chelsey Morrison know by Aug. 2 if your student plans to attend to ensure that we have enough drivers.

Other Sunday School News:

Sunday School Start date: Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

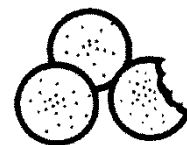
- Class will run from 10:15-11:00

If interested in helping, let Pam Litterer know (mplitterer@gmail.com or 641-749-5810)

Students need to be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2026 in order to attend

The 59th Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, August 16, 2026, from 11 am to 2 pm Zeidler Park, Rockwell. Please come out and enjoy a chicken dinner and help support the Rockwell Aquatic Center.

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 2nd and 4th Saturday morning from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (see church calendar for dates) Contact Rich Fjone for more information.

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. 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)
AUGUST MEETING
Tuesday, August 4th
at 1:30 pm
Devotions: Cheryl Flatness
Hostess: Linda Corporon

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's Women of Faith

Women of Faith meet the 1st Tuesday of every month at 1:30 for bible study, business meeting, coffee and fellowship. We are currently studying the book of 1st Corinthians' "Wisdom for Living".

The Quilters meet every Tuesday at 9:00. All members are welcome to come and help with this important Mission Project.

Upcoming Events:

July:

July 7th – WOF monthly Bible Study and meeting at 1:30. We will begin our study of the Book of John. Pat Amosson has the lesson and Louise is hostess.

July 20th – Bingo at the Rockwell Care Center at 2:00. Contact Louise if you are interested in volunteering,

July 13th - WOF served Jim Turners funeral lunch

August:

August 2nd: WOF will be serving brunch following church services. It will include egg bake, fruit, and muffins. All donations will be given to West Fork Food Pantry..

August 4th - Monthly Bible Study at 1:30. Linda Corporon is hostess.

August 17th - Bingo at the Rockwell Care Center at 2:00. Contact Louise if you are interested in volunteering

REMINDER: Fall Festival is October 17th. Keep this in mind as you are canning and baking. More details to follow.

NOTE: WOF have prayer shawls available. A prayer shawl is a wearable hug to provide comfort, warmth, and spiritual support to anyone facing difficult times. It is a reminder of God's presence and strength. Please contact Lana, Louise or Bev if you have any questions.

There is a WOF Summer Coffee Signup Sheet at the back of the church. We will begin serving coffee/treats on May 31st. Thanks to those who volunteer to provide for this fellowship time!

Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who respects the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30

St Peter Pastoral Acts 2025

"In Christ all shall be made alive" 1 Corinthians 15:22

Baptisms

Creed Thomas Kockler, January 18, 2026 son of Tanner & Margo Kockler
Addilyn Taylor, Bentley Mark, and Carter Lawrence Ballhagen, February 15, 2026

Children of Mark & Taylor Ballhagen

Estella Marie Neal, March 22, 2026 daughter of Ben & Madison Neal

Garett Roger Buns, July 12, 2026 son of Thomas and Samantha Buns

Alvin Andrew May, July 26, 2026 son of James and Taylor May

First Communion

New members

Dana Dotson

Confirmation

Lucas Benson, Lauren Bills, Bryce Engh, Jude Grunklee, Eden Kobliska,

Ethan Rembe, Braxtyn Schulz, Benton Schwark and Lane Sturges

United in Marriage

Paula Jorgensen & Nicholas Berry

Macy Sturges & Wes Washington

Transfer Out

Funerals

Mona J Arends, February 23, 1933- February 11, 2026

Memorial Service held on February 20, 2026, at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell

Kevin Lee Hoftiezer, November 13, 1965 – March 3, 2026

Memorial Service held on March 20, 2026 at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell

Kathleen J Hansen, June 7, 1928 - Thursday, April 15, 2026

Memorial Service held on April 20, 2026, at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell

James Donald Turner, November 18, 1939 – June 28, 2026

Memorial Service held on July 13, 2026 at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell

LSI Article

Make-A-Will Month: Create a Legacy That Reflects Your Values

August is Make-A-Will Month, an ideal time to create or update one of the most important documents you'll ever sign. A will allows you to care for the people you love while ensuring your values continue to make a difference for generations to come.

Many adults put off making a will, believing they have plenty of time or that they don't have enough assets to need one. While surveys vary, they consistently show that more than half of American adults have not created a will, leaving their families without clear guidance when the unexpected happens.

In reality, a will is important for nearly everyone. It gives you the opportunity to clearly express your wishes, provide for loved ones, appoint guardians for minor children, and simplify the administration of your estate. Without a will, state law determines how your assets are distributed, which may not reflect your intentions.

A will is also an opportunity to leave a legacy that reflects your faith and generosity. After providing for family and friends, many people choose to include a charitable gift to a church or nonprofit that has touched their lives. These gifts—often called legacy gifts or planned gifts—can be made as a percentage of your estate, a specific dollar amount, or the remainder of your estate after loved ones have been provided for.

While every gift is unique, together charitable bequests provide billions of dollars each year to strengthen nonprofit organizations and ministries, helping them continue their mission for future generations.

A legacy gift to your congregation or to Lutheran Services in Iowa is a meaningful way to continue sharing Christ's love long into the future. Your gift can help children find safe, loving families, empower people with disabilities to live more independently, welcome refugees as they build new lives, and provide hope and support to families facing life's challenges.

One of the greatest advantages of a charitable bequest is its flexibility. You can care for your family first while also making a lasting investment in the ministries and causes that have shaped your life and faith. Even a modest gift can have a lasting impact.

Make-A-Will Month is the perfect time to review your current estate plan or create your first will. Your will is more than a legal document—it is a reflection of your life's values, your generosity, and your commitment to the people and organizations that matter most.

If you have already included Lutheran Services in Iowa in your estate plans, thank you for your vision and generosity. If you are considering a legacy gift, we would be honored to answer your questions and help you explore options that align with your wishes and charitable goals. There is never any obligation—only the opportunity to create a lasting legacy of hope. You can reach out to us at 866-584-5293 or philanthropy@lsiowa.org.