

The Voice



From the Desk of Pastor Mark:

I've often talked over the years about how I love the Olympics. I love how the Olympics bring people from all over the world together. People from different backgrounds, different cultures, and speaking different languages all come together for a common purpose. This summer it wasn't the Olympics, but the FIFA World Cup soccer tournament in North America that was a gift of bringing people together.

Soccer isn't my favorite sport, but after watching several World Cup games I've grown to enjoy and appreciate it much more. Much like the Olympics, it was an amazing display of bringing people from around the world together. Sportscaster for channel 13 news in Des Moines, Keith Murphy, said it well

about the World Cup, "It brings people together. It makes the world a little smaller, and reminding us in many ways we are more alike than different." What I love the most is that final statement, "Reminding us in many ways we are more alike than different." The internet has made the world smaller, but in many ways tends to highlight the differences. Or, at least the crazy algorithms of social media tend to fuel the divisions. I love how moments like the Olympics and World Cup can bring people together with all sorts of differences and yet recognize and demonstrate our common humanity. I loved watching the news show fans from Scotland and Brazil both partying together in South Beach. I loved watching players exchange jerseys with the opposing teams following their match. I loved seeing an English player check

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Summer Worship Schedule

*Thank you for joining us
for worship!*

Sunday worship is at 9:00 a.m.
May 3—Sept. 13.

Sunday School and Wednesday
worship will resume in the fall,
along with two worship services
at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF PARTY

Let's get ready for a great year
of Youth Group! Join us Sun-
day, August 30, at the Schlen-
ker's House at 1209 NE Ewing
Court. **Middle School** youth
will meet from 5-7 PM. **High
School** youth will meet from 6-
8 PM. All will eat dinner to-
gether at 6 PM. All Youth are
invited and encouraged to
bring friends!



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on the player from Ghana that he had collided with to see if he was ok. I loved how the Boston Globe took out a full page add thanking the Scottish fans for bringing joy to their city.

It shouldn't take sporting events to make it so remarkable to see people showing us that "we are more alike than we are different." After all, we read in Genesis that we are all created in God's image. Not just Americans. Not just Christians. All people are created in the image of God. So of course we are all going to be more alike than we are different. Hopefully, we can all remember that now that the world cup is over. "We are more alike than different." We are all created in the image of God. The world would be a much better place with everyone having that understanding. Even if the whole world doesn't have the understanding though, we do. With that understanding we can make the world a better place by the way we speak about and interact with people who are different than us. "Love your neighbor as yourself," Jesus said. Everyone is our neighbor, because everyone is made in the image of God.

Gathered to Grow. Sent to Serve.
Pastor Mark

Coming Up at St. Peter

Backpack Sunday

Join us on
Sunday, August 23,
for the blessing of
backpacks.



All youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church with them on Sunday, August 23, 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!

All Church Picnic

Join us on August 30 from 10 AM-12 PM for a church-wide picnic following worship! Join us for brunch, games, and fellowship to celebrate the final days of summer and kick off our upcoming fall activities!

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.

Every Month:

Men's Group: 1st Sunday at 7PM; check Facebook for the most recent info!

Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:00PM.

Book Club:

2nd Sunday at 6:30PM

For August 9: *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney

St. Peter Lutheran Church Summer Office Hours

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

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

Pastor Mark Schlenker
Pastor's day off is Friday.



Join us at St. Peter for
Confirmation
Wednesdays at 5:30PM

Confirmation Begins September 2

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, September 2; curriculum pick up will be on Wednesday, August 26 from 5 PM-7PM. At St. Peter, Confirmation generally begins in 7th grade and continues through 8th grade, although older youth are welcome to attend if they have not yet completed Confirmation. We meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30—6:30 PM and generally follow the DCG School Calendar regarding breaks, etc. If you are interested in attending or volunteering in our Confirmation program, please contact Jill at faithformation@stpeterofgrimes.org.

SPECIAL DATES St. Peter Sunday School Fall 2026

SEPTEMBER 13TH

9:15AM
to
10:15AM

Sunday School Begins

Sunday school will meet every Sunday through April unless otherwise noted.

SEPTEMBER 13TH

9:15AM
&
10:00AM

Bible Instruction

5th Graders and parents will meet with Pastor Mark at 9:15AM & 3 Year Olds and parents will meet with Pastor Mark at 10:00AM

SEPTEMBER 20TH

ANY
SERVICE

Bible Sunday

5th Graders & 3 Year Olds will receive their Bible at either service (they may instead attend Wed. Sep 23rd at 6:30PM)

SEPTEMBER 27TH

9:15AM

First Communion Instruction

2nd Graders and parents will meet with Pastor Mark at 9:15AM (Older youth may attend as well if they have not received communion.)

OCTOBER 4TH

ANY
SERVICE

First Communion

2nd Graders will receive First Communion at either service or on Wed, Oct 7th at 6:30PM.

NOVEMBER 29TH

No Sunday School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 13TH

10:30AM

Christmas Program

3 Year Olds - 6th graders present the Christmas Story during the 10:30AM worship service.

Pastoral Acts

Riley Lynn Queck, daughter of Kristopher and Julie Queck, was born on February 25, 2025, in West Des Moines, IA. Riley was baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes on June 7, 2026, by Rev. Mark Schlenker. Laura Schultz and Klay Queck are Riley's baptism sponsors.

Collins Marie Cooney, daughter of Tyler & Jayda Cooney, was born on February 19, 2026, in Lee Summit, MO. Collins was baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes on June 7, 2026, by Rev. Mark Schlenker. Molly Cooney and Brady Simmons are Collins's baptism sponsors.

Bonnie Ruth Schumacher, daughter of Bailey and Tanner Schumacher, was born on January 18, 2025, in Des Moines, IA. Bonnie was baptized at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes on June 28, 2026, by Rev. Mark Schlenker. Connie and Douglas Moss are Bonnie's baptism sponsors.

King Arther Goulet was born on January 10, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan. He died on May 30, 2026, in Des Moines, IA. His memorial service was held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes, Iowa, with Pastor Mark Schlenker officiating.

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

Mission Trip Recap August 16

Sunday, August 16, will be our Mission Trip Youth Service. They will recap the Mission Trip with a slide show and the youth will help lead the service. It's a great service in which participants can share their experiences with the congregation!

Lunch Abroad with Pastor Mark August 20

Who: All are welcome

What: Enjoy good food, good conversation, 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 a.m. Thurs. Aug. 20

Where: Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano
5990 University Ave
West Des Moines



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 for their own meal. Check their website at <https://biaggis.com> for pricing.

Choir Rehearsal Begins August 26

Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 26. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:15-8:15 p.m. Come join us for some mid-week fellowship and singing for ages 7th grade through adult. ALL are welcome!!

Grimes Farmer's Market

Stop by St. Peter's booth at the Farmer's Market this summer. The Farmer's Market runs from 8 AM -12 PM at Heritage Park in Grimes. St. Peter's last two dates to have a booth will be August 15 and 22.



Upcoming dates:

Sunday, August 2: 6-8PM

Saturday, September 5: 6-8PM



August Is Scholarship Month: Investing in the Future of Myamba Students

Each August, as students here prepare to head back to school, St. Peter turns its attention to our brothers and sisters in Christ at **Myamba Lutheran Parish in Tanzania**. August is our annual **Myamba Scholarship Campaign**, a time to support young people whose dreams of education depend on the generosity of caring sponsors.

Through St. Peter's **Secondary School Scholarship Program**, students from families with limited financial resources receive assistance to attend four years of public secondary school. A scholarship of **\$100 per year** covers approximately half of a student's educational expenses, while parents or guardians provide the remaining balance. Together, these funds help pay for school fees, uniforms, socks and shoes, lunches, testing fees, and school security costs.

Sponsors are also invited to contribute **\$15** to provide a first-year student with a **Swahili Bible**, along with a notebook and pen—resources that support both academic and spiritual growth.

For the **2026 school year**, 100 students are attending school through St. Peter's scholarship program. The Myamba Ministry Team hopes to secure pledges for **at least 100 scholarships for the 2027 school year**, which begins in January.

Learn More During August Worship Services

Members of St. Peter's Myamba Emissary Team visited Myamba in January 2025, meeting students, visiting schools, and strengthening relationships with our companion parish. The team continues to stay in regular contact with Myamba leaders to understand their schools' needs and celebrate their successes.

Throughout August, be sure to listen to our **"Myamba Moments"** presentations during worship. You'll hear firsthand stories about the impact of the scholarship program, learn more about the schools we support, and discover additional ministries including **Gonja Lutheran Hospital** and **Mwanga School for the Deaf**.

How You Can Participate

Pledge cards are available and a copy is included on the following page. Contributions may be:

- Placed in the offering plate
- Deposited in the baskets on the information table in Fellowship Hall
- Submitted online using the QR code: choose "Other" and specify "Myamba Secondary Scholarships"
- Mailed to the church office

Every gift helps open doors to education, opportunity, and hope.

Questions? Please contact any member of the **St. Peter Myamba Ministry Team**:

Pr. Mark & Bambi Schlenker, Dave & Carol Eilers, Larry & Colleen Gulleen, Cindy Kreklau, and Reg & Roberta Yoder.



Beyond Scholarships: Additional Ways St. Peter Supports Myamba

While the scholarship program remains our primary focus each August, St. Peter's partnership with Myamba reaches far beyond education assistance.

Each year, St. Peter also provides a **\$2,500 parish gift** through our General Fund. These funds are often used for building projects and other parish-wide needs identified by Myamba leaders.

Additional ministries supported by St. Peter members include:



Mwanga School for the Deaf

Several hearing-impaired students from Myamba attend **Mwanga School for the Deaf**, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Sunday School offerings help support these students, and St. Peter continues to assist **Elizabeth Tumiani**, a Mwanga graduate who is now pursuing technical education.

Medical Assistance for Children

Since 2011, St. Peter has partnered with **Siouxland Tanzania Educational Medical Ministries (STEMM)** to help children from Myamba receive treatment for bowed legs. Through the leadership of orthopedic surgeon **Dr. Steve Meyer**, children have received life-changing surgical care or corrective braces. St. Peter’s Myamba Ministry Team helps coordinate communication and support for travel and treatment expenses.

Higher Education and Vocational Training

When possible, St. Peter assists graduates pursuing post-secondary education, technical training, or vocational programs. Requests are reviewed individually as needs arise.

Support for Gonja Lutheran Hospital

Periodic gifts are also provided to **Gonja Lutheran Hospital**, a vital ministry serving the region and operated by the Pare Diocese, of which Myamba Parish is a member.

Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers. Together, we are making a Christ-centered difference in the lives of students, families, and communities in Myamba. This August, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can help a young person receive the gift of education.



**PLEDGE/DONATION FORM FOR 2026 SCHOOL YEAR (Jan.-Nov. 2027)
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 2027 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!



GRIMES STOREHOUSE FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT

Did you know donations are always accepted at St. Peter for the Grimes Storehouse Food Pantry? There is a basket in Fellowship Hall for collections, and donations specifically for the **little food pantry** can go directly in the pantry or on a cart in the kitchen designated for that purpose. Contact the church office with any questions!



**Grimes
Storehouse**
FOOD PANTRY

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 11, 2026

Pastor's Report:

- Transition to summer schedule with one worship service at 9:00 has gone well.
- From May 14–16, I was at the Synod Assembly in Cedar Rapids. Bishop Amy Current was elected to another 6 year term. It was an interesting and positive experience to be part of the Bishop Election Committee this year. It was a good way to serve the greater church community.
- We had a couple of baptisms last Sunday, and another one this coming Sunday.
- We had a Memorial service at St. Peter for Michelle Zeliadt's father on June 3rd.
- It was fun joining youth group for their first two summer activities in June. Old School arcade and the progressive dinner were well attended and fun events.
- I enjoyed participating in the parade and ice cream social during Governor's Days. These are good events for St. Peter to be visible and active in the community. Opening the doors at church for bathrooms during the fireworks at the end of Governor's Days is also a great way to be a welcoming church.

Faith Formation Report—Jill Capps

- **Confirmation:** On May 13th I met with the incoming 7th graders and their par-

Financial Update from the Stewardship Committee — Brenda Johnston & Jake Wager

May 2026

Income: \$33,470.00

Expense: \$29,718.38

Net Gain: \$3,751.62

Year to Date May 2026

Income: \$152,846.83

Expense: \$154,911.60

Net Loss: (\$2,064.77)

- General Fund MTD - May 2026, expenses were less than monthly income, thus it finished with a gain of \$3,751.62.
- General Fund YTD - May 2026, expenses were greater than income, thus it finished with a loss of (\$2,064.77) .

ents for confirmation orientation. I have a few small group guides in place but will need an additional one or two.

- **Miscellaneous/Communication:** Lauri and I created postcard sized handouts for the Governors Days Parade and ice cream social, inviting people to attend VBS & Worship at St. Peter
- **VBS:** VBS planning is well on its way. Carol Eilers and Mary Stocks have been working hard on the decorations. We continue to have an amazing response by our youth & adult volunteers Our camper number is hovering just above 50 campers – we continue to see a strong attendance from our St. Peter families; we just have smaller numbers of pre-k to 1st grade members at St. Peter which is keeping our camper number a little lower than past years.
- Thank you to Sarah Capps for helping with VBS while some of my time was pulled to work on tech issues.
- **Technology/Social Media:** I have converted all our St. Peter email addresses to google workspace and migrated existing emails from our old accounts. A reminder to start using stpeter@stpeterofgrimes.org for Lauri as we will be discontinuing office.stpeterofgrimes@gmail.com. Please change this in your contacts if you have not already done so.
- **Bible Study:** Bible study will not officially meet in June; we resume our schedule in July.

Youth Report

- High School and Middle School Youth Group ended with an ice cream bar and fun game! It's been great having around 30 in both MS and HS youth group this year!
- Summer Youth Group is happening now. Youth who completed 5th – 12th are welcome to join. Arcade Night at Old School Pinball & Arcade, 6/3 from 6-8pm, Progressive Dinner meets at Schlenker's Home, 6/8 from 5-8:30pm, Car Wash at church, 6/13 from 8:30am-12:30pm, Outdoor Game Night at church, 6/17 from 6-8pm.
- Our last Fundraiser is the Youth Car Wash, this Saturday, 6/13, from 9:00am to Noon. Free will donation goes towards Youth Ministry and Mission Trip.
- Mission Trip 2026 is right around the corner! We continue to meet monthly to build relationships and talk about the trip. I appreciate Billi Brahn, Matt Morris, Benji Rouse, and Matt Schmidt Notarizing forms for TEAMeffort at our May meeting.
- The Top Golf Fundraiser was a great success and raised \$2,363! Thank you to all who came out and supported St. Peter Youth Ministry and Mission Trip!
- St. Peter Youth Group has collected \$383.20 from recycling 7,664 cans through Droppett. Thank you to all who are donating their cans to support the youth program at St. Peter! Bag tickets and directions can be found on the Service Board in Fellowship Hall if you would like to participate.

Treasurer's Report:

- Discussed and approved April and May financials
- All CD's received interest
- 3 CD's matured in May. The Memorial and 2nd Building CD's were renewed; the Land Sale CD was cashed out

Stewardship :

- No updates

Building & Grounds

- Unit 3 AC and Furnace were replaced. This leaves 1 original AC Unit left to be replaced

Financial Update from the Stewardship Committee — Brenda Johnston & Jake Wager

June 2026

Income: \$ 32,711.77

Expense: \$30,507.50

Net Gain: \$2,204.27

Year to Date June 2026

Income: \$185,558.60

Expense: \$185,419.10

Net Gain: \$139.50

- General Fund MTD - June 2026, expenses were less than monthly income, thus it finished with a gain of \$2,204.27.
- General Fund YTD - June 2026, expenses were less than income, thus it finished with a gain of \$139.50.

- Worked with City on Sign Permit. Need to tie the two Parcels together to allow SE 11th St sign.
- Provided Chesnut sign with final preferred sign design
- Maintenance on water sensor in Janitor closet.
- MoM: Building and Grounds offered more explanation on the Parcel-Tie. This means that if we ever choose to sell one parcel of land, we must sell both. Council agreed with this decision. The sign permit request goes to the City Council on June 23, and we should have an update for the Semi-Annual meeting on June 28.

Education:

- Currently working on filling volunteer roles for next year
- There may be a volunteer prep party in July to organize materials for the upcoming year.

Evangelism:

- Thanks to May fellowship hosts: Cyndi Meggison, Monti & Carol Miller, Mindy Morris
- Jason Hughes agreed to take the volunteer lead for the Governor's Day Parade! It was a huge success! Bekka's Maass received a Thrivent grant for the candy, Kim & Micah provided the truck and driving, and we had 15-20 volunteers to walk.
- Rob Ridnour and Tim Schiller took volunteer leads for the ice cream social. Heavenly Delights provided ice cream, and several people helped set up and serve about 230 people after the parade!
- Tim Schiller handled opening the church for restrooms and turning off lights for the fireworks - Thank you!
- Evangelism Canva document is mostly complete.
- Farmer's Market volunteer spots are all filled! We have set up a mock-set-up in church for all to see what our space looks like. Tent and bags game were purchased primarily via a Thrivent grant. Bambi is helping with the new table & prayer set-up. Prizes are purchased and we are about ready to go!
- Action Item/Questions: Where are we to store Canva doc/Procedures? If our council drive, suggest discussion of who all has access. I believe Lauri may, but Jill I don't think does. Communication with them on Governor's Days was vital. Also, moving forward are these monthly updates still to occur to the Council? **MoM:** Executive Council will work on a plan to store Canva docs and share it with Ministry Team Leaders. We will need to ensure that the correct people have access.

Worship & Music :

- Will have Assisting Ministers on 1st and 3rd Sundays only
- Will continue singing contemporary music some Sundays
- Beth will contact current choir members over the summer; 1st Wednesday Choir practice Aug. 26
- Planning for a Christmas Cantata in 2026
- Mady Brown will lead Sunday School music, with Beth as backup, for 2026-2027
- Worship & Music Team buckets discussed:
- Created ONE website for all volunteer sign-ups. Will begin July 1. Will continue using multiple volunteer coordinators.

Old Business

- As of May 21 - The 'office.stpeterofgrimes.org gmail address' is phased out for the church office. Update the contact to stpeter@stpeterofgrimes.org for the only email address for the church office.
- Garage Space follow-up **MoM:** We are creating dividers for the garage, and will make sure that everything is labeled and organized. Executive Council will create procedures to request approval for putting things into the garage, and will partner with Building & Grounds to implement them.
- Time & Talent: feedback on updated sheet. Need to have these done by the end of June, so that Lauri can update over the summer. We want as many people to complete these sheets this year as possible. **MoM:** Discussion about having a "push" day/month to encourage people to turn in the sheets, as well as incorporating the

Time & Talent Sheets into new member orientation, confirmation, and youth groups. Select council members will continue to refine the Time & Talent Sheets and get them to Lauri by the end of June.

New Business:

- September/October Retreat: we will split time during the retreat, with Ministry Team Leaders joining for part of it, and Council members meeting for the rest of the time.

Local Mission Donation: Urbandale apartment complex fire victims

Next Meeting: August 13 2026

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting: June 28, 2026

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 28, 2026

- Call to order and opening prayer
- Approval of agenda and Feb. 8, 2026 meeting minutes
- Approved nomination of Mindy Franzeen: Executive Council; Sarah Hughes: At-Large Council; and Myron Werley: At-Large Council
- Steve thanked outgoing council members, continuing ministry team chairs, and St. Peter staff ahead of the July transition
- Katie Scholl reviewed the volunteer sign-up process introduced two weeks earlier, noting that 8–10 volunteers are needed each Sunday and that the process is intended to be easy and help members offer their talents. Most July spots are filled, with a few openings remaining.
- The financial update reviewed expenses through May, including budget allocations for monthly operations, building maintenance, and staff. Exec and council continue to monitor stewardship. Thank you Brenda for pulling this together.
- Pastor Mark reported work with the city to tie the two land parcels before approval of a second sign on 11th Street. The current sign will be updated, a new sign added, and land sale funds used for signage.
- Time and Talent sheets are being refreshed and will be shared in September for Fall Stewardship, asking everyone to complete them to offer their talents. Forms should be filled out annually by all members of the congregation.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WELCA MEETING JULY 21, 2026

Treasurer's Report

- Balance is \$5,401.28

Old Business

- 10 attended July 14 Dessert & Devotion
- School Supply Drive: Tags are due this Sunday, July 26. Amanda will deliver items on Monday, July 27. Amanda will buy remaining items with \$300 WELCA allotted budget.
- Food Pantry Box: The box will be painted, finalizing the color. Jordan Ridnour will paint. There is an overflow food cart in the kitchen; this has been labelled, so everyone knows where extra food will go, and where it can be taken from. Food box is used very regularly. Thank you to WELCA board members who continue to fill the box, receipts should be submitted. Need to do something about ants. Heidi will ask Rob to spray bottom. Lauri will ask pest control company to spray bottom at their next visit in fall.
- CISS- Michelle: Going well. CISS no longer requires training. Do not have volunteers signed up for next session yet.

New Business

- Baptisms: 2 baptisms scheduled for June
- Mosaic Pizza Party- Amanda will reach out to them to choose a date in August. She will order pizza and have it delivered. Estimated cost: ~\$75
- Church Picnic- August 30- 10am: Education Committee will participate, no inflatable, no prizes. Putt-Putt golf and maybe a few other things (Volleyball, bags, water stuff, etc.), Men's Group will participate, help with set up and tear down. WELCA will supply food and drinks, more discussion at August meeting.
- Baptisms- August 2: adult after service
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Upcoming

- October Bonfire- Miller's will host again, WELCA provides water. Date: October 17 6PM
- Myamba Donation- Heidi to reach out to Dave Eilers to have the team discuss how WELCA can contribute. \$350-\$400
- WELCA Board Openings - Heidi has a list of names to call. Waiting to hear back from two people by end of July before reaching out to others. Thank you to Mindy!

Next Meeting August 18.

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, click on the dropdown box under "About," click "Online Giving Available," and click "Set up online giving today;" 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.

