

# The Light



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### St. Peter's Diaper Pantry is Open

Thank you for your donations! The pantry is located in the northeast corner of the building and is open the second Tuesday of every month from 11 am - 1 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 4 - 6 pm. If you would like to volunteer for this new outreach, please call Christine Simone (313) 655-7367 or email Chris Ritter [critter2009@gmail.com](mailto:critter2009@gmail.com). Diaper collection is ongoing!



### Attic Angels Sale

The Attic Angels have the tables set up and are ready to accept your donations for this year's sale. Please bring your clean and lightly used items to the basement. Please - no computers, printers, VCR tapes, or large appliances. The sale will be held September 14 and 15. Call Jennifer (810) 329-9656 or Norene (586) 350-8133 with any questions.

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## Summer Notes

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?*  
(Psalm 8:3-4)

Dear friends in Christ,

These verses are from the Psalm for the first Sunday of June, which is Holy Trinity Sunday. Whenever I hear this Psalm, and these verses in particular, I think about what it is like to look at God's creation. While these verses are specifically about the moon and stars, I can also imagine saying the same thing about rivers and lakes, forests and fields, or mountains and deserts. God's creation is truly amazing.

But that is not all that is amazing about God. Look again at how the Psalmist responds to the view of the night sky. "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" Not only is God's creation amazing. So too is the fact that the God who created the universe cares about us and wants to be in relationship with us.

Summer is here which means many of us will be spending time outdoors. Some of us will be traveling. One of the wonderful things about living in Michigan is that we don't have to go far to experience natural beauty.

As we spend time outdoors or travel throughout our state or nation this summer, I invite you to take some time to admire God's creation. I also invite you to take some time to remember that the God who created it all cares for you and wants to be in relationship with you. And finally, I invite you to take some time to be in relationship with God through worship, prayer, or reading Scripture.

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Ken

### Pastoral Care

Pastor Ken is in the office at least one day per week and works from home the remainder of the week. If he is not in the office, you can reach him at (810) 892-3043 or [pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com). Pastor Ken is making home visits and will gladly bring Communion to those who are unable to attend worship in person. Please contact Pastor Ken if you or a family member would like a visit or Communion.

### Communion

We no longer offer pre-packaged Communion elements in worship. Communion can be brought to anyone who wishes to remain seated instead of coming to the rail. Please let an usher know. Pre-packaged elements are available on request for those who would like to commune during online worship.

### Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School during the summer months. Thank you to all who taught Sunday School this year!

### Blessing of Graduates

We will be recognizing and blessing graduates in worship on Sunday, June 4. All high school and college graduates are invited to receive a blessing. If you are graduating, please email Chris at [stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net). We will celebrate our graduates in an upcoming newsletter.

### Baptism Brunch

The congregation is invited to brunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, June 11 in celebration of the baptism of Sarah Raven.

### Directory Update

If you have recently changed any contact information, please be sure to let the office know so we can keep our records up to date. Please call or email the office with updated address, phone number or email address.

### Synod Assembly

The Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly took place May 18-20 at the Bluewater Convention Center. During the assembly, Bishop Don Kreiss was re-elected to another six-year term, and other elected positions on Synod Council and synod committees were filled. Reports from the ELCA, Living Water Ministries, Samaritas, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services were shared. "Mission Moment" videos were shared from congregations in the Bluewater Conference, including a video about the St. Peter's Diaper Pantry.

In addition to conducting the business of the wider church, attendees heard from keynote speaker, Pastor Sarah Mayer Flatt, synod storyteller. Attendees also had the opportunity to worship together and attend workshops on various topics, such as racism, ableism, and immigration.

If you would like to learn more about what happens at a synod assembly, several pictures as well as recordings of the assembly are available on the Southeast Michigan Synod Facebook page.

Thank you to Christine Simone, Stacey Yax, and Tim Evans for helping with the "Mission Moment" video. Thank you to Bob Coffey for attending synod assembly as a voting member. Next year's assembly will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Ida, on Saturday, May 11.

### Notes and Prayers for Campers

Three of our youth will be going to Stony Lake Camp the week of June 18. Pastor Ken is collecting notes and cards to hand out at camp from the congregation. Youth going to camp are Gavin Eifert, Colin Eifert, and Jack Jones. Notes or cards can be placed in the basket in the lobby. Next to the basket is a prayer calendar for the days we will be at camp. There are three slots for each day. Please sign up to commit to pray for campers at Stony Lake.

### ELCA National Youth Gathering

Youth who are currently in 7th-11th grades are eligible to go to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024 in New Orleans. A young adult gathering is also being held at the same time. For more information on this event, please contact Pastor Ken. If your son or daughter is interested in attending, please let Pastor Ken know by June 15.

### Bottle and Can Collection

Thank you to those who have signed up to return cans and bottles. There are still a few months available. Proceeds go towards future youth activities, including the 2024 youth gathering. Slots are now available for the rest of 2023. Sign up using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E48A8A62CA5FC1-canand1>

### Can You Share a Little Kindness?

Too many of our older and disabled neighbors are lonely and isolated. They long for just a brief visit now and then from someone who will take the time to sit and chat. And other families in our community are struggling to take care of a loved one at home. For these full-time caregivers, a break to run errands, go to their own doctor appointments, or just relax for an hour is often impossible because their parent or spouse cannot be left alone. If you have a few hours, once or twice a month, to visit or just sit with an older or disabled adult, your gift of time will make a huge difference for our lonely and struggling neighbors. No hands-on care or nursing experience is needed.

For more information, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at (586) 757-5551.

Learn more about our work at

[www.ivcinfo.org](http://www.ivcinfo.org).

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## St. Peter's Community Education Fund 2023 Recipients

**Mitch Benson** (sponsored by Janice Benson-Peters): studying sports management at Elmhurst University

**Hannah Bockhausen** (sponsored by Dawn Lambrecht): studying pre-medicine at Bowling Green State University

**Aubrey Donaldson** (member) studying psychology at St. Clair Community College

**Cammie Houle** (member): studying professional and public writing, linguistics and global studies at Michigan State University

**Jared Kramp** (member): studying general studies at Jackson Community College

**Lauren Kramp** (member): studying associate of arts at St. Clair Community College

**Megan Lambrecht** (member): studying sociology at University of British Columbia

**Sara Lambrecht** (member): studying dance and biomedical sciences at Western Michigan University

**Ashley Mathews** (member): studying social relations and policy at Michigan State University

**Emily Mathews** (member): studying secondary education integrated science comprehensive at Eastern Michigan University

**Avery Paul** (member): studying business at University of Detroit Mercy

The St. Peter's Community Education Fund serves as an outreach mission to provide assistance to those choosing to continue education in college, seminary, and vocational training. Thank you to the Congregation for your continued spiritual and financial support of the Community Education Fund and its worthy recipients.



6/02 John Jebrael  
6/04 Jeremy Donaldson  
6/05 Raegan Lyle  
6/05 Maverick Eisen  
6/09 Chayse Donaldson  
6/12 Ann Eisen  
6/13 Cindy Houle  
6/13 Ryan Lyle  
6/16 Sharon Ann Wheeler 82  
6/17 Ken Lowe 81  
6/27 Aubrey Donaldson  
6/28 Nancy Diebold  
6/29 Mary Rasschaert

### *Congratulations to our Confirmands!*

Henry Milligan and Karly Vogel affirmed their baptism on Sunday, May 21. As part of their affirmation of baptism, they each selected a Bible verse.

#### **Henry Milligan:**

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

#### **Karly Vogel:**

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)



## In Our Prayers

Bill Danneels  
Pastor Charlie Martin  
Darlene Snider  
Matt Hoffman  
Nancy Dease  
Tom Latowski  
Patti Jones  
Todd Bodany  
Margaret Danneels  
Mike Morenko  
Ruth Reyelts  
Tom Peters  
Dennis Rocker  
Janice Convis  
Sharon Ann Wheeler  
Pat Greenwood  
Bernie Nummer  
Ruth Morris  
James Mitchell  
Marlene Hand  
Douglas Hand  
Norma Schoenrade  
Eleanor Schroeder  
Kay Folk  
Thom Dewey  
George Eisen  
Johanne Bodany  
Marge Guinther  
Bryan Neiman  
Tim, Ali and Andrew  
Jack & Char Boulier  
The Lindsay-Morris Family  
Pastor Ken, Pastor Joyce,  
and Mason

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## Happy Anniversary!

**6/6** Marc & Christine Simone 31 years  
**6/10** Jeremy & Jana Donaldson 23 years  
**6/17** Bob & Ann Beier 34 years  
**6/24** Jon & Jessica Jones 17 years  
**6/30** Brad & Kika Milligan 16 years

*Thank  
you* 

*Dear Members and Friends of St. Peters,*

*My family and I wish to express our deepest appreciation for the cards and /or memorials that were given for the loss of our loved one, John.*

*Most importantly, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during this time of mourning.*

*God's Peace,  
Jennifer MacDonald & Family*

## Memorial Gifts

*In Loving Memory of John MacDonald*

*By:* Dean and Janice Convis

*In Loving Memory of Richard Schlegel*

*By:* Mary Alice Schlegel



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Pastor's Day Off	3
4 Worship 9:30 am  Blessing of Graduates	5	6  Council Meeting 6 pm via Zoom	7  Bible Study 1pm	8	9  Pastor's Day Off	10  Community Game Night 6-9 pm at Holy Family
11 Worship 9:30 am  Baptism Brunch	12	13  Diaper Pantry Open 11-1	14   Flag Day	15	16  Pastor's Day Off	17
18 Worship 9:30 am  <i>Father's Day</i>  Youth and Pastor Ken at Stony Lake Camp	19	20  Diaper Pantry Open 4-6	21  Summer Begins	22	23	24
25  Worship 9:30 am	26	27	28	29	30  Pastor's Day Off	

## St. Peter's Financial Summary

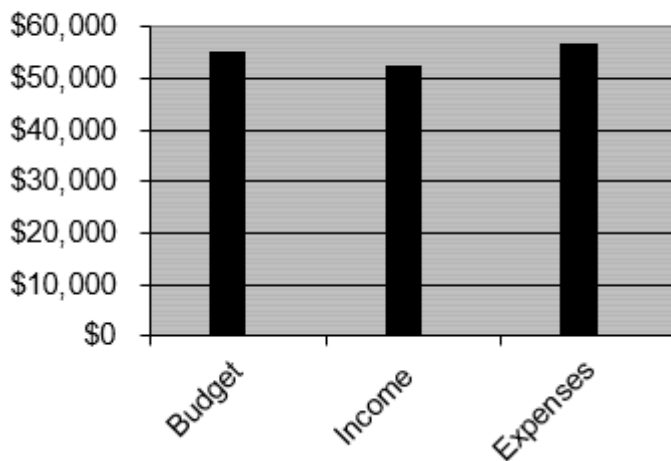
Month Ending 4/30/23

	Actual for Month	Budgeted for Month	Income Over (Under) Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 13,426.44	\$ 13,794.00	(367.56)
General Fund Expenses	(14,224.16)	(13,794.00)	
Increase (Decrease) Cash	<u>(797.72)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	

### Cash Balances as of 4/30/23

General Fund	\$ 10,745.82
Designated	\$ 81,867.93
Sunday School	\$ 2,892.68

### Year-to-Date 4/30/23



### Money Counters

**June:** Marty & Nancy Green

**July:** Marty & Nancy Green

## ONLINE GIVING

The tithe.ly app is an easy way to support the ministries of St. Peter's.

To download the app, search for [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) in the App Store or Google Play. Once the app is downloaded you can search for "St. Peters Lutheran." The default giving option is the General Fund, but there are options for seasonal giving envelopes and memorials. You can also set up recurring payments. Click the link below to give online.



# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes (Zoom Meeting) –  
DRAFT May 2, 2023

**Opening:** The meeting opened at 6:00 PM, via Zoom

**Council members:** Pastor Ken Staib, Jan Allington, Chuck Butler\*, Bob Coffey, Tim Evans (Secretary), Marty Green (Vice President), Ashley Matthews, Chris Ritter, Chris Simone\*, Carol Vogel (Treasurer), Steve Vogel, Del Vogel\* (President). (Those absent from the meeting are marked with an \*).

**Devotions:** Steve Vogel.

**Review of Minutes of April 2023 Council Meeting:** Motion by Carol to accept minutes. Supported by Chris R. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol Vogel submitted the report for April 2023. General Fund income was \$13,426 vs. expenses of \$14,224. Motion to accept Treasurer's report, by Steve, second by Ashley. MC.

**Pastor Ken Staib's Report:** As Submitted. Motion to accept by Carol, supported by Steve. MC.

**Suggestion box:** No suggestions. If anyone has suggestions, they can be emailed to Pastor ([pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com)), or Del ([delvogel@yahoo.com](mailto:delvogel@yahoo.com)).

## Old Business:

**Review Dashboard:** Some improvement in both attendance and giving, but we are not back to pre-pandemic levels.

**Review membership:** Active/inactive records are accurate, but there are some details (e.g. birthdays) that will be corrected/filled in over the course of the year.

**2023 Goals:** No action this month

**Police department presentation on scams:** Only 3 people showed an interest, so we will not host a presentation at the church. Chris R. will check if there is a session at another location that people can attend.

## New Business:

**YES Fund (Pastor):** This fund is intended to support camp and other youth gatherings, and there are funds available. We may have some applicants for scholarships for this year's youth camp. Pastor and Ashley will consider who should review/approve applications in the future.

**Gift from former member:** We had a generous gift from an individual who grew up at St. Peter's. The gift was designated. The gift was designated to where there is a need. The consensus of the Council was to apply the gift to the General Fund.

**September surgery for Mason (Pastor):** Motion by Bob supported by Steve to approve two weeks medical leave for Pastor during Mason's upcoming surgery and convalescence. This major surgery, scheduled for September, will reconstruct Mason's trachea. Motion carried unanimously.

## Committee Reports:

**Fellowship Outreach (Christine Simone):** As submitted. Christmas in July collections continue. St. Peter's is staffing the Food Pantry this month (volunteers welcome, as are donations of any type of soap). Attic Angel sale will be in September; donations can be brought to the basement; the committee is looking for a new chairperson to replace Jennifer M. who would like to step down. Thanks to Jennifer for her service! The Diaper Pantry will open on May 9; we have about 5,500 diapers and 100 packages of wipes; additional volunteers are welcome.

**Worship (Bob Coffey):** As submitted. The committee met after worship on April 23. We plan to have one Easter service next year, if nothing changes; the committee will also revisit the Holy Week schedule next year. Next meeting will be August 13, after worship.



Parish Education (Steve Vogel): Verbal report. The committee is brainstorming ideas for an end-of-year celebration. Flower planting will be included. Marty and Nancy have volunteered to help.

Property (Tim Evans/Chuck Butler/Marty Green): Verbal report. Tim and Chuck will pursue patching the concrete at the sewer repair. We will also look into repair of the broken outside window at the sanctuary and the sticking entry door.

Stewardship (Jan Allington/Chris Ritter): No report.  
Youth and Family Ministries (Ashley Matthews): No report.

**Next meeting:** June 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM (By Zoom)

**Devotions for next meeting:** Bob Coffey.

**Closing:** Motion to close the meeting was made by Steve, supported by Ashley. MC. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Tim Evans

## June Worship Assistant Schedule

<u>Volunteer task</u>	<b>Sunday June 4</b>	<b>Sunday June 11</b>	<b>Sunday June 18</b>	<b>Sunday June 25</b>
<u>Scripture Reader</u>	Del Vogel	Mary Alice Schlegel	Nancy Green	Sue Daniels
<u>Media Ministry</u>	Del Vogel	Dawn Lambrecht	Tim Evans	Del Vogel
<u>Projectionist</u>	Carol Vogel	Jan Allington	Marc Simone	Bob Coffey
<u>Usher</u>	Zach Matthews	Chuck Butler Marty Green	Bob Beier	Tim Evans
<u>Dismissal</u>				Mila Emerich
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Sue Daniels	Alexa Lambrecht	Patty Yax	Katy Emerich
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Diane Hodgins Norene	Diane Hodgins Norene	Diane Hodgins Norene	Diane Hodgins Norene



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