

St. Peter News

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

It is hard to believe January is almost done. It seems like yesterday we were ringing in the new year. It will be nice this year, with Easter being a little later, to have some time before Lent starts.

Now, we are on to February. Since February 14 is Valentine's Day, I wanted to focus a little bit on love. Just as we don't give thanks only one day a year on Thanksgiving, we should not just show love to each other or our spouse only one day a year on Valentine's Day, but every day of the year. There are so many passages in the Bible that talk about love with so many different points about love. There are passages about God's love for us, how we show love for God, how we should love one another and so on.

"God loves you." A simple phrase that we have heard so often in our lives and sometimes hear it and don't ponder it because we have heard it so much. We use the word "love" in many ways in our world. "I love ice cream," "I love our cabin at the lake," "I love the Huskers." We use love when we really mean like or enjoy. Love is different. Love is more than feeling. It is an act of commitment. It shows itself in actions. The apostle John writes, "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:18) God does not pay lip service to us when He says He loves us. He does something to show us. He did the greatest thing anyone

could do. He gave up His only Son to come to this earth to die on a cross to forgive us all our sins. Jesus did the ultimate action in dying for us and going through all the pain and torture of the cross to show us His love for us. "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13) Jesus laid down His life for us because He does love us.

God's love compels us to, not just say we love Him and others, but to show it through action. We show our love for the Lord by being in God's house consistently to learn more about Him. We show our love for the Lord by giving back to the Lord in our treasures. We show our love for the Lord by being in His Word, in our devotional life and in Bible Study. We show our love for others by seeing someone in need and rallying around and helping them. We don't try to pawn them off on someone else, we seek to help them. When someone is lonely, we go and visit them. When someone we know hasn't been at church for a while, we reach out with a kind word to them. God's call for us is one of action, because that is what love is. It is an act of commitment to another person. Christ was committed to us, and He proved it. His love leads us to do the same.

I leave you today with one final word concerning love. It is those wonderful, comforting words from St. Paul in Romans 8:38-39, **"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."** May you

reflect on Christ's love and show His love every day.

In Jesus,

Pastor Brian

Official Acts

1-11-2022.....
Transfer of Roger, Jayne, & Ronald Roskilly to Grace Lutheran (LCMS) Fairbury, NE

St. Peter Financial Update

As of January 23, 2022 (4 Sundays)

General Budget

Offerings Received	17,801.00
Offerings Budgeted	28,954.52
Difference	(11,153.52)

Missions-Nebraska District Support

Goal	538.44
Received	800.00
Difference	261.56

Dear Members of St. Peter: Thank you so much for all the kindness shown to me at the time of my retirement. Thank you to Addisin Schardt and the Sunday school students for the kind words and cute thank you notes you made along with the basket filled with goodies. Thank you to congregational members for the kind words expressed in the cards given. Thank you for the specially crafted "treasure chest" box to store the cards as well as other fond memories of my time as secretary. Thank you to Jim Bohling for donating the wood and to Harvey Sorge designing and building this very nice box. Thank you to Mark Schardt, Brenda Betten, and Jamie Calkins for recording the song "Someone Special" which was played at the conclusion of

the January 16th service when I was presented these gifts. Your loving, gentle, beautiful voices plus words with the emphasis on God made me feel very humbled, honored, and special. I loved my job as secretary, and I thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve at St. Peter. It has been my privilege to work with Pastor Brian. It has also been my privilege to work with six other pastors and a countless number of people including members and other associates through my almost 24 years here. I extend my thanks and deep appreciation. May God be with each of you always. In Christ, Colleen Kruse

The Lutheran Hour Anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

Sunday mornings:

6:30 KFAB Omaha 1110 AM
7:30 WIBW Topeka 580 AM
8:00 BOTT North Platte 107.9 FM
10:00 KRVN Lexington 880 AM

February 7

"Stories Around the Table"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Dr. Michael Zeigler shares a story about people who had more in common than they thought.
(Mark 6-8)

February 14

"Shines and Saves"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper
Jesus surpasses all expectations as we see Him revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Mark 9:2-13)

February 21

"Do You See Anything?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The world wields power with blunt force, but God hides His power in suffering, weakness, and humility.
(Mark)

February 28

"Where a Kid Can Be a Kid"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
An impossible situation need not be a hopeless one. (Mark 10)

RightNow Media Spotlight "One At a Time" by Kyle Idleman

Nobody grows up dreaming of waking up, going to work, heading home, watching Netflix, scrolling through social media, and then doing it all over again the next day until their last breath. We all want to be used to change the world. We want to be

difference-makers. But it's easy to get caught up in the everyday stuff of life until the years slowly go by, and with each passing year, the question seems to get louder: *Am I making any difference in this world?* Without a doubt, Jesus is the person who has made the biggest difference in all of history. So, how did Jesus make such a difference in this world? If we study the story of his life there are several answers we could highlight, but there's one phrase that captures how Jesus had such an impact, and this phrase is "*one at a time*". This series focuses on how we can follow Jesus' example and reach people one at a time.

Please contact Pastor Brian or Todd Voss to get started with RightNow Media. Also, check out Pastor Brian's video on how to get set up with RightNow Media. The video can be found on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

Agape Readers **Book Group**

Our book group will gather on Monday, February 14 to discuss the book *Glimmers of Grace* by Kathryn Butler. If you enjoy reading or know people that do, we invite you to come and join us on the 2nd Monday of the month for our book discussion time. You can see the list for the first half of 2022 on the bulletin board.

Deshler Lutheran School **Board of Education** **Meeting Minutes** **December 21, 2020**

*(None submitted for
February Publication)*

From our Missionaries

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you this Christmas season! We pray that the Lord will fill you with the cheer that flows from the Child in the manger. His grace be with you!

We want to thank you so much for your prayers and support this last year. We need your prayers, but the people to whom we witness need your prayers as well. Please, join us in praying for the conversion of people here in Prague. Pray also that those who visited us this past week may find a permanent home in the Gospel among us.

God bless you in this new year. May He open doors and hearts to whom you may bring the saving name of Jesus.

We commend you to Christ,
Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster

Remember to Designate **Your Thrivent Choice** **Dollars by Mar. 31**

Thrivent investors should act now to designate their Thrivent Choice Dollars before the March 31 deadline.

Peace Lutheran Preschool

Peace Lutheran Church Preschool, Deshler, Nebraska, is now accepting enrollment applications, for children ages 3 - 6, for the 2022-23 school year and spots are filling up! To enroll or inquire, please contact Preschool Director, Kim Roth at #402-365-7855 (school) or #402-430-0042 (cell).

Update on Church **Secretary Position**

After several months of advertising for the secretary position, the Board of Elders had one applicant who completed the application and interview process. After discussion as the Board of Elders, they have decided the following things: - They will take the next several weeks to clarify the job description for the position - They will advertise the position, once again, with the clearer description of the position and be active in recruiting for the position. - They have decided to hire Shamlynn Francik on a temporary basis until a permanent person can be found to fill this position. These decisions were made due to only one person completing the application and interview process and feeling that more applicants were needed before a decision on a permanent person was made. If you have any questions, please contact one of the elders. If you know of someone who might be interested in the position, please have them contact Pastor Brian to begin the application process. Please be praying that the Lord would send the right person at the right time to fill this position and please be patient as we go through this time of transition.



Lindsey Biltott.....	1
Mikaela Hansen.....	2
Rebecca Reinke.....	2
Lynn Bohling.....	8
Luella Holtzen.....	9
Krista Harms.....	10
Sandra Jorgensen.....	10
Ronald Roskilly.....	10
Leisa Bohling.....	11
Brenda Betten.....	12
Marilyn Genzmer.....	14
Kassondra Shuck.....	14
Justus Harms.....	16
Chase Laaker.....	17

Robert Reinke.....	19
William Larkins.....	20
Quinten Loontjer.....	21
Larry Schardt.....	21
Robert Ludwig.....	23
Benjamin Zucker.....	23
Nancy Hoops.....	25
Bradley Cooper.....	26
Hutch Finke.....	26
Lorna Ludwig.....	26

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Roger Finke.....	3
Pastor Brian Francik.....	3
Randall Meyer.....	9
Kalen Sedlacheck.....	10
Ashlyn Cooper.....	13
Lori Schardt.....	13
Barrett Harms.....	14

Steavan Sedlacheck.....	14
Jamie Calkins.....	15
Tyler Harms.....	17
Alan Bohling.....	19
Stormi Capek.....	19
Julene Schardt.....	19
Lindsey Biltott.....	21
Mikaela Hansen.....	22
Bryce Heinrichs.....	22
Rebecca Reinke.....	23
Harvey Weideman.....	23
Lola Ralston.....	26



Virgil & Lola Ralston.....	February 2 47 years
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DLS Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten friends enjoy hands-on Language Arts and Math activities in teams! Here we're spinning the spinner to see if the letter landed on makes a real or silly word, when added to the beginning of the word on the card. We came up with some silly words!

We got to take some time as a school and show our appreciation for our local law enforcement! With giving hearts we sang, made cards, and shared the love of Jesus. Deputy Kent Kriesel patiently listened to, and answered, many questions while we got to share lunch with him.

What a joy it was recently when a 3rd grader pointed out that each kindergartner was being pushed on the swings by a 3rd or 4th grade friend from his/her chapel family! Smiles everywhere, including in my heart.

We are all "Held Together in Jesus!"
Mrs. Reinke



DLS Third & Fourth Grade

Hello from the 3rd and 4th graders! We are so thankful to be back in school after our Christmas break. I know I cannot believe it is already the second semester! Where has the time gone? We are currently busy learning more about states and capitols. Learning where places are in our country can be hard when you haven't gone a lot of places. It's still interesting to realize that even though we may live in a different area, we are all still very much the same. We talked about that in Religion as well. God's Word is being spread throughout the whole world! We are to be Jesus' disciples and let His Light shine! May God bless your days ahead!

In Christ, Rachel McCown, 3&4 teacher

Pictured: Ivy Harms and Mason Finke-Thompson



February Job Reminders

Elder	Doug Harms
Acolyte	Johnnie Z/Kayson B.
Flowers	Joyce Schardt
Envelope	Mark & Barb Schardt
Committee	Dale & Janice Klaumann
Sound	Steve Harms
Video	Reinhold Kruse

From the January Elders Meeting - Dale Schardt will serve as head elder for the year 2022.

2022 Phone & Address Directories - are available in the Narthex. Please contact the office with any updates/corrections.

Collecting for Gospel Mailers Bibles, New Testaments, Concordia Self Study Bibles, Luther's Small Catechisms, English Dictionaries, Sunday School materials (CPH only), Bible study guides (CPH only), Sunday School or VBS Puppets (durable for use as fun toy in orphanages) Please leave requested items in the tote located in the front entrance coat room.

DLS Backpack Program Is Now Accepting Food - The Backpack Program at DLS has been blessed by so many generous people. We are again to the point in the year where our food supply is running a little low. If you so feel inclined, we would appreciate any food items you'd like to donate. Thank you all so much for your support! For a list of recommended food items, please check the Backpack table in the Narthex or visit our website stpeterdeshler.org - Connect -News & Announcements - DLS Backpack Program Info.

Needed - Cradle Roll Person - Thank you to Becky Reinke for making sure a dove is added to the cradle roll after each baptism and for wrapping and giving the cradle roll gifts to each child on their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd baptismal birthday dates. She has done this for the past two years. Now we are needing a new volunteer. The first gift to be responsible for is in April. The church purchases the gifts. Please contact Becky for more information.

Needed - Person to Lock Up - Thank you to Reinhold Kruse for locking and unlocking the church on Saturdays the last

three years. Now we are needing a new volunteer to lock on Saturday evenings. The church is to stay open until 5:00 p.m. and can be locked any time after that. Reinhold will continue to open the church on Saturday mornings.

Cards & Letters for Melanie Ayres - As Melanie Ayres is battling cancer, let's rally around her by sending cards and letters and lifting her up in our prayers. Her address is: 2072 N 4th Seward, NE 68434.

The Junior High Youth Group asks for your prayers for the following events upcoming in the New Year:

Feb 4 Mini Lock-in at DLS Gym with a Youth Ministry Team from Concordia-Seward. This event is open to any student in 7th/8th grade. **We are looking for donations of snacks and drinks for our event.**

Mar 20 Regular monthly Jr. High Youth Group gathering at the Francik House.

Foster Care Closet, Beatrice, Nebraska

The Junior High Youth Group is supporting the Foster Care Closet in Beatrice, Nebraska. To help serve this organization, each month the youth have a theme of items they are working to collect. The congregations are encouraged to donate by leaving new (or very gently used) items in the collection tub in the front entrance to the church at St. Peter.

February is new Hygiene products **month.** What a great way for our youth to get involved and learn more about the challenges that kids entering the foster care system face. The schedule for the rest of the school year is:

Mar - new pillows/**April** - new towels /**May** - \$\$

If you have questions, contact Nicole Zucker. To learn more about the Foster Care Closet, check out their website: <https://fostercarecloset.org/>

Walk Thru the Bible in Seward Saturday, Feb. 12 - St. John, Seward is sponsoring a unique seminar on Saturday, February 12 at the Harvest Hall on the Seward County Fairgrounds. It is a 3-hour event that takes participants through the Old Testament. The unique part is that it uses kinesthetics to remember and internalize God's big picture and work through history. There will be two events at the same time, one for adults, 6th grade and up, and one for 1st-5th grades. The only cost is for the books: \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids.

Offering Envelopes Available by the Mailboxes - 2022 offering envelopes are ready to pick up. Everyone has a different number this year so PLEASE use the new envelopes now. If you use your old ones, it may get recorded under someone else. If there are not envelopes with your name on it, please leave me a note or contact me & I will get a box assigned to you. Leisa Bohling

Direct Deposit Offerings - Automatic withdrawal is available to give your offerings here at St. Peter. Signup forms are

available in the Narthex, or if requested can be mailed or emailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Sara Kresser, at 402-984-2453 or fourleafclover9@hotmail.com Giving Online - You can give online using a debit or credit card. Click on the "Give" tab on www.stpeterdeshler.org, then select "Click to Give." Please note: There is a fee for using a debit or credit card. It will be deducted from your offering unless you choose to cover the fee.

C.A.R.E. Warriors - Compassionate Acts in Response to Jesus' Enduring Love

C.A.R.E. Warriors is a social ministry and resource networking opportunity where God's people connect with one another and share prayer, gifts, resources, support, and most importantly - the Gospel. We work with our spiritual and physical gifts to be the hands and feet of Jesus, right here in Thayer County. Can you spare time and resources to help someone else? Some examples such as: Clean up the yard/paint a porch/drive to a medical appointment/help someone with technology/get groceries/run to get parts during harvest/fix a flat tire/take kid to an activity/babysit/organize clutter/be a prayer partner/study the Bible with someone/provide a space for meetings/teach a class/cook a meal/and on-and-on. Please pray that God will reveal 1) how He wants you to serve and 2) people who need our time and talents. The body of believers needs to be alert, seeking, and engaged in ways to spread the Gospel and Christ's love - more than one hour on Sunday morning. People are thirsty for hope, healing, and Jesus in our own zip codes. Contact Karen Schardt or Lynn Bohling to get involved.

Discipleship starts with relationships. (Acts 2:42-47)

Religion Greeting Cards Available - Wedding, birthday, anniversary, and sympathy cards are also available along with various festive napkins.

Best Choice UPCs - Please continue to save Best Choice UPC labels. Clip and then deposit your labels in the glass jar located on the table by the mailboxes. Each UPC is worth 3 cents within a bundle of 1,000 UPC's. The cash earned through this simple fundraiser goes to benefit Deshler Lutheran School. Thank you for your support!

Available In the Narthex - Sunday Bulletins, Pastor Brian's Weekly Devotion, *December My Devotions*, *Portals of Prayer*, *LifeDate*, Text Alert Signup Sheets, Faith Mentor Info, Cloth Masks, Hand Sanitizer, etc.

Are You on Facebook? - Check out the St. Peter, Faith, and DLS Facebook pages, like, and follow them to get updates on your feed. We are continuing to find ways to encourage the body of Christ in the technology world.

Video of Services - A DVD of each Sunday service is available in the white basket on the mailbox shelf after each service. All videos are available for anyone to take home, watch, and return.

UNFILTERED JESUS - New Bible Study Series Faith Lutheran - Hebron *Unfiltered Jesus* In this series, we'll look at Jesus's unfiltered character and unwavering commitment to follow the will of the Father. There will be short videos that have been filmed on location in Israel and some discussion questions. The end goal is that we too may reflect the life of Jesus unfiltered. Everyone is invited to join us for a light meal and study. Watch the calendar for monthly dates.

Ways to Serve at Church

Are you looking for ways to get involved and serve at St Peter? If the Holy Spirit is leading you to step out in faith, we have plenty of opportunities. Some examples include but are not limited to:

Serving as a Faith Mentor for youth

Working with Pastor Brian to visit our shut-in members

Changing the sign on the outside of church or changing the banner in the sanctuary

Quilting

Providing a salad or dessert for a funeral or other luncheon

Assisting with youth activities such as Junior High or High School youth group

Providing special music, a small group, soloist or instrumentalist during Sunday worship

Assisting with or playing music for Chapel

Helping with tech, sound, or video during Worship Services

... Plus many more opportunities. If you'd like to know more about any of these, please contact Pastor Brian. Thank you!



Women's Achievement Club Asking for Nativity Set Repair Donations As you have probably heard, during the December 15 wind storm a tree fell on the nativity set located on the Courthouse lawn in Hebron. A couple of the nativity figures and the star were destroyed. The Hebron Women's Achievement Club, who takes care of the nativity set, would like to have some donations to help replace the pieces. Each figure costs over \$1,000 to replace, plus freight costs over \$300. The goal is to get the nativity set back to where it was. If you feel so inclined, please send donations to Elaine O'Neal, 620 Lincoln Ave, Hebron, NE 68370.



Join us for the 40 Day Red Letter Challenge. Below you will find a schedule with the days and pages to read in the *Red Letter Challenge* book, which is available at church. We encourage you to do the reading each day and find time during the week to discuss it with someone else. May it be a blessing as the Lord grows you.

Day	Pages
Sunday, February 20	None
Monday, February 21	p. 6-11,16-17
Tuesday, February 22	p. 18-21
Wednesday, February 23	p. 22-25
Thursday, February 24	p. 26-29
Friday, February 25	p. 30-33
Saturday, February 26	p. 34-37
Sunday, February 27	p. 40-45
Monday, February 28	p. 46-51
Tuesday, March 1	p. 52-57
Wednesday, March 2	p.58-63

Thursday, March 3	p. 64-69
Friday, March 4	p. 70-75
Saturday, March 5	p. 76-81
Sunday, March 6	p. 84-89
Monday, March 7	p. 90-95
Tuesday, March 8	p. 96-101
Wednesday, March 9	p. 102-107
Thursday, March 10	p. 108-113
Friday, March 11	p. 114-119
Saturday, March 12	p. 120-125
Sunday, March 13	p. 128-133
Monday, March 14	p. 134-139
Tuesday, March 15	p. 140-145
Wednesday, March 16	p. 146-149
Thursday, March 17	p. 150-153
Friday, March 18	p. 154-157
Saturday, March 19	p. 158-163
Sunday, March 20	None
Monday, March 21	Reread p. 40-45
Tuesday, March 22	Reread p. 46-51
Wednesday, March 23	Reread p. 52-57
Thursday, March 24	Reread p. 58-63
Friday, March 25	Reread p. 64-69
Saturday, March 26	Reread p. 70-75
Sunday, March 27	p. 166-169
Monday, March 28	p. 170-175
Tuesday, March 29	p. 176-179
Wednesday, March 30	p. 180-183
Thursday, March 31	p. 184-189
Friday, April 1	p. 190-195
Saturday, April 2	p. 196-201
Sunday, April 3	p. 204-209
Monday, April 4	p. 210-215
Tuesday, April 5	p. 216-221
Wednesday, April 6	p. 222-227
Thursday, April 7	p. 228-233
Friday, April 8	p. 234-239
Saturday, April 9	p. 240-245
Sunday, April 10	p. 246-249

Prayers Requested from the Kasters: With the busyness that Christmas brings, Dale has also had some health issues. After having a bone marrow biopsy, we found out that he has multiple myeloma - a form of bone marrow cancer. The doctor here has assured us that it is very treatable. So, we are traveling home to Jacksonville, FL for him to be treated at MD Anderson there. While home, Dale is planning to stay involved with the Prague congregation. He will teach his online Bible study on Thursdays and youth catechesis on Fridays. Every other week, he will also be writing sermons for Martin to preach. And, of course, any pastoral needs that we can do over the internet will be met. Please pray for his healing, that he might continue in his labors. Pray also for the medical staff that they would be the means of God's healing. And, finally, pray that Dale will have the strength to do his work but also the wisdom to know when to rest.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:45am Worship 11am ACT Soup Luncheon 11am Annual Voters Meeting 11am Sunday School 1:30pm FOS Annual Meeting	31 7pm LWML	1	2 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation 7pm Elders Meeting	3 9am Quilt Tying 9:15am DLS Chapel	4 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders 7pm Jr High Lock In	5 7pm Jr High Lock In
6 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Sunday School	7 No School @ DLS Pastor Brian Gone	8 Pastor Brian Gone	9 Pastor Brian Gone	10 Pastor Brian Gone 9am Quilt Tying 9:15am DLS Chapel	11 Pastor Brian Gone Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders	12 Pastor Brian Gone
13 9:45am Worship 11am Bible Class 11am Sunday School	14 7pm Agape Readers	15 11am Circuit Pastors	16 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation 7pm Equip	17 9am Quilt Tying 9:15am DLS Chapel	18 Pastor's Sabbath 12pm Newsletter Content Deadline 1pm Bulletin Folders	19
20 9:45am Worship 11am Bible Class 11am Sunday School 4pm DLS Book Fair/Bingo Night	21 7:30pm DLS Board	22	23 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation 7pm Equip (Final) 7:46pm Pastries with Parents @DLS	24 9am Quilt Tying	25 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders 1pm VIP Chapel	26
27 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Bible Class 11am Sunday School 11:30am 7th/8th Grade DLS Fundraiser Meal	28 7pm Men's Bible Study	1	2 9:15am DLS Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Confirmation 7pm Ash Wednesday (Lenten Service)	3 9am Quilt Tying 7pm LWML	4 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders 3:30pm Confirmation Retreat	5 3:30pm Confirmation Retreat