

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Announcements December 3, 2023

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**GUEST PREACHER** for this weekend is Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn. We thank Pastor Kurtzahn for bringing us God's Word.

**FORWARD IN CHRIST, MEDITATIONS, & CALENDARS** The December *Forward in Christ* and new issue of *Meditations* are available on the information station. The December calendars and next set of Bible reading bookmarks are also out.

**DIVINE CALL** On Sunday, November 19 our voters called Pastor Eugene DeVries as our administrative pastor. Pastor DeVries serves at Immanuel and Zion in Hutchinson, MN. Please keep Pastor DeVries and his family in your prayers as he deliberates his calls.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** This is the last weekend to order a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Each poinsettia is \$17.00. Please fill out an envelope with your name, and the name(s) of the people in whose memory or honor you are donating the poinsettia. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild and place it in the floral box on the information station in the narthex.

**OPEN FORUM** We will have an open forum after each service on **Thursday, November 30 and Sunday, December 3** regarding our budget for 2024.

**WIDOWS & WIDOWERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will meet at Faros Restaurant, 131 N Pioneer Rd, on **Tuesday, December 5, at 1:00 pm**. This will be our Christmas party. We will be doing a White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a **wrapped** White Elephant gift. We will also be taking a collection for a Needy Family in the Fond du

Lac area. Please bring cash or gift cards for gas or food. Please **RSVP by Dec. 3** to Dave Seibel at 920-948-9475 (call or text) or dseibelz56@gmail.com.

**TEEN GROUP** will decorate cookies & make cards for our shut ins on **Sunday, December 3** from Noon-2:00. This is open to all 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Pizza will be served for lunch! Hope to see you there!

**EVENING CIRCLE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** Confirmed ladies of St. Peter's Congregation, Evening Circle invites you to our Christmas Celebration, "*From the Cradle to the Cross*". Join us on **Monday, December 4 at 6:00 pm** in our church narthex for hors d'oeuvres, fellowship, and a program of songs. We will also be gathering monetary gifts and gift cards for the Boehringer Family as a free will offering. There is no need to RSVP for this event, just join us!

**CHRISMONS** In 2022, Evening Circle sponsored a project to replenish the Chrismons that hang on our Christmas trees in church. The committee then decided there should be smaller Christian symbols on the two trees in the narthex. Smaller isn't easier!! In 2023, 45 new pieces were crafted using 25 symbols. Some of these pieces are new and original and will be found nowhere but at St. Peter's. It is of special interest that one of the new designs was suggested by Pastor Zuberbier, which is an upside-down cross with crossed keys. It is the symbol for St. Peter. The old school had an upside-down cross on the chimney. Another new and more colorful piece is Luther's Seal. Each of our four trees wears one. Please take a few moments to view our Chrismon collection up close. And, many thanks to the artisans who volunteered their time and patience to create them.

**CHRIST CHILD CONCERT** We hope to see you at this year's Christ Child Concert on **Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm**. The children and adult choirs and bells are looking forward to helping you prepare your hearts for the Savior's birth.



**JOYFUL WITNESS CONCERT** Joyful Witness is pleased to proclaim Christ's birth in their 2023 concert, *No Other Name*, **Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm** and **Saturday, December 16 at 2:00 pm** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, NFDL.

**CLEAN GOD'S HOUSE** Would you appreciate some quiet solitude in God's house? Perhaps you like to clean. You may rather do it alone or with a friend or small team. However you'd like to clean, quite a few weeks are open on our volunteer sanctuary cleaning schedule for 2024. The schedule is on the information station. You may write

your name, phone number, and email in a slot. Thank you for keeping God’s house clean!



**WLA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Sacred Christmas concert will be presented at WLA **Tuesday, December 19** at 7:00 pm and again **Wednesday, December 20** at 1:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

**SPLS CHRISTMAS SERVICE** *What a Story!* will be **December 17**. We will have two Children’s Christmas services to accommodate all the family members. All students in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in both services at 2:00 & 4:00. Families of children with last names A-L are encouraged to attend the 2:00 service, while M-Z families would attend the 4:00 service. Come and hear the children recite Scripture passages and sing songs of praise about the newborn King.  
PreK & Kindergarten will have their program on **Sunday, December 10** in the 10:30 service.

**PASTOR’S UPDATE** The prayers, cards, gifts, and well-wishes from you, the St. Peter’s family and beyond, have been received by Pastor, Sarah, and the Boehringer family with deep appreciation. In light of the changes that Jesus has laid before our congregation in the last year, it is heartening to see mutual encouragement that you are bringing to this latest challenge. Thank You So Much! . . . Currently our guest pastors continue to serve our pulpit and altar and we have made arrangements to call an “on-call” pastor to serve our members in emergencies, such as hospital visits. The pastors of Good Shepherd have begun teaching 7-8 grade catechism classes. Thanks to these faithful servants of the Word! Pastor’s medical situation is mid-December he’ll be getting a diagnostic CT scan to see what the chemo is doing. At this time the best guess is that Pastor will receive 4-6 months of chemo and then undergo a major surgery to remove the tumors. This plan may change, but through all these changes, Jesus remains the King who is for you!

**CUSTODIAN POSITION** St. Peter’s is looking to hire a part time custodian ASAP. This job consists of routine work to maintain the cleanliness of building and grounds and receives general direction from the School Board & Board of Church Properties. This employee performs cleaning and maintenance functions in the morning or evening shift. Work is evaluated through observation while work is in progress and by inspection of completed assignments. Contact Anna or Ashley in the office for a full job description, questions, or to apply.

*Daily Bible Readings*

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|-------|------------------|-------|---------------|
| 12/04 | John 18:1-27     | 12/08 | John 20:11-31 |
| 12/05 | John 18:28-19:16 | 12/09 | John 21:1-14  |
| 12/06 | John 19:17-37    | 12/10 | John 21:15-25 |
| 12/07 | John 19:38-20:10 |       |               |

*Last Week’s Stewardship*

Thanksgiving Worship: 204 + 98 = 302                      Sunday Worship: 130 + 123 = 253

| <i>First Fruits to the Lord 2023:</i>            | <u><i>Last Week</i></u> | <u><i>Year-to-Date</i></u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$30,794.64             |                            |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,875.00                |                            |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 33,669.64               | \$1,370,404.37             |
| Requirement to support unified budget            | 33,054.58               | 1,586,619.84               |
| Overage (Shortfall)                              | 615.06                  | (216,215.47)               |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 832.00                  |                            |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 137.00                  |                            |
| WLA FIT                                          | 150.00                  |                            |



*This Week at St. Peter’s*  
[www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar](http://www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar)

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY      | Open Forum after each service                    |
|             | 12:00pm Teen Group Card Making/Cookie Decorating |
| MONDAY      | 6:00 pm Evening Circle Christmas Celebration     |
| TUESDAY     | 6:00 pm Boys’ Club                               |
|             | 6:00 pm Lutheran Girl Pioneers                   |
|             | 6:30 pm Coordinating Council                     |
| WEDNESDAY   | 5:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal                    |
|             | 6:30 pm Christ Child Concert                     |
| THURSDAY    | 6:30 pm Worship                                  |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 8:00 am Worship                                  |
|             | 9:10 am Bible Class/Sunday School                |
|             | 10:30 am PreK-K Christmas Program                |