



St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Building on the Rock
of Jesus & His Word

Announcements
July 14, 2024

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**JULY CALENDARS, FORWARD IN CHRIST, & JULY NURSES ARTICLE** are available on the information station in the narthex.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** is offered by our parish nurses in the conference room after the Sunday service.

**FLOWERS** The flowers on the gradines are given in memory of Regis Westphal's birthday. A special "thank you" to Addie Jackson for putting together the arrangements.

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD** Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our brother in faith, Gary Jackson, who departed from this life to life eternal on Tuesday, July 9 at the age of 79 years, 6 months and 7 days. The funeral service will be Tuesday, July 16. May his family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

**AREA WELS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet **July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** at Good Shepherd, Fond du Lac. There is no Bible study July 30<sup>th</sup>, we will meet August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to contact Naomi Schmidt if you have questions or would like text reminders: 920-960-1436.

**MEN'S SOFTBALL** plays home at 6:30 pm against Faith 2 on **Sunday, July 14.**

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING** will take place on **Sunday, July 14** after the 9:00 service. Members are asked to attend to vote on the renewal of our mortgage loan.

**OPEN FORUM** The Coordinating Council will be hosting an open forum with the Wisconsin Parental Choice Committee on **Monday, July 15 at 6:00 pm** in the commons. We invite the members of St. Peter's and Good Shepherd. An overview will be given of the WPCC's work. Questions are encouraged. Written questions can be submitted through email ([mweber.re@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mweber.re@sbcglobal.net)). Attendees need to be aware that questions may not be answered at the open forum but will be researched by the WPCC and responses presented at a later date. If you have any questions pertaining to the open forum please contact Ben Zick, [crazick@yahoo.com](mailto:crazick@yahoo.com). The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) sheet was emailed and some paper copies are on the information station.

**Process for Open Forum:**

1. Sign up list for people with questions. There will be a 2-minute time limit for questions or comments. (Mark Weber will hold the mic, and others at a table in the front will attempt to answer their questions)
2. Once a question/comment is done, they will have to wait in the back of the line after everyone else has spoken if they have more to say.

**SPLS WISH LIST** Periodically we put out a wish list to fill the needs of our school that are not in the normal budget. A board is in the narthex with slips for the items we need. If you would like to purchase an item or two, take a slip and place it in an envelope with your monetary gift. Please include your envelope number or name & put it in the box on the information station or turn it into the church office. Your help is greatly appreciated and our teachers thank you!

**EMERGENCIES & HOSPITAL VISITS** Please contact either Pastor Lindemann (920) 342-6924, Pastor Boehringer (920) 579-8150 or the office (920) 922-1160, if you or another member are in the hospital or if an emergency comes up. This way someone is aware of it and one of the Pastors can come and visit. And if you have

a prayer request to be read during church, please contact one of the pastors or the office staff. Thank you!

**SPLS ATHLETICS** We are looking for a volleyball assistant coach for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If interested in helping coach, please contact Roberta Roecker [athleticdirector@stpetersfdl.net](mailto:athleticdirector@stpetersfdl.net).

**WELS NATIONAL TEEN BIBLE STUDY** is an online opportunity for teens across the country to connect around the Word. Held quarterly, teens can sign up and meet through Zoom. Bible study topics will be relevant to teens and are led by various WELS pastors. Teens will be able to interact with one another through breakout rooms. *The WELS National Teen Bible Study is not intended to replace local ministry efforts but serve to supplement and encourage connections with teens locally and from across the country. The Bible Study complements the WELS International Youth Rally and WELS Youth Nights by providing another opportunity for spiritual growth.* Mark your calendars teens! The first bible study will be **September 8 at 6:00 pm**. Sign up now ~ <https://wels.net/event/wels-national-teen-bible-study/>

**TRAVEL WITH WELS GROUPS** Interested in traveling with other members of our WELS/ELS faith family where daily devotion and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer several trips in the coming months. Spend some time in Duluth and along the amazing Lake Superior shore in September. Embark on a 2-week trip to Texas via America's Heartland in November. Or, ring in the New Year on a Caribbean cruise to visit and encourage our WELS missions in St. Lucia, Grenada, and Antigua. All trips originate in MN (New Ulm or Twin Cities), have options to fly-in and meet the group, and are open to WELS/ELS members of all ages. Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact Steve Balza ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) or 507-217-1731).

**WIDOWS & WIDOWERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will meet at Faith Lutheran Church and School, 55 Prairie Rd. on **Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:30 pm** in the Commons (enter through Door #2). Sandwiches and chips will be served & water will be provided. Bring your own beverage if you wish. We will be having an Ice Cream Social. Ice Cream & toppings will be provided. If you have a unique topping you'd like to share, feel free to bring it. Please RSVP to Dave Seibel at 920-948-9475 (call or text) or [dseibelz56@gmail.com](mailto:dseibelz56@gmail.com).

## JUNE 30, 2024 STATUS

| General Fund:                      | 2023               | 2024               | % Inc  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| <b>Receipts:</b>                   |                    |                    |        |
| Weekly Offerings                   | \$595,673.84       | \$578,674.87       |        |
| Special Services                   | <u>\$52,591.50</u> | <u>\$61,040.55</u> |        |
| Contributions Subtotal             | \$648,265.34       | \$639,715.42       | -1.32% |
| Other                              | <u>\$75,015.85</u> | <u>\$76,312.99</u> |        |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>              | \$723,281.19       | \$716,028.41       | -1.00% |
| <b>Disbursements:</b>              | \$860,535.27       | \$858,179.05       | -0.27% |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>             | -\$137,254.08      | -\$142,150.64      |        |
| <b>Accumulated Deficit</b>         |                    |                    |        |
| Surplus/Deficit Prior Years        | \$13,287.28        | -\$10,364.24       |        |
| Deficit this Year                  | -\$137,254.08      | -\$142,150.64      |        |
| Changes in Assets/Liab             | <u>\$0.00</u>      | <u>\$0.00</u>      |        |
| <b>Total Accum Surplus/Deficit</b> | -\$123,966.80      | -\$152,514.88      |        |

A year-ago at this time we had a deficit of \$137,254.08 versus a 2024 deficit of \$142,150.64 as of the end of June. Both years had 26 Sundays as of the end of June. Our total accumulated deficit at the beginning of the year was \$10,364.24 which has increased to \$152,514.88 as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Other Notes:

### WLA Scrip Proceeds:

The Scrip proceeds for the past year have been received. 1,731.22 was applied to St. Peter's student tuition accounts. Of the remaining 882.55 proceeds:  
 353.02 (40%) went to the General Fund,  
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 176.51 (20%) went to Ministerial Student Tuition Assistance Fund.



## On this rock I will build my Church

The Faith of our Fathers

In the 1860's, between the telegraph and the railroads, communications were steadily improving. The telegraph went transcontinental in 1861 (and transatlantic in 1866). Communications that formerly took days to months to receive could now happen in minutes. It was a vital tool for the North and the South and delivered news rapidly to an anxious country.

January 1, 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation effectively freeing all slaves. He delivered his most renowned speech, The Gettysburg Address, on November 19 that same year. Through newspapers and the telegraph almost every American "heard" that speech.

And, life continued at St. Peter's. In July of 1864 Pastor Mayerhoff filled the vacancy created when Kern left. Mayerhoff was also a recent arrival from Germany. He had for his use a church building, and a brand-new building for teaching the ever-growing school, with an upper flat for his home. St. Peter's was prospering. The congregation realized that the pastor had to be relieved from teaching and decided to enlist a full-time qualified teacher.

1865 began with renowned confidence. On March 4, Lincoln was inaugurated for his second term. It appeared that the war was winding down. The congregation would soon be seven years old, and St. Peter's school year would begin under the leadership of Gustave Denninger. The Lenten season began with continued war reports. Then, finally, good news! On April 9, Palm Sunday, Lee surrendered to Grant at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia. The war was over! It had claimed more than 620,000 lives.

One can scarcely imagine what grateful hearts filled the nation and our growing family. Holy Week would have been filled with prayers of thanks and for the safe return of the weary, worn and maimed. Preparations could begin for a truly joyful Easter after these many years.

But it was not to be. On Good Friday evening, April 15, 1865, President Lincoln was shot. He was dead by morning and the nation and the congregation mourned. "Millions of Americans bade farewell to the assassinated president as his body made a 1700-mile journey home." See History.com, Abraham Lincoln funeral train.

## Battle Hymn of the Republic

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword  
His truth is marching on. Glory, glory hallelujah, Glory, glory hallelujah,  
Glory, glory hallelujah, His truth is marching on.*

*In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigured you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free  
While God is marching on. Glory, glory hallelujah, Glory, glory hallelujah,  
Glory, glory hallelujah, While God is marching on.*

*Daily Bible Readings*

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 07/15 Ezra 4    | 07/19 Ezra 9, 10 |
| 07/16 Ezra 5, 6 | 07/20 Nehemiah 1 |
| 07/17 Ezra 7    | 07/21 Nehemiah 2 |
| 07/18 Ezra 8    |                  |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 63 + 268 = 331

Communed: 51 + 216 = 267

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$24,234.44      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 3,475.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 27,709.44        | \$743,737.85        |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 2,217.00         |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 435.40           |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 225.00           |                     |
| Ministerial Tuition Assistance                   | 40.00            |                     |
| School Wish List                                 | 1,500.00         |                     |



*This Week at St. Peter's*

[www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar](http://www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar)

|                    |          |                                              |
|--------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>      | 9:00 am  | Worship                                      |
|                    | 10:00 am | Blood Pressure Screening                     |
|                    | 10:00 am | Special Voters' Meeting                      |
| <b>MONDAY</b>      | 6:30 pm  | Men's Softball home vs Faith 2               |
|                    | 5:00 pm  | School Board Meeting                         |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | 6:00 pm  | WPCP Open Forum                              |
|                    | 5:30 pm  | Board of Properties                          |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | 6:00 pm  | Board of Elders                              |
|                    | 6:30 pm  | FDL Area Women's Bible Study @ Good Shepherd |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | 5:15 pm  | Board of Youth Discipleship                  |
|                    | 6:30 pm  | Worship with the Lord's Supper               |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | 9:00 am  | Worship with the Lord's Supper               |
|                    | 6:30 pm  | Men's Softball Home vs. St. John's, Lomira 2 |