



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

**Announcements**  
July 21, 2024

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

**MEN'S SOFTBALL** plays home at 6:30 pm against St. John's, Lomira 2 on **Sunday, July 21.**

**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 table or turn it into the church office. Your help is greatly appreciated and our teachers thank you!

**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).

**WELCOME BACK PRESENTATIONS** We will be having Welcome Back Presentations on Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 am and Tuesday, August 6 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. **All school families are required to attend one of these.** Handouts & paperwork will be in the commons. The teachers will be in their classrooms for their own presentations to address parents about classroom routines & expectations. You may bring school supplies if you have them ready. A sign-up genius for individual one on one meetings has been sent out to parents who would like to sign up for that as well. Any questions, please contact Anna or Ashley in the office.



**On this rock I will build my Church**  
The Faith of our Fathers

In 1865 life continued. Andrew Johnson was sworn in as president. He wasn't supposed to still be here. The assassination plot against Lincoln included killing Johnson, too. The country followed the gripping news of the ensuing murder trial. And, the immigrants kept coming. Fond du Lac continued to grow, and St. Peter's continued to grow.

Synod opened its first worker training school in Watertown in September. What became Northwestern College began its life as Wisconsin University. At St. Peter's Mr. Denninger opened the new school year. Under his direction enrollment greatly increased and within one year the brand-new building had to be enlarged and the teaching staff increased. Miss Magnussen became a full-time teacher assisted part-time by Miss Jurgens. It was not uncommon to have 100 or more children in a single classroom. Nine or more students shared one long plank desk with a long plank bench. Two rows of these "desks" spanned the room with an aisle between

so the “switch” bearing teacher could maintain discipline. Teaching and learning were accomplished!

In 1886 St. Peter’s hosted the convention of The Synod of Wisconsin for the second time. Pastor Wilhelm Striessguth was synod president from ‘65 through ‘67 while serving as Pastor of St. John’s, Milwaukee, a very large congregation. He was suffering from exhaustion.

Our growing congregation faced another vacancy as, in August of ‘67 Mayerhoff accepted a call to Ripon. Due to the extreme shortage of Pastors, synod granted professor Meumann from Watertown a one-year leave of absence to serve our members. During his year here the congregation continued to make tremendous strides and difficult decisions. Early in 1868 the property on Marr, between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets was purchased. This would become St. Peter’s home for the next 139 years.

In August, Meumann returned to Watertown. The congregation called the aforementioned Pastor Streissguth, who badly needed a change of scenery. He was installed in October. The shortage of pastors now reached “critical mass” for it was this year that synod severed ties to the German church. The very issue that ignited the migration of the “Old Lutherans”, the forced establishment of a state church merging all Protestants into one body, now meant the pastors who might come were no longer in doctrinal agreement. Earlier this decade synod had resolved to start a seminary program, but the effort foundered.

1869 was a banner year. One can almost hear the hustle and bustle of the growing city, the sound of hammer hitting wood, horses and wagons making their way through bumpy streets. Construction of the church began in February. It was an impressive wood frame building. To cut costs, the steeple was omitted. The school building was uprooted from its place and moved to the new location. That would have been a sight to behold, a spectator event. Men, horses, ropes and pulleys accomplished the task. The church was dedicated in October while construction of the parsonage was underway. The upper flat of the school would now house the male teacher and his family.

Before the year was over, Mr. Denninger resigned as teacher to study to become a pastor and the congregation was dealing with a large debt. My, how history repeats itself!!

*Oh God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guide while troubles last, and our eternal home!*

*Daily Bible Readings*

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 07/22 Nehemiah 3 | 07/26 Nehemiah 7      |
| 07/23 Nehemiah 4 | 07/27 Nehemiah 8      |
| 07/24 Nehemiah 5 | 07/28 Nehemiah 9:1-21 |
| 07/25 Nehemiah 6 |                       |

*Last Week’s Stewardship*

Worship: 147 + 273 = 420

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$27,392.36      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 3,142.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 30,534.36        | \$774,272.21        |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 1,323.00         |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 1,733.70         |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 1,588.00         |                     |
| School Wish List                                 | 1,437.00         |                     |



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

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>      | 9:00 am | Worship with the Lord’s Supper                 |
|                    | 6:30 pm | Men’s Softball home vs St. John’s, Lomira 2    |
| <b>MONDAY</b>      | 6:00 pm | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pastor Study Committee Meeting |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | 9:00 am | Faculty Meeting                                |
|                    | 5:00 pm | Sunday School Team Meeting*                    |
|                    | 6:30 pm | Worship                                        |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | 9:00 am | Worship                                        |
|                    | 6:30 pm | Men’s Softball Home @ St. Paul’s, Forest 1     |

\*If you have interest in being part of our **Sunday School team**—teaching, teaching helper, substitute teacher, part-time teacher, coordinator—and Pastor Boehringer has not reached out to you, please just show up Thursday, July 25 at 5:00 pm for our regular meeting. We’d love to have you on the team! You can call Pastor Boehringer anytime to find out where you could fit onto the team: call/text 920-579-8150. Thank you!