



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

**Announcements**  
July 28, 2024

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**AUGUST CALENDARS & FORWARD IN CHRIST** are available on the information station in the narthex.

**MEN'S SOFTBALL** plays away at 6:30 pm against St. Paul's, Forest 1 on **Sunday, July 28.**

**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!

**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.



**SEMINARY FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE** In support of the many fine men who are being trained in the ministry, and their families, we are having a food and supplies drive. In addition to any non-perishable food items, we will also be accepting any household items such as laundry supplies, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, diapers and SCRIP. The drive will begin **August 11** and go through **September 8**. Tables will be set up in the narthex where you can drop off your donations. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our future pastors!

**WLA OPENING SERVICE & INSTALLATION** will be held on **Sunday, August 18** here at St. Peter's during the 9:00 service. Please join in welcoming new faculty members, Ryan Jacobs, Mason DeNoyer, Mykenna Schneiter, Moriah Hackbarth, and Ethan Mallow to Winnebago Lutheran Academy as they begin their 100<sup>th</sup> year.



**On this rock I will build my Church**

The Faith of our Fathers

**1870, a new decade!** Between 1860-70 the population of the nation increased by 23% and the state by 36%. And the immigrants kept coming.

Our nation now numbered 37 states. Civil War hero Ulysses Grant was president. Reconstruction of the devastation from the war was still ongoing; the Industrial Revolution thriving. Oil had been discovered in Pennsylvania in 1859. Kerosene now replaced whale oil to light homes and churches. Thomas Edison was 23 years old and by the end of this decade the world would be introduced to the telephone, light bulb and phonograph though none would see household use for many years. Yellowstone became the first National Park and a son of German immigrants introduced Heinz Ketchup to the world.

As to the city, back in 1835, 4000 acres had been acquired by the Fond du Lac Land Company and a plat drawn out. The city was officially founded in 1837 with a population of 8. There was a saw mill in the area and a post office of sorts. Mail was carried by foot from Green Bay. Now, 33 years later the city was a railroad hub and numbered well over 17,000, second only to Milwaukee. Children 5 and under were not counted as nearly half of them, 47%, would die before their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Synod definitely needed to resolve the seminary situation. The solution was strong and thriving in Missouri. Large numbers of "Old Lutherans" settled there before

1820. By 1823, St. Louis was a city. Concordia Seminary had been founded in a one room log cabin in Perry, MO in 1839, eight years before there was a Missouri Synod. This Preparatory Department and School of Theology moved to St. Louis in 1849. Our Wisconsin Synod had continued acquiring pastors from Germany who had been trained in reformed theology. This was weakening our doctrinal stand. It was the Missouri Synod pastors that corrected and stabilized our synod. It was logical, therefore, to train our pastors in St. Louis. This arrangement lasted from 1870 through 1878 and doctrinal alliance continued for almost a century.

At St. Peter's, the school and congregation continued to grow. A reinvigorated and much loved Pastor Streissguth served the congregation well for 5 years. He left for St. Paul, MN in January, 1872. The congregation rejoiced when Meumann, who had earlier served as interim pastor, returned. The male teacher also left. For a brief time in 1872 there was neither a pastor nor male teacher. The lady teacher moved up and the young children were taught by two eighth grade girls.

Ever since Luther, Lutherans have loved to sing. It was also in 1872 that Synod produced its first hymnal (words only, no music) which St. Peter's adopted. Musically inclined members could barely make it through a service. Most singing was done acapella. Their fellow members came from every region of Germany. Everyone singing was singing a different tune. Out of frustration the Mixed Choir was born. They practiced every week and established the tradition of the marvelous music that continues to bless our congregation to this day.

In 1873 another building project was tackled. The steeple was built and the exterior of the church got brick veneer. The young congregation dealt strongly with doctrinal issues of lodge membership and fellowship. The resolutions adopted have held the congregation firm to scripture these many years.

While St. Peter's was prospering and flourishing, sister congregations to the north were still reeling. In October, 1871 the Peshtigo fire roared through the north woods obliterating 1.5 million acres, 17 towns and countless lives. Please check out a paper written by a seminary student at [essays.wisluthsem.org](http://essays.wisluthsem.org), "Rising from the Ashes" and click "view." It is a well written essay and an incredible story.

Lord help us ever to retain the catechism's doctrine plain  
As Luther taught the word of truth in simple style to tender youth.

*Daily Bible Readings*

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 07/29 Nehemiah 9:22-37    | 08/02 Nehemiah 13 |
| 07/30 Nehemiah 9:38-10:39 | 08/03 Psalm 90    |
| 07/31 Nehemiah 11         | 08/04 Psalm 91    |
| 08/01 Nehemiah 12         |                   |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 127 + 268 = 395

Communed: 104 + 221 = 325

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$23,382.73      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,875.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 26,257.73        | \$800,529.94        |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 1,082.00         |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 1,393.20         |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 85.00            |                     |
| School Wish List                                 | 283.00           |                     |
| Ministerial Tuition Assistance                   | 20.00            |                     |



*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                                     |
|                       | 6:30 pm  | Men's Softball away at St. Paul's, Forest   |
| <b>TUESDAY-FRIDAY</b> |          | WELS National Conference @ Carthage College |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>       | 6:30 pm  | Worship with the Lord's Supper              |
| <b>FRIDAY-SUNDAY</b>  |          | Men's Softball Tournament                   |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>    | 9:00 am  | Worship with the Lord's Supper              |
|                       | 10:30 am | School Families Welcome Back Presentation   |