



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

**Announcements**  
August 11, 2024

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

**SPECIAL GIFTS** Family and friends have given special gifts to the General Fund in loving memory of Gary Jackson. A special gift has been given to Honoring the Lord! in memory of Vince Markowski.



**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 are 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.

**OPEN FORUM** The Coordinating Council will be hosting an open forum with the Wisconsin Parental Choice Committee on **Sunday, August 11 @ 10:30 am** in the commons. **We encourage the school families of St. Peter's to attend (this includes Good Shepherd members). Childcare will be provided!** 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)). Principals from other choice schools will be available to answer questions as well. 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 paper copies will be available. **This topic will be voted on in October and it's important for all families to be educated or ask questions regarding school choice.**

**Process for Open Forum:**

1. 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 after everyone else has spoken if they have more to say.

**AREA WELS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Join us August 20<sup>th</sup> for the last Women's Bible Study at Good Shepherd beginning at 6:30 pm. Contact Naomi Schmidt with any questions: 920-960-1436.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS** are available in the narthex. Sunday School starts **September 8 at 9:10 am**. This is for children that attend Lutheran school, home school, or public school, PreK to Grade 5. The Sunday schoolers begin in the music room and then break off into their different groups. Please place completed forms in the box provided. Contact Brooke Mielkie with any questions; [brooke93086@gmail.com](mailto:brooke93086@gmail.com).

**FONDUE FEST BOOTH** We will be setting up our St. Peter's booth at Fondue Fest, **Saturday, September 7**. A sign up sheet for time slots is available on the table by the bulletin boards in the narthex. We are also accepting donations of cases of water. These can be dropped off in the office.

**WORSHIP TIME & BIBLE CLASSES** September 8<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of our *Regular Schedule* - worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am with Bible Class at 9:10. Sunday morning Bible Class for this Fall will continue the study of the **Gospel of Mark**. Wednesday Bible Class will begin on September 11<sup>th</sup>, at both 10 am and 7 pm. This 11 week study will begin with the **History of the World**.

**PASTOR LINDEMANN** is in Colorado preaching at Fount of Life Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs for his son, Rev. Jared Lindemann. Pastor will be back Wednesday.

**LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS** Check out the pictures on the bulletin board of our Lutheran Girl Pioneers at Camp Bird. We had 44 girls from our LGP program attend camp for the week. There was a total of 150 girls. We thank the members of our congregation for contributing gifts towards our youth fund as this helps pay for the girls to attend. We are so blessed!

**OUTDOOR COURTYARD** If you haven't been down by the school wing to check out the courtyard, it is complete! Next up will be ordering some benches. Take a walk down to the school to see this beautiful space. Thank you for the monetary gifts and labor that went into making this a wonderful space for all to enjoy!

**PASTOR'S AUGUST UPDATE** As of July 31 Pastor Boehringer is done with chemotherapy. Things could always change, and are always in the hands of Jesus, but if the current plan stays on track, August will be a month focused on Pastor keeping healthy before the big surgery. The surgery is scheduled for Friday, September 13. He will be preaching this weekend and for the Labor Day weekend. After that his cancer team at Froedtert has advised him to isolate prior to surgery, so that's what he's planning on doing at the beginning of September. Since we don't know what will actually happen during surgery, the time of recovery is uncertain. Please continue to pray for all those in your life who are afflicted with cancer and those who have lost loved ones to cancer, and that they all may be strengthened by the promises of the living God, who sent His only-begotten Son, Jesus, to die and rise for our salvation, now and forever. Blessed be God in all His gifts!



Wednesday, Aug 21 ~ First Day of School  
Friday, Aug 30 & Monday, Sept 2 ~ No School & Office Closed  
Sunday, Sept 8 @ 11:30 am ~ WPCP Open Forum  
Monday, Sept 9 @ 6:30 pm ~ Evening Circle Meeting with light supper  
Sept 12 & 15 ~ LWMS Door Offering  
Friday, Sept 20 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night @ WLA  
Friday, Oct 4 ~ WLA Skit Night  
Saturday, Oct 5 @ 11 am ~ WLA Homecoming Football Game



## On this rock I will build my Church

The Faith of our Fathers

We're still stuck in 1874, the congregation is 16 years old, school 11. The last installment recounted home life. This one reviews the life of teachers and students. In its first 10 years, St. Peter's School went through 11 teachers. In 1874 Mr. Oberdorsten had the first class. Mr. Fritzke had the second. He'd been here for 1 year and would remain for 9 more.

School was conducted in German and opened in a real school building for the 10<sup>th</sup> time. The school year was 10 months long. It would have been year round if farm children were not needed for the labor intensive harvests. Lack of sanitation made communicable diseases a serious threat. Everyone shared the same wash basin and water bucket. Indoor plumbing and drinking fountains were not yet available. The teachers also served as janitor and custodian. Classroom furnishings included a large blackboard, a stove for heat, kerosene lanterns for lighting and hooks for coats. The student desks were long benches able to seat at least 6 with a wide plank writing surface. Textbooks were scarce and had to be shared. Each student likely had a slate and chalk. If paper and pencil were available the pencil would need to be sharpened with a knife.

School apparel was simple and all handmade. Girls wore long skirted dresses covered by an apron. It was necessary to stay clean since that dress would be worn for the entire week. Boys wore trousers with button closures and suspenders and would be allowed to go barefoot as each child owned only one pair of shoes. Younger boys wore short pants, older boys long.

Arriving at school, children gathered outside and waited for the bell. Shenanigans were part of the scene. At starting time the teachers would appear wielding a brass bell. The ringing of the bell brought those tardy scurrying to get in line. The students lined up by height for each classroom, boys in one line, girls in the other. They would march into school, shortest sitting in the front rows and tallest at the rear, boys to the right, girls to the left.

The school day began with a prayer and a hymn and then on to learning. Subjects always included Bible study, reading, writing, and arithmetic. Penmanship was extremely important as the written word was the primary method of communication. Early textbooks, while teaching reading, also covered subjects such as science, geography and history. Memorization was extremely important as was recitation. But reading was more so. Once you learned to read, books became

a window to the world. Thirst for knowledge was a driving force that shaped the nation.

The volume of students meant discipline was very strict or chaos would have ruled. Infractions were dealt with swiftly, often with a hard smack of a ruler across the knuckles or palm. Sitting in the corner was common as was staying after school. Those kept after school might be assigned the task of cleaning blackboards or hauling water. Anyone punished at school could expect more when they got home!! The day included recess and lunch time. Good weather meant recess outside with balls, hoops or marbles. Some girls stayed inside to do their embroidery or crochet. Lunch was carried in a small bucket. The sandwich would be homemade bread with lard, maybe butter if the family had a cow and a churn and maybe jam. Peanut butter was not on the menu for another 30 years.

It is always amazing to hear what lifelong friendships were forged in those classrooms. For all of St. Peter's history, family life, school life and church life blended together making St. Peter's congregation a cohesive unit. The willingness to deprive themselves to help another in need, to give beyond what they were able to support their church and school has been a testament of their love of their Savior and this congregation.

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*Daily Bible Readings*

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 08/12 Psalm 103      | 08/16 Psalm 106:34-48 |
| 08/13 Psalm 104      | 08/17 Haggai 1        |
| 08/14 Psalm 105      | 08/18 Haggai 2        |
| 08/15 Psalm 106:1-33 |                       |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 122 + 319 = 441

Communed: 107 + 217 = 324

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$22,353.92      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,875.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 25,228.92        | 844,617.48          |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 1,968.00         |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 415.20           |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 10.00            |                     |
| School Wish List                                 | 535.00           |                     |



*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                                      |
|                    | 10:30 am | Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Open Forum |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | 5:30 pm  | Board of Outreach                            |
|                    | 5:30 pm  | Board of Properties                          |
|                    | 6:30 pm  | Parental Choice Study Committee              |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | 5:00 pm  | WLA New Student Orientation                  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | 5:15 pm  | Board of Adult & Youth Discipleship          |
|                    | 5:30 pm  | Sunday School Team Meeting                   |
|                    | 6:30 pm  | Worship with the Lord's Supper               |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | 9:00 am  | Worship with the Lord's Supper               |