



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

Announcements August 18, 2024

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



**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 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!

**WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE INFORMATION** A slide show overview from the Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs has been emailed to the congregation and school families. These slides summarize the Wisconsin Choice Programs. This was also shown to members during the Open Forum on August 11. A WPCP Revenue Allocations Illustration was also given by the WPCP Committee. This was all new information given at the open forum and has been sent out to all members and school families for your own knowledge.

**MAILBOX MINISTRY** We are in need of a few more volunteers to serve in this valuable ministry. A Mail Box Ministry volunteer is assigned to each member mailbox. Volunteers will hand-deliver bulletins to their assigned members after four weeks' worth of bulletins have accumulated in a contact's mailbox. With a congregation our size, those who need special pastoral care are identified through this work. Through this ministry, we also encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ, reminding them of what a privilege it is to gather around the Word and Sacraments. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Joe Birkholz at 517-8419.

**ADULT CHOIR** would enjoy welcoming more singers. Come join us on Wednesdays for an hour of Christian fellowship - starting on **Wednesday, Sep. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. Let's praise our Lord together through music.

**OWLS CONVENTION** will be held October 14-17 at the Omaha Marriott at Regency, Omaha, NE. There are workshops and keynote speakers you may attend along with a potential tour of Offutt Air Force Base. Paper copies of information and registration forms are on the information station.

**SECOND IMPRESSIONS** On July 29<sup>th</sup>, Second Impressions donated \$300,000 to Winnebago Lutheran Academy. This donation puts them at the \$1,000,000 mark in total donations to WLA. We are so very thankful to all of the hard-working volunteers, staff, and board of directors. The support from customers and people who make donations is such a blessing! To God be the glory!

**WIDOWS & WIDOWERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will meet at Faros Restaurant, FDL on **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**. Our speaker will be Jon Alden Pedersen who just completed his vicar year at St. Paul's, Columbus, OH and is starting his final year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI. He is a graduate of Faith Lutheran School and WLA. Please RSVP to Dave Seibel at 920-948-9475 (call or text) or dseibelz56@gmail.com.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS** are available in the narthex. Sunday School starts **September 8 at 9:10am**. 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 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 8:00am and 10:30am 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 10am and 7pm. This 11 week study will begin with the History of the World.

**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 UPDATE NO. 2** 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, the surgery will be September 13. He'll be preaching one more time this summer, the weekend of Labor Day. Please note that for the September 1 service Pastor will preach and then depart; he won't be in the narthex before or after church and he won't be assisting with Holy Communion. This is because his team at Froedtert has advised him to isolate prior to surgery. After Sept. 1 you won't see Pastor Boehringer until after September and October at least. Since the surgery has many possible outcomes, the time of recovery is uncertain. Your prayers on Pastor's behalf are deeply appreciated!

Members of St. Peter's congregation,

St. Peter's has been blessed with faithful pastors throughout its long history. With a membership of nearly 1000 souls, a flourishing day school, and many unchurched in our community, the work and opportunities are great. Currently, St. Peter's is guided by two full-time pastors and one part-time visitation pastor, but the possibilities for strengthening personal contacts and connections within the congregation and to bring the Gospel to more individuals and families within our community suggests that a third full-time pastor would be beneficial.

The idea of adding a third pastor to our ministry has been discussed for decades. We are revisiting this topic once again as the need for a third full-time pastor has not changed. There will be an opportunity this fall to hear from the leaders looking for this proposal to become a reality. At that time you will have the opportunity to have your questions answered and to provide your feedback.

2 Corinthians 4:15 "All this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks."

In His service,

Ministerial Staffing Committee



- Wednesday, Aug 21 ~ First Day of School
- Friday, Aug 30 & Monday, Sept 2 ~ No School & Office Closed
- Sunday, Sept 8 @ 11:30am ~ WPCP Open Forum
- Monday, Sept 9 @ 6:30pm ~ 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 @ 11am ~ WLA Homecoming Football Game



## On this rock I will build my Church

The Faith of our Fathers

It's 1875, Ulysses Grant is still in the White House and the nation is in the grips of the first "Great Depression." The "Panic of 1873" affected every citizen and lasted until 1879. The 1929 crash usurped the title and the old era was renamed the "Long Depression." The West was rapidly being settled. In 1876 Colorado became the 38<sup>th</sup> state, and with the transcontinental railroad, folks could travel from Omaha, NE to the Pacific in "only" two weeks.

The country was undergoing growing pains. There was sharp contrast between the industrialized East and the Wild West. In the East, the National League of Baseball and the Women's Christian Temperance Union were founded; the first Kentucky Derby run. Out West, wagon trains were still traversing the Oregon Trail and the Red River Indian War was fought.

By 1876 the contrast was extreme. Out East, Alexander Graham Bell demonstrated the telephone and New York City's Central Park opened. Philadelphia, the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence, hosted America's first world's fair. The "Centennial Exposition" showcased the meteoric rise of industrial power. It was open for 6 months and drew 10 million visitors from across the globe. Out West, the Battle of the Little Big Horn (Custer's Last Stand) was forever written into the history books and Wild Bill Hickok was gunned down in a poker game in Deadwood, SD.

Back in Wisconsin, also in 1876, synod founded Northwestern Publishing House and opened the Wisconsin Synod Bookstore in Milwaukee. They produced and sold mainly German language literature for churches.

St. Peter's was undergoing staffing issues. Teacher Oberdorsten was "relieved of his position", replaced by Scheunemann who lasted one year. In 1875 Nimmer replaced Scheunemann and remained for 4 years. He resigned in 1879 and was replaced by Carl Brenner. Mr. Brenner served thru 1889 and was still living when the congregation celebrated its centennial 69 years later.

In 1875 due to failing health, Pastor Meumann tendered his resignation. He continued serving until April of 1876. That June, Pastor George Hoelzel was installed. Within months his health became precarious. To alleviate the situation,

St. Peter's called his brother, Philip, of Great Bend, KS to serve as his assistant. Philip immediately accepted, praying his brother would be restored to good health. That did not happen. December of 1877 George died. He would not be the only beloved pastor to be taken from this life just before Christmas. With heavy hearts the congregation laid him to rest in Estabrook Cemetery. Philip Hoelzel served St. Peter's for 22 years.

Among the many duties expected of the two teachers they also were responsible for all music at church and school. At some point, the congregation purchased a used reed organ. This organ was in very sad condition. Some of the keys didn't play well at all, and some had to be propped up with matchsticks to stop the whistling. It was nicknamed the "wailing chest." In 1878, in commemoration of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the congregations purchased its first pipe organ. The reed organ had cost \$11, the pipe organ, \$1,000. That would be \$30,000 today.

The year 1878 brings to mind an interesting phenomenon that seems ever present. Children born in 1858 when St. Peter's was founded are now 20 years old. Neither they nor those born since can fathom or understand the hardship their parents endured to come to America, establish a new life, and build a compassionate and thriving congregation. So it is that our children below 16 and possibly below 20 cannot comprehend what life was like at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Marr. Each generation, each new family, each new member begins their own thread of history to St. Peter's.

*We are God's house of living stones, built for his own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns, heirs of his wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two his name to tell, yet he would deign with us to dwell  
With all his grace and his favor.*

*Daily Bible Readings*

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 08/19 Zechariah 1, 2 | 08/23 Zechariah 8     |
| 08/20 Zechariah 3, 4 | 08/24 Zechariah 9, 10 |
| 08/21 Zechariah 5, 6 | 08/25 Zechariah 11    |
| 08/22 Zechariah 7    |                       |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 125 + 275 = 400

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$19,581.44      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 3,065.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 22,646.44        | 867,263.92          |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 887.00           |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 385.20           |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 561.00           |                     |
| School Wish List                                 | 23.00            |                     |



*This Week at St. Peter's*

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

**SUNDAY** 9:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper  
 9:00 am Installation of new WLA teachers

**MONDAY** 5:00 pm School Board

**TUESDAY** 6:00 pm Board of Elders  
 6:30 pm FDL Area Women's Bible Study @ Good Shepherd  
 6:30 pm Parental Choice Study Committee

**WEDNESDAY** SPLS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**THURSDAY** 5:00 pm Sunday School Team Meeting  
 6:30 pm Worship

**NEXT SUNDAY** 9:00 am Worship