



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

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**SEPTEMBER FORWARD IN CHRIST, NEW MEDITATIONS, & BIBLE READING BOOKMARKS** 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!

**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.

**SCHOOL BOARD** Chris Jerabek will be installed as a new member of our School Board on Sunday, August 25.

**EVENING CIRCLE** Calling all ladies of St. Peter's, please mark your calendars. Plan to attend the first Evening Circle Meeting of this year on **Monday, September 9 at 6:00pm** in the Multi-purpose Room. Join us for a light meal followed by our meeting and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**OPEN FORUM** The Coordinating Council will be hosting an open forum with the Wisconsin Parental Choice Committee on **Sunday, September 8 @ 11:45 am** in the commons. **We encourage the school families of St. Peter's to attend (this includes Good Shepherd members).** The WPCP Committee will give an overview and final report regarding this program. Mr. Lecker from Redeemer and Mr. Krause from St. Paul's, Mt. Calvary will be attending to offer their experiences with School Choice and take any questions. This topic will be voted on in October. Please make plans to attend to educate yourself about the program.

**SPECIAL DISPLAY** in the narthex relates to the "On This Rock I Will Build My Church" installment for this week. The artifacts are courtesy of Linda Lueck, signage by Jo Wendorff. The restored and enlarged pictures are courtesy of Rev. Allen Tetzlaff. ~Your History Committee

**WELS NATIONAL TEEN BIBLE STUDY** Found in Jesus – An Extraordinary Story of God's Love. It's common not only for teens but for all of God's people to feel this way. That's why you need to join with other teens for a meaningful and heartfelt study of the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). Join fellow WELS teens from around the country for a special online Bible study **September 8 at 6:00pm**. The 45-minute Bible study will have opportunity to connect with other teens, study and discuss the Word, and apply it specifically to your teen lives today. The Bible study will be led by Pastor Phil Huebner, the campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Sign up now to connect with other teens and with your Savior in this new special event! <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>

**THE AREA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will change locations in September! We will meet Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 6:30pm to continue our study of Luke's Gospel. Jesus asks Peter an important question, "Who do you say I am?" We will discuss the impact of that question for God's church on earth, and we will discuss why it is essential for each of us. What words do you use to share what you believe? Next, Jesus predicts His death and encourages His followers to take up their crosses. What does cross-bearing look like today? Come find out and be strengthened by the Word. Please contact Naomi Schmidt with any questions (920) 960-1436.

**BUILDING LOAN** St. Peter's has signed our conclusive building loan. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, we entered into a 3 year agreement with the bank, with the possibility of a 3 year extension. This gives us 6 years to pay off our church and school building loan. We encourage St. Peter's members to continue giving your first-fruit gifts to the general fund, however, when the Lord blesses you with a special gift or memorial, consider directing them to the "Honoring the Lord" offering, which goes directly toward the loan principal. "God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work." (2 Cor. 9:8) God's blessings, Ben Zick, President.

**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



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

The 1880's, another new decade. Rutherford Hayes was in the White House. He was replaced by James Garfield on March 4, 1881. What followed was another national tragedy though not nearly as dramatic as the loss of Lincoln. Garfield was shot on July 2, died on September 19 and Chester Arthur became president.

And the immigrants kept coming. In fact, the time spanning 1881 – 1884 saw the largest influx of Germans in history entering the state. These newcomers were mainly hard working and well educated. With industrialization, the work force could absorb them. Jobs were available but wages were barely livable. A male factory worker was paid \$35 a month for 10-hour work days. This was sufficient to support the worker and a wife, but not a family. In Milwaukee, mainly out of necessity, 80% of children over 12 opted for a job instead of school. Children as young as 8 worked in factories. Women and children were paid less and by law were to work only 8 hours a day. The laws were not enforced. If the worker didn't comply with demands there was someone else to do the job.

Life was becoming more "modern." Child mortality rate was slowly decreasing. It is now 35% - 65 out of every 100 babies born would live to see their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. Life expectancy was still 40 years. It was very common for a family to have suffered not only the death of a child but also a parent. Large cities were becoming electrified. It would be another 50 years for rural America. Walking was still a way of life and air conditioning meant opening a window. The only fans were made of paper. In 1884 Ball glass canning jars were perfected. Dramatic changes were on the horizon for health and welfare.

Fond du Lac was blessed to be situated in an area of the country with bountiful resources. The reorganized agricultural society had a 50-acre fair ground and sponsored 22 different annual fairs. Check out online: [formycousins.com](http://formycousins.com); 1878 Atlas Fond du Lac

The Wisconsin Synod reopened our seminary in a private home in Milwaukee and would soon purchase and remodel a suitable building at 13<sup>th</sup> and Vine. This sufficed for the next decade. After years of planning, the Minnesota Synod laid the foundations of Dr. Martin Luther College. "Old Main" was dedicated November 9, 1884. It would be another twelve years before women would be enrolled for a

three-year teacher's course. Google: "History of DMLC New Ulm" [issuu.com](http://issuu.com) has posted the 1934 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet.

St. Peter's congregation was improving the amenities at church and school. In 1880 "fine" seats were purchased for the two classrooms at a cost of \$432. The handmade long plank desks were retired with hundreds of students' initials carved in them! The new desks could accommodate a container of ink and the "dip pen" became a popular writing tool. In November the decision was made to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> class. The new teacher was Anna Schmedtjen. She would be a fixture at St. Peter's for the next 23 years. In 1881, the synod convention met at St. Peter's for the third time. Housing delegates in private homes was still the custom. With increasing enrollment, in early 1882 the congregation resolved to build another new school building. Construction began that same year and was completed Spring 1883. It had 3 large classrooms, still no plumbing or electricity. The old school was moved to a new location.

On August 12, 1883, the 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee was observed. Congregations from Eldorado, Van Dyne and Oshkosh joined in the celebration. Former Pastor Streissguth preached for the morning service and Mayerhoff for the afternoon service. Evening services were rarely held because kerosene lamps did not produce enough light. That issue was resolved as the very next year gas lighting was installed.

*Once you brought our father's footsteps to this land we hold so dear,  
Lengthening the cords and curtains of their habitation here,  
Strengthening your temple's pillars as you have from age to age,  
Giving us their sons and daughters, an abiding heritage.*

*Daily Bible Readings*

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 08/26 Zechariah 12, 13 | 08/30 Malachi 3:7-4:6 |
| 08/27 Zechariah 14     | 08/31 James 1:1-18    |
| 08/28 Malachi 1:1-2:9  | 09/01 James 1:19-27   |
| 08/29 Malachi 2:10-3:6 |                       |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 131 + 355 = 486

Communed: 95 + 274 = 369

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$20,421.77      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 15,695.78        |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 36,117.55        | 903,381.47          |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 752.00           |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 1,069.20         |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 85.00            |                     |



*This Week at St. Peter's*

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

**SUNDAY** 9:00 am Worship  
**MONDAY** 3:30 pm Faculty Meeting  
**THURSDAY** 6:30 pm Worship with the Lord's Supper  
**FRIDAY** No School ~ Office Closed  
**NEXT SUNDAY** 9:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper