



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

Announcements
September 1, 2024

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**SEPTEMBER CALENDARS, 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.

**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!

**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.**

**TRAVEL TO GREECE** Pastor Chris Rathje from Redeemer in Fond du Lac is hosting a trip to Greece from June 23 - July 2, 2025. Travel in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and deepen your understanding of the people and places he encountered on his missionary journeys, all while taking in the beautiful sites of Greece and enjoying a Greek Isle cruise. Round-trip airfare, deluxe motor coaches, first class hotels, guided sightseeing, a three-day cruise, and more have all been arranged. An amazing, optional extension to Rome is also being offered. You can view the brochure and register at [RegisterNow.ittworld.com](http://RegisterNow.ittworld.com), Tour Code: RathjeG25. Feel free to contact Pastor Rathje with any questions at (352) 445-8366 or [crathje@redeemerfdl.org](mailto:crathje@redeemerfdl.org).

**BIBLE CLASSES** **September 8<sup>th</sup>** we will have a guest Bible Class speaker. Pastor Joel Gaertner, former Pastor at Faith and now the Director of the Commission on Special Ministries, will talk about our WELS Mission to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. In this special class, he will also discuss the potential for St. Peter's to install a LOOP system which works with people's hearing aids to provide a clearer sound directly into their ears. **Wednesday** Bible Class begins on **September 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**THESE OLD PEWS** Please check out the poster and pew bench displayed in the narthex. It is a companion piece to the "On This Rock I Will Build My Church" installment for this week. The article was written in 1994 by Bud Erdman, a wise and faithful member of former years. ~Your History Committee

**LWMS INFORMATION** We will have our door offering for LWMS (Lutheran Women's Mission Society) Mission Projects on **September 12 and 15**. Consider a generous offering, as these projects are funded by your special gifts. Please take a few minutes to view the poster in the narthex to learn about 2024-2025 Mission Projects.



**WELS NATIONAL ONLINE TEEN BIBLE STUDY** Found in Jesus – An Extraordinary Story of God's Love. 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 14th, 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.

**FLYWAY OWLS** will take place **Tuesday, September 10** beginning at 1:00pm at the Lomira Community Center (425 Water Street.) Our speaker for September is Chris Caporale from Alliant Energy and will be speaking on the energy industry, including the local Springfield Solar Project. His presentation will also discuss recent changes in the industry. They are the transition to renewable energy and what goes into a solar installation. We will collect dues for 2024 (\$20 per person). These dues go directly to the National OWLS office in New Ulm, MN to cover their office expenses and printing expenses. We take a free will offering at each meeting to pay any expenses we may incur locally such as our speakers and support for the European Civilian Chaplaincy program. Contact Stefanie Gutermann at [gutermann@utilitytoo.com](mailto:gutermann@utilitytoo.com) or 920-583-2166 with questions.

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2025** The nomination committee is starting to work on the 2025 ballot. If you are a St. Peter's voting member and are willing to serve on one of our boards, please contact Chad Birkholz ([birky012@yahoo.com](mailto:birky012@yahoo.com)) or Ben Zick ([crazick@yahoo.com](mailto:crazick@yahoo.com)).

**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!

## August 31, 2024 STATUS



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

The Faith of our Fathers

| General Fund:                      | 2023                | 2024                | % Inc  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
| <b>Receipts:</b>                   |                     |                     |        |
| Weekly Offerings                   | \$809,353.30        | \$759,184.27        |        |
| Special Services                   | <u>\$52,591.50</u>  | <u>\$61,100.55</u>  |        |
| Contributions Subtotal             | \$861,944.80        | \$820,284.82        | -4.83% |
| Other                              | <u>\$166,023.75</u> | <u>\$123,355.77</u> |        |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>              | \$1,027,968.55      | \$943,640.59        | -8.20% |
| <b>Disbursements:</b>              | \$1,115,753.29      | \$1,132,365.73      | 1.49%  |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>             | -\$87,784.74        | -\$188,725.14       |        |
| <b>Accumulated Deficit</b>         |                     |                     |        |
| Surplus/Deficit Prior Years        | \$13,287.28         | -\$10,364.24        |        |
| Deficit this Year                  | -\$87,784.74        | -\$188,725.14       |        |
| Changes in Assets                  | <u>\$0.00</u>       | <u>\$0.00</u>       |        |
| <b>Total Accum Surplus/Deficit</b> | -\$74,497.46        | -\$199,089.38       |        |

A year-ago at this time we had a deficit of \$87,784.74 versus a deficit of \$188,725.14 as of the end of August. This year had 34 Sundays as of the end of August versus 35 Sundays last year. Our total accumulated deficit at the beginning of the year was 10,364.24 which increased to 199,089.38 as of the end of August. Remember that last year we received the Employee Retention Credit for wages paid during COVID totaling almost \$60,800. This does impact the comparison of the data above. The Contributions are about 4.8% below those of last year.

### Other Notes:

**Tuition for the 2023-2024 School Year:** From 8/1/2023 through 7/31/2024, \$200,883.36 tuition dollars were received. Of that amount 44,158.43 was set aside for book purchases etc. and 5,904.15 was set aside for Chromebook purchases. That left 150,820.78 tuition dollars in the tuition fund. Of that amount 138,000 had been transferred to St. Peter's General Fund on a monthly basis (11,500 per month). The remaining 12,820.78 was transferred to the General Fund in August. This is reflected in the Other Receipts total above.

March 4, 1885, Grover Cleveland became the 22<sup>nd</sup> president. A national project 20 years in the making finally reached completion with an incredible outpouring of public support. October 27, 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated. The number of states remained unchanged for ten years while the wild west was being tamed. Then, between November 2 and 11, 1889, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington were added. The flag now had 42 stars.



Although the Long Depression ended in 1879, Fond du Lac was still feeling the effects. Population had dropped to 12,000. Several factories had closed. The threshing machine company moved to Minneapolis becoming part of Minneapolis Moline. Chicago Northwestern, the most significant rail line in eastern Wisconsin and largest employer in Fond du Lac, moved their rail yard to Chicago. In this era a new but dangerous seasonal industry sprang up – ice harvesting on Lake Winnebago. The ice was cut into blocks 2 feet by 4 feet and 24" thick. The initial demand was for refrigerating rail cars. Very shortly it was a household commodity. Fond du Lac and Eau Claire became major suppliers to the entire country of ice boxes, the first practical home refrigeration that would be used for decades. Ice warehouses were constructed. Blocks of ice insulated with sawdust could be stored for many months. The delivery system was a horse drawn wagon and driver. If the household needed ice that day someone would have to remember to prop the sign in the front window!

At St. Peter's, Pastor Philip Hoelzel was still faithfully serving. Holy Communion was observed 7 times a year. These were 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent, 2) Sylvester Eve (New Year), 3) Ash Wednesday, 4) Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, 5) Sunday before Pentecost, 6) 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Trinity, and 7) 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Trinity. Note that Maundy Thursday and Good Friday counted as one. The Holy Week services would be filled to overflowing and could not accommodate the whole congregation.



The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated by making improvements to church furnishings. Fall of 1888 new pews replaced the wooden chairs and benches. If only those pews could talk! Although they needed attention from time to time, they



witnessed joy and laughter, tears and sorrow for the next **106 years**. The following Spring, on Palm Sunday, a new altar and pulpit were dedicated. No matter the economic circumstances, St. Peter's congregation, in steadfast faith, moved on.

As the decade closed out, most middle-class homes had a cast iron cook stove and a treadle sewing machine. March 4, 1889 Benjamin Harrison replaced Cleveland in the White House, and the Oklahoma Land Rush captivated the nation. Fond du Lac had a change to the skyline with the completion of the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul, the Apostle. At St. Peter's, faithful teachers Brenner and Boecher both accepted calls elsewhere and were replaced by Mr. Kleinschmidt and Mr. Jeske. With dedicated determination Miss Anna Schmedtjen continued to stay the course.

*Like a mighty army moves the church of God;  
Brothers we are treading where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.  
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.*

Two very interesting websites to visit are **Statueofliberty.org** and **Recollectionwisconsin.org**. The Coldest Crop: Ice Harvesting in Wisconsin

### Looking Ahead:

**SCRIP** During the month of September, take advantage of a **10% discount** (Reg. 5%) on your Kwik Trip Scrip Cards and a **20% discount** (Reg. 15%) on your Kwik Trip Grocery Only Cards!



**YOUTH GROUP PIZZAS** Our Lutheran Girl Pioneers and Teens will be hosting its Pizza Sale with pizza making day on **October 19**. Watch for a table and display to be set up in the narthex for you to fill out order forms. The proceeds from the pizza sale help send our Lutheran Girl Pioneers to summer camp and our teens to the WELS International Youth Rally. Support our youth ministries, and if you must ask – the pizzas are awesome! **Orders are due by October 6.**

### Daily Bible Readings

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 09/02 James 2:1-13  | 09/06 James 5             |
| 09/03 James 2:14-26 | 09/07 1 Chronicles 1-9    |
| 09/04 James 3       | 09/08 1 Chronicles 10, 11 |
| 09/05 James 4       |                           |

### Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 145 + 356 = 501

### First Fruits to the Lord 2024:

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$27,219.12      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 13,040.00        |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 40,259.12        | 943,640.59          |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 597.00           |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 295.20           |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 5.00             |                     |
| Hymnal Fund                                      | 5.00             |                     |



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

|                    |          |                                                 |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>      | 9:00 am  | Worship with the Lord's Supper                  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>      |          | <i>Labor Day- Office Closed &amp; No School</i> |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | 5:30 pm  | Board of Outreach                               |
|                    | 6:30 pm  | Coordinating Council                            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | 6:00 pm  | Adult Choir                                     |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | 6:30 pm  | Worship                                         |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>    |          | Booth at Fondue Fest                            |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | 8:00 am  | Worship                                         |
|                    | 9:00 am  | Blood Pressure Screening                        |
|                    | 9:10 am  | Sunday School & Family Bible Class              |
|                    | 10:30 am | Worship                                         |
|                    | 11:30 am | Blood Pressure Screening                        |
|                    | 11:45 am | Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Open Forum    |
|                    | 6:00 pm  | WELS National Teen Bible Study Online           |