




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

Announcements September 22, 2024

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 **YOUTH GROUP PIZZAS** A table and display are 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. **Last year we sold 1,384 pizzas. Let's try to top that!** Support our youth ministries, and if you must ask – the pizzas are awesome! **Orders are due by October 6.**

**SPECIAL GIFT** has been given by Ron and Claire Horn to the Church Music Fund in memory of Charles Bebow.

**LWMS FALL RALLY Saturday, October 12** is the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Winnebago Circuit Fall Rally here at St. Peter's. The event starts at 9:00am with breakfast beginning at 8:15am. Childcare will be provided. All women in the congregation are part of LWMS and are encouraged to attend. The speaker will be Pastor Jeff Mahnke, Western WI District Mission Board Chair, highlighting the Synod's goal of "100 Missions in 10 years". His presentation will start at 10:30am and any WELS member is invited to hear his exciting update.

**WLA TUITION ASSISTANCE ENVELOPES** were enclosed with your announcements last week. Please consider a generous gift for our Area Lutheran High School.

**WIDOWS & WIDOWERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will meet at Faros Restaurant, 131 N Pioneer Rd, FDL on **Tuesday, September 24**, at 1:00pm. Our speaker will be Rev. Joel Gaertner, Director of WELS Special Ministries, whose mission is: *Showing God's love to those with special needs or in special circumstances.* Please RSVP to Dave Seibel at 920-948-9475 (call or text) or dseibelz56@gmail.com.

**VOTERS' MEETING** will take place on **Sunday, October 6** after the late service. The topic discussed and voted on will be the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. The WPCP Committee's Final Report and Voters' Meeting Agenda has been emailed and paper copies are on the information station. Please make plans to attend!

Proposed Motion: **Be it resolved, the voting members of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School hereby directs the Coordinating Council to apply for membership in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program prior to January 10, 2025, enter into an Act 59 Partnership with Winnebago Lutheran Academy and initiate a committee to commence with the accreditation process.**

**TEEN GROUP** Our teen group will meet on **Sunday, September 22 from 4:00-6:00pm** for a devotion, campfire, snacks, and games. Our teen group will meet once a month and will include the WELS Youth Nights as well. This is open to all 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Come enjoy time with fellow peers and dig into God's Word.

**HELP FOR BOEHRINGERS** If you would like to help the Boehringers while Pastor recovers from surgery, gift cards to Culvers, Wal-Mart, Aldi, and Pick n' Save would be helpful as they have a busy schedule with kid's activities. Please keep Pastor and his family in your prayers.

**MISSION FESTIVAL** will be held **Sunday, October 13**. Our guest preacher will be Ethan Carter. Evening Circle will be providing snacks during Bible Class. Our teen group will be giving a presentation/slideshow about their experience from the WELS International Youth Rally for the first part of Bible Class. Ethan Carter will be speaking for the second half of class. Please join us!

**CHRIST THROUGH US** A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850-2025. This book is filled with captivating images and fascinating stories and is a limited-edition, hardcover book. Place your order before September 30 online at Northwestern Publishing House (online.nph.net).

**SPLS PTO TRUNK OR TREAT** will be held on Sunday, October 20 from 3:00-5:00pm in the parking lot. Start thinking about those trunk decorating ideas! Watch for more information to come!

**SEMINARY FOOD DRIVE** Thank you St. Peter's for the bounty of goods you donated to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. It was received with great appreciation this past Monday.



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

It is Sunday, December 31, 1899 and New Year's Eve. The family will be walking to church twice today. There are Sunday services this morning and Sylvester Eve service tonight with Holy Communion. Our new pastor, Gustav Bergemann, will be preaching and the choir singing. The day dawned bright and cold, the sun glistening off a dusting of snow that fell overnight. The temperature is hovering at zero.

"Going to church" was not so simple 125 years ago. It was a matter of pride that everyone look and behave their very best. Preparations began on Saturday. Mom had a busy day. Family clothing needed attention. Dad's wool suit was "sponged" and brushed, his linen shirt starched and ironed. The heavy wedge-shaped chunk of iron with a handle is heated on the hot stove and wrinkles pressed out on a wooden board. The children's clothing needs to be presentable. Some will be lucky enough to don a new Christmas outfit. Women's fashion still has hems at floor length, corsets are in, hat and gloves required.

There are no daily shampoos and showers! Saturday night is bath night. If the house has a cellar, that is the "bath" room. If no cellar, the kitchen is used. Pails of water are pumped, carried and heated. The "bathtub" is a wooden laundry tub. Everyone in the household shares the same tub of hot water. First in line gets nearly scalded, last one in has cold water. Hierarchy is well established with Mom on hand providing necessities and privacy. Dad bathes first, then the children. Mom goes last. When everyone is shiny clean, the water must be dipped out and dumped out, the tub cleaned and dried.

The face of Fond du Lac has changed tremendously since that first group of German Lutherans arrived. Many of the charter members have died. Life is not easy,

but it is much better than in 1858. Life expectancy has risen to 48 years and many more children are surviving infancy as 3 out of 4 will live beyond their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. The day is a reflective one as New Year's always is. Friends and family now dead are remembered. New arrivals and new friendships appreciated. Those who accomplished the arduous trek from Germany to Wisconsin will reflect on that journey. So many blessings to be counted!

As for St. Peter's, the congregation is just over 42 years old and by the grace of God, all these things have been accomplished. In the first 2 years it incorporated, purchased a used church and a used parlor organ and hosted a synod convention. Next, a school was founded and a new school built and another synod convention hosted. After that a prime piece of real estate was acquired. The school was moved to the property and a new church and parsonage constructed. Next, a steeple and brick facing were added to the church and desks purchased for school and synod invited for a third time. In 1883, a second much larger school was built. After that gas lighting was installed and new pews, altar and pulpit added. For the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary the church was redecorated, bells were installed in the tower and a four-sided clock added to the steeple. In 1896, the synod convention met here for the 4<sup>th</sup> time and a high-quality pipe organ was installed. This New Year's Eve service will reflect the thankfulness of every member.

The walk home from church tonight is a scene that could be a Currier and Ives print. Just a sliver of the waning moon is visible, the stars sparkle like diamonds against the black sky. At midnight the air is filled with music as every bell in the city is ringing. When the ringing stops, the noise of Roman candles and fireworks pierce the crisp night air welcoming a new century.

*A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;  
We fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the o'pning day.*

*Daily Bible Readings*

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| 09/23 Psalm 108      | 09/27 Psalm 113, 114 |
| 09/24 Psalm 109      | 09/28 Psalm 115      |
| 09/25 Psalm 110      | 09/29 Psalm 116      |
| 09/26 Psalm 111, 112 |                      |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 96 + 266 + 161 = 523

Communed: 92 + 191 + 122 = 405

Bible Class: 73

9/18 Mid Week Bible Class: 17 + 25 = 42

Sunday School: 21

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$39,452.72      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,300.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 41,752.72        | 1,030,071.66        |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 990.00           |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 959.20           |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 65.00            |                     |
| Music Fund                                       | 20.00            |                     |
| LWMS                                             | 544.00           |                     |
| Hymnal Fund                                      | 3.00             |                     |



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

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>      | 8:00 am                                                | Worship                      |
|                    | 9:10 am                                                | Bible Class & Sunday School  |
|                    | 10:30 am                                               | Worship                      |
|                    | 4:00 pm                                                | Teen Group Kick Off          |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | 6:30 pm                                                | Nomination Committee Meeting |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | 10:00 am                                               | Bible Class                  |
|                    | 6:00 pm                                                | Adult Choir                  |
|                    | 7:00 pm                                                | Bible Class                  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | SPLS Early Release @ Noon (Parent/Teacher Conferences) |                              |
|                    | 6:30 pm                                                | Worship                      |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>      | No School ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences                 |                              |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>    | Kiel Soccer Tournament                                 |                              |
|                    | WALL A Team Soccer Tournament @ Oakfield               |                              |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | 8:00 am                                                | Worship                      |
|                    | 9:10 am                                                | Bible Class & Sunday School  |
|                    | 10:30 am                                               | Worship                      |

# SCHOOL NEWS



St. Peter's is finishing up its 5<sup>th</sup> week of school. We have Parent/Teacher Conferences coming up on September 26 & 27.

A few highlights....



- Chapel has moved from Fridays to Wednesdays at 8:35am. Our mission money for the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester will support London and the UK Mission. All are welcome to attend!
- Our A Team soccer will participate in a tournament at Shepherd of the Valley in Menasha on September 21. They also have the end-of-the-season WALL Tournament at Oakfield on September 28.
- The WLA Grade School Cross Country meet is on September 25.
- Our 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will have teams compete in a soccer tournament in Kiel on September 28.
- Volleyball practices are underway
  - Our B Team will compete in a tournament at St. John's, Lomira on October 12.
  - Our A Team will participate in the WALL Tournament on November 2.
- Basketball will be starting in November. We are looking for coaches and assistants for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys.



- Inspiration, our junior choir, made up of students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade has almost 50 kids!
- We continue to offer handbells for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**SPLASH:** All students are again participating on a SPLASH Team. SPLASH stands for “Students Practicing Leadership and Support in Harmony”. Once a month, along with chapel each Wednesday, the students will mingle with their groups, complete various challenges/activities, and listen to guest presenters all while getting to know each other. Groups are a mixture of kids from each grade. We also have a year-long reading challenge. Each group has been challenged to read 40,000 minutes at home for the year! Each team that meets this goal will get an ice cream party at the end of the year.

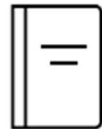
**WIN TIME:** New this year is WIN Time, which stands for “What I Need.” It’s a time when teachers will be personalizing instruction to further meet the unique needs of each learner in every classroom. It is a period of reinforcement, support and/or enrichment activities based on student’s need in a fun way!

**THRIVE TIME:** In school, we teach students very important subjects such as reading, math, science, and history, but this year we are beginning to teach how our brain and emotions work, as well as our content studies. This curriculum is designed to help children, parents, and teachers understand how to manage their mind and their emotions. We teach how to memorize, critically think, regulate thoughts and emotions, and understand their identity development - all through the lens of The Word. This content is taught through various videos and then reinforced through activities that can be applied both in school and at home. We send out “Parent Connections” once a month, along with a video.

Here's a little example of September's Thrive Time at Home Connection: Self-Awareness



Speak positively and calmly with your child. Do not match their intensity. Be their sense of calmness and security during moments of emotional outbursts.



Read Bible stories together. What emotions were the people feeling? What emotions does Jesus feel?



Identify and remember your child’s cues for certain emotions.



Use language such as, “I see you are feeling frustrated..” Help make labeling emotions automatic.