



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

Announcements
September 8, 2024

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**SEPTEMBER CALENDARS, FORWARD IN CHRIST, MEDITATIONS, & BIBLE READING BOOKMARKS** are available on the information station in the narthex.

**SPECIAL GIFT** has been given to the General Fund by the Metzger family in loving memory of Norine Metzger.

**EVENING CIRCLE** Ladies, 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!

**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](https://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).



**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.**

**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 & final report regarding this program. The report was emailed out & paper copies are on the information station. 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.

**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!

**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.

**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. 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.

**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. 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)).

**SEMINARY FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE** will go another week, **through September 15**. There's still time to drop off items! We will need some help loading everything into Pastor Lindemann's van after the late service on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting our future pastors & their families!

**MINISTRY FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING** *Gospelhands.net* is an online religious sign language video dictionary for the deaf and interpreters to share effectively share His gospel. This process has been a 3 year project developed by the Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MDHH) committee of the Wisconsin Lutheran Evangelical Synod. We have updated our formerly printed dictionary, "Sign to the Lord a new song" to an online dictionary with videos that are more effectively understood and shared. *Gospel Hands* will grow to include many of the Creed and common prayers used in Christian services.

You have likely noticed that things which once were in books or in print are now moving to a digital or web-based platform. Members from the Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MDHH) group were able to bring to reality a project that has been several years in the making – an online Christian Sign Language Dictionary.

The project is entitled "Gospel Hands". The MDHH team members spent significant time over two days signing and recording to video more than 900 religious sign language signs. It was intriguing to hear the discussion about what was the best sign and possible alternatives for a certain words or concepts.

This initial group of videos is only the beginning. There are plans to record more signs in the future and to keep growing this online resource.

*[Pastor Joel Gaertner](#), director, WELS Special Ministries*

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE VIKING NIGHT** will be on **Friday, September 20**. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend a pep-rally, kickball tournament & other activities, tailgate party and the Varsity Football game. Events begin at 4:30. Please RSVP your 8<sup>th</sup> grader at [wlavikings.org](http://wlavikings.org).

**LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS** will meet **Tuesday, September 10** from 6:00-7:00pm (note the new ending time). LGP is for girls in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. We will have a devotion and play minute to win it games! Please bring registration forms and payment this night.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS** starts September 11 at 10:00am and 7:00pm. Join Pastor Lindemann as he leads a study about the History of the World.

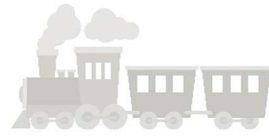


## On this rock I will build my Church

The Faith of our Fathers

As 1890 ushered in the last decade of the century, a revitalized economy is felt throughout the country. Harrison is still President. Statehood is granted to Idaho and Wyoming bringing the count to 44. The populace is healthier with life expectancy now 44 and the child mortality rate at 28%. The automobile is slowly coming on the scene. On January 1, 1892, Ellis Island began processing the never-ending stream of immigrants. After four years of Harrison, March 4, 1893, Grover Cleveland retook the White House for a second term.

In 1890, the Chicago Northwestern line returned the rail yards from Chicago and transferred other Wisconsin operations to the area making what would become North Fond du Lac one of the largest railroad hubs in the state handling 54 freight trains each day. This was a tremendous boost to the economy and population. The historic depot and telegraph office on Forest Avenue opened for business that year. It was also an incredibly busy site as tracks went every direction from the city. From this station, 46 passenger trains arrived and departed daily. In 1892, the Ebert House on the corner of Division and Park was finished. Besides owning a lumber mill, Mr. Ebert was president of the German Savings Bank and therefore well known to the community at St. Peter's. It was one of several businesses catering to German speaking residents.



It was 1892 when the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other states merged the separate synods of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan into one body. During the 5 year span of 1890-1894, 39 Northwestern College graduates entered the seminary. The increase in enrollment forced a change of venue. In 1893 a new seminary site was acquired at 60<sup>th</sup> and Lloyd in Milwaukee. The same year, remembering that our synod owed its very existence to the efforts of the mission societies in Germany, synod paid it forward by adopting the Apache nation as its first world mission field.

St. Peter's school saw more changes to the faculty. In today's world, teacher turnovers normally occur over the summer break. Not so in the early years. January 1, 1892 Mr. Kleinschmidt accepted a call and left. Mr. Meyer was installed April 3. On August 5, 1894, Mr. Jeske resigned and Mr. Goetsch came ushering in an era of

stability. He would stay for 38 years. Miss Anna Schmedtjen continued to hold the fort for the lower grades! Enrollment was ever increasing.



At church, Pastor Hoelzel was still at the helm. 1894 was another banner year, a cause for celebration being the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the church. Members who were here from the very beginning as well as those recently arrived, were keenly aware of the grace of God that brought them to this place and continued to rain blessings on their endeavors. The interior of the church was given a fresh coat of paint, and the famous bells and tower clock, donated by the young people of the congregation, were installed and dedicated. The bells and clock cost \$1,100, \$40,200 today. Once again the celebration included congregations from Oshkosh, Van Dyne, Eldorado, Oakfield, and Forest. **On Saturday evening July 14 the congregation conducted the very first English service** with Pastor P. Brockmann as preacher. Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> the preachers were once again former pastor Mayerhoff and Streissguth.

It is interesting to note that the congregation began a tradition of celebrating both the anniversary of its founding, and 5 years later, of the dedication of the church. Since our new church was built during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding year, the anniversaries now coincide! Isn't that convenient!

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices.  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices.  
Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.*

*Daily Bible Readings*

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|-------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 09/09 | 1 Chronicles 12        | 09/13 | 1 Chronicles 17        |
| 09/10 | 1 Chronicles 13, 14    | 09/14 | 1 Chronicles 18-20     |
| 09/11 | 1 Chronicles 15:1-16:6 | 09/15 | 1 Chronicles 21:1-22:1 |
| 09/12 | 1 Chronicles 16:7-43   |       |                        |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 173 + 235 = 408

Communed: 128 + 181 = 309

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$22,954.83      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,300.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 25,254.83        | 968,895.42          |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 1,541.00         |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 105.20           |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 25.00            |                     |
| Hymnal Fund                                      | 10.00            |                     |



*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                                           |
|                  | 9:00 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             |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 6:00 pm  | Evening Circle Meeting with Light Supper          |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 6:00 pm  | Lutheran Girls Pioneers                           |
|                  | 6:30 pm  | Board of Properties                               |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 6:30 pm  | Parental Choice Study Committee                   |
|                  | 10:00 am | Bible Class                                       |
|                  | 6:00 pm  | Adult Choir                                       |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 7:00 pm  | Bible Class                                       |
|                  | 6:30 pm  | Worship with the Lord's Supper                    |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  |          | B Team Soccer 7v7 Tournament @ FDL Soccer Complex |