




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

Announcements November 3, 2024

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**NOVEMBER CALENDAR & FORWARD IN CHRIST** are available on the information station.

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD** Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Patricia Seibel, who departed from this life to life eternal on Wednesday, October 23 at the age of 77 years, 3 months and 5 days. The funeral service was Thursday, October 31 at Uecker-Witt Funeral Home, and her mortal remains will be laid to rest at Ledgeview Memorial Park to await the glorious resurrection. May her family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

 **BAPTISMS & NEW MEMBERS** Lili Belle Fernitz, infant daughter of Anthony Crites & Arizona Fernitz, and Arizona Lee Fernitz will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 service on Sunday. May Lili & Arizona always remain faithful to their baptismal covenant.

Arizona Fernitz & Amanda Fernitz will be received as members of St. Peter's by confirmation. We welcome Arizona & Amanda into the fellowship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and our congregation, and pray for God's richest blessings as they make this beginning in their new church home.

**NEW MEMBER** Last week in the Thursday night service, Carter Vande Slunt was received as a member of St. Peter's by Affirmation of Faith. We welcome Carter into the fellowship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and our congregation, and pray for God's richest blessings as he makes this beginning in his new church home.

**A NEW "NEW MEMBER CLASS"** begins this **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm. Please speak with Pastor to register, or just show up!

**SPECIAL GIFT** has been given to the General Fund and Honoring the Lord by Mark & Deb Weber in thankfulness for 50 years of marriage (Nov. 2).

**SEMINARY CHRISTMAS GIFTS** The Fond du Lac area WELS churches are again giving Gift Card Christmas Gifts to the married students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Please place money in the special offering envelopes on the information station & drop it in the offering plate or in the office. Collections can be made **through November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts will be delivered to the Seminary the first week in December. Redeemer member Roxanne Pieper is coordinating this program and questions may be directed to her: [braillepins@yahoo.com](mailto:braillepins@yahoo.com).

**WLA MUSICAL** Tickets for performances of *Cinderella* on November 7-10 are available. You may purchase them online <https://www.hometowntickets.com/wla> or in the WLA office during school hours.

**WELS YOUTH NIGHT** You are holy: Who our God is and why that means everything to us. Teens, join us for our first youth night of the year on **Sunday, November 3** from **1:00-3:00pm**. We will have games, snacks, a keynote speaker & small group discussions. Feel free to invite friends!



**ONLINE TEEN BIBLE STUDY** At a time in life when many questions, doubts, and fears can easily overwhelm you, it's important to stay connected to God and to fellow believers! Join us for another national teen online Bible study to learn how you can better "pass the tests" and walk by faith! Bible study will take place on **November 10 at 6:00pm**. During this 1-hour Bible study, teens will have the opportunity to connect with others, study and discuss the Word, and apply it specifically to your lives today. Pastor Phil Huebner will lead this Bible study. Register today <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>

**EVENING CIRCLE** Ladies of St. Peter's, plan to attend the Evening Circle Meeting on **Monday, November 11 (please note the date change)** at 6:30pm in the Multi-purpose Room. Join us for our meeting followed by light refreshments, fellowship, and fun!


**WLA OPEN HOUSE** All 8<sup>th</sup> graders & parents are invited to the WLA Open House on **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Parents & students can arrive any time between 6:00-8:00pm to meet with teachers, coaches, etc. about various groups/activities. Parents may also enroll their child for the 2025-26 school year.

**LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS** will meet on **Tuesday, November 5** from 6:00-7:00pm.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with pizza making day. We hope everyone enjoys the tasty pizzas We were able to profit \$7,818 from pizza making to put towards our Youth Fund to help the teens attend the WELS International Youth Rally and girls attend Lutheran Girl Pioneer Camp. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Thank you also to Tom Ottery Transit, Inc. for the donation of the cheese for the pizzas.



 **POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas, you may do so starting today, **until December 1**. Each poinsettia is \$20.00. Please fill out an envelope with your name, and the name(s) of the people in whose memory or honor you are donating the poinsettia. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild and place it in the floral box, on the information station, in the narthex.

**SPLS FAMILY DAY** is **Friday, November 8** starting at 8:35am in church for chapel. All family members are invited to join us for a morning of fun in classrooms, a concert, craft project, and the Scholastic Book Fair. This event will end at 11:00am and the students are expected to remain at school to finish the day. Come enjoy coffee, breakfast treats, and fellowship throughout the morning.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT** If you would like to see your year-to-date contribution statement, please email or call Anna Gilgenbach or Ashley Will in the office, [annagilgenbach@stpetersfdl.net](mailto:annagilgenbach@stpetersfdl.net) or [ashleywill@stpetersfdl.net](mailto:ashleywill@stpetersfdl.net) or 920-922-1160.



**LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP (LMSG) AMMO CAN** will be displayed in the narthex for the church services **of November 7 & 10**. The Synod's annual "Ammo Can Collection" is used to support the work of LMSG which supports our active duty service members, veterans and their families. Donations can be dropped into the ammo can located in the narthex. If you have any family members in the service and would like their picture on our military board, please drop it off in the office. Don't forget to thank a veteran!

**WLA VETERANS DAY PROGRAM** Join us **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** at Winnebago Lutheran Academy at 9:10 for our Veterans Day Program. Veterans and their families are invited for coffee beginning at 9:00 and again with brunch after the program.

**AREA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church to continue our study of the Gospel of Luke. We will study Luke chapter 10 and watch Jesus send out seventy-two disciples with a reminder of how blessed they are to see the life-changing power of the Gospel! We'll also study the Parable of the Good Samaritan and (if we have time...) the brief but jam-packed account of Mary and Martha! Join us for these insightful lessons about how we can serve in the kingdom with God's Word and Spirit!

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last Bible Study class in 2024 and will resume January 7<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran Church.

**OWLS** The next meeting of Flyway OWLS will be on **Tuesday, November 12**, starting at 1:00pm at the Lomira Community Center. The speaker will be Pastor Joel Gaertner, Director of Commission on Special Ministries. Pastor Gaertner is "serving those often not reached with the Gospel-WELS Special Ministries."

**WLA DIVINE CALL** Last week WLA called Mr. Ben Ewings to teach Science at WLA beginning next school year. This position will be available with the retirement of Mrs. Kris Miller in the spring of 2025. Mr. Ewings currently teaches science at Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, WI.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, WLA will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special service at WLA, followed by a dinner at the Radisson in Fond du Lac. More details will be shared soon.



## On this rock I will build my Church

The Faith of our Fathers

The Great War and the 1918 Influenza Pandemic were followed by an economic boom and the "Roaring Twenties." It was a time of wealth and excess. Silent movies were all the rage. Marquee names like Douglas Fairbanks, Charlie Chaplin, and Buster Keaton and literary giants Zane Grey (1920), Sinclair Lewis (1921) and Edna Ferber (1924) topped the best sellers lists. In 1922 Howard Carter uncovered untold wealth in the undisturbed tomb of Egypt's Tutankhaman. In the 1920 world of sports Babe Ruth began playing for the Yankees. In 1923, they won the World Series for the first time. In 1924, Chamonix, France hosted the first Winter Olympic Games, the first games broadcast on radio. Women were allowed to compete in one event, figure skating. There were 11 competitors.

On the political scene, March 4, 1921, with a landslide win, Warren Harding became the 29<sup>th</sup> President. On August 3, 1923 he died of a heart attack in San Francisco as the most popular president ever. That popularity was short lived when his extramarital affairs and the Teapot Dome scandals broke. He was succeeded by Vice-President Calvin Coolidge (#30).

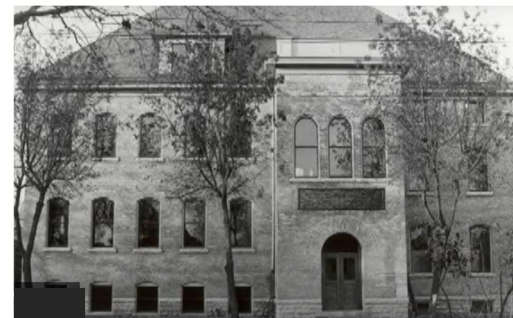
This was a great decade to be a "kid!" It's the first time toys are mass produced and therefore affordable. The "Radio Flyer Wagon", "Crayola" crayons, cars, trucks, planes, "Erector" sets with a motor, and "Raggedy Ann" dolls would be under many Christmas trees. But, the most popular item was the Yoyo. Manufacturers were turning out 300,000 per day.



The real estate mogul Walter Schroeder made his mark in Fond du Lac erecting the city's tallest building, the seven story Hotel Retlaw. It was begun in 1922 and completed in 1923. Famous guests include Eleanor Roosevelt, JFK, Paul Newman and the Oakridge Boys. It is rumored that Walter's ghost is a current resident. The first significant apartment building, the El Dorado was also completed in 1923. Both landmarks are still standing strong.

1920 marked 70 years for our Wisconsin Synod. It numbered 698 congregations with 127,000 communicant members. 2025 will be 175 years with 1,243 congregations and 269,000 communicants. The demand for teachers was ever increasing. Fortunately, the enrollment at DMLC was skyrocketing. In 1920 it was 93, by 1921 it was 216.

At St. Peter's a Ladies Choir was formed and congregational life was thriving. Pastor Bergemann was both full-time Pastor and full-time synod president. Synod tried to reduce his burden providing an assistant, Paul Bergmann. In 1923, Paul accepted a call to Milwaukee. Out of concern for the welfare of pastor and congregation, St. Peter's sent a delegation of 3 men to the 1923 convention. Their assignment was to convince synod that the presidency should be a full-time call. The 1938 history states: *"Weighty deliberations on this matter resulted in an agreement which seemed satisfactory to both parties whereby synod re-elected Pastor Bergemann as its president and the congregation resolved to extend a call to Pastor Hans K. Moussa of Jefferson, Wisconsin to be its principal pastor with Rev. Bergemann to be relieved of first responsibility."* At first Pastor Moussa declined the call, but then accepted, arriving in July, 1924. It took synod another 36 years to make the presidency a full-time position (Oscar Naumann in 1959.) Pastor Moussa moved into the parsonage and a residence for Pastor Bergemann was purchased at 229 E. Second Street. In December, his 25 years of service to St. Peter's were celebrated.



St. Peter's school classrooms were again bursting at the seams. Having added the 4<sup>th</sup> class in 1911, all classrooms were in use and one held 85 pupils. In order to add the 5<sup>th</sup> class in 1921, the balcony of the meeting hall was converted into a classroom. By 1923 enrollment forced the addition of a 6<sup>th</sup> class, and the basement became a classroom. Confirmation class was relegated to the furnace room. It was at this point the state stepped in.

*Hark! The church proclaims her honor, and her strength is only this;  
God has laid his choice upon her, and the work she does is his.*

*He his church has firmly founded, he will guard what he began.  
We, by sin and foes surrounded, build her walls as best we can.*

*Daily Bible Readings*

|       |                         |       |                  |
|-------|-------------------------|-------|------------------|
| 11/04 | 2 Chronicles 31:2-32:33 | 11/08 | Esther 1         |
| 11/05 | 2 Chronicles 33         | 11/09 | Esther 2:1-18    |
| 11/06 | 2 Chronicles 34, 35     | 11/10 | Esther 2:19-3:15 |
| 11/07 | 2 Chronicles 36         |       |                  |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

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|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Worship: 119 + 183 + 114 = 416          | Bible Class: 57          |
| 10/23 Midweek Bible Class: 27 + 15 = 42 | Sunday School: 15        |
| 10/30 Midweek Bible Class: 17 + 25 = 42 | Reformation Service: 197 |

| <i>First Fruits to the Lord 2024:</i>            | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$23,413.91      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,875.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 26,288.91        | 1,181,907.84        |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 607.00           |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 525.20           |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 205.00           |                     |
| Audio/Video Fund                                 | 100.00           |                     |
| WLA Tuition Assistance                           | 2.00             |                     |



*This Week at St. Peter's*

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

|                  |          |                                     |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | 8:00 am  | Worship with the Lord's Supper      |
|                  | 9:10 am  | Bible Class & Sunday School         |
|                  | 10:30 am | Worship with the Lord's Supper      |
|                  | 1:00 pm  | WELS Youth Night                    |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 5:30 pm  | Budget Meeting                      |
|                  | 6:00 pm  | Adult Bells                         |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 6:00 pm  | Lutheran Girl Pioneers              |
|                  | 6:30 pm  | Area Women's Bible Study @ Redeemer |
|                  | 6:30 pm  | Coordinating Council                |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 10:00 am | Bible Class                         |
|                  | 6:00 pm  | Adult Choir                         |
|                  | 7:00 pm  | Bible Class                         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 6:30 pm  | Worship                             |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | 8:00am   | SPLS Family Day                     |

**October 31, 2024 STATUS**

| <b>General Fund:</b>        | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2024</b>         | <b>% Inc</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Receipts:</b>            |                     |                     |              |
| Weekly Offerings            | \$997,001.88        | \$974,098.52        |              |
| Special Services            | <u>\$53,739.55</u>  | <u>\$61,205.55</u>  |              |
| Contributions Subtotal      | \$1,050,741.43      | \$1,035,304.07      | -1.47%       |
| Other                       | <u>\$194,219.50</u> | <u>\$146,603.77</u> |              |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>       | \$1,244,960.93      | \$1,181,907.84      | -5.06%       |
| <b>Disbursements:</b>       | \$1,401,121.64      | \$1,435,476.30      | 2.45%        |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>      | -\$156,160.71       | -\$253,568.46       |              |
| <b>Accumulated Deficit</b>  |                     |                     |              |
| Surplus/Deficit Prior Years | \$13,287.28         | -\$10,364.24        |              |
| Deficit this Year           | -\$156,160.71       | -\$253,568.46       |              |
| Changes in Assets           | <u>\$0.00</u>       | <u>\$0.00</u>       |              |
| Total Accum Surplus/Deficit | -\$142,873.43       | -\$263,932.70       |              |

A year-ago at this time we had a deficit of \$156,160.71 versus a deficit of \$253,568.46 as of the end of October. This year had 43 Sundays as of the end of October versus 44 last year. Our total accumulated deficit at the beginning of the year was 10,364.24 which increased to 263,932.70 as of the end of October. 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 1.5% below those of last year.

Other Notes:

**HVAC Controls:** We have begun paying for the second ½ of the cost of the new HVAC controls (new Direct Digital Control System for our Boiler project). This will be paid in 24 monthly payments of \$1,056 the first of which was paid in October. This will be funded as planned by the Improvement Fund.

**Honoring the LORD! (HTL):** This month the gifts to the HTL envelopes totaled \$9,861.55. This resulted in our paying an additional \$10,000 on the principal of our building loan.