



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

Announcements
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Today we begin a **Three Part Sermon Series on Stewardship**. October 6<sup>th</sup> is a focus on Maintainly Proper Priorities. October 20<sup>th</sup> will focus on the Sacrifices of the Heart, and on November 10<sup>th</sup> we will see how we can Serve Christ and others.

**OCTOBER CALENDARS & FORWARD IN CHRIST** are available on the information station in the narthex.

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD** Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Sandra Schultz, who departed from this life to life eternal on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 85 years, 6 months and 20 days. The funeral service was held in Appleton on Tuesday, October 1.

Our God and Father also called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Wyn Workun, who departed from this life to life eternal on Saturday, September 28, at the age of 93 years, 2 months, and 10 days. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 at Kurki Funeral Chapel and her mortal remains will be laid to rest at Rienzi Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection. May the family and friends of Sandra and Wyn find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

**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.**

**EVENING CIRCLE** meets on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. All ladies are invited to join us in the Multi-Purpose Room for the Word and some fun.

**OWLS** The next meeting of the Flyway OWLS will take place **Tuesday, October 8** beginning at 1:00, here at St. Peter's. The speaker will be Kevin Keller, the seminary's Director of Mission Advancement. He will highlight our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, the final training school for WELS pastors. Our Seminary in Mequon has a total number of students attending this school year at 153. There are 49 first year, 37 second year, 40 vicars and 27 seniors. Kevin will share many facts with us about the Seminary.

**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.

**We are looking for two more 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older kids to help with childcare.** Help would be needed from 8:00am until Noon. The kids will be compensated for their time. We would need 2 for sure and a 3<sup>rd</sup> person as a backup in case someone can't make it. We aren't sure how many kids will need to be watched...it may just be a few, but we do not know. If your child is interested, please contact Anna or Ashley in the office for more information.

**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 in the commons!

**Seminarian Ethan Carter** grew up in Eau Claire, WI, but more recently he has called Cheyenne, WY home. He graduated from Luther Preparatory School in 2017, and Martin Luther College in 2021 before continuing his studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Last year, after getting married to his wife Britt, Ethan served as a Vicar at Light of the Valleys Lutheran Church in Reno, NV. In his final year at Seminary, he serves as the Student Recruiter, who goes around to local congregations and schools encouraging students to consider serving as pastors and teachers. If you have any questions about WLS or are interested in coming to tour the WLS campus, feel free to email him at [ethan.carter@wls.edu](mailto:ethan.carter@wls.edu).

**AREA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on **October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Please join us as we continue our study of Luke and watch Jesus complete His work as our Savior! We will discuss His transfiguration to understand the importance and glory of this event. Then we'll learn some important lessons about discipleship as we finish chapter 9 of Luke's gospel.

**SPLS PTO TRUNK OR TREAT** will be held on **Sunday, October 20 from 3:00-5:00pm** in the school parking lot. Come enjoy trunk or treating, make your own snack mix, music, games, photo ops & the chance to win some gift cards! The more decorated trunks we have, the more fun it will be! Please invite family and friends to this wonderful event. Decorated trunks can arrive at 2:15 to set up.

**MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT** of New Ulm, MN, will present a sacred concert titled "God is our Refuge and Strength" at Grace Lutheran Church, Oshkosh (913 Nebraska St) on **Sunday, October 13** at 1:30. The program will include settings of familiar hymns, as well as selections by choral music composers representing a variety of musical styles. A freewill offering will be gathered to support MLC's efforts to train future gospel servants. All are invited to attend!



**BOWLING** Our Board of Adult Discipleship has reserved lanes at Ledgeview Lanes on **Sunday, November 10 from Noon until 3:00pm**. The cost of bowling is \$4 per person per game (3 games equals \$12 per person) and includes shoe rental. You can pay upon arrival at the bowling alley. Come enjoy some fellowship with members! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you plan to attend.

**FOCUS ON MINISTRY** Last year 47 high school students from 14 area Lutheran high schools, along with numerous chaperones, attended two separate Focus on Ministry events at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. This WLS Focus on Ministry is

intended to bring high school boys onto the WLS campus, allow them a chance to speak with current students, and lead them to think more about pastoral ministry for their future.

We have scheduled two more Focus on Ministry events at WLS (11831 N Seminary Dr, Mequon) for 2024-2025: **Sunday-Monday, November 17-18, 2024, and Sunday-Monday, February 23-24, 2025**. If you know of any high school boys in grades 10-12, please encourage them to attend! For more information and to register please visit: <https://mlc-wels.edu/admissions/focus-on-the-ministry-wls/>



**2025 CREATION CALENDARS** The 2025 Creation Calendars are in, and they are beautiful! The calendars are great for family planning or to give as gifts. Each month contains a beautiful picture of God's creation and an inspirational Bible passage to go with it. They are available at the Youth Group table with the pizza order forms. **The cost is \$10 per calendar**. The proceeds from these calendars help support our Youth!

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON THE BEGINNING OF THE WISCONSIN SYNOD** In anticipation of the WELS 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025, the members of Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI (WELS) are hosting a talk entitled ***Why Another Synod: The Beginnings of the Wisconsin Synod***. This will take place on **Saturday, October 19** at 3:00pm at Nain Lutheran Church (1665 South 57<sup>th</sup> St. West Allis, WI.) The presenter is Rev. Joel Otto, chairman of the WELS 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee and professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The lecture is free and registration is not required, but will help in preparation. Visit [nainlutheran.org/lectures](http://nainlutheran.org/lectures) for more information and to register. Light refreshments will be served.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** Thrivent Choice, the charitable grant program from Thrivent Financial, continues to be a supplemental funding source for organizations nationwide. Eligible benefit members designate Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup> they can gift to the charitable organization(s) of their choice, including St. Peter's Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Lutheran School. To direct your Choice Dollars visit [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

**NEW MEMBER CLASS COMING SOON!** Please speak with Pastor Lindemann to register – [pastorlindemann@stpetersfdl.net](mailto:pastorlindemann@stpetersfdl.net)



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

On April 18, 1906 San Francisco was struck by a devastating earthquake that shook the nation. The 7.9 magnitude event wreaked destruction over 80% of the city. Ruptured gas lines caused fires that raged uncontrolled for 3 days, wiping out 5 square miles of the central city. The fires were so intense it was nearly a month before bank vaults cooled enough to be opened. The event killed 3000 people and left 225,000 homeless.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46<sup>th</sup> state. On September 16, 1908, General Motors was founded and bought Cadillac, the top selling luxury automobile of the day. In 1909, the first Lincoln penny was minted. It remains the nation's oldest coin and since inception, 55 quadrillion have been struck. March 4, 1909, William Taft was inaugurated as the 27<sup>th</sup> president. His predecessor, Teddy Roosevelt was the first president to ride in an automobile. Taft was the first president to own one.

During the summer of 1907 synod met at St. Peter's for the final time, yet synod's and St. Peter's lives would be intertwined for many years to come. Prior to this convention, Pastor Bergemann was chairman of the Apache Mission Committee, and the year before the congregation permitted him to spend a month in Arizona. Now Bergemann was elected Vice President. President Von Rohr died soon after and Bergemann became president. He held this office for the next 25 years. Check out online at *WELS Historical Institute, President Gustav Bergemann*.

St. Peter's faithful teacher, Anne Schmedtjen had taken a leave of absence in 1904 for health reasons. Health was not restored, so in 1905 she resigned her position. She was an integral part of the St. Peter's School for 22 years. Photographs of her appear very stern and iron-fisted, but her students loved her. Her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary was planned and celebrated by them. There was no woman on the faculty for 9 years before she started, nor for 6 years after she left. She was replaced with Philip Saxmann, who himself recently returned from sick leave. By God's grace, he served for 20 years.

1908! St. Peter's Golden Anniversary! With great joy and planning, projects were begun. 1907 was filled with special fund raising for renovations. A Golden

Anniversary book was produced. The book was published by Northwestern Publishing House in Milwaukee, and of course, it was in German! At the time of publication only 3 of the founding fathers remained. Frauenverin (the Women's Club) had membership of 93, the Young People's Association numbered 42, there was a mixed choir, a men's choir and an orchestra. Another organization spoken of very briefly was the Sick-Aid Society, which seems to have been all male. It numbered 99 members. Statistics recorded include 2,756 baptisms, 1,430 confirmations, 586 marriages and 746 funerals.



The balcony was expanded to seating of 200 funded by the Frauenverein. In March, a new roof was put on. As soon as Easter services were finished, church was moved to the school hall and Associated Artists of Milwaukee began working on the interior. The deteriorating ceiling was replaced, the heating system upgraded and Milwaukee Mirror and Art Glass Works installed the treasured stained-glass windows. A service of rededication was held for the members on June 28. The official Jubilee services in German and English were held on Sunday, August 16 with former pastors Mayerhoff and Streissguth preaching.

The joyful jubilation was short-lived, for September 25, that year was "the night the churches burned."

*All praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev'ry sorrow stills –  
To God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord will not forsake his flock, His chosen generation:  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads his own, his chosen band –  
To God all praise and glory!*

## September 30, 2024 STATUS

| General Fund:               | 2023                  | 2024                  | % Inc         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Receipts:</b>            |                       |                       |               |
| Weekly Offerings            | \$894,868.72          | \$877,849.60          |               |
| Special Services            | <u>\$52,591.50</u>    | <u>\$61,205.55</u>    |               |
| Contributions Subtotal      | \$947,460.22          | \$939,055.15          | -0.89%        |
| Other                       | <u>\$181,866.50</u>   | <u>\$134,953.77</u>   |               |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>       | <b>\$1,129,326.72</b> | <b>\$1,074,008.92</b> | <b>-4.90%</b> |
| <b>Disbursements:</b>       | <b>\$1,247,534.36</b> | <b>\$1,272,117.77</b> | <b>1.97%</b>  |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>      |                       |                       |               |
| <b>Accumulated Deficit</b>  | -\$118,207.64         | -\$198,108.85         |               |
| Surplus/Deficit Prior Years | \$13,287.28           | -\$10,364.24          |               |
| Deficit this Year           | -\$118,207.64         | -\$198,108.85         |               |
| Changes in Assets           | <u>\$0.00</u>         | <u>\$0.00</u>         |               |
| Total Accum Surplus/Deficit | <u>-\$104,920.36</u>  | <u>-\$208,473.09</u>  |               |

A year-ago at this time we had a deficit of \$118,207.64 versus a deficit of \$198,108.85 as of the end of September. This year had 39 Sundays as of the end of September as did last last year. Our total accumulated deficit at the beginning of the year was 10,364.24 which increased to 208,473.09 as of the end of September. 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 0.9% below those of last year.

Other Notes:

**LWMS:** The door collection for LWMS totaled \$544.

**HVAC Controls:** ½ the cost of the new HVAC controls (new Direct Digital Control System for our Boiler project) was paid this month totaling \$24,966.50. The other half of the controls will be paid in 24 monthly payments of \$1,056 starting in October. This will be funded as planned by the Improvement Fund.

### Daily Bible Readings

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 10/07 Psalm 119:153-176 | 10/11 Psalm 127-129  |
| 10/08 Psalm 120, 121    | 10/12 Psalm 130, 131 |
| 10/09 Psalm 122, 123    | 10/13 Psalm 132      |
| 10/10 Psalm 124-126     |                      |

### Last Week's Stewardship

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Worship: 92 + 261 + 142 = 495            | Bible Class: 62   |
| 10/02 Mid-Week Bible Class: 23 + 24 = 47 | 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 | \$20,470.05      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,300.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 22,770.05        | 1,074,008.92        |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 1,027.00         |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 145.00           |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 25.00            |                     |
| WLA Tuition Assistance                           | 41.00            |                     |
| Ministerial Tuition Assistance                   | 10.00            |                     |



### 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                        |
|                  | 11:30 am       | Voters' Meeting for Wisconsin Parental Choice Program |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 6:30 pm        | Evening Circle                                        |
|                  | <b>TUESDAY</b> |                                                       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 1:00 pm        | OWLS                                                  |
|                  | 5:30 pm        | Board of Outreach                                     |
|                  | 6:30 pm        | Coordinating Council                                  |
|                  | 10:00 am       | Bible Class                                           |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 6:00 pm        | Adult Choir                                           |
|                  | 7:00 pm        | Bible Class                                           |
|                  | 5:30 pm        | Sunday School Meeting                                 |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | 6:30 pm        | Worship                                               |
|                  | 8:00 am        | LWMS Fall Rally                                       |