




St. Peter's Lutheran Church

*Building on the Rock
of Jesus & His Word*


Announcements

December 1, 2024

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 **LAST CHANCE FOR POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas, you may do so, **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.

NEW MEDITATIONS & BOOKMARKS are available on the information station in the narthex (starts 12/1).

 **BAPTISM** Willow Lucille Jerdee, infant daughter of Hallie Rymer and Zachariah Jerdee, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 6:30 service on Wednesday.

MEMORIAL Friends & family have given special gifts to Honoring the Lord! in loving memory of Serena Toll.

OPEN FORUMS We will have an open forum after each service on **Sunday, December 8 and Thursday, December 12** regarding our budget for 2025.

SPECIAL BULLETINS If you would like to give one of the special bulletins for the Christ Child Concert, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services, please contact Anna or Ashley in the office at 922-1160. Price is \$25.

UPDATE FROM PASTOR BOEHRINGER After consultation with my doctors I have resumed chemotherapy. With the information we have now, it appears that two different cancer processes are affecting me. One process is a high-grade aggressive cancer, which responded well to my earlier rounds of chemo. However, wide-spread low-grade cancer remains in my abdomen. So for the foreseeable future the purpose of my treatments is to maintain my health as much as possible. Even with this prognosis I am feeling good, so I will be resuming my pastoral ministry. You'll be seeing me around at school and church. Please contact me or Pastor Lindemann for spiritual care—we love to bring you Jesus and that's why we are both here.

On behalf of myself and my family I continue to be overwhelmed by your generosity as a congregation and as Christian individuals and families. All your prayers, gifts, and support keep pointing my heart to our dear Lord Jesus. He is good. He is kind and so are His people. We live together under His cross. Let us confess and sing our joy in Him at home, in church, and in our classrooms!

PASTOR LINDEMANN is preaching at his son Jason's church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Beloit, Wisconsin on Sunday morning. Pastor Fred Toppe, our visitation pastor will be preaching this weekend. We thank Pastor Toppe for bringing us God's Word.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been put in your mailboxes. Please check your offering envelopes to make sure the number labeled on top of your box matches ALL of the envelopes inside your box. If they do not, please let Anna or Ashley in the office know, at 922-1160 or email annagilgenbach@stpetersfdl.net or ashleywill@stpetersfdl.net. Thank you!

"NEW MEMBER CLASS" will again be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 11, & 18 at 6:00pm**. Please speak with Pastor Lindemann to register, or just show up!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASSES There will be NO Sunday School on December 22 & December 29. There will be NO Sunday Bible Class on December 29.

We are done with Wednesday Bible Classes for this year. We will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

WORLD WAR II DISPLAY A narthex display commemorating World War II is being planned for the Sundays of December 8 & 15. If you have any photos of family members who served or memorabilia to display, please drop it off at the office before December 3. Include your name and phone number and for photos identify the person and list any pertinent information. Thank you - the History Committee.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES START JANUARY Catechism instruction for St. Peter's homeschoolers and public school students (7-8 grades) will begin January 5, 2025. Classes will meet Sundays, 9:10-10:15am, January through April. Parents are encouraged to attend the Bible Study in the Commons during that time and siblings (Grades 5 and under) should go to Sunday school. (SAVE THE DATE: Families whose children who are ready and prepared for Communion, note that Confirmation Sunday is May 4, 2025.) Please contact the church office if you'd like your child to be a part of these classes and to learn more about building your children and family on the Word of God.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Confirmed ladies of St. Peter's Congregation, Evening Circle invites you to our Christmas Celebration, "Lamb of God". **Join us on Monday, December 2 at 6:00pm** in our church narthex for hors d' oeuvres, fellowship, and a

program of songs. There will also be a free will offering of monetary gifts and grocery or gas gift cards for a Compassion Fund to be used as needed as our Pastors meet with members or prospective members. There is no need to RSVP for this event, just join us!

CUSTODIAN POSITION St. Peter's is looking to hire a part-time custodian (10-15 hours per week). This job consists of routine work to maintain the cleanliness of the building and grounds and receives general direction from the Board of Church Properties and Principal. This employee performs cleaning and maintenance functions in the morning or evening shift, with flexibility. The starting wage is \$20 per hour. A full job description is located in the office. For more information or to apply contact Kurt Turdo at turdojrk@gmail.com or (920) 216-2136.

GLORY IN HIS GRASP Advent Devotion pamphlets are available in the narthex as a gift from Martin Luther College. You can also have daily devotions emailed to your inbox. <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/#email>

CHRISTMAS AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY The Seminary Chorus, a 70-voice men's choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 & 7:00pm** in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced ticket sales; a free will offering is appreciated. The seminary is located 11831 N. Seminary Dr. in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at wisluthsem.org.

CHRISTMAS PARADE St. Peter's is participating in the **December 7th** Fond du Lac Christmas Parade, "Christmas at the Movies" at 4:15pm. Our Outreach Team asks you to consider joining us: riding, walking, throwing candy, and singing carols. We are also looking for a trailer to decorate as the float that could hold 8-10 people and someone to drive the float in the parade. Talk to Jon Freiberg if interested in participating; jonfreiberg57@gmail.com.

YEAR-END GIVING *A tax-efficient way to support the ministry of St. Peter's* – If you're age 70.5 and older, you can support St. Peter's by requesting a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) directly to St. Peter's. Even better, if you're age 72 and older, the QCD will count toward your required minimum distribution. Qualified Charitable Distributions (up to \$100,000 per person per year) are excluded from taxable income. Please contact your tax professional to learn how you can make a tax-wise gift to St. Peter's, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or Winnebago Lutheran Academy. It is recommended to make a QCD well in advance of New Year's Eve because the money has to be out of your account and the check needs to be transferred to the charity and deposited by the charity no later than December 31 of the current tax year.



CLEAN GOD'S HOUSE Would you appreciate some quiet solitude in God's house? Perhaps you like to clean. You may rather do it alone or with a partner or small team. Quite a few weeks are open on our volunteer sanctuary cleaning schedule for 2025. Please contact Anna or Ashlely in the office to find out available dates.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet at Faros Restaurant on **Tuesday, December 3rd, at 1:00pm**. This will be our Christmas party. We will be doing a White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a **wrapped** White Elephant gift. A freewill offering will be sent to WELS Christian Aid and Relief for those affected by

Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Please **RSVP** to Dave Seibel at 920-948-9475 (call or text) or dseibelz56@gmail.com.

INVITATION FOR WLA ALUMNI Save the date for the 2nd Annual Alumni Cookies and Cocoa! Alumni and families are invited for cookies and cocoa in the commons from 5:30-6:30 on **Thursday, December 19**. Enjoy the fellowship and celebrate the season at the Christmas concert beginning at 7:00. We can't wait to see you there!



TEEN GROUP will meet on **Sunday, December 8 at 1:00** to decorate cookies and cards for our shut ins. We will have pizza, soda, and watch a Christmas movie as well. This is open to all 8th-12th graders. Please join us!

JOYFUL WITNESS CONCERT Joyful Witness is pleased to proclaim Christ's birth in their 2024 concert, **Friday, December 13 at 7:00 pm** and **Saturday, December 14 at 2:00 pm** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, NFDL.

WLA CHRISTMAS CONCERT The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Sacred Christmas concert will be presented at WLA **Thursday, December 19 at 7:00pm** and again **Friday, December 20 at 1:00pm**. All are invited to attend.



SPLS CHRISTMAS SERVICE *Joy Has Dawned* will be **Sunday, December 22**. This year we will have one Christmas service for 2nd-8th graders **at 2:00pm**. Preschool through 1st grade will have their Christmas program on **Sunday, December 15** during the **10:30 service**.

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 DollarsSM they can gift to the charitable organization(s) of their choice, including St. Peter's Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Lutheran School. Since the inception of this program in 2010, St. Peter's Church and School have received a total of \$147,160. To direct your Choice Dollars visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

SECOND IMPRESSIONS thanks all their customers, donors, & volunteers! Check out the 50% Black Friday Special. Open regular hours on Friday, November 29 from 9:00am to 6:00pm.



On this rock I will build my Church

The Faith of our Fathers

What follows was written by Pastor Gustav Bergemann for the anniversary book produced in 1938. It could have been written yesterday.

Dedication

To the Glory of

Our Heavenly Father, and of
His Son, Our Exalted Redeemer, and of
The Holy Spirit, Our Abiding Comforter, and

To the Memory of

Our Pious Fathers, through whom God laid the groundwork of St. Peter's
Our Sainted Pastors, by whose mouth God proclaimed the edifying message,
Our Present Day Members, to whom God has given so rich a Heritage, this Anniversary Book is dedicated.

Foreward

The history of one congregation may not essentially differ from that of another, yet each has its unique development under the providential guidance of God. Today, as St. Peter's rounds out another cycle of years and pauses to look back on the way winding over hills and dales through the years every soul in her midst must be moved to join the Psalmist in praising, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all their iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases! Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies."

Such has been God's care bestowed on St. Peter's. The whole period of the congregation's life, from the beginning to the present day, is a voluble testimony of God's goodness and grace. The early pioneers struggled for an existence; very bitter and hard was their lot. There were times when their buying of a necessary article of clothing or even a sack of flour called for a family consultation before the expenditure was made. Yet those honest hearts were given to their Lord; they loved their Savior and his word; they wanted a church. And it was these Godfearing and staunch men and women through whom God laid the foundation of a structure that was destined to become one of the largest congregations in our synod and in its school system to produce a workshop of

the spirit for modeling the hearts of our youth which, perhaps, today stands unique among those of sister congregations.

Such developments, without question, were not foreseen by the founder's of St. Peter's who were happy to give of their very need to have a modest place of worship. But for the faith of our godly fathers and the grace of God so powerful in them, St. Peter's today would hardly be beyond the initial stage. These souls have passed on, but their Christian character; their love for Him "who became poor that yet through His poverty might be rich;" their ready spirit of sacrifice even in days of stress; their concern for their children and future generations; their remarkable foresight; all produced by the Holy Spirit's efficacious work, have left us the heritage of God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure from which today St. Peter's draws its life and strength in which it confidently faces the future.

The present two-fold anniversaries, the 80th of the congregation and the 75th of the school, is a marker along life's highway at which we pause to reflect on the undeserved mercy the Lord has bestowed on St. Peter's, and our hearts are grateful. It should also serve to inspire all present day members to plead for the Lord's continued blessing on the congregation through Word and Sacrament and teach us to pray:

*Abide, O dearest Jesus among us with Thy grace,
That Satan may not harm us, Nor we to sin give place.*

*Abide O dear Redeemer, among us with Thy Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.*

*Abide with richest blessings among us bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through Thy Word.*

*Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with Thy love;
Grant steadfastness, and help us To reach our home above.*

****Please check out the photos displayed in the narthex**

Daily Bible Readings

12/02	2 Peter 3:11-18	12/06	Daniel 2:1-30
12/03	Jude 1-16	12/07	Daniel 2:31-49
12/04	Jude 17-25	12/08	Daniel 3
12/05	Daniel 1		

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 246 + 115 + 99 = 460

Bible Class: 31

First Fruits to the Lord 2024:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$17,422.36	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,875.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	20,297.36	1,290,721.48
Honoring the Lord!	1,731.51	
Improvement Fund	355.40	
WLA Forward in Trust	20.00	



This Week at St. Peter's
www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar

MONDAY	6:00 pm	Evening Circle's Christmas Celebration
	6:30 pm	Budget Committee Meeting
TUESDAY	6:30 pm	Coordinating Council
WEDNESDAY	5:30 pm	Adult Bells
	5:30 pm	Board of Outreach
	6:00 pm	"New Member" Class
	6:00 pm	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	6:30 pm	Worship
SATURDAY	4:00 pm	Grade School Winter Band Concert
	4:15 pm	Downtown FDL Christmas Parade
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Budget Forum
	9:10 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Budget Forum
	1:00 pm	Teen Group Cookie Decorating & Card Making