



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

Announcements November 10, 2024

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



**BAPTISMS** Abigail Grace Boehringer, newborn daughter of Pastor & Sarah Boehringer (born Sunday, Nov. 3), will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 service on Sunday.

Josiee Joan St Mary, infant daughter of Nathan & Karissa St Mary, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism after the service on Sunday. May Abigail & Josiee always remain faithful to their baptismal covenant.

**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.



**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/>

**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 GIFT** was given to the General Fund, Honoring the Lord, and Improvement Fund in thankfulness for John and Karen Willis' 60 years of marriage (Nov. 7).

**OUR NEW "NEW MEMBER CLASS"** began last week. This will again be held on **Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00pm**. Please speak with Pastor Lindemann to register, or just show up!

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** is offered by our Parish Nurses in the conference room after each service on Sunday.

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

**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 or ashleywill@stpetersfdl.net or 920-922-1160.



**LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP (LMSG) AMMO CAN** will be displayed in the narthex for the church services **this weekend**. 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 9:10am for our Veterans Day Program. Veterans and their families are invited for coffee beginning at 9:00 and again with brunch after the program.

**DIVINE CALL** Pastor Adam Zimpelmann from our sister congregation, Good Shepherd, has accepted a divine call to Lord of Life in Thornton, CO. Pastor Zimpelmann has been helping out with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism class at St. Peter's. We pray for God's blessings as the Zimpelmann's make their move to their new church home at the beginning of 2025.

**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.

**AREA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** 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."



**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** We are looking for volunteers to help beautify our church for the Advent and Christmas season. Decorating will be on **Friday, November 29** starting at 1:00pm. If you would like to help, please call John or Chris Orvis at 921-9233.



## On this rock I will build my Church

The Faith of our Fathers

March 4, 1925 Calvin Coolidge, "Silent Cal", a conservative with a dry sense of humor, was inaugurated after winning the election in his own right. Best selling lists now included the names of William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway and Carl Sandburg.

By the late 20's gasoline powered buses began replacing electric trolleys and streetcars. "Talkies" were overtaking the motion picture industry. Fond du Lac had a theatrical history with several live production theaters. Those are now replaced with motion picture theaters. On Main Street in mid-1925, Fischer's Fond du Lac Theater opened followed by the The Retlaw on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Like DMLC, enrollment at Northwestern College and the seminary were also increasing. A new seminary was planned for Wauwatosa when 80 acres became available in Mequon. The "Wartburg" design easily adapted to the new site, and during the national convention, August 18, 1929, the building was dedicated. A 500-voice mass choir sang, a brass band provided accompaniment for the hymns, and the makeshift sound system worked very well. "Plank and block" seating was provided for 12,000.

15,000 attended. It remains the largest gathering of synod members in history. In 1928 enrollment was 40. In 1929 it was 70.

St. Peter's congregation was discussing an addition to the school since 1921 and fundraising was underway. The Wisconsin Industrial Commission determined the building to be a fire hazard due to overcrowding. The congregation realized that an addition was not practical and decided to build a new school. This would require more room so a lot to the west of the property was purchased. The arrival of Pastor Moussa was timely and a perfect fit. He was young, energetic and a supporter of education, having previously served as Assistant to the Dean at Northwestern College. Upon his arrival he founded the Men's Club and gave his attention to the construction of the new school. Groundbreaking was held on

March 27, 1925, the cornerstone laid on April 26 and dedication was November 8. The school had a faculty of 8. Pastor Moussa urged using the old school by adding a 9<sup>th</sup> grade and inviting other congregations to encourage students to attend. In the 1925-26 school year it was accomplished. Thus began Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

April 27, 1928 was a very dark day for St. Peter's and WLA. From the 1938 anniversary book: *"Having finished its school and parish community building (there were bowling alleys there) the congregation enjoyed several years of peaceful prosperity under the leadership of both pastors and a competent school faculty."*

*1928: "But it pleased our Heavenly Father to bring to the congregation a painful reminder that we 'are not of this world' and that His children must beat the cross following the Savior. Pastor Moussa had for some year previous to his coming to Fond du Lac been suffering with a stomach ailment which, however, until now had not appeared to be alarming. When early in 1928 he began to suffer with renewed and rather violent attacks of his ailment and on advice of his physicians went to Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, and had to submit to a serious operation, word came on April 27<sup>h</sup> that our beloved pastor had succumbed....Pastor Moussa's death was a sever blow to the congregation." Pastor Moussa was laid to rest at his family's plot in Burlington, Wisconsin.*

October 7, 1928, Pastor Gerhard Pieper was installed. Members tackled the issue of the "new school" debt. A voluntary offering was held on Pentecost as members laid their offerings on the altar. \$24,000 was raised that single day reducing the \$61,000 owed to \$37,000.

March 4, 1929 Herbert Hoover became the 31<sup>st</sup> President and then, on October 24, 1929, "Black Thursday," the stock market crashed ushering in the worldwide Great Depression.

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never,  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill with you, dear Lord beside me;  
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.*

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

*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*

Worship: 102 + 207 + 264 = 573  
 Communed: 88 + 150 + 172 = 410  
 11/06 Midweek Bible Class: 20 + 21 = 41

Bible Class: 55  
 Sunday School: 19

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$25,749.50      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,875.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 28,624.50        | 1,210,532.34        |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 4,190.51         |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 1,145.20         |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 70.00            |                     |



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

|                    |                  |                                |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>      | 5:00 pm          | School Board Meeting           |
|                    | 6:00 pm          | Adult Bells                    |
|                    | 6:30 pm          | Evening Circle                 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | 5:30 pm          | Board of Properties            |
|                    | <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 10:00 am                       |
|                    | 5:30 pm          | Board of Outreach              |
|                    | 6:00 pm          | Adult Choir                    |
|                    | 6:00 pm          | New Member Class               |
|                    | 7:00 pm          | Bible Class                    |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | 6:30 pm          | Worship with the Lord's Supper |
| <b>NEXT 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 |

## 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>       | <b>\$1,244,960.93</b> | <b>\$1,181,907.84</b> | <b>-5.06%</b> |
| <br><b>Disbursements:</b>   | <br>\$1,401,121.64    | <br>\$1,435,476.30    | <br>2.45%     |
| <br><b>Surplus/Deficit</b>  | <br>-\$156,160.71     | <br>-\$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.