



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

*Building on the Rock
of Jesus & His Word*

Announcements

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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.

AT HOME WITH THE LORD Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our brother in faith, Ernie Schatschneider, who departed from this life to life eternal on Monday, November 18 at the age of 74 years, 1 month and 4 days. There will be a private family funeral. May his family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

Our faithful God and Father also called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Joan Leisten, who departed from this life to life eternal on Tuesday, November 19 at the age of 92 years, 4 months and 1 day. Funeral arrangements are pending. May her family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

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

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

UPDATE FROM PASTOR BOEHRINGER After consultation with my doctors I have resumed chemotherapy, starting this week. 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!

NEW MEMBER We welcome Emily Orvis to our St. Peter's Church family. Emily transferred in from St. Bartholomew, MI and she has been helping as a classroom aide in our lower grade wing. We pray for God's richest blessings as she makes this beginning in her new church home.

MEMORIAL A special gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Wyn Workun.

"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 November 24, December 22 & December 29. There will still be Sunday Bible Class at 9:10am on these days, except 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 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS There is a bundle of Christmas greeting cards and the 2025 calendars available in the narthex for \$10. The calendars make for a great gift! Funds go to support our teen group.

SAVE THE DATE 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.

YOUNG ADULTS ages 18-30, please join fellow WELS members from other congregations for fellowship, snacks, refreshments, music, and games at Faith Lutheran Church on **Decemember 8th from 3:00-5:00pm** (enter through door 1).

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**.



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

Mid-way through the 1930's, in '35 the Federal Bureau of Investigation was established with J. Edgar Hoover at the helm. He was not related to the former president. On August 14, President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act. Wisconsin was a major player. Wisconsinites Edwin Witte and Arthur Altmeyer were appointed to lead the commission that wrote the bill; Elisabeth Brandeis of Madison and her father, noted Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, were instrumental in building support; and Senator Robert LaFollette, Jr. got the bill through congress.

The state of Wisconsin had its own "Little" New Deal under the leadership of Governor Phillip LaFollette. Having established the Union Bill of Rights in 1931, in 1935 he made rural electrification his priority. This was not an easy task. The power companies were interested in turning a profit. It was cheap to electrify a city, very costly to wire the countryside. The LaFollette's were brothers, sons of "Fighting" Bob.

In '36 the Hoover Dam was completed. The project was begun in 1931 during the Hoover administration and was named for him. Dedication was September 30, 1935. FDR presided at the dedication and because of political rivalry refused to acknowledge it as "Hoover Dam". In his speech and ever after it became "Boulder Dam."

In '36 the Olympics, under much controversy, were held in Berlin. It was an event in which Nazi Germany intended to prove to the world that they were the "master race". Jesse Owens, a black competitor from the US won 4 gold medals, and Hitler was furious and his ego was severely deflated.

January 20, 1937 President Roosevelt began his second term. This is now the new and official date for inaugurations. That year the Golden Gate Bridge was completed. Construction began in 1933. This landmark hosts 10 million visitors each year, and each year 40 million vehicles cross the San Francisco Bay.

Back home at St. Peter's, as early as 1928, suggestions had been made within the congregation that it might be wise and feasible to establish a sister congregation on the "west side", but there was no money to make it happen. The possibility

resurfaced in 1936 when it appeared that a viable piece of land might be available, but this second opportunity also fizzled. Then, in 1939, the congregation purchased "the Sizer home" at Forest and Hickory. A nucleus of members from St. Peter's began holding services there, and on October 13th a call was extended to Pastor Waldemar Pless and Redeemer Lutheran Church was born.

In 1938 the 80th anniversary of St. Peter's congregation and the 75th anniversary of the school were acknowledged with the first English language publication of our history. The book has separate chapters on the congregation, the school, WLA and music. This is an extremely well written and detailed document and the few remaining copies are rapidly disintegrating. We hope to soon have it preserved through digitization. At the time the Concordia Choir was 66 years old, the Male Choir 35 and the Women's choir 17 years. WLA was 13. The statistics were: 1,750 communicants; 632 voting members; school enrollment of 258, and 118 attending WLA.

October 6, 1939 St. Peter's "Ushers' Club" was begun with 50 men divided into 5 teams. This brought good order to worship services. That same month the Academy Auxiliary was founded. But the date that made the history books was September 1st when Nazi Germany deviously, viciously and without warning invaded Poland and the world was yet again at war. **Google "The Invasion of Poland". The National WW II Museum in New Orleans is a good site to visit.**

*We praise you, O God our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you.
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help,
O Lord, our battles we win.*

*With voices united our praises we offer; to you great Jehovah,
glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.
To you our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise*

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

Daily Bible Readings

11/25 The Song of Songs 5:2-6:3	11/29 2 Peter 1:12-21
11/26 The Song of Songs 6:4-8:4	11/30 2 Peter 2
11/27 The Song of Songs 8:5-14	12/01 2 Peter 3:1-10
11/28 2 Peter 1:11-11	

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 126 + 165 + 162 = 453	Bible Class: 66
Communed: 115 + 112 + 128 = 355	
11/20 Midweek Bible Class: 23 + 17 = 40	Sunday School: 21

<i>First Fruits to the Lord 2024:</i>	<u><i>Last Week</i></u>	<u><i>Year-to-Date</i></u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$33,162.76	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,925.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	36,087.76	1,270,424.12
Honoring the Lord!	973.00	
Improvement Fund	1,203.74	
WLA Forward in Trust	295.00	



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

MONDAY	6:00 pm	Adult Bells
WEDNESDAY	5:45 pm	Adult Choir
	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Worship
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Worship
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Bible Class w/Pastor Boehringer
	10:30 am	Worship