



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

**Announcements**  
December 22, 2024

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**NEW MEMBERS** We welcome Mike and Mary Daly into membership at St. Peter's through transfer. We also welcome Kaylee Wehrman through transfer to St. Peter's. God's richest blessings as these new members make this beginning in their new church home.

**MEMORIAL** Special gifts have been given to the General Fund, Improvement Fund, Honoring the Lord! and the Choir Fund in memory of Ralph & Joan Leisten.

**LOOKING AHEAD** to Wednesday Bible Classes, which resume January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at 10:00am or 7:00pm on Wednesdays as we focus on David.

- January 8 Samuel and Saul**
- January 15 1 Samuel 16 Anointing**
- January 22 Evangelism Workshop**
- January 29 1 Samuel 17 Goliath**
- February 5 1 Samuel 18-19 Saul's Jealousy**
- February 12 1 Samuel 20 Jonathan**
- February 19 1 Samuel 21-22 Job**
- February 26 Evangelism Workshop**



**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 will resume Wednesday Bible Classes on , January 8.**

**EVENING CIRCLE** Ladies of St. Peter's, here is a great way to start 2025! Plan to attend Evening Circle's Soup and Sandwich Meeting on Monday, January 6 at 6:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Join us for a light meal followed by our meeting. Hope to see you there!



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

Bill Freiberg was born October 25, 1932. On Sunday, December 7, 1941, he was 9 years old and his brother Eugene was 8. It was a rather balmy day for a Wisconsin winter Sunday afternoon. While Mom and Dad were entertaining an aunt and uncle inside, the boys were outside wrestling on their yard fronting on Highway 45 across the road from the Chappelle restaurant. Late in the afternoon radio programming suddenly broke with "we interrupt this program". Bill's uncles Lyle and Ray Cleveland enlisted in the army. Lyle served in France, Ray served in the Pacific. He remembers buying the stamps to fill his War Bond Book and seeing German POW's eating lunch across the road in the shade of the Maple trees. He also remembers the headlines covering the entire front page on VE Day and VJ Day.

**Footnote: Until mid 1942 Great Britain housed all German prisoners of war. The Allies were concerned Germany would air drop weapons to the captives causing defeat from within. The US and Canada were the only recourse. Wisconsin had 38 camps totaling 20,000 men. 19 camps were in the Green Bay to Milwaukee corridor. Prisoners were "hired" to fill many industrial and agricultural vacancies.**

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My birth date is December 5<sup>th</sup> 1934. I was 7 years old and in second grade in a one-room country school when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. This threw the U. S. into World War II. What are my memories of World War II?

I grew up on a 90 acre family farm 5 miles northwest of Hartford, WI. My recollections are what I saw happening around me at home as a 7 year old. As the U.S. threw its' resources into the war effort, many items became scarce or nonexistent. Butter was one of those. My Dad said "No problem". He took the Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward catalogs and 'went shopping'. He bought a hand operated cream separator, a hand operated butter churn and a wooden bowl and paddle to work with the butter. After diverting a few buckets of milk to the cream separator, then the cream to the butter churn, along with some work from Mom, we had butter! The separator and the churn had to be cleaned after each use, no small job.

Gasoline was also rationed to conserve rubber, an essential commodity in the war effort. Unless you had an essential use you were only allotted a few gallons per week for a passenger car. Fuel needed for farming, considered essential, allowed us to get adequate fuel. We had a 1000 gallon storage tank on the farm and there was no segregation of the fuel used for the passenger car, so as I recall it seemed like we always got to where we needed to go.

There was a hemp plant on the west side of Hartford. I do not recall if the plant was still in operation at that time, but I do know that it was used during WW II to house German war prisoners. I believe that the prisoners were used to do some manual labor for Libby McNeal & Libby that operated a canning factory in Hartford. Dad raised peas and red beets for Libby's and had the occasion to overhear a conversation by some prisoners about a small engine that wouldn't start. My parents both spoke fluid German and Dad later often commented about how he increased his German vocabulary that day, German for 'spark plug' is 'die Zundkerze' with an umlaut over the 'u'.

My brother-in-law, Arnold Wiedmer, (not married to my sister at the time) operated a small cheese factory. These small cheese factories dotted the landscape in Wisconsin with one every few miles down the road. Since there were large companies like Kraft Foods and others that processed milk, these small cheese factories were considered non-essential. Arnold needed to close the cheese factory to serve in the U.S. Navy. He was deployed on the mine sweeping ship, YMS-445. (I don't know why I remember that.) Even after the war with Japan ended he spent many months sweeping the harbors of Japan for mines set to blow up ships. The ship was wood, not steel. If the ship bumped into a mine, wood was less likely to trigger an explosion. After his tour of duty, Arnold returned home safely, married my sister, moved to Beaver Dam where they were members of St. Stephen's for the rest of their lives.

These are some of my recollections. Norbert Kolell

On December 7, 1941 Judine Schicker was 2 years old. She remembers as time went on, it seemed as if her father was never home. He was working very long hours at Rueping Leather. When she asked him why he was never home he replied "because our boys need boots".

*God Bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies,  
to the oceans white with foam, God bless America! My home sweet home, God bless  
America! My home sweet home!*

**\*\*Please check out the WWII display in the narthex**

*Daily Bible Readings*

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 12/23 Psalm 145     | 12/27 Revelation 1:1-8  |
| 12/24 Psalm 146     | 12/28 Revelation 1:9-20 |
| 12/25 Psalm 147     | 12/29 Revelation 2:1-7  |
| 12/26 Psalm 148-150 |                         |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 82 + 109 + 412 = 603  
Communed: 70 + 96 = 166  
Christ Child Concert: 261

Bible Class: 40  
Sunday School: 17

*First Fruits to the Lord 2024:*

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$39,702.93      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,300.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 42,002.93        | 1,418,777.77        |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 1,069.21         |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 1,020.74         |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 121.00           |                     |
| Audio/Video Fund                                 | 100.00           |                     |
| Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary                      | 100.00           |                     |
| Martin Luther College                            | 50.00            |                     |
| Institutional Ministries                         | 50.00            |                     |
| Church Music Fund                                | 471.50           |                     |



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

**MONDAY** No School thru Jan 5<sup>th</sup> (classes resume Jan 6<sup>th</sup>)  
**TUESDAY** 3:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
**WEDNESDAY** 9:00 am Christmas Day Worship  
**THURSDAY** 6:30 pm Worship  
**NEXT SUNDAY** 8:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Worship

