



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Building on the Rock of Jesus & His Word

Announcements

December 29, 2024

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GUEST PREACHER for this weekend is Malachi Mortensen. Malachi is finishing up his Senior year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. His father and step-mother (Marv and Vicki) are members at St. Peter's. He recently served as a Vicar at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE. While attending school at WLS, he is also serving as a Sophomore Word of God teacher at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School at Jackson, WI.

SPECIAL GIFT was given to Honoring the Lord in gratefulness for friendship.

AT HOME WITH THE LORD Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our brother in faith, Bruce Cuppan, who departed from this life to life eternal on Saturday, December 21 at the age of 83 years, 6 months and 18 days. The funeral service will be held Monday, December 30 at 11:00am and his mortal remains will be laid to rest at Ledgeview Memorial Park to await the glorious resurrection. May his family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

PAUL MOORE FUNERAL The Christian funeral for Paul Moore will be on Saturday, January 11 with visitation from 10:00-11:00am and the funeral at 11:00. May Paul's family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

GREETERS We are looking for people to welcome our members and visitors to God's house. If you are interested in being a greeter, please contact Nancy Birkholz at 920-204-9312 for more information.

VOTERS' MEETING A voters' meeting will be held **Sunday, January 12** immediately following the 10:30 service. The proposed 2025 unified budget will be presented and voted on. We will also be voting for officers and board members to fill expired or remaining terms.

Following is the list of candidates who have agreed to place their name in nomination. We will be electing one person for each board, except for Board of Elders, we will elect two. We thank these gentlemen for their willingness to serve their Lord.

- President (finishing 1 year term): Chad Birkholz, Kurt Turdo
- Secretary (finishing 1 year term): Tim Achey, Joel Kammueler
- Vision Coordinator: Darren Pautsch, Ted Schmitz
- Treasurer: Mike Will (incumbent)
- Board of Adult Discipleship: Kevin Westphal (incumbent), Ben Raddatz
- Board of Youth Discipleship: Chis Stolper (incumbent), Brian Briggs
- School Board: Josh Guell, Ryan Marendiuk
- Board of Elders (elect 2): Eric Freiberg (incumbent), Jim Schmidt, Jeremy Kollmann
- Board of Church Properties: Nick Pitzen (incumbent), Adam Stanek, Louis Ferren
- Board of Outreach: Jake Freiberg, David Balthazor
- WLA Plenary Board: Luke Kaspar (incumbent), Tyler Radke

IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON On Wednesday, January 22 (with an encore on Sunday, Jan. 26) an evangelism workshop will be offered to strengthen our efforts to better communicate Christ to our family and friends. The first session offered lays the groundwork for why evangelism can be so unnerving, often never speaking up because we are waiting for the perfect moment that never comes. With additional sessions offered in February and March, these three workshops will help us all see our role in boldly confessing eternal life in Christ to our loved ones who have no hope. This first workshop will be offered three times. Two are offered on Jan. 22 at 10am and 7pm. These will take the place of the midweek Bible studies. A third workshop will be offered Jan. 26, Sunday during the Bible study hour.

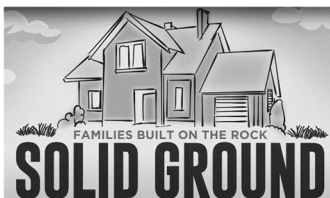
SUNDAY MORNING CONFIRMATION CLASSES For our St. Peter's families whose children attend public school or who homeschool, Pastor Boehringer is offering

Catechism classes Sunday mornings this winter and spring. We'll be meeting in the Multipurpose Room.

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!

SECOND IMPRESSIONS Mark your calendars! Second Impressions will be having a huge "overstock" sale beginning January 6. A huge selection of mens and womens selected clothing will be just \$.50. Sale will be through January or while supplies last! Starting January, donations **will not** be accepted on Wednesdays. Have a Merry Christmas and God's blessings to you throughout the New Year!

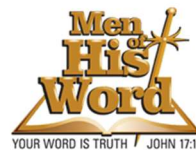
YOUNG ADULTS ages 18-30, join members from different congregations at Faith Lutheran Church for basketball and bags on January 5th from 4:00-6:00pm. All skill levels are welcome and bring your friends!



PARENTING ENRICHMENT EVENT On January 26 while the kids are at Movie Night in the gym, all our parents are encouraged to attend a parenting enrichment gathering in the Multipurpose Room. From 2:00 to 3:30pm (with light refreshments) parents and caregivers are encouraged to consider how to best invest time in God's Word at home.

Parents will be encouraged to consider the challenges and benefits of Scripture and prayer on a daily basis around your supper table or bedside. RSVP to the church office or to Pastor Boehringer by text at (920) 579-8150.

MAILBOX MINISTRY Would you like to serve our congregation by being a mailbox minister? A Mail Box Ministry volunteer is assigned to each member mailbox. Volunteers will hand-deliver bulletins to their assigned members after four weeks' worth of bulletins have accumulated in a contact's mailbox. With a congregation our size, those who need special pastoral care are identified through this valuable ministry. Through this ministry, we also encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ, reminding them of what a privilege it is to gather around the Word and Sacraments. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Joe Birkholz at 517-8419.



MEN OF HIS WORD The 16th Annual Men of His Word Conference will be held Saturday, February 8 at the Oshkosh Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center. The theme is "Forge Ahead in Faith" and the keynote preacher is Pastor Earle Treptow. Come receive strength and encouragement to forge ahead in faith in your own life. Early bird pricing ends January 21, 2025. Please register online at www.menofhisword.org. There are also registration forms available on the information station.

JOIN US for Wednesday Bible Classes, which resume January 8th, at 10:00am or 7:00pm as we focus on David.

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| 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 |





On this rock I will build my Church

The Faith of our Fathers

World War II in the eyes of a child.

I was 3 years old when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and in kindergarten in 1943, the mid-point of the war. My hometown was Winona MN, our congregation St. Matthew's. My dad worked long hours at the Froedtert Malting Plant just down the railroad tracks. Mom was a housewife, who cooked, cleaned, canned and sewed like every other mom in town, to "Keep the Home Fires Burning". Kids knew this was serious. Every aspect of daily life was focused on helping to win the war. A whole group of neighbor kids hiked the nine blocks to and from Jefferson School. Homeward bound, as each group peeled off the greeting, with fingers extended, Churchill style, was "V for Victory"!

Nothing was thrown away. All beverages from milk to beer were in glass bottles and returned to the dairy or the brewery, washed and re-used. We saved rags, string, flattened tin cans, even peeled the foil off gum wrappers. But the most exciting thing to do was roam the huge field across the street and harvest milkweed pods. The fleecy fibers filled life preservers. Once each week the rag man with his horse and wagon would comb the neighborhoods collecting these valuable commodities. The ice wagon was still a twice a week visitor. Nobody in our neighborhood had an electric refrigerator until after the war.

Huge parcels of open land surrounded the city, and every family had a "victory garden". Our plot was right next to that of Pastor Mennicke and when we were tired of pulling weeds we played with his daughter, Marie. Our favorite playground hangout was West End Park. It was a shock to find it filled with pup tents and young recruits in uniform. The hillside across Lake Winona just north of Sugar Loaf was a wooded training ground. They put on a military demonstration there for the town folk before shipping out. We joined the rally at Lake Park when Abbott and Costello were in town promoting War Bonds.

Our favorite aunt and uncle were living in California. Uncle Reinhold was stationed there as an Army radio operator. Marcie was a riveter at an aircraft factory. Every few months my sisters and I received a package from Marcie. It would be filled with coloring books and paper dolls, a treasure trove.

Everything was rationed and any product that relied on importing was almost impossible to get. Sugar was one of those. Our local corner store was owned by the Ross family from St. Matthew's. Word spread quickly if their shipment included sugar or bananas and they would sell out fast. There was a lot of swapping between neighbors. Once a month my sister and I were sent up the street to Schuler's for a hand packed

quart of vanilla ice cream. As soon as we got home, the Fratzke's from next door would come in with a tiny can of Hershey's syrup and the seven of us enjoyed a sundae.

Dad was a farm boy at heart and my grandpa and uncles needed all the help they could get. On Sunday we would hurry home from church, change clothes and head up the winding roads to one of the farms on the ridge. Two were at Ridgeway, one at Witoka. I remember singing our way home late at night and the panoramic view of the brightly lit city below as we rounded the last sweeping curve above Pleasant Valley. It was an incredibly eerie sensation when we came around that curve and there were no lights. It was pitch dark! A Black Out! Dad would have to cut the headlights and we would crawl the last few miles home in the dark.

The war in Europe ended in May, 1945. With haste soldiers were being discharged. My sister and I, 7 & 8 years old traveled alone by train to Minneapolis to visit our aunt and uncle. We boarded the train with a suitcase each and a brown bundle containing a freshly butchered chicken 😊. The train was so packed with soldiers, they seated us on our suitcases in the coupling space between cars and watched the rails whizzing by beneath our feet for the 120 mile trip. That summer we got enrolled in St. Martin's Lutheran School where T. W. Zuberbier was principal. In 1947 he left Winona for some town in Wisconsin called Fond du Lac.

But my most vivid memory is Sundays at St. Matthew's. At the close of every service Pastor Mennicke would read the list of members who were missing in action, wounded or killed and I would twist my head around during the prayer to see who was crying. Every service was closed with "God Bless Our Native Land". I still get emotional when it is sung.

*God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave, ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save by thy great might.*

*For her our prayers shall rise to God above the skies, on him we wait,
Thou who are ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, to Thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!*

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

Daily Bible Readings

12/30 Revelation 2:8-17	01/03 Revelation 3:14-22
12/31 Revelation 2:18-29	01/04 Revelation 4
01/01 Revelation 3:1-6	01/05 Revelation 5
01/02 Revelation 3:7-13	

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 35 + 124 + 105 = 264	Bible Class: 47
SPLS Christmas Service: 577 + 109 Kids	Christmas Eve: 602 + 190 = 792
Christmas Day: 216	

<i>First Fruits to the Lord 2024:</i>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$27,012.52	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,300.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	29,312.52	1,448,090.29
Honoring the Lord!	582.00	
Improvement Fund	248.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	40.00	



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

TUESDAY	6:30 pm	New Year's Eve Worship with Communion
THURSDAY	6:30 pm	Worship with the Lord's Supper
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with the Lord's Supper
	9:10 am	Bible Class (No Sunday School)
	10:30 am	Worship with the Lord's Supper