



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

Announcements

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**JANUARY CALENDARS & FORWARD IN CHRIST** are available on the information station.

**SPECIAL GIFT** was given to the General Fund in memory of Ralph & Joan Leisten.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** will be offered by our parish nurses in the multi-purpose room after each service on Sunday.

**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 Kammuehler
- 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

**TEEN GROUP** will meet at Korneli's on the Avenue (605 FDL Ave) for roller skating from **1:00-3:00pm on Sunday, January 12**. Roll into the new year with friends & fellowship. Skating is \$7 and skate rental is \$3. Feel free to bring friends!

**ATTENTION INCOMING 3K AND 4K FAMILIES** Enrollment is open for St. Peter's members at this time for the 2025-26 school year. We offer half day or full day options. If you would like to save your spot, please fill out an application and drop it off in the office **by the end of January**. Applications for enrollment are on the table in the narthex and in the office. **Join us for our Preschool Open House on Sunday, February 9 from 11:30-1:30 in the Preschool Room.**

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** have been put in your member mailbox or mailed out. If you have questions about your statement please email Anna Gilgenbach at [annagilgenbach@stpetersfdl.net](mailto:annagilgenbach@stpetersfdl.net) or Ashley Will at [ashleywill@stpetersfdl.net](mailto:ashleywill@stpetersfdl.net).

**DIVINE CALL** Our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Katie Raddatz has returned the call to St. John's Lutheran School in Wauwatosa. We are blessed to have her continue teaching at St. Peter's. Please keep the ministry of St. John's in your prayers as they continue the calling process for a 4K teacher.

**EVANGELISM WORKSHOP** As baptized Christians we want to share our trust in Christ with those who do not yet know Him as Savior. But we worry about how to do it. We worry that we won't do it right and somehow make them even more lost in the darkness. If this is you, come to our first of three Evangelism Workshops. With discussion sparked by videos from our church body's coordinator of Evangelism, Rev. Eric Roecker, we want to engage with our fears and anxiety about how to joyfully connect next-door neighbors, adult children, coworkers, cashiers, anyone and everyone to Jesus, all those that the Holy Spirit puts into our orbits.

This first workshop will be offered three times on **Wednesday, January 22, 10am** and then **7pm** (this will be the topic for the midweek Bible study) and then again a third time on **Sunday, January 26, 9:10am** during the Family Bible Hour in the Commons. Let's engage ourselves with confidence in this work to which the

Lord has called us, both when it is expected--in season--and when unexpected--out of season. Please contact Pastor Boehringer to learn more.

**WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** will be celebrated at WLA on **Sunday, February 2**. A new campus update will take place at 1:00, the service will begin at 2:00, and the anniversary dinner will take place at the Radisson in FDL at 4:00pm. Tickets must be purchased for the dinner **by January 17<sup>th</sup>** (cost is \$15 per person). To purchase tickets follow this [Link](#), scan the QR code or call 920-921-4930.



**OFFERING ENVELOPES** Our congregation has a dedicated finance team supported by counting teams who are accurate and devoted to their responsibilities as a counter of the numerous offering envelopes, cash and checks received every week. The hours of these volunteers vary from 1 ½ to 2 or more every week. To assist them with their duties, we are asking all members to please adhere to the following:

- do not fold cash or your check when inserting in your contribution envelope
- **very important** - write the amount enclosed in your contribution envelope on the line provided (this helps not only the counter but the individuals who post this information to your contribution record)
- please don't use scotch tape to seal the envelope
- if you are a member, please use the contribution envelopes provided
- do not fold a check or cash placed in the collection plate

We thank you, as your assistance will help to reduce the time required to complete our weekly counting activity.

**PTO MOVIE NIGHT** will be held on **Sunday, January 26** in the gym beginning at 2:00. This is for kids preschool age and older. We will be watching *Inside Out*. Bring a blanket and a pillow and enjoy some fellowship with friends! Parents are invited to join in the parenting enrichment event with Pastor Boehringer in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**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 Multi-Purpose 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.

**MEN OF HIS WORD** The 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.menofhisword.org) There are also registration forms available on the information station.

**OWLS** will meet on **Tuesday, January 14** beginning at 1:00pm, here at St. Peter's. The speaker will be Brian Roser, Executive Director, WELS Church Extension Fund (CEF) and he will talk about loans & grants to WELS Home Mission congregations and how funding for the loans is provided through the purchase of investment certificates. If you have questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann; 920-583-2166 or [gutermann@utilitytool.com](mailto:gutermann@utilitytool.com)

**PATHWAYS TO CHRIST** Joy in the Journey--"For the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10c This is the theme for the 2025 Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat held in Oshkosh, WI on **February 28-March 2, 2025**. We are pleased to announce that registration for 2025 Pathways to Christ Retreat is now open! Please go to our website <https://pathwaystochrist.org/> for more information about speakers, topics, accommodations, and more! On our website you have the choice to download and print a PDF registration form to mail in, or there is an additional link to our eventbrite link to register online. Please reach out via email at [pathwaystochristretreat@gmail.com](mailto:pathwaystochristretreat@gmail.com) with any questions.



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**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be on **Sunday, February 9** after the late service & held in the sanctuary. Annual reports will be available before the meeting. Please make plans to attend!



## On this rock I will build my Church

The Faith of our Fathers

### 1950 - 1954

The repatriation of US and British held POW's was complete by 1948. Not so in Russia. Many were not released until after Stalin's death in 1953. It was free forced labor. Churchill's predication about Russia was on the mark. In June 1950 Stalin equipped North Korea with weapons to invade South Korea. This bloody conflict lasted 3 years claiming the lives of millions of Korean citizens and 100,000 United Nations soldiers. 132,000 Wisconsinites served, 749 gave the ultimate sacrifice. Stalin was succeeded by Krushchev. Things did not improve.

At the mid-point of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, life in the US was getting comfortable. 100 years ago life expectancy was 40 years, now it is 67. Infant mortality has dropped from 50% to 4%. In 1941 in the 11 months before the war began, the US produced 3 million cars. In the next 4 years only 139 were built. America's love affair with the auto reawakened. By 1950 most factories had transitioned back to civilian production. That year over 8 million cars came off the assembly line.

Truman opted out of the 1952 presidential campaign. The ticket was General Dwight Eisenhower against Adlai Stevenson. The "I Like Ike" slogan resounded and he won by a landslide carrying 39 of the 48 states becoming the first Republican president in 20 years.

The 1950's brought a population explosion to Wisconsin. 28 million residents were added. Statewide the number of television stations increased from 100 to more than 500. Sadly, the 1950's are considered the forgotten decade of Packer's history.

1952 was an expansion year for synod world missions. Following the exploration by Hoenecke and Wacker the first Lutheran Church in Africa was established outside Lusaka, Zambia and the first missionary was sent to Japan. In 1954 the AZ/CA District was formed,

At St Peter's the decade opened with concern that the church might collapse. The foundation was crumbling due to the drought. The cellar had not been used as a furnace room since the new school heating plant was installed 25 years ago. The decision was made to redo the footings and foundation excavating deep enough to build a usable auditorium. Even though many volunteers worked long hours the cost incurred amounted to \$40,000, that's \$530,000 today! The splendid new basement

with restroom facilities and a small kitchen was dedicated May 6, 1951 with a huge open house.

Pastor Pieper, with preaching assistance, had been serving solo since 1947. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary was launching a vicar program. Initially this was on a volunteer basis. Now it is part of the curriculum. St. Peter's decided to participate and did so for 5 years. For the 1953 - '54 school year Jerome Spaude was assigned, and '54 - '55 it was Martin Janke.

The original WLA Association was comprised mainly of individuals. In spring 1952 the building fund stood at \$20,000. That fall enrollment reached 152. The old school was filled to capacity. At the November annual meeting thoughts of a new building were revived. May 1953, wanting to engage an architect and get plans drawn, "The Five Year Plan" and a fund drive involving 11 congregations was begun. \$165,000 was subscribed, \$71,000 from St. Peter's. Another postponement was necessary as this was not enough collateral to acquire a loan from any financial institution. Many hoops were jumped through to get a shovel in the ground. To comply with legal and financial requirements the WLA Association had to disband, totally reorganize and change its constitution. This was accomplished by early 1954 and September 26<sup>th</sup> a cornerstone laying service was conducted with the theme "Christ is our Cornerstone". The timing was perfect. Synod was suffering a severe shortage of women teachers. Late 1954 the request came to use the not yet built new academy for an emergency teacher's course. This consisted of a summer at New Ulm, full year at the academy followed by another summer at New Ulm with synod furnishing the teaching staff. The proposal was approved in early 1955.

Even though he retired in 1947, Pastor Bergemann was still part of the scene at St. Peter's. He died May 13, 1954 at the age of 91. God granted him 60 years of blessed ministry to our congregation and to the church at large.

*Christ is our cornerstone; on him alone we build.  
With His true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.  
On His great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.*

### Daily Bible Readings

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 01/13 Revelation 12:1-9     | 01/17 Revelation 14:1-5   |
| 01/14 Revelation 12:10-13:1 | 01/18 Revelation 14:6-13  |
| 01/15 Revelation 13:2-10    | 01/19 Revelation 14:14-20 |
| 01/16 Revelation 13:11-18   |                           |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 110 + 127 + 177 = 404                      Communed: 86 + 103 + 125 = 314  
 Wednesday Bible Class (01/08): 23 + 24 = 47                      Bible Class: 59

| <i>First Fruits to the Lord 2024:</i>           | <u>Year End</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2024 total receipts                             | \$1,574,993.26  |
| 2024 actual expenses (\$52,061.48 under budget) | 1,709,425.52    |
| 2024 operation deficit                          | (134,432.26)    |
| Accumulated Deficit (1/1/24)                    | (10,364.24)     |
| Changes in Assets                               | 1,541.48        |
| Accumulated Deficit (12/31/24)                  | (143,255.02)    |

| <i>First Fruits to the Lord 2025:</i>            | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$18,868.01      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,875.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 21,743.01        | \$21,743.01         |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 1,705.00         |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 2,436.40         |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 70.00            |                     |



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

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|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | 1:00 pm  | OWLS                                |
|                    | 5:30 pm  | Board of Properties                 |
|                    | 5:30 pm  | Board of Outreach                   |
|                    | 6:00 pm  | New Member Class                    |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | 10:00 am | Bible Class                         |
|                    | 6:00 pm  | Adult Choir                         |
|                    | 7:00 pm  | Bible Class                         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | 5:15 pm  | Board of Youth & Adult Discipleship |
|                    | 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      |