



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.

**NEW MEMBERS** We welcome Bob and Joan Kearns into membership at St. Peter's through transfer and we pray for God's richest blessings as they make this beginning in their new church home.

**SPECIAL GIFTS** were given to the General Fund in memory of Ralph & Joan Leisten and Gary Jackson.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** will be offered by our parish nurses in the multi-purpose room after each service next weekend (January 12).

**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.

**POINSETTIAS** Thank you to those who helped beautify our sanctuary with poinsettias. You may take your poinsettia home with you after church this weekend. There are bags in the back. Please leave the saucers.

**THANK YOU** to those who gave pictures and memorabilia towards the World War II display. It was a wonderful way to remember our history.

**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!

**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 Multi-Purpose Room.

**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.

**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.

**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. 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.

**ADULT CHOIR** will be starting the second half of the choir year on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00pm. Please join us in singing praises to our risen King.

**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 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.

**DECORATING THANK YOU** Many thanks to our "Christmas decorating crew" for making our church so beautiful for the Advent and Christmas seasons: John & Renee' Rickert, Warren & Mary Demmon, Dave Oelke, Louis & Carly Ferren, Joan Voss, and Randy Westphal. Special thanks to John and Chris Orvis for their dedication in organizing and leading this effort.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS** starts back up on January 8 at 10am and 7pm.

**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. Dues for 2025 (\$20 per person) will also be collected. If you have questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann; 920-583-2166 or [gutermann@utilitytool.com](mailto:gutermann@utilitytool.com)

**"NEW MEMBER CLASS"** please speak with Pastor Lindemann if you'd like to join this class.



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

**The post-war years of 1946 - 1949**

Russia had been a hostile member of the Allies during the entire war. Churchill urged continuing the fight pushing Russia back behind its own borders, but the rest of the world wanted immediate peace. Germany was split into 4 occupied zones. US, Britain and France controlled the west and Russia the east. Berlin, located deep in the Russian sector, was also split into 4 sections. Within months Stalin delivered his "Hostile Speech" and Churchill his "Iron Curtain Speech" and the Cold War was upon us. In February 1948 with the aid of Russia, the communist party took control of Czechoslovakia; in May Israel became a nation. In June Stalin ignited the first crisis of the Cold War cutting off road, rail and water access to West Berlin isolating its 2 million citizens. The free world launched an airlift to keep West Berliner's alive. In the next 15 months the USAF and RAF flew 278,228 flights delivering 2.3 million tons of food and fuel to the city thwarting Stalin's plan. April 1949 NATO was ratified by 12 nations resulting in access to West Berlin restored and in October the communist People's Republic of China was established.

In 1946 "It's a Wonderful Life" took home the Oscar for Best Picture and Marilyn Monroe signed a contract with 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox. Television, introduced just before the war, was exploding. In 1946 8,000 households had TV's, by the end of '49 it was 6 million. No Olympic games were held in 1940 & 1944. They reconvened in '48 without Germany and Japan. London hosted the summer games and St. Moritz, Switzerland the winter. Automobile production halted for the entire war. Converted to aircraft, Ford's Willow Run factory produced 7,685 B-24 Liberator heavy bombers. In 1948 recognizing this contribution, Ford was offered the German company, Volkswagen, free. The offer was declined. In November Harry Truman very unexpectedly won reelection over rival Thomas Dewey.

Back home in Wisconsin in 1946 Cedarburg engineer, Carl Kiekhaefer, expanded his business bringing Mercury Marine to Fond du Lac. 1948 marked Wisconsin's Centennial Year. Thanksgiving Day, 1949, the Packer's played an intra-squad game to raise enough money to finish the season.

The Synod convention of 1947 voted to begin exploring foreign fields. The '49 convention commissioned Pastors Edgar Hoenecke and Art Wacker to assess the potential in Africa. They spent 3 weeks there driving over 4,000 miles. Check out [welsfriendsof africa.com](http://welsfriendsof africa.com), "WELS 49'ers Plus 70". It's a wonderful account of their experiences.

In 1946 the WLA Association began a building fund and purchased 12 acres of land on Merrill Avenue. Then thoughts of building were tabled for several years.

At St. Peter's, there was great joy that the war was finally over and the congregation was debt free. Pastor Pieper had now been serving the congregation for 18 years with Bergemann as his assistant. They suggested exploring the possibility of establishing a congregation on the south side of town. This was enthusiastically and unanimously approved. Well, that was easy. Why not do more? How about another congregation on the northeast side? This was also approved. While the 1946 Northern Wisconsin District Convention was in session at St. Peter's, Pastor John Raabe was called to serve both locations.

January 19, 1947 the first "south side" service was held at a funeral home with 58 people in attendance. February 11 the congregation was organized and chose the name Good Shepherd. They immediately set about acquiring property and by May 25<sup>th</sup> held ground breaking services for a new building. February 10<sup>th</sup> the "northeast" group met at St. Peter's School Auditorium and organized as Faith Lutheran Church. 3 lots were purchased on Johnson Street next to McDermott Park. May 5, 1948 the fledgling congregation dedicated a basement to begin holding services. And the rest is "their" history!

In 1947 Pastor Bergemann retired. The next year the congregation began a 10 year project of replacing school desks. Also in '48 an extreme drought settled over the Midwest causing water tables to drop significantly. By 1949 structural failure was apparent in the foundation walls of the church. Plans were put in motion to address the problem. St. Peter's congregation continued funding the WLA 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 1949.

*Grant then, O God, your will be done, that when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come where Christ his message is bringing:  
"I know my own; my own know me, you, not the world, my face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you always".*

*Daily Bible Readings*

|       |              |       |                     |
|-------|--------------|-------|---------------------|
| 01/06 | Revelation 6 | 01/10 | Revelation 10       |
| 01/07 | Revelation 7 | 01/11 | Revelation 11:1-14  |
| 01/08 | Revelation 8 | 01/12 | Revelation 11:15-19 |
| 01/09 | Revelation 9 |       |                     |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 48 + 192 + 158 = 398

New Year's Eve: 159

New Year's Eve Communed: 130

| <i>First Fruits to the Lord 2024:</i>            | <u>12/29/2024</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$109,364.47      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 2,300.00          |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 111,664.47        | 1,559,754.76        |
| Honoring the Lord!                               | 4,276.51          |                     |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 759.89            |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 170.00            |                     |

| <i>First Fruits to the Lord 2024:</i>            | <u>12/31/2024</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$7,238.50        |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 7,238.50          | 1,566,993.226       |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 10.00             |                     |



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

- MONDAY** 6:00 pm Evening Circle Meeting with Light Supper
- TUESDAY** 6:30 pm Area Women's Bible Study @ Faith
- 6:30 pm Coordinating Council
- WEDNESDAY** 10:00 am Bible Class
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir
- 7:00 pm Bible Class
- THURSDAY** 5:30 pm Sunday School Team
- 6:30 pm Worship
- NEXT SUNDAY** 8:00 am Worship
- Blood Pressure Screening
- 9:10 am Bible Class/Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- Blood Pressure Screening
- 11:30 am Voters' Meeting