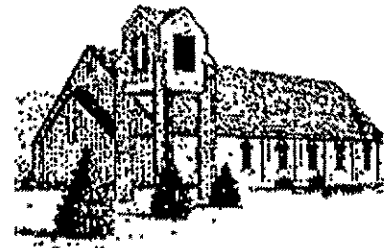


# St. Peter's Epistle



August / September 2021

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
145 S. 6th Street, Waterford, WI 53185

## Upcoming Events

Catechesis II begins  
September 8  
Confirmation II begins  
September 13

Sunday School Registration  
September 12  
10:15 am  
Church Picnic  
following

Sunday Worship  
8:00 & 10:30  
With Bible Study and  
Sunday School  
Begins September 19

Be sure to follow us on facebook  
and visit our website at  
[www.stpeterswaterford.com](http://www.stpeterswaterford.com)

Sign up for regular updates by  
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to be put on the list.

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### *From the Desk of Pastor Conradt* Expanding Catechesis

For decades the Missouri Synod has recognized that we need to do a better job retaining our youth. Synod as a whole has about a 1/3 retention rate of children after confirmation.

Many have come up with possible helps in this regard. Perhaps if we build a youth group that will do it. Perhaps if we make church more exciting and entertaining that will do it. The fact is, while having activities for young people and their families to enjoy together is important, modern day priorities neglect even worship of the Lord Jesus Christ, let alone other activities.

So what can we do? Do we see the problem, wring our hands, lament, and do nothing? Do we say, *This is how it's always been*, as if "always" didn't exist before we were born?

The fact is this: Catechesis for life is critical to keep people in the faith and Catechesis begins in the home. Luther writes in the Small Catechism, "As the head of the family [Hausvater] should teach it in a simple way to his household." He isn't reinventing the wheel. He's following the scriptural injunction delivered by God through Moses, "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates," (Deuteronomy 11:18-20).

It begins with you. What you say and do, the way you live out your faith

or don't impacts your children. Even when your children reach the age where it doesn't feel like it, you are the most influential person that God has given to them. I am here to equip and assist you in training up a child in the way he should go that when he is old he shall not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Children today are growing up in a culture vastly different from the one in which we were raised. They need to be better equipped to survive a growing wasteland. They need a deeper and wider foundation.

We are actually in this together. Like you, I care about you and your children. Like you, I desire not just fellowship here on earth, but there in eternity.

For decades Synod has studied this. And so have our circuit of pastors (Racine and Kenosha area). Working with children helps to see the infinite capabilities they possess. The faith of a child is not just a phrase.

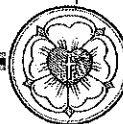
In order to better equip the children of our church family, the elders and I have expanded our current catechesis to better reach children while they are young, equip parents to teach the faith at home, and help the children learn—not just to pass a quiz—but by heart, for life. We have designed a plan for varying levels, meeting children where they are at, based not on age, but rather growing their faith throughout varying stages of life. We are investing in these children, our children, for life. Let's do this together.

(Subsequent letters will walk through the new program. Info is available if desired.  
Call or email)

In Christ,

*Pastor Conradt*

Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

# *Singing the Gospel*

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

It's a longstanding popular myth that children can't sing hymns, don't want to sing hymns and will not sing hymns. Actually, children will not enjoy hymns if the adults teaching them can't sing hymns, don't want to sing hymns and will not sing hymns. In my years as a parish pastor, I have had the chance to teach loads of hymns to children - and not just the easy ones. I recall teaching the vacation Bible school kids "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old" (LSB 960) by Martin Luther, which is actually the "Sanctus" from his German version of the liturgy for the Lord's Supper. I'd usually tell the kids, "You know what, this is a very special hymn. Your parents don't even know it, and they think it's too hard. But I know you can sing it."

After I left that parish, the vacancy pastor told me about a humorous incident. That church has a wonderful tradition of Wednesday night confirmation and Bible class for all the kids. It was recess time, and the vacancy pastor was outside with the children. A little farm boy ran up and looked straight up at the pastor. "You know what, Pastor? People think 'Isaiah, Mighty Seer' is hard. But it ain't." Then he ran off to play.

There are all kinds of issues raised by such a story, I know. Are all other songs, not in the hymnal, forbidden? No, of course not. I've spent most of my life playing banjo and guitar and singing simple and fun songs with kids, often around campfires and at picnics. I myself know dozens of simple songs for kids, many of which teach Jesus and are quite appropriate for a children's choir in church. But that reality ought never sell us on not teaching kids to sing the liturgy and hymns. Oftentimes congregations themselves struggle to sing because their churches (chancels, aisles and under the pews) are filled with carpet that kills sound and singing. Even if your parish is using less traditional music, there is no excuse for not introducing and using available resources and settings of the liturgy that deliver Jesus to all in attendance.

Our church's *Lutheran Service Book* is found in more than 90 percent of our congregations. It contains many new hymns and various versions of the liturgies. It contains a number of well-written hymns that have come from non-European sources. It also contains those basic hymns that are capable of passing on the faith. Luther's opponents recognized this strength of the Lutheran church. Prior to the Reformation, the service was mostly a spectacle. After the Lutheran Reformation, the people sang the faith, both liturgy and hymns, with a fervor not seen since perhaps the times of the Early Church. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (COL. 3:16).

There are songs and hymns we sing that make us mournful and repentant ("On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"); humble and thankful ("Chief of Sinners Though I Be," "Now Thank We All Our God"); secure in Jesus ("A Mighty Fortress"); full of courage to confess ("Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"); happy and joyous, looking to heaven ("Jerusalem, My Happy Home," "Behold A Host Arrayed in White"); thankful to be baptized ("God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"); ready to receive the Lord's Supper ("What Is This Bread," "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"); and on and on. These songs do more than effect emotion or even devotion. They bear the rich, deep words of Holy Scripture - the very Gospel itself - sung right into our hearts and minds.

The following brief story is one that most pastors have experienced in some way. I was visiting a nearly 100-year-old saint in her last days in an aged-care facility. She was blind. She was all but deaf. I could not carry on a conversation with her, even shouting. But when I sang the communion liturgy, she sang along. I was floored. And she also knew the words of a great Gospel-soaked hymn. She sang along as I sang with her:

*Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head. (LSB 563:1)*

That hymn holds fast, rich with the promises of life eternal in the Gospel, and is worthy to be sung in the hour of death. Whatever we give our children, and our people, let's not take this comfort away from them.

# OFFICIAL ACTS



## ST. PETER'S 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Lauren Acker  
Connor Charland  
Christian Guida  
Jayla Stern



## BAPTISM

Tanner James Brown, son of  
Nicholas & Amanda Brown  
12-01-2020 06-20-2021

Cecelia Francine Walbrant, daughter of  
Howard & Chelsey Walbrant  
05-23-2021 06-27-2021

Abigail Rose Grindeland, daughter of  
Steven & Wendy Grindeland  
06-08-2021 07-11-2021

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



## Sunday School Registration

September 12  
10:15 a.m.



## NEW MEMBERS

### By Transfer:

Rodney & Lori Everett (Benjamin, Erin)



## MEMBERS LEAVING

### By Transfer:

James & Lynne Peterson  
Marie Barnhart (Sophia, Aubrey, Vincent)  
Susan Pokora  
Wendell & Eileen Zirbel

### By Release:

Dale & Holly Breien (Ella, George, Henry)



## CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 12th



## FALL FAIR October 23, 2021

**Fall Fair Turkey Dinner 2021 will be DRIVE THRU only.** In an effort to re-ignite our Fall Fair and Turkey Dinner, Terry Jacobs led the meeting to discuss how this could be handled. Mark your calendars for **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**. There will be some minor modifications in the menu but we will make all efforts to maintain the wonderful meal everyone has loved in the past. As usual, we will need your support during the week prior as well as on Saturday. Watch for further information regarding meetings and the sign-up boards. We encourage you to attend the meetings to provide your input. Thank you!



## DEATHS

Steve Solar  
01-05-1945 05-28-2021 06-15-2021

Kathleen Marie Hansen  
10-31-1941 06-13-2021 06-13-2021



## SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Join us for Christian fellowship every second and fourth Monday of the month here at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. We meet at 11:00 a.m. for Bible Study. Then a short meeting is followed by a bag lunch. Dessert and coffee are provided. We then enjoy cards, bingo and at times other planned activities. This group is for you 55+ members and your friends. Our first meeting in the fall is **September 13<sup>th</sup>**. Hope to see you soon!



## USED EYEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS

Please consider depositing your used eyeglasses & hearing aids in the container provided in the narthex. By donating these used items, someone is seeing and hearing the world differently. The Lions Club distributes these items to those in need.



## CHURCH LIBRARY UPDATE

Checking out books at the Church Library has never been easier! We are now using the honor system...no forms to fill out and no dates to remember! When you're finished with your items, simply return them to the shelf. We are not currently accepting donations of pre-owned books due to lack of shelf space. If you are interested in adding a new book to the library or making a monetary donation, please contact the Church Office or the Church Librarian at [stpeterschurchlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurchlibrary@gmail.com)

## PLEASE CALL



If you should find yourself hospitalized or confined to your home for health reasons, please notify the church office. Pastor can only minister to your needs if he is aware of your situation. Pastor is eager and willing to make regular visits with you, but he can do so only if you let him know.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to request a prayer on Sunday morning for birthdays, anniversaries, etc., please call the church office. We would be happy to share with you those special days in prayer.

## Newsletter Due Dates

October/November

September 22



## HANDICAPPED PARKING

On the East side of our building there are several parking spaces marked for handicapped parking only. We remind you that by state law, these spaces can be used only by individuals displaying a handicapped motorist sign in their car window or having the prefix "dis" on their license plate. Please respect the rights of our disabled members and guests!



## MOVING?

If you are moving, please notify the church office of your change of address and new phone number. If you are unsure of where to worship, we will also help you locate a new LCMS Church.





## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Chart	8/01
Christine Guida	8/01
Dominic Guida	8/01
Casey Dietz	8/02
Beth Morawetz	8/02
Corrie Blawat	8/03
Zachary Myren	8/03
Lawrence Henning III	8/04
Kristin Keeling	8/05
Bonnie Lukas	8/05
Christian Guida	8/07
Emily Jacobs	8/07
Debra Maurer	8/07
Henry Scott	8/07
Owen Biesiadny	8/08
Rodney Everett	8/08
Karl Ketterhagen	8/08
Michael Griebel	8/09
Lana Mullikin	8/09
Margo Grishaber	8/10
George Marczewski	8/10
Bryce Meyers	8/10
Carl Thompson	8/10
Theodore Jacobs	8/11
Aubrey McGaughy	8/12
Christine Kampe	8/13
Caden Perz	8/13
Charlotte Walbrant	8/13
John Stern	8/14
Sherri Kominiak	8/15
Richard Noll	8/16
Jameson Stern	8/16
Samantha Triplett	8/16
Ruth Burke	8/17
Jason Stern	8/17
Jacob Guentzel	8/18
Thomas Neske	8/18
Daniel Jahn	8/20
Rachel Szeclinski	8/20
Martha Wogaman	8/20
Mandi Church	8/21
Mariah Glisch	8/21
Adam Chart	8/22
Jennifer Rakas	8/23
Nichole Stern	8/23

Dawn Grundman	8/25
Timothy Schmidt	8/25
Brooke Schultz	8/25
Elizabeth Lazar	8/26
Philip Bischoff	8/27
Aubrie Hutchison	8/27
Robert Farchione	8/28
Alexander Salo	8/28
Tyler Schmidt	8/29
Paula Welch	8/29
Clifford Jacobson	8/30
Dorothy Meyer	8/30
Daniel Fischer	8/31
Michelle Glisch	8/31



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

The following couples celebrate August  
Wedding Anniversaries:

Robert & Jody Farchione	8-02
Rick & Cindy McGaughy	8-02
Matthew & Melissa Eberhardt	8-05
Bruce & Jill Grindeland	8-07
Jerald & Linda Winkelman	8-08
Aaron & Amanda Biesiadny	8-09
Ronald & Jayne Badtke	8-10
Erik & Lisa Salo	8-10
Andy & Michelle Glisch	8-11
Jaime & Christina Multhauf	8-14
David & Christine Block	8-18
Kace & Mary Kaiser	8-22
Jeremy & Stephanie Schmittinger	8-25
Raymond & Laura Fischer	8-26
Bruce & Gail Andrich	8-27
Josef & Elizabeth Lazar	8-27
Jacob & Shannon Spencer	8-28
Jeff & Kim Ostovich	8-30
Frederick & Carol Wolfram	8-30



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Duane Luick	9/01
Lisa Checker	9/02
Terri Geboy	9/03
Andrea Henning	9/04
Melissa Eberhardt	9/05
Lane Schultz	9/05
Denise Schauer	9/06
Bonnie Greuel	9/07
Allison Schauer	9/07
Amanda Tymus	9/07
Everette Poulter	9/08
Steven Kominiak	9/09
Cindy Brintnall	9/10
Robert Hansen	9/10
Maxwell Nehring	9/10
Dianne Ten Cate	9/10
Cynthia Carriker	9/11
Sharon Kramer	9/11
Christina Czuta	9/12
Ariana Grindeland	9/12
Irene Tuscany	9/12
Sandra Senft	9/13
Jeffrey Niederer	9/14
Catherine Koshak	9/15
Bill Greuel	9/17
Jeanette Morby	9/17
Matthew Dolezal	9/18
Erinn Hayden	9/18
Justin Mehring	9/18
Keri Jo Peterson	9/18
Adalynn Bennington	9/19
Elaine Baumgart	9/22
Gerald Christiansen	9/22
Ronald Badtke	9/23
Dale Buchholtz	9/23
Joan Schlehle	9/23
Jacqueline Hunt	9/26
Anthony Kin	9/26
Eunice Rankin	9/26
Zebadiah Baumgart	9/27
Sharon Haines	9/27
Christian Kumbier	9/28
Patricia Karraker	9/30
Beau Multhauf	9/30



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

The following couples celebrate September Wedding Anniversaries:

Ken & Mollie Hein	9-01
Arthur & Diane Mehring	9-02
Dennis & Eileen North	9-02
Roy & Jill Benson	9-03
David & Kristin Keeling	9-03
Gregory & Kathy Foat	9-05
Seth & Emily Scott	9-06
Kevin & Kirsten Simonsen	9-07
William & Elisabeth Hood	9-10
Mark & Linda Ketterhagen	9-11
Charles & Cindy Brintnall, Jr.	9-12
Donato & Christine Guida	9-12
Dan & Denise Schauer	9-12
Tim & Shawntay Schmidt	9-13
Benjamin & Susan Lesser	9-15
Barry & Cora Ciszewski	9-16
Robert & Christine Repischak	9-19
Michael & Melissa Dodulik	9-20
Todd & Beth Morawetz	9-20
Richard & Marcy Gay	9-22
Larry & Andrea Henning	9-22
Michael & Sandra Dessecker	9-23
Jason & Laura Charland	9-26
Paul & Heidi Hollander	9-27
Ken & Jodel Jacobs	9-27
Craig & Julie Campbell	9-28
Kenneth & Debra Maurer	9-28
Michael & Amy Griebel	9-30
Douglas & Melissa Holden	9-30
Steven & Sherri Kominiak	9-30
John & Diane Turner	9-30

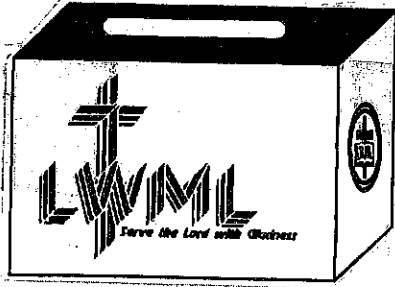
# Ladies Aid/ LWML Newsletter

## PAID! "At Just the Right Time" \$15,000

Financial assistance LCMS missionaries! Please pray for the God pleasing distribution of these funds to further the advancement of the Gospel through missionary work.

### Mission Grant #6 - "POBLO" \$15,000. - (sharing the love Jesus with Muslims)

Immigrants and refugees respond positively to American Christians who demonstrate kindness, love care and gentleness towards them. This love of Christ opens the door to share the Gospel with these immigrants. This grant would enable POBLO International to add an additional female missionary and train South Wisconsin congregations to begin International Friendship Centers on their campuses.

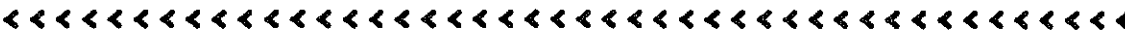
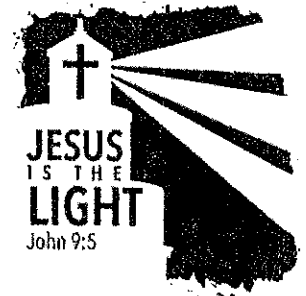


Fund Worldwide Missions!  
pick up a box in narthex

Visit us at [lwml-swd.org/grants](http://lwml-swd.org/grants).

2021 Fall Retreat

Fri, Sep 17 - Sat, Sep 18, 2021



### September 17-18, 2021 -- LWML South Wisconsin District Retreat

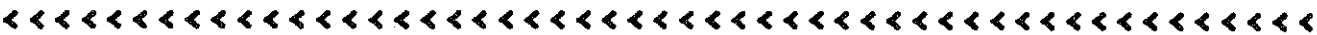
Best Western in Oshkosh - "Jesus is the Light" John 9:5

Retreat Speaker: International Hymnal Consultant

Deaconess Sandra Rhein

Sandra will share how the Lord has called her to this unique ministry and how the hymnal process works-Assisted in the development of the Kenyan Hymnal, Ethiopian Hymnal, Chinese Hymnal and currently the Indonesian Hymnal.

More information available at [www.lwml-swd.org](http://www.lwml-swd.org) and visit our bulletin board in the Narthex



Summer issue of Lutheran Women's Quarterly in the narthex. Stories of women who have come to this country--women whom God changed. "My Journey with Jesus" by Chikako Drawbaugh - "Out of Darkness into Christ's Light" by Sue and Faith Xiong and "For Me to Live is Christ" by Aster from Eritrea Africa.



Ladies Aid/LWML will now join the Senior Friendship Group on the second Monday of the month beginning in September (9/13) at 11 am in the Conference Room. Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Serve the Lord with Gladness*

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church ~ August 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Divine Worship 9am	2	3	4 Divine Worship 6:30	5	6	7
8 Divine Worship 9am	9 Council 7:00	10	11 Divine Worship 6:30	12	13	14
15 Divine Worship 9am	16 Board Meetings 7:00	17	18 Divine Worship 6:30	19	20	21
22 Divine Worship 9am	23	24	25 Catechesis II Orientation 5:15pm Divine Worship 6:30	26	27	28
29 Divine Worship 9am	30	31				



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