

St. Peter's Epistle



April/May 2022

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

Upcoming Events

Holy Week

Service times are found in the article to the right

Wednesday April 20

No Worship Service

Sunday May 1

Sunday School Recognition

Sunday May 29

Summer schedule begins;
Sunday Services at 9:00 AM

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From the Desk of Pastor Conradt

Holy Week

It's that time of year. Lent gives way to Easter. Sorrow gives way to joy.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday where will see four of our young people receive their first communion and publicly confirm their faith.

From there I will be doing Facebook Live Devotions for Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday at 6:30 PM each day.

On Maundy (Holy) Thursday our Triduum (three day service) begins at 6:30 PM. As we have done for multiple years that service will conclude with a choir chanting Psalm 22 as the altar and chancel are stripped and reverently cared for by me and the members of the altar guild. Jesus likely also sung these words as He hung on the cross.

Good Friday will have two different worship services and times. The first is the Chief Service, which will be held at 1:00 PM and is the same as the Chief Service that was held last year. The Chief Service features some beautiful pieces of liturgy including the Reproaches, the Bidding Prayer, and the Passion Reading from St. John interspersed with the hymn "O Sacred Head Now Wounded".

The second is Tenebrae Vespers at 7:00 PM. This service features the extinguishing of candles as the light grows dimmer in the sanctuary and finally all light is gone and what is called the "strepitus" occurs. That is the loud slamming sound meant to represent

many different things including the scourging by the soldiers, the earthquake at the moment of Christ's death, or the closing of the tomb.

The next service is held at sunset on Holy Saturday. This service is explained in detail on the next page so I will not go into detail here. It is called the Easter Vigil and while it may sound new, you will find that it is one of the oldest services there is.

Lastly we have Easter Sunday (April 17th). The Divine Service will be celebrated at 7:00 AM & 10:00 AM. There will also be an optional Easter breakfast served from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM.

Easter is the highest feast of the Church year; it is called the "Queen of the Feasts". The Feast of the Resurrection is the reason the Christian Church switched the Holy Day. As God created the earth He set Friday sundown to Saturday sundown as the Sabbath Day. But in honor of Christ's resurrection from the grave—His victory over death—the Christian Church moved the Lord's Day to Saturday sundown to Sunday sundown. Every Saturday night to Sunday night is the Lord's Day.

Perhaps you have gotten out of the regular routine of worshipping with us. Holy Week is the perfect time to return. I encourage you to take this journey from full cross to empty tomb with us.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt

Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

From Pastor Conradt's Desk

The Easter Vigil (reprint from 2014)

Spring is here. The death of Winter is replaced with new life. The same is true for church year. Lent and Jesus' death on Good Friday will give way to the new life on Easter.

Within the Missouri Synod and many other Lutheran denominations there has been a rediscovered zeal for traditional Lutheranism and liturgical renewal in the last 30 years or so. For many it is a desire to go back to the way things used to be. One of the things that have been reintroduced is the Easter Vigil. Maybe you have never heard of it, that's okay.

It might sound new. Rev. Dr. Burnell Eckardt Jr. serves in Illinois and is an editor of the Gottesdienst magazine. He has also served as guest professor at the Lutheran seminary in Russia. He writes:

"There was no Great Vigil among Lutherans in the early 20th century. The recovery of this ancient and venerable tradition has been a key ingredient in the rediscovery of liturgical beauty and importance for Lutherans. But still there is resistance, particularly among people who hadn't grown up with the tradition, and for whom therefore it represented something new. Actually it's something very old, which, like many venerable traditions, fell into disuse between the 17th and 19th centuries when Rationalism was on the rise. The recovery of Confessional Lutheranism has brought with it an awakening of liturgical piety, and a renewed appreciation for the Great Vigil."

Okay so what is it? The Easter Vigil is a service on Holy Saturday evening. It actually begins at dusk. It is part of what is called the Holy Triduum which is a three day service. Beginning on Maundy Thursday the Holy Triduum continues through Good Friday and ends with the Vigil on Holy Saturday. As it is a three day service there is no benediction on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

Rev. Dr. Eckardt mentioned that the Easter Vigil service is very old. In fact it is at least 1700 years old. In the early church they did strenuous catechesis during the season of Lent for those adults who desired to be baptized. According to *Lutheran Worship: History and Practice*, "After A.D. 313 the Easter Vigil was the prime time for baptisms."

In the early church people would gather to hold vigil all night until the sunrise on Easter, they gathered

for prayers, readings, and psalms, as they waited for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. While there are still some churches where people do this, most of the Lutheran Churches that have reintroduced the Vigil celebrate it just at night.

There are four main services within the Vigil. The Service of Light begins outside at sunset where a fire is kindled. The paschal candle is the main focus for this. On the candle the cross, the letters Alpha and Omega are traced. The five wax nails are put in and it is lit from the fire. Everyone outside lights their own candles from the paschal candle and they process into the sanctuary in candlelight. The paschal candle is set in place and the Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*) is sung.

The Service of Readings is next which is a series of Old Testament readings foreshadowing Christ are read (between six to twelve). After each reading is a collect (prayer). The Song of the Three Men in the furnace concludes this section.

The Service of Holy Baptism begins with a pastoral address. While baptisms can be performed during this section, even if there are none, it is recited to point all people back to their Baptism. This is also a time where the rite of Confirmation can be performed.

The Service of Holy Communion begins with the greeting, "Alleluia. Christ is risen./He is risen indeed. Alleluia." All the paraments and items that were taken out on Maundy Thursday are replaced with Easter paraments, the pastors change into their communion vestments and we receive communion as the first celebration of Christ's resurrection.

The Easter Vigil is considered the highest point of our worship year. So I invite you to join me and our fellow saints from surrounding Missouri Synod congregations here on Holy Saturday at 7:37pm. If you would like to see the service it is in our Altar Book (I have my own copy) and I would be happy to share with you. God's richest blessings.

In Christ,



Pr. Conradt

OFFICIAL ACTS



NEW MEMBERS

By Adult Confirmation:
Karry Brintnall



MEMBERS LEAVING

By Transfer:
Glen Worgull



DEATHS

Mrs. Kathleen Foat
05-03-1952 02-07-2022 02-14-2022



2022 CONFIRMANDS

It is our prayer that the Lord would bless our confirmands as they make their vows of faithfulness to their Savior and His church and continue to bless them in their Christian walk.

Gabriel Eberhardt
Logan Eberhardt
Trevor Myren
Mackenzie Sekey

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday
Divine Service 6:30 pm

Good Friday
Chief Service 1:00 pm

Good Friday
Tenebrae Vespers 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil 7:37 pm (sunset)

Easter Sunday
Divine Services 7:00 & 10:00 am
Easter Breakfast 8:30 am

*Christ
is
Risen!*



Newsletter Due Date

June/July

May 23



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP / LWML

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. Hope to see you soon!



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.



CHURCH LIBRARY WEBSITE

Go to stpeterswaterford.com and click on the church's website icon. Then click on the Library website icon for library information. Then click on Search Library Database to find a listing of all the books in the library. Check it out!



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.

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.



TRACTS

Tracts are a great resource to use while sharing God's Word with others, or if you or someone you know is going through a difficult time. Please check out the assortment of tracts found in the racks in the narthex and feel free to share with your family and friends.

EMAIL LIST!



Pastor Conradt periodically sends out an email to church members who want to be informed of important updates. To be included on Pastor's email list, please send an email to Pastor Conradt at pastorconradt@stpeterswaterford.com and include in the subject line: **"Add me to the list."**



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.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Laura Charland	4/01
Katie Dolezal	4/01
Kathryn Perz	4/01
Brian Baumeister	4/02
Joseph Majchrzak	4/02
Jeremy Schmittinger	4/03
Clara Peterson	4/04
John Turner, Jr.	4/04
Luanne Hassey	4/05
John Luznicky	4/05
Karen Engelmann	4/06
Kenneth Maurer	4/06
Kiera Drallmeier	4/07
Lacey Meyers	4/07
Tammy Badzinski	4/08
Robert Gorsiski	4/08
George Greenamyre	4/08
Nicole Strueder	4/08
Cynthia Hunt	4/09
Alden Hunt	4/11
Beata Luznicky	4/11
Diane Mitsch	4/12
Tenley Smith	4/13
Madeline Majchrzak	4/18
Abigail Stephan	4/18
Christine Blawat	4/19
Michael Dodulik	4/19
Destin Alloy	4/20
Matthew Michelau	4/20
David Block	4/21
August Frost	4/22
Sarah Buchholtz	4/25
Kathleen Carlson	4/25
Kyle King	4/25
Nancy Beaston	4/26
Traci Himebauch	4/26
Sarah Czuta	4/27
Mason Mittelstaedt	4/28
Samuel Conradt	4/29
Christina Multhauf	4/30
Timothy Szeklinski	4/30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating April wedding anniversaries:

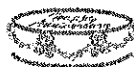
Tom & Sandra Neske	4/03
Justin & Jessica Koch	4/05
Jeffrey & Kathleen Grant	4/08
Lloyd & Susan Radmer	4/12
Michael & Jodi Sekey	4/13
Daniel & Juliana Taggatz	4/16
Bernd & Christine Kampe	4/17
Brian & Brooke Baumeister	4/18
Patrick & Marian Becker	4/19
Mark & Lynne Van Hulst	4/19





MAY BIRTHDAYS

Eileen North	5/01
Gail Andrich	5/03
Linda Ketterhagen	5/03
Patricia Guentzel	5/04
Trevor Myren	5/04
Jarrold Morby	5/05
Jean Abramowski	5/06
Mary Niederer	5/06
Elizabeth Poulter	5/06
Ryan Domke	5/07
Joseph Greenamyre	5/07
Nola Hunt	5/07
David Engelmann	5/08
Ryan Mittelstaedt	5/08
Jaxson Mittelstaedt	5/09
Gregory Foat	5/10
Sandi Czuta	5/11
Amy Griebel	5/12
Liam Koch	5/13
Ronald Burke	5/14
Bryan Fischer	5/15
Cory Mamerow	5/15
Jeffrey Ostovich	5/15
Dale Rogahn	5/15
Gerald Storm	5/15
Harrison Foat	5/16
Jennifer Brown	5/17
Kinsee Beck	5/19
Judith Knoblauch	5/20
Barbara Arneson	5/21
Benjamin Conradt	5/21
Sandra Dessecker	5/21
Jessica Meyers	5/22
Cecelia Walbrant	5/23
Caleb McLaughlin	5/24
Arnold Oelkers	5/24
Breanne Schultz	5/24
Seth Scott	5/25
Courtney Beaston	5/27
Quinn Bennington	5/27
Jessica Mehring	5/27
Sharon Jardas	5/28
Harper Foat	5/29
Lynne Van Hulst	5/29
Edward Zimmerman	5/29
Steven Strueder	5/31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating May wedding anniversaries:

Terry & Mona Jacobs	5/04
Andrew & Dawn Grundman	5/07
Scott & Terri Jung	5/09
Gregory & Whitney Poulter	5/09
Kurt & Kim Acker	5/15
Nick & Amy Szeklinski	5/17
Glen & Valerie Kimball	5/22
Mark & Kelly Long	5/30



Ladies Aid/ LWML Newsletter

Thank you for your faithful and consistent gifts of love through our mite collection.
Visit us at lwml-swd.org/grants.

As we finish out this biennium and look forward to the SWD convention in June, we also come to the close of the Mite Grant list. Our second half of the SWD Church Worker Grant \$15,000 was given for distribution. The next two and final grants are:

Christ's Mercy in Russia (\$5,000) and Making Jesus Known in US Ethnic Communities (\$7,500)

Two mercy ministries in Novosibirsk, Siberia and St. Peterburg, Russia will benefit from this gift to uphold dignity of life and minister to the hurting. Students in our seminaries studying in the center for Hispanic Studies will be offered help with covering education, cost of books and supplies.

With these gifts of love from you and our mite box collections, your influence goes here and abroad. Continue, with prayer, to submit your mites. The next list of grants from convention will be no less impressive and awesome as these past two years.

Save the Date

39th Biennial Convention of LWML
South Wisconsin District
80th Anniversary of LWML

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Saturday June 18th
701 Washington Street, Grafton WI

Speaker: David Fiala - Mission Advocate
(LCMS)

Gifts from the Heart Recipients:
The Haven of Manitowoc County &
Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County

For more information visit:
lwml-swd.org

LWML Spring Rally - Saturday April 2nd
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Come join us at

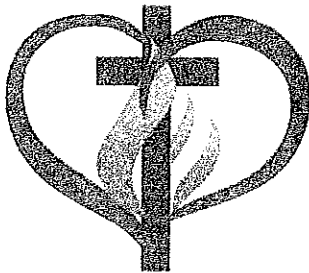
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1936 Emery Street - East Troy, WI

Bible Study lead by Pastor Chris Lockie

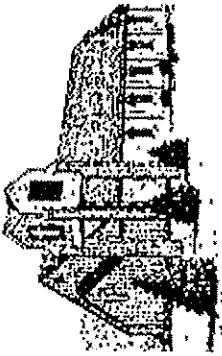
Guest Speakers Hailey Akin & Shay Zerfa
New Day Women's Clinic

In-gathering Items:

- + Size 4 & 5 Diapers
- + Pack N Play fitted mattress sheets
- + Crib mattress sheets
- + Travel size/small pkg. of Baby Wipes
- + Boys 12mo-3T warm pajamas
- + Girls 18mo-3T warm Pajamas
- + Girl/Boy 12 mo.-3T Jackets
- + Gas cards - fuel only cards - Kwik Trip/Mobil/BP



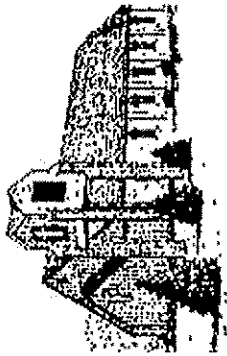
**Strengthened
through His Spirit**



APRIL 2022

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church
Waterford, WI

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9:15am Worship 10:30am	4 Confirmation 6:00pm	5 Abbreviations B.C. Bible Class S.S. Sunday School	6 Catechesis II 5:15 pm Lenten Dinner 5:00 pm Lenten Vespers 6:30pm	7 New Member Class 10:30 am	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9:15 am Worship 10:30am	11 Sr.Grp/ LWML 11:00 am Bd of Finance 6:00 pm Facebook Live Devotion 6:30 pm Council 7:30pm	12 Facebook Live Devotion 6:30 pm	13 Catechesis II 5:15 pm Facebook Live Devotion 6:30 pm	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY New Member Class 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm	15 GOOD FRIDAY Chief Service 1:00 pm Tenebrae Vespers 7:00 pm	16 EASTER VIGIL 7:37 pm (sunset)
17 EASTER SUNDAY Worship 7:00 am Breakfast 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am	18 Boards 7:30pm	19	20 NO Catechesis II NO Worship	21 New Member Class 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm	22	23
24 Worship 8:00am Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am	25 Sr Grp 11:00 am Elders 6:30 pm	26	27 Catechesis II 5:15 pm Worship 6:30pm	28 New Member Class 10:30 am	29	30



May 2022

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8:00am SS Recognition 9:15 am Worship 10:30am	2	3	4 Catechesis II 5:15 pm Worship 6:30pm	5	6	7
8 Worship 8:00am Worship 10:30am	9 Sr Group/LWML 11:00am Bd of Finance 6:00 pm Council 7:00pm	10	11 Catechesis II 5:15 pm Worship 6:30pm	12	13	14
15 Worship 8:00am Voters' Meeting 9:15am Worship 10:30am	16 Boards 7:30pm	17	18 Worship 6:30pm	19	20	21
22 Worship 8:00am Worship 10:30am	23 Sr Group 11:00am	24	25 No Worship	26 Ascension Day Worship 6:30 pm	27	28
29 Worship 9:00am Summer worship schedule begins	30 Memorial Day	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Abbreviations B.C. Bible Class S.S. Sunday School </div>			