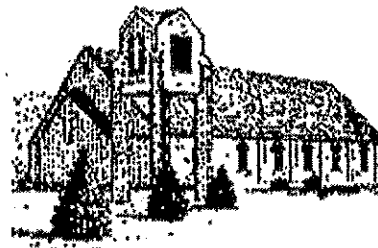


St. Peter's Epistle



April / May 2021

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 7

No Worship Service

Sunday May 2

Sunday School Recognition

Sunday May 31

Summer schedule begins;
Sunday Services at 9:00 AM

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and visit our website at
www.stpeterswaterford.com

Sign up for regular updates by
emailing Pastor Conradt and asking
to be put on the list.

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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. The 2021 Holy Week schedule will largely be the same as 2020, but this time with more than nine people at a service (hopefully). The biggest difference will be instead of having multiple a cappella services on Easter Sunday we will have two services and they will be accompanied by our talented organist.

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 6:30 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 is one of the oldest services there is.

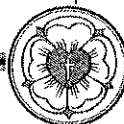
Lastly we have Easter Sunday (April 4th). This year we will be having service at the regular times of 7:00 AM & 10:00 AM. There will also be an optional Easter breakfast served from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM. As we have with many things over the last year, we are leaving it up to you. Some may not yet be comfortable sitting down at table, and that's okay. But for those who are it is there for you.

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 missed gathering for Holy Week services last year, perhaps you've missed services every week since. 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 7:22pm. 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



BAPTISMS

Blake Allen Hayden, son of
Austin Hayden & Emily Dunk
10/28/2020 3/21/2021

June Marie Ulbing, granddaughter of
Diane Mitsch
6/12/2007 3/28/2021

Nicholas Joseph Ulbing, grandson of
Diane Mitsch
2/14/2013 3/28/2021



NEW MEMBERS

By Profession of Faith:
Wendy Grindeland

By Transfer:
James Gumprecht
Eunice Rankin



MEMBERS LEAVING

By Transfer:
Lori Bakke Ratkovec
Steve & Debbie Jung

By Release:
Dion Walker



2021 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.

Cynthia Carriker
Aiden Draves
Emmie Draves
Maggie Frost
Ramona Holden
June Ulbing
Lauren Vant

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday
Divine Service 6:30 pm

Good Friday
Chief Service 1:00 pm

Good Friday
Tenebrae Vespers 6:30 pm

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil 7:22 pm (sunset)

Easter Sunday
Divine Services 7:00 & 10:00 am

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*Christ
is
Risen!*





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. 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.

Newsletter Due Date

June/July	May 17
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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.



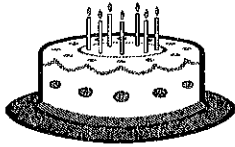
TRACTS

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."**



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

To the following couples who are celebrating April wedding anniversaries:

Laura Charland	4/01
Katie Dolezal	4/01
Andrew Glisch	4/01
Kathryn Perz	4/01
Brian Baumeister	4/02
Joseph Majchrzak	4/02
Amanda Biesiadny	4/03
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 Greenamyer	4/08
Nicole Strueder	4/08
Cynthia Hunt	4/09
David Moyer	4/10
Beata Luznicky	4/11
Diane Mitsch	4/12
Sandra Majchrzak	4/14
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
Ella Morby	4/24
Katelynn Schwarten	4/24
Sarah Buchholtz	4/25
Kathleen Carlson	4/25
Monica Glisch	4/25
Kyle King	4/25
Nancy Beaston	4/26
Traci Himebauch	4/26
Sarah Czuta	4/27
Bruce Andrich	4/29
Elisabeth Hood	4/30
Heather Hutchison	4/30
Christina Multhauf	4/30
Timothy Szeklinski	4/30

Tom & Sandra Neske	4/03
James & Lynne Peterson	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
Wendell & Eileen Zirbel	4/28





MAY BIRTHDAYS

Eileen North	5/01
Marie Barnhart	5/02
Gail Andrich	5/03
Kathleen Foat	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
Jack Fiehweg	5/07
Joseph Greenamyre	5/07
Nola Hunt	5/07
David Engelmann	5/08
Kora Tymus	5/08
Gregory Foat	5/10
Sandi Czuta	5/11
Amanda Fiehweg	5/12
Amy Griebel	5/12
Liam Koch	5/13
Ronald Burke	5/14
Bryan Fischer	5/15
Cory Foat	5/15
Jeffrey Ostovich	5/15
Dale Rogahn	5/15
Gerald Storm	5/15
Glen Worgull	5/15
Harrison Foat	5/16
Samantha Moyer	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
Sheri Glisch	5/21
Jessica Meyers	5/22
Thea McDermott	5/23
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

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SIGN BROKEN.

*Message Inside
This Sunday*

Sign on laundromat next to a church

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*Here's where cleanliness  
really is next to godliness!*  
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY Divine Worship 6:30pm	2 GOOD FRIDAY Chief Service 1:00pm Tenebrae Vespers 6:30pm	3 HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil 7:22pm (sunset)
4 EASTER SUNDAY Divine Worship 7:00am Easter Breakfast 8:30-9:30am Divine Worship 10:00am	5 Women's Virtual BC 6:00pm	6	7 No Worship Service	8	9	10
11 Divine Worship 8:00am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Divine Worship 10:30am	12 Senior Group 11:00am Women's Virtual BC 6:00pm Church Council 7:00pm	13	14 Divine Worship 6:30pm	15	16	17
18 Divine Worship 8:00am Sunday School 9:15am Special Voters' Meeting 9:15am Divine Worship 10:30am	19 Women's Virtual BC 6:00pm Elders 7:00pm Board meetings 7:30pm	20	21 Divine Worship 6:30pm	22	23	24
25 Divine Worship 8:00am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Class 9:15am Divine Worship 10:30am	26 Senior Group 11:00am Women's Virtual BC 6:00pm	27	28 Divine Worship 6:30pm	29	30	

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Divine Worship 8:00am SS Recognition 9:15am Divine Worship 10:30am	3 Women's Virtual BC 6:30pm	4	5 Worship 6:30pm	6	7	8
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23 Divine Worship 8:00am Divine Worship 10:30am	24 Women's Virtual BC 6:30pm	25	26 Worship 6:30pm	27	28	29
30 Divine Worship 9:00am	31 Memorial Day					

Ladies Aid/LWML News

Help us with our Mission Grants for 2020-2022.

Pick up a "MITE BOX"
in Narthex.

Mission Grant #4 \$20,000 A Place of Refuge Ministries.

This grant will be used to replace the current vehicle at Refuge House to transport women to doctor visits, job interviews, weekly worship, and the like. This will help to purchase a low-mileage (used) replacement vehicle which will be safer and more reliable.

South Wisconsin District Events

(Contact Winnie Shelton dgshelton@wi.rr.com for more information)

You are Invited!!!!

-To A-

Day of Relaxation and Fun for the Whole Family

Hosted by the Young Women of the LWML

Moms bring the kids (and Dad too) and join us in for a few hours of servant events and spiritual growth.

Verse: "...my hope is in You all day long." Psalms 25:5

SERVANT EVENTS:

- Lap Blankets for local nursing home residents
- Cards/bookmarks coloring for local nursing home residents
- Witness bracelets for MOST Ministries.

EVENT DATES: April 17, 2021 -or- August 14, 2021

TIME: 10am-1pm (both dates)

LOCATION (both dates):

#1: In-Person at Trinity Lutheran
728 Church St, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

#2: Attend via Zoom-
Meeting link will be sent after registering
You will need to buy supplies for servant events

CONTACT: Amy Tikkanen at 608-369-2059 -or- atikkanen.lwml@gmail.com



South Wisconsin
District

***Registration due one week prior to event ***

April 10 or August 7

Please contact Amy if after these dates



HEART TO HEART SISTER'S EVENTS

going virtual for 2021

"But Ruth replied, Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16



Virtual cruise departs via
Facebook on March 27th, 2021 at
6:00 p.m.; making stops through
the end of May.



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***Ladies Aid/LWML** next meeting will be on Thursday, May 6, at 1 p.m.

We meet in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome.