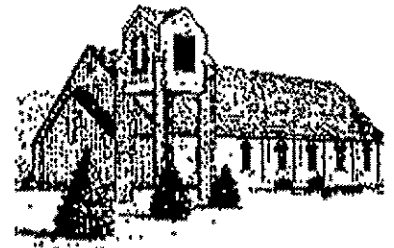


St. Peter's Epistle



December 2022/January 2023

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

Upcoming Events

Advent Midweek Vespers
Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, & 21

Christmas Eve 5 & 7 PM
Christmas Day 9 AM

Sunday Jan 1
Divine Service: 9:00 AM

New Member Class
Lutheran Catechesis begins
Tuesdays starting Jan 3
6:00-7:00 PM

Family Movie Night
Dec 9 & Jan 13

Be sure to follow us on facebook
and visit our website at
www.stpeterswaterford.com

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

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From the Desk of Pastor Conradt

Advent & Christmas

It's that time of year! The new Church Year has begun. We are excited to once again offer Advent Midweek Vespers services this year on four Wednesdays. This provides the congregation with two separate opportunities to worship each week, which will continue throughout the year, with the Divine Service being celebrated outside of Advent and Lent.

Advent is a time of preparation. Much like Lent it is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The hymnody is beautiful, with a few of the hymns being sung by the Church for well over 1,000 years.

While Advent prepares us for Christmas, it also focuses us on our Lord's final coming. We look forward to Judgment Day as we will be caught up with those that have preceded us in the faith to live with Him for eternity.

Advent gives way to the celebration of our Lord's birth. The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord is the second highest feast of the Church Year. The mood is festive and these hymns beautifully proclaim our Lord. Worship service times include Christmas Eve: 5:00 & 7:00 PM and Christmas Day: 9:00 AM. This year we are pleased to see the return of a choir which will assist us Christmas Eve. A huge thank you to our God-gifted organist Daniel Grosskreuz for adding this to his duties.

Please remember that Christmas is a 12 day celebration that begins at sunset on December 24th. We will continue our celebration on Sunday January 1st with Divine Service at 9:00 AM. This day we celebrate the Circumcision and Name of Jesus to fulfill the law on our behalf. (There is no service Wednesday December 28th).

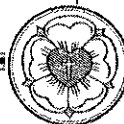
After the 12 days, the Epiphany season begins, marked with a special service on Friday January 6th. It is this day that we celebrate the Wisemen finding the King of all creation and giving Him gifts. This is very much a celebration of Christmas for us gentiles. As such, Epiphany is an extension of Christmas. So while your Christmas tree and decorations belong up until at least January 6th, there is also a tradition of leaving them up through the season of Epiphany.

So many get caught up in the world's rushing to X-mas from a retail point of view, that they tire of it by the time the Church begins its celebration. Don't let the world dictate how to celebrate the birth of our Lord. There is a proper time and season for all things in the Church and that should govern our lives far more than the world. Take this month to breath, slow down, and pray; then get caught up in the joy when we celebrate Him. Continue that celebration well into January and sing with the Church the beautiful hymns of joy in the birth of our Savior.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt

Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

OFFICIAL ACTS



NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith:

Craig Racer



MEMBERS LEAVING

By Release:

Larry and Andrea Henning (Larry Jr. and Annabelle)

By Transfer:

Ken and Debi Maurer

By Self Exclusion:

Tammy Badzinski
Barb Emerson
Amanda Nehring (Maxwell and Madelyn)
Nathan Schmidt
Jeremy Schmittinger (Gracin)

† DEATHS

Mr. Bernard Krueger
7/8/1929 11/26/2022



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP & LADIES AID

The last meeting of this year will be 12-12-2022. We will have a short business meeting at 11:00 am, followed by our Christmas luncheon.

Please put on your best (or worst) Christmas sweater as there will be a prize for one of you. We will be playing Take-Away Bingo and the entry fee is a wrapped white elephant present. Hope to see you all there!



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Sunday School children are beginning preparations to celebrate our Savior's birth. They will have practice on Saturday, December 10th, 9:30-11:30 am and Friday December 16th, 6:30-7:30 pm. East side door will be open.

They will be presenting the Christmas program out of thanksgiving for God's great love on Sunday, December 18th at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Everyone is invited! Sunday School wishes everyone a most joyous Advent.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education continues to host "Family Movie Night". Popcorn and/or other light refreshments will be served. The December 9th movie will be "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe", the first Movie in "The Narnia" Trilogy. The movie for January 13th will be "Prince Caspian", and the movie on February 10th will be "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader". The movies will continue to be the 2nd Friday of each month throughout 2023.



FALL FAIR TURKEY DINNER 2022

We had another successful, fun filled, drive thru only, Turkey Dinner. Thank you so much to all the people who helped make this happen, especially Terry Jacobs who continued to lead us in the chairperson's position. We had several of our seasoned members returning along with several new members stepping forward to join in the fun.

Next year, we pray we can open the dining room again and include all Fall Fair activities.

It is a marvelous fundraiser for our congregation and provides innumerable opportunities for Christian fellowship.



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.

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.



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!



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.



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.



CHURCH LIBRARY

Checking out books at the Church Library has never been easier! We use 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.

Newsletter Due Date

February/ March

January 23



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 pastorconradt@stpeterswaterford.com and include in the subject line: **"Add me to the list."**



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Chart is in the Narthex, to the right of the door to the sanctuary, and to the left of the coat racks. You can sign up to provide and place Altar flowers in church for a birthday, anniversary, or any special occasion or memorial.



AMAZON SHOPPING

When you do your shopping at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate to St. Peter's. You can increase St. Peter's donation potential by spreading the word about **AmazonSmile**. Sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and choose to support St. Peter's Church and Rainbow Preschool.





FROM PRESIDENT DEBBIE



Come to Milwaukee!

The theme of our 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations,” based on Psalm 33:12-13, which says, *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man.*

We celebrate even as persecution, because of our faith, is common. We celebrate amid the unrest and trouble in this world. Looking at our theme Scripture, we celebrate because we are a nation blessed by God — citizens of this world and also citizens of heaven, a much larger nation. We have dual citizenship, granted at our Baptism.

As God’s chosen people from all nations of this world, we, indeed, have cause to celebrate! We are **HIS**.

We are **Held** by His Word. In Scripture, God promises us redemption. He comforts us and calls us His own. He offers us hope.

We are **Inspired** to share His Gospel message. Motivated by God’s promises, we want to share His peace and joy with others.

We are **Surrounded** by His grace. In the midst of unrest, disasters, and epidemics — in the midst of our own sin — God covers us with His grace and mercy.

In the center of this issue, you will find information about next summer’s LWML convention. During this convention, we will focus on the majesty of our Lord, recognize our uniqueness, and celebrate being one in Christ. We will share **HIS** grace with others through service, witness, and mission grants.

Milwaukee is known as the City of Festivals. Festivals and feasts of celebration were common in biblical times. As our forefathers rejoiced and honored God, we will praise and glorify our Father — the Lord of the Nations.

I invite you to attend, to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations,” with your sisters and brothers in Christ from across the United States and around the world. Come! Experience the joy of worshipping and connecting with thousands of Lutherans as we give honor and glory to our Triune God.

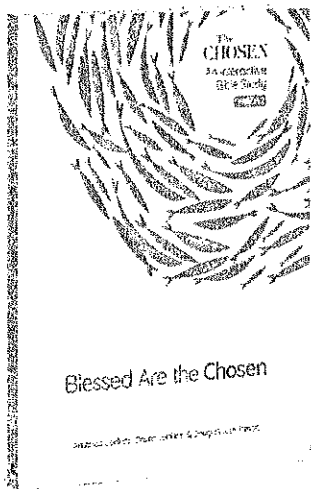
Walking by faith, surrounded by **HIS** grace,


Debbie Larson

You are Chosen...

... to be part of a wonderful fellowship opportunity again.

After late service starting January 8 and continuing every Sunday until February 26th, we will serve a snack or simple lunch -Free will offering style- show an episode of The Chosen on the big screen in the Parish Hall-then read "The Book" (AKA The Bible) and study the life of our Savior at a deeper level.



It's ok if you miss some weeks, we can show you how to access the episodes on your own if you are busy or out of town. If you would like to purchase a Bible Study book (shown above) you may do so on your own at the website shown at the right, or Amazon or various other places. However, you do not need to have a book to join us.

We will meet in the Parish Hall after late service, grab some snacks or lunch (watch bulletins for further information about lunch options) and attempt to start the show promptly at 12:00 - study and discussion after the show- until about 2:00.

- January 8th Season 2 - Episode 1
- January 15th Season 2 -Episode 2
- January 22nd Season 2- Episode 3
- January 29th Season 2- Episode 4
- February 5th Season 2- Episode 5
- February 12th Season 2- Episode 6
- February 19th Season 2- Episode 7
- February 26th Season 2 – Episode 8

Coffee and water will be available - feel free to bring you own (nonalcoholic) beverage.

Questions? Call Amy West. 262-534-3639 or cell # 262-825-7399.

ABOUT THE CHOSEN

"The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, The Chosen allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him." www.thechosengifts.com -Accessed 12 January 2022.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tanner Brown	12/01
Edwina Shelton	12/01
William Heck	12/02
Noah Multhauf	12/02
Robert Repischak	12/02
Jessica Berndt	12/06
Valerie Kimball	12/06
Rosemary Heck	12/07
Josef Lazar	12/07
Linda Winkelman	12/07
Frederick Wolfgram	12/07
Russell Korntheuer	12/12
Ginny Morby	12/12
Laura Fischer	12/13
Darlene Jacobson	12/13
Craig Campbell	12/14
Reid Schultz	12/15
Eric Obermeyer	12/16
Mackenzie Somers	12/17
Scott Jung	12/19
Jack Morawetz	12/19
Claire Scott	12/19
Heidi Kin	12/20
Scott Peterson	12/20
Beatrice Jacobson	12/21
Joan Somers	12/21
Connor Charland	12/23
Raymond Fischer	12/23
Rick McGaughy	12/25
Courtney Blawat	12/26
Nicole Grant	12/26
Jessica Koch	12/26
Jill Jacobs	12/29
Debra Steinke	12/29
Daniel Grosskreuz	12/30
Dennis Kramer	12/30
Shelley Kempken	12/31
Deb Petri	12/31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

To the following couples who are celebrating December Wedding Anniversaries.

Ronald & Ruth Burke	12/02
Ron & Susan Greiner	12/09
Bryan & Karry Brintnall	12/11
Robert & Luanne Hassey	12/13
Lawrence & Teri Geboy	12/15
Dale & Janet Buchholtz	12/18
Spencer & Heidi Frost	12/27



HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Melissa Dodulik	1/02
Lillian Dolezal	1/03
James Gumprecht	1/03
Rachel Vant	1/03
Carol Wolfgram	1/04
Hannah Chart	1/05
Charlotte Jung	1/05
Diana Nowak	1/05
Lisa Salo	1/05
Julie Campbell	1/06
Juliana Taggatz	1/07
Gertrude Timm	1/07
Katherene Oelkers	1/08
Nicole Lannon	1/09
Hadlee Beck	1/10
Ruby Gobel	1/10
Terry Jacobs	1/10
Andrew Salo	1/11
Kaitlyn Buchholtz	1/13
Ted Myers	1/13
Nils McDermott	1/15
Michael Dessecker	1/18
Jarmen Czuta	1/19
Jacob Gilgenbach	1/20
Logan Mittelstaedt	1/22
Bernd Kampe	1/23
Chelsey Walbrant	1/23
Jim Anderson	1/24
Diane Mehring	1/24
Chloe Applegate	1/27
Joseph Multhauf	1/28
Kelly Long	1/29
Jackson Keeling	1/30
Gabriella Salas	1/30
Diana Storm	1/31

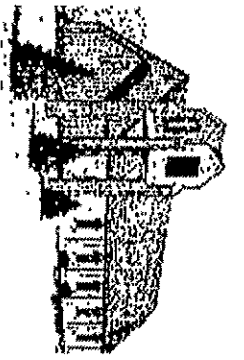


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Ted & Jill Jacobs	1/16
Dwight & Debbie Jutrzonka	1/17
Jarmen & Tina Czuta	1/23
Duane & Karen Luick	1/23
Richard & Linda Noll	1/27



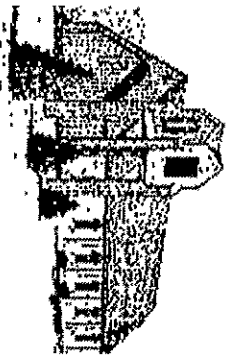


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St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church Waterford, WI

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 W.B.S. Women's Bible Study

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