

St. Peter's Epistle



October/November 2023

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

Upcoming Events

Turkey Dinner
Sit Down Is Back!

Oct 21
4-7 PM

Men's Bible Study
Oct 7, Nov 4 & 18

Joint Ref. Service Oct 29
St. John, Racine 3:00 PM

Voters' Meeting
Nov 12

Movie Night
Oct 13 & Nov 10

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.

CHURCH

Telephone: 262-534-3639

Rev. Joshua P.H. Conradt, Pastor
pastorconradt@stpeterswaterford.com

Church Office
secretary@stpeterswaterford.com

PRESCHOOL

Telephone: 262-534-6066

Mr. Ted Myers,
Parish Ed Board Chairman
tedmyers2020@gmail.com

From the Desk of Pastor Conradt

2023 Synodical Convention

I had the privilege to attend as a voting delegate the 68th Synodical Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod which was held in Milwaukee, WI from Saturday July 29-Thursday August 3. Opening Divine Service began at 7:30pm Saturday, following the Common Service and was held reverently with multiple churchly instruments assisting and a number of pastors and district presidents assisting with distribution of our Lord's body and blood. Stations were set up with one pastor distributing the host, one pastor distributing the blood of Christ from the chalice, and the third overseeing with the cruet.

Official business should have begun after all had opportunity to worship together at local parishes on Sunday morning, but began at 8:30 am. Convention was often quickly paced in order to get through the business that was necessary, which did not always give ample time, but was required in many instances.

Main take aways:

We have broken fellowship with the Japanese Lutheran Church (a church which our missionaries help found) over authority of Scripture especially leading them to "ordain" women. While "ordaining" women is not the source of the division it is one of the most blatant side effects of denying the total authority of the Bible as God's Word. However, official pulpit and altar fellowship was entered with five Church bodies throughout the world, including Sudan/South Sudan, Uganda, Finland, Sri Lanka, and Ukraine. We give thanks to God for their fidelity to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions and pray for the schisms to cease.

We have seen turmoil throughout higher education and OUR Concordias have seen it as well. There was a drift away from the purpose of raising up

church workers toward the secular and in some cases identity has been lost. Since 2018, Concordia Selma, Concordia Portland, and Concordia Bronxville have closed. Prior to this Concordia Ann Arbor was somewhat absorbed by Concordia Mequon in order to stay open. Last year Concordia Austin's (CTX) Board of Directors voted to secede from the Synod and make the university their own. This was not a unanimous decision and caused some of the regents to resign. The Concordias though belong not to themselves, but to the Synod. They are OUR schools. Synod in convention called the university to repent and return what was stolen. Some new regents were voted on. The ball is now in CTX's court, and we pray that they repent, return, and are forgiven. Since then CTX has declared they will not allow these rightly elected regents to join.

Much discussion was had on teacher and pastor shortages. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38 NKJV). There was discussion about the routes that lead to ordination and residential, Master of Divinity (M. Div.) track is to be encouraged above all as the preferred model for a number of reasons.

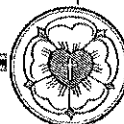
We gave thanks to God for the overturning of Roe v. Wade and remain committed to defending life, from pre-born until natural death according to God's holy will. We reaffirmed that we must gather in person to receive Christ's gifts with our brothers and sisters in Christ and that we practice Closed Communion (Close Communion is synonymous).

It is evident that there is more work to be done to bring unity, but for the most part much of Synod is committed to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt

Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

OFFICIAL ACTS



WEDDINGS

Service of Holy Matrimony for the uniting of Luke Horozewski & Rachel Szeklinski was performed on September 8th, 2023.



BAPTISMS

Fletcher Kenneth Hein,
son of Kenneth and Mollie Hein
7/25/23 8/20/23



NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith:

Daniel, Sharon, and Jake Krueger



MEMBERS LEAVING

By Transfer:

Robert Hansen

By Release:

Andrew, Dawn, and Abigail Grundman



DON'T FORGET!
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
Sunday, November 5, 2023

FALL FAIR TURKEY DINNER IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st



Our sit-down dinner in the parish hall is back, and our usual drive through! Fall Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st from 4:00-7:00pm. Various tasks still need to be filled so please see the sign-up boards in the Narthex.

LADIES AID/LWML



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Senior Friendship Group & Ladies Aid/LWML will have a combined meeting on the second Monday of each month at 11:00 am. All men & women seniors 55+ and ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us! Senior Group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Ladies Aid/LWML meets with them on the 2nd Monday each month.



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.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education continues to host "Family Movie Night". Popcorn and/or other light refreshments will be served. Sign up on the office window if you are coming and feel free to sign up to bring a snack to share if desired. The October 13th showing will be "*It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*". The show for November 10th will be "*A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*". Looking ahead: The movie for December 10th will be "*The Star*" and on January 12th we will watch "*A Charlie Brown Christmas*".

Reformation Day ~ October 31st, 1517

On this day Martin Luther released statements defending authentic Christian faith against misleading religious practices. His actions were the catalyst for the Protestant Reformation and inspired countless believers to pursue true repentance and a biblical foundation for their faith. "*It's still all about Jesus.*"

November 1st

All Saints' Day



2023 MISSION OF THE MONTH UPDATES

Because of your generous donations we were able to support and donate the following for 2023 year to date.

January: A Place of Refuge - \$130.00

February: The Baumgart Family - \$1,226.26

March: Lutheran World Relief - \$437.16

April: Military Bible Sticks - \$202.00

May: Lutheran Deaf Outreach - \$85.00

June: Lutheran Bible Translators - \$170.00

July: Dominican Republic Mission Partnership - \$120.00

August: Orphan Grain Train- \$125.00



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

The preschool is in search of a lunch person. This rewarding part-time (approx. 3-4 hours per day, Monday through Friday) position prepares both hot and cold lunches for our small group of preschoolers. This paid position has summers off. Please contact Ted Myers at 847-404-2945 or tedmyers202@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.



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!

ORGANIST NOTES by Daniel Grosskreuz

I am starting this new column with the goal of sharing some more information about various musical topics, but more importantly, to teach a little bit about the hymns, especially the Hymns of the Month. The next two Hymns of the Month, for October and November, are LSB 582, "God's Word is Our Great Heritage", and LSB 790, "Praise to the Lord the Almighty", respectively.

October's Hymn of the Month is "God's Word is Our Great Heritage". This hymn was written by Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, who lived from 1783-1872. Grundtvig grew up in Denmark, in a time that was severely influenced by rationalism. The son of an orthodox Lutheran pastor, Grundtvig came to a more traditional form of Christianity, much like his father, through his studies. Unlike his rationalist contemporaries, Grundtvig held the scriptures in high esteem, inspiring him to write this hymn.

Grundtvig originally wrote 5 stanzas to this hymn. His first four stanzas make clear allusions to scripture, such as "Casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you", in stanza 3, which references 1 Peter 5:7 which says, "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (NKJV). His fifth and final stanza is the hymn we have in our Lutheran Service Book. Often used for festive occasions and around Reformation Day, this final stanza is a testimony to the high place Grundtvig held scripture. We, as Lutherans, must be careful to always do the same.

November's Hymn of the Month is "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty". The author, Joachim Neander, was born in Bremen, Germany, around 1650. His great-grandfather had actually been recommended to become a pastor by the early Lutheran Philipp Melancthon. Neander died tragically from tuberculosis at the young age of 30, but not before writing approximately 60 different hymns. While this hymn may be of good value in our hymnal, Neander was actually more well known as a German Pietist, and unfortunately, most of his hymns reflect that. Most of his hymns place the individual's spirituality, faith, and devotion as the subject of the text, rather than the work Christ has done for us and the forgiveness of our sin. This is why we only find one of Neander's hymns in the LSB. A final fun fact about Neander is that he would often spend time wandering a valley near Dusseldorf, Germany, composing hymns or poetry, and sometimes holding services. This valley was later renamed "Neanderthal", which means "Neander Valley" in German. This valley became famous in 1856 when the remains of the alleged *Homo Neanderthalensis*, or, The Neanderthal, were found there.

This hymn is, in particular, closely related to Psalms 146 and 150, which both center around the theme of Praise the Lord. Relating to Neander's background, this hymn can be found in almost any Protestant hymnal and is well known by most protestants. Finally, like Martin Luther often did, Neander embeds an "Amen" in the final stanza of this hymn. The original German has it as the final word, but unfortunately due to translation, it gets replaced to the third phrase.

Ladies Aid - LWML

LWML - Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Women in Mission - Mission Minded Women - Women on a Mission - all of these titles and tag-lines make our focus very clear. We are a LCMS organization with a heart for missions to ensure that all people in the world hear and have access to the Good News of the Gospel.

The 40th Biennial LWML Convention held this year in Milwaukee is over. Over 3,500 people came to the convention. The Lutheran Women in Mission voting body adopted a \$2,350,000 mission goal for the 2023 - 2025 biennium. This goal by the grace of God will fund 31 missions grants.

The South Wisconsin District has two grants left for their 2022 - 2024 biennial mission goal. Grant #10 Doxology - \$8,000 - Care for clergy wives. A pilot program for 50 SWD clergy wives to be given tools to understand compassion fatigue on their husbands and families and how to establish healthy boundaries. Pick up a Mite box in the narthex.

Save the Date!

Winter Getaway

February 2 -3, 2024

Location: Milwaukee Marriott West

**Facilitator: Darcy Paape - Director of
the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia Wisconsin**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Garrett Foat	10/01
Patricia King	10/01
Hudson Koch	10/03
Logan Eberhardt	10/05
Carrie Jacobs	10/05
Ralph Jankowsky	10/06
Lisa Bennington	10/08
Brody Hayden	10/08
Noah Kin	10/08
Todd Morawetz	10/08
Susan Nelson	10/08
Cheryl Gilgenbach	10/09
Benjamin Everett	10/11
Janet Buchholtz	10/12
Alexandra Grindeland	10/12
Karla Friemoth	10/13
Kyle Jacobs	10/14
Emmie Draves	10/15
Maggie Frost	10/15
David Keeling	10/15
Gloria Schmidt	10/16
Bennett Stephan	10/17
Jody Farchione	10/18
Shelby Somers	10/18
Blake Berndt	10/19
Duane Harma	10/19
Lee Ann Michelau	10/19
Grace Obermeyer	10/19
Kyra Obermeyer	10/19
May Obermeyer	10/19
Bryan Brintnall	10/20
Terrence Dlugi	10/20
Matthew Eberhardt	10/20
Mollie Hein	10/20
Kevin Eisenhut	10/21
Patricia Jung	10/21
Taylor Mehring	10/22
James Bakke	10/23
Tom Szeclinski	10/23
Gavin Morawetz	10/24
Nolan Domke	10/25

Collin Charland	10/26
Brittany Erb	10/28
Kathleen Grant	10/28
Blake Hayden	10/28
Matthew Stephan	10/29
Amy West	10/29
Ronald Baumgart	10/30
Donato Guida	10/30
Mark Ketterhagen	10/31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating October anniversaries:

Gil & Rosemary Amborn	10/03
Eric & Casey Dietz	10/03
Jim & Jean Dumke	10/03
Steven & Candice Strueder	10/03
Dennis & Sharon Kramer	10/05
Peter & Debbie Berndt	10/06
Raymond & Ginny Morby	10/08
Thomas & Kathleen Carlson	10/12
Timothy & Nancy Szeclinski	10/12
AJ & Erinn Hayden	10/13
Eric & Jenny Obermeyer	10/14
Andy & Kandiss Beck	10/15
Donald & Edwina Shelton	10/16
Jarrold & Jeanette Morby	10/17
Scott & Dianne Ten Cate	10/17
Daniel & Sharon Krueger	10/21
Jack & Kerrie Alloy	10/22
Alan & Brittany Erb	10/27
John & Jillane Persch	10/30
Jeffrey & Jenny Kempken	10/31
George Marczewski & Susan Nelson	10/31

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

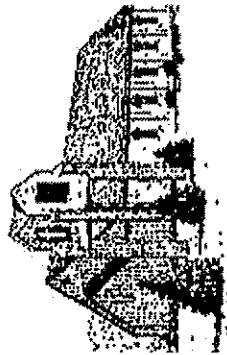


Esther Racer	11/02
Shelby Jacobs	11/03
Debbie Jutrzonka	11/04
Jenny Kempken	11/04
Kendall Jacobs	11/07
Bryn Schultz	11/07
Terri Jung	11/09
Heidi Frost	11/10
Susan Radmer	11/12
Lynn Gruenewaldt	11/13
Susan Greiner	11/14
Karry Brintnall	11/15
Alaina Berndt	11/16
Richard Gay	11/16
Phyllis McGroarty	11/16
Jodi Sekey	11/17
Timothy Gay	11/18
Kim Acker	11/19
Linda Noll	11/19
Roman Nowak	11/22
Elsie Farchione	11/23
Marcy Gay	11/23
Charles Moyer	11/23
Greg Poulter	11/23
Dylan Hein	11/25
Kirsten Simonsen	11/25
Silas Morby	11/26
Benjamin Himebauch	11/27
Alexandrea LeMieux	11/27
Caryl Perrin	11/28
Erik Salo	11/28
Frank Farchione	11/29



To the following couples who are celebrating November anniversaries:

Kevin & Ryan Mittelstaedt	11/02
Anthony & Heidi Kin	11/06
Jeffrey & Mary Niederer	11/06
Mark & Dona Grebe	11/10
Philip & Lynn Gruenewaldt	11/13
Corrie & Dawn Blawat	11/26
Gary & Phyllis McGroarty	11/27

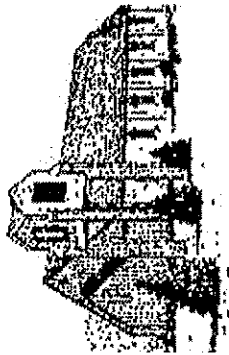


October 2023

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

Abbreviations
 B.C. Bible Class
 S.S. Sunday School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9:15am Worship 10:30am	2	3 New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:15pm	4 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	5	6	7 Men's Bible Study 8:30-10:00 am
8 Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9:15am Worship 10:30am	9 LWML/Sr. Group 11:00 Finance 6:00pm Council 7:00pm	10 New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:15pm	11 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	12	13 Movie Night 6:00pm Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown	14
15 Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9:15am Worship 10:30am	16	17 New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:15pm	18 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30 pm	19	20	21 Fall Fair Turkey Dinner 4:00-7:00pm
22 Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9:15am Worship 10:30am	23 Sr. Group 11:00 am	24 NO Adult Catechesis	25 Worship 6:30pm	26	27	28
29 Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9:15am Worship 10:30am Joint Ref. Service at St. John, Racine 3:00pm	30	31 Reformation Day New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:15pm				



November 2023

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

Abbreviations
 B.C. Bible Class
 S.S. Sunday School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Men's Bible Study 8-30-10:00 am			1 All Saints Day Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	2	3	
5 Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9-15am Worship 10:30am	6	7 New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:15pm	8 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	9	10 Movie Night 6:00pm Charlie Brown Thanksgiving	11
12 Worship 8:00am S.S. 9:15am Voters Meeting Worship 10:30am	13 LWML/Sr. Group 11:00 Finance 6:00pm Council 7:00pm	14 New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:15pm	15 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30	16	17	18 Men's Bible Study 8-30-10:00 am
19 Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9:15am Worship 10:30am	20	21 New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:15pm	22 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25
26 Worship 8:00am No S.S. Worship 10:30am	27 Sr. Group 11:00 am	28 New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:15pm	29 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	30		