

St. Peter's Epistle



April/May 2023

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

Men's Bible Study

Starts Saturday April 15
8:30-10:00 AM

Special Vicarage Voters'
Meetings April 16 & 30

Sunday May 7

Sunday School Recognition

Sunday May 14

Summer schedule begins;
Sunday Services at 9:00 AM

Family Movie Nights

April 14 & May 12

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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/Passion Sunday where we hear the Passion according to St. Matthew and eight of our children will receive their first communion after they have been privately examined, and absolved.

Replacing devotions, we are having spoken Divine Services at church on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday at 6:30 PM each day. We will hear the Passion according to Sts. Mark & Luke.

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 the 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. The Chief Service features some beautiful pieces of liturgy including the Reproaches, the Bidding Prayer, and the Passion according to 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 (7:27 PM) 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 is one of the oldest services we have. We will have two baptisms/confirmations that night.

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

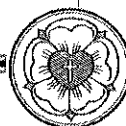
Easter is the highest feast of the Church year; it is called the "Queen of the Feasts". The Feast of the Resurrection is the reason the Christian Church switched the Holy Day. As God created the earth He set Friday sundown to Saturday sundown as the Sabbath Day. But in honor of Christ's resurrection 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 Conrad'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 7:27pm. 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. Conrad

OFFICIAL ACTS



NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith

Jodi Kirincich



DEATHS

Mrs. Dorothy Strasser
02/23/1936 02/05/2023

Mr. Carl Pirk
10/19/1944 02/25/2023

Mr. Duane Luick
09/01/1938 03/16/2023

Holy Week Services

April 2nd through April 9th, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

Divine Service 8:00 am
Divine Service w/First Communion 10:30 am

Holy Monday

Divine Service 6:30 pm

Holy Tuesday

Divine Service 6:30 pm

Holy Wednesday

Divine Service 6:30 pm

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 7:27 pm (sunset)

Easter Sunday

Divine Services 7:00 & 10:00 am
Easter Breakfast 8:30-9:30 am

Newsletter Due Dates

June/July

May 22

FINANCE UPDATE



Year to date actual (as of 2/28/23)

Contributions.....52,783.24

Expenses.....49,517.82

Difference.....+3,265.42

*Christ
is
Risen!*





SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Attention all 55+ members (men & women) and your friends!! Join us for Christian fellowship and Bible Study every second and fourth Monday of the month here at St. Peter's Lutheran Church until May 8th. We meet at 11:00 a.m. for Bible Study then a short meeting followed by your own bag lunch. Dessert and coffee are provided. Afterwards, those who want to can enjoy cards, bingo, or other planned seasonal activities. Come join us!



LADIES AID/LWML

Join us for Christian fellowship / Bible Study every second Monday of the month here at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. We meet at 11:00 a.m. (along with Senior Friendship Group) for Bible Study then a short meeting followed by your own bag lunch. Dessert and coffee are provided. Come join us!



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education continues to host "Family Movie Night". The April 14th movie is the 2nd half of the animated film *The Pilgrim's Progress*. There will be some time for "open gym" after the movie. We will serve sandwich fixings and popcorn, attendees can sign up to bring a side, snack, or dessert. The Movie for May 14th will be the animated film *The Boxcar Children*. Refreshments will be served, watch for details. The movies will continue to be the 2nd Friday of each month, starting at 6:00, throughout 2023.



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.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Because of your generosity in the month of January, we were able to give "A Place of Refuge" a check for \$130.00 in addition to over \$500.00 worth of diapers wipes and other needed supplies.

In February we were able to present The Baumgart Family with checks and gift cards totaling \$1,226.26. In addition, many people were able to give to them directly and/or have been providing meals. They are so thankful for the blessings St. Peter's has provided to them during this difficult journey.



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!

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.



MOVING??

If you are moving, please notify the church office with your new address and phone number.



HEARING ASSISTANCE

Portable listening devices are available for use during the worship service. You will need to bring in your own set of headphones. Please see an Elder or Usher to assist you.



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.



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



The "Amazon Smile" program ended in February. Thank you to those who used this program in the past to donate to St. Peter's. We received a total of \$1,932.29 over the life of the program.

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."**

THRIVENT CHOICE



We received \$1,319.00 in "Thrivent Choice" dollars earned by members in 2021. The deadline was March 31st for directing any choice dollars you earned in 2022. If you missed the deadline this year, be sure to mark your calendars and call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 to direct the dollars you earn in 2023.



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



"Your kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom and stand strong in today's battle for truth. We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they're bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil."

~answersingenesis.org

Our hope is to be able to teach our kids at Vacation Bible School all about the armor of God. Please consider prayerfully, as a leader is needed to be able to schedule Vacation Bible School this summer. Dates and times can be determined by the leader.

Ladies Aid/LWML Newsletter

Invitation to our Spring Rally:

Where: St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Registration & Refreshments 9:00 - 9:30 am

Lutheran
Womens
Missionary
League

*Bible study led by Pastor Chris Lockie

*Program: Video - "What is Lutheranism" (Ten Minute Bible Study)

Matt Whitman & Rev. Weedon of St. Paul's, Hamel, IL

Ingathering Items for Life Choices - Burlington

Diapers - Sz 4, 5, 6's Wipes

Summer clothing boys/girls - 0-3, 9, 24, 2+/3+ months.

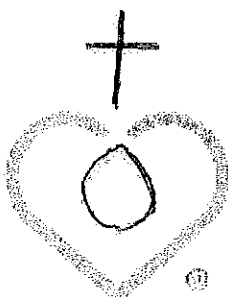
Lutheran Women's Missionary League is coming to Milwaukee

40th Biennial Convention June 22-25, 2033

Wisconsin Center

Celebrate the Lord of the Nations - Blessed is the nations 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 (Psalm 33-12-13)

LWML-SWD.org



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

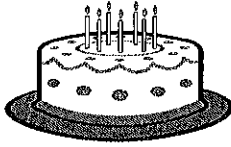
MEMORIAL AND BEQUEST FUND SYNOPSIS

- Established by congregational vote in September 1962.
- Consists of donations to St. Peter's Church for special and charitable purposes, exclusive of donations designated for current or annual budgetary expenses.
- Administered and invested by Memorial and Bequest Committee.
- Annual fund earnings are distributed as follows: 10% of the earnings are added back to the principal of the fund; the greater of 10% or \$5,000 of the earnings is added to an Emergency Relief account for unforeseen disasters and special needs; the balance of the earnings is designated for distribution to LCMS mission work and other charitable needs / groups.
- Spending from the Emergency Relief account is requested and approved by the Church Council. The distribution of annual earnings, and donations which remain "undesignated" after (12) months, are approved by the Council and congregation voters.
- Spending of any of the fund's principal (corpus) requires approval by 67% of all voting members of the congregation, and then, approval by 67% of the Church Council members and Memorial and Bequest Committee members meeting in joint session.
- The Committee has invested, and continues to invest, the Fund in a very conservative manner with the focus of preserving the principal of the Fund. Also, the Committee invests with the intent of helping the physical growth of God's kingdom by investing with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Historically, approximately 25 % of the Fund has been invested in the LCEF. In addition to investing in the LCEF, loans have been made to St. Peter's and sister LCMS congregations for spiritual and physical needs.
- Over the past ten years, the Fund has earned \$130,000.

Detailed distribution of earnings over this time period is as follows:

○ St. Peter's Church	\$10,000
○ LCMS Churches (disaster relief)	\$24,300
○ Needy members & pastors	\$18,900
○ Mission Support	\$ 4,500
○ LCMS Missions	\$14,000
○ LCMS Attic Workshop	\$ 2,100
○ Lutheran Family Services	\$ 6,600
○ LCMS World Relief	\$ 6,000
○ Bethesda Lutheran Home	\$ 5,000
○ Place of Refuge	\$ 4,500
○ Lutherans for Life	\$ 1,500
○ LCMS Joint Seminary Fund	\$ 3,000
○ POBLO (Christian / Muslim ministries)	\$ 2,100

- In addition to the above disbursements from earnings, designated memorials of \$165,000 were donated to St. Peter's Church and School over the past ten years for various maintenance and capital improvement projects.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Laura Charland	4/01
Katie Dolezal	4/01
Kathryn Perz	4/01
Clara Peterson	4/04
John Turner, Jr.	4/04
Luanne Hassey	4/05
John Luznicky	4/05
Karen Engelmann	4/06
Lacey Meyers	4/07
Robert Gorsiski	4/08
George Greenamyer	4/08
Cynthia Hunt	4/09
Alden Hunt	4/11
Beata Luznicky	4/11
Diane Mitsch	4/12
Tenley Smith	4/13
Abigail Stephan	4/18
Christine Blawat	4/19
Michael Dodulik	4/19
Destin Alloy	4/20
Matthew Michelau	4/20
Nora Bennington	4/21
David Block	4/21
August (Gus) Frost	4/22
Sarah Buchholtz	4/25
Kathy Carlson	4/25
Kyle King	4/25
Nancy Beaston	4/26
Traci Himebauch	4/26
Sarah Czuta	4/27
Jeannie Dumke	4/28
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
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
Patty Guentzel	5/04
Trevor Myren	5/04
Jarrod 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 Foat	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
Katharine Conradt	5/22
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
Beckham Mamerow	5/28
Harper Foat	5/29
Lynne Van Hulst	5/29
Julie McLaughlin	5/30
Steven Strueder	5/31

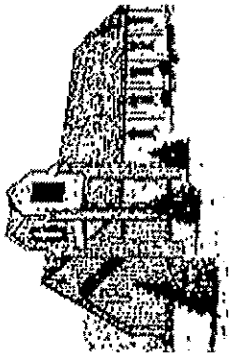


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Terry & Mona Jacobs	5/04
Andrew & Dawn Grundman	5/07
Scott & Terri Jung	5/09
Gregory & Whitney Poulter	5/09
Kurt & Kim Acker	5/15
Nick & Amy Szeklinski	5/17
Glen & Valerie Kimball	5/22



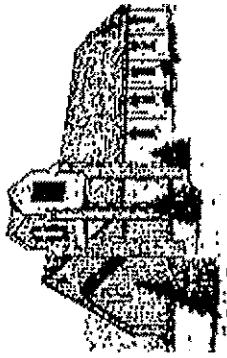


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Abbreviations
 B.C. Bible Class
 S.S. Sunday School
 W.B.S. Women's Bible Study

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> Worship 8:00am S.S. 9:15am Worship 10:30am with First Communion	3 Divine Worship 6:30pm	4 Divine Worship 6:30pm	5 Divine Worship 6:30pm	6 Maundy Holy Thursday Divine Worship 6:30pm	7 Preschool Closed Chief Service 1:00pm Tenebrae Vespers 7:00pm	8 "Easter Vigil Divine Service" 7:27 pm
9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Worship 7:00am Easter Breakfast 8:30am Worship 10:00am	10 Preschool Closed LWML/Sr. Group 11:00 Finance 6:00pm Council 7:00pm	11 New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm	12 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	13 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	14 Movie Night 6:00pm A Pilgrims Progress 2	15 Men's Bible Study 8:30- 10:00am
16 Worship 8:00am Special voters' meeting between services S.S. 9:15am Worship 10:30am	17 W.B.S. 6:00pm	18 Choir Practice 7:00pm	19 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	20 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	21 Preschool CPR 8:00am	22 Preschool CPR 8:00am
23 Worship 8:00am S.S. & B.C. 9:15am Worship 10:30am	24 Sr. Group 11:00am W.B.S 6:00pm	25 New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:00pm	26 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	27 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	28 LWML Spring Rally Registration 9-9:30am Rally 9:30-11:30 am	29 LWML Spring Rally Registration 9-9:30am Rally 9:30-11:30 am
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	W.B.S. 6:00 pm	New Member/ Adult Catechesis 6:00 pm	Youth Catechesis 5:15 pm Worship 6:30 pm			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 8:00 am S.S. Recognition 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	Senior Group/ LWML 11:00am Finance meeting 6:00pm Council 7:00 pm	New Member/ Adult Catechesis 6:00 pm	Youth Catechesis 5:15 pm Worship 6:30 pm		Movie Night 6:00 pm "The Boxcar Children"	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 9:00 am	W.B.S. 6:00 pm	New Member/ Adult Catechesis 6:00 pm	Historic event at Wtfd library 5:00-6:30pm followed by tour of old St. Peters Church on 3rd St. Elders 7:30 pm	Ascension Worship 6:30 pm		Men's Bible Study 8:30-10:00am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 9:00 am Voters meeting after service	W.B.S. 6:00 pm	New Member/ Adult Catechesis 6:00 pm	Worship 6:30 pm			
28	29	30	31			
Worship 9:00 am	<i>Memorial Day</i>		Worship 6:30 pm			