

St. Peter's Epistle



June/July 2023

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

Upcoming Events

We are presently on
Our summer Worship
Schedule with
Sunday Divine Service
at 9:00 a.m.
Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study
Summer June 3, July 1, Aug. 5

Celebrate Waterford
July 8

Movie Night
June 9 & July 14

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

Put the Best Construction on Everything

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against Thy neighbor" (Exodus 20:16). In the newer translation of Luther's Small Catechism we read, "The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way." Or as the older translation ends, "put the best construction on everything."

In the Large Catechism Luther expands on this as he writes, "This commandment forbids all sins of the tongue (James 3), by which we may injure or confront our neighbor. To bear false witness is nothing else than a work of the tongue. Now, God prohibits whatever is done with the tongue against a fellow man. This applies to false preachers with their doctrine and blasphemy... or by lying and speaking evil. Here belongs particularly the detestable, shameful vice of speaking behind a person's back and slandering, to which the devil spurs us on, and of which much could be said. For it is a common evil plague that everyone prefers hearing evil more than hearing good about his neighbor...."

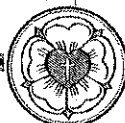
"People are called slanderers who are not content with knowing a thing, but go on to assume jurisdiction. When they know about a slight offense committed by another person, they carry it into every corner. They are delighted and tickled that they can stir up another's displeasure, just as swine delight to roll themselves in the dirt and root in it with the snout" (LC I 263-268).

At the installation of a pastor, the District President—or one of his officers—addresses the congregation with these words, "Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture says, 'Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you' (Hebrews 13:17). You have heard the solemn promise of him called to be your pastor. Will you receive him, show him that love, honor, and obedience in the Lord that you owe to the shepherd and teacher placed over you by your Lord Jesus Christ, and will you support him by your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed? Will you honor and uphold your pastor as he serves Christ in all his God-pleasing responsibilities? Will you aid him as he cares for his family? Will you be diligent to 'put the best construction on everything,' recognizing that 'love covers a multitude of sins'?" The vow of the congregation is "We will, with the help of God." (Agenda, p. 180)

If one has a question or issue follow our Lord's words in Matthew 18:15-17 and go and speak to the person directly first. No matter what our vocations in life: husband, wife, parent, child, employer, worker, pastor, or layman, those words are helpful for all of us. Christians strive to work together. To build up rather than tear down. When there is confusion or misunderstanding, the best thing to do is ask the person directly. We strive to do this for the sake of Christ's church and one another.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt



Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISM / ADULT CONFIRMATION

Colin Syzmankiewicz
2/4/2004 4/8/2023



FIRST COMMUNION

Benjamin Conradt
Eden Conradt
Grace Obermeyer
Kyra Obermeyer
May Obermeyer
Clara Petersen
Anna Petersen
Zachary Myren



NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith:

Cheryl Bruchu
Mason Gumienny



MEMBERS LEAVING

By Release:

Doug, Melissa, and Ramona Holden

By Transfer:

Tiffany Dlugi
Robert Gorsiski
Cathy Koshak
Nicole Lannon

By Request:

Judith Buse

By Removal:

Mark & Kelly Long
Julie McLaughlin (Caleb)
Jessica Meyers (Lacey)
Lisa Vant (Rachel & Lauren)
Terry & Kathy Wojtal

† DEATHS

Mr. William Heck
12/2/1947 3/26/23

Newsletter Due Dates

Aug/Sept

July 19



FINANCE UPDATE

2023 First Quarter Summary	Budget Forecast	Actual Results
Total Income (Offerings and other)	86,000	84,796
Total Operating Expenses	83,345	73,708
Difference	2,655	11,088

The church ended 2023 Q1 (Jan-March) with a surplus of \$11,088. Offerings were 8% higher than in the same period last year.

We were blessed with a surplus in the first quarter. Large expenses like the roof replacement and dehumidification equipment for the Sunday School rooms have been funded from savings. These surpluses replenish the savings for future needs.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Because of your generosity:

for the month of March, we were able to send "Lutheran World Relief" a check for \$437.16.

for April we were able to send \$202.00 to the ministry "Faith comes by hearing" for bible sticks to be supplied to military personnel and their families.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education continues to host "Family Movie Night". The June movie is the animated film *The Boxcar Children: Surprise Island*. There will be some time for "open gym" after the movie. We will serve popcorn and popcorn chicken with veggies, attendees can sign up to bring a side, snack, or dessert. The Movie for July will be the animated film *The Price of Egypt*. Refreshments will be served, watch for details. The movies will continue to be held on the 2nd Friday of each month, starting at 6:00, throughout 2023.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our hope is to be able to teach 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.

It is our prayer that...

"...our 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



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.



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.



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.



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.



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

The Board of Parish Education is accepting applications for a new preschool director. Our previous director, Kimberly, needed to resign early due to health reasons. The board is also accepting applications for teachers. If you are interested in applying, please contact Ted Myers at 847-404-2945 or email him at tedmyers2020@gmail.com.

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."**



MOVING??

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



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.

There are computers in the library, available for members to use. Please contact the church office if you have questions or if the password needs to be changed.



National LWML Convention coming to Milwaukee.

40th Biennial Convention June 22-25

www.lwml-swd.org/events/other

Have Lutheran women ever met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for an LWML Convention?

Lutheran Women in Mission gathered in Milwaukee in 1981 for the 19th Biennial LWML Convention on June 22-25 (the same dates as the 2023 LWML Convention), under the theme "Come to the Living Waters." LWML President Helen Gienapp led the convention of 6,597 attendees. A nautical décor was used, and 52 "Ports of Interest" were presented by various LWML groups in breakout sessions. This convention was the first to close with a "You Were There" slide presentation of convention events. A post-convention mission tour to the Orient was offered.



A manger scene with a live "Baby Jesus" provided the setting for the 1981 ingathering of 15,000 layettes.

From *Women IN God's Service (WINGS)* by Mariys Taege, ©1991 Lutheran Women's Missionary League

12 Milwaukee Trivia Facts

- Located on Lake Michigan, the second largest Great Lake, with 2,300 square miles of fresh water.
- Has a river walk that spans more than three miles along the Milwaukee River, the only river in the U.S. that allows pedestrians to walk over boat traffic.
- Largest city in Wisconsin and ranks #24 in the U.S.
- Home to over 150 state and county parks and about 1,400 acres of beaches.
- Nicknamed "Brew City" or "The City that Beer Built" because of its rich brewing history.
- Nicknamed "Cream City," referring to the light-colored bricks made from the local clay (rich in limestone and magnesium) that have been used to construct many of the city's homes and buildings.
- Birthplace of Harley-Davidson Motor Company (est. in 1903).
- Birthplace of the QWERTY keyboard (that led to the modern typewriter common to laptops and smartphones all over the world).
- Home of the Milwaukee Art Museum located on the shores of Lake Michigan, plus over 45 museums in downtown Milwaukee and surrounding counties.
- Home to the highest concentration of frozen custard shops in the world and often called the "frozen custard capital of the world."
- Friday Fish Fry has been a tradition in the city since Prohibition, when bars following the law needed to make money.
- German Fest serves 20,000 bratwursts and 15,000 pieces of strudel to hungry patrons each summer.



For additional information:

Visit lwml.org/history and read .pdf copies of LWML history books and articles, including *Women IN God's Service (WINGS)*.

LWML News

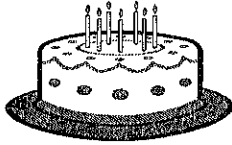
Thank you note from Life Choices in Burlington
Spring Rally held on April 29th at St. Peters.

Thank you ladies for your generous donations of all the amazing baby items. What an outpouring of love you have shown us. Each mother and family that gets these items will be so blessed.

I would like to personally invite all of you to come visit Life Choices and see what God is doing. So much new and exciting things to help the woman in our communities.

Thank you for battling for life along side us. God Bless - Renee Meinholz

LWML Grant #7 - \$20,000 for Camp LuWisoMo, a Christian camp dedicated to providing faith-growing opportunities for people of all ages in a Christ-centered outdoor ministry. Money raised for scholarships. "Mite" boxes are in the Narthex.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

To the following couples who are celebrating June wedding anniversaries:

Elaine Beguhl	6/01
Peter Berndt	6/01
Nicholas Hunt	6/01
Cole Hein	6/03
Heather Peterson	6/04
Kelly Schwarten	6/04
Carrie Strueder	6/04
Emilia Stephan	6/05
Daniel Taggatz	6/06
Ryan Gilgenbach	6/07
Abigail Grindeland	6/08
Dawn Blawat	6/09
Brian Blawat	6/10
Frank Czuta	6/10
Luke Perz	6/11
June Ulbing	6/12
Nick Brown	6/14
Jillane Persch	6/14
Jeanette Schoen	6/14
Mark Grebe	6/15
Kory Chart	6/16
Zoe Conradt	6/17
Aiden Draves	6/18
Charlotte Draves	6/19
Cheryl Myers	6/21
Kay Borgwardt	6/23
Ava Flower	6/23
Leona Robran	6/26
Kandiss Beck	6/27
Debbie Berndt	6/27
Lori Everett	6/27
Whitney Poulter	6/27
Mark Somers	6/27
Marian Dolezal	6/29
Kenneth Jacobs	6/29
Joseph Campbell	6/30
Isabella Kin	6/30

Trevor & Gabi Johnson	6/01
Ronald & Elaine Baumgart	6/04
Rodney & Lori Everett	6/06
Brian & Christine Blawat	6/08
Scott & Tammy Peterson	6/10
Gerald & Diana Storm	6/10
Matthew & Katie Dolezal	6/11
Kevin & Charlene Eisenhut	6/11
Gary & Kay Borgwardt	6/12
Jacob & Patricia Guentzel	6/12
Kevin & Lana Mullikin	6/12
Gerald & Janet Christiansen	6/16
James & Brenda Bakke	6/20
Ronald & Kelsey Domke	6/22
Adam & Kat Perz	6/22
Robert & Joan Somers	6/24
Jim & Kathy Anderson	6/25
Pastor & Stephanie Conradt	6/25
Andrew & Heather Peterson	6/26
Matthew & Abigail Stephan	6/28
David & Karen Engelmann	6/29
Charles & Shelley Kempken	6/30





JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Repischak	7/01
Dan Schauer	7/01
Kevin Mullikin	7/02
Leland Hunt	7/04
Jace Hayden	7/04
Analeigh Morby	7/04
Ethan Dodulik	7/05
Ken Jacobs	7/06
Jean Luerksen	7/08
Betty Beierle	7/09
George Neumueller	7/10
Shirley Collins	7/11
Lydia Peterson	7/12
Joshua Szeklinski	7/12
Elliot Dietz	7/13
Tom Schlehlein	7/14
Dona Grebe	7/15
Whitney Beaston	7/18
Aletheia Rose Conradt	7/18
Emily Mayer	7/19
Wendy Grindeland	7/20
Trevor Johnson	7/22
Isabelle Keeling	7/22
Vonnie McDermott	7/22
Ronald Dumke	7/24
Diane Turner	7/25
Samantha Draves	7/27
Grant Poulter	7/27
Tristan Poulter	7/27
Jerald Winkelman	7/28
Austin Hayden	7/29
Paisley Koch	7/29
Mackenzie Sekey	7/30
Nancy Szeklinski	7/30
Raylan Somers	7/31

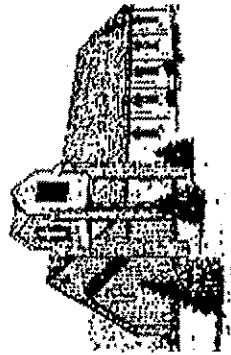


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Frank & Sandi Czuta	7/05
Adam & Samantha Draves	7/06
Peter & Bonnie Lukas	7/06
Jeff & Lisa Checker	7/11
Klayton & Breanne Schultz	7/12
Steve & Wendy Grindeland	7/13
Ronald & Cynthia Hunt	7/14
Arnold & Katherene Oelkers	7/14
Ryan & Cheryl Gilgenbach	7/17
George & Bertha Neumueller	7/17
Tom & Joan Schlehlein	7/19
Harry & Judith Knoblauch	7/23
Nick & Amanda Brown	7/27
Jerry & Belinda Kisley	7/29
David & Julie McLaughlin	7/29





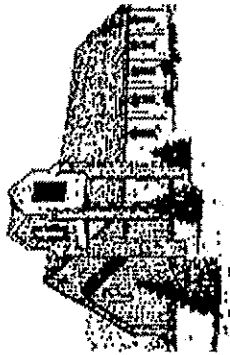
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Abbreviations

W.B.S. Women's Bible Study
M.B.S. Men's Bible Study

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Worship 9:00 am	5 Finance 6:00 pm Council 7:00 pm	6 W.B.S. 1:00 pm	7 Worship 6:30 pm Elders 7:30 pm	8	9 Movie Night 6:00 pm <i>The Boxcar Children: Surprise Island</i>	10 M.B.S. 8:30 am
11 Worship 9:00 am	12	13 W.B.S. 1:00 pm	14 Worship 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18 Worship 9:00 am	19	20 W.B.S. 1:00 pm New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:00 pm	21 Worship 6:30 pm	22	23	24
25 Worship 9:00 am	26	27 W.B.S. 1:00 pm New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:00 pm	28 Worship 6:30 pm	29	30	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Worship 9:00 am	3	4 Happy 4th of July	5 Worship 6:30 pm	6	7	8
9 Worship 9:00 am	10	11 W.B.S. 1:00 pm	12 Worship 6:30 pm	13	14 Movie Night 6:00 pm <i>Prince of Egypt</i>	15
16 Worship 9:00 am	17	18 W.B.S. 1:00 pm	19 Worship 6:30 pm	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:00 am	24	25 W.B.S. 1:00 pm	26 Worship 6:30 pm	27	28	29 <i>Synod Convention</i>
30 Worship 9:00 am <i>Synod Convention</i>						