

St. Peter's Epistle



August/September 2023

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

Upcoming Events

Service Time
Discussion &
Advisory Vote
Aug 13 after Service

Confirmation Orientation
Aug 16 at 5:15 pm

Men's Bible Study
Aug. 5, Sept 16, Sept 30

Sunday School
Registration
September 10

Movie Night
Aug 11 & Sept 8

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

We Have Work to Do

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity the sermon referenced the Old Testament lesson; that when Elijah believed he was the only one left, our Lord revealed that there were 7,000 left "whose knees have not bowed to Baal" (I Kings 19:18); meaning there were only 7,000 left who were still faithful to YHWH, the true God.

I mentioned that it can sometimes seem to us that we are the only ones left who still confess the one true God. The media, TV, movies, etc., seem to mock the faith at every turn, attempting to make us believe that we are crazy for believing what God's Word teaches.

There are well over 7,000 left who confess the one true God. There are Christians across denominations and countries that confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

And yet, there is work to be done. The events of 2020 and the ensuing events changed the landscape throughout our society and world. There was great upheaval in almost everything. And while we tried to provide consistency, it was evident that to move forward-not with, but in this new culture that we found ourselves-the church too needed to dig deeper into the foundation of Christ, His Word, and Christian identity.

We needed to look at what our Christian forefathers believed, taught, and practiced before the world began to creep in. It is necessary to build deeper roots and a wider foundation.

Like most churches in the West, our church's numbers have decreased. In an age of convenience and culture's turn away from Christ, numbers have decreased across almost every denomination. In discussions I've had with other pastors (including other denominations) there also seemed to be a "great

reshuffling" of people coming and going.

Many of us remember a time when our churches were full. One of the articles in the May issue of Lutheran Witness spoke about this Synod-wide, "Almost every member of either congregation remembers a time when there was standing room only on Easter Sunday.... People need to grieve what was lost."

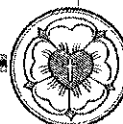
Many remember when there was nothing else open or scheduled Sunday mornings. We can grieve these, but not lose sight of the mission that Christ has given us. Our mission is twofold.

In 2019, an average of 31% of our members worshipped together any given week. So far in 2023, that number is 40%. I thank God when I see you here together. Our Lord has blessed our Church family. Still, we need to encourage our members to worship together often. This isn't just the work of the pastor and elders. We all can encourage one another. We have Christ's command and promise of His gifts in worship. We need to prioritize these things over everything else. We need to come together and move forward.

We also need to find inroads in our community. We must be active and visible. We have called Waterford home since 1864. St. Peter's currently holds a membership under 500 souls. Many are from neighboring towns. Waterford has a population of 5,542 (2020). I know that 5,000 people are not attending St. Thomas Aquinas or Community Methodist. We have work to do. We can all tell our neighbors about the hope that we have. The joy of Jesus. We can all invite them to worship Him with us here. Ideas and volunteers to get active welcome.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt



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OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISM

Nora Grace Mehring
1-18-2023 6-18-2023

Nathaniel Charles Brintnall
5-29-2023 6-18-2023



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Klayton Kurt Schultz
7/23/2023



NEW MEMBERS

Transfer In:

Mark Siddons
Sarah Siddons



MEMBERS LEAVING

By Transfer:

Ted Mayer
Andrew & Heather Peterson (Clara, Anna, Lydia)

† DEATHS

Mr. James (Jim) Anderson
1/24/1945 7/15/2023



ST. PETER'S 2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Mikayla Acker
Kyle King
Mackenzie Somers

Newsletter Due Dates

October/November

September 18



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Because of your generosity: for the month of May, we were able to send "World Lutheran Deaf Outreach a check for \$85.00.

for June we were able to send \$170.00 to the ministry "Lutheran Bible Translators"

As each month changes you can find the new mission of the month listed in your bulletin insert and at the back of the sanctuary, with a brief description, placed on the donation box.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education continues to host "Family Movie Night". The August movie is the animated film *The Boxcar Children: Surprise Island*. There will be some time for "open gym" after the movie. We will serve chicken nuggets and mac n cheese, attendees can sign up to bring a side, snack, or dessert.

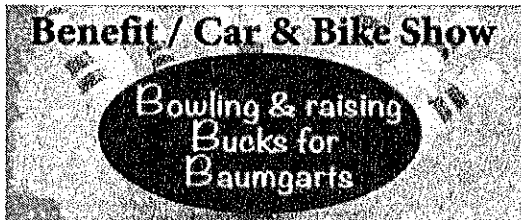
The movie for September will be the animated film *Super Mario Brothers*. Refreshments will be served, watch for details.

The movies will continue to be held on the 2nd Friday of each month, starting at 6:00, throughout 2023.



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.



Sunday, August 13th, 2023

River City Lanes 1:00-4:00pm

Please help support the Baumgarts by attending the fund raiser. This event includes: Dinner, raffles, live music, silent auction, meat raffle, car show.



Sunday School Registration
September 10th
Immediately following worship



CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 10th
11:00am



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS kicks off Monday, August 7th. Thank you to all the volunteers that were instrumental in making this year's VBS a success.

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



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.

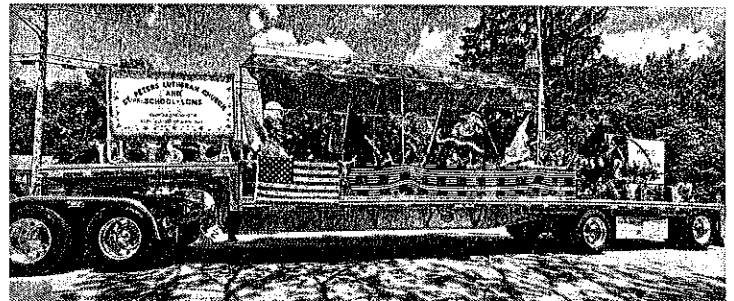


PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

WATERFORD 4th OF JULY PARADE

Leave it to the awesome members of St. Peters to pull together this beautiful float and donate candy. Thank you to everyone that participated.





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 starting September 11th. 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!



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 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.

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."**



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.



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.



MOVING??

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



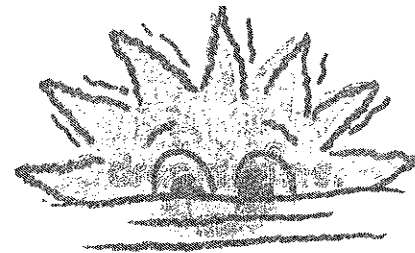
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

To the following couples who are celebrating August wedding anniversaries:

Christine Guida	8/01
Dominic Guida	8/01
Casey Dietz	8/02
Beth Morawetz	8/02
Corrie Blawat	8/03
Zachary Myren	8/03
Kristin Keeling	8/05
Bonnie Lukas	8/05
Christian Guida	8/07
Emily Jacobs	8/07
Henry Scott	8/07
Rodney Everett	8/08
Michael Griebel	8/09
Lana Mullikin	8/09
Margo Grishaber	8/10
George Marczewski	8/10
Carl Thompson	8/10
Theodore Jacobs	8/11
Aubrey McGaughy	8/12
Evelyn Dolezal	8/13
Christine Kampe	8/13
Caden Perz	8/13
Charlotte Walbrant	8/13
Sherri Kominiak	8/15
Richard Noll	8/16
Ruth Burke	8/17
Jacob Guentzel	8/18
Thomas Neske	8/18
Daniel Jahn	8/20
Morgan Mehring	8/20
Rachel Szeklinski	8/20
Martha Wogaman	8/20
Mandi Church	8/21
Adam Chart	8/22
Jennifer Rakas	8/23
Dawn Grundman	8/25
Brooke Schultz	8/25
Gabi Johnson	8/26
Elizabeth Lazar	8/26
Robert Farchione	8/28
Alexander Salo	8/28
Gary McGroarty	8/29
Paula Welch	8/29
Clifford Jacobson	8/30
Dorothy Meyer	8/30
Daniel Fischer	8/31
Kevin Mittelstaedt	8/31
Jenny Obermeyer	8/31

Robert & Jody Farchione	8-02
Rick & Cindy McGaughy	8-02
Matthew & Melissa Eberhardt	8-05
Bruce & Jill Grindeland	8-07
Jerald & Linda Winkelman	8-08
Erik & Lisa Salo	8-10
Jaime & Christina Multhauf	8-14
David & Christine Block	8-18
Raymond & Laura Fischer	8-26
Josef & Elizabeth Lazar	8-27
Frederick & Carol Wolfgram	8-30
Mark & Diane Siddons	8-31



End of Summer



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



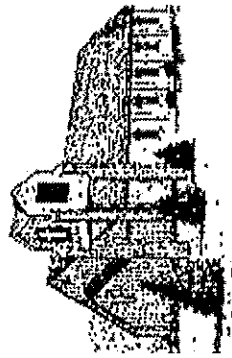
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lisa Checker	9/02
Terri Geboy	9/03
Melissa Eberhardt	9/05
Lane Schultz	9/05
Denise Schauer	9/06
Allison Schauer	9/07
Everette Poulter	9/08
Steven Kominiak	9/09
Klayton Schultz	9/09
Cindy Brintnall	9/10
Robert Hansen	9/10
Dianne Ten Cate	9/10
Sharon Kramer	9/11
Christina Czuta	9/12
Ariana Grindeland	9/12
Irene Tuscany	9/12
Sandra Senft	9/13
Jeffrey Niederer	9/14
Jeanette Morby	9/17
Matthew Dolezal	9/18
Erinn Hayden	9/18
Justin Mehring	9/18
Keri Jo Peterson	9/18
Adalynn Bennington	9/19
Grayden Smith	9/20
Elaine Baumgart	9/22
Jerry Christiansen	9/22
Dale Buchholtz	9/23
Joan Schlehlein	9/23
Jacqueline Hunt	9/26
Anthony Kin	9/26
Eunice Rankin	9/26
Zebadiah Baumgart	9/27
Sharon Haines	9/27
Belinda Kisley	9/29
Patricia Karraker	9/30
Beau Multhauf	9/30

To the following couples who are celebrating September wedding anniversaries:

Ken & Mollie Hein	9-01
Arthur & Diane Mehring	9-02
Dennis & Eileen North	9-02
David & Kristin Keeling	9-03
Seth & Emily Scott	9-06
Kevin & Kirsten Simonsen	9-07
Mark & Linda Ketterhagen	9-11
Chuck & Cindy Brintnall	9-12
Donato & Christine Guida	9-12
Dan & Denise Schauer	9-12
Ted & Cheryl Myers	9-15
Barry & Cora Ciszewski	9-16
Robert & Christine Repischak	9-19
Michael & Melissa Dodulik	9-20
Todd & Beth Morawetz	9-20
Richard & Marcy Gay	9-22
Michael & Sandra Dessecker	9-23
Jason & Laura Charland	9-26
Paul & Heidi Hollander	9-27
Ken & Jodel Jacobs	9-27
Craig & Julie Campbell	9-28
Michael & Amy Griebel	9-30
Steven & Sherri Kominiak	9-30
Jeff & Kim Ostovich	9-30
John & Diane Turner	9-30



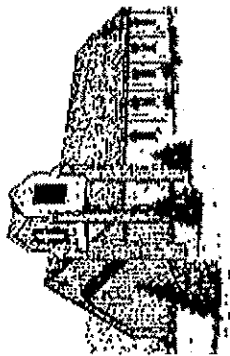


August 2023

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

Abbreviations
VBS—Vacation Bible
School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship 9:00am	7 Vacation Bible School 9:00am-11:30am Theme: <i>"Keepers of the Kingdom"</i>	8 VBS 9:00am-11:30am	9 VBS 9:00am-11:30am Worship 6:30pm	10 VBS 9:00am-11:30am	11 Movie Night 6:00pm "The Boxcar Children Surprise Island"	12 Men's Bible Study 8:30am-10:00am
13 Worship 9:00am VBS singing *Special Voters Mtg. after service	14 Finance 6:00pm Council 7:00pm	15	16 Youth Catechesis Orientation 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	17	18	19 Men's Bible Study 8:30am-10:00am
20 Worship 9:00am	21	22	23 Worship 6:30pm	24	25	26
27 Worship 9:00am	28	29	30 Worship 6:30pm	31		



September 2023

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

Abbreviations

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Worship 9:00am	4 <i>- Labor Day Church office closed</i>	5	6 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	7	8 Movie Night 6:00pm "Super Mario Brothers"	9
10 Worship 9:00am Sunday School Registration Church Picnic 11:00am	11 LWML/Senior Group 11:00 am Finance 6:00pm Council 7:00pm	12	13 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	14	15	16 Men's Bible Study 8:30am-10:00am
17 Worship TBD Sunday School Starts	18	19	20 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30	21	22	23
24 Worship TBD Sunday School	25 Sr. Group 11:00am	26	27 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	28	29	30 Men's Bible Study 8:30am-10:00am