St. Peter's Epistle

February/March 2024

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



Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday
February 14
Confession & Absolution/
Imposition of Ashes
9:00-11:00 AM
Divine Service
6:30 PM

Lenten Midweek Vespers Wednesdays Feb. 21-March 20 6:30 PM

With light meals at 5:00PM

Men's Bible Study Feb 3 & 17, March 2 & 16

Family Movie Night Feb 9 & March 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

"Into All the World' Begins Here"

Children of God, we had a great kick-off to our 160th anniversary celebration. On Sunday Jan 21st we had Bible Study/Sunday School, we celebrated the Transfiguration of Our Lord, and shared a meal with each other. Thank you to all in attendance. Thank you especially to our Board of Parish Fellowship for putting it together. I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for us this year and into the future.

Our goal this year is to come together and reengage the place where our Lord has planted us. Before our Lord's ascension, Jesus commanded His apostles to, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Oftentimes when we think of the Great Commission, and mission work in general, we think only of foreign lands. While that is an essential part to be sure, the reality is that command begins here.

We begin by being filled with the preaching of God's Word and then filling our homes with it. It begins with our children and our grandchildren. We see this in the Holy Spirit filled words of St. Peter on Pentecost, "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39).

There is a reason that St. Peter's was originally named St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin. There is a reason that Rev. Engelbert was sent by the Holy Spirit from St. John, Racine to preach this Gospel in Waterford. And there is a reason that we are still here today.

We can and should do more to reengage the community in which we have been placed. We have begun some of this process already. Mailers were recently sent out letting them know we are here and when services are. We are working with Explore Waterford to get more information about our church out. From print to electronic we are encouraging people to come and see. Our service times are now included as upcoming events on the Explore Waterford app. Also we are entering into the next generation with our new Instagram page.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve please reach out to Jeff Ostovich (Social Ministry) or Jim Dumke (Parish Fellowship). We continue discussion on how we can bring Jesus to the children as well. From our current Preschool and family events, to what a School and Co-op would look like. If that is something that you would like to help with contact Ted Myers (School Board). If you are unsure of where the Lord is leading you to serve or if you want more information speak to Matt Stephan (Stewardship). It is also important to be present and visible at events in town.

The print information and social media are helpful, but nothing beats good old-fashioned talking with people. I encourage you to shine the light of Christ with your loved ones and neighbors. Let the joy that you have and the hope in the resurrection that is to come be readily visible in you. Speak of Jesus and what He has done and continues to do for you. How it changes the despair of this world. Ask if they have a church. Invite them to come with you if they don't. Let the love of Christ so wash over you that others desire what it is you have: Jesus.

You and your families need Jesus more than anything else. This community, our community, needs Jesus more than anything else. And He has placed us as His instruments.

"Into all the world' begins here".

In Christ,

Parter Cover

OFFICIAL ACTS



Profession of Faith:

Jane Craig Kathleen Drake

MEMBERS LEAVING



By Transfer:

Trevor & Gabi Johnson



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP

GROUP/LADIES AID/LWML



Looking for Christian Fellowship? Come and join our Senior Friendship/ Ladies Aid/ LWML Group. We meet the second and fourth Monday of every month until May 7th. Everyone brings their own lunch if desired and two people usually volunteer to bring a dessert. We are planning a luncheon at the February 12th meeting. This will be in celebration of Valentine's Day.



LENTEN MEALS



The Board of Parish Fellowship is now planning for our Lenten Meals held before each Lenten worship service from 5:00 – 6:00pm. (with the exception of Ash Wednesday)

Volunteer groups, boards, committees, families, or individuals are encouraged to sponsor a meal and call the church office to select their date. (262-534-3639)

The following dates are available:

February 28 and March 6 and 13.

Also, please plan to join us on Shrove Tuesday (AKA Fat Tuesday) February 13th at 5:00pm for a fantastic pancake dinner. Our last big blowout of calories and carbs before Lent. The evening will include a short presentation on fasting and good practices for us to follow during the Lenten season. Shrove Tuesday dinner replaces Ash Wednesday dinner to accommodate and encourage fasting.

Holy Week Services

March 24th through March 31st, 2024

Palm/Passion Sunday
Divine Service w/First Communion 9:30 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 Divine Service 1:00 pm

Good Friday
Tenebrae Vespers 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil 7:17 pm (sunset)

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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 10, 2023

(Move your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night, March 9th)

<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
April / May	March 19



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



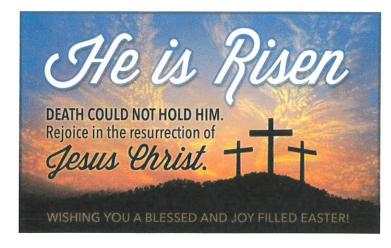
The upcoming "Family Movie Nights" will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday, February 9th and Friday, March 8th. Watch your bulletin and sign-up sheet for more details. There will be some time for "open gym" after the movie. We will serve juice and popcorn, attendees can sign up to bring a side, snack, or dessert.



How Is Easter Determined?

(In case you were wondering)

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the Full Moon date, based on mathematical calculations, that falls on or after March 21 (which is the first day of Spring). If the Full Moon is on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated on the following Sunday.



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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!

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.



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 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.



CHANCEL 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 Chancel flowers in church for a birthday, anniversary, or any special occasion or memorial.



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.

160TH ANNIVERSARY

Plans are underway for St. Peter's Lutheran Church's celebration of its 160th Anniversary. We will rejoice all year with activities and events planned throughout 2024. Watch for upcoming events in your bulletins, newsletter, emails and postings.

Excerpt from 150th Anniversary booklet

To get a full and clear understanding of the beginning of our congregation, we need to go back to the year of 1847, at a time that Wisconsin was still part of the Territory of Michigan. It was then that 23 pastors, 6 laymen, and 1 candidate of theology met in Chicago at the First Lutheran Church, During this first meeting of the Missouri Synod a plea for a pastor was made by 2 laymen. J.D. Beversdorf and C. Kauffung representing Trinity of Milwaukee & Trinity of Freistadt respectively. Mentioned in their plea were the many Lutheran settlements that were without a pastor. The Synod therefore, resolved to send a theological candidate in the area. C. Fincke was chosen.

On December 8, 1849, the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Wisconsin (Wisconsin Synod) was formed in Milwaukee. The final organization took place in May 1850 at Granville, WI. While the Missouri Synod was working in Milwaukee and other areas of the state, the southeastern section was served by the Wisconsin Synod.

Ten years prior to the actual organization of our congregation, small groups of Lutheran's living in and around Waterford began holding worship services. It is known that since 1857 the Rev. Goldhammer, pastor of St. John's in Burlington, occasionally came to the village of Waterford to conduct worship. The actual place where the services were held is not known. It

may have been in one of the homes of the early settlers, in the schoolhouse, or occasionally at the Norway Lutheran Church. After Pastor Goldhammer left Burlington, Rev. Titze came to St. John's and like his predecessor; he took care of the Waterford group.

As the Waterford group grew in number and interest under Pastor Titze, plans were made for the erection of their own church. The on which the new church would stand was purchased from Bemis & Whitney of Janesville for less than \$50.00 in one of the first Wisconsin land sales. Early in 1863 plans were made for the new church and construction was started in the fall. By spring of 1864 the First Lutheran Church of Waterford was completed.



1864-1928

Our Church

Corner of 3rd & Division Streets; Waterford



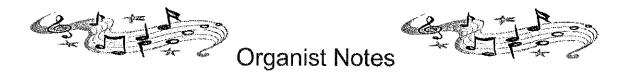
RECIPE CORNER

Cheesy Potatoes with Smoked Sausage

- 1 pkg Hillshire Farm Smoked Sausage
- 1 bag (20 oz) refrigerated shredded hash brown potatoes
- 2 cups (8 oz) shredded cheddar chese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 medium onion (chopped)
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine (melted)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray a 13 by 9 inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Cut sausage into ½ inch cubs. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl.

Spread mixture evenly in prepared pan. Bake 40 – 45 minutes or until lightly browned. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.



For this article, I am going to spend a little time talking about special organ music, specifically the prelude. I am sure most of you know what the prelude is, the music that I play for a couple minutes before church starts. But there is a lot more to it than just background music.

The word prelude comes from the Latin word "Praeludium", which itself is a combination of two Latin words, "prae", which means before, and "ludere", which means to play. Historically, the prelude was just a piece of music that was played before a greater work, such as an organ sonata or tocatta, or even a symphony. In the church, the prelude was originally a short introduction to the hymns that the congregation would sing, usually an improvised piece with the hymn melody woven throughout. Today, in many churches, the prelude is usually just ten minutes of organ music before the service starts, and in some churches, may not even be sacred music but secular music that the congregation may unfortunately be more familiar with.

And so, what is the real purpose of the prelude? To some organists, it may be just to fill awkward silences or provide background music while people chat. And to be honest, that is somewhat what my approach had been over the past 5 years. However, recently my goal has changed. My approach to prelude selection has become much more purposeful, for a couple of reasons. The first of these is historical. My prelude now serves to introduce either the hymn of the day, the entrance hymn, or utilizes an organ piece which historically was used with the liturgical theme or overall season. For example, my prelude for Ash Wednesday will be Mendelssohn's Sonata in A Major, which utilizes the hymn tune *Aus Tiefer Not*, the tune for LSB 607 "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee", which is the hymn of the day. Sometimes, this prelude may also be used to introduce a hymn tune that the congregation may be less familiar with, such as *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, which is the hymn tune for "I Bind Unto Myself This Day" (LSB 604).

Another purpose for the prelude is to allow a time for people to prepare for the service. Some good things to do during the prelude are to pray, read and meditate on the lessons for the day, and prepare their hearts for the service. There are is an excellent prayer to prepare for worship on the inside cover of our hymnal.

With this differing approach to the prelude recently, you may have noticed several changes. First, you will notice that the title of the prelude will often be listed in the bulletin. Sometimes this title will explicitly list the hymn that it is based on. Other times, it may only be a hymn tune. In this case, feel free to look up the hymn tune in the back of the bulletin to see which hymn the tune is based on. Secondly, the prelude might start only three or four minutes before the service. This allows time for people to arrive and get seated (and maybe even chat a little) before the prelude starts. And since the prelude flows right into the service, it may even run a minute or two long. This is just extra time to prepare for worship!

And so, the prelude, which is really the first part of the worship service, serves to introduce the hymns, teach less familiar tunes, and allow the congregation to prepare for worship. These are just some of my thoughts on church music, and so if anyone has any questions, or has suggestions for other topics I can write about, feel free to talk to me after the service.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members are celebrating February Birthdays:

Taylor Himebauch	2/03
Colin Szymankiewicz	2/04
Chesney Bankenbush	2/06
Kelsey Domke	2/06
Jaime Multhauf	2/07
Jenna Keeling	2/08
Pamela Fesko	2/09
Robert Somers, Jr.	2/09
Nicholas Szeklinski	2/10
Paul Collins	2/14
Nicholas Ulbing	2/14
Kathy Anderson	2/15
Charlene Eisenhut	2/17
Thatcher Smith	2/17
Eden Conradt	2/18
Hella Goering	2/18
Dwight Jutrzonka	2/18
James Dumke	2/21
Cora Ciszewski	2/22
Steve Grindeland	2/22
Joseph Schauer	2/22
Janice Kafer	2/23
Kevin King	2/24
Jan Christiansen	2/25
Jill Grindeland	2/25
Pastor Conradt	2/26
AJ Hayden	2/27



To the following couples who are celebrating February/March Wedding Anniversaries:

Frank & Dorothy Meyer	3/06
John & Beata Luznicky	3/19
Roman & Diana Nowak	3/19
Kevin & Patricia King	3/20
Christopher & Amy West	3/20
Michael & Kory Chart	3/21
Clifford & Darlene Jacobson	3/21
Nicholas & Jacqueline Hunt	3/27



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members are celebrating March Birthdays:

Owen Kin Lauren Acker Desiree Buchholtz Jerry Kisley Jodel Jacobs Gabriel Eberhardt Erin Everett Brinley Hunt	3/01 3/02 3/02 3/02 3/03 3/06 3/07 3/07
Glen Kimball Mason Gumieny	3/07 3/08
Raymond Morby	3/08
Gilbert Amborn	3/10
Karen Luick	3/10
Mikayla Acker	3/11
Scott Ten Cate Samantha Repischak	3/11 3/12
Marian Becker	3/12
Jacob King	3/14
Lila Solar	3/14
Frank Meyer	3/16
Patrick Becker	3/17
MaryAnn Pirk	3/18
Chuck Brintnall	3/19
Bruce Grindeland	3/21
Heidi Hollander	3/21
Carrie Buchholtz	3/22
Christine Repischak	3/22
Jason Charland	3/23
Hallie Hayden	3/23
Jeff Checker Madelyn Jusuf	3/25 3/25
Bertha Neumueller	3/25
Jack Alloy	3/26
Stephanie Conradt	3/28
Kirsten Grindeland	3/28
Ronald Hunt	3/28
Robert Hassey	3/29
Ken Hein	3/29
Tammy Peterson	3/29
Brandon Eisenhut	3/30
Harry Knoblauch	3/30
Kathryn Zastrow	3/30



Lutheran Women's Missionary League - LWML South Wisconsin District Ladies Aid

Funding Our Final Mission Grants!

Grant #11 SOS Center - Designed for Success \$20,000 - This social service agency, located at 4620 W North Ave in Milwaukee, has served youth and their families since 1982 when it first opened. That makes 40 years of sharing the love of Christ with those who come through their doors. The after school program helps with homework and provides a safe and loving environment and the Born to Lead because Christ Leads Us group works with high school and young adults in leadership training. The grant reassures the staff and volunteers that what they do is important. They wish to expand and add a focused group for young ladies, Irreplaceable Gerns, through which they will learn to love and respect themselves because they are children of God. A grief support group for children and youth is also a need they wish to address.

Grant #12 Hispanic Outreach Sheboygan County - Communication and Ministry Partnership \$11,060 - Over seven years ago, visionaries in Sheboygan County conceived a plan to reach out to the growing Hispanic community in their midst. Many churches and individuals got on board to support this ministry since it involves the specialized preaching/teaching language of the people. The outreach has resulted in a flourishing congregation meeting weekly for Bible Study and service Spanish. Newcomers have catechized and children baptized. The vision now is to continue and expand on this beginning but it will take new sources of revenue to provide financial support and prayers. This grant is instrumental in developing the visual message that will be shared, and for the training of local persons to carry on the work of spreading the message of the Hispanic Outreach with the goal of securing support for many years to come.

2022-2024 Mission Grants

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3. SWD	Church Worker Grant Paid in FULL!	\$30,000
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5. Outre	each to Female Inmates FUNDS RETURNED	\$15,000
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10. Car	re for Clergy Wives - Doxolog Paid in FULL!	gy \$8,000
11. SO	S Center Designed for Succ	ess \$ 20,000
12. His	spanic Ministry	\$ 11,060

Please see the website lwml-swd.org for Mission Grant information. Look under Resources, District then Grants.

Total:

\$178,060.00

Grant Recipients Express Thanks!

Now that we are nearing the end of the 2022–24 grant cycle, it is good to be reminded that our mites turn into acts of mercy by the agencies that receive them. We ask that grant recipients let us know what happens with those dollars. Here are snippets of those reports.

Bethany Lutheran Church in Milwaukee found the timing for their grant to be "at the right time." Their aged building experienced some structural damage needing repair to the main entrance into the building. "This grant money allows Bethany to continue reaching out to Milwaukee's inner city, the Burmese congregation who uses our building for worship, and the people from the House of Correction, as Pastor Afam (Ikanih) invites them to join our Bible studies and worship." They have successfully hosted two block parties over the summer, bearing witness to the scope of God's allencompassing love for their neighbors.

The Wisconsin branch of Orphan Grain Train received \$15,000 early in the cycle. "This year most of the money was used to ship food and aid over to the Ukraine! As you know, this war has been daunting and relentless." OGT ships to pastors and missionaries who receive them and who distribute, giving them opportunities to reach into the lives of people around them to share the good news of Jesus Christ! Their report further states, "Please relay our deepest gratitude to the LWML for their love and service to those in need. This organization, the LWML, is amazing!"

Doxology - Care for Clergy Wives was recently fully funded in the amount of \$8,000! More information on how these funds will impact their ministry will be shared soon.

And finally, the SOS Center in Milwaukee is about to receive the full amount (instead of partial) of their request. Lydia Beasley commented..."please pass a thank you to all

Lutheran Women's Missionary League - LWML LWML - National Mission Grants lwml-org

MISSIONS! MISSIONS! MISSIONS!

This has been a very full year, and we are just a couple of months away from a new year to come. I can truly say that the LWML Milwaukee Convention was the highlight of my summer.

I would like to direct you to *lwml.org*, where you will find the list of mission grants selected for the 2023–25 biennium. The first mission grant is for a new Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk, Neb., for \$100,000. If you click on this grant, it will take you to a video about this mission grant, the Mission Grant Story, Bulletin Byte and Bulletin insert, Devotion and Prayer Guide.

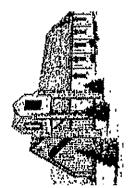
I find this to be a wonderful way to keep mission grants in the front of our minds and I plan to use this information for my group's upcoming gathering. Each month LWML will highlight the next grant.

Take time to look at both websites: *lwml.org* and *lwml-swd.org*. It is definitely worth the time and effort to see what is new and what is news!

Sandy Krainz Christian Life Chair

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Pray without ceasing!

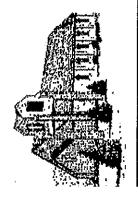


February 2024

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

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W.B.S. Women's Bible Study

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