

# St. Peter's Epistle



June/July 2024

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

## Upcoming Events

Chosen Season 3 Study  
Starts June 30 11:30am

Celebrate Waterford  
July 13

Vacation Bible School  
July 22-25

Men's Bible Study  
June 1 & July 20

Family Movie Night  
June 14 & July 12

Be sure to follow us on facebook  
and visit our website at  
[www.stpeterswaterford.com](http://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*

#### "What Is God's Plan?"

It is always fitting to follow our Lord's example and pray that our Father's will be done in our lives. As His children we submit to His authority and trust that He supplies us with everything necessary to support this body and life.

Yet, I will from time to time ask the question, "What is God's plan in all of this?" I look around here in our own church and community and ask this question. I have wondered this often over the last year regarding our Rainbow Preschool. I often pray, "Lord, help us to see Your will for this part of our church family." It was quite the surprise for all of us to watch as it went from a well-oiled machine with all the necessary parts to run 3 classrooms, to in a short time, one part with 1 classroom. Lord, what is Your will for us?

In 2020 many had an opportunity to see more clearly what our children and grandchildren were being taught. For years the majority have been taught things that are outright blasphemous (evolution) and we have seen Christian morality being chipped further and further out of the foundation. St. Peter's has had two schools in her history. The first began when the church was planted in 1864 (and ran for at least 50 years), and the second from 1998-2011. Did those closures mean that the Lord did not want His children to be taught the truth daily? What is the role of Father and Mother, education, the Church? Lord, what is Your will for us?

For the years leading up to and following Pastor Bischoff's retirement I had people ask if we were going to reenter the vicarage program. The year before we made the decision to do so, District President Wille asked if we would consider having one. And so we decided to reapply. We also decided it would make sense to have a place for him and his family (if applicable) to live. The opportunity arose and we purchased a house close to church. But, the number of men in seminary did not bear out that we received a vicar, either last year or this year. We decided that we will try again next year. Lord,

what is Your will for us?

I have watched the incessant bickering on all things community related in Waterford for some time. Town vs. Village. Every decision met with scorn and anger. Meanwhile, I know that it would be better to have community and that the Lord placed us here 160 years ago for His purpose.

I have for years contemplated ways for us to be more active and visible in our community, so I joined the board for Explore Waterford. I gave my vision for EW. Part of it is applicable here: Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39).... [W]e look at those in our community as our neighbors. That we love them as we love ourselves. That the members of our community ... treat each other with decency and love, as well as work together toward the common good. While we are imperfect people, my vision is that we would strive to help our neighbor to improve and protect his property and business and to not tell lies, betray, slander, nor defame our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything." (Small Catechesis) Lord, what is Your will for us?

In conclusion, Luther on the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

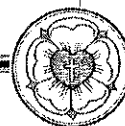
"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What does this mean? Answer: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. How is this done? Answer: When God breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith unto we die. This is His good and gracious will."

Lord, not my will, but Thine be done.

In Christ,

*Pastor Conradt*

Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

# OFFICIAL ACTS



## BAPTISM

Carter John Brown,  
son of Nicholas and Amanda Brown  
9-15-2023 4-14-2024

Stella Rose Handeland,  
daughter of Andrew and Holly Handeland  
7-17-2017 5-12-2024

Lucille Marie Handeland,  
daughter of Andrew and Holly Handeland  
9-30-2021 5-12-2024

## CONFIRMATION



Cole Hein  
Owen Kin  
Mason Mittelstaedt  
Brooke Schultz



## NEW MEMBERS

### Profession of Faith

Carol Smith  
Sarah Poznanski  
Polly Poznanski

### Transfer in

Horst & Jean Frieze

## MEMBERS LEAVING



### Release

Jerry & Belinda Kisley  
Katie Zastrow  
Henry Scott

### Self-Exclusion

Chloe Applegate  
Kandiss, Hadlee and Kinsee Beck  
Kory, Hannah and Adam Chart

### Transfer out

Charles Moyer  
Scott Peterson



## DEATHS

Mr. Josef Lazar  
12/7/1925 3/31/2024

## FINANCE UPDATE

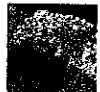
<b>2024 First Quarter Summary</b>	<b>Budget Forecast</b>	<b>Actual Results</b>
Total Income (Offerings and other)	87,750	85,023
Total Operating Expenses	86,742	73,691
Difference	1,008	11,332

The church ended 2024 Q1 (Jan-March) with a surplus of \$11,332. We were again blessed with a surplus in the first quarter, which adds to the \$33,843 surplus for all of 2023. These surpluses provide for future needs, and keep the Churches finances in good order.

<b>Newsletter Due Dates</b>	
August/September	July 23rd



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education continues to host "Family Movie Night" the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 6:00 pm. There will be some time for "open gym" after the movie. Popcorn and juice will be served. Attendees can sign up to bring a snack to share if they desire. Please watch for movie information in the bulletin and on the sign-up sheet which is located on the office window.

June 14<sup>th</sup> – The Lego Movie  
July 12<sup>th</sup> – Pete's Dragon (2016)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School is planned for the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for further communication regarding VBS in the bulletin.



**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FLOAT -**  
 The church is hoping to have a float in the Waterford parade again this year. Volunteers are needed to make this happen. Please contact Matt Stephan (414-416-1307) for more

information and to let him know how you can help.

**VICAR PROGRAM UPDATE:**

While St Peter's was not selected to host a Vicar for 2024/25, at the May voters' meeting the congregation elected to attempt to participate in the Vicar program for 2025/26.

**UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

The Chosen - Beginning Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> and ending Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> - 8 weeks of watching and studying The Chosen. Immediately after church service a light snack will be available followed by a viewing and discussion of an episode.

Party Barge - Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM will be a dinner cruise of the Fox/Tichigan waterway. The 3-hour cruise begins at the Hilltop restaurant. The boat can accommodate 40 to 45 people. The signup sheet will be in the Narthex on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM. Please watch for additional information about this exciting event posted in the Narthex in the coming weeks.

Annual Church Picnic - Mark your calendars for Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> following church service.

Photo Directory - As part of our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration we will be producing a new photo directory. Diana Nowak and Jeannie Dumke are spearheading this project, so please watch for details coming soon.

Church Cookbook - Based on some of the delicious dishes and desserts that we have enjoyed at our church events, it is obvious that St. Peter's is blessed with many great cooks. As another part of our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Caryl Perrin is working on a project to capture and distribute all your wonderful recipes.

Jim Dumke  
 Fellowship Board

**FALL FAIR/TURKEY DINNER**



It's time to begin planning this year's Fall Fair/Turkey Dinner. A meeting will be held after service on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss planning, choosing leads to fulfill the many roles it takes to put on the Turkey Dinner, and the possibility of bringing back the ever-loved bake sale. This event is "all hands on deck!" It's a time, when we as a church family, can work together for the good of our church and our community. If you cannot make the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, please leave your name and number with the office to get a message to me.

~Shelley Kempken.



**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.



**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.

**OPTIONAL KNEELERS**



Thanks to the generosity of a church member, the church now has ten personal kneelers available for use by anyone in the congregation who desires to use one. They can be found on the left side of the coat rack nearest the Sanctuary. Please feel free to utilize these kneelers during worship services. Some of the times during the service that kneeling has been traditionally practiced is during Confession & Absolution, the Prayer of the Church, and The Words of Institution (Consecration of the Sacrament). Please return the kneeler to its place by the coat racks after service.



**MOVING??**

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

## 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!

## 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](mailto:pastorconradt@stpeterswaterford.com) and include in the subject line: **"Add me to the list."**

## MISSION OF THE MONTH



April's mission was Military BibleSticks. The Military BibleStick is a small, weather-resistant digital audio player designed expressly for the safety of deployed troops. Our congregation donated \$171.00.

March mission, Food For The Poor, raised \$140.00 to this worthy cause. Their mission is to bring urgent relief to vulnerable families affected by poverty.

February Mission of the Month was a collection to help The Baumgart Family. They are so thankful for the blessings St. Peter's has provided to them during this difficult journey.

January – "Lutherans for Life" \$183.76. Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. Please visit their website at [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org) to read how your donations are used.

## LIONS CLUB EYEGLOSS AND HEARING AID COLLECTION

Please consider depositing your used eyeglasses or hearing aids in the container provided in the narthex. Eyeglass Missions, conducted by Lions & others, distribute your recycled eyeglasses to developing areas that have little or no access to eye health services. The Wisconsin Lions Club recycling center, located in Rosholt, WI, is one of only 18 Lions Clubs International Certified Recycling Centers in the world. Annually, 800,000 to 1,000,000+ pairs of used eyeglasses are processed at the recycling center to be sent on Missions to developing countries across the globe. Hearing aids collected are offered to Wisconsinites who cannot afford to purchase them on their own and who do not qualify for state-funded assistance.



## 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.

## RECIPE CORNER

### Cheesecake Squares

2 pkgs 8 oz cream cheese  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 pkgs crescent rolls  
1/3 c. sugar  
1 tsp cinnamon

Mix 1<sup>st</sup> four ingredients with beater until smooth. In 9 x 13 pan place one pkg crescent rolls on bottom pressing edges together & part way up sides of pan. Pour cream cheese mixture over rolls. Place the second pkg crescent rolls on top. Sprinkle with mixture of 1/3 cup sugar & 1 tsp cinnamon. Top with chopped nuts (optional).

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.  
Cool thoroughly before cutting.





## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

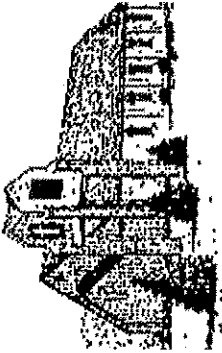
Elaine Beguhl	6/01
Peter Berndt	6/01
Nicholas Hunt	6/01
Cole Hein	6/03
Carrie Strueder	6/04
Emilia Stephan	6/05
Daniel Taggatz	6/06
Ryan Gilgenbach	6/07
Abigail Grindeland	6/08
Dawn Blawat	6/09
Brian Blawat	6/10
Frank Czufa	6/10
Luke Perz	6/11
June Ulbing	6/12
Nick Brown	6/14
Jillane Persch	6/14
Jeanette Schoen	6/14
Mark Grebe	6/15
Zoe Conradt	6/17
Aiden Draves	6/18
Charlotte Draves	6/19
Cheryl Myers	6/21
Kay Borgwardt	6/23
Ava Flower	6/23
Sarah Siddons	6/23
Leona Robran	6/26
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

*Congratulations*  
on your  
*7* Wedding  
*Anniversary!*

## HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating June wedding anniversaries:

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
Pastor & Stephanie Conradt	6/25
Matthew & Abigail Stephan	6/28
David & Karen Engelmann	6/29
Charles & Shelley Kempken	6/30



# June 2024

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fall Fair/Turkey dinner Meeting.	3	4 W.B.S. 1:00 pm	5 Worship 6:30 pm	6	7	8 <i>Szymankiewicz/Acker wedding 1:30 pm</i>
9 Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am	10 Finance 6:00 pm Council 7:00 pm	11 W.B.S. 1:00 pm	12 Worship 6:30 pm	13	14 Movie Night 6:00 pm "The Lego Movie"	15
16 Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am	17	18 W.B.S. 1:00 pm	19 Worship 6:30 pm Elders 7:30 pm	20	21	22
23 Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am	24	25 W.B.S. 1:00 pm	26 Worship 6:30 pm	27	28	29
30 Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am The Chosen						



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Repischak	7/01
Dan Schauer	7/01
Kevin Mullikin	7/02
Jace Hayden	7/04
Leland Hunt	7/04
Analeigh Morby	7/04
Ethan Dodulik	7/05
Cheryl Bruchu	7/06
Kennedy Jacobs	7/06
Jean Luerssen	7/08
Polly Poznanski	7/08
Betty Beierle	7/09
George Neumueller	7/10
Shirley Collins	7/11
Joshua Szeklinski	7/12
Elliot Dietz	7/13
Dona Grebe	7/15
Stella Handeland	7/16
Whitney Beaston	7/18
Aletheia Conradt	7/18
Emily Mayer	7/19
Wendy Grindeland	7/20
Isabelle Keeling	7/22
Vonnie McDermott	7/22
Ronald Domke	7/24
Fletcher Hein	7/25
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

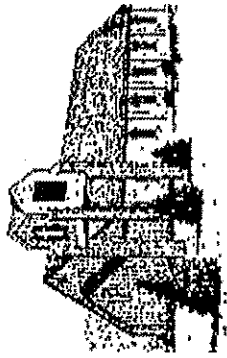


## HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating July wedding anniversaries:

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
Harry & Judith Knoblauch	7/23
Nick & Amanda Brown	7/27





# July 2024

## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Waterford, WI

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2	3	4	5	6
7		9	10	11	12	13
Worship 9:30 am The Chosen		W.B.S 1:00 pm	Worship 6:30 pm		Movie Night 6:00 pm "Pete's Dragon" (2016)	
14		16	17	18	19	20
Worship 9:30 am The Chosen		W.B.S 1:00 pm	Worship 6:30 pm			M.B.S. 8:30 am
21		23	24	25	26	27
Worship 9:30 am The Chosen		W.B.S 1:00 pm	Worship 6:30 pm			
28		30	31			
Worship 9:30 am The Chosen		W.B.S 1:00 pm	Worship 6:30 pm			