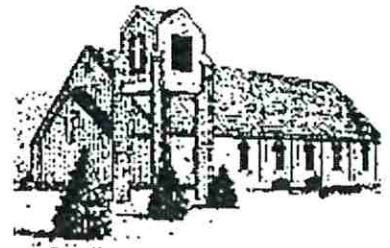


St. Peter's Epistle



August 2024

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

Upcoming Events

Chosen Season 3 Study

August 4-18 11:30am

Confirmation Orientation

August 14 at 5:15pm

Men's Bible Study

August 17

Sunday School Registration & Church Picnic

August 25

Family Movie Night

Off until September 13

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've Got What You Need"

In the last 20 years—ramping up especially since 2020—we have seen what they are calling "The Great De-churching". More people have left church membership in this time nationwide than had joined during both second great awakenings and the Billy Graham Crusades (Institute for Family Services). That is a lot of people throughout the country.

Marriage seems to be failing. The average marriage age keeps rising and an increasing number seem to be forgoing it altogether. Birth rates are declining. Violence is on the rise.

The devil rejoices in all this because he thinks he's winning. We sometimes are deceived into thinking this way too when "Change and decay in all around I see," and yet our prayer is, "O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!" (TLH 552).

As I've mentioned, a number of times, in the end we win: in Christ. We take this truth not so that we sit back and watch the world get devoured, but rather that we take up the whole armor of God and fight. Following the King of Kings through this spiritual war.

There is another movement going on. There is a growing number of people yearning for something greater, outside of themselves than the lies they've been fed.

Now, people have grown up in a culture of disorder, chaos, anger, resentment, lies, and death. Young men are taught to hate their masculinity (created by God to lead, protect, and provide) and young women are taught to hate their femininity (created by God to help, bear, and nurture life). To despise how God has made them. They have been told the devil's lie: that there is no reason for their existence, rather it is all by chance.

They are yearning for the way. They are yearning for truth; not the subjective truth they've been conditioned to believe in, but the truth: objective, absolute truth. They are yearning for life. They are looking for something real and substantive as they have largely been fed with dopamine hits comparable to Aldous Huxley's *soma* in *Brave New World*.

In an ugly and drab world, they want beauty. In a disordered world, they want order. In a temporary world, they want something eternal. There had been an uptick of young people joining Non-Denominational churches, but recently there is a trend toward the Roman Catholic church.

And while I am glad that people are hearing the call to Christianity, I know there is a better option. One that blends the best of these denominations. That stands on the Word of God and yet does not reject the sacraments instituted by Christ Himself or the traditions of our fathers in the faith.

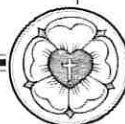
Rev. President Matthew Harrison states, "The LC—MS operates the second largest parochial school system in the United States. What can you expect from a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod school? There's one race: the human race; and Jesus died for the sins of every man, woman, and child from every land and every nation. Life begins at conception; all life is precious from womb to tomb; and every student, parent, and teacher is created in the very image of God. There's right and wrong and we know which is which from the Ten Commandments. There are only two sexes: 'male and female He created them'. Marriage is the life-long union of one man and one woman. There's such a thing as objective absolute truth and it's found in the person and work of Jesus Christ and His word."

This is a Church that encourages men to be men (godly leaders, protectors, providers) and women to be women (godly helpers, bearers, and nurturers). A Church that upholds chastity in God's gifts of marriage for most (receiving children as an eternal gift from the Lord as He chooses to give and focusing on the primary priority: returning them to Him) or celibacy for some in service to His church (Matt 19; I Cor 7). Faith, Family, Tradition; all grounded in the one thing needful: His unchanging Word.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession is that Church. *We've Got What You Need: Jesus.*

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt



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OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISM

Joanna Marie Conradt
6/10/2024 6/16/2024

WEDDING



Service of Holy Matrimony for the uniting of Colin Szymankiewicz and Lauren Acker was performed on June 8th, 2024

Newsletter Due Dates

September	August 20 th
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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education will resume Friday movies starting Friday, September 13th at 6:00 pm. Please join us for a movie, while also enjoying popcorn and juice. Be sure to sign up and feel free to bring a snack to share. A sign-up sheet will be located on the office window as the date approaches.

SAVE THE DATE



Sunday School Registration
August 25th

Immediately following worship



CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 25th



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

The school year is almost upon us, and Rainbow Preschool is enrolling students for the 2024– 2025 school year which begins September 3rd, the Tuesday after Labor Day. We have been blessed with two new additions to the faculty, Mr. Melvin Beversdorf is our new Director and Ms. Hunter Breber is our new Lead Teacher for 3K. We have also been blessed with Mrs. Dawn Grundman returning as Lead Teacher for 4K. We have two candidates that have been interviewed for the Lead Teacher 2-year-old program and co-teacher/teacher's aide. Enrollment is underway for both 4K and 3K and the two-year-old program will be starting up soon. Please let your neighbors, friends and family know Rainbow Preschool is up and running again, ready to provide a blessed Christian school and daycare environment to Waterford and surrounding areas. Call 262-534-6066 and look us up online at www.stpeterswaterford.com/rainbow-preschool.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The board of trustees is seeking willing volunteers to meet regularly to help with contacting contractors to facilitate building maintenance as necessary. Please contact Matt Stephan at 414-416-1307 for more information.



TURKEY DINNER

This year's Turkey Dinner is being planned for Saturday, October 19th. Please be sure to mark your calendars and set time aside on the 19th to help with this wonderful event that our church members and community members enjoy so much. *(Rumor has it they may be bringing back the ever-loved bake sale.)*



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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was held July 22nd – 25th. The theme this year was “Celebrate the Savior”. Thank you to the many volunteers that helped make VBS a success. The kids enthusiastically participated in daily activities, which would begin and end with Pastor Conradt in the Sanctuary each day. Bible story, crafts, games and snacks were carefully planned out and set up to be age appropriate for each of the four groups.

Bible Story time:



Snack time:



Crafts:



Games:



MISSION OF THE MONTH UPDATE



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.

~Because of your generosity:

June mission, “International Lutheran Council” was given \$106.00.

May’s mission, “Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of WI” a check for \$85.00.

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 to read how your donations are used.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



There is a food collection basket in the Narthex to which you may bring non-perishable foods, toiletries, and paper products whenever you come to church. All donated items will be taken to a local food pantry.



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 9th. 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!

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.



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



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

There are computers in the Church 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.



LWML SWD Fall Retreat
September 27-28, 2024
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
625 West Rolling Meadow Drive
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

The LORD has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession. (Deuteronomy 14:2)

TREASURED

Retreat Program written by Deb Burma

What could be more precious than diamonds?
YOU!

We are the precious, treasured possession of our heavenly Father, who sought us and claimed us as His own in Christ! From coal to diamonds, we are continuously being transformed in Christ, reflecting His glory and light to a dark world. Join us for a bedazzling Women's Retreat Getaway! We will walk in the light of God's Word together, enjoy fabulous food and tasty treats, and lift our voices in praise, all as we share encouragement, fellowship, and fun in Christ, the light of the world!

Presenters to include:

- **Pastoral Counselor- Pastor Polzin**
- **Cinda Poppe**
- **Michelle Prince**

Gifts from the Heart Recipients:

Hope LC Food Pantry

- Cereal
- hamburger helper
- Rice-a-roni
- canned spaghetti and ravioli
- canned meat

Charis Pregnancy Counseling

- Pacifiers
- Infant socks
- Bibs
- Diaper rash ointment
- Clothing size 6 months to 2T
 - 2-piece, Onesies, Dresses

Main Servant Event:

Lap blankets for Lutheran Home Residents in Liturgical colors.

Offering Recipient:

75% Journey's Lutheran School/ 25% Female Church Worker Scholarship

Watch for more information to come at: www.lwml-swd.org

Convention news.

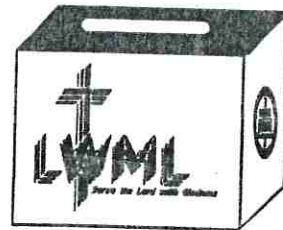
Delegates at this year's convention elected the following mission grants.

2024-2026 LWML South Wisconsin District Mission Grants	Grant Amount	PAID
Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch While the Orphan Grain Train (RSO) continues to receive needed humanitarian supplies through donations which are then distributed both nationally and internationally, it requests funds to assist with the cost of shipping.	\$15,000	
The Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI Child Therapy Expansion - Mental Health Coverage With the counseling skills of the staff at LCFS and a vision of expansion to serve more youth, the goal is to expand the Child Outreach Therapy program that reaches children and their support networks and brings them to a better place in life through the message of the Gospel.	\$25,000	
SWD Church Worker Grant The South Wisconsin District office allocates scholarships to students enrolled in a Concordia University and intending to serve the church as a pastor, teacher, deaconess, etc.	\$30,000	
Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs-WI There are 7 comfort dogs with host families/congregations/institutions in South Wisconsin. Often, they are called upon to deploy to disaster areas and this expense is "out of pocket" for those sponsoring the dogs. These funds would be equally distributed between the host dog entities to supplement their support/care/travel funds.	\$21,000	
Teaching God's Children with Special Needs, Journey Lutheran Journeys Lutheran School (formerly Lutheran Special School) continues to embrace students in grades 3-12 with special needs. Their programs facilitate the educational goals of individualized instruction and growth along with the sharing of the Gospel. This request is toward the purchase of 2 passenger vans which will be used to transport students to field trips and other opportunities supplementing what they currently do as well as use in the school to work program.	\$50,000	
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Milwaukee Restoration In 2018, historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Milwaukee was extensively damaged by a fire. Insurance covered 67% needed for reconstruction. Further funds are needed to refurbish the sanctuary so that the presence of Trinity stays strong in the downtown area.	\$25,000	
CTSF, Fort Wayne, IN, Food Co-op The Food and Clothing Co-op at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, works to encourage and financially support students through its programs. The request for \$15,000 is specifically to purchase perishable food items for the 2024-2026 biennium.	\$15,000	
Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose, WI works with families that cannot afford the full cost of camp for their children. This Scholarship Fund has been a vital part of assisting them to make it possible to pay the fee so that many children who otherwise would not be able to attend camp are able to do so.	\$548.28	

Grant #1 is Paid! The check presentation for Grant #1 Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch took place on June 25, 2024. The check was presented to Theresa Rake, Warehouse Packing Station Manager.

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Pick up a "Mite Box" in narthex.



SAVE THE DATE

ZONE 21 FALL RALLY SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2024

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

8500 DURAND AVE

STURTEVANT

8:30 FELLOWSHIP 9:00-11:30 RALLY

SPEAKER: DEACONESS BONNIE BEVERSDORF

TOPIC: HER TIME SPENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

BIBLE STUDY LEADER: PASTOR CHRIS LOCKIE

INGATHERING: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL RACINE

LOOSE LEAF PAPER (WIDE-RULED), GLUE, CRAYONS,
COLORED PENCILS, NO. 2 PENCILS, SCISSORS,
CONSTRUCTION PAPER, PENS, RULERS, FOLDERS
(POCKET), ERASERS, PENCIL CASES, NOTEBOOKS,
MARKERS, BOXES OF KLEENEX

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship

Newsletter Article – August 2024

Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity

“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthians’ joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it is God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salvation in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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
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
Rachel Horozewski	8/20
Daniel Jahn	8/20
Morgan Mehring	8/20
Martha Wogaman	8/20
Mandi Church	8/21
Jennifer Rakas	8/23
Cindy McGaughy	8/25
Brooke Schultz	8/25
Kathleen Drake	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

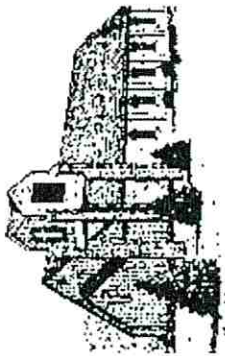


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating August wedding anniversaries:

Robert & Jody Farchione	8/02
Rick & Cindy McGaughy	8/02
Matthew & Melissa Eberhardt	8/05
Horst & Jean Frieze	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
Frederick & Carol Wolfgram	8/30
Mark & Diane Siddons	8/31





August 2024

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

Waterford, WI

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am The Chosen, season 3 - episode 6	5	6 W.B.S 1:00 pm	7 Worship 6:30pm	8	9	10
11 Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am The Chosen, season 3 - episode 7	12 Finance 6:00pm Council 7:00pm	13 W.B.S 1:00 pm	14 Catechesis Orientation 5:15 pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30 pm	15	16	17 M.B.S. 8:30-10:00am
18 Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am The Chosen, season 3 - episode 8	19	20 W.B.S 1:00 pm	21 Worship 6:30pm	22	23	24
25 Choir 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School Registration Church Picnic	26	27 W.B.S 1:00 pm	28 Worship 6:30pm	29		