

St. Peter's Epistle



September 2024

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

Upcoming Events

160th Anniversary
Divine Service
Sept 22 9:30 am

Youth Catechesis
Begins Sept 4 @ 5:15pm

Sunday School /
Bible Study
Begins Sept. 8 @ 8:15am

Men's Bible Study
Sept 21

Movie Night
Sept 13

Be sure to follow us on facebook
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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 160th Anniversary

"Except the LORD build the house,
they labour in vain that build it" (Ps
127:1a)

It's hard to believe it's already been a
decade since we celebrated the 150th
Anniversary of our church. Some things
have changed inside and out; and yet,
much has stayed the same. Christ is still
King.

160 years is a long time. Especially to
us, because it is longer than any of our
earthly lives will be. St. Peter's is only
17 years younger than our beloved Syn-
od! But, we must also remember that in
the grand scheme of things 160 years is
really a short time. Our Church is much
older than 160 years. It is much older
than 177 years, when the Reformation began. Our
church is 2000 years old. And before the
incarnation of Christ, God's Hebrew
people who believed in the coming Mes-
siah were His church.

The Church has existed long before
any of us were alive and the Church will
continue to exist after our earthly bodies
begin returning to dust (unless of course
Jesus comes back before then. Come
Lord Jesus!) St. Peter's Evangelical Lu-
theran Church of the Unaltered Augs-
burg Confession of Waterford, Racine
County, Wisconsin has been God's in-
strument in bringing Jesus to people
through the Word and Sacraments for a
long time before we were born and she
will continue to do so after Christ calls
us home. Consider the fact that over
2,300 people have been adopted into the
family of God through the waters of Ho-
ly Baptism at our church.

Certainly our church has seen changes.
Switching from German to English was
no small thing. Moving from one

building to the next is also not easy. She
has had 12 different pastors serve her as
her bridegroom's undershepherds, dis-
tributing the Means of Grace. Those
whom God has called to teach, preach,
and administer the sacraments. Three of
them are at our cemetery awaiting the
day of resurrection.

Yes, she has seen her share of changes
and she will continue to see them. But, it
is important to know where you came
from, to know where you are going. We
are to let Christ be our leader. Because
His love and grace are unchanging.

By grace this individual congregation
has existed for 160 years. And only by
grace, will she continue existing. But,
whether the building stands or falls,
Christ's Church exists. St. Paul tells us,
"Now, therefore, you are no longer
strangers and foreigners, but fellow citi-
zens with the saints and members of the
household of God, having been built on
the foundation of the apostles and proph-
ets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief
cornerstone, in whom the whole build-
ing, being fitted together, grows into a
holy temple in the Lord, in whom you
also are being built together for
a dwelling place of God in the Spir-
it" (Ephesians 2:19-22).

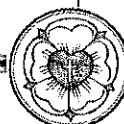
As God is eternal so shall our worship
be. When we are called out of this life
we shall join the church in heaven
around the throne of the Lamb. May this
be granted to us for Christ's sake. Amen.

Join us on Sunday September 22nd at
9:30 am for a special Divine Service
commemorating our 160th anniversary.
Rev. Dr. Carl Rockrohr (grandson of
Erwin & Erna) and Rev. Paul Rockrohr
(great-grandson) will be assisting us.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt

Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISM

Andrew Scott Handeland Jr.
1/7/2010 8/4/2024

Savannah Lee Domke
5/31/2024 8/18/2024



ST. PETER'S 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Chesney Bankenbush
Ava Flower
Jack Morawetz
Isabelle Keeling
Mason Mittlestaedt
Thatcher Smith

Newsletter Due Dates

October

September 24



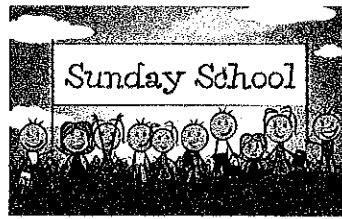
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education continues to host "Family Movie Night". The September movie is *The Lego Movie*. There will be some time for "open gym" after the movie. We will have popcorn and juice; attendees can sign up to bring a snack to share.

The movie for October will be *Pete's Dragon*.

The movies will continue to be held on the 2nd Friday of each month, starting at 6:00, throughout 2024.



**First Day of
Sunday School
September 8th
8:15 am**

TURKEY DINNER UPDATE



This year's Turkey Dinner is being planned for Saturday, October 19th, 4:00-7:30pm. Please be sure to mark your calendars and set time aside the week of October 14th as well as on the 19th to help with this wonderful event that our church members and community members enjoy so much.

It has been decided that there will be sit-down dinner and carry out, along with a bake sale.



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP and LADIES AIDE/LWML

Attention all 55+ members (men & women) and your friends!! Join us for Christian fellowship and Bible Study every fourth Monday of the month here at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Meetings begin 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!



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

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. for Bible Study then a short meeting followed by your own bag lunch. Dessert and coffee are provided. Come join us!

EMAIL LIST!



Pastor Conrardt 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 Conrardt at pastorconrardt@stpeterswaterford.com and include in the subject line: **"Add me to the list."**



September 2024 Mission of the Month

FAITH HOPE AND LOVE

Children entering the foster care system are often pulled from sometimes dangerous situations with only a few minutes to gather their things and are given black trash bags to collect their belongings.

Faith Hope & Love began in 2013 supplying Duffels for Kids to agencies that regularly deal with children in crisis, including: law enforcement, domestic abuse shelters, homeless shelters, local schools and foster care programs.

The contents of each bag are age-specific and go to children from newborn to seventeen years of age.

It is the hope of Faith Hope and Love that providing these bags to the children will accomplish the following:

- They will know they are loved. It is important that they receive BRAND NEW items that can be just for them to keep. They will know they are loved and cared for.
- They feel more at home. It is important that the children feel safe, valued and significant during this transition.
- They have confidence. Children displaced from their homes and brought into foster care often feel very vulnerable and afraid. It is the hope of Faith Hope and Love that they feel they can be confident in themselves and their situation even when things might not be easy.

This year, we are looking for the following items:

- Hairbrushes
- Baby Diapers, Baby Wipes
- New stuffed animals (medium size-able to fit in a gym bag)
- New Books (any reading level – board books to chapter books)
- Coloring Books, Crayons

Please consider making a cash donation and/or selecting one of the items requested. Look for the display in the narthex.

ALL ITEMS DONATED SHOULD BE NEW PLEASE.

THANK YOU!



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.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY is planning to send letters to all the widows of the congregation to offer help in anything they may need. If you would like to be part of the Social Ministry, "Ministering to our Widows", please be sure to sign up on the sheet located in the narthex on the office window.

RECIPE CORNER

The Best Zucchini Bread

Prep Time: 15 minutes - **Cook Time:** 1 hour

Servings: Yields two extra moist loaves - 24 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups grated zucchini about 2 small
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 ½ cups walnuts chopped, or pecans

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease two 8×4-inch loaf pans or line with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt with a whisk. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl, beat the eggs. Add the grated zucchini, oil, and vanilla. Mix well to combine.
4. Add the dry ingredients and the walnuts to the zucchini mixture. Gently stir just until combined.
5. Divide the batter evenly over the prepared pans and bake for 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.
6. Cool in the pans for 5 minutes, remove from the pan, and cool on a wire rack.

Notes

- This recipe should be baked in 8×4-inch loaf pans (not 9×5-inch pans).
- Use the larger side of a box grater to shred the zucchini. There is no need to peel it first unless it is a very large garden zucchini with thick skin.
- If the zucchini is extra large (from the garden), you may need to scrape out some of the seeds with a spoon.
- Do not squeeze the zucchini dry, moisture is needed for this bread.
- Store zucchini bread at room temperature for up to 2 days. It's very moist so if you'll be keeping it longer you'll want to refrigerate or freeze it.
- To freeze, cool completely, wrap tightly in plastic, then place in zip freezer bag for up to a year.

Rainbow Preschool is reopening with expanded offerings. We are opening as an extension of the congregation.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 is familiar to many of you.

We provide services for families with kids at the ages of 2 through 5. A Christian Preschool is meant to help parents set the foundation for future learning. One stat I read recently was that 90% of a child's brain development happens by age 5. This gives us an incredible incentive to make St. Peter's Lutheran Church's Rainbow Preschool that best that it can be. To that end we have a staff of 5 now (Director, 2 teachers, a Co-teacher (aide) and a Secretary. Thank you for that commitment that you've made to support us financially throughout this calendar year.

What does a preschool actually do? (You may be wondering.) Well, it's a little different than your traditional 1st to 8th school. The children are younger for starters. A lot of the learning is based on interactions (with teachers and other students). The social skills that are learned include manners, politeness, self-discipline, as well as thinking skills like solving problems and asking questions. The creativity and the curiosity of children is highlighted as they observe their surroundings and make decisions. Students play and have fun. They sing and dance (as music lights up their brain). They do arts and crafts and play on our fantastic playground. The development of large motor skills in the gym and outside, as well the small motor skills such as coloring and cutting will be a part of the well-structured caring learning environment that we provide at the preschool.

Did you know we have a 30 minute maximum screen time for the week (in our handbook)? That is because we want students to learn to take care of themselves as they grow in understanding and learn about positive and negative consequences of actions. We endeavor to teach children about faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, God as their

Creator, Redeemer, and Guide, and how to care for their neighbor in Christian love.

We teach the language of God and his love through Bible Stories that highlight how God keeps his promises. The groundwork for mathematics is taught through counting, matching, and sorting. Language skills are developed through read-aloud books, acting out tales, and singing. Sounds and letters are introduced, as well as words to those who are ready. Students are encouraged to be effective communicators sharing about new ideas they encounter and information that they learn. Hymns will be sung, Bible verses will be repeated, and parts of Lutheran liturgy and the Small Catechism will be introduced.

As you start to see artwork up around the building, say a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for the children and staff. We certainly appreciate your support. Our goal is to provide a quality faith filled experience for children and their families so that when the children are older, they will not depart from God's word and presence.

Abraham believed in God, and it was counted to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:6

As we start the 33rd year at Rainbow Preschool, we go forth in faith, believing in His promises, knowing that His love will never leave or forsake us and will not fail.

Please tell others that you know about the Preschool, and take some flyers (in the church office) and post them at your work or where you go throughout the week. We are still enrolling and have space to help care for the needs of the 30+ young ones in our care. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you more at church and through other activities here at St. Peter's throughout this next year.

Your Servant in Christ,
Melvin Beversdorf

Ladies Aid/LWML News

LWML-SWD Fall Retreat - Sept 27-28, 2024

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

Fond du Lac

Guest Speaker --"Treasured" by Deb Burma

Just as a treasure hunter searches for hidden jewels and buried riches, we see out and treasure God's Word. Throughout *Treasured*, Burma compares our faith lives to the formation of diamonds; she relates the formation of a diamond (requiring time, pressure, and heat) to transformation of our lives. The qualities of a diamond (cut, color, carat, and clarity) describe how Christ takes us from rough and uncut to a gem who carries out His mission. (more information and registration lwml-swd.org)

Check out our bulletin board in the narthex.

Pictures of the LWML SWD 40th Biennial Convention

in Sun Prairie June 14-15, 2024

Female Church Work Scholarships Awarded for 2024-2025

These grants are funded by the individual members of the LWML SWD through a percentage of Fall Retreat and Winter Getaway offerings, special gifts and interest on our funds. To be eligible, a woman must be a resident of South Wisconsin District and enrolled in one of our synodical institutions preparing for full time church work in a called position. Please pray for these young women as they continue their education toward full-time church work.

Meet the Comfort Dogs of Grant #4

Launched in August 2008, the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The LCC K-9 Comfort dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. Please meet the dogs that will benefit from this grant.

"Figuring It All Out" - Does your summer seem to be flying by at a high rate of speed this year? Don't forget to leave time for God --- everyday! He is the most important contact for all of us! With that in mind, turn your attention to the upcoming devotion for August from LWML. The title, "Figuring It All Out", leads us to consider these words, *for I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope* (Jeremiah 29:11)

The author starts us thinking right away when she mentions that we are always in a "start" position ---after something else as ended. We try to figure out our future but really don't know what it will be. Do you have trouble making big decisions? God has not left you without help. God has a plan for each one of us, and He is always with us and will guide us in our decisions. Rely on Him--- He has it all planned out for you! (A few copies will be in the office)

Stewards, Called to Forgiveness

Human beings were created and redeemed to be stewards. Bearing the image of God (Gen. 1:26–28), the steward was created to reflect the Creator within creation. In a way, stewards are simply mirrors. Mirrors cannot do anything to the image that is placed in front of them.

A mirror was the first item in creation that embodied the computer term GIGO. “Garbage in, Garbage out.” In a computer, if you enter good data, you get a good result. You enter bad data; you will get a garbage result.

In photography, you can run an image through a filter, which can remove imperfections. Myriad apps allow for the option to cut people out, add people in and change backgrounds all in an attempt to make the perfect image. Mirrors cannot do that. They do not provide anything new. Mirrors are created to reflect, not process, an image. They simply reflect the person standing in front of them.

Stewards are like this. Created to reflect, a steward will reflect the God in front of them. The steward will either reflect a godly stewardship that holds that God is the owner of all things (Ps. 24:1) and is the One to whom they are accountable, or they will reflect the god of self and see the created order as something to be possessed, used, and in far too many cases, abused. It is not a question of IF the steward reflects, it is really a question of WHO is being reflected.

For this reason, the *Lutheran Service Book* has included a necessary hymn worthy of meditation: “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (*LSB* 788). Its first verse reads:

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
While of Your richer gifts we’re unaware.

This is a fitting call to repentance for every steward. Our thankfulness is so often shallow. We get comfortable with the overflowing blessings we have entrusted to us by the Lord. These trusts are so many that the steward often forgets the One who entrusts them. Worse, with so many physical trusts evident, the steward loses sight of the greatest trust: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The failed steward sees so much plenty that they lose sight of the treasure: Jesus!

So, we confess our shallow thankfulness. In absolution, the imperfections of the failed steward are wiped away and a new image is sent into the world. We release our hold on stuff. We rethink our relationship with the created order and recall that it is all to be used FOR JESUS! This keeps the richer gifts in view, for us and for those we know and love who need Jesus.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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
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
Carter Brown	9/15
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
Daniel Krueger	9/21
Elaine Baumgart	9/22
Jerry Christiansen	9/22
Jane Craig	9/22
Dale Buchholtz	9/23
Jacqueline Hunt	9/26
Anthony Kin	9/26
Eunice Rankin	9/26
Zebadiah Baumgart	9/27
Sharon Haines	9/27
Lucille Handeland	9/30
Patricia Karraker	9/30
Beau Multhauf	9/30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating September wedding anniversaries:

Ken & Mollie Hein	9/01
Arthur & Diane Mehring	9/02
David & Kristin Keeling	9/03
Seth & Emily Scott	9/06
Kevin & Kirsten Simonsen	9/07
Luke & Rachel Horozewski	9/08
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





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

September 2024

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

Waterford, WI

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:30am	2 Labor Day	3 W.B.S. 1:00pm	4 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	5	6	7
8 Sunday School/Bible Study 8:15am Worship 9:30am	9 Sr. Group and LWML 11:00am Finance 6:00pm Council 7:00pm	10 W.B.S. 1:00pm	11 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	12	13 Movie Night 6:00pm "The Lego Movie"	14
15 Sunday School/Bible Study 8:15am Worship 9:30am	16	17 W.B.S. 1:00pm	18 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	19	20	21
22 Sunday School/Bible Study 8:15am 160 th Anniversary Worship Service 9:30am	23 Sr. Group 11:00am	24 W.B.S. 1:00pm	25 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	26	27	28
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