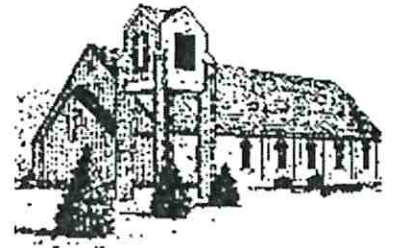


St. Peter's Epistle



March 2025

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

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday March 5

Confession & Absolution/
Imposition of Ashes
9:00-10:30 AM
Divine Service
6:30 PM

Lenten Midweek Vespers
Wednesdays
March 12-April 9
6:30 PM
With soup suppers at 5:00PM

Men's Bible Study
March 1 & 15

Movie Night
March 14

*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

For Such a Time as This

"Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14b).

There have been many times in my life that I have felt like a man born out of time. In other words, I had felt that I was born at the wrong time. That my thoughts, likes, and etiquette lined up better with days gone by. In College I wrote my Bachelor's Thesis on the 1950s and how we can make use of that time "today" (2008). Many of you know that I have an affection toward older things, e.g. older music, movies, TV shows, and practices. Some called me an "old soul".

I used to think these things meant that I was born at the wrong time; but in the last few years I have realized that, of course, I was born at the time that God has designed for me.

There are many who love the traditions of those that came before. You are likely one of them. And the reality is God knew exactly what He was doing when He knit you together in your mother's womb at the time that He did.

Our society needs people like us. Those that respect what has come before us. Nostalgia can only take you so far. It is good to yearn for home, but not the point where it causes us to freeze in our memories

and pull away completely from the world around us.

God placed Esther in the kingdom of her husband Xerxes (Persia) in the 5th century B.C. for such a time as to save the Hebrews from extinction. God used her to save His people. And you were placed into *this* time to do His will as well.

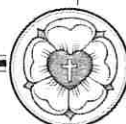
God looked at the world and decided it needed you in it, at the time that you are in it. Maybe you won't save God's people from complete eradication. But He has placed you into your family. He placed you to be the husband or wife, brother or sister, uncle or aunt, father or mother, son or daughter to those He knit together into your family. He has made you a friend, caretaker, coworker, and neighbor; and shines His light through you. He placed you into your blood family and this church family. He placed you in your community.

You were born at the time God designed to use you in His kingdom. Rejoice in this. His way is set before you, not by compulsion of the law, but because Christ has set you free to follow Him. Thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

You were fearfully and wonderfully made for such a time as this.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt



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OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISMS

Parker Elizabeth Brown
12/14/2024 02/23/2025

Isaac Edwin Brintnall
02/05/2025 02/12/2025

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Sydney Krueger

Communion - Glass Individual Cups

In pursuit of handling the most precious substance on earth, namely the blood of Jesus Christ, with the highest reverence, the Board of Elders has implemented the use of enduring and reusable glass individual cups instead of disposable plastic cups. There is now a small dishwasher in the sacristy for washing the individual cups, and one of the sink drains has been converted to a piscina (a basin that drains into the earth, for the specific purpose of disposing of water from liturgical ablutions).

In Christ,
Steven Grindeland, on behalf of the Board of Elders

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread." ~ 1 Cor 10:16-17

2024 ANNUAL REPORTS are available in the office on the secretary's desk. Feel free to take one.

April Newsletter Submissions Due
by March 25th.

RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

We are enrolling for Fall 2025!

\$25 Member discount given for March enrollment! 20% off

Monthly Tuition for regular (2x/month) attending members. *Please let your friend and family know about our Christ centered, play based, learning rich environment that we offer at St. Peters.* Members with Preschool age children (ages 2-5) are encouraged to utilize our 2, 3, or 5 day full or half day programs that we offer. Contact Mr. Beversdorf (262-534-6066) if you have any questions or would like a tour.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education continues to host "Family Movie Night" at 6:00pm in the parish hall. The March 14th movie is *Joseph: King of Dreams*. There will be some time for "open gym" after the movie. We will have pizza, popcorn, and juice; attendees can sign up to bring a snack to share.



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.

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:

March 12th, 19th and April 9th.

MARCH 2025 MISSION OF THE MONTH

SUPPORT HISTORIC TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH U.A.C, MILWAUKEE RESTORATION

Your gifts will directly help Trinity put the finishing touches on this faithful landmark, this church on a hill that ever serves as a visible reminder of Christ's presence, Christ's love, in downtown Milwaukee. Your gift will help complete the restoration of the Pipe Organ, Steeple, Stained Glass, Pews, Balcony Restoration, etc. We invite you to be part of this historic and memorable project, trusting that your gift will be a blessing to all who visit Trinity.



OFFERINGS

To have offerings included in your annual contribution statement, your offering must be submitted in one of the following ways:

- Use your annually provided giving envelope and place it in the offering plate.
- Give your offering electronically using Vanco (guidelines listed below).
- Mail your offering to the church office;
or
- Have your offering automatically made through your bank. Check with your bank to have this set up.

Your envelope includes a category titled "other". If you would like your offering to be assigned to one of the following, please indicate your desired category on your envelope:

- Building fund
- K-12 tuition assistance
- Pipe organ
- Vicar fund
- Picnic shelter (Pavillion)
- Cemetery Association
- Mission of the month

Checks placed in the offering plate that aren't in a numbered envelope are not included on your annual contribution statement.

Donations collected through the Mission of the Month box are not included in your contribution statement. However, as indicated above, you can indicate on your numbered offering envelope that your offering is for the Mission of the Month.

If you need offering envelopes or have any questions, please contact the church secretary.



Vanco is a company the church currently uses for a digital option. The QR code listed here will allow you to give by scanning the code and then setting up an account. Please note, your annual offering

statement will reflect donations given via Vanco and/or your offering envelope. If you already give through Vanco on our website, you do not need to make any changes. There is no charge directly to you for this service. The nominal fee is paid by the church.

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.



~RECIPE CORNER ~

Pillsbury Classic Chicken Pot Pie

Prep Time 25minutes

Cook Time 45minutes

Total Time 1hour hr 10minutes

Servings 6-8 People

Ingredients

Crust 1 box Pillsbury™ refrigerated pie crusts softened as directed on box

Filling

1/3 cup butter

1/4 cup onion chopped

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt or Flavor Boost

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 3/4 cups chicken broth from 32-oz carton

1/2 cup milk

2 1/2 cups chicken shredded cooked chicken or turkey

2 cups frozen mixed vegetables thawed

Instructions

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Prepare pie crusts as directed on box for Two-Crust Pie using 9-inch glass pie pan.
2. In 2-quart saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion; cook 2 minutes, stirring frequently, until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until well blended. Gradually stir in broth and milk, cooking and stirring until bubbly and thickened.
3. Stir in chicken and mixed vegetables. Remove from heat. Spoon chicken mixture into crust-lined pan. Top with second crust; seal edge and flute. Cut slits in several places in top crust.
4. Bake 30 to 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown. During last 15 to 20 minutes of baking, cover crust edge with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.



St. Peter's Lutheran - Rainbow Preschool

From the Director - Melvin Beversdorf



I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life....And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sin, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. [Nicene Creed - parts of the 3rd article]

The preschool is growing. We need your help to continue to spread the word that we are open and we are enrolling (for now) and for fall 2025. Active Church members (attending at least 2x / month) get a 20% discount on tuition. The preschool continues to be a fun place to play to learn and grow. As students practice skills such as taking turns, writing their name, using a scissor, coloring, painting, rhyming, and doing puzzles, they are learning about how to treat each other with the love of God. Bible stories and songs are the highlight of the week.

Continuing after last month's idea of WHAT a classical school could look like at St. Peter's (1 - 3+ multiage classrooms with classical and practical subjects), I'd like to continue sharing the knowledge of HOW a classical school operates and how it could look at our facility. Depending on interest and enrollment, a classical school could start very similar to a historical one room schoolhouse while using proven curriculum and texts that help students to understand the why of certain subject matter, not just the how. Fascinatingly enough, I still have my grandmother's teacher lesson plan book from her one room schoolhouse teaching experiences in Northeastern Wisconsin. (See picture insert below)

For the Week Beginning *March 18* 1940

LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR	Grade	GEOGRAPHY AND AGRICULTURE	Grade	SPELLING AND PHYSIOLOGY
<i>Tell Easter story</i>	5	<i>Introduce possessions of the United States pages 203-207 Why so kindly settled?</i>	3-4	<i>Monday's assignment in workbook</i>
<i>page 151</i>	6	<i>pages 241-284</i>	5-6	<i>Meaning and pronunciation of all words</i>
<i>Learning abbreviations</i>	7	<i>pages 257-257</i>		<i>answer cause appeared copy bargain edge</i>
<i>pages 331-334</i>	7-8	<i>pages 1-14</i>		GENERAL AND OPENING EXERCISES
<i>pages 336, 340, 343-344</i>		<i>Putting on the farm.</i>		<i>Music</i>



Starting a Classical Lutheran School starts with maintaining who we are - as a congregation - and as a

community of believers in Christ. To that end, a typical school day may run like this:

In a small setting, students are trained to use their instruction time wisely with the teacher and their study time to work on the tasks of learning.

There may also be extra time for study, memorization practice, and further independent learning.

Parents are given the authority to raise their children in the knowledge and fear of the Lord in the light of Christ. The Church has the task of preaching the Gospel and sharing the gifts of God in the

forgiveness of sins in the holy sacraments. A school is meant to help parents in their task of raising up believers in God who receive Jesus for life eternal. *For such a venture to be considered at St. Peter's some research into the congregation and the community needs to be done first. In April, I'll share about a research project that the LCMS facilitates to help churches decide if they want to consider a school.* Thanks for your continued support and advocacy for Rainbow Preschool!

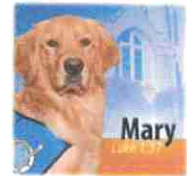
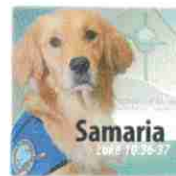
- Chapel - Matins
- Math
- Reading
- Language (Latin) / Grammar
- History / Geography or Science (alternating)
- Writing / Composition or Word Work (lowest grades)
- Art, Music, or P.E.
- Evening Prayers

Ladies Aid /LWML March Newsletter

Grant #3 PAID! - \$30,000 - SWD Church Worker/Student -- 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. Over the next two years this money will be distributed to those who apply and qualify.

Grant #4 - \$21,000 - 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 is an "out of pocket" expense for those sponsoring the dogs. These funds would be equally distributed between the host dog entities to supplement their support/care/travel funds.

Meet Sage, Dora, Samaria, Charity, Mary, Hagar and Rejoice!



LWML Prayer Service 2025 - Blessed are They ...

Based on the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:1-12

The members of Cross and Crown Mission Society invite you to this prayer service on Tuesday, March 11th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3350 Lathrop Avenue, Racine. It will be led by Pastor Lockie and will begin at 1:00 pm. The Beatitudes are some of the most beloved words of Jesus.

We will car pool from church at Noon. Contact Winnie Shelton 262-441-4148 or dgshelton02@gmail.com

Words from our LWML SWD President Cinda Poppe. Lent is an opportunity to prepare our heart for Easter; an opportunity to take time to reflect and digest God's Word. Have you taken time to plan how you will use this opportunity? If not, consider utilizing resources found on the LWML website. Begin with What an Opportunity - Lenten Devotion, consider Lenten Bible Journaling or Read Through the Bible in One Year. Take time to learn how Your Mite Offerings Have Made an Impact and be encouraged to continue those mite offerings by using the Mite Challenge Calendar (monthly). Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. .



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating
March Wedding Anniversaries:

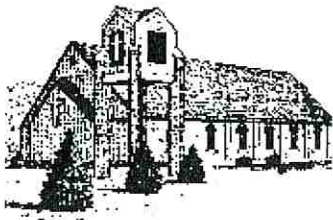
David & Debbie Mertins	3/06
John & Beata Luznicky	3/19
Roman & Diana Nowak	3/19
Kevin & Patricia King	3/20
Christopher & Amy West	3/20
Clifford & Darlene Jacobson	3/21
Nicholas & Jacqueline Hunt	3/27



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members are celebrating
March Birthdays:

Owen Kin	3/01
Desiree Buchholtz	3/02
Lauren Szymankiewicz	3/02
Jodel Jacobs	3/03
Gabriel Eberhardt	3/06
Gil Amborn	3/07
Erin Everett	3/07
Brinley Hunt	3/07
Glen Kimball	3/07
Mason Gumieny	3/08
Raymond Morby	3/08
Karen Luick	3/10
Mikayla Acker	3/11
Scott Ten Cate	3/11
Samantha Repischak	3/12
Jacob King	3/14
Lila Solar	3/14
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
Carol Smith	3/24
Jeff Checker	3/25
Madelyn Jusuf	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



March 2025

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
						1 MBS 8:30am
2 S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am Choir Practice "The Chosen" Season 4, Ep.8 after worship	3 Adult Catechesis/ New Member Class 6:00pm Council 7:00pm	4 W.B.S. 1:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner 5:30pm	5 Imposition of Ashes 9- 10:30am Worship 6:30pm	6	7	8
9 S.S./B.C.8:15am Worship 9:30am Birthday lunch 12:00pm	10 Sr. Group and LWML 11:00am Adult Catechesis/ New Member Class 6:00 Finance 6:00pm	11 W.B.S. 1:00pm	12 Lenten Dinner 5:00pm Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	13	14 Movie Night Joseph: King of Dreams 6:00 pm	15 Men's Bible Study 8:30am
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