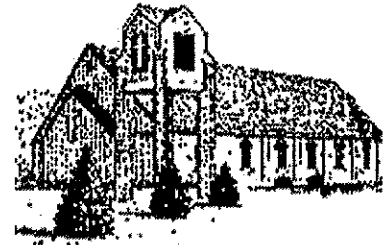


St. Peter's Epistle



August 2025

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, U.A.C.
145 S. 6th Street, Waterford, WI 53185

Upcoming Events

Rummage Sale
Aug 8-9

Milkmen Game
August 10

Confirmation Orientation
August 13 at 5:15pm

Family Event
August 15 9:30-11:00 AM

Men's Bible Study
August 23

Sunday School Regist.
August 24 11:00 AM

Family Movie Night
Off until September 12

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

"CCLE: Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education"

Early in our research while looking for an education for our children a book was suggested to me via the Issues Etc. Radio Program (Lutheran Public Radio) titled: *Eternal Treasures: Teaching Your Children at Home* written by Cheryl Swope and Rachel Whiting. This book was published not by Concordia Publishing House (our publishing house) but by Synod herself in 2015. This led me on a journey of reading through education over the last decade. While it did not immediately sell either of us on homeschooling (that process took over a year and a half) it opened the door to a lot of research.

One of the biggest decisions is choosing what to teach. There are a lot of options out there. Thankfully there are also curriculum guides to help. Mrs. Swope naturally suggested *Curriculum Resource Guide for Classical Lutheran Education* (now in its Third Edition) put together by Cheryl Swope and Melinda Heine and published by CCLE: Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education.

That resource guide was also instrumental for me. It narrowed down, while still giving options. Once again it was Mrs. Swope's own work and Issues Etc. that kept promoting Memoria Press. Mrs. Swope has developed a curriculum taking Memoria Press' materials and simplifying them so that any child can receive this education focusing on the Good, the True, and the Beautiful.

While I'd be happy to dig further into our education journey and choices, this article is more focused on CCLE. Stephanie and I attended our first CCLE conference in 2019 held at Concordia University Chicago (River Forest). It was a great conference where we learned from Lutheran school teachers, headmasters, homeschoolers, and pastors as we were in our first years of education. This July our Preschool Director, Melvin, and I

attended the CCLE conference, held at my Alma Mater: Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW). It was a delight to return to that beautiful campus in Mequon (Stephanie's hometown) by Lake Michigan.

The chapel and services were beautiful and we had about 500 attendees including over 70 kids. Getting that group together in a chapel like that with the pipes blasting is magnificent. This was the 25th annual CCLE conference and the fourth hosted by CUW.

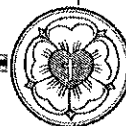
Not only was the worship edifying, but so were the plenaries and sessions. It was also great to see old friends and new (I talked with the family that we met in April when we stayed at their house via Lutheranbnb). Some of the things I learned included using the Sanctoral calendar in the classroom, the importance of hymnody in the school, having a wider discussion about what makes a school "classical", how to have healthy debate, Calligraphy, the importance of the Great Books in the world of the Bible, Cartography, classical PE: the importance of strong bodies with the soul, the importance of the pastor as a teacher ("apt to teach" I Tim. 3), and creating a culture of marriage and family in both the home and school.

Most of this our ancestors knew. Sadly much was lost. *Deo gratias* (thanks be to God) it is being reclaimed as a part of our heritage. This is an ever growing movement both in our existing schools, new schools, and homeschools. It is a wonderful thing to see and shines a bright light on the future. For more information on classical Lutheran education please grab the pamphlet *What Is Classical Lutheran Education* found by the mailboxes and read the director's page in this newsletter. And feel free to ask me anything.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt

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OFFICIAL ACTS

No official acts to report for June or July 2025.

FINANCE UPDATE

<i>2025- First half Summary</i>	<i>Budget Forecast</i>	<i>Actual Results</i>
<i>Total Income (Offerings and other)</i>	<i>\$ 180,500.04</i>	<i>\$162,641.51</i>
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 179,977.74</i>	<i>\$157,321.85</i>
<i>Difference</i>	<i>+\$ 522.30</i>	<i>+\$ 5,319.66</i>

Newsletter Due Dates

September	September 26th
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SAVE THE DATE



**Sunday School Registration
August 24th
Immediately following worship**

First day of Sunday School September 7th, 8:15am



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

The school year is almost upon us, and Rainbow Preschool is enrolling students for the 2025-2026 school year which begins September 2nd, the Tuesday after Labor Day. We continue into our 34th year with Mr. Melvin Beversdorf as Director and 2K/3K Lead Teacher and Mrs. Dawn Grundman returning as Lead Teacher for 3K/4K. Please let your neighbors, friends and family know Rainbow Preschool is up and running again, ready to provide a blessed Christian preschool environment to Waterford and surrounding areas. Call 262-534-6066 and look us up online at:

www.stpeterswaterford.com/rainbow-preschool

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 7th. Please bring a dish to pass.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

A dollar for dollar match is being offered for the Preschool for August Mission of the Month up to \$5,000.00. Double your donation to the Preschool when you contribute to the August Mission of the Month.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We could use your help on Monday nights during the summer at Ten Club Park from 5:00-8:00 pm. We are looking for people to represent St. Peter's Lutheran Church & Preschool and hand out information and waters and talk to your neighbors in the community about your church and preschool during Waterford's FOOD & FUN on FIRST, which features local bands, food trucks, and the splash pad. The signup sheet is on the office window.



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 8th. 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! **Request:** The Senior group has funds that need disbursement and ask that members bring forth ideas for consideration at this first meeting. Several ideas already offered: 1) Bibles for Deaf School; 2) Baptismal candle holders; 3) Book cost for Seminarian student.

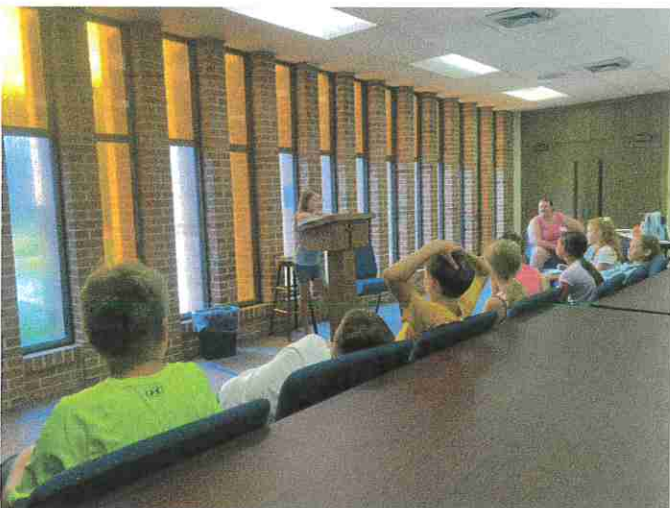
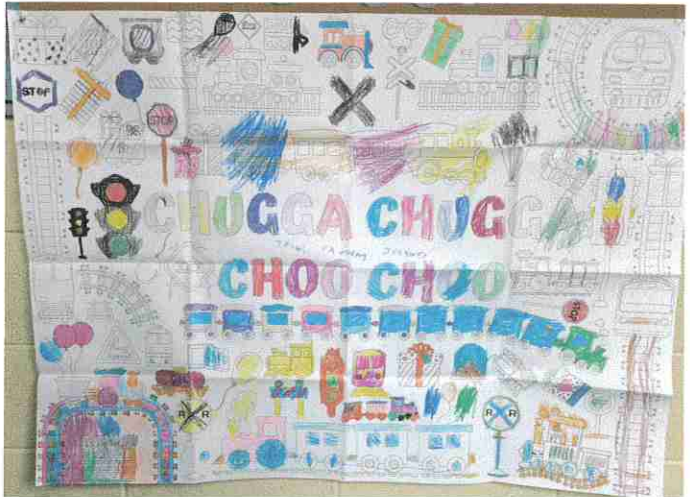
CHRISTMAS CAROLERS We will have a brief meeting after service on Sunday, September 7th.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was held July 7th – 10th. The theme this year was “Wonder Junction”. The children learned through the daily activities of Jesus’ Birth, Jesus’ Childhood, His Ministry Years, His Death and Resurrection and of His Return. 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.



MOVING??

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

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.

TURKEY DINNER & BAKE SALE



This year's Turkey Dinner is being planned for Saturday, October 18th. Please be sure to mark your calendars and set time aside for the week of October 13th for meal prep and on the 18th to help with this wonderful event that our church members and community members enjoy so much.

Also we rent the Lions Club trailer every year to keep refrigerator items cold. We are looking for a trailer you can walk in instead of crawl. It's very difficult to pick up totes of food when walking on your hands and knees or hunching over. If you know anyone or any business that has one that we could reach out to please contact Shelley Kempken ~ 262-210-5272 or email skempken2@gmail.com.

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.

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."**

MITE BOXES — How They Began

Perhaps inspired by the various "cent" or "mite" societies of the early 1800s, the Woman's Mission to Woman (Baptist) urged members in its first circular letter in 1871 to use their new Mite Box to raise funds. The entire family was encouraged to contribute. The garnet-colored paper box had an opening on the top and the words, "Woman's Mission to Woman," in gold letters on the side.



LWML Mite Boxes - Over the years, many Lutheran Ladies Aid societies used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Under the original 1928 Lutheran Women's Missionary Endeavor organizational plan, each woman in every congregation would receive a Mite Box if she participated in the Ladies Aid. Receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totaled \$6651.31 in 1930.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, formally recognized by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1942, required by the newly adopted constitution and bylaws, that 25% of all missionary contributions be given to the national organization, shared from the districts.

At the 1953 convention, delegates reaffirmed the policy of raising funds only through voluntary offerings. Instead of "mite boxes" some societies called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thank offering boxes." The first Mite Box design had space for districts to imprint local messages. In publications and speeches, Leaguers were reminded not to just tuck their Mite Box away out of sight and then on the day of the meeting take out a dollar bill, put it in an envelope and hand it to the secretary. Among the suggestions offered were:

- Put your pennies in the box at the end of each day
- Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted
- Empty all your loose change from your kitchen coin bowl into the box on meeting day

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.

Mite Boxes can be found in the narthex on the glass cabinet.

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!



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.

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.



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St. Peter's Lutheran Preschool & Genesis Project

From the Director - Melvin Beversdorf



*I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart..
you have exalted above all things your name
and your word. Psalm 138:1 -2*

Growing by God's Grace

Thank you for sending Pastor and myself to the CCLE Conference in July! The Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education conference celebrated 25 years of returning Lutheran Education to the historic roots of being focused on Holy Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions and hymnody, and enriching the lives of students and families for their vocations of service to God, the church, and their community. As I look back on my own history of education (born in the Philippines to missionary parents, attended public schools in Texas through 3rd grade, attended Lutheran elementary school in Indiana for grades 4-8, and public high school in Pennsylvania, High school senior year spent as exchange student in Germany, then Concordia Chicago for undergrad Elementary Education and Concordia Wisconsin for Master's Educational Administration and Curriculum & Instruction), I am amazed at how God brought me to this time and place. The depth of Lutheran classical education is remarkable and wonderful. I look forward to being a part of whatever God may bring to happen here at St. Peter's and in the Waterford community.

Martin Luther is quoted in the 27th edition of the CCLE's Education Journal publication article by Rev. John Hill, "**I would advise no one to send his child where the Holy Scriptures are not supreme.**" (Luther's Works 44:205-7) Learning God's words are the key for life everlasting, as the Holy Spirit enlivens our faith. As we consider the readiness of our church and community for a classical school and other options for our homeschooling parents, we take encouragement from Luther who said that the heart of education was learning language (*or languages such as Latin, Greek, and Hebrew*) to understand the Holy Scriptures and to be able to speak and write as we confess our faith. As God leads and guides, a Lutheran academic center based at St. Peter's will start from Holy Scripture, emphasize truth, goodness, and beauty in the Word and works of God, and dive into classical studies with children. As we observe the wonders of God's marvelous works this coming year, I ask for your prayers for the Preschool especially with our start this fall and beyond. *Please also pray* for the Genesis Project steering committee as they go about the work of consideration and information gathering this coming year.

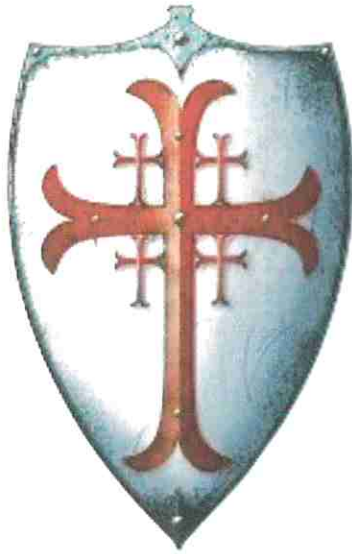
Genesis Project (Classical School Feasibility) Update: We are gathering names of interested volunteers for the Steering Committee! The steering committee members help with getting interviews, focus groups set up, gathering information, helping collect data, and helping craft business plan models to share with the congregation. Contact Ted Myers or me if interested!

Preschool Update: As of this printing we have 18 enrolled for the Fall. This is up from 12 last year. We still are enrolling and have space to grow. Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to consider us.

Preschool Playtime (Families with kids ages 2-5) has focused on God as the Trinity this summer. We learned about God the Father (Creator), and Jesus - God with us, the Good Shepherd and Savior. We'll meet on Aug 26th to talk about the Holy Spirit. We sing songs, have snacks, and play together. What a great time! Please plan on attending.

Homeschool Open Up (Families with kids 5K - 8th) We met in June for a Field day and had a great time learning about Christ as our prize and joy. We skipped July and did VBS. If your kids are out of school (EVEN IF YOU DON'T HOMESCHOOL) please come and join us on Aug. 15 at 9:30 a.m. for water based fun! 262-534-6066 RSVP.

Living by the exceedingly great and precious promises of God! 1 Peter 1:4



LWML SWD Fall Retreat
September 26-27, 2025
Embassy Suites By Hilton MKE/Brookfield
1200 S. Moorland Road
Brookfield, WI 53005

Put on the Whole Armor of God... Ephesians 6:10-18

Armor of God- Your Strong Suit

Presenter: Donna Snow

Even though we do not like discussing spiritual warfare, it is necessary because it is real. Spiritual warfare has the potential to rob us of peace and security only to leave behind doubt and unrest. But God offers protection to us-HIS protection. You will leave this retreat knowing the rock-solid truth that God has provided everything needed for you to proclaim ultimate victory!

Gifts from the Heart Recipients:

FREE AT LAST

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Deodorant
- Shavers
- Lotion
- Soap
- Hand Towel
- Wash Cloth



Main Servant Events:

Stuffing Backpacks with the Hygiene Items
Marking Bibles to be used in Prison Ministry

Offering Recipient:

75% Grief Share at Hope Lutheran MKE
25% Female Lutheran Church Work Scholarship

To Register:



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

NEWS RELEASE - 41st Biennial Convention in Omaha, Nebraska

Lutheran Women in Mission (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) welcomed 3774 participants to the 41st Biennial LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, June 26-29, 2025, under the theme "Growing in God's Grace", based on 2 Peter 3:18. Delegates adopted a \$2,600,000 mission grant goal for the 2025-2027 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 33 mission grants as women and men respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. A motion to increase the Mission Grant Goal to \$2,622,270 to fully fund mission grant #33 Reaching Out With God's Love in a Safe Place, Forward, a Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska was adopted details can be found at lwml.org.

To read more about the convention go to lwml.org.

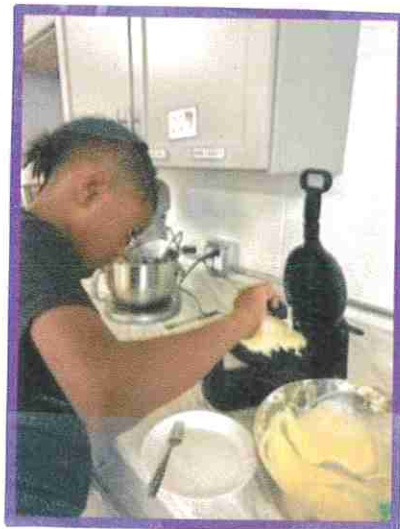
About Lutheran Women in Mission - Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is the leading women's organization of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Since 1941, Lutheran Women in Mission has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions. We're a non-profit that encourages women to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and to honor God by serving others.

2024-2026 LWML South Wisconsin District Mission Grant #4 - Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs of WI has been paid.

Mission Grant #5 God's Children with Special Needs -- Journey School \$50,000 is next. Pick up a Mite Box in the narthex.

Journey's Lutheran School continues to embrace student in grades 3-12 with special needs and unique learning challenges. Their programs facilitate the educational goals of individualized instruction and growth along with the sharing of the Gospel.

This grant will go toward purchasing two passenger vans which will be used to transport student to field trips and other life-skill learning opportunities outside the building and use in the school-to-work program.





St. Peter's Semi-Annual Rummage Sale August 8th & 9th, 2025

We are again asking for donations of your gently used, "unneeded" items for our semi-annual rummage sale. Donations may be brought to the church starting **Monday, August 4th thru Wednesday, August 6th**. **On Thursday, August 7th last minute details and any pricing will be done.** **The Sale is August 8th & 9th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (\$5.00 bag sale from 12-1 on the 9th).**

We will accept rummage items, set up and have the sale within a one-week period. We ask that you place your donated items on the appropriate marked table or designated area. This is extremely helpful in organizing the sale in a short time frame. Someone will be here to help you find the marked table/areas so you can set your items out. Please plan additional time for this. Following the sale, unsold items will be boxed for donation to local charities.

St. Peter's Rummage sale has a good reputation in the area for the quality and quantity of the items at the sale along with its neat presentation, so we always have a good turnout, and bargain hunters look forward to this sale. This sale is not only a good fund raiser for the church, but it provides a service to the community.

Items that we are looking for are many and varied, and all cannot be listed here, but suggestions are: clean wearable clothing, household linens, kitchen and dining room items (glass, china, silverware, pots and pans, etc.), records, tapes, books, toys, sporting goods, purses and suitcases, baby items of all sizes and shapes, canning materials, knick knacks, craft items, lamps, frames, gardening equipment, etc. We gladly accept furniture. If you have something that you are not sure of, contact information will be in the upcoming newsletter and bulletins. If you have an appliance or large furniture to donate – we will accept a photo and details with your contact information so we can connect the buyer right to you. We will post the flyer at the sale and assist as needed.

EXCEPTIONS: We are not able to accept pillows, tires, paint, chemicals, open containers of household cleaners, varnish, oxygen, welding tanks, appliances, microwaves, electronics - console stereos, computers, radios, cell or land line phones, speakers & TVs. Basically, items that contain hazardous materials. We are not able to dispose of these items.

Again, we will be accepting donations and setting up **Monday, August 4th through Wednesday, August 6th, TIMES TO BE DETERMINED.** During the week of the sale we need your help and on sale day, we need people to greet our customers, tend the cashier desk, help bag items, and help maintain some order. We are also asking for volunteers on Sunday, August 10th to help with cleaning up.

Please come and help for an hour or two or come each day - whatever works for you. (Even an hour is appreciated.)

So, mark your calendars, and please, please, come and join us.





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
Christian Guida	8/07
Emily Jacobs	8/07
Rodney Everett	8/08
Michael Griebel	8/09
Debbie Mertins	8/09
Lana Mullikin	8/09
Margo Grishaber	8/10
George Marczewski	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
Bonnie Lukas	8/15
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
Kathleen Drake	8/26
Caleb Morby	8/26
Lucas Morby	8/26
Alexander Salo	8/28
Pat Amann	8/29
Gary McGroarty	8/29
Paula Welch	8/29
Clifford Jacobson	8/30
Dorothy Meyer	8/30
Adam Draves	8/31
Daniel Fischer	8/31
Ruth Kempken	8/31
Kevin Mittelstaedt	8/31
Jenny Obermeyer	8/31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating August wedding anniversaries:

Rick & Cindy McGaughy	8/02
Matthew & Melissa Eberhardt	8/03
Horst & Jean Friese	8/05
Bruce & Jill Grindeland	8/07
Erik & Lisa Salo	8/10
Jaime & Christina Multhauf	8/14
David & Christine Block	8/18
Raymond & Laura Fischer	8/26
Frederick & Carol Wolfram	8/30
Mark & Diane Siddons	8/31





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

August 2025

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Worship 9:30am	4	5 Ladies: "Reading of the Psalms" 1:00pm	6 Worship 6:30pm	7	8 Rummage Sale 8:00am to 1:00pm	9 Rummage Sale 8:00am to 1:00pm
10 Worship 9:30am Milkmen Game	11 Finance 6:00pm Adult Catechesis 6:00pm	12 Ladies: "Reading of the Psalms" 1:00pm	13 Youth Catechesis orientation 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Council 7:30pm	14	15 Homeschool open-up 9:30am – 11:00am	16
17 Worship 9:30am	18 Adult Catechesis 6:00pm	19 Ladies: "Reading of the Psalms" 1:00pm	20 Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	21	22	23 Men's Bible Study 8:30am
24 Worship 9:30am Sunday School Registration – 11:00am	25 Adult Catechesis 6:00pm	26 Preschool Playtime 9:30- 10:30am Ladies: "Reading of the Psalms" 1:00pm	27 Worship 6:30pm	28	29	30
31 Worship 9:30am						

Rummage Sale set-up August 4th – 7th, 9am-4pm, see sign up sheet on office window.
 Church Picnic – September 7th.