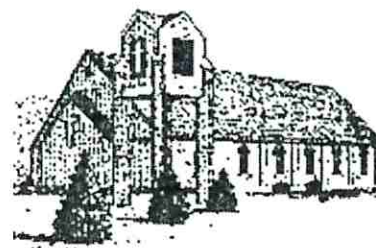


St. Peter's Epistle



September 2025

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

Upcoming Events

Youth Catechesis
Begins Sept 3 @ 5:15pm

Men's Bible Study
Sept 6

Sunday School /
Bible Study
Begins Sept. 7 @ 8:15am

Church Picnic
Sept 7 after service

Movie Night
Break until October

Golf Outing
Sept 27

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.

CHURCH

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pastorconradt@stpeterswaterford.com

Church Office

secretary@stpeterswaterford.com

PRESCHOOL

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Mr. Melvin Beversdorf, Director
director@stpeterswaterford.com

From the Desk of Pastor Conradt "Young People & the Internet"

We have heard and seen that people have left "the Church" (the numbers have been across denominations) in droves leading up to 2020 and spiraling after. We also saw this in our own church. But over the last few years we have also witnessed a trend of average weekly attendance going up. In fact we are at roughly the same average that we were at prior to 2020. This is all by God's grace.

Another trend that is being reported throughout the areas that were historically known as Christendom (the West), is an increase in young people-especially young men-searching out church. Not just any type of church, but a large amount of them are ending up at a traditional church. Why? Because young people have been buffeted by the waves of the times. Many of them have grown up without regular worship. They have grown up without direction and purpose. And they know there has to be something more.

So, in droves they are finding the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. These are denominations with rich traditions and history; with structure and order; with beauty and substance. Something that many young people have grown up without. Those denominations also have money and resources.

They have been able to crack into where those young people are: the internet. I will often see short clips of the beautiful churches and rich traditions of those denominations on my own social media. They have that presence.

And while I am thankful that many are finding Christianity, I also know that there is another option. One that has the rich traditions and history; structure and order; beauty and substance. But also one that holds the Bible above all of that. That submits to the Bible as God's Word first and lets her traditions be informed by it. That has not given up the sacraments as

the means by which Christ distributes the forgiveness of sins. The Bible and then tradition.

Take this quote from the Augsburg Confession, "Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass [Divine Service]. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved.... Therefore, it does not appear that the Mass is more devoutly celebrated among our adversaries than among us" (AC XXIV 1, 9).

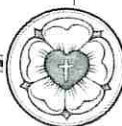
There are people that are begin drawn in and we have what they are looking for, but can't see us. God calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies His church; and He uses means to do that.

Up until this point most of our website has been done by the pastor and secretaries, and our social media is also done by me. I am not "up with it anymore". To that end, the Elders and I would like to find some volunteers that would be willing to help us with our online presence. This would include regular updates of our website. Most people that are looking for a church these days start with an internet search. If you type, "churches in Waterford, WI" we don't even appear immediately without clicking "see more".

We also could use someone to make better use of our social media. I only work on facebook and I've been told that young people don't use facebook. Ouch.... We are looking for someone that can make clips and post them with links to the full sermons and maybe some video clips here or there so that people can see what God is doing here. We have some of the best content out there, because we have Jesus. And that's what everyone needs. Please email me with your ideas or if you can help.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt



Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISMS

Madison Marie Moshinski
6/9/2025 8/10/2025

Alice Marie Terry
8/10/2025 8/11/2025

Adult Confirmation

Sara Somers



NEW MEMBERS

Transfer In:

Steven & Samantha Moshinski, Mason

Lloyd & Carie King, Jackson, Charlotte

MEMBERS LEAVING

By Release:

Lisa Bennington (Quinn, Adalynn, Nora)

Newsletter Due Dates

October

September 26th

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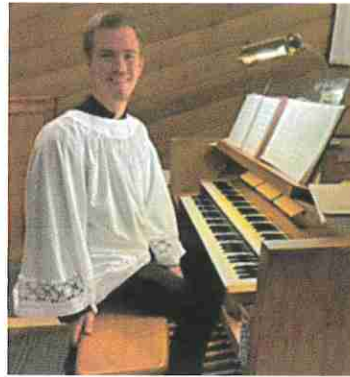
First day of Sunday School

September 7th, 8:15am



CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday, September 7th.
Please bring a dish to
pass. Sign-up sheet is
in the narthex.**



Mr. Malachi Heinecke
*College Student,
Organist*

Mr. Malachi Heinecke is a full-time college student. Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he grew up across the United States in small Lutheran parishes. Malachi is currently attending Concordia University, Wisconsin (CUW) where he just completed his first full year of college. He is in the Classical Education program and the Pre-seminary program, majoring in both Philosophy and the Theological Languages as well as minoring in Classical Pedagogy. He is taking lessons from Dr. Craig Sproat, a wonderful and instructful organ professor at CUW. He also serves in several capacities in his extracurricular opportunities on campus including Co-Coordinator for evening chapel services, the president of debate club and organ club, and band and choir. While not at school, Malachi enjoys spending time at home with his mother, father, and four siblings. He likes to garden, take care of the chickens, play board games, drink tea, and discuss theology and philosophy.

In Christ,

Malachi Heinecke

Sophomore—Theological Languages and
Philosophy

President; Concordia Debate Club, Organ Club
Co-coordinator for Evening Services

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16)

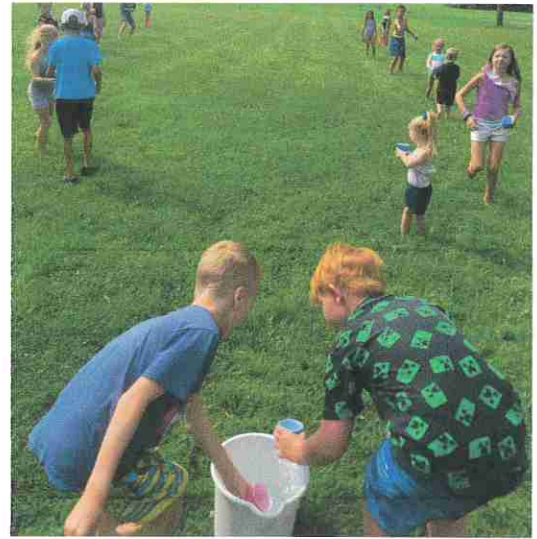
"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgement, with every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Ec. 12:13-14)



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

The school year begins September 2nd, the Tuesday after Labor Day. We begin 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 still has some open spots left and is ready to provide a blessed Christian preschool environment to Waterford and surrounding areas. For more information, please visit our website at www.stpeterswaterford.com/rainbow-preschool

HOMESCHOOL OPEN UP (Families with kids 5K-8th)



August 15th was a great day for our Homeschool / Out of School kids. We had fun water contests and talked about God's amazing gift to us in the waters of our Holy Baptism - which works "forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare." (Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/small-catechism/baptism>)

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS



We will be having a short meeting after service on September 7th to discuss plans for this year's Christmas caroling event. Please plan to come.

GOLF OUTING



The Board of Parish Fellowship is planning a golf outing at Rivermoor Golf Club on Saturday, September 27th. We will tee off at noon. Please sign up on the Fellowship Events board in the narthex. The cost is \$70 per person for 18 holes including the cart. Not a golfer – that's ok, you can attend our fellowship dinner (arrive 4:30-5:00pm) for \$25 per person for food (brats, burgers, beans & chips) and two drink tickets. A portion of the funds will be donated to the Preschool.

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.



SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Faith, Hope, & Love

Organization



In September, we are once again thinking about the Foster Care program "Duffels for Kids". 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 these bags contain items for their personal hygiene, and items just to make them feel more at home in their new surroundings.

This year they are in need of stuffed animals for their duffels.

Please consider making a cash donation or contributing a new stuffed animal to brighten the day of these children.



SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP & LADIES AID/LWML

will start up the new "year" with a combined meeting on Monday, September 8th at 11:00 am. All men & women seniors age 55+ and all ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us! Senior Group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Ladies Aid/LWML meets with them on the 2nd Monday each month. **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.

CHURCH / SCHOOL BASEMENT CLEANUP

In preparation for the upcoming school year, the preschool staff is cleaning out parts of the **lower level main storage room** and the **large corner storage room off of the Parish Hall / Gym (where tables are stored)**. IF your group or committee stores supplies in this area, please have a representative of your group make sure that your things are LABELED with the name of the activity or committee that you represent so it can be safely stored. Thank you!

TURKEY DINNER & BAKE SALE



We have been planning this year's Turkey dinner and it'll be October before we know it. We will again be reaching out to our congregation for help with this year's dinner.

Saturday, October 18th, 2025 4:00pm until 7:00pm
Dine-In pricing remains the same as last year:
Adults - \$15.00 - 4-11 years - \$10.00, 3 and under - free. Carry-Out - \$15.00
Bake Sale will be in the narthex from 3:00pm until 7:00pm or until bakery is sold out.

We will need a variety of baked goods for the sale. Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, breads, etc. Please be sure when you drop it off you label your baked good with what it is and if it has nuts/no nuts, etc. Please contact Shelley Kempken if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this event. ~ 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."**

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.

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!

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.





St. Peter's Lutheran Preschool & Genesis Project

From the Director - Melvin Beversdorf



O Lord, how great are thy works!

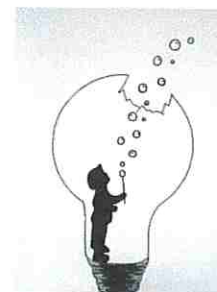
And thy thoughts are very deep

Psalm 92:5

For it is by Grace, through Faith..

Thank you for your continued support. A lot has happened this summer. We are swapping a classroom with Sunday school. We've gotten some pipes fixed. We've organized toys and supplies and are working on our school library. We've grown from 12 to 26 (+ maybe more soon). The office has gotten waxed and classrooms updated for our 2 age ranges (2-3.5 and 3.5 - 5 years old). We've gained more St. Peter's Lutheran member children (now 3!). Mrs. Grundman has done some more training and I've gotten to connect with the CCLE, submitted the Genesis Program application, and learned about the Herzog Foundation and how they support Christian schools. It's been a busy summer.

I've enjoyed learning and meeting children and families in the community as I promoted the preschool at the Celebrate Waterford event and at many Monday night Food and Fun on First. We had 3 Preschool playtimes and 2 Homeschool events, and VBS. It was neat to see how God was working. Also thank you to the Rummage sale volunteers who made that event happen and helped also clean up around the building. It is still a work in progress, but progress has definitely been made in organizing and making the resources we have more accessible and manageable as God works His way in our midst.



Genesis Project (Classical School Feasibility) Update: Application has been submitted. Also starting to gather information on possible models of moving forward for discussion with board and parents.

Preschool Update: As of this printing we have 26 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) With myself teaching in the mornings in the 2/3K this program will need to be revamped and revisited how this can best work in the future. More information to come soon.

Homeschool Open Up (Families with kids 5K - 8th) We had a great time in August with water and connecting to our Baptism into Christ. The homeschool group in our church has some ideas for fall events. I'll keep you posted with how the church / school can connect and be involved.

As we start school on September 2, please let me know if you have any interest in learning more about the preschool or being involved as a volunteer for any of our events or in the support of the preschool. There are opportunities!

Thank you also for your support of the preschool as the August Mission of the Month. Your money donated will help further equip our music and large motor room that we are preparing this fall, as well as support our growth. Your prayers are always appreciated and your connection is desired as we move forward in Christ. We are growing by God's grace and I look forward to what this school year will bring - in terms of the preschool and about the possibility of a school.

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



I am the Heart of LWML!



I am a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

I am a Lutheran Woman in Mission.

I recognize that I am the Heart of LWML, created to praise His name, reflect His glory, and share His love.

I want my church to understand that the Heart of LWML lies within each woman as she engages in mission education, mission inspiration, mission service, and mission support.

I want each woman of the LCMS to embrace her role as a Lutheran Woman in Mission.

Join me in making this very personal, indeed!

Ladies Aid / LWML meet the 2nd Monday of the month with Senior Friendship Group. Visit lwml-swd.org for District news.

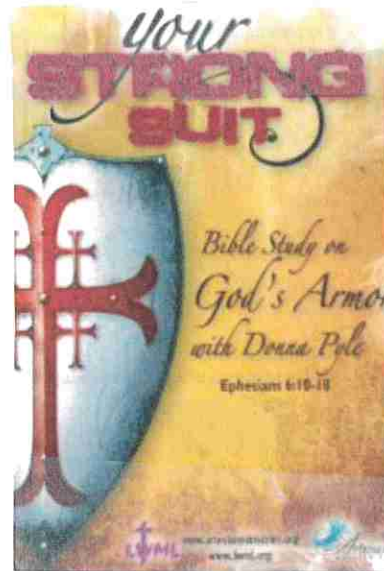
Ladies Aid/LWML September Newsletter

LWML SWD Fall Retreat - September 26-27, 2025
Embassy Suites By Hilton MKE/Brookfield

"Armor of God - Your Strong Suit"

Donna (Pyle) Snow Presenter

Donna Snow is a soul-stirring, engaging speaker, author, and worship leader. Donna Snow has a passion for studying and teaching God's Word. More information on Fall Retreat at lwml-swd.org or contact Winnie Shelton dgshelton02@gmail.com



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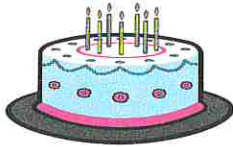
Zone 21 LWML Fall Rally
Saturday, October 11, 2025
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
417 S. Kane Street
Burlington, WI

Come travel with us to Guatemala by only traveling to Burlington, Wisconsin! Join the Women in Mission Zone 21. We will travel through God's Word in Bible study with Rev. Chris Lockie followed by our journey to Guatemala missions with Rev. Paul Muther.

Join us in helping a local mission, Lutheran Mission Attic Workshop, by donating: feminine pads, soap, deodorant, toothpaste toothbrushes, shampoo, combs, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, gauze pads and medical tape. A box will be set up in the narthex in October.

We look forward to seeing you! Zone 21 LWML



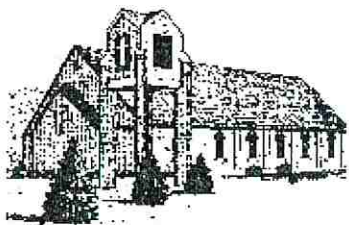
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Checker	9/02
Steve Moshinski	9/02
Terri Geboy	9/03
Melissa Eberhardt	9/05
Charlotte King	9/06
Denise Schauer	9/06
Allison Schauer	9/07
Everette Poulter	9/08
Steven Kominiak	9/09
Cindy Brintnall	9/10
Chester Hayden	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
Grayden Smith	9/20
Daniel Krueger	9/21
Elaine Baumgart	9/22
Jerry Christiansen	9/22
Jane Craig	9/22
Matt Kenitzer	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
Beau Multhauf	9/30

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
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 2025

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

Waterford, WI

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 Preschool resumes Ladies Reading the Psalms 1:00pm	3 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	4	5	6 Men's Bible Study 8:30am
7 S.S./B.C. resumes 8:15am Worship 9:30am Church Picnic Christmas Caroling Mtg. after service	8 Sr. Group and LWML 11:00am	9 W.B.S. 1:00pm	10 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Finance 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Council 7:30pm	11	12	13
14 Sunday School/Bible Study 8:15am Worship 9:30am	15 Adult Catechesis 6:00pm	16 W.B.S. 1:00pm	17 CNH Vendor Fair 10-12 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	18	19 Turkey Dinner meeting 10:00am	20
21 Sunday School/Bible Study 8:15am Worship 9:30am	22 Sr. Group 11:00am Adult Catechesis 6:00pm	23 W.B.S. 1:00pm	24 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	25	26	27 Golf Outing @ Rivermoor – 12:00pm followed by a Fellowship meal, also @ Rivermoor – arrive between 4:30/5:00pm.
28 Sunday School/Bible Study 8:15am Worship 9:30am	29 Adult Catechesis 6:00pm	30 W.B.S. 1:00pm				