St. Peter's Epistle

November 2025

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



Upcoming Events

Large Catechism Conference Nov I St. Paul, Union Grove

Voters' Meeting November 9

Movie Night November 14

Men's Bible Study November 15

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 "Conferences"

Conferences are a great opportunity for me to learn and grow. We have many opportunities throughout the year. I had a perfect storm of conferences scheduled all around each other toward the end of October. There was a Men's Retreat in place of our Men's Bible Study on a Saturday. The retreat was held at Luther Memorial Chapel in Shorewood (just north of UW-M). It was great and we had 8 other men from our congregation attend. We worshipped together and dug into what the Scripture has to say to men about a host of different topics. We left early to get back to help put on a great year of Turkey Dinner (thanks to everyone that helped).

This was followed by our Vespers service in the park on Sunday. A huge thank you to everyone who came to it (about 75 in total including about 10 from the community).

Then the next day through Wednesday I had a pastors' conference. Specific to our District (South Wisconsin District) we have two a year. I have been the head of our planning committee for the last five with our last one coming up in May 2026. It has been a learning experience. I appreciate the time with fellow pastors as we form a brotherhood sharpening one another. This time we learned about education, both in the parish (from 2nd Vice President of Synod: Rev. Benjamin Ball) and updates on the current state of Seminary education (from the president of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne: Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss). That conference finished in the afternoon on

Wednesday.

Then Thursday I had a Live2Lead conference here in town. This was different from anything I had ever attended before as—even though many of the presenters were Christian and it often showed—it wasn't specifically a Christian conference. It was a partnership with the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce. One of the most exciting presentations was done by Jesse Cole, the founder of the Savannah Bananas. He had exuberant energy and incredible stories. This conference was directed to help us become better leaders and I was thankful to attend.

In a span of Saturday-Wednesday, I worshipped 11 times, using the Divine Service, Matins, Vespers, Compline, & Responsive Prayer II. What a joy!

Here I want to put in a plug for another conference coming up on November 1st. It is open to everybody. While all of us were required to learn Martin Luther's Small Catechism, too often the Large Catechism goes unused. On Sunday mornings we have been studying the Large Catechism. And so have many of the other congregations in our circuit area. This conference is hosted by St. Paul's in Union Grove (1610 Main St.). I am one of the four presenters. You can find more information in the hallway by my office.

It is a joy to keep learning, growing, and refining the stations in which the Lord has placed both me and you. Let me know if you have any questions. Keep learning.

In Christ,

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OFFICIAL ACTS



NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith:

Matthew Froehling

MEMBERS LEAVING

Transfer Out:

Rod, Lori, Ben, and Erin Everett

By Release:

Arthur & Jessica Mehring (Morgan & Nora)



DON'T FORGET!
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
Sunday, November 2, 2025,
2:00am



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Education will be hosting "Family Movie Night" on Friday, November 14th at 6:00pm in the parish hall. The November movie is *Migration*. 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 on the sheet located on office window.



SENIOR GROUP/LADIES AIDE

The last meeting for Senior Group of this year will be December 8th. We will have a short business meeting at 11:00am, followed by our Christmas luncheon. Please put on your best (or worst) Christmas sweater as there will be a prize for one of you. We will be playing Take-Away Bingo, and the entry fee is a wrapped "white elephant" present. Hope to see you all there!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

TURKEY DINNER UPDATE 2025

Combined dinners (dine in and carry out) were 695 meals. This is up 137 from 2024. Total money brought in from Dinner, Bakery, Donations and Sunday sales is \$13,083.00. The expenses will add up to several thousand dollars for purchase of food and rentals of equipment. More detailed accounting will be available in the annual report which will come out in early 2026.

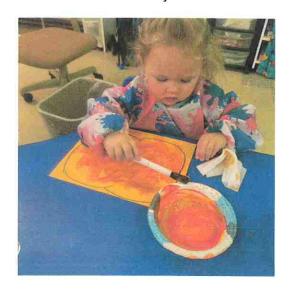
THANK YOU ~ to all our Turkey Dinner volunteers! Special thanks to those that spent most, if not all, of the week at church preparing all the various dishes to be served from turkey to coleslaw and to those that came on Saturday to help make this year's turkey dinner have a successful end. It goes way beyond food prep though. Many more tasks, like advertising, rearranging all the furniture and the endless cleaning, go into the planning. Please know we could not do this without all the volunteers that step forward for our Turkey Dinner.

1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Preschool has completed 8 weeks already! We have 28 students and 2 classrooms. We enjoy learning about the Bible Stories from Creation to Joshua so far. We've been learning letters and sounds through H, Numbers through 7, and colors and shapes. We give thanks for the prayers and support of the St. Peter's Church and community.



BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Board of Social Ministry is planning to go caroling to area nursing homes on

Saturday December 13th. We will meet at Church at 10:30am. Our caroling will start at Waterford Place, then to Waterford Senior Living and lastly Spring Brook in Burlington. When we are done, we will head to Pine Street Café for dinner. We need your voices and smiling faces to make this a wonderful experience for all. Please be sure to sign up by November 30th so we have a headcount for dinner. If you have questions please contact Jeff Ostovich.

NOVEMBER 2025 MISSION OF THE MONTH

We will again participate in the "Friends of Jesus" Toy Drive for needy children for our November M.O.M. Each present should be a new (\$15 value or more) toy or game which is wrapped with the label attached. Wrapped toys need to be here by December 4th. Please find additional information in the narthex.



Gift is for: Boy Girl Fither

Either (choose one)

Age Group:

Infant

Description of gift:						

1 - 2 years
3 - 4 years
5 - 7 years
8 - 10 years
11 - 13 years
14 - 16 years
(circle all that apply)

This toy drive is led by Triple Crown Products of Mukwonago, Dennis Quernemoen, Director. After the collection, the personalizing of all the presents received will take place on Sunday, December 7th from 12:30pm – 5:00pm at the Poplar Creek Church in Greenfield.

Contact Brian Quernemoen phone: 262-758-7224 or email Brian@triplecrownproducts.com for questions.

POINSETTIAS

Orders are now being taken for decorating our church during



the Christmas Holidays. Order forms are located by the mailboxes or in the office. The cost is \$16.00 each. Order deadline is November 23rd.

Newsletter Due Date

December Newsletter

Deadline November 21st

COURTYARD VOLUNTEER NEEDED If anyone has any interest in maintaining the landscaping in the courtyard, please contact Jarrod Morby at 262-206-4374.



Saturday, December 6th 9:00am-1:00pm we are hosting a cookie walk similar to what we have had in the past. We are looking to have people volunteer to bake cookies for the sale as well as anyone who may be interested in setting up a vendor/craft booth during the event. Lastly, we would like to ask if anyone would like to help organize children's caroling during the cookie walk.

COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED: (5) dozen Cookies minimum. You can bake and bring as many as you like. Your donation is very much appreciated.

Please drop the cookies off at Church on Friday December 5th from 10:00am-4:00pm and Saturday the 6th by 8:00am. Please indicate if the cookies have nuts or common allergens in them or not.

VENDORS NEEDED: Have a Craft to sell! Vendor Tables will be available for \$20. Sign up forms are by the mailboxes. If you have friends or relatives that would be interested in having a booth feel free to share the information.

Please contact one of us for information or if your available to volunteer:

Cindy Brintnall – 262-492-6578 Karry Brintnall – 605-496-2829 Debbie Berndt – 262-352-9099 Jill Jacobs – 262-498-6605

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. 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!



FLOWERS

Flowers are a wonderful way to honor a special occasion or remember loved ones and friends who

have passed away. The signup sheet is in the Narthex by the coat racks. When signing up for chancel flowers, please be sure to have the florist call the church office for delivery days and times.



LADIES AID/LWML

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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."



LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees would like to remind the congregation that the church has 2 computers in the

library available for use by members of the congregation. Feel free to stop in the office during office hours if you need information about how to sign on. Also, please take a look at the selection of books and movies available to borrow.



RECIPE CORNER

Includes recipes from

~ "FEEDING THE FLOCK" COOKBOOK~

(a collection of recipes by St. Peter's Lutheran School and Rainbow Preschool 2006)

TING-A-LINGS

1 pkg Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips

1 pkg Butterscotch Chips

1 can Chow Mein Noodles (4 oz.)

1 cup Salted Cashews

Melt chocolate and butterscotch chips in microwave oven. Stir every minute until creamy and smooth. Add noodles and cashews and mix. Drop by spoonful's on waxed paper. Yields 3 ½ dozen.

Pat Jung

CRISPY CHERRY COOKIES

2 ½ cup Sifted Flour 1 tsp Baking Powder ½ tsp Baking soda

½ tsp Salt ¾ cup Shortening 1 cup Sugar

2 Eggs 2 T Milk 1 tsp Vanilla

½ cup Maraschino Cherries

chopped

1 cup Chopped Pecans 1 cup Chopped Dates

Extra Cherries for Decorating 2 ½ cup Crushed Cornflakes

Sift together the dry ingredients; Combine shortening and sugar. Cream well. Add eggs, milk, vanilla and mix well. Blend in the dry ingredients, mix well, add pecans, dates, chopped cherries and mix well. Take level teaspoonfuls of dough and shape into balls. Roll each ball in cornflakes. Place on greased baking sheets. Top each with ¼ of a maraschino cherry. Bake 10 to 12 minutes in a 375 degree oven.

Carol Buchholtz



November 2025 Genesis Project update

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Genesis Project:

Well, maybe you got the congregational survey and wondered, "What in the world do all these things mean?" Here's a short explanation of some of the points along with my personal perspective on some of the issues St. Peter's Lutheran Church is facing.

- 1. Commitment of pastor The Board of Parish Education and Pastor have been promoting classical education for the last 2 years. At least 80% of the home based schooling families at St. Peter's use at least some elements of a classical curriculum. Pastor is called by the congregation and works with the elders to provide God's Word of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and give you the Sacraments that assure you of God's love for you, seal you for eternal life (Eph. 1:13-14), and offer weekly renewal through connecting you to Jesus Christ atonement for your sins. He works hard to teach and preach God's love and provide a structure of learning for young and old to grow in their faith. His involvement in the preschool (weekly Chapel and classroom visits) and in the education of his own family show the value he places on Lutheran education. His enthusiasm for classical education is evident through his newsletter pieces also. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6
- 2. <u>Lay Leadership</u> This is asking you about how you see your congregational leaders and volunteers. I have seen a deep commitment by those in leadership to work with church members to bring about positive growth and improvements in the facility, programming, and scheduling of the resources this church possesses. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 3. Vision for outreach through school ministry I believe that school ministry is first and foremost for the congregational children as it is a God given responsibility of parents and authorities to teach the saving faith in Jesus Christ. Inviting others in our extended families and in our local community to hear the message of Christ crucified and risen for their eternal salvation is an honorable endeavor. Christ grows His church through the work of the Holy Spirit. So shall word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:11
- 4. Stewardship capability I've only been here for a year of voters' meetings, but I have seen how generous the people in the congregation are surrounding special events and during difficult times for families (funerals and otherwise). I have seen the mindset of sharing what we've been blessed with in our mission offerings to support Lutheran and other organizations in the community. Also in cleaning up the office, I've come by some school budgets. In 2008 2009, the congregation helped out the school with support for teachers and staff at about \$8,000 a month (\$11,450 in today's dollars). The endowment funds (about \$30,000 of the interest I presume) was given to the school for operational costs and expenses. The capability is there, this survey will help determine if the willingness is also there. He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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

- 5. Follow through (Perseverance) I recently called LCMS School Ministry and talked to them about our community survey. I asked them to tweak it so it had a classical Lutheran spin, not a general Lutheran school reach. In speaking to them, the manager commented that he is asking us to determine if we think that the classical school start up can last not just for 3 years but for 30 or 50 years. At a place that is 160 years young, there is a steadfastness that pervades and a joyfulness in worship that emanates from many. As sinful humans, we all trend towards the easiest path and slothful laziness, but God equips us for the work that He is doing in our midst(Eph 2:10). I believe St. Peter's has the faith, sticktoitiveness, and love to move forward with providing options for families to grow in our midst. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Romans 8:26
- 6. <u>Children available Congregation</u> Pastor remarked at a meeting I attended that we have about 100 under 18 in our Congregation. These can range from 0-18 (obviously not all K-8 school age), but there is an availability. The point of this survey is to see if there is general support for a formal education route hosted in our building. The community survey (coming soon) will be given to prospective parents to gauge their interest in sending their child to a Lutheran classical school. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136: 3-4 ESV
- 7. Children available Community Based on national statistics (https://nces.ed.gov/), in 2024 Waterford Public PreK 8 had 1,462 students and they received \$16,943 for each student for a \$25.11 million budget. The Waterford Public Unified High School had 890 students and they received \$24,464 for each student for a \$23.9 million budget. We see more housing going up every year. Based on unitedstateszipcodes.org, the 53185 zip code has a population of 18,761 with 62% being Husband / Wife Family households. 70% of those households have kids. Last year about half of our preschool families lived in the Burlington zip code. This 53105 zipcode adds a potential population of 29,654 with 54% being Husband / Wife Family households. 72% of those households have kids. It is unknown if the community values a Lutheran Classical education. Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. Psalm 127:3-5
- 8. Potential for a Lutheran School (reach / market area) Our market area could run from Janesville and Beloit on the West to Racine and Kenosha on the East to Waukesha and Milwaukee on the North. The truth is that I don't know how FAR a fellow Lutheran would be willing to travel to a Lutheran Classical school. Technically, we don't have any Lutheran Classical school for 28 miles (50 min away North at Peace Lutheran Academy, Sussex) Other local Lutheran congregations may also have children who have interest in a formal classical school. Additionally, it is unknown if homeschool families will see a need to connect to some of the offerings at a classical school (for enrichment such as art, music, P.E., Latin, or even just for chapel, etc.) or if there is an age when they prefer formal schooling for their children (? possibly middle school / high school?). The surveys will begin to help us understand the reality of our current situation and future possibilities. If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:31-32

Can you help in getting input as we ask the community? Please let me know if you'd be willing to go with a team to gather survey responses door to door or at the Grocery Store or local business. If you'd like to help post the survey "posters" around the area, please let me know also, OR if you know of a group (such as 4-H or Scouts or something like that) that you can visit (I'll buy you a tray of cookies to share) for getting people's responses. Please reach out to Mr. B at the info above.

Coming Up in November:

Homeschool Outing - Concordia University Wisconsin Children's Theater - Nov. 7th 10 a.m. - Madagascar Preregistered families leave around 8:30 from St. Peter's.

We remember with thankfulness our Veterans on November 11! Preschool Playtime - November 20 from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

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Choose from a large assortment of Cookies and Treats to enjoy all Christmas Season

\$10 / Pound (Containers will be provided)

Vendors will be displaying their unique crafts

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2025 9:00_{AM} - 1:00_{PM}

(or until Cookies run out)

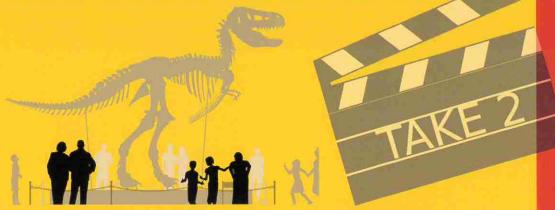
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All proceeds go to the Pre-School & Kitchen Upgrades



LUTHERAN COUNSELING &
FAMILY SERVICES
OF WISCONSIN'S

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM



November 15, 2025 — 6:00pm - 8:00pm

SECOND ANNUAL FREE
MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCE FAIR

Register today by emailing lcfs@lcfswi.org or by scanning the QR code below:

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC
MUSEUM
800 W. Wells Street
Parking Available
on Site



Meet LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs Music by ATK Ministries

RESOURCE TOPICS:

• ADULT MENTAL HEALTH • ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH •
• CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH • TRAUMA • GRIEF AND LOSS • AGING • ADOPTION •
• SUICIDE AWARENESS • ADDICTION • CHRISTIAN COUNSELING • PARENTING •

AND MUCH MORE!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Horst Friese	11/01
Charolette Beversdorf	11/02
Esther Racer	11/02
Shelby Jacobs	11/03
Debbie Jutrzonka	11/04
Jenny Kempken	11/04
Heinrich Kenitzer	11/04
Kendall Jacobs	11/07
Terri Jung	11/09
Heidi Frost	11/10
Susan Radmer	11/12
Lynn Gruenewaldt	11/13
Susan Greiner	11/14
Karry Brintnall	11/15
Alaina Berndt	11/16
Richard Gay	11/16
Phyllis McGroarty	11/16
Billie Hayden	11/17
Jodi Sekey	11/17
Timothy Gay	11/18
Kim Acker	11/19
Willa Beversdorf	11/20
Roman Nowak	11/22
Marcy Gay	11/23
Greg Poulter	11/23
Dylan Hein	11/25
Kirsten Simonsen	11/25
Maggie Kenitzer	11/26
Silas Morby	11/26
Ken Winkler	11/26
Benjamin Himebauch	11/27
Alexandrea LeMieux	11/27
Caryl Perrin	11/28
Erik Salo	11/28



To the following couples who are celebrating November anniversaries:

Kevin & Ryan Mittelstaedt	11/02
Anthony & Heidi Kin	11/06
Jeffrey & Mary Niederer	11/06
Mark & Dona Grebe	11/10
Philip & Lynn Gruenwaldt	11/13
Corrie & Dawn Blawat	11/26
Gary & Phyllis McGroarty	11/27



November 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
						Luther's Large Catechism Conference St. Paul's Church, Union Grove
2:00am – Daylight Savings – "Fall back one hour" S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am	New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:00pm Turkey Dinner follow-up meeting 6:30pm Everyone is invited.	W.B.S. 1:00pm	Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Finance 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Council 7:30pm	6	7	8
9 S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am Voters Meeting	Sr. Group and LWML 11:00am New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:30pm	11 W.B.S. 1:00pm	Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	13	14 Movie Night 6:00 pm "Migration"	15 Men's Bible Study 8:30am
16 S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am	17	18 W.B.S. 1:00pm	19 Worship 6:30pm	Preschool Playtime 10:15- 11:15am	21	22
23 S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am Poinsettia order deadline.	Sr. Group 11:00am New Member/Adult Catechesis 6:00pm	25 W.B.S. 1:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:30pm	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am						