

# St. Peter's Epistle



May 2026

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

## Upcoming Events

Sunday School  
Recognition  
Sunday May 3

Voters' Meeting  
May 17th at 11 am

Men's Bible Study  
May 16

Family Movie Night  
May 8

Be sure to follow us on facebook  
and visit our website at  
[www.stpeterswaterford.com](http://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* "Advice from 1966"

As Kathy and I were looking on top of some shelves recently, we came across cases that we didn't know much about. After pulling them down and looking at them, we found a video camcorder (records on VHS tape) and a box marked "Cemetery".

Thankfully, George is a treasure. The next week Amy figured out which key opened the "Cemetery" box and George found a document titled "Highlights: Lutheran High School". It was dated May, 1966.

Included in that box was Racine Lutheran High's newsletter from that month/year. They were alerting the public that tuition rates were going to have to be raised. Members of a Missouri Synod Association Church would change from \$165 to \$190 and non-members would change from \$350 to \$375. My, how times have changed.

But more importantly than this, there was an article titled: *1500 Year Old Advice Is Still Good*. I share it with you in full.

"John Chrysostom, born 347 A.D., died 407 A.D., one of four Greek Christian Church Fathers, is recorded as once saying —

'Parents ought to give their children a name having a Christian significance, in order that it may subsequently be a source of good influence.... Mothers ought to care for the bodies of their children, but it is necessary also, that they inspire their offspring with love for the good

and with fear toward God. And fathers will not limit themselves to giving their children an earthly vocation, but will interest themselves, also in their heavenly calling.

'The most beautiful heritage that can be given children is to teach them to govern their passions. Never ought they to hear licentious conversation at home. Let us take care to develop modesty in them, for nothing torments youth so much as what is contrary thereto,

'Let us have for our children the same fear that we have for our houses, when servants go with a light into places where there is inflammable material, as hay or straw. They should not be permitted to go where the fire of impurity may be kindled in their hearts and so do them an irreparable injury.

'A knowledge of the Scriptures is an antidote against the unreasonable inclinations of youth and against the reading of pagan authors, in which heroes, the slaves of every passion, are lauded. The lessons of the Bible are springs that water the soul.'

St. John Chrysostom is called Chrysostom (*i.e.* golden mouth) for a reason. His wisdom and advice from, now, 1600 years ago is just as true in our day as it was in his. May parents use every opportunity to invest primarily in their children's eternal vocation and then secondarily earthly. And may the church assist them in this duty. To God's glory.

In Christ,

*Pastor Conradt*

Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

# OFFICIAL ACTS



## NEW MEMBERS

### FIRST COMMUNION March 29, 2026

Zoe Conradt  
Marian Dolezal  
Charlotte Draves  
Jackson King



## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Rachel Van de Cotte

## YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Andrew Handeland Jr.

## MEMBERS LEAVING

Transfer Out:

Bea Jacobson

## RAINBOW PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME



Meet at St. Peter's Lutheran playground or parish hall Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:15am for a time of play, singing, and activity! Designed for Ages 2-5. Families are welcomed. Please call 262-534-6066 or email [director@stpeterswaterford.com](mailto:director@stpeterswaterford.com) with any questions.



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Parish Fellowship will be hosting movie night on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm. The movie "The Chronicles of Narnia – The Voyage of The Dawn Treader" will be the featured film for this month. Pizza will be served, please sign up to bring a side or dessert. The sign-up sheet is on the office window.

## MAY 2026 MISSION OF THE MONTH



TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Located in Elm Grove, WI

We take an integrated approach to our curriculum. We believe that our God is one, and thus, the universe He has created is interrelated. More than this, we believe that the universe helps reveal aspects of God to us. Our curriculum reflects the interconnectedness of God and His creation.

Trinity's curriculum intentionally brings together history, philosophy, literature, arts, sciences, and mathematics, all seen through the lens of Lutheran theology to provide students with a firm and wide foundation of faith and practice that they can spend the rest of their lives building upon.

We take an "ad fontes" approach to learning, meaning we return to the original sources and read them together so that we can formulate our own thoughts. Our students learn Latin and Greek, interacting with some of the greatest minds in the Western world in the languages they wrote in. Our curriculum moves chronologically through history while focusing on topical units of study.

## 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY

Since it is our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we would love to have a float in the parade this year. The theme for this year's parade is "Our American Story". Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to use the talents and skills God has given you, to spread the good news of the gospel to our community. Contact Jeff Ostovich (414-587-0283) if you are willing to be the coordinator this year.



## **GENESIS PROJECT UPDATE**

The committee received a report from the LCMS School Ministry based on the recent consultants' visits. We also have reviewed the School Determination Survey results (40 so far). **You are still welcome to turn in your survey (online or paper to the office).** The Steering committee will give a summary update at the May Voters' meeting (May 17<sup>th</sup>) and provide recommendations for actions moving forward.



May is usually a chock-full month for families with school-aged kids. Graduation, music recitals, spring sports tournaments, awards ceremonies...the list goes on! It can be easy to get bogged down with the busyness of May. But this month also serves as a great reminder that there are many people pouring into the lives of our children, not the least being their teachers at school! The first week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week and teachers should receive praise and appreciation for their dedication to helping teach our children. Pray for your teachers. Write thank you cards and notes. Consider giving gifts. Show love to all teachers for using their vocations to serve Christ and His children.

Copied from the LCMS May 2026 newsletter.

**CRAYON COLLECTION** The Waterford Lions club is partnering with our preschool for a new service project. We will be recycling crayons. This project speaks to the Lions commitment to our environment, youth causes and pediatric cancer.

Please bring in any used, broken, wrapped or unwrapped crayons and place in the collection bucket in the narthex. Crayons will be collected through the end of May. Once the crayons are collected, the Waterford Lions will pick them up, package them and send them off to a facility in California. This non-profit organization melts down the crayons to make new crayons, which are then sent off to Children's Hospitals across the country, including our very own, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Waterford Lions Club Thanks you for your support!



## **COURTYARD AND LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If anyone has any interest in helping to maintain the landscaping in the courtyard or being part of the lawn mowing crew this year, please contact -Travis Pikus at 262-215-9147 (text only please) or contact the office. We do have a few people already signed up but need a few more people to share in keeping the property beautiful.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS is scheduled for July 6-9, 2026. Be sure to save the date. Volunteers, please contact Jacquie Hunt, 262-492-9139 or Kelsey Domke, 262-492-1301 for questions.





Keep watch in future weekly bulletins for announcements regarding Homeschool/Out of School K-8 Field Day, which is being planned for a Friday in June.

## 2026 SUMMARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

- ✚ January ~ Lutherans For Life - \$279.31 plus infant clothes, toys, books, thermometer & baby powder – \$500+.
- ✚ February ~ Lacey's Hope Project - \$222.00
- ✚ March ~ Kou Thao, wife of Pastor Moua Vang, LCMS Benediction Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. - \$1006.72
- ✚ April ~ LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces - \$361.00

## MOVING, NEW EMAIL OR NEW PHONE NUMBER?



If you are moving or have a new phone number please notify the church office so we can update our records.

## RECIPE

### Cheese Rangoons with Sweet Ginger Chili Sauce

20 mins prep, 15 mins cook, 35 mins total

Easy to make, crisp on the outside, creamy inside, and served with a completely addicting chili sauce!

8 oz cream cheese, at room temperature  
3 green onions, finely chopped  
½ tsp garlic powder  
2 tsp tamari or soy sauce  
20 square wonton wrappers  
toasted sesame oil, for brushing

#### Sweet Ginger Chili Sauce

½ cup honey  
2 tbsp ketchup  
1-2 tbsp chili sauce  
2 tsp lime zest, plus 2 tablespoons lime juice  
1 tbsp rice vinegar  
2 tsp tamari or soy sauce  
1 tbsp grated ginger  
1 clove garlic, grated  
2 tbsp chopped Thai basil or cilantro

1. Preheat the oven to 400° F. Line a baking sheet with parchment.
2. In a bowl, mix the cream cheese, green onions, garlic powder, and soy sauce.
3. To assemble, spoon 1 rounded teaspoon of filling onto each wrapper. Brush water around the edges of the wrapper, then bring the corners of the wrapper together in the center and pinch to seal the cream cheese inside. Place it on the prepared baking sheet. Brush each Rangoon with oil.
4. Bake for 12-15 minutes, until crispy. If the Rangoons are browning on top, cover with foil.
5. To make the sauce, combine all ingredients in a bowl.
6. Serve topped with green onions and dip in chili sauce.

Join Us for A  
**CHRISTIAN CONCERT**  
With  
The Lakeland  
Church Band

**A FREE  
EVENT!**

**JUNE 10, 2026**  
**6-8Pm**  
Hosted By Changing A Destiny

Village Hall Park  
123 North River St Waterford WI



SECOND EDITION

# PRIMA LATINA

*An Introduction to Christian Latin*

## Student Workbook

Leigh Lowe



MEMORIA PRESS  
CLASSICAL TRIVIUM CORE SERIES

Sign-up sheet  
on office window

### **Beginner's Latin**

(for ages ~7-97)

Mondays and Thursdays 10:00 AM

Starts: Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Ends: before Labor Day

Cost: \$17.90 + tax (free shipping into May) for the student workbook

Additional materials are available on [memoriapress.com](http://memoriapress.com) (optional)



## St. Peter's Lutheran - Rainbow Preschool & Genesis Project Update - May 2026

*From the Director - Melvin Beversdorf*



*Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4*

Springtime reminds us of new birth. As I watch the mother duck in the courtyard with the children, I reflect on the gift of life and our dependence on God, our Creator. The struggle of this life is one that we have God's full and faithful support in. In our baptism we gain the life of Christ, even though we often fall and rise again. "Whoever believes in Me shall never die." John 11:26 As we are given the complete perfection of an eternal will in Christ, we pray God sends His Holy Spirit to guide and direct our daily lives as we struggle with the seed of the devil that is our flesh that bears sinful fruit. The seed of the woman promised in Genesis is the Word of God in the church and so we read daily and inwardly meditate and outward sing and say the words of God in our prayers, asking God to transform our lowly thoughts to His spiritual goodness. Alleluia! We celebrate the risen Christ in our daily lives!



*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:8-11*

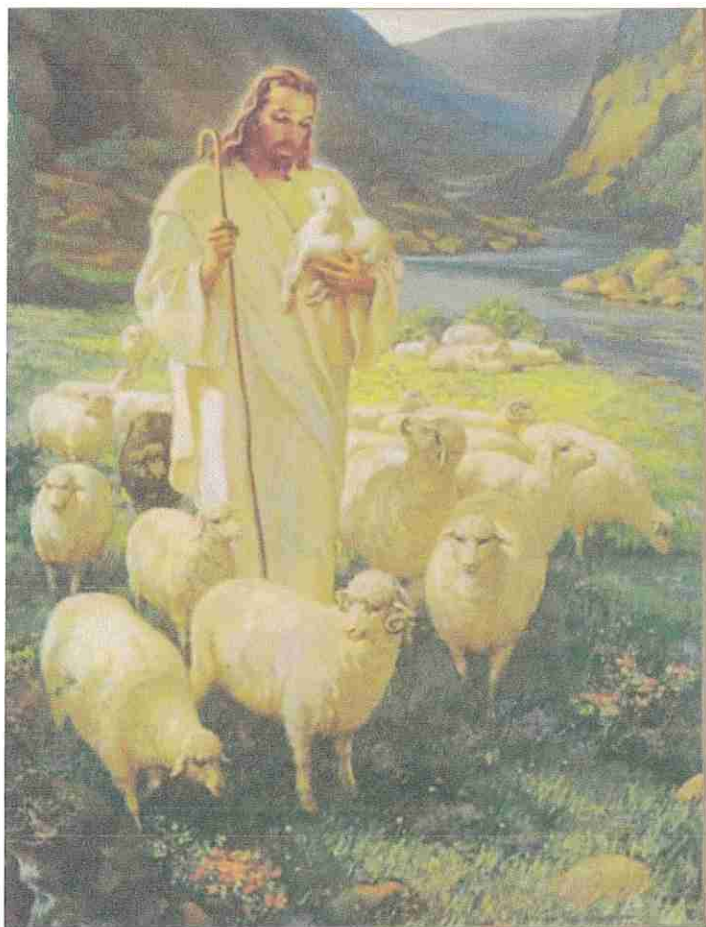
May the Spirit of Truth who speaks in the preaching of the Gospel, Holy Baptism, Absolution, and the Sacrament give to us all that Christ has won for us. May Christ, our Righteousness shine bright in our lives as we share the love God has poured out on us.



As your preschool director and classical school researcher, I'm blessed to travel to see many models of schools. I've visited: St. James the Less Classical Academy (Mukwonago), Chesterton Catholic Classical (9-12 Menomonee Falls), Luther Classical Academy (K-8 LCMS, Port Washington), Peace Catechetical Academy (K-8 LCMS, Sussex),

Immanuel Lutheran School (K-12 LCMS, Mayville), Aquinas Academy (K-8 Catholic, Menomonee Falls), Trinity Lutheran Classical High School (LCMS 9-12, Elm Grove), Emmanuel Lutheran School (K-8 LCMS, Dearborn, MI), Tall Oaks Academy (K-8 Reformed, Kenosha), Lake Country Classical (K-12 Hillsdale Charter model, Oconomowoc), Imago Dei Classical School (K-8 Baptist, Kenosha), Kenosha Christian Academy (K-8 Reformed, Kenosha), Doxa Christian Academy (K-8, New Berlin). In discussions with leaders and teachers at these 12 schools and the ongoing learning that I obtain from the CCLE, CUW, Hillsdale, and Herzog Foundation, I gather information to share ideas of what may work to educate the children of St. Peter's Lutheran (and the local community interested in Christian education). I am amazed at God at work with kids!

**Genesis update** - Preliminary results are in for the School Determination Survey (over 40 respondents - Thank you!). More details will be shared at the May 17 Congregational Voters' meeting. Due to staffing changes on the synod level the initial congregational and community surveys need more data input from our paper surveys for the full results. The Genesis Project consultants did share their final report and gave the recommendation of gathering support and considering a Fall 2027 launch to a Classical Academy, pending congregational support. This idea as well as how it can open up to the homeschool hybrid (a la carte classes for St. Peter's families) model will be shared. Additionally, the details on how enrichment classes and a homeschool co-operative concept works will be discussed. Please make sure to ask any of your questions of the Genesis Committee, the Board of Parish Education, and myself before or during the meeting. Thank you for your prayers during this process!



**Preschool update** - We are in the last 4 weeks of school (We run September through May.) Students are enjoying the ABC Countdown to Summer with special letter fun everyday. **Thank you for blessing us this year with your donations, prayers, and smiles to the children if you caught them walking in the halls.** It made for a very special and wonderful year!

Current Enrollment is 30 students. Fall 2026 Enrollment is at 22. Please continue to tell your family and friends that we are accepting registrations for the fall. We'd love to welcome 30-35 in the Fall. Thank you for your prayers and support!

**Preschool Playtime:** May 14 from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

**Homeschool/ Out of School K - 8 Field Day:**

Date TBD - a Friday in June.



Deaconess Kim Trombley with LWML President Eden Keefe. Deaconess Kim was installed as Executive Director of the LWML Office in January 2026.

### **Deaconess comes from the Greek word "diakonos" meaning servant.**

Deaconesses have served the Lutheran church since the 1830s, but even many lifelong Lutherans are unsure exactly what these special women do. A deaconess shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. She guides people toward the pastor who administers Word and Sacrament ministry. Saint Paul commends Phoebe in Romans 16. As a helper to Paul and many others, she is often considered the first deaconess.

Deaconesses serve through acts of mercy. They serve where there is shame, hurt, pain, injustice, violence, and abuse. A deaconess reminds those suffering, of their Baptism — that they have been cleansed at the altar. She applies properly distinguished Law and Gospel, to point them back to the source of life in Jesus Christ. She persistently points the sufferers to make confession to the pastor to receive holy absolution, which is the Gospel. She teaches God's Word to prepare people for the difficulties Christians experience in life and to make ready their souls for eternal life in Christ.

Deaconesses serve within the parishes, institutions, and missions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Such service includes acts of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the faith.

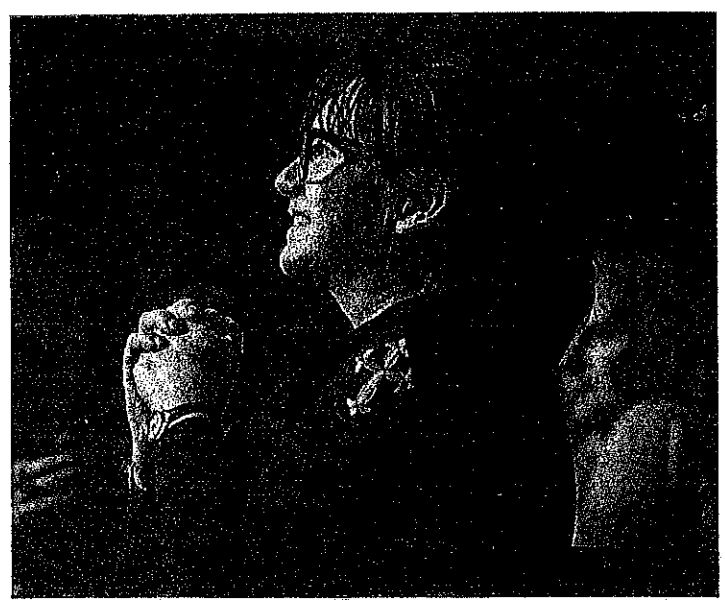


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## *The True* Deaconess Spirit

BY REV. WILHELM LOEHE (1808–1872)

What is my want?  
I want to serve.  
Whom do I want to serve?  
The Lord in His wretched  
ones and His poor.

And what is my reward?  
I serve neither for reward nor thanks  
but out of gratitude and love;  
My reward is that  
I am permitted to serve.

And if I perish in this service?  
"If I perish, I perish," said Queen Esther.  
I would perish for Him who gave  
Himself for me.  
But He will not let me perish!

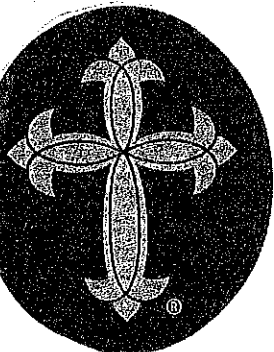
And if I grow old in this service?  
Then shall my heart be renewed  
as a palm tree,  
and the Lord shall satisfy me  
with grace and mercy.

I go my way in peace,  
casting all my care upon Him.

More information can be found at  
[lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/deaconess-ministry](http://lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/deaconess-ministry)  
and [concordiadeaconessconference.org](http://concordiadeaconessconference.org)

Spring Issue - In Narthex  
Lutheran Womens Quarterly

Ladies Aid/LWML May Newsletter





## MAY BIRTHDAYS



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating May wedding anniversaries:

Scott & Terri Jung	5/09
Gregory & Whitney Poulter	5/09
Kurt & Kim Acker	5/15
Nick & Amy Szeklinski	5/17
Andrew & Holly Handeland	5/28
Steve & Sam Moshinski	5/30

Eileen North	5/01
Gail Andrich	5/03
Linda Ketterhagen	5/03
Patty Guentzel	5/04
Mary Niederer	5/06
Elizabeth Poulter	5/06
Ryan Domke	5/07
Joseph Greenamyer	5/07
Nola Hunt	5/07
David Engelmann	5/08
Ryan Mittelstaedt	5/08
Jaxson Mittelstaedt	5/09
Paul Terry	5/09
Gregory Foat	5/10
Sandi Czuta	5/11
Amy Griebel	5/12
Ronald Burke	5/14
Bryan Fischer	5/15
Cory Foat	5/15
Jeffrey Ostovich	5/15
Dale Rogahn	5/15
Gerald Storm	5/15
Harrison Foat	5/16
Jennifer Brown	5/17
Mark Siddons	5/18
Jake Krueger	5/19
Judith Knoblauch	5/20
Barbara Arneson	5/21
Benjamin Conradt	5/21
Sandra Dessecker	5/21
Anna Leece-Kempken	5/21
Katharine Conradt	5/22
Arnold Oelkers	5/24
Seth Scott	5/25
Courtney Beaston	5/27
Sharon Krueger	5/27
Sharon Jardas	5/28
Beckham Mamerow	5/28
Nathaniel Brintnall	5/29
Harper Foat	5/29
Lynne Van Hulst	5/29
Mike Whittow	5/29
Savannah Domke	5/31
Steven Strueder	5/31



# May 2026

## St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

### Waterford, WI

Abbreviations	
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	2 Cemetery Clean-Up 9:00am
3 S.S. Recognition 8:15am Worship 9:30am	4	5 W.B.S. 10:00am	6 Worship 6:30pm	7	8 Dinner and a Movie Night 5:30pm <i>Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader</i>	9
10 Worship 9:30am	11 Sr. Group and LWML 11:00am	12 W.B.S. 10:00am	13 Finance 5:15 Council 6:15	14 Preschool Play time 10:15- 11:15am Worship - Ascension Service at St. Paul, Union Grove 7:00pm	15	16 M.B.S. 7:30am
17 Worship 9:30am Voters' Meeting 11:00am	18	19 W.B.S. 10:00am	20 Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	21	22	23
24 Worship 9:30am	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26 W.B.S. 10:00am	27 Worship 6:30pm	28	29 Last day of Preschool	30
31 Worship 9:30am						