

St. Peter's Epistle

August 2026

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



Upcoming Events

Confirmation Orientation

August 5 at 5:15pm

Sunday School Regist.

August 30 11:00 AM

Church Picnic

August 30th

Family Movie Night

Off until September 11

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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secretary@stpeterswaterford.com

PRESCHOOL

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From the Desk of Pastor Conradt The 69th Regular Convention of Synod

The Missouri Synod regularly meets in convention once every three years. I was privileged to serve as a delegate three years ago when it was held in Milwaukee. This year it was held in Phoenix, AZ from July 18-23.

Prior to the convention Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison was reelected to his 5th term (which he said will be his last). The other man that we nominated for that position (Rev. Benjamin Ball of St. Paul, Hamel, IL) was reelected as Second Vice President of Synod. This is good as we prepare for the next election in three years as a new man takes over the role from President Harrison, who has faithfully served since 2010.

The Synod takes up resolutions crafted and presented by floor committees for discussion and passage. The resolutions are crafted from overtures sent in by congregations, circuits, districts, and boards.

Our circuit sent in four overtures. 1. Proper oversight of Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs). Blended with other overtures, this made it to resolution and passed. 2. To promote proper teaching on eschatology (end times). This was placed in omnibus and assigned to someone else. 3. Clarity on Synod's stance on IVF. This was passed for further study. 4. For clarity when a pastor or teacher is removed. This was also placed in omnibus and assigned to someone else to evaluate.

Additionally, I wrote an overture to the South Wisconsin District convention to ask CPH for further resources using the New King James Version (NKJV). It was passed by our district and sent on to Synod. That became a resolution by the Finance Committee to the Synod convention to thank CPH for use of Bible translations. In other words it was deemed too expensive.

Much of this convention focused on pastoral formation, i.e. how do we train men to be pastors in our synod.

Resolution 4-07 "To Condemn Political Violence and Encourage Participation in Public Life" addressed the killings of Christians in America and throughout the world. After much debate that resolution included a whereas (reasoning) of "The public assassination of Charlie Kirk and suspicions that Kirk's faith played a large role in the attacker's motive have brought concerns for many parishioners about growing violence against Christians in America." It passed on the last day.

The thing that I thank God for the most this convention is that Rev. Mark Schroeder, President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) addressed the convention. From 1961, the year that WELS rightly suspended fellowship with us, until 2012 we failed to recognize our need to work together. But since that time our synod leaders continue to meet together. While I don't know if a reestablished fellowship will come in your or my lifetime, Pres. Schroeder shared encouraging words:

"It is my pleasure to bring you the greetings of your fellow confessional Lutherans in the Wisconsin Synod. We are confessional Lutherans today because of you.

"Those 14 years of discussions have been more of a blessing than any of us could have imagined."

After fellowship dissolved we started planting churches in each other's neighborhoods.

Pres. Schroeder continued, "Now, as a result of these relationships that have developed, many of our agencies are talking to each other, seeking advice from each other, asking each other for practical information on what they do. Now we've got relationships in place that will prevent needless duplication of effort. As we look ahead to the future, all I can say is: May God bless you."

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt



Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

OFFICIAL ACTS

NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith:

Kayla Edmonds (Kyle, Bradley)

Baptism

Lillian Jean Edmonds
11/13/2025 7/5/2026



FINANCE UPDATE

<i>2026- First half Summary</i>	<i>As of June 30th, 2026</i>
<i>Total Income (Offerings and other)</i>	<i>\$156,820.75</i>
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>\$156,112.52</i>
<i>Difference</i>	<i>+ \$ 708.23</i>

Newsletter Due Dates

September Issue

August 26th

SAVE THE DATE



Sunday School Registration
~August 30th~

Immediately following worship

First day of Sunday School and Sunday
Morning bible class will be September 13th,
8:15am

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING ~ On Sunday
August 2nd, following the Divine Service, a brief
meeting will be held to resolve the membership
transfer discussed at the May 17th meeting.



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

The school year is almost upon us, and Rainbow Preschool is enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year which begins Wednesday, September 2nd. The Board of Parish Education is currently looking to fill the following position for the Preschool, 2K/3K Lead Teacher. Please call Board Chair, Rick McGaughy at 630-329-6009 or email at rmcgaughy@msn.com if you have any interest or referrals to share with the Board. Thank you!



ORGAN RENEWAL PROJECT

Over the years, our digital organ has provided worship music for countless services, weddings, funerals, and other occasions. However, the organ has already outlasted the average lifespan of most organs from its era. Though it may continue to serve us for some time we need to plan for the future.

The board of elders is looking for volunteers to help guide this process along and to provide congregational input throughout the planning.

Please reach out to Pastor or the board of elders if you would like to be part of our planning and help guide with decisions that will need to be made.

Envelopes are available in the narthex by the Organ Donation board, alternately you can indicate on your green weekly offering envelope by writing Organ by the "other" category.

4th of July Parade Pictures

St. Peter's float was awarded the Non-Commercial Class 1st Place Winner!!



CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 30th.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for a variety of tasks we need help with. The main meat dish will be provided. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex and sign up for a dish to pass. We will play Bingo and other games but need some donations of bingo prizes. These can be brought to the church office. We also need some men to help set up and take down the tents and tables.

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry ~ End-Of-Summer Re-Stock. Keeping this Bible verse at the forefront of their minds; ***“They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do. Galatians 2:10 NKJV***, our Social Ministry team here at St. Peter's is very invested in the food pantry at St. Thomas and are looking forward to making it a successful endeavor. Please prayerfully consider donating non-perishable food items or making a cash donation that can go to buying the needed items. Any questions please contact Lila at 262-534-7321.



MILWAUKEE MILKMAN GAMES

Upcoming game dates:

- *August 6: Day Game, Noon. \$22 Meal Deal
 - *August 24: Kids Eat Free, 6:30 pm. \$15
 - *September 4: Drone Show, 6:30 pm. \$15
- Sign-up sheets are on the office window.

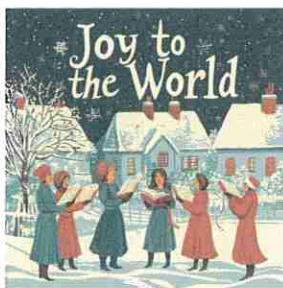
SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP



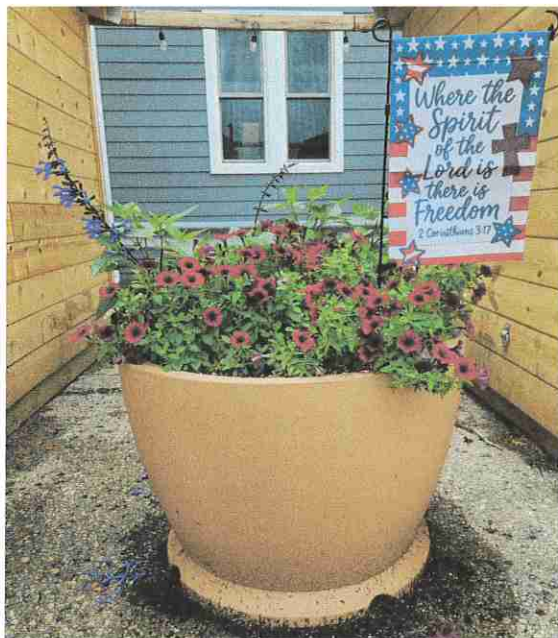
Attention all 55+ members (men & women) and your friends!! Join us for Christian fellowship and Bible Study every second and fourth Monday of the month here at St. Peter's Lutheran Church starting September 14th through May. We meet at 11:00 a.m. for Bible Study then a short meeting to follow. Dessert and coffee are provided. Afterwards, those who want can enjoy cards, bingo, or other planned seasonal activities. Come join us.

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

Mark those calendars and start singing those holiday tunes to be ready for our annual caroling at local Senior Living communities followed by dinner and fellowship time on Saturday, December 12th. Details will be announced at a later date.



ADOPT A PLANTER Did you know St. Peter's joined in on the adopt a planter in the Village of Waterford? Our planter is located by the empty lot next to Scungilli's (great place to eat) at the corner of Main St. and 1st St.



GAME NIGHT The next game nights are being planned for Monday August 10th and Thursday August 27th, from 5:30-7:00 pm, in the youth room (4th and 5th grade Sunday school room downstairs). Kids can come and hang out (younger kids should have a parent or guardian stay too) and play foosball, darts, or other games. Light snacks will be available. Sign-up sheet is on the office window.



MOVING??

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was held July 6th – 9th. **THE VBS KIDS THANK YOU** To all parents for bringing them, leaders for teaching them, helpers for helping them, prayer warriors for praying for a good week, snack providers for feeding them fun snacks. To all who volunteered time, money, snacks, and anything else not listed here...Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.



TURKEY DINNER & BAKE SALE

This year's Turkey Dinner is being planned for Saturday, October 17th. Please be sure to mark your calendars and set time aside for the week of October 12th for meal prep and on October 17th to help with this wonderful event that our church members and community members enjoy so much. A committee meeting is being planned for Monday, August 24th at 6:00pm in the conference room. Please reach out to Shelley Kempken if you have any questions about the turkey dinner or bake sale. Email skempken2@gmail.com or call 262-210-5272.

A GENTLE REMINDER WHILE IN THE SANCTUARY

To help ensure a respectful and distraction-free worship experience for our entire church family, please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices before the service begins. Additionally, please keep talking to a minimum inside the sanctuary so others can prepare their hearts in quiet reflection. We appreciate your cooperation!



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.

LADIES AID/LWML

Join us for Christian fellowship / Bible Study every second Monday of the month starting Monday, September 14th here at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. We meet at 11:00 a.m. (along with Senior Friendship Group) for Bible Study then a short meeting followed by your own bag lunch. Dessert and coffee are provided. Come join us!

LOST AND FOUND

The current lost and found box, located on the glass case in narthex, will be cleaned out at the end of day August 30th so we can start fresh with lost items for the 2026-2027 school year.



Please take a peek at it if you feel you're missing a hat from perhaps last winter that you'll need this year.

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."**

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.

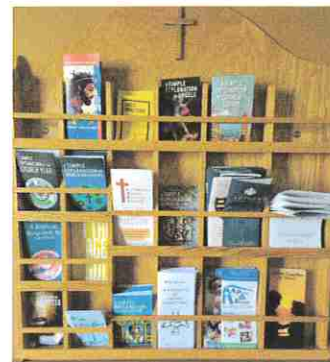
HEARING ASSISTANCE



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

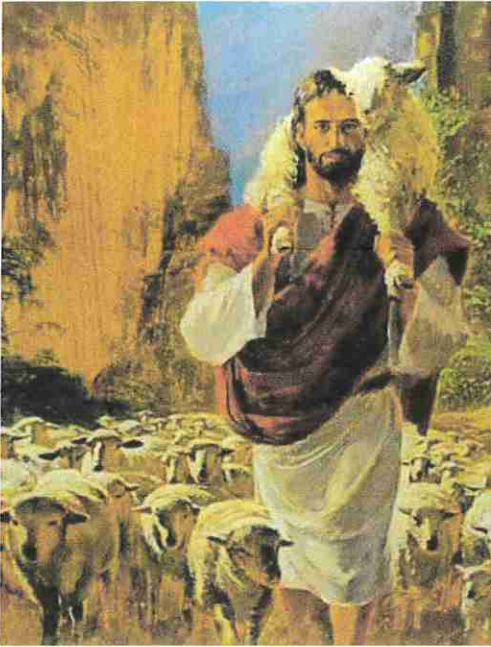


Along with computers in the Church library, that are available for members to use, we also have a small wood cabinet of family games that can be checked out this summer as well as 100's of books. A "book review" notebook is also in the library where you can leave comments so others can benefit from your reading experience. Please feel free to sign out a book or game. There's a table in the narthex with a sampling of books and movies from our church library. You may check out one of those or visit the library to see what else is available. The library is located next to the mother's room/nursery. Contact the church office if you have questions or if the computer password needs to be changed.

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.



Illuminate the Face of Christ

by Melvin Beversdorf



*"My word ...will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose
for which I sent it."
Isaiah 55:11*

In my final newsletter piece, I want to express my gratitude for the loving and open arms that I and my family received here at St. Peter's. It truly has been an amazing two years as God has taught me about how to lead and direct a school, work within the congregation, and has sent many families to be a part of the Rainbow Preschool.

Now upon my exit as your director, I want to urge you to **"illuminate the face of Christ."** This is first and foremost an urge to the Trustees to figure out how to spotlight more light on the face of Christ in the stained glass display above the altar in church. I believe that would focus (the children's especially) gaze at the altar on the Good Shepherd.

Secondly, I call upon you to continue to **illuminate the face of Christ in your daily lives** by your personal reading of God's Word, your dedication to seeking the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus, who lived and died for your sins. I commend you to live daily in your baptism, drowning the old Adam and its evil desires, and daily emerging to live for God in righteousness and purity. I urge you to continue to prepare yourself and your children to bring them weekly the Holy Communion rail to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, for life and salvation. Just as your shepherd, Pastor Conradt, illuminates Christ to you through his dedication to preaching the Word and sharing the Sacraments, may we all be encouraged to live with our eyes on Jesus and clinging firmly in faith to His promises of love, forgiveness, and eternal life.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1 - 2

As a father with kids in Church, I try to make sure that I hold up my kids to see the blessings that the pastor gives - such as the Pax Domini (when Pastor makes the sign of the cross), when Pastor holds up the Host for Communion, and the final benediction where they heard the priestly blessing so they see Jesus in church.

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:22 - 27

May God continue to bless His work that He will accomplish here at St. Peter's. God has started this place of faith and will preserve it! As I move on to working with Trinity Lutheran Classical High School, I will remember with much thankfulness and gratitude the time I was able to spend in the classroom, the office, and especially with the people of this church and community as we gathered to grow in faith and fellowship.

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6

One last word is a prayer - from our beloved first LCMS President and Pastor C.F.W. Walther:

"O Lord, our God, how blessed are we! Not only have You given us Your word, which offers and imparts to us all the fruits of redemption of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, but You have also opened our eyes, so that we may know Your grace and in firm confidence receive it. Though the world, the Law, our heart, and our conscience condemn us, what do we care? **Your Word declares us free from all guilt.** O keep us in such faith unto our end and grant that all the members of our congregation may appreciate the **great treasure** which they possess. Help them and us to triumph over all the attacks of the devil, the world, and our flesh and finally to depart this life in peace and to be received into Your eternal kingdom. Hear us for the sake of our risen and victorious Champion, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21

***Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27***

Preschool & Additional Programming Update: We have 29 currently enrolled for Fall 2026! Current 4K teacher, Dawn Grundman, will be taking over as acting Director. Interviews are taking place to hire a 2K / 3K Teacher. We have capacity for around 35. ***Please continue to encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to consider Rainbow Preschool for their needs.*** We emphasize our faith focused teaching, flexible family scheduling, and individual love and care for each student.

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

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

END-OF-SUMMER RE-STOCK!



Keeping this Bible verse at the forefront of their minds; ***"They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do. Galatians 2:10 NKJV***, our Social Ministry team here at St. Peter's is very invested in the food pantry at St. Thomas and are looking forward to making it an ongoing, successful endeavor. Please prayerfully consider donating non-perishable food items or making a cash donation that can go to buying the needed items. Any questions please contact Lila Solar at 262-534-7321.

The list below shows what types/sizes of items we need each month.

THANK YOU again for your most generous and on-going support! With your help, they are currently serving 95 families in western Racine County. They are so appreciative of the support they are receiving from you! May God bless you all for your generosity and prayers!

Needed Pantry Items	
Canned Vegetables	14-18 oz.
Canned Fruit	14-18 oz.
Canned Tuna/Chicken/Spam/etc.	5-10 oz.
Canned Beans	15-20 oz.
Canned Soup	10-20 oz.
Mac & Cheese	7-12 oz.
Pasta	16 oz./1 lb.
Tomato/Marinara Sauce/etc.	15-20 oz.
SpaghettiOs/Ravioli/Chili, Beef Stew etc.	15-20 oz.
Peanut Butter	15-20 oz.
Jelly/Jam	15-20 oz.
Cereal	10-15 oz.
Salad Dressing	15-20 oz.
Ketchup	10-15 oz.
Mustard	10-15 oz.
Mayonnaise	10-15oz.



If you would like to be a part of this important ministry as a volunteer, please contact Nancy Dewane. (262) 210-3343. Thank you!

Ladies Aid/LWML August Newsletter



MISSION CENTRAL
LCMS Mission Advancement
40718 County Highway E-16
Mapleton, Iowa 51034
www.missioncentral.us



Last year Ladies Aid received a wonderful gift of money from a member who passed away. Ladies Aid decided to give the donation to David and Rachel Baker and family, missionaries to Mongolia, Kazakh people of Cental Asia.

Mission Central a Miracle Place!

On June 1, 1994 Gary Thies began his new calling as the first Mission Development Counselor of the LCMS. He worked out of his home in the country--operating an office with no overhead. Standing in the basement of his home, Gary prayed that the Lord would fill just one four-drawer filing cabinet with files of mission-minded people. The Lord answered his prayer. In 2003 they moved to an old farm and with more than 2,100 volunteers worked countless hours to get the place renovated. The offical dedication took place on August 23, 2003. -- Mission Central was born!

Mission Central today. In 2012, the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall was constructed. In 2012, the Wayside Chapel, built entirely by volunteers, opened to welcome travelers along the busy county highway. Then in 2017, the Creation Theater was added to highlight the six days of Creation. Mission Central has hosted thousands of visitors. Gary has spoken in 1,700 churches and schools across the United States and Canada.

Want to schedule a tour? Please visit their website at www.missioncentral.us or call (712)882-1029. Children are welcome! Truly it will be a life-changing experience for all ages!



VISITORS COME FROM GEORGETOWN, CALIFORNIA & FRONA, MISSOURI!!!!!!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Christine Guida	8/01
Dominic Guida	8/01
Beth Morawetz	8/02
Corrie Blawat	8/03
Bradley Edmonds	8/03
Kristin Keeling	8/05
Christian Guida	8/07
Emily Jacobs	8/07
Debbie Mertins	8/09
Margo Grishaber	8/10
George Marczewski	8/10
Alice Terry	8/10
Theodore Jacobs	8/11
Aubrey McGaughy	8/12
Evelyn Dolezal	8/13
Christine Kampe	8/13
Caden Perz	8/13
Sherri Kominiak	8/15
Bonnie Lukas	8/15
Ruth Burke	8/17
Jacob Guentzel	8/18
Thomas Neske	8/18
Daniel Jahn	8/20
Martha Wogaman	8/20
Mandi Church	8/21
Jennifer Rakas	8/23
Cindy McGaughy	8/25
Pat Amann	8/29
Gary McGroarty	8/29
Paula Welch	8/29
Clifford Jacobson	8/30
Dorothy Meyer	8/30
Adam Draves	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 Frieze	8/05
Bruce & Jill Grindeland	8/07
Jaime & Christina Multhaupt	8/14
David & Christine Block	8/18
Raymond & Laura Fischer	8/26
Frederick & Carol Wolfgram	8/30
Mark & Diane Siddons	8/31





August 2026

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
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2 Worship 9:30am	3 Latin Class XVII 10:00am	4 W.B.S. 10:00am	5 Worship 1:30pm (at Waterford Senior Living) Youth Catechesis Orientation 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	6 Latin Class XIX 10:00am Milwaukee Milkmen Game 12:00pm	7	8
9 Worship 9:30am	10 Latin Class XX Self Study Youth Game Night 5:30- 7:00pm	11 W.B.S. 10:00am	12 Finance 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Council 7:30pm	13 No Latin Class	14	15
16 Worship 9:30am	17 Latin Class XXI 10:00am	18 W.B.S. 10:00am	19 Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	20 Latin Class XXII 10:00am	21	22
23 Worship 9:30am	24 Latin Class XXIII 10:00am Turkey Dinner mtg. 6:00pm Milkmen Game 6:30pm	25 W.B.S. 10:00am	26 Worship 6:30pm	27 Latin Class XXIV 10:00am Youth Game Night 5:30- 7:00pm	28	29
30 Worship 9:30am SS Registration & Church Picnic after service.	31 Latin Class XV 10:00am					