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From the Desk of Pastor Conradt

Lord Keep Us in Thy Word and Work

While doing research for this month's article I found a paper I wrote in May of *Anno+Domini* 2012; just two months before being ordained here. The paper was on this hymn; specifically, Bach's Cantata setting of it. In *Lutheran Service Book* the hymn is titled Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word. According to *The Handbook on The Lutheran Hymnal* the reason for the hymn's writing is, "In 1541 the Turkish army was threatening to take Vienna. The German rulers called for special prayers for safety from these Islamic forces. Martin Luther responded to this request by writing for a prayer service in Wittenberg. [He was] [c]onvinced that the church was threatened not only by the Turkish army of Sultan Suleiman but also by the Roman Catholic Pope."

The hymn first appeared in Joseph Klug's *Gesangbuch* (Hymnbook) in Wittenberg in A+D 1543. It was entitled, "A children's hymn, to be sung against the two arch-enemies of Christ and His holy Church, The Pope and the Turk." The first line, as written by Martin Luther in German, reads, "*Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort und steur des Papsts und Türken Mord.*" Like most German hymns it has undergone a few different English translations. The closest to the original German is found in *Evangelical Lutheran-Hymn Book* (1912). It reads, "LORD, keep us in Thy Word and work, Restrain the murderous Pope and Turk."

While that may make our modern ears pause, it should be remembered that the entire hymn has to do with asking God to keep us in His Word alone and not to be taken away from it. While I have many Roman Catholic relatives and friends and believe that they are members of the Christian church I am still be able to sing this line. It is not against them. As Lutherans we officially teach that the Pope is Anti-Christ and as long as he continues to withhold the Gospel truth, he surely is. The Pope and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teach this on the Church's relationship with Muslims, "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place among whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 841, quoting *Lumen Gentium* 16, November 21, 1964).

As a commentary I wrote that these documents, "are denying the need to evangelize a large portion of people by claiming that a religion that denies the Trinity, the Sonship of Christ, and the Deity of Christ adore the same God. How are Lutherans excluded, and the Muslims included when Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (KJ21). Are the Turks no longer murderous? Are Christians no longer being martyred in Islamic areas because of their faith? Are all people free to read God's Word without worrying for their lives? The Muslim faith is quietly spreading and becoming an infestation throughout a once Christian—now predominantly secular—Europe. It will do the same in the United States if we allow it." That was fourteen years ago. Where are we now?

Traditionally this hymn has been sung with Luther's setting of an ancient Latin hymn for peace. In English it reads, "In these our days so perilous, Lord, peace in mercy send us. No God but Thee can fight for us, No God but Thee defend us; Thou our only God and Savior." There are certainly other enemies as well and our prayer is that they too would cease. Friend of Martin Luther, Justus Jonas, added two stanzas to Luther's three. In English they read, "Destroy their counsels, Lord our God, And smite them with an iron rod, And let them fall into the snare Which for Thy Christians they prepare. So that at last they may perceive That, Lord our God, Thou still dost live, And dost deliver mightily All those who put their trust in Thee." God grant it. Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Conradt

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Catechesis
Wednesdays 5:15pm

Bible Study &
Sunday School
8:15 AM

Adult Catechesis
after service

Family Movie Night
10/9 5:30 PM

Men's Bible Study
10/3 7:30 AM

*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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OFFICIAL ACTS

DEATHS

Vonnie McDermott
July 22, 1933 – September 20, 2026

NEW MEMBERS

Transfer In:
Janine Fucik

MEMBERS LEAVING

Transfer Out:
Melvin, Jaclyn Beversdorf (Charolette, Pearl, Willa, Boaz, Rose)
AJ & Erinn Hayden, (Hallie, Jace, Chester)

Removed (self-exclusion):
Horst & Jean Frieze

Released:
June Ulbing
Nicholas Ulbing

Newsletter Due Dates

November Newsletter

Deadline October 26th

SAVE THE DATE

Turkey Dinner – October 17th, 2026

Cookie Walk – December 5th, 2026



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Fellowship continues to host "Family Movie Night" 5:30pm in the parish hall. Please join us October 9th for the movie *The Sheep Detectives: A New Breed of Mystery*. We will enjoy pumpkin pancakes for dinner, please sign up to bring a side dish to add to the meal.

OCTOBER VERSE OF THE MONTH

PSALM 3:7-8 **ARISE, O LORD! SAVE ME, O MY GOD! FOR THOU HAST SMITTEN ALL MINE ENEMIES UPON THE CHEEKBONE; THOU HAST BROKEN THE TEETH OF THE UNGODLY. SALVATION BELONGETH UNTO THE LORD. THY BLESSING IS UPON THY PEOPLE.**



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL

Rainbow Preschool is having an Open House on October 13th from 4-6PM. School pictures will also be taken during the Open House. All are welcome to come see the preschool and meet the teachers.

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. Our library books may be in a bit of disarray right now as we are doing some sorting. Feel free to continue to borrow.



CEMETERY CLEAN-UP will take place mid to late October. Please remove any decorations that you wish to keep by October 17th.

LWML FALL RALLY is Saturday, Oct. 10th 9:15am - 11:30 am and will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, Twin Lakes, WI. Following the 9:30 worship service our guest speaker is Tania Carlozzi, RN. "Putting Pro-Life into Action at Informed Choices."



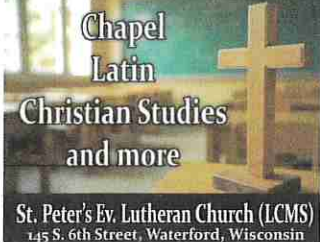
OCTOBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

**O LORD, LOOK DOWN FROM
HEAVEN, BEHOLD
TLH 260**



Homeschool Co-op

Enrichment studies led by Rev. Conradt
Thursdays 9AM-Noon, starts October 1st



St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)
145 S. 6th Street, Waterford, Wisconsin

Children of God,

After a few years of discussion we are launching our Homeschool Co-op.

Here is the plan unless enrollment dictates otherwise (Latin &

Christian Studies may swap times):

It will be on Thursday mornings. 9AM-12PM

9:00-9:30 Matins (open to all)

9:35-10:20 Latin (open to all; so if you took summer class or not you can join us) covering Latina Christiana for beginners and First Form Latin for intermediate.

10:25-11:10 Christian Studies (Old Testament will be the focus this year)

Once we get going parents will take turns teaching from 11:15-12:00 or so. We may be looking at your expertise as well to take a week or two on different subjects/skills.

Please share with anyone that might be interested. At this time the cost will be the price of your own books. You may also give a free will offering if you choose.

In Christ,
Pastor

Praedicamus Christum crucifixum (I Corinthians 1:23)

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING BULLET POINTS

- ❖ Board of Elders provided updates and plan regarding audio system progress, website progress, organ fundraiser / replacement plan, hearing assistance system for Sanctuary
- ❖ Parish Ed reported they have 29 children enrolled for 26/27 year. Dawn Grundman has accepted the role of Director for the preschool. Looking to offer co-op with homeschoolers in the area.
- ❖ Social Ministry provided updates on the joint food drive efforts with St. Thomas Aquinas, and Christmas Caroling is scheduled for December 12th at 3 nursing homes.
- ❖ Group discussed looking at ways to offer help related to the Menasha tornado damage.

TURKEY DINNER & BAKE SALE

The turkey dinner planning is well under way. Please see the sheets in the narthex to sign-up for your favorite activity during turkey dinner prep week starting October 12th and continue to have fun every day through October 17th!

Dinner Details:

Saturday, October 17th, 2025 4:00pm until 7:00pm

Dine-In pricing: Adults - \$16.00 - 4-11 years - \$11.00, 3 and under – free. Carry-Out - \$18.00

Bake Sale will be in the narthex from 3:00pm until 7:00pm or until bakery is sold out.

BAKE SALE Love is in the air...and it smells like cookies! Let's make St Peter's Turkey Dinner the SWEETEST stop in town! We are looking for bakers of homemade sweet and savory treats for the Bake Sale Oct 17th during the Turkey Dinner! Drop off hours are Friday, Oct. 16 Noon- 3 and Saturday Oct. 17 9am - 3pm in the narthex. Please be sure to label your items, especially if they include nuts! The Bake Sale Committee will price all items. call Julie Campbell 262-716-6483.

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.

CHICKEN BBQ



The annual Waterford Lions Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, October 4th at Whitford Park in Waterford between 11:00a.m. and 6:00 p.m. with curbside pickup or dine-in service.

Tickets are \$13.00 in advance and \$15.00 the day of the BBQ. Tickets are available in advance from all Waterford Lions Club Members, River City Lanes, Maas & Sons, Second Street Stuff, Creative Spaces, and Bon Voyage Travel. For more information or questions, call Lion Gary at 414-659-7152

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.



OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

QUINN ADAMEK

Our Community's Hero needs us! Since he was a child, Quinn Adamek (son of Kevin and Amy (Aschauer) Adamek) has always wanted to help other people. As a young child he always sensed when someone was sad or ill and tried to comfort them. He'd been a buddy athlete for children with disabilities and a lifeguard at both the Burlington Pool and Wellness Center. After high school, Quinn pursued his dream of becoming a firefighter/EMT and served on the Lyons Fire Department, Curtis Ambulance, and currently serves Waterford, WI as a full-time member of their Fire Department. Quinn has been teaching fire safety for all the kids in Waterford for the last four years. It's likely you've seen him in parades and at most of the EMS and Fire calls in the area.



On Saturday, May 23, 2026, Quinn was involved in a motorcycle accident which left him with severe injuries, including injuries to his spinal cord.

Quinn's healing and learning process will be lifelong. He will need to learn a new way of life. He will need extensive medical care including additional surgeries and extended stays in hospitals and rehabilitation centers. Quinn will need access to many, many types of adaptive equipment and various therapies to remain healthy and maintain a positive outlook.

Please help Quinn and his family with the immediate and future costs they will incur as they navigate their new and very challenging path. We know Quinn will want to find a way to help others again, some day. Please help him do so.



CRAFT EVENT Looking for a fun craft to do with friends or family? Come join us October 3rd in the gym/parish hall, between 12:30 and 3:30. This month we will paint on wine bottles and add lights to

them. Please see the sign-up sheet on the church office window so we know how many supplies will be needed. See Lauren Szymankiewicz with any questions.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for two more members of our congregation to serve on the Board of Trustees. The Board helps care for, and oversee the church's property, facilities, and other practical needs. If you are willing to serve or would like more information, please contact the church office. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve your congregation!



TRINITY LUTHERAN
CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Open House

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the classical approach that encourages faith, teaches deep insights, and challenges students to grow in a vibrant environment.

RSVP -Text or Call Mr. B: 262.289.8267

trinitylutheranclassical.org

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP & LADIES AID/LWML



Senior Friendship group is for 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. We meet at 11:00 a.m. for Bible Study then a short meeting to follow. Dessert and coffee are provided. LadiesAid/LWML will continue to meet with Senior Group on the 2nd Monday of each month. Women of all ages are welcome to join. Afterwards, those who want to can enjoy cards, bingo, or other planned seasonal activities. Come join us. Mark your October calendars for the 12th and 26th 11:00am.



COOKIE WALK

Dec 5th: We will be hosting a cookie walk and 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. Please reach out to Cindy or Karry Brintrnall, Debbie Berndt, or Jill Jacobs for information or to volunteer. More information will be forthcoming!

Please contact one of us for information or to volunteer:

Cindy Brintrnall – britL50@hotmail.com

Karry Brintrnall – karry.leber@gmail.com

Debbie Berndt – debberndt59@gmail.com

Jill Jacobs – jjacobs@tds.net



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating October anniversaries:

Gil & Rosemary Amborn	10/03
Jim & Jean Dumke	10/03
Jeffrey & Jenny Kempken	10/03
Steven & Candice Strueder	10/03
Dennis & Sharon Kramer	10/05
Peter & Debbie Berndt	10/06
Thomas & Kathleen Carlson	10/12
Timothy & Nancy Szeklinski	10/12
Eric & Jenny Obermeyer	10/14
Joseph and Marissa Campbell	10/15
Donald & Edwina Shelton	10/16
Scott & Dianne Ten Cate	10/17
Lloyd & Carie King	10/20
Dan & Sharon Krueger	10/21
Jack & Kerrie Alloy	10/22
Alan & Brittany Erb	10/27
George Marczewski & Susan Nelson	10/31

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Garrett Foat	10/01
Patricia King	10/01
Logan Eberhardt	10/05
Carrie Terry	10/05
Hazel Handeland	10/06
Ralph Jankowsky	10/06
Jackson King	10/06
Brody Hayden	10/08
Noah Kin	10/08
Todd Morawetz	10/08
Susan Nelson	10/08
Cheryl Gilgenbach	10/09
Janet Buchholtz	10/12
Lexi Grindeland	10/12
Christine Poznanski	10/12
Karla Friemoth	10/13
Sara Somers	10/13
Emmie Draves	10/15
David Keeling	10/15
Gloria Schmidt	10/16
Bennett Stephan	10/17
Shelby Somers	10/18
Duane Harma	10/19
Lee Ann Michelau	10/19
Grace Obermeyer	10/19
Kyra Obermeyer	10/19
May Obermeyer	10/19
Bryan Brintrnall	10/20
Matthew Eberhardt	10/20
Mollie Hein	10/20
Kevin Eisenhut	10/21
Patricia Jung	10/21
Taylor Mehring	10/22
Jim Bakke	10/23
Mary Conradt	10/23
Tom Szeklinski	10/23
Philip Conradt	10/24
Gavin Morawetz	10/24
Nolan Domke	10/25
Collin Charland	10/26
Brittany Erb	10/28
Kathy Grant	10/28
Blake Hayden	10/28
Matthew Stephan	10/29
Amy West	10/29
Ronald Baumgart	10/30
Donato Guida	10/30
Mark Ketterhagen	10/31



LWML ZONE 21 – FALL RALLY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026



Hope Lutheran Church

876 Lance Dr. • Twin Lakes, WI 53181



9:15 a.m.
Fellowship



9:30–10:30 a.m.
Worship Service



Following Worship
Guest Speaker

Tania Carlozzi, RN

Putting Pro-Life into
Action at Informed Choices



Light Lunch
to follow in the Lower Level.

Baby Shower Ingathering



Help us bless the families we serve!

Every client who receives a baby layette is equipped with practical items to welcome their new baby.



New baby clothing (newborn–24 months)



Children's Bibles



New parent devotionals



Pacifiers



Bath toys



Baby socks



Baby grooming kits

Every gift is a tangible reminder of Christ's love
and the support of His people.



Informed
CHOICES

Pregnancy & Parenting

Crystal Lake • Grayslake



Trinity Lutheran Classical School - Update

Mr. Melvin Beversdorf, Head of School

*Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.. those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength. I am the one who helps you, your Redeemer. **Isaiah 40 & 41***

What do students learn at Trinity Lutheran Classical High School?

Our brave students come willingly to grow in the discovery of God's created world and order, work diligently in the study and practice of temporal and eternal knowledge, and drink deeply from the wisdom of the Ancients and the Ancient of Days.

Here's a sample of some days for an upper level student (11th / 12th grade)

<u>Monday, Wed., Friday</u>		<u>Tuesday / Thursday</u>	
College course - Biology 202 - off campus at Wisconsin Lutheran College through WI ECCP	Piloting a program to challenge upper level students, attending a high level science or math course at a nearby college	Matins with Pastor Randolph	Readings follow church year and lectionary
Matins with Elm Grove Pastors	We start our day together hearing and singing the Word of God	Omnibus 4 - Theology focus with Pastor Randolph	Currently reading through Leviticus and Koehler's Summary of Christian Doctrine
Calculus 1	Diving deep into math	German 1 (2 years of Latin completed already)	Introductory course into the German language
Music Theory & Composition	Learning & listening to historical time period Music, Voice training	Calculus	More Practice
Rhetoric / Debate	Reciting poetry, speeches, and preparing for logical discourse and debate	Writing: Grammar & Composition Music Lessons	Comparison, Characterization, Description, Thesis, Law
Omnibus 4: History / Lit	Reading & discussing actual History, Literature texts Colonial to Modern America	Art 4	Starting with a study of Nature, Moving into Time Period Art
Closing Vespers		P.E. / Weightlifting	Variety of Gym and Field Based skills, Upper & Lower Body Weights
Drama Class - at cooperating school - Grace Christian Academy	Arts Enrichment with local Christian School	American Civics	History Review connected to D.C. Monuments and Preparation for Civics Test
Extracurricular - Sport	Boys Soccer with GCA school - One team captain / player, one manager	Financial Literacy	Practical Training for students for life
		Closing Vespers	Closing Vespers walk through Old Testament readings with Small Catechism recitation

How can you help support the mission at Trinity? As a start up school, we are still in need of operating funds to survive as we patiently grow in enrollment. **Please consider if you personally, your work or church organization would like to become a partner in this effort.** Donations can be sent directly to the school (945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122) or (up to \$250) can be made directly through the website at trinitylutheranclassical.org (click on the Donate tab). **Most of all we covet your friendship and your prayers as we go about witnessing to what God is establishing for our children and future generations in our midst.**



October 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
 N.M/A.C New Member/Adult
 Catechesis Class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Matins/Home school Co-op 9:00am	2 M.B.S. 7:30am Craft Event 12:30-3:30	3
4 S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am	5	6 W.B.S. 10:00am	7 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	8 Matins/Home school Co-op 9:00am	9 Movie Night 5:30 pm "Sheep Detective"	10
11 S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am N.M/A.C after service	12 Sr. Group and LWML 11:00am  IT'S TURKEY PREP WEEK!	13 W.B.S. 10:00am Preschool Open House 4:00pm- 6:00pm (school pictures)	14 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Finance 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Council 7:30pm TURKEY PREP	15 Matins/Home school Co-op 9:00am  BAKE THE TURKEYS plus lots of other tasks	16  MORE TURKEY PREP AND SIDE DISH PREP	17 "Iron Sharpens Iron" Men's Retreat Turkey Dinner 4:00-7:00pm Many thanks to all that have helped with this year's dinner.
18 S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am N.M/A.C after service Youth game time until 12:30	19	20 W.B.S. 10:00am	21 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	22 Matins/Home school Co-op 9:00am	23	24
25 S.S./B.C. 8:15am Worship 9:30am N.M/A.C after service Joint Reformation St. John's - Racine 3:00 pm	26 Sr. Group 11:00am	27 W.B.S. 10:00am Preschool Open House	28 Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm	29 No preschool Matins/Home school Co-op 9:00am	30 No preschool	31

Ten Commandments Word Search

Find Ten Commandments words from Sinai, covenant law, worship, and biblical instruction



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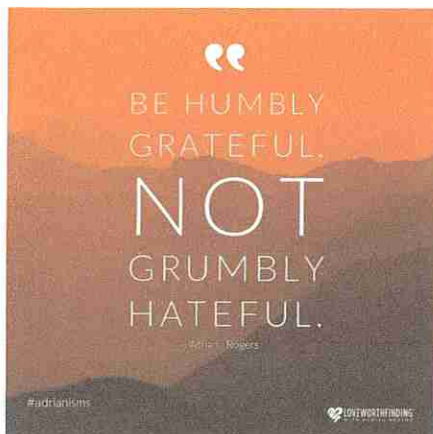
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TABLETS

TENCOMMANDMENTS

WORSHIP



Can you help Daniel escape from the lions' den?

