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From the Desk of Pastor Conradt

Missouri and Wisconsin Synods in Discussion

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). When the Missouri Synod was 18 years old and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) was 15, we entered into Altar and Pulpit fellowship. That meant that our pastors could preach in their pulpits, their members could commune at our rail and vice versa. Many of our pastors and teachers were trained together. Together with a few other synods we formed the Synodical Conference and put out a joint hymnal in A+D 1941 called *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

St. Peter's has history with both, as we began as a preaching station of St. John's in Burlington (WELS). For reasons unknown to me, St. Peter's decided to become Missouri Synod. This resulted in the pastor of St. John's in Racine to serve us in 1864. Pastor Engelbert served the saints here until 1865.

An infection happened throughout much of Christendom in Europe and America in the late 19th century into the 20th century called the Historical Critical Method. This philosophy removed the miraculous and undercut the authority of the Scriptures. The Missouri Synod was not immune. In an attempt to keep pace with academics and the culture we began including this philosophy in the classroom of our Senior College and the St. Louis Seminary. Many of the young men studying to be pastors in our Synod were taught this from the 1950s-1974. At that point Seminex occurred and a splinter group formed a new synod: Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC). Fourteen years later that synod along with the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) formed the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Our brethren in the WELS saw the infection within our Synod and attempted to correct it. We refused to listen and after 90 years of fellowship they officially suspended it in 1961. They were right to do so. At that point many of our young pastors were being taught that the Bible contained errors, undercutting its authority. Lord, have mercy! And thanks be to God, He did. The Synod was moved by God to correct this satanic teaching which caused the walkout of Seminex. He preserved our church body and moved us back to His word. But we and our fellow brethren in the WELS stopped talking and the divide grew. Until 12 years ago when our Synodical President (Matthew Harrison) and theirs began meeting informally for conversations. In that time they saw that we were much closer than we all had realized. To keep this needed conversation moving, I and the Missouri Synod pastors of Racine and Kenosha met with the WELS pastors of the area at First Evangelical Church in Racine on October 27th.

We are trying to figure out what are differences are and where we need to be in full agreement. As of right now resounding concerns from them include church discipline of pastors and congregations in the Missouri Synod that are not practicing closed communion. We all agree to it on paper and as you know we practice it, but there are minority that do not. The Wisconsin Synod says it needs to be tightened up; I agree. Other items that need further discussion and evaluation include: church, ministry, fellowship (including prayer), and the role of men and women.

As we watch the great apostasy unfold (Matt 24 & II Thess 2), I believe it is important to find fellow churches that stand completely on the Word of God. Our resources have been strained as we viewed each other as competition after the suspension of fellowship. We planted churches and schools next to each other. Fellowship would allow us to once again commune with each other and potentially pool resources to work together. I pray that our meeting—and Lord willing future meetings—will bear fruit and these meetings will begin in other regions as well. Lord, Thy will be done.

Pastor Conradt

NOVEMBER 2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Catechesis
Wednesdays 5:15pm

Bible Study &
Sunday School
8:15 AM

Adult Catechesis
Sundays after service

Family Movie Night
11/13 5:30 PM

Men's Bible Study
11/7 7:30 AM

*Sign up for updates by emailing
Pastor Conradt and asking to be
put on the list.*

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secretary@stpeterswaterford.com

We are a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

OFFICIAL ACTS



NEW MEMBERS

Transfer In:

Tanner Naegeli

Adult Confirmation:

Sarah Durham

MEMBERS LEAVING

Transfer Out:

Kat Perz (Caden, Luke)



**WE TURNED OUR CLOCKS
BACK** Sunday, November 1,
2026, 2:00am

Other helpful reminders for
daylight savings in Fall and
Spring:

- * change smoke alarm and CO batteries
- * time to reverse the ceiling fans to pull the air up in Fall push air down in Spring
- * review your fire safety plan with your household on how to get out and where to meet

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Board of Parish Fellowship will be hosting "Family Movie Night" on Friday, November 13th at 5:30pm in the parish hall. The November movie is *Toy Story 5*. We will prepare chicken tenders so please sign up to bring a side to go with the meal. There will be some time for "open gym" after the movie. Attendees please see signup sheet located on office window.

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 29th.

NOVEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

EVENING AND MORNING

LSB 726



OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING BULLET POINTS

- Coordination between Board of Finance and other boards for 2027 budget purposes.
- Discussions about accounts categorization.
- Updates on new lawnmowing equipment recently purchased.
- Preparations being made for 2026/2027 snow and ice removal.
- Christmas Caroling details to be finalized in November.
- Discussion about possible LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) training session being hosted at St. Peter's.
- Updates provided on Homeschool Co-op.



SENIOR GROUP/LADIES AIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY



The last meeting for Senior Group of 2026 will be December 14th. We will have a short business meeting at 11:00am, followed by our Christmas luncheon. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins. Hope to see you all there!

TURKEY DINNER UPDATE 2026



Combined dinners (dine-in, carry-out and volunteers) were 582 meals. Total money brought in from Dinner, Bakery, Donations and Sunday sales is \$14,632. 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 2027.

THANK YOU ~ to all our Turkey Dinner volunteers! Special thanks to those of you that were able to 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.

TURKEY DINNER SALES COMPARISON

YEAR	CARRY OUT		DINE IN		CASH DONATIONS	BAKE SALE		SUNDAY FOOD SALES	TOTAL
						SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
2024	373	\$5,190.00	239	\$3,150.00	\$ 802.00	\$ 975.50	\$331.00	\$ 536.00	\$10,984.50
2025	397	\$5,805.00	330	\$4,636.00	\$ 1,835.00	\$ 727.06		\$ 225.00	\$13,453.06
2026	358	\$6,257.00	224	\$4,202.00	\$ 1,820.00	\$1,143.75	\$257.25	\$ 952.00	\$14,632.00

These totals do not reflect any of the expenses.

NOVEMBER VERSE OF THE MONTH

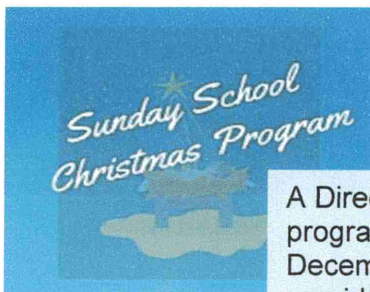
Psalm 4:1-2 ¹Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! Thou hast set me at large when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. ²O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? How long will ye love vanity and seek after lies?

WATERFORD LIBRARY – you can now view St. Peter's brick at the main entrance walkway of the library. Helping serve as a visible reminder of the community spirit that makes Waterford special. Thank you to those who made this happen.



LADIES AID/LWML

Join us for Christian fellowship / Bible Study every second 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 followed by your own bag lunch. Dessert and coffee are provided. Come join us!



A Director is needed for our program, which is scheduled for December 20th at 8:30am. God will provide. If you feel Him calling you to this let Pastor or Stephanie know.

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY



The Board of Social Ministry is planning to go caroling to area nursing homes on Saturday December 12th. We will meet at Church at 10:30am. Our caroling will take us to Waterford Place, Waterford Senior Living and Spring Brook in Burlington. When we are done, we will head to Rivermoor for dinner around 2:30pm. 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. ALL are invited to join us for dinner at Rivermoor. If you have questions please contact Jeff Ostovich at 414-587-0283.



What does the word "Amen" mean?

The word "amen" (pronounced AH-men) is Hebrew for "certainly" or "truly."

Martin Luther said that it really means:

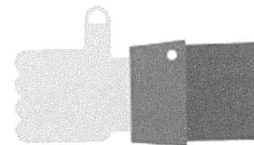
"Yes, yes, it shall be so." You probably

recognize this word from

hearing it or seeing it used in prayer.

Maybe you use it in your prayers every morning when you wake up and every

night when you go to sleep.



Why do we use it?

God commands for us to pray. When we use the word "amen" at the end of our prayers, we are letting God know that we truly believe that He will hear and answer all of our prayers just as He has promised! What a great way to end a prayer!



Parents: Point out that Jesus used the word "amen" a lot in Scripture when He said things like: "Truly, truly I say to you." Encourage your children to listen for and say "amen" at appropriate points in the service. In what places besides prayer do we hear it amen?



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"Kids in the Divine Service" is a resource available from the LCMS website. We have recently been adding these sheets as inserts in our children's bulletin.

**NOVEMBER 2026
MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**Lutheran Church -- Missouri
Synod Disaster Relief
Menasha Tornado**

Your support enables LCMS Disaster Response to respond to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters in the name of Jesus. Working through LCMS districts and congregations as well as with international Lutheran churches and other partners, LCMS Disaster Response builds the capacity of the church to respond with Christian care in times of disaster and devastation — bringing relief and the message of Christ's love after hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires and more.

The money you give this month will be going directly to the ongoing clean-up efforts helping those affected by the Menasha Tornado.

Newsletter Due Date

December Newsletter

Deadline November 24th

HARVEST FAIR to be held at The Racine Lutheran High School is **Saturday, November 7**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the new gym at Racine Lutheran High School, [251 Luedtke Avenue, 53405](https://www.google.com/maps/place/251+Luedtke+Avenue,+Racine,+WI+53405).

Browse the many booths filled with handmade crafts and holiday decorations, bakery, fresh produce, homemade canned goods, antiques, collectibles, needlecrafts, art, plants, jewelry, unique gift items, household helpers, homemade treats, books, vintage linens, memorabilia, handbags, personal care products, one-of-a-kind resale items and more. Many outside vendors and consultants will be offering their special products.

Enjoy homemade sandwiches, soups, salads, and desserts.

Free admission. New vendors still welcome!
Contact klong@racinelutheran.org or RLHS [262-637-6538](tel:262-637-6538) for more information.



Saturday, December 5th 8:00am-12:00pm we are hosting a cookie walk. 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 4th from 10:00am-4:00pm and Saturday the 5th 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!



Gifts from Friends of Jesus CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

We will again participate in the "Friends of Jesus" Toy Drive for children and families in need. Please bring a wrapped new toy, game or pair of headphones valued at \$15 or more by Sunday, November 29th. Please find labels and additional information in the narthex. Please do not donate clothing, Harry Potter, Ouija boards or Magic 8 Balls.



Friends of Jesus

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT

GIFT IS FOR

☐ Boy ☐ Girl ☐ Either

AGE GROUP

☐ Infant ☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4
☐ 5-7 ☐ 8-10
☐ 11-13 ☐ 14-16

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 6th from 12:30pm – 5:00pm at MAX Apparel, 2554 executive Dr., East Troy, WI.

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

SNOW REMOVAL The trustees are looking for someone to plow the lot and clear the sidewalks when it snows. If you have any recommendations or would be willing and able to help in any way with this important work for the church, please contact the office or one of the trustees as soon as possible.

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.



LCMS Stewardship Bulletin (originally published in October 2023)

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

Ladies Aid/LWML November Newsletter

LWML -SWD Grants - Through the faithful collection of mites, the LWML South Wisconsin District supports grants that further the proclamation of the Gospel in our district, our Synod, and beyond.

Orphan Grain Train WI Branch -	\$15,000. - PAID	
SWD Church Worker Grants -	30,000 -	The need for pastors, teachers & other professional church workers is critical to serve the church at large and in the mission field. The SWD is committed to furthering the education of our future professional church workers. This grant would assist students who are attending one of the synodical universities/seminaries with funds to be used for tuition and board.
Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI		
Making Mental Health Matter for Children -	\$25,000	
Journeys Lutheran School -	\$25,000	
A Place of Refuge -Advocacy Ministry -	\$15,000	
CTSW Food Co-op to purchase food for		
Seminary Students -	\$10,000	
Bethany EV. LC-Ministry Outreach -	\$20,000	
St. Paul LC Gafton - Disaster Relief Trailer		
Project - Mobilizing Mercy -	\$17,500	
Ministry to the Armed Forces Worker Wellness		
for Chaplain Wives & families -	\$5,000	
CTSW Food Co-op to purchase coolers/		
freezers to store food for students -	\$2,500	
(partial funding)		
TOTAL	\$165,000	



Check out our bulletin board - Pictures from the LWML Fall Rally at Hope Lutheran Church in Twin Lakes. Also note our district will be making dresses for Africa out of a tee shirt. These dresses will be brought to our Spring Rally here at St. Peter's. If you would like to help with this project contact Winnie Shelton - dgshelton02@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

2027 Winter Getaway - January 29-30, 2027

Cranberry County Lodge, Tomah

Speaker Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador

"Courage for the Calling"

More information to follow.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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
Susan Radmer	11/12
Lillian Edmonds	11/13
Lynn Gruenewaldt	11/13
Susan Greiner	11/14
Karry Brintnall	11/15
Richard Gay	11/16
Phyllis McGroarty	11/16
Billie Hayden	11/17
Jodi Sekey	11/17
Timothy Gay	11/18
Kim Acker	11/19
Roman Nowak	11/22
Marcy Gay	11/23
Greg Poulter	11/23
Dylan Hein	11/25
Kirsten Simonsen	11/25
Maggie Kenitzer	11/26
Ken Winkler	11/26
Alexandrea LeMieux	11/27
Caryl Perrin	11/28
Emily Hayden	11/29

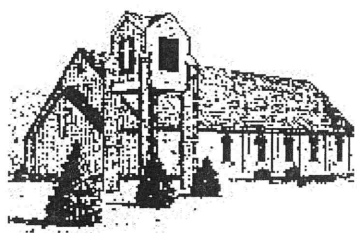


To the following couples who are celebrating November anniversaries:

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

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:4*





November 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	2	3	4	5	6	7
S.S./B.C.8:15am Worship 9:30am N.M/A.C after service Cemetery Assoc. meeting after service		W.B.S. 10:00am	Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Council 7:30pm	Homeschool Coop 9:00am		Men's Bible Study 7:30am Craft Event 12:30-3:30pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
S.S./B.C.8:15am Worship 9:30am Voters Meeting	Sr.Group/LWML 11:00am Turkey Dinner follow-up mtg. 6:00pm – all are invited.	W.B.S. 10:00am	Worship 6:30pm		Movie night "Toy Story 5" 5:30pm	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
S.S./B.C.8:15am Worship 9:30am N.M/A.C after service Youth game time after service until 12:30pm		W.B.S. 10:00am	Youth Catechesis 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm	Homeschool Coop 9:00am		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
S.S./B.C.8:15am Worship 9:30am N.M/A.C after service	Sr. Group 11:00am	W.B.S. 10:00am	No preschool Thanksgiving Worship Service 6:30pm	No preschool Thanksgiving	No preschool	
29	30	Dec. 1	2	3	4	5
B.C.8:15am Worship 9:30am First Advent N.M/A.C after service		December already??	Worship 6:30pm			Cookie Walk/Vendor Fair 9am-1pm Christmas Parade 6:00pm