

## Announcements at SPLCS

### Ascension Day Picnic & Service

Ascension Day is the day set aside each year to celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven, 40 days after Easter. It celebrates our Savior's rule over all things with a grand message and music. This year we are adding something different to our celebration--a picnic! The men of HALO are hosting a brat/hot dog cookout for all the families of our church and school on Thursday, May 9 in the Gorman Park shelter. Families and kids can get out to enjoy a meal, socialize, play games, and use the playground from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Then we will cross the street and sing to our ascended Lord at our Ascension Service at 6:30 p.m. Please help us plan this event by pre-registering. Weekly emails have a link for registration or you can call the office.

### Quarterly Voters Meeting on May 16

Every quarter the congregation holds a voters meeting for reporting on ministry and making decisions on the direction of our ministry. Our next meeting will take place next Sunday, May 16, at noon in the fellowship hall. We encourage all members to attend.

### Ladies Aid May Meeting

Ladies Aid will meet Thursday May 13th at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be an update on what the Quilting Group is doing. They'll display the quilts that will be given to our 2021 High School graduates. All ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to come. Please wear a mask and bring your own treat. Coffee will be provided. Hope to see you there!

### JAKE'S PIZZA NIGHT: SPLS FUNDRAISER

Help fund our new classroom by enjoying Jake's Pizza on Tuesday, May 18th from 5:00 - 8:00. All in-house and take out sales will benefit SPLS. You will be seeing our own SPLS students waiting on you. So, please plan a night at Jake's or take a pizza home and help our school. THANK YOU!

### New BIC Class to Start in May

Do you know someone interested in learning about the Bible's teachings? Are you interested in becoming a member of Saint Peter Lutheran? Would you like a review of the basic teachings of the Bible? Pastor Kelly will begin a new Bible Information Class that will meet on Thursdays after worship, starting May 13. Contact him today for information or to enroll (224-430-3925).

### Audio/Visual Assistance Needed

Steven Willett is looking for a couple of members to assist with the operation of the new Audio/Visual system. This includes recording and streaming our services to Facebook each Sunday or more often depending on the time of the church year. This has become a very important service to many of our members during the Covid Pandemic and is a great opportunity for Outreach. If you are interested or just have some questions please contact Steve at (507) 317-4429 or [steve32848@verizon.net](mailto:steve32848@verizon.net). Thanks!

### MLC Day and Special Offering

In conjunction with the celebration of MLC Day this past Wednesday, Saint Peter Lutheran is having a special offering collected over the next two months to help support MLC through the **Congregational Partner Grant program**. WELS congregations can assist and encourage their MLC students by giving a grant up to \$1,000 for each student each year. MLC will then match the gift and a student can have up to \$2,000 directed to offset a student's tuition. This Sunday, May 9, we begin collecting the CPG offering and continue until the end of June. Look for a special collection basket in the church narthex.

### Principal Gurgel Returned His Call

On Thursday, April 15th, Principal Gurgel received a call from Peace Lutheran School to serve as principal and teach grades 7-8 beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. We were notified this week that Principal Gurgel has returned this call and plans to remain serving at Saint Peter Lutheran School for next school year. With the window to call teachers now closed for the year until next fall, we are thankful to know that we now have our full staff in place for next school year! We thank God for the continuity of most of our staff from this year to next year as well as the addition of our new kindergarten teacher for next year, Nicole Tranberg!

### Secretary Positions

Our office secretary, Greta Fennell, has given notice that she can no longer fulfil her role and will soon be stepping down. Words cannot express our gratitude for her dedicated service. Saint Peter Lutheran Church and School has decided to divide our secretarial position into two part-time positions. One position will focus on the school and morning hours and the other will focus on the church in the afternoons. If you or someone you know is interested in serving in either of these positions, please pick up an application and job description in the church office. You will be contacted by our church president, Alex Lindstrom, and an interview with members of the executive committee will be arranged shortly thereafter.

### Crafts

If you are doing some spring cleaning and are getting rid of any new or used crafting supplies like ribbon, embroidery floss, paper supplies, scissors, embellishments, stickers, blank cards, etc., please place them in the donation box in the hallway near the office.

### LWMS Spring Mission Collection

There is a donation box in the Narthex for LWMS. Our Church's collection will be mailed to our District Treasurer before May 1st. Your donations go to all our missions in the world to support our workers and churches to spread the word of God. Please make out checks to St. Peter Lutheran Church. We will send one total check to the district treasurer. Thank you for your support. LWMS

# Bible Study

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Through the rest of April and May our Sunday morning Bible study will be devoted to accounts of witnessing by early Christians recorded in Acts chapters 13 – 28. As we study them we find ways to overcome challenging situations and people. Would you like insight into how you can talk about Jesus in less than ideal situations? Join us Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Here is a list of some of the situations we will talk about in “Strategies for Sharing Our Faith.”

“Dealing with the Occult” | “Dealing with Work-righteous People” | “Dealing with Persecution” | “Dealing with Non-Christian Religions” | “Dealing with People Full of Fear” | “Dealing with Agnostics/Atheists” | “Dealing with False Accusations”

## Friday Men's Bible Study

Everywhere we turn there seems to be bad news—in society, in the government, in education, and even in the Church. We invite the men of our congregation to spend some time with positive thinking, optimism, and joy. Over the next 5 or 6 weeks we will examine Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Consider the amazing joy and hopefulness of a man who wrote the letter of Philippians while sitting in a prison. Friday men’s Bible studies are at 6:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

# Other News

## Site Coordinator Job with Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Social Services is looking for a site coordinator for their Meals on Wheels program in St. Peter. It is a paid, Monday-Friday position, 10am-12pm. If you are interested in applying or want to learn about the position, please contact Samantha Haseltine at 651-253-4355 or [Samantha.haseltine@lssmn.org](mailto:Samantha.haseltine@lssmn.org).

## Minnesota Valley Lutheran

### MVL Classic on July 12

The 2021 MVL Classic is coming July 12 at the New Ulm Country Club. This annual outing supports our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for a Christ-centered education at MVL. Each year - through sponsorships, golf fees, and outright donations - thousands of dollars are raised for MVL families in the coming school year. Sponsorship opportunities are currently open for both businesses and individuals; contact Kristin Matzke at [kmatzke@mvlhs.org](mailto:kmatzke@mvlhs.org) for more information. Let's tap-in for tuition assistance!

### MVL Routes with Palmer Bus Service

Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We are now hiring school bus drivers for MVL routes. Full-time and part-time positions available with paid training! Contact Site Manager Ray Vulcan at [rayv@palmerbusservice.com](mailto:rayv@palmerbusservice.com) to learn more.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUNDAY, May 9

8 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Services (10:30 a.m. Livestreamed on Facebook)  
9:10 a.m. | Sunday School and Adult Bible Study  
1 p.m. | Spanish Service  
6 p.m. | NO in-person Women's Bible Study  
8 p.m. | Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

## WEDNESDAY, May 12

10 a.m. | Midweek Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. | Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. | Church Council Meeting

## THURSDAY, May 13

1:30 p.m. | Ladies Aid  
4 p.m. | Ascension Day picnic in Gorman Park  
6:30 p.m. | Ascension Day Worship  
7:30 p.m. | BIC Class in Commons Area

## FRIDAY, May 14

6 a.m. | Men's Bible Study

## SUNDAY, May 16

8 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Services with Communion (10:30 a.m. Livestreamed on Facebook)  
9:10 a.m. | Sunday School and Adult Bible Study  
6 p.m. | Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
8 p.m. | No Zoom Women's Bible Study

# STEWARDSHIP

## GENERAL FUND

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|---------------|---------------|
| Needed        | \$12,399.43   |
| Received 5/2* | \$6,136.00    |
| Total         | (\$6,263.43)  |
| Needed YTD    | \$465,384.62  |
| Received YTD  | \$444,541.15  |
| Total         | (\$20,843.47) |

## BUILDING FUND

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| Received 5/2* | \$210.00 |
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*\*Includes PushPay ONLY, not in-church offerings.*

# ATTENDANCE

## Sunday | May 2

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| @8 a.m.     | 68  |
| @10:30 a.m. | 103 |