

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Issue 3

of Saint Peter Lutheran Church & School

Upcoming...

Voters Meeting on January 29, 11:45 am The voters meeting on January 29 is our annual voters meeting to be held after the 10:30 service. Items on the agenda: * Committee Updates * Council Member Elections * A discussion on Live Streaming Services * Crossroads Process Update. **We encourage ALL Members to attend!**

Dartball League, Monday, Jan. 16, St. Johns, New Ulm, 6:30 warm-up, 7pm game. Any WELS male in 8th grade or older is eligible. Contact Jerry Heier (507) 934-4339 or Mark Blais (507) 341-1314 rodneyblais@gmail.com

Classic Pine Car Roll In, Chili Cook Off & Pie Pot Luck Wednesday, February 8th 5:30-7:30pm *Tasting starts at 5:30pm; race starts at 6:00pm. Bring some chili, bring a pie.... or just come and enjoy 😊 Bring in all your old cars for display and to race by age category. *There are new car kits available in the office for \$5. All are welcome to join us!*

The Church Concert Band will be playing for both Pre-services on **February 12, 2023**. Rehearsals (one hour length) will start Sunday, January 22. Thank you in advance for your willingness to use your musical gifts to add to our worship services. Please go to the link to sign-up: <https://forms.gle/vfD3MwxwGFjw7f7V6>

SCHOOL SPRING FUNDRAISER: S'crafter's Retreat Friday & Saturday, February 24 & 25 Crafters welcome: quilting, cards, scrapbooking, knitting, sewing, painting, weaving, etc. *Meals, snacks, water & coffee provided *Pop for purchase *Free Make 'n Takes *Games *Door Prizes! Goodie bags! *Massage for purchase *Swap Station for supplies *Craft Business Consultants on site. Return non-refundable registration by Feb. 17 to: S'crafter's Retreat, Heidi Winkelmann, 903 Edgerton St., St. Peter, MN 56082. *Pre-registration & payment required, space is limited. Checks to St. Peter Lutheran School. Call 507-220-0955 or email khwinks@hotmail.com for more information.*

Announcements...

2023 Offering envelopes The 2023 offering envelopes are prepared and ready to be picked up in the narthex. Please pick up your offering box, and consider delivering boxes to family & friends to help aid in distribution.

Call declined At the December 18 call meeting, the Holy Spirit led the congregation to call Mr. Jonathan Plocher to serve as our full-time 7th & 8th grades teacher and principal. This week Mr. Plocher sent a letter declining the call that we issued. In his letter he felt there were a number of positives were drawing him to Saint Peter, but the staffing conditions at King of Kings did not allow him to leave at this point in time. The Church Council will schedule a new call meeting when the District President gives confirmation when a new call list will be available.

Bible Studies & Classes

New Sunday Bible Study This Sunday morning a new Bible study series will walk us through the credibility of Christianity over against other world religions. "Christianity and the Competition" will consider the sacred sources and secular evidences from geography, archeology, and history to establish objective reliability. We will examine world religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. We will also talk along with modern Western religions like Jehovah's Witness, Mormonism, and Scientology. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m..

Wednesday morning Bible study

Our studies meet on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Wednesday Bible studies are exploring and explaining important Bible terms. "Grand Themes and Key Words" takes the mystery out of Bible words and phrases and helps us be clear in what we understand the Bible to be saying. This Wednesday we will learn about the meaning and significance of the Sabbath.

RISE with the Guys RISE with the Guys hears the Lord calling us to rise to the challenge of biblical manhood in a hostile society. This Thursday will continue a new study on the heroes of faith found in Hebrews 11. Our men's morning Bible study will meet weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Women's Bible Study Resumes! Women of St. Peter, we'd like to invite you to join us for fellowship, snacks (no doubt!), and an opportunity to grow together in God's Word. We will be looking at women in the Gospel of Luke. We will again be offering the same lesson twice each week: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. beginning January 21, and Sundays at 7:00 p.m. beginning January 22. There is a book to purchase for \$9; you can pay for and pick it up at the office next week. Any questions? Contact Cari at 224-430-3926.

Is our Church Directory missing your photo?

Be a part of our online church directory. Go to the church bulletin board and scan the QR code on the Directory flyer. Click the link, upload a photo and click submit. Admin will then get the email and we can upload the photo for them. It is much easier (especially if they click the link from their phone because they can upload a selfie or a family snapshot from Christmas) **Please participate so that we may print a member directory with photos in the near future.**



Community...

ART After Dark @ Mt. Olive Art appreciation from a Christian perspective. 8-9:00 pm on four Thursdays: Jan. 12 & 19, Feb. 2 & 9. Lecture given by Bethany Professor Bill Bukowski. FREE to public.

WELS/ELS Singles in Minnesota Board game and hot chocolate bar at Peace Lutheran Church in 2090 Commerce Dr., North Mankato, MN, on Saturday, January 21, noon to 3pm. For more info, email Rachel Moldstad at rmoldstad@gmail.com. Check us out on Facebook at: WELS & ELS Singles

Coaches Needed MVL is looking for a baseball and softball head coach for this spring. These are paying positions. *For more information contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org*

MVL 'Building on the Rock' Capital Campaign This campaign has a goal to raise \$6,900,000 before April 15, 2023 for science rooms, transform gym into an event center, a new field house and a new activities entrance. *More info. on the MVL bulletin board. Gifts to: mvl.org/capital-campaign*

Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Early Childhood Assistant Teacher, part-time Early Childhood Substitute Teachers, and a full-time Custodian & Grounds Worker. *Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.*

District Workshop on February 25 The Minnesota District Workshop will be on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at West Lutheran HS. This event is open to all WELS members who are looking for personal inspiration or new ministry ideas. *In addition to a keynote presentation, participants will be part of a breakout workshop that focuses on a specific topic. Topics and presentations as well as a registration form can be found online at mnworkshop.com.*

MLC trips to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary MLC will sponsor a trip to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for young men in high school that are thinking about becoming pastors. The next 2-day trip to our seminary is at the end of February (Sun.-Mon. 26/27). *Detailed info. and scheduling are on the MLC bulletin board in our hallway. Contact Pastor Joel Thomford of MLC at 507.217.3714 for more information.*

Men of Truth Conference on March 25 Registration is now open for the **2023 Men of Truth conference** happening Saturday March 25, 2023 at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. This year's theme will be **"Men Mentoring Men."** All men are invited to register, attend, and encourage others to attend! Get information and register at <https://menoftruth.org>.

WELS Travel Tour Opportunity through MLC The MLC Alumni Association invites W/ELS members to join a **March 1-12 travel tour** which plans to visit Southern CA, Grand Canyon West, the Mighty Five Utah national parks, and the Colorado Rockies. *For more information, visit bit.ly/la2nu (tour) or contact coordinator Steve Balza alumni@mlc-wels.edu or 507-217-1731.*

Every Member Ministry Teams

The Guiding Coalition is asking every able member to participate in our Ministry Teams.

Not sure which Ministry Team is for you?

Please fill out the small orange survey about your talents or interest category today.

The orange survey sheet is in your mailbox.

The Ministry Team descriptions are displayed right outside the office on the wall.

We have over 200 events/things that our members want to keep on doing.

In addition there are 300+ future activities our members would like to see.

We would all greatly appreciate any of your talent or time that you can gift to our congregation and school family.

Gather, Grow and then Go tell what God has done for us. Share your love for Jesus and be a part of our Ministry here at Saint Peter Lutheran.

"Our Future, Together, for His Glory!"

**"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim
freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."**

Luke 4: 18-19

Monthly Giving Needed: \$52,692 (\$632,300/12)

Giving for August: \$42,381 (-\$10,311)

Giving for September: \$38,769 (-\$13,923)

Giving for October: \$37,412 (-\$13,619)

Giving for November: \$46,235 (-\$6,456)

ATTENDANCE

Week of Sunday | January 8, 2023

Early Service - 91 | Late Service - 67

We do not keep attendance of FB, but it is good to know that on Facebook we had a total 122 household engagements.