

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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of Saint Peter Lutheran Church & School

Upcoming...

The voters meeting on January 29 is our annual voters meeting to be held after the 10:30 service.

* Committee Updates * Council Member Elections
* Crossroads Process Update * A call list to consider for calling an upper grades teacher/principal. We encourage all members to attend. **See you next Sunday at 11:45 a.m.**

Little Lambs Preschool Open House Feb. 2, 5-7 pm It is that time of year to start thinking about preschool registration for the 2023-2024 school year! Please invite anyone you think could be interested in this event. This year, registration has moved to an online form. Registration link is in your church email, or scan QR code on bulletin board. *As you share this invitation with prospective parents, please encourage them to come to the open house to see the room and have a chance to talk with Mrs. Voigt.* 3's Tu & Thurs 8-11AM \$1060/yr. (\$118/month); 4's - MWF 8-11:30 AM \$1820/yr. (\$202/month); 4's - TuWTh 12-3PM \$1620/yr. (\$180/month).

MVL Sunday on February 5 We are excited to have the high school singing voices of MVL in our February 5 worship services. *Please join us for a special morning of worship music.*

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>

Pot-Luck & Board Game Afternoon, Sunday, Feb. 19 after late service. Come join us fellowship, food & fun! Bring a favorite game and some food. *Sign up on bulletin board.*

For at one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light.
Ephesians 5:8

Bible Studies & Classes

New Sunday Bible Study This morning we continue a new Bible study series designed to walk us through the credibility of Christianity in relation to 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 about 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 what the Bible has to say about Tithing and First-fruits.

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 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! 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. Any questions? Contact Cari at 224-430-3926.

SCHOOL SPRING FUNDRAISER: S'crafter's Retreat

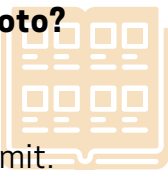
Friday & Saturday, February 24 & 25 Crafters welcome: quilting, cards, scrapbooking, knitting, sewing, painting, weaving, etc. *Meals, snacks, water & coffee provided *Pop for purchase *Free Make 'n Takes *Games *Door Prizes! Goodie bags! *Massage for purchase *Swap Station for supplies *Craft Business 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.

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 you. **Please participate so we may print a member directory with photos in the future.**



Every Member 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.*

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

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

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

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

Giving for December: \$41,593 (-\$11,099)

**But if we walk in the light,
as he is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son
cleanses us from all sin.**

1 John 1:7

ATTENDANCE

Week of Sunday | January 15, 2023

Early Service - 86 | Late Service - 83

We do not keep attendance of FB, but it is good to know that on Facebook we had a total 71 household engagements.

Community...

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

Martin Luther College Wind Symphony, "Let the Light Shine: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band." The concert will be held at 3:00 pm on Sun., February 12, in the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College. A *livestream of the concert can be accessed at www.mlc-wels.edu/streams.*

Coach Needed MVL is looking for a baseball 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/.*

MN District Workshop on Saturday, February 25 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.*

MLC Volleyball Tournament The annual MLC volleyball tournament will take place over two weekends this year. The men's tournament will be **March 18 and women's on March 25.** *See the church bulletin board to get more details or sign up.*

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>.

walk in the light

