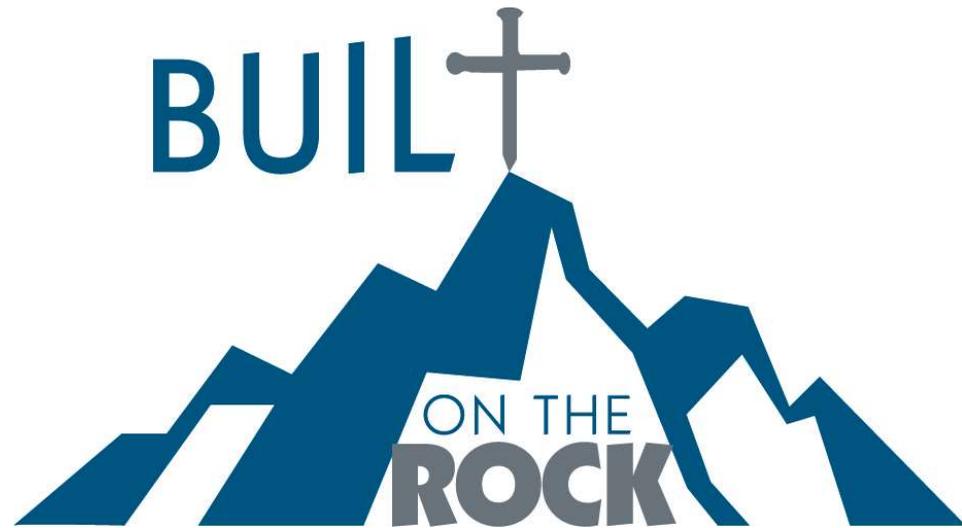


## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation



### Announcements March 22, 2020

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
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[www.stpetersfdl.net](http://www.stpetersfdl.net)

Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 7:45 & 10:30 am  
Phone: 922-1160 or 921-8075

Pastor Michael J. Zuberbier: 517-8808      Pastor Matthew M. Guse: 517-9000  
For hospital visits or emergencies, please call Pastor Zuberbier at 517-8808.  
St. Peter's Lutheran School, Mr. Andrew Mildebrandt, Principal    922-1160 ext. 302  
Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Mr. David Schroeder, Principal    921-4930 ext. 304

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There's an old German saying, "Der Mensch denkt, Gott lenkt." It means, "Man proposes, God disposes." Almost immediately after we sent out our plans of having devotions every half hour at certain time periods the governor made a decree that no gatherings of ten or more will be allowed until further notice. In addition, more information continues to trickle in concerning the coronavirus—both concerning how contagious it is and how dangerous it is. For these reasons we will not be having devotions every half hour at St. Peter's.



**HOWEVER** Your pastors are still here to serve you at your leisure. The church will be open for personal prayer and meditation on Mondays through Thursdays from 8 am until 4 pm, and on Fridays from 8 am until noon. It will also be open for private prayer and meditation on Sunday morning from 8 until 11. In addition, go to our website, [stpetersfdl.net](http://stpetersfdl.net), for updates, announcements, sermons, etc.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Anyone who desires the Lord's Supper may call one of the pastors for private Communion. Please don't hesitate to call.

In addition, let's remember what we know from God's Word.

**God is in control.** Psalm 46:1 – "Be still, and know that I am God."

**God loves us and promises to help us.** Isaiah 41:10 - "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

**God promises to use all things for our good.** Romans 8:28 – "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

**God wants to use us to reflect his love to others.** Matthew 5:14, 16 "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise their Father in heaven."

**In times of adversity Christians can demonstrate a calm confidence that others don't have.** "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15).

In Christ's service and in Yours,

Pastor Michael J. Zuberbier 920-517-8808 *call/text*  
Pastor Matthew M. Guse 920-517-9000 *call/text*

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD** Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Marilyn Kaiser, who departed from this life to life eternal on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at the age of 98 years, 3 months and 23 days. The funeral service has been postponed. May her family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

**DIVINE CALL RECEIVED** Dear members of St. Peter's, Lenten Greetings in our Savior's Name! This letter is to let you know that I did receive the divine call that you extended to me to serve as your principal and teacher of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I am humbled that you consider me worthy to share and serve you at this time! I look forward to speaking with many of you about the ministry that the Lord has blessed there in Fond du Lac. Please pray for me as I deliberate the two calls that I now hold. I rejoice with you in the work of the Holy Spirit in the church. May the Lord continue to be and abide with us all as we look forward to His glorious return!

In Christ our Lord, David A. Backus

**MEMORIALS** Friends and family of Dennis Immel have given \$600 to the School Wish List for the purchase of new classroom chairs.

**EASTER LILIES** If you would like to donate an Easter lily to beautify the sanctuary for Easter, please fill out an envelope with your name and the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory or honor you are donating the lily. The price is \$16.00. Please place your check (made payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild) or cash into the provided envelope and into the floral box on the cart in the narthex. The last day to order is **Sunday, March 22.**



**EASTER BREAKFAST** has been cancelled.

**OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** *Empowered by God's Word, St. Peter's Lutheran School assists families in EDUCATING their children, EQUIPPING them for LIFE and ETERNITY.* If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling a child that will be a student in Preschool through 8 next school year, now is the time to contact Principal Mildebrandt at 922-1160 extension 302 for more information.

**TOUR WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY!** Have you ever wondered where our pastors are trained? Have you ever seen the school of the prophets that your offerings support? Why not join us on a tour of our Seminary in Mequon on May 2.

All are welcome—young and old. This tour may even inspire some of our boys in grade school and high school to consider serving in the pastoral ministry. The bus(es) will leave our parking lot at 9:00 am and we'll be home by 12:30 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**USHER SERVICE** Want to serve the Lord as an Usher? Men and young men, we need additional individuals to serve on our Usher Teams. You would usher approximately 10 Sundays throughout the year. Training is provided and you just need to be a friendly and caring individual. Please contact David Boelter, Head Usher, if you are interested at 922-2740 (home) or 539-3535 9 (cell).

**CHURCH LIBRARY** In your preparation for Easter come check out the following Easter DVD's: *My Son, My Savior, A.D., Jesus of Nazareth and The Ten Commandments. To the Ends of the Earth*, a newer DVD, is about Paul's visit to Philippi, connecting with people of all walks of life and demonstrating the good news of Jesus for all people. It is a companion film to *Come Follow Me, Road To Emmaus, and My Son, My Savior*. For you adults we also have the book *The Robe and Risen*.

DVD's for children: *VeggieTales An Easter Carol and The Night Before Easter*, also *Greatest Heroes and Legends The Last Supper, Crucifixion and Resurrection*.

Children come check out more books about Easter: *The Very First Easter, A Child's Story of Easter, The Legend of the Easter Egg, Easter is For Me, and The Easter Women*, and *Jesus is Alive*. May you have a blessed Easter!

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** Thrivent Choice, the charitable grant program from Thrivent Financial, continues to be a supplemental funding source for organizations nationwide. Eligible benefit members designate Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup> they can gift to the charitable organization(s) of their choice, including St. Peter's Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Lutheran School. Since the inception of this program in 2010, St. Peter's Church and School have received a total of \$108,932. To direct your Choice Dollars visit [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). The last day for 2019 Choice dollars to be directed is March 31, 2020.

**HYMNFEST** which was scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, has been cancelled.

**CHRISTIAN WORSHIP PREVIEW** The new hymnal is scheduled for release in the fall of 2021. Preview booklets are available on the ushers stand in the narthex, or online at [www.christianworship.com](http://www.christianworship.com).

**25<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Our St. Peter's family will be thanking the Lord that both Andy Mildebrandt and Emil Schuh have served 25 years and 40 years respectively in the teaching ministry. We will have special services on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 and Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 and 10:30. Following the services, there will be a cake reception. A special envelope for gifts of appreciation will be in your member mailboxes. If you wish to mail in a gift, please label it is Anniversary Gift. We hope our entire St. Peter's family will join in this service of praise and thanksgiving for the Public Ministry of the Gospel.

**SECOND IMPRESSIONS** Because of the potential health risks of the Coronavirus, Second Impressions Thrift Store will be closed thru March 30. They will tentatively re-open on March 31. You may follow them on Facebook for additional information. We thank you all for your support, patience and understanding. God's blessings to you and your loved ones.

**SCRIP UPDATE** Scrip will not be sold at WLA. We currently have some limited quantities of stock here at St. Peter's you can purchase during our office hours. Orders can still be placed through shopwithscrip.com for download to your mobile device or mail order.

**HUNTER SAFETY** has been cancelled with NO rescheduling dates.

**If you know of members who don't have internet access,  
please share this with them.**

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 111 + 88 + 229 = 428  
 Communed: 92 + 175 = 267  
 Midweek Worship: 282 + 55 = 337

Bible Class: 46  
 Sunday School: 9

*Daily Bible Readings*

03/22 Numbers 20	03/26 Numbers 25, 26
03/23 Numbers 21	03/27 Numbers 27, 36
03/24 Numbers 22	03/28 Numbers 28, 29
03/25 Numbers 23, 24	

*First Fruits to the Lord 2020:*

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$23,002.54	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,900.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	24,902.54	\$296,253.64
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	342,397.22
Overage (Shortfall)	(6,224.48)	(46,143.58)
Improvement Fund	560.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	55.00	
Honoring the Lord!	235.00	
Wish List	45.00	