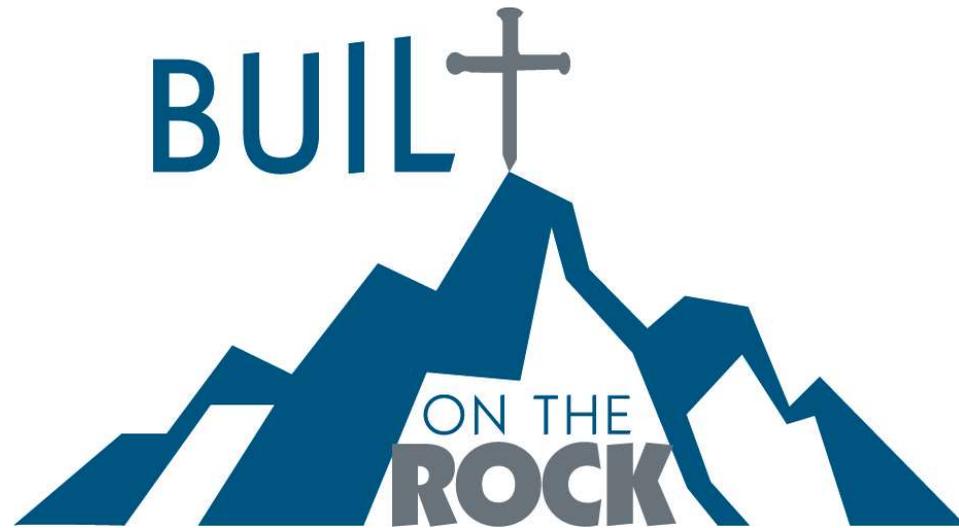


St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation



Announcements
March 29, 2020

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
1600 S. Main St.
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937-9235
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, 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 46:10 – "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*

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 8th 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

EASTER BREAKFAST has been cancelled.

WLA is canceling all April/May listening meetings that had been scheduled in the Association. With so much uncertainty right now, we appreciate your understanding.

The goal of these meetings was to give updates on the Land Purchase and to share information about WLA's next five-year vision plan. The listening meetings would then have given people the opportunity to provide thoughts, questions to be answered, and feedback about these two topics. To be clear, current plans to purchase land are still ongoing. WLA will be exploring ways to communicate this information following Easter.

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.

HUNTER SAFETY has been cancelled with NO rescheduling dates.

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).

OWLS The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be cancelled on Tuesday, April 14, due to the Corona Virus. The meeting on May 12, God willing, will be held at 1:00 pm here at St. Peter's, unless you receive another notice that we are unable to have our meeting in May due to the Corona Virus.

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 DollarsSM 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. 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.

25th and 40th 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 23rd at 6:30 and Sunday, April 26th 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 as 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.

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.

If you know of members without internet access, please share this with them.

Daily Bible Readings

03/29 Numbers 30	04/02 Mark 1:1-15
03/30 Numbers 31	04/03 Mark 1:16-34
03/31 Numbers 32	04/04 Mark 1:35-2:12
04/01 Numbers 33-35	

First Fruits to the Lord 2020:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$32,405.83	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,865.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	34,270.83	\$330,524.47
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	373,524.24
Overage (Shortfall)	3,143.81	(42,999.77)
Improvement Fund	210.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	5.00	
Honoring the Lord!	410.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	40.20	

Here is a link to St. Paul's North Fond du Lac. They have provided all of the Mid-week Lenten services for us in video form.

http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com/site/cpage.asp?sec_id=3921&cpage_id=23505