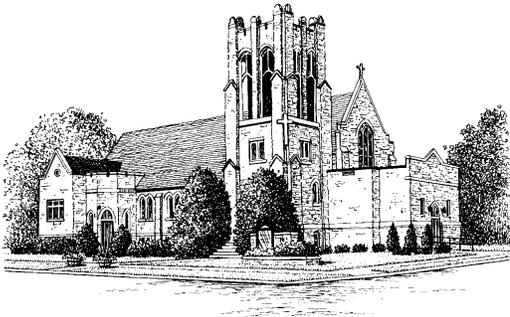




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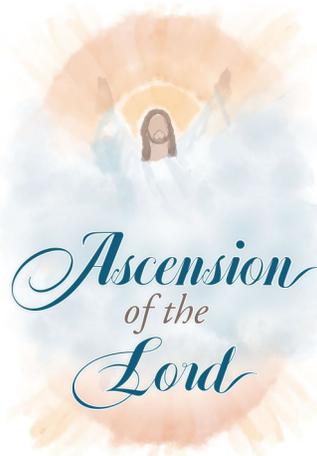
MAY 2023

Beloved in the Lord:

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord is a feast day often neglected by Christians. Christian freedom allows us to move the day from the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter to the following Sunday. This year, though, we will celebrate Ascension on the day itself, Thursday, May 18th, with Divine Service at 6:30 PM.

Why do Christians often neglect celebrating our Lord's ascension to heaven? One reason might be because we don't understand what Ascension Day is. Jesus leaves us behind to return to our heavenly Father. Saying goodbye is not often something worth celebrating. While our Lord ascends from our sight, He is not actually gone from our sight. Jesus remains with us. His presence is now found where He promises to be: in the preaching of His Word, in water with His Word in Baptism, and under bread and wine with His Word in the Lord's Supper. If our Lord does not ascend into heaven, He does not fulfill all things. Having completed the task of saving us from our sins by the shedding of His blood, as well as

rising from the dead to bestow new life, His ascension brings the promise of the descent of the Holy Spirit. Ten days later we will celebrate Pentecost, when Jesus's promise of the Spirit among us is fulfilled. The Spirit of the Lord fills the world as the apostles are sent beyond Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria to tell the Good News about Jesus. The Word of the Lord grew beyond anyone's wildest dreams as the circle of the proclamation of Jesus Christ and Him crucified grew wider day by day...even to Arlington, Wisconsin.



Ascension Day is a day of rejoicing. Jesus has accomplished all things His Father sent Him to do for our sake. He returns to His Father, ready to send the promised Spirit among us to keep us steadfast in His Word and Sacraments to life everlasting. Make time to join us on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 PM to bask in our Lord's accomplished mission of salvation for sinners and His promise of the Holy Spirit yet to come.

*Your partner in the Gospel,
Pastor Juhl*

St. Peter's is open and welcoming everyone to come to worship. We offer three Divine services:



**Sundays at 8:00 am
and 10:30 am,
Mondays at 6:30 pm.**

YOU are invited to come to worship for the outpouring of God's love and receive the Sacraments.

Music Ministry



A WALK Through the LITURGY
The THANKSGIVING and COLLECT

Upon the completion of the beautiful *Nunc Dimittis*, the pastor or the assistant chants, "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good," and the congregation responds with the rest of verse one of Psalm 107, "and His mercy (ESV translates: steadfast love) endureth forever." However, the hymnal committee could have easily put Psalm 136, 2 Chronicles 20:21, or even Jeremiah 33:11 as the biblical reference. These later two bible references, 2 Chronicles and Jeremiah 33, both imply worship taking place with the singing of this verse.

In the same manner of the worship of the people of God in the Old Testament and those whom Jeremiah prophesies, we sing our thanks to our Lord who has manifested his mercy and steadfast love toward us in this Sacrament which we just received. It is as if each time we receive the Sacrament, we are participating in the fulfillment of the Lord's word to Jeremiah: "For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first." If you keep reading Jeremiah, we will learn that the fortunes are restored by the Righteous Branch, whose name is: The Lord is our

righteousness (Jeremiah 33:14).

The fortunes which we see restored is God's mercy upon sinners. He forgives us for Christ's sake. He has made abundantly clear to us by the giving of His Son at the cross for the sin of the world in order that the world might be saved through Him (John 3:16). So we give thanks to our gracious Lord, and then address Him with the prayer that follows.

The typical prayer said is Luther's collect, which he penned for his German Mass. This prayer is beautiful in its simplicity as it gets to the point of the Sacrament we just received from Christ. However, it might serve the congregation well if the pastor expand the prayer for catechetical purposes, or if he take time in bible or confirmation class to explain the petitions embedded in this simple prayer.

The salutary gift for which we give thanks is the very body and blood of Jesus Christ. Then we literally ask the Lord, that having received into our bodies the body and blood of Christ, we be made to trust in the Triune God. In other words, we are praying that we be made holy, sanctified, by the eating and the drinking of Christ's body and blood. We do not just ask that we fulfill the first table of the Law in this prayer but we also pray that by the same body and blood, we also love our neighbor in ways that are pleasing to our Lord.

Next month we will finish out our series as we reach the end of our liturgy.

Many blessings to you this month of May!

In His service,
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth

CHOIR, MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Practices are Wednesdays

Handbells: 6:30 pm

Vocal Choir: 7:30 pm

Help us make a joyful noise with your musical gifts!

SPONSOR THE VICAR

\$3,350 for a month
\$775 for a week
\$110 for a day
\$55 for half a day
\$10 for an hour



*Congrats to the
Class of 2023*

Poynette High School

Carter Fait
Olivia Walstad

Home School

Catherine Juhl

UW-LaCrosse

Brandon Rowe

UW-Platteville

Emily Taylor

South Dakota State University

Justin Taylor

You will find envelopes on the counter in the narthex if you would like to place your sponsorship inside before placing in an offering plate. You may also use your regular giving envelope for sponsoring the Vicar program here at St. Peter's.

Congratulations to you all!

**SEASONAL HUMOR
FOR BASEBALL SEASON:**

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.
- What did the baseball glove say to the ball? "Catch ya later!"
- Why are frogs good baseball players? Because they're good at catching flies.
- Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? She ran away from the ball.

***Christian Women's
Council***

***Spring Plant Sale
& Bake Sale***

***May 12th 8 am to 2 pm
& May 13th 8 am to 12 pm***

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church

**MAY
Birthdays**

5/1	Nina Schroeder
5/3	David Qualle
5/3	Herb Schultz
5/4	Jacque Penshorn
5/14	Connie Hendrickson
5/14	Steve Paskey
5/23	Sandra Smith
5/24	Brita Schoeneberg
5/24	Veronica Lerch
5/29	Jane Tomlinson



A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.



What you need:

- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

What you do:

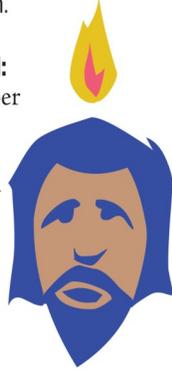
1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.

Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

4-K Host Site for *Poynette School District*

Cathy Wendt, *Director*

It has been such a blessing for us here at St. Peter's Child Care and Preschool to share this year with you and our center families. We have seen each child grow in their abilities and enjoyment of school. We feel blessed to be able to talk with them about the love of Jesus, how God works in our hearts and see their faith grow throughout the year.

It is hard to miss the physical growth of each child but we also observed the social, emotional, and intellectual growth of each child. It has been a joy partnering with you in nurturing these children during some of their most formative years.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

As our school year comes to a close, we want to sincerely Thank You for your support and contributions to our program. Whenever there is a need we are generously supplied. Thank you to all who volunteer and assist as the need arises. And a special Thank You to Connie Hendrickson for always willing to guide and assist the center when needed. We attribute the willingness to serve us to the effectiveness of our program. Thank you for letting your lights shine!

If you know of anyone who is looking for care please let them know about us as we gear up for our summer program and look ahead to the new school year. We can continue to grow with your help



Did you Know Our Child Care & Preschool has a Wish List?

- Volunteers who love working with children
- Monetary gifts

• Items on our Amazon.com wish list https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3AHJ7WTR7OX4C?ref=wl_share

- Gently used books, toys and dress up clothes
- Your prayers as we celebrate our 29th year this fall!

DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

<p>May 7/8 5th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Isaiah 12:1-6 Psalm 66:1-8; antiphon: v.5 James 1:16-21 John 16:5-15</p>	<p>Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 478 - 480 - 556, 809 - 796 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Adult Choir</p>
<p>May 14/15 6th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b James 1:22-27 John 16:23-30</p>	<p>Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 463 - 766 - 719, 686, 691 - 526 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Handbells</p>
<p>THURSDAY, May 18 The Ascension of Our Lord 6:30pm</p> <p>2 Kings 2:5-15 Psalm 47:1-2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11 Acts 1:1-11 Mark 24:14-20</p>	<p>Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 833 - 491 - 492, 494 - 840 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Music: Handbells</p>
<p>May 21/22 7th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Ezekiel 36:22-28 Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a 1 Peter 4:7-12 John 15:26-16:4</p>	<p>Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 687 - 539 - 564, 828 - 842 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: All Sunday School (10:30am)</p>
<p>May 28/29 The Day of Pentecost</p> <p>Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: <i>Liturgical Text</i>; Psalm 68:3 Acts 2:1-21 John 14:23-31</p>	<p>Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 501 - 497 - 503, 500 - 913 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>



“Let’s give ’em a good start
with some holy water!”



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MAY
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VOLUNTEERS

COUNCIL MINUTES April 11, 2023

The April 11th meeting of St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President Cameron Gramse at 6:30 pm. This meeting was held in the sanctuary.

Pastor Juhl opened with a devotion from Luke 24:41 *And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of boiled fish and he took it and ate before them.* "Disbelief for joy" is something that you just can not make your mind believe even though it is right in front of you.

The Agenda was presented. Dan Schmidt moved approval, Brad Larson second, motion carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. Bob Hagenow moved to approve the report, Bill Steffenhagen second, carried.

The Financial Secretary's report was given by Bob Hagenow. The month of March did not quite meet the monthly amount needed for projected expenses. We were at 75% of the contributions given last March for the general fund and 86% of missions compared to a year ago. For the quarter though we are ahead by 3.6% of the prior year. Current giving to our mission commitment for the year is well ahead being at 131% of the prior year. March's online giving was 6% of the general fund giving and 4.5% of mission giving. April is tracking very well so far. Paul Yamriska moved to accept the report, Dan Schmidt second, carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Meg Hanson. The current checkbook balance today is \$16,454.49. Meg asked for permission to use Special Purpose Insurance Reserve funds to cover our shortfall for Worker's Compensation that was determined by the latest Grinnell audit. Bob Hagenow moved to transfer \$1152 from insurance reserve fund to general expense fund. Keith Podoll second, motion carried. There was a discussion about the current amount we have designated as housing allowance for Pastor. After a number of years having the housing allowance at \$7200 annually, it has been determined that this amount is not keeping up with costs currently associated with residing in the parsonage. Bill Steffenhagen moved that we raise the housing allowance to \$1000 per month or \$12,000 annually for the tax year 2023 and going forward. Bob Hagenow seconded the motion. After a discussion as to what the housing allowance entails and how it is used by the Pastor, the motion carried. Dan Schmidt moved approval of the treasurer's report, Brad Larson second, motion carried.

The Elders report was presented. Alex Rehlinger noted that the Elder group has now assigned roles within the group. Brad Larson reported the Easter Egg Hunt was attended by about 50 children. It was somewhat cold outside so there were lots of donut holes and juice consumed in the sanctuary after the hunt was over. Paul Yamriska reported that all of the service personnel who are active will be receiving Easter cards, there are none deployed overseas at this time. The Elders will have informal conversations with the confirmands this week. There were no Herwig scholarship applications turned in this year. Cantor Zieroth reported that he had a very busy couple of weeks with all of the services pertaining to Holy Week. Bells performed Maundy Thursday, Vocal choir Good Friday, the Vigil was well attended, and then Piano, Bells, Instrumentalists and Choir performed on Easter Sunday. Don't forget the Organ Concert coming up on April 30th at 3:00 pm, featuring Greg Zelek, principal organist for the Madison Symphony Orchestra and Curator of the Overture Concert Organ. Handbells will be featured at the Ascension Day service on

Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 pm, the vocal choir finishes up their year on May 7th, and Sunday School choirs will finish up on May 21st, the last day of Sunday School.

The Trustees report was given by Keith Podoll. There are two new sump pumps on the property: the elevator pit and the vicarage. The trustees are working on finding a new person or company to take care of the summer lawn mowing. They did receive bids from three companies to replace the heater/AC unit for the business wing of the church. Rock Solid has given us an bid of \$10,890 for the heater and A/C. LT Heating, out of DeForest, gave bids for three different brands: Trane \$9,627; Rudd \$9,896; or Amana \$8,337. Arlington Hardware gave us a bid of \$16,584 for a ComfortMaker. Dan Schmidt made a motion to go with Rock Solid as they have been very easy to work with and very quick to respond to us as we have needed them. Bill Steffenhagen second, motion carried.

The Board of Christian Education report began with the report that the Child Care Center is doing well. As of April 1st, Cathy Wendt has taken over the full time duties as the director. Connie will still be available if there is a need for a consult. They have had no applications for their open position. They are still looking for full-time, part-time teachers and volunteers. Sunday school will finish the year on May 21st and all ages will sing at the 10:30 service. Midweek classes are finishing up with confirmation being scheduled for April 23rd. The Midweek suppers were well attended and had lots of helpers to get all of the meals prepared and set up and cleaned up. Thank you to all who were able to help out. The Bible classes are going well. Dates for VBS have been set. It will be held the week of June 19th-23rd during the mornings.

The Pastor's report began with Pastor Juhl letting us in on Madison North and South Circuit Matters: Rev. Dan Torkelson has accepted the call to serve as Pastor of Mount Olive, Madison. He will be installed on Sunday, April 30th. Rev. Grant Sorenson is deliberating a call from St. Paul, Madison to St. Mark, Belgium. Calvary Lutheran Chapel on the UW Campus and Living Christ, Madison are in the calling process for a new sole pastor. Bethlehem, Sun Prairie has asked for a seminary candidate for their new associate pastor. Looking ahead this spring will be the Spring District Pastors Conference April 17-19 in Manitowoc. There will be no Monday night Divine Service on April 17th. Confirmation is set for the 10:30 Divine Service on Sunday, April 23rd. Pastor and the elders will have an informal conversation with the confirmands on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30 PM in preparation for confirmation. We will know either April 24th or April 26th whether or not we receive a vicar for the 2023-24 academic year. Greg Zelek, Principal Organist for the Madison Symphony Orchestra, will perform in concert at St. Peter's on Sunday, April 30th at 3:00 PM. Pastor will be taking some vacation time from Tuesday, May 23rd through Friday, May 26th to visit family in southern Illinois. He will not miss a Divine Service. He will also take some vacation time Friday, June 9th through Sunday, June 11th for the annual Warmuth family camp. He will be here for Monday night Service on June 12th.

There were no membership changes. There was no old business. There was no new business.

Dan Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm, Brad Larson second, motion carried. Lord's Prayer was said by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnette Taylor, Council Secretary





**FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on February 28, 2023	\$16,020.79
Receipts for Mar (est.)	\$19,600.16
Expenses for Mar (est.)	\$(20,062.68)
Shortage/Overage	\$15,558.27

ELDERS

May 1	6:30 p.m.	Paul Yamriska
May 7	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger
	10:30 a.m.	Benjamin Robinson
May 8	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
May 14	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Stephen Saager
May 15	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
May 18	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Saager
May 21	8:00 a.m.	Bill Steffenhagen
	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
May 22	6:30 p.m.	Paul Yamriska
May 28	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger
	10:30 a.m.	Benjamin Robinson
May 29	6:30 p.m.	TBD



JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Matthew records a timeline of Jesus' family dating back to Abraham. Do you know who is in Jesus' family tree?

Directions: Use Matthew 1:1-17 to order the genealogy. Then put the letters in order in the boxes to answer the question below.

- T. Uzziah the father of Jotham
- O. Jacob the father of Judah
- N. Jacob the father of Joseph
- E. Elihud the father of Eleazar
- U. Boaz the father of Obed
- F. Abraham the father of Isaac
- R. Solomon the father of Rehoboam
- E. Josiah the father of Jeconiah



How many generations were there from Abraham to David, from David to the Exile, and from the Exile to Jesus, the Messiah?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

ANSWER FOURTEEN

MAY USHERS



May 7 & 14

Early

- No Chairman
- Wade Senft
- George Schoeneberg
- Jeff, Brandon, Jacob Rowe
- Phil & Austin Kruger

Late

- Tyson Miller, Chr. (279-5338)
- Mitch & Ahren Schoeckert
- Matthew Hendrickson
- Michael Hendrickson
- Stephen Saager
- James Saager
- Matthew Saager

May 21 & 28

Philip Hanson, Chr
(635-2244)

- Randy Schuster
- Rich Rittmeyer
- Mark Hirssig
- Justin, Jacob, Caleb Reddeman

No Chairman

- Bob Hagenow
- Al Stoltenberg
- Brad Larson



JULY 24-28, 2023
Mornings at St. Peter's

Greeting Card Sale



The table in the narthex has a good selection of cards available. Stop by and check it out! There is a wide range of cards to fit every occasion, including Christmas. All proceeds go to the *Christian Women's Council* to help support all their good works.

There are also a small number of craft items available for sale. You may leave your cash or check in the basket on the table.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30PM Divine Service	2 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	3 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 Choir	4	5	6 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
5th Sunday of Easter 7 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	8 6:30PM Divine Service	9 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	10 6:30 PM Handbells	11 <i>CWC Sale Set up</i> 5:00 PM	12 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM CWC Plant & Bake Sale	13 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class 8:00AM - noon CWC Plant & Bake Sale
6th Sunday of Easter 14 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	15 6:30PM Divine Service	16 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	17 6:30 PM Handbells	18 Ascension 6:30PM Festival Service	19	20 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
7th Sunday of Easter 21 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service <i>10:30 AM All Grades Sing</i>	22 6:30PM Divine Service	23 <i>No Ladies Bible Study</i> 	24	25	26	27 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Pentecost 28 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	Memorial Day 29 6:30PM Divine Service 	30 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	31			
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