

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

This summer allowed the members of St. Peter to gather at a number of fellowship activities such as the Ladies Aid Picnic, the Deacon's Fish Fry and the Worship Committee's Brat Fry. Thanks for all of the members involved.



Coffee Hour – Join together for fellowship between services again on a weekly basis starting September 4th.



Golden Agers – members 65 and older are invited to attend the Ladies Aid Golden Ager's Dinner. It will be held at 4:00 on October 1.



WOMENS MINISTRY

Women's Bible Study – Again this year SPL women are invited to gather at 10 am on the third Wednesday of the month to spend one hour of quality time studying God's Word. The book being used is *Experiencing God's Peace* by Elizabeth George: one of her "A Woman After God's Own Heart" series and is based on the book of Philippians. Please sign up if you wish to join the group.

SAVE THE DATES

August

31 Opening Service & Classroom Orientation for School

September

1 First day of school
4 Coffee Hour Begins
11 Begin SPL Bible Hour activities
17 Luther Day
21 Women's Bible Study

October

1 Golden Agers Dinner
1-2 Friendship Sunday
3 Community Dinner
15 Wolf River LWMS Circuit Fall Rally-SPL
21 Women's Bible Study
25 E.D.G.E.
30 Trunk & Treat

November

5-6 Education Sunday
15 Women's Bible Study
24 Community Thanksgiving Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friendship Sunday – October 1-2

On October 1st and 2nd, St. Peter will celebrate our second Friendship Weekend. Our services will focus on Jesus the friend of sinners - our friend. The emphasis of the weekend will be for us at St. Peter to invite our friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors who don't have a church home, or who don't know about Jesus to come to worship with us so that we can introduce them to Jesus, their friend and Savior. You can also use it to invite someone back to church who has been away from church for a long time.

Come and bring a friend with you for this wonderful worship opportunity, an uplifting and life-giving message, and fellowship with friends old and new. Look forward to more information and invitation helps in the weeks to come.

Christian Education Sunday - November 5-6

Our guest speaker for Christian Education Sunday will be Rev. Brad Krause from Fox Valley Lutheran High School where he teaches religion. Previously he had served as a missionary in Mexico (2009-2016). There will be special music, with the Senior Bell Choir performing at the 8:00 o'clock service, and Grades K-8 along with the SPL Children's Bible Hour students joining together for a special hymn.

BUILDING ON THE ROCK

BOTR 3rd and final Promise Gift Campaign will be kicked off in September. **Look for mailing.**

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

"St. Peter Lutheran Church exists to share God's Word and Sacraments with His people, provide Christian education for the young, and share God's Word with the people of this community and with the world."



SPL Messenger

St Peter Lutheran Church & School

Fall 2016

Sunday Bible Hour



Adult Bible Hour -

Idols we never knew we had

September 11 to October 30

A wood-carved animal figurine. A chiseled stone statue. A golden goddess. Do you have an idol-worship area set up in your home? We would say "Definitely not! I don't bow down to idols!" But sometimes we do worship idols and make them our gods, not even realizing they are there. This 8-week Bible study will bring to light these idols that hide themselves so easily in our homes and hearts, and through God's guidance and power we'll get help to avoid worshiping these false gods. The following topics will be covered: 1) Are we really idolaters? 2) Success 3) Love 4) Sports 5) Technology 6) Politics 7) Family and 8) Religion.

Children's Bible Hour is set to begin on Sunday, September 11th from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. We encourage and welcome all the children of our congregation to join us! We meet every Sunday during the school year to learn about Jesus and God's saving grace. Our classes are casual focusing on beloved Bible stories throughout the year with singing, stories, games and crafts. If you are able to join only a few Sundays a month...or every Sunday...we welcome all.



Parents will register their child at 9 am on 9/11 or can fill out the simple form with contact information the first time their child is able to join us. Parents attending adult Bible Hour are welcome to bring their child(ren) to Children's Bible Hour.

Our children also sing a few Sundays throughout the year during regular Church services and have a Children's Bible Hour Christmas program in December. Please consider joining us! It is a fun-filled, faith-growing opportunity for our children.

YOUTH MINISTRY



2016 Vacation Bible School

The Circle J Ranch was full of excitement as an average of 45 students visited the ranch with Rancher Rae. Thanks to the leadership of Carrie Kolz and classroom teachers, Rachel Carson, Amber Curtis, Rachel Loerke, and Sabrina Loerke, the children learned about what Jesus did for them and how they can lead others to their Savior. Mrs. Lemke did a great job teaching the children about praising the Lord with music. Marilyn Schwanke and Sandy Getendorf served the afternoon snack. There were 16 high school and grade 6-8 helpers who helped set up and finish the crafts. Mr. Mathwig and Mr. Oechler set up and ran a soccer skills camp as part of the VBS afternoon. There were 4 high school and 7th and 8th graders who helped with the soccer skills. Pastor Lemke led a closing service on Friday afternoon. Many parents and grandparents came to hear the songs and the lessons the children learned. The Evangelism Committee sponsored ice cream sandwiches after the closing service.

International Youth Rally

Three youth were able to attend the International Youth Rally thanks to the generosity of St. Peter's members. They thank you for the support. The following is a statement from one of them telling you the impact that this had on her life.



The 2016 Youth Rally, my first Youth Rally, was an experience that I will take with me the rest of my life. It was an event that I recommend for anyone. It was definitely an eye opening, faith strengthening experience. Seeing thousands of people my age who believe in the same things I do was amazing. I can't put into words how truly spectacular it was. With that being said, the Youth Rally is something you have to see to understand what I'm writing about. I hope I and many others have the chance to experience this amazing opportunity in the future. Erin Litscher

E.D.G.E. – First Fall Meeting

All youths 6th grade to 12th grade are encouraged to attend September 25 (12-2 pm). Lunch provided. ***Come join the fun!***

SPL SCHOOL NEWS

SPL Opening Service

All members are invited to join over 125 students as they begin the school year with an opening service on Wednesday August 31 at 6:00 p.m.



Welcome Sarah and Tyler Tryba

We welcome Tyler and Sarah Tryba to St. Peter. Mrs. Tryba will be teaching grades 2 & 3a starting this school year. She graduated from Martin Luther College this past year with a double major in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Sarah's favorite pastimes include working out, playing sports, reading, cooking, and traveling. She has wanted to be a teacher from as long ago as she can remember. Sarah looks forward to having her own classroom and sharing God's Word with His children.



Tyler grew up in Wittenberg and works at the Foundry in Waupaca. Tyler enjoys activities such as fishing, hunting, snowboarding, and camping. He likes to travel and read as well. He has had an interest in woodworking since high school.

Tyler and Sarah have been married one year and are expecting a baby girl September 2. Mrs. Schafer will be taking grades 2 & 3a until Mrs. Tryba can return from her maternity leave.

New Classroom Floors

Thanks to a generous donation, the classrooms now have a special shine to them that enhanced the overall atmosphere of the educational experience offered by St. Peter.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

LWMS

Four members from St. Peter's were blessed to attend the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society **International Convention in June**, where they were privileged to hear and meet many missionaries. In **July**, several members attended a salad potluck supper at **Immanuel Waupaca** to hear **Samantha Nommenson, Friends of China** Teacher, tell how the Chinese People are "on Fire for the Gospel."

On Saturday **Oct. 15**, **St. Peter Women will host The Wolf River LWMS Circuit Fall Rally**. Women from 16 area congregations are expected to attend. The theme is "I have made you a light" from Acts 13. The **Missionary Wordell**, who served in **Japan**, will be the featured speakers. We invite both men and women of St. Peter to attend. **Ladies**, please see the bulletins and information on the back tables in church concerning how you may **volunteer to help**.

2nd Annual Trunk & Treat – October 30

Over 50 members from St. Peter and over 400 children from the community participated in this community outreach last year. If you want to be involved this year, contact Darren Carson at (928) 208-9393.

4th Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner, November 24th

Consider participating in this wonderful fellowship and outreach event by attending or donating time and/or food. Contact Pat Freer at (920) 723-5439 if you would like to be involved.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION

Luther Day

This one-of-a-kind event being held at Shoreland High School in Somers, WI on September 17th 10:00 – 5:00 is for the entire family and brings Martin Luther and the Reformation to life by offering participants a uniquely interactive and distinctly Lutheran experience for all ages. The festival also embraces the heritage of the Lutheran Church and is an action-packed day with hands-on exploration into the reformation, our Lutheran faith, and the German heritage of the immigrant Lutherans.

Reformation 500

Oct. 31, 2017, will mark the 500th anniversary of Luther nailing his famous Ninety-five Theses to the cathedral door in Wittenberg, Germany. WELS has developed the wels.net/reformation500 web page to provide members and non-members alike with an overview of Martin Luther's life and teachings, available resources for further study on the Reformation, and news about events around the synod that are being planned for 2017 Reformation celebrations. One particular highlight is an **exclusive trailer** to the documentary *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World*, which is scheduled to air on PBS in 2017.