

# ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in Christ Since 1867  
3030 Navajo Ave. Watertown, MN 55388

## April 2026 Newsletter



### Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

**Sunday School**  
**Adult Bible Study**  
**Youth Confirmation Class**  
10:15 a.m. (Sep-May)

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### Upcoming Special Services

Maundy Thursday (04/02/26) - 7:00 pm  
Good Friday Tenebrae (04/03/26) - 7:00 pm  
Easter (04/05/26) - 9:00 am



### CCLS Happenings

**April 3** Good Friday-No School  
**April 6** Easter Monday-No School

**April 24-26 Save the Date**  
Alumni Anniversary Celebration  
Watch for more details

**April 25 Spring Event**  
Pork Chop Dinner and Silent Auction

**April 28 Open House 5:30-7:30pm** Come tour our school, meet our teachers, and get all your questions answered. Preschool-8th  
<https://www.ccls.net/grade>

### Mission Update from the Berkleys



Hello Church family! We only have a few weeks left of our pastoral seminal tour. We have completed all the events for South Africa and are now focusing on our upcoming time in Mozambique. This week I am finishing teaching my course of "how to study the Bible" at the local Bible college. We gave each student a Bible from the donations you sent with us. Also, last week we had the opportunity to drive 3 hours to attend a confessional Lutheran church. As you can see from the picture, they are also named St Peter! We are looking forward to getting back home at the end of April.  
See you all soon!

# Apr 1

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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| Linda Davis | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Ron Gust    | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Miranda     | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Cheryl Hill | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Annerose    | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Hunter      | 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bridget     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Matthew     | 26 <sup>th</sup> |



### Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Carver Zone Rally and Servant Event will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Watertown. Refreshments and presentation will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Speaker for the event will be Traci Kohls, Director of Outreach and Discipleship at Trinity in Waconia. She will share information about the ministry team's efforts at the CarePoint in Shashemene, Ethiopia. After the presentation, we will participate in a servant event assembling layette kits for Global Health Ministries. If more information is needed, please touch base with Ruth Bury.

## From the Stewardship Committee

Maifest is soon approaching!

Our annual German celebration is just around the corner, which brings visitors to our church from a wide surrounding area. It's a great opportunity to showcase who we are and share our traditions.

Mark your calendars & plan to help out.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success.

### Event Date-Sunday, May 17

10am German Inspired Worship Service

11am-3:10pm Maifest event

#### Additional prep days are:

May 13, 4pm-tent set up

May 14, 10am-kitchen & grounds prep

May 15, 10am kitchen & grounds prep

May 16, 10am-set up tables & benches, decorate grounds

We invite you to review the sign-up sheet in the narthex for opportunities to serve.

If you have questions on sign up slots please contact Jodene @ [penegor@yahoo.com](mailto:penegor@yahoo.com) or 952/994-1465

### Look for a new set up this year

- ✦ going down to one food serving line
- ✦ brining back Paulaner beer & operating the bar ourselves
- ✦ utilizing the Minnesota Oktoberfest beverage chips for alcohol purchase
- ✦ adding an ID check/beverage token sale tent
- ✦ moving pretzels, pop & strudel to the food tent
- ✦ adding an extra cashier station to the main food tent



## Maifest Silent Auction

Below are ideas and recommendations for the Silent Auction Baskets. If you have an item that isn't listed and you are not sure if it will work, ask Ruth or Sue. These items can be brought to church and placed in the designated room or can be dropped off at St. Peter in a weather resistant package (garbage bag) and put by the back door. You can start bringing items on Sunday, May 3. **Please, have all items brought in by Sunday, May 10.** Help is needed on May 10th after service and May 11th & 12th at 6pm to organize and assemble the auction baskets. Your help is appreciated. If you have questions or need more information, contact Ruth Bury and/or Sue Eickshen.

### FOOD

homemade jams, jellies, salsa, etc•packaged fine chocolates & candies•any size candy bars•MN grown maple syrup & wild rice•sample size Coffee, K-cups, tea•tortilla chips & dips•pasta & bread for Italian baskets•bottled drinks

### MAKING THE BASKET LOOK GREAT

Theme basket holders: picnic baskets•cute fabric tote bins•large shoe boxes•tool box, etc

Basket filler fluff: shredded bags/paper•bubble wrap•fabric•cloth napkins•large doilies•brown grocery bags

### FILLER ITEMS

small notebooks•cute writing pads•journals•drink coasters•wine stoppers•candles•vintage linens•antique books of any language•homemade birdhouses•embroidered/knitted/crocheted items (dish cloths, scrubbies, etc.)

Plants: perennials and bulbs: labeled with name & sun/shade. Bring the Friday before Maifest so they are fresh. Please let us know before May 10th so that we have an idea how many to expect and to plan for spots for them when we are laying out the auction items.

### KIDS ITEMS

Games•puzzles•Crayola items•balls•books•dolls•sport items•pretty much anything kid!

We are accepting Bavarian clothing and items from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Please make sure all items are in good condition.

We will also take completed baskets for the Silent Auction. Please label the donation with a "theme" that you have in mind.

## Great work on Project Easter Joy!

236 children's Easter bags were put together along with 24 shut in bags.

- 100 children's bags went to the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf for distribution.
- 136 children's bags and 24 shut in bags went to Watertown Gather and Grow Food Shelf for distribution.
- 20 Easter baskets & grass bundles were given to each to use if needed.

Many thanks to all who helped in every way. \$1000.00 support from Thrivent Action cards helped fund this project. St. Peter covered the rest with funds from the 2025 Palm Sunday Brunch, Maifest funds & MN Oktoberfest funds.



## CCLS Gertens Fundraiser

How to order:

- Go to <https://www.gertensfundraising.com/.../christ-community...>
- Enter school code: 35
- Be sure to include the STUDENT SELLER'S NAME at checkout so they receive credit for your purchase
- All orders must be placed by 10:00 PM on Monday, April 6
- No late orders will be accepted
- Flowers will be delivered on May 11 Pickup will be available that afternoon at Christ Community Lutheran School
- Questions? Contact Mari Johnson at [mari.johnson83@gmail.com](mailto:mari.johnson83@gmail.com) or Elissa Stoeckman at [elissastoeckman@gmail.com](mailto:elissastoeckman@gmail.com)
- 30% of all plant sales will go directly back to the students

**Thank you for supporting our students!**

## Friendship Group

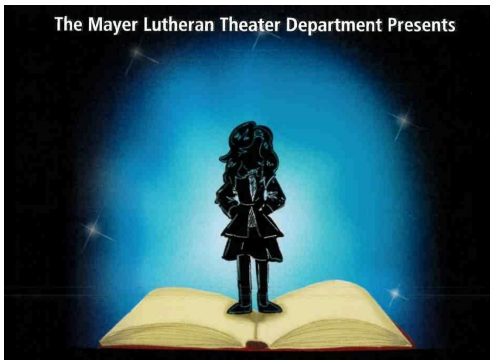
Some time ago Gladys Bartels formed a Friendship Group inviting the ladies from church to gather once a month for lunch. The size of the group has changed over the years and now only 6 or 7 are getting together.

If you are interested in good conversation/ chatter please join us. Our next lunch will be at Molly's in St. Boni on Tuesday, April 14 at 11:30. We choose a different venue each month.

Gladys joined St. Peter at the end of 1979 with her husband and their three children. She sang in the St. Peter choir and was active in the Fellowship Club. At age 75, she joined the choir at Zion Lutheran Church in Hopkins and participated in a 500-voice chorus that performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Gladys also enjoyed traveling. She passed away on March 28, 2025, at the age of 90.



The Mayer Lutheran Theater Department Presents



ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL

Book by Dennis Kelly      Music & Lyrics by Tim Minchin

**April 17 & 18 - 7 PM | April 19 - 2 PM**

Mayer Lutheran Fine Arts Center Theater

Tickets: \$15 | 12 & under-\$10  
Reserved tickets online at [mayerlutheran.org/tickets](http://mayerlutheran.org/tickets)  
General admission tickets available at the door  
Recommended for ages 6+

306 7th St NE Mayer, MN 55360      [mayerlutheran.org](http://mayerlutheran.org) 952-657-2251

Presented by Special Arrangement with Music Theatre International

Dartball is a game in which darts are thrown underhand at a large wooden board that resembles a baseball field. Dartball uses baseball-like rules and scoring. Men or Women over the age of 12 can participate

## Dartball



## Upcoming Games

Dartball tournament April 12, 12:30  
St John's Lutheran Church  
Norwood/Young America, MN

## Pastor's Piece of Peace

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the Easter cry of the Church—our Gospel cheer for nearly 2,000 years. It is not just a phrase we say. It is the proclamation that changes everything.

Easter is the highest and holiest day of the Church year because it is the fulfillment of God's promise. From the very beginning, the Lord declared that He would defeat sin, death, and the devil (Genesis 3:15). In Jesus, that promise is kept. He has fulfilled the righteous requirements of the Law for us, carried our sin to the cross, and risen victorious from the grave. What was promised has now been accomplished.

And this promise is not distant—it is **personal**.

It is the promise you were baptized into. As St. Paul writes, "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). His death is counted as your death. His resurrection is your life—now and forever.

That means Easter is not just one Sunday in a year. It is a way of living.

The joy of Easter carries into Monday mornings, hospital rooms, quiet homes, busy schedules, and even into the valleys of life. Because Christ lives, we have hope that does not fade. Because He is risen, we endure.

Scripture reminds us: "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame" (Romans 5:3–5).

And again: "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus... who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:1–2).

There will be days when life feels heavy. There will be moments when the path is uncertain, when grief is real, and when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23). But even there—especially there—the Easter promise holds firm. Christ is risen. Death is defeated. You are not alone.

And so we wait with patience and hope for the day when Christ will return, when all of heaven rejoices, and when He gathers His people home. Until that day, we do not walk this road alone.

We gather.

We gather around His Word.

We gather at His Table.

We receive His gifts in the Holy Sacraments.

And we care for one another—bearing burdens, encouraging the weary, bringing peace to the troubled, and sharing the Good News in our homes, our workplaces, and our community.

Because the message we carry is not just for Easter morning—it is for every day, and for every person.

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

May that truth fill your hearts with peace, strengthen you in every trial, and give you joy that endures.

In the hope of the resurrection,  
**Pastor Doug Davis**