



ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



August 2026 Newsletter



Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

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

Summer Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m.

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Rejoicing in the Gift of Holy Baptism

On Sunday July 26th, we rejoiced as **Cohen James Porteous** and **Marloe Katherine Porteous**, children of **Jordan and McKyla Porteous**, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Serving as their sponsors were **Garrett and Alison Berkley**.

In Holy Baptism, God joined Cohen and Marloe to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through water and His powerful Word, He washed away their sins, gave them new life, and placed His saving name upon them. The Holy Spirit was given to them, creating and strengthening faith in Christ and welcoming them into God's family, the Church.

We give thanks for God's gracious promises and pray that Cohen and Marloe will continue to grow in faith through God's Word, worship, prayer, and the loving witness of their parents, sponsors, family, and congregation.

"He saved us...by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit." — Titus 3:5



Remembering Members of St Peter Lutheran Church

Let us take a moment to remember the members of St. Peter who have gone home to be with the Lord:

Ken Silus
Pam Hoagland
Lesli Sand

Loving God, we remember Ken, Pam, and Leslie with gratitude for their lives and faith. We pray for their families and loved ones, asking you to surround them with your comfort, strength, and peace. May the hope of Christ's resurrection bring them encouragement and assurance. Amen.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."
— Revelation 21:4

St. Peter Members Only

The Fellowship Hall and Kitchen are available to rent.

- Rental Fee: \$100
- Deposit: \$100

For more information or to reserve the space, please contact Joyce DeNomme or Ruth Bury.

Friendship Group

If you're interested in good conversation and friendly chatter, please join us!

Join the Friendship Group at B's on the River on Monday, August 10 at the usual time, 11:30.



August Anniversaries

Larry ♥ Jann Anderson 31st



Birthday Blessing

Sue Eickschen	1 st
Ruth Bury	6 th
Joan Gust	7 th
John Jopp	15 th
Jeff Jewison	18 th
Alison Berkley	22 nd
Amanda Rozeboom	29 th



Octoberfest September 18th & 19th Delano City Park.

No experience needed training will be provided all ages are welcome!

****Set up in Delano Wednesday 16th at 4:00 pm**

****Friday 18th 9:00 a.m. Food Prep @ St Peter Church**

Jobs available on the SATURDAY 19th.

- Concession stand
- Pretzel maker
- Serving line
- Schnitzel cooking
- Money tokens
- Pay stations (2)
- Dishwasher
- Runner

The sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin board

If you don't know where the proceeds from our festivals go...

More than 50% of the funds raised are distributed to local, regional, national, and international ministries and organizations that provide family assistance, disaster relief, and mission support.

The remaining proceeds from Maifest and Minnesota Oktoberfest help support projects at St. Peter, including building remodeling and improvements, facility maintenance, equipment upkeep, and necessary repairs.

Every volunteer, sponsor, attendee, and donation helps us continue supporting both our community and ministries near and far. Thank you for making a difference!

Minnesota Oktoberfest Work dates are:

Sunday, September 13th(after service) load trailers at St. Peter.

September 16th-18th set up grounds in Delano

September 18th & 19th Minnesota Oktoberfest Delano Central Park

Sunday, September 20th(after service) unload trailers(@ St. Peter) & clean up event grounds(Delano Central Park)

**Please mark your calendars for these work and event days.
Many Hands Make Light Labor.**

Oktoberfest isn't the work of just one volunteer, it takes a whole team of people with different talents coming together to make this event a success.

Mark your calendars and lend a hand to help make this year's event a success!



Changes to Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent has made changes to its Thrivent Choice program.

- All Thrivent members now receive Choice Dollars.
- Choice Dollars are now available in full at the start of the calendar year. *All 2026 Choice Dollars are available to direct now.*
- Members can direct Choice Dollars anytime through December 31.

Please check your Thrivent account and direct your Choice Dollars. All Choice Dollars must be directed before the end of the calendar year.

Please contact Thrivent or Lisa Jewison if you have any questions

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
National Night Out
August 4th 5-8 PM



Meet neighbors from all over town



Face painting



Food



Petting zoo



Music by Blake Klaustermeier and
Friend



Bounce house



Carver County Dairy Princesses

And so much more!
Join us! Fun for the whole family!



Pastor's Piece of Peace

Freedom That Lasts

Enjoy the Moment

August is here—the last full month of summer. The days are still long, the gardens are producing, the lakes are warm, and there is still time for one more picnic, ball game, fishing trip, family gathering, or quiet evening outdoors. Yet we can already see signs of what is coming. School supplies are appearing in stores, calendars are filling up, and plans are being made for Sunday school, confirmation, Bible studies, and fall activities.

It can be tempting to spend August looking ahead. Children may be counting the days until school begins—or hoping those days move very slowly! Parents are organizing schedules, teachers are preparing classrooms, and churches are planning for another busy season of ministry. While preparing is important, we should not become so focused on tomorrow that we miss the blessings God has placed before us today.

The psalmist reminds us: "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." —Psalm 118:24 ESV

Notice that the verse does not say, "This is the month," "This is the season," or "This will be a good day once everything is organized." It says, **"This is the day."** Today is a gift from God. Today is an opportunity to receive His grace, enjoy His blessings, love our neighbor, encourage someone who is struggling, and spend time with the people God has placed in our lives.

Summer passes quickly. Childhood passes quickly. In truth, every season of life passes more quickly than we expect. That is why Paul encourages us to walk carefully, "making the best use of the time" (Ephesians 5:15–16 ESV). This does not mean that every moment must be productive or filled with activity. Sometimes making the best use of our time means resting, listening, laughing, praying, or simply being present with those we love.

Most importantly, we enjoy each moment **in Christ**. Our joy is not dependent upon perfect weather, successful vacations, peaceful schedules, or everything going according to plan. Our joy rests in Jesus, who has forgiven our sins, conquered death, and promised to remain with us in every season.

As August unfolds, enjoy the remaining days of summer. Take the walk. Sit on the porch. Call a friend. Play with the grandchildren. Worship with your church family. Pause to thank God for the ordinary blessings that are so easy to overlook.

And when school begins and the fall programs return, remember that Jesus goes with us. Summer, fall, winter, and spring all belong to Him. As Scripture says: ***"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."*** —Colossians 3:17 ESV

Enjoy today. Receive it as God's gift. Live it in Christ. Tomorrow will arrive soon enough.

In His Grace!
Pastor Doug

