

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

June 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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On June 14, Pastor Robert Hagen will be preaching at church. He will be celebrating 50 years in the ministry and St. Peter was his first church. We will be serving cake and ice cream after the service

Special Guest Pastor – June 14th

Join us on Sunday, June 14th, as we welcome back a very special guest, **Pastor Haugen**, who will be preaching as part of the celebration of his **50th Anniversary of Ordination into the Holy Ministry**.

As part of this milestone year, Pastor Haugen is traveling to each congregation he has served throughout his ministry to share God's Word, reconnect with familiar faces, and celebrate the blessings of Christ's faithfulness over five decades of pastoral service. We are honored to be one of those congregations and grateful for the opportunity to welcome him once again.

This will be a meaningful and joyful Sunday as we give thanks for Pastor Haugen's years of faithful ministry, leadership, and service to God's people. Whether you knew Pastor Haugen personally or are meeting him for the first time, this will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's work through His servants across generations.

Following the worship service, please plan to stay for a special reception in his honor with fellowship and refreshments. We encourage everyone to attend, welcome Pastor Haugen warmly, and join us in thanking God for his faithful ministry.

Mark your calendars now—we look forward to celebrating this special occasion together!

~ Pastor Doug

Rick and Joyce DeNomme would like to thank everyone for coming out and celebrating Memorial Day. We truly appreciate your presence and support.

LWML 31st Biennial Minnesota South District Convention June 18 - 20, 2026

Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center - Mankato, MN



Theme: *The Peace of Christ*

Scripture Verse: *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:15-16a).*

Convention Objectives:

- Let the peace of Christ dwell in us richly
- Appreciate we are all called to be one in Christ
- Show our thanks to Christ through our God-given gifts and talents

Thursday, June 18th: 4 p.m. - Registration & Fellowship
Silent Auction * Exhibitors * Prayer Walk * Servant Event

Friday, June 19th: 8 a.m. - Convention Begins
Bible Study * Mission Speakers * Communion Service

Saturday, June 20th: 8:15 a.m. - Noon - Convention
Bible Study * Installation of Officers * Sending Service

Please Join Us

If you're interested in what Lutheran Women in Mission do -
COME JOIN US!

ALL are welcome to come and experience "The Peace of Christ"
ALL = non-LWML women, former members, spouses, sisters,
Pastors, daughters, friends...**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Additional details available at:

https://mnslwml.org/2026_district_convention

Friendship Group

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

Friendship Group will meet at Dave's Town Club on Monday, June 8th at 11:30. Hope to see you there!



Maifest Worship was a joyful and faith-filled celebration at St. Peter Lutheran Church! Our German-inspired Maifest service welcomed over 125 people as we gathered together under the theme, "Joy Is God's Gift." The service beautifully connected the celebration of springtime renewal with the even greater joy of the new life we have in Christ Jesus.

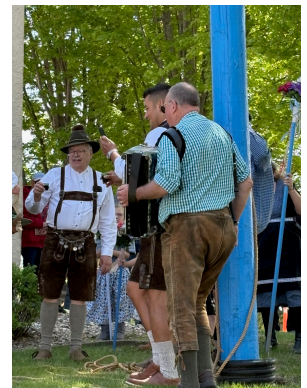
The morning was filled with wonderful music, special German-inspired selections, and even joyful yodeling that brought smiles, laughter, and a spirit of celebration throughout the congregation. The music and fellowship added to the festive atmosphere and reminded us of the joy we share together as God's people.

It was especially wonderful to welcome so many first-time guests to our "German" worship experience. Throughout the morning, warm invitations were extended for everyone to join us again each Sunday as we continue to gather around God's Word and Sacraments.

Most importantly, Christ crucified and risen was boldly proclaimed. The Gospel was heard, sins were forgiven, and hearts were encouraged by the love and mercy of our Savior. What an incredible blessing and opportunity for St. Peter Lutheran Church to share the joy of the Lord with our community through worship, fellowship, music, and celebration.

To God alone be the glory!

Pastor Doug





Apfelstrudel
Over 250 sold



Schnitzel Dinner
Over 385 sold



Bratwurst
Over 300 sold



Pretzels
Over 150 sold

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The Maifest Four: A Tasty Tally
Schnitzels, Bratwursts, Strudels & Pretzels



Thank you to everyone who took time to help make the 2026 St. Peter Maifest a grand success!

To all St. Peter members, we had more support from non-member friends and family than ever before. An extra thank you to those of you who recruited these amazing volunteers. Please extend our appreciation to them on our behalf.

We would also like to remind everyone to take a look at the businesses that supported Maifest this year. Please remember to thank them and support them whenever possible.

Although the 2026 Maifest funds have not yet been dispersed, many may not realize that generally 50% or more of the proceeds are distributed to local, regional, national, and international family help centers, disaster relief programs, and mission efforts.

The remaining portion of the Maifest funds supports St. Peter projects, including remodeling costs, building upkeep, equipment maintenance, and repairs.

Past recipients and supported projects have included:

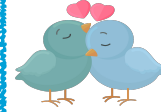
- Megan Silva Mission
- Maddy Fisk Guatemala Mission
- Scholarships for St. Peter students attending CCLS and LHS
- Gather and Grow Food Shelf
- Helping Hands Food Shelf
- WeCAN
- Love INC
- Orphan Grain Train
- Lutheran Hour Ministries (radio ministry)
- Brandenburg Endowment Scholarship (LHS)
- CCLS Building Fund
- Various disaster relief programs (generally through Thrivent)
- Project Easter Joy funding
- Nikolausabend funding

and many other needs as funds are available.



June Birthday Blessing

Jackie Mach	2 nd
Pastor Davis	2 nd
Rebekah Stoeckman	3 rd
Levi Burton	5 th
Amber Bury	5 th
Lucas Penegor	8 th
Ken Silus	8 th
Raymond Gust	14 th
Marilyn Giese	16 th
Evan Jewison	16 th
Allen Stauffer	27 th



June Anniversaries

John ❤️ Julie Jopp	9 th
Allan ❤️ Betty Larson	11 th
Pastor Doug ❤️ Linda	17 th
Darrin ❤️ Elissa	30 th

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.

Pastor's Piece of Peace

June has a way of arriving with sunshine, laughter, and a calendar that suddenly fills up fast. School doors close for the summer, wedding bells begin ringing, campers head off to adventures in the woods, Vacation Bible School decorations start appearing in fellowship halls, and families begin packing coolers, suitcases, and sunscreen for summer vacations.

There is something wonderful about this season. Summer invites us to slow down a little, breathe deeply, and enjoy the gifts God places around us. Long evenings, bonfires, fishing trips, baseball games, road trips, cabin weekends, and backyard cookouts remind us that life is meant to be lived with joy and gratitude.

But summer can also become so busy with fun that Jesus quietly gets left behind like a forgotten bag sitting by the front door.

The good news is this: Jesus never takes a summer vacation from you.

Whether you are sitting around a campfire, traveling across the country, attending a wedding, relaxing at the lake, or simply enjoying a quiet evening on the deck, Christ goes with you. In fact, maybe summer is one of the best times to notice Him. The beauty of creation, the laughter of children, the blessing of family and friends, and the moments of rest are all reminders of God's goodness.

The Psalmist writes: "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." — Psalms 118:24

Summer is filled with "days the Lord has made."

And Jesus Himself reminds us: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." — Matthew 28:20

Notice He does not say, "except during vacation season."

So take Jesus with you this summer. Pray before you hit the road. Worship regularly even when traveling. Open your Bible on the deck with your morning coffee. Talk about faith with your children and grandchildren. Sing loud in church. Attend VBS. Send your kids to camp. Watch sunsets and remember the Creator who painted them.

Summer fun and faith were never meant to compete with each other. In Christ, they belong together.

May your June be filled with rest, laughter, safe travels, joyful celebrations, and moments that draw you even closer to Jesus. After all, the Son shines brightest all summer long.

In His Grace!
Pastor Doug