

# ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## May 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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### Memorial Day May 25

Watertown American Legion along with Watertown/Mayer High School will have a very nice program honoring those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our great country over the years at the Watertown/Mayer High School Performing Arts Center at 10am.

All are welcome. Snacks will be served following the program.

After that, all are welcome to another display honoring those that made the same sacrifice at 716 Green Ave SE Watertown. A meal of brats, hotdogs, baked beans, deserts, and beverages will be served starting at 11am and lasting until the food runs out. **RAIN or SHINE**

Contact Rick DeNomme for more information



### Birthday Blessing

Darrin Stoeckman	6 <sup>th</sup>
Afton Berkley	7 <sup>th</sup>
Betty Larson	14 <sup>th</sup>
Sara Burton	20 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Segner	22 <sup>nd</sup>



### May Anniversaries

David ♥ MaryAnn Heldt	11 <sup>th</sup>
Bruce ♥ Lana Mueller	17 <sup>th</sup>
Mel ♥ Marilyn Giese	28 <sup>th</sup>

### Volunteers are needed to help serve meals during Maifest prep days!

Responsibilities include bringing food, setting up, and cleaning up after meals. Food items can be charged at Market Place in Watertown.

Meal schedule:

- Wednesday, May 13—eat at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, May 14—eat at noon
- Friday, May 15—eat at noon
- Saturday, May—16 eat at noon

Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### Friendship Group

If you're interested in good conversation and friendly chatter, please join us! Our next lunch will be on May 11th at 11:30 a.m. at Dave's Town Club.

We'd love to see you there!

## 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.

**Maifest 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!**

### 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.



## CCLS Happenings

<https://www.ccls.net>

- May 1** Grades 5-8 Track and Field Day at MLHS
- May 4-8** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 11** Gerten's Flower Orders fundraiser come in
- May 15** K-8 Play Day hosted by Zion Mayer @ St. Mark's Fellowship Hall, New Germany
- May 22** Last Day of Preschool
- May 27** 8th Grade Graduation
- May 28** Last Day of School



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## MLHS Happenings

<https://mayerlutheran.org>

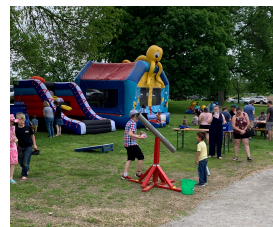
- May 1** Elementary Schools Track and Field Day
- May 16** Elementary and Middle School Spring Concert @ 3:00 PM
- May 22** Last Day of School
- May 24** Graduation Day

## 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

**April showers bring May flowers.** It is a phrase we hear every year, yet it carries a deeper truth. The rains of April give way to the beauty and growth of May. In much the same way, God often uses the seasons of challenge, waiting, and even hardship to bring new growth in our lives through Christ.

As we move from winter into the fullness of spring, we are surrounded by reminders of new life. Trees bud again. Lawns turn green. Flowers bloom. The world wakes up after a long season of cold and dormancy. Scripture tells us that this points us to an even greater reality: the new life we have in Jesus Christ.

**“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus has made us new. Our sins are forgiven. Our future is secure. Our hearts are renewed. Just as spring returns each year, the mercy of God is fresh for us each morning.

**“His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.”** (Lamentations 3:22–23)

May is also a season of milestones and anticipation. Students graduate and step into new chapters of life. Families begin planning summer vacations. Cabins are opened, boats uncovered, and lake days are eagerly anticipated. There is excitement in the air because something new is beginning.

That same sense of expectation belongs to the Christian life. In Christ, every day is a new opportunity to walk with Him, serve others, and grow in faith. We do not live only by memories of what God has done in the past. We live in the joy of what He is doing today and what He promises tomorrow.

When students graduate, we remember that God guides every future path.

**“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”** (Proverbs 3:5–6)

When families prepare for vacations, we remember that true rest is found in Christ.

**“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”** (Matthew 11:28)

When cabins are opened and lakes come alive again, we remember the goodness of the Creator who gives us beauty to enjoy and moments to treasure.

Yet spring also reminds us that growth requires attention. Gardens must be tended. Lawns must be cared for. Cabins need cleaning and repair after winter. In the same way, our faith needs daily renewal through God's Word, prayer, worship, and receiving His gifts.

It is easy to let the newness wear off. We can become distracted, rushed, or spiritually complacent. But the Lord invites us each day to begin again in His grace.

**“Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”** (Colossians 3:10)

So this May, enjoy the flowers, celebrate the milestones, make the travel plans, and open the cabin doors. But above all, remember the greater newness that is yours in Christ. Because Jesus lives, your life is never stuck in winter. In Him there is forgiveness, hope, joy, and renewal every single day.

May the Lord bless your spring with peace, purpose, and the fresh joy of walking with Him.

In His Grace!  
Pastor Doug