



December 21st, 2023

Mission Statement St. Peter Lutheran School exists to help parents bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord, to provide academic excellence using God's Word, and to share the Gospel of Christ with the world.

Church Singing:

Sunday, January 21st

Grs K-8

10:30am

Thank You

The entire St. Peter staff would like to thank everyone for the special gifts that have come our way this season as we anticipate our Savior's birth. It seemed every time we 'turned around' there was a new gift waiting for us to open. Each and every gift is greatly appreciated. We thank God for your never ending support and partnership. "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:7) May God continue to bless our fellowship together as we together share God's Word with the children entrusted to our care.

Teacher Call

Mrs. Rachel Carson, who St. Peter Lutheran Congregation called to be our 4th grade teacher, has accepted that call. She will be starting her position in July of 2024. We praise God for once again providing another called worker to spread the Gospel message here in Weyauwega. Continue to keep her and her family in your prayers as she transitions to SPL staff.

How Can I Let the Gospel Shine as I Parent?

What is the correct way in dealing with our children? Do they need a shoulder 'to cry on'? Do they need a punishment that will keep them from committing the same mistake again? Parenting is one of the most difficult things to do in life. Some days are 'good' and other days are not so great. This article offers thoughts on using the Law (showing sin) and the Gospel (sharing Jesus) when dealing with our children. The answer to 'when' this or that? It depends. The article can be found at this link [Forward in Christ.](#)

Flock Christmas Trees

Voting took place Sunday to decide which decorated Christmas tree was deemed the 'best'. A total of 280 ballots were cast. The second place winner was Mrs. Ebert's flock garnering 98 votes. The first place winner was Mrs. Tryba's flock with 121 votes. Please see attached photo of the winning students and their leader. Congratulations! Mrs. Tryba's flock will enjoy donuts sometime after we return from Christmas break. Thank you to ALL who were able to participate in deciding BEST of SHOW.

"His Children Our Mission" Update

On January 3 at 7:00 a special meeting of the congregation will be held to determine if and when we break ground for the Early Learning Center and the 3 new classrooms. This will be the end of three years of exploring, assessing and planning. At this meeting, the congregation will be presented a plan to expand our Christian Education Ministry at St. Peter with an Early Learning Center and the new classrooms to accommodate our ever growing school population.

The project cost has remained approximately the same throughout this process. The bids that we received last week were in line with estimates. Many members of St. Peter's have been very generous with their donations and promises and other funding sources have been identified. The goal has been to construct the ELC and the shell of the 3 classrooms with the potential of completing the classrooms when resources are available. The funding is almost there!

One of the goals that was set was to have member loans in the amount of \$300,000 that could be used over a 5 year period. This concept was used very successfully for the Building on the Rock project and made a big difference in financing the project. At this time, we have received commitments of \$100,000 in member loans. We ask again that you consider sharing your blessings with our "His Children Our Mission" project for the 5 years and then receive the resource back at the end of that time. Recognizing that interest rates have increased; the member loans will be offered from 0% - 4% depending on the wishes of the contributor. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Jason Radtke or the church office. As it would be important to know of your intentions prior to the January 3 meeting, please make a commitment prior to December 31.

Thank you for your continued prayers for this project and please attend the January 3 meeting to hear the details of the plan.

Christmas Vacation: Christmas vacation is Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1st. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Due to an Error in a mailing, Christmas Day Worship service will be at 9:30 am!

Classroom News:

4K News: This week we talked about the journey of the Wisemen to see Jesus. They followed the star and it took them about 2 years to find Jesus. In reading we are learning positional words like in front of, behind, below, and above. Our letter was L, and we made a lion and a ladybug. Mrs. Bitter and I would like to thank you for thinking of us this Christmas and for the gifts we have received. We hope you have a safe and Merry Christmas!

Kindergarten News: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my kindergarten families. Check your note for Superkids Online Portal access for over break! Your kids can keep practicing into the New Year. God's blessings as you relax and enjoy time with your families.

1st grade News: The first graders are happy that we are "back to normal" this week. I am very proud of each and every one of them for the awesome job they did last Sunday at proclaiming God's Word to you and those that came to church. They need to wear their flock t-shirts January 3. They also will need to bring their headphones (January 2) and LEAVE THEM here until the end of the year. Thank you for my Christmas gifts. They are truly appreciated. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

2nd Grade News: 2nd grade enjoyed practicing parts of speech by doing Christmas Mad Libs for English—they loved how silly the stories could get! We also worked hard this week and completed tests in science about solids, liquids, and gases. We are excited for a much needed break!

3rd and 4th Grade News: The 3rd and 4th grade had an eventful week with finishing up projects and completing tests. They enjoyed some Christmas festivities before the holiday as well. Have a merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Parents - Please have your child wear their flock t-shirt Wednesday, January 3. Thank you.

