

# JANUARY 9, 2010 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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8:00 & 10:30 am Hymns: 507—Printed—406/598—805

**The Sermon:** “Family Reunion”

Matthew 3:13-17

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** God of love, who would like to see the salvation of all, keep us steadfast in the faith and use us to preach to all-in this way let people find salvation for their souls, and then let them lighted with Christ’s light, glorify You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

## **PULSE OF THE CHURCH (Attendance)**

New Year’s Eve Attendance: 64

Last Sunday Attendance: 211

St. Peter’s Total Membership: 985

**Our Gifts To Our Lord:**                      **Last Week**                      **Total This Year**

Offerings:                                              \$ 4,634.05                      \$ 4,634.05

*Acts 10:34-38: Jesus practiced perfect stewardship of all that the Father entrusted to Him. Now it is our turn to practice good stewardship of all the blessings God has bestowed upon us as we share physical and spiritual blessings with others in need.*

**ELDERS:** Thurs: Wendell Zirbel

Sun 8:00 am: Scot Plier

10:30 am: Dave Moyer

**ACOLYTES:**

Rachel Szeklinski, Faith Alloy

Alley Smith, Taylor Badzinski

## **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Today (9)                      Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

LYF Meeting, Lunch & Dartball 11:30 am

Monday (10)                      Senior Friendship Group 11:00 am

Confirmation 6:00 pm

Church Council 7:30 pm

Tuesday (11)                      Vicar’s Bible Class 7:00 pm

Wednesday (12)                      School Board 6:30 pm

Thursday (13)                      Divine Worship Service 7:00 pm

Fri/Sat (14-15)                      Dartball Tournament

Sunday (16)                      Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

**WELCOME MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO THIS DIVINE SERVICE AT ST. PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL:** We are happy that you are here with us today! During this time of new birth and new beginnings, we encourage you to put aside all your past transgressions and seek a new life of faith, hope and praise in our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is here for you. Are you here for Him? If you are a guest, please complete a blue GUEST card and give it to an usher. Thanks for joining us!

**www.stpeterswaterford.com:** Where do you go for the latest news and information about St. Peter's Church and School? Our website, of course!

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** Portable listening devices are available. Please see an Elder or Usher to assist you.

**YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** are available. The coloring page and stickers may be taken home. Please replace the bag in the plastic box when finished.

**LYF—DON'T FORGET** We meet after late church today (11:30 am) for lunch, a meeting and to play dartball.

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP** We meet Monday, January 10th at 11:00 am for Bible Study. A short meeting follows when we will plan our Chili Dinner for January 24th. Bring your Bag Lunch...dessert and coffee will be provided. Cards will be played. See you all on Monday!

**2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES** have been placed in your mailboxes. If you do not find one, please notify the church office and a box will be issued for you. Boxes for additional family members are placed on the glass display case in the narthex. (262-534-3639)

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WORTH ADOPTING:** How about reading the entire Bible in one year? It can be done and it's really a lot less daunting than you might think (only 15-20 minutes a day). We have placed Bible-reading schedules on the shelf by the mailboxes. It includes a passage for each day and, if followed, will take you through the entire Bible in one year. It all started on January 1st so pick up your schedule today.

**STUDENT COUNCIL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CRAFT COLLECTION:** For the month of January, they will be collecting Wooden Objects to Paint and Foam Craft Shapes. Donations can be placed in the labeled basket in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your help!

**ANNUAL REPORT TIME** All boards, committees, organizations— please submit a copy of your group's 2010 annual report. This is needed to be run off for the January Voters' Meeting. Please drop off a copy in the church office; email it to [joan@stpeterswaterford.com](mailto:joan@stpeterswaterford.com); or fax it to Joan at 262-534-3639. Deadline is Monday, January 17th.

**NEWSLETTER TIME** Please have all information in the church office by Monday, January 24th for the Feb/Mar Newsletter. You may call the church office with your information, fax it to Joan at 262-534-2571 or email it to [joan@stpeterswaterford.com](mailto:joan@stpeterswaterford.com).

**OPENING** An opening on the Board of Social Ministry becomes available in May. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the church office (534-3639) or talk with Josh Czuta.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Our Voters' Meeting will be held on January 30th. Plan to attend!

**COMPUTER COURSE:** Want to learn how to use your computer's software? Write letters, publish a newsletter, prepare a resume with Microsoft® Word. Calculate your retirement income, develop a household inventory, or balance your checkbook with Microsoft® Excel. Create posters, slide shows and fliers with Microsoft® PowerPoint. A limited number of spaces are available for classes in these popular applications beginning in January. If you would be interested in attending a class, please contact Pat Jahn at 262-662-1687 or [pjahn@wi.rr.com](mailto:pjahn@wi.rr.com).

**FREE WHITE MAYTAG DISHWASHER** Just got all new appliances and have no need for the working dishwasher. If you need a dishwasher, please call Cheryl at 414-213-4220. (Waterford)

**PRAYERS** There is a prayer request book located in the narthex. It is on the glass display case. Feel free to use this book to request a prayer. Also check it periodically to pray for someone else.

**ST. PETER'S PRAYER TEAM** Email your prayer requests or join the prayer team at [weallpray@hotmail.com](mailto:weallpray@hotmail.com)

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## Faith and Education for a Lifetime

St. Peter's Lutheran School partners with families to develop God given potential in children within a Christ-centered nurturing environment by reaching out with God's Word and educational excellence. Please call Mr. Schallhorn at 534-6066 or 952-913-7766

or email at [principal@stpeterswaterford.com](mailto:principal@stpeterswaterford.com) if you or you know of someone who would have their children receive a Christian education. Tuition assistance is available.

- *Fully dedicated faculty, staff, and School Board*
- *Very supportive and committed families to Christian Education*
- *Individual instruct to meet student potential*
- *Many extra – curricular activities and programs opportunities for each student*
- *Spanish beginning at four year old Preschool*
- *Service opportunities for character building*
- *High achievement test scores*
- *Full computer lab*
- *Growing sport's program with entry into a league*
- *More opportunities to teach God's love and grace to each of our students in our school*

**Attention – Parents of Preschool age children:** Beginning in September, 2011, St. Peter's Rainbow Preschool will be expanding our established, State Licensed, 3 & 4 year old Preschool with the addition of a Day Care program. Since 1991, St. Peter's Rainbow Preschool has offered a CHRIST-centered education atmosphere with experienced, caring, dedicated teachers & staff within a safe, clean, and loving environment. Our Rainbow Preschool will offer flexible hours, **from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.**, and competitive pricing plans which are available to meet the needs of various schedules and time commitments of today's families. If you would like more information, please visit our website at <http://stpeterswaterford.com/school> and click on the Enrollment Form button or call 262-534-6066 to request information. ***"Faith & Education for a Lifetime"***

### **Strengths:**

- An established structure for a successful pre-school program is already in place
- Many families have expressed a need for an all day offering
- We have the ability to distinguish ourselves from area daycare provider facilities with our established, Christ Centered, K-3, K-4, pre-school program.

**Rates:**

***\$50.00 registration fee per child per year***

\$20.00 per day for preschool only 8:30-11:30 am (3 hrs)

\$35.00 per day for 4hrs-6hrs

\$50.00 per day for 7hrs-10hrs

\$200.00 per week for 5 full days

***Plus \$35.00 one time annual snack fee per child***

**Lady Eagles Basketball - Upcoming Schedule:**

Tuesday, January 11th Racine Christian 5:45 p.m. Away

Tuesday, January 18th St. John's - Racine 5:45 p.m. Home

Tuesday, February 1st Christian Life - Kenosha 5:45 p.m. Home

Thursday, February 3rd Trinity - Racine 5:45 p.m. Away

Tuesday, February 8th Concordia - Sturtevant 5:45 p.m. Away

Tuesday, February 15th St. John's - Racine 5:45 p.m. Away

***Come cheer for our Lady Eagles!***

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9 (ESV)**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

2He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,

or make it heard in the street;

3a bruised reed he will not break,

and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4He will not grow faint or be discouraged

till he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his law.

5Thus says God, the LORD,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it

and spirit to those who walk in it:

6"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle: Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I

need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**Prayer of the Church**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 9, 2011**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, at the Jordan river You poured forth Your Spirit on Your Son, and by His baptism revealed the mystery of the Trinity to us. Grant that all who have received this mystery through the washing of rebirth and renewal may remain steadfast in their confession, and share the fullness of the life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** At the Jordan Your Son humbled Himself to be baptized by one of His servants whose ministry proclaimed the Coming One. Graciously receive the service of all those called to the office of the ministry. Give them lips to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins through the Dayspring from on high; give them hearts to serve You willingly; and give them eyes to see Your Son in the least of His brethren. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** At the Jordan Your Son came as the suffering Servant to bring the light of Your salvation to all nations. Look in mercy on all those who rule around the world, especially our President and Governor, our Congress and courts, and all local officials. Still the storms of passion and strife which lead nations into conflict, that Your Gospel may be proclaimed in peace to all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** At the Jordan Your Son embraced all of humanity as He permitted Himself to be identified with sinners. Visit our communities and bring healing where there is division. Give wisdom and love to all those who serve the common good in schools, hospitals, and other agencies, and sustain all those who work to keep our communities safe, strong, and united. Help us to see in them another sign of Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

*(Here special intercessions may be made.)*

**P:** At the Jordan You foreshadowed Your death on the cross by which we are adopted into Your family as redeemed sons and daughters. Grant that all who gather together this day at Your table to receive Your Son's own life-giving flesh and holy, precious blood may receive these gifts in true repentance and faith; and grant that the fruits of this gift be seen in our daily sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Lord God, heavenly Father, receive our thanks this day for the lives of all Your servants who were washed in Baptism, taught Your Word, and fed with Christ's precious body and blood, who now rest from their labors and rejoice in Your presence. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to Your heavenly Kingdom: through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, to all ages of ages.

**C: Amen.**