

St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
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## St. Peter's News

### SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST

#### *An Invitation, Confirmation Dinner*

St. Peter's congregational family is invited to hear our six young adults' faith journeys on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 6:00pm, followed by their faith statements in the sanctuary.

Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> during the 10am worship service. We hope everyone encourages them as we all journey in this life!

\*\*If you intend to come for dinner, please sign up on the hybrid table to help with planning.

#### *Invitation to Join St. Peter's*

The Church Council would like to extend an invitation to potential new members who would like to join

St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
Please feel free to contact either  
Pastor Andrew (608) 558-2294 or  
Kurt Muchow (608) 963-6594

#### *St. Peter's 150th Anniversary Planning Committee*

St. Peter's is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2026! A 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to plan a series of events to be held during the 2026 Anniversary Year is being formed, so if you're interested, please let Kurt Muchow know (608) 963-6594

### EVENT HAPPENINGS

MAY 5 WELCA Board @9a  
MAY 5 BROTHERHOOD @11:15a  
MAY 8 Last night of FAITH NIGHT  
MAY 12 MOTHER'S DAY – YOUTH SING  
MAY 18 ELCA SYNOD ASSEMBLY, Janesville  
John Albers/Jean Berlin Delegates  
MAY 26 High School Graduates Honored  
MAY 28 Gather Bible Study @11:30a  
JUNE 6,7,8 Annual Garage Sale

BIBLE STUDY 10am every Wednesday  
w/ PASTOR ANDREW VIA ZOOM

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR OVER 80 MEMBERS

MAY 2	LOIS KOPF	455 WEST ST LOGANVILLE WI 53943
MAY 4	TOM BROUGHTON	E5309 NARROWS CREEK RD LOGANVILLE WI 53943
MAY 6	LOUISE KAUN	E8291 HIGHLAND RD LOGANVILLE WI 53943
MAY 17	SHARON PETERSON	E6006 FRISKE DR REEDSBURG WI 53959
MAY 19	ISABELLE REIMER	REEDSBURG SENIOR LIFE 2350 NORTH DEWEY REEDSBURG WI 53959
MAY 22	ARLENE GREGORY	E5754 LAVALLE ST REEDSBURG WI 53959



## Greetings, St. Peter's!

This will possibly be my last article to you all. I say "possibly" because while I have had an interview with a potential call, to get through the process by end of May is a tight window. So, as I write this, I remain in a sort of liminal space

– between here and there. Liminal spaces, however, are a part of life and an important way we consider our own spiritual lives.

In this season of Easter, we rejoice in God's victory over death in the resurrection of Christ, that all that has been undone is being made whole again. And yet, we still experience the pain of sin, the reality of death, and the uncertainty of the future. We experience this while still having hope in God's grace and in expectation that God will mend all things in Christ Jesus. This is what theologians often call living in "now/not-yet." We experience the reality of sin and death while also experiencing the hope and healing of God's grace in our lives.

While I have been awaiting first call, it has been a true privilege and joy to be at St. Peter's. You all have been the blessing of God to me. You will be the same to your next called pastor. God is moving in St. Peter's and I'm thankful to have experienced it.

Thank you for your warm welcome in Christ, I will carry you with me to the next step in my journey. You'll continue to be in my prayers.

May the peace of Christ guard your hearts,  
Pr. Andrew

## Council President Connections

by Kurt Muchow

The Church Council met on April 18, 2024. The agenda included the following noteworthy items:

**Memorial & Endowment Board (M&EB) Dividend Allocation Approval.** The Church Council approved the recommendation from the M&E Board for the 2024 dividend allocations. The total amount of \$1,528.50 was equally divided between the following entities:

- Reedsburg St. Vincent's Heating Assistance Program
- SOAC – Summer Outdoor Adventure Club (Reedsburg Area)
- Pathways House (Baraboo Homeless Shelter)
- Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund
- Campus Ministry – UW Platteville
- Wartburg Seminary
- La Valle Equine for Veterans

**Removal of Grills on Church Lawn.** Due to the poor condition and lack of use, the Church Council approved the removal of the grills. Mark Judd volunteered to remove them. If anyone would like the grills you should contact Mark. Otherwise, they will be recycled.

**East Narthex Roof Inspection.** The Church's insurance policy renewal is on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Prior to the renewal, the flat roof on the East addition needs to be inspected to document the existing condition and the estimated life expectancy. (Note, Dale Curtin inspected the roof on April 20<sup>th</sup>. He identified a few minor maintenance items that need to be completed, but overall, the roof is in good condition. He estimated the life expectancy to be at least 10 years.)

**Summer Church Service Schedule.** The Church Council approved the following schedule for summer church services:

- Last Sunday of 10:00 service: June 9<sup>th</sup> (This is also the start of Vacation Bible School)
- First Sunday of 9:00 service: June 16<sup>th</sup>
- Last Sunday of 9:00 service: Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> (Labor Day weekend)
- First Sunday of 10:00 service: Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

**3 to 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan.** The Church Council requested the Property Committee to prepare a 3-to-5-year Capital Improvement Plan before next year's budget cycle. The purpose is to identify required improvements to the church, plus other desired enhancements to the church. The Capital Improvements Plan will help with financial planning, plus will identify potential projects for memorial gifts.

**Invitation to New Members to Join the Church.** The Church Council would like to extend an invitation to potential new members to join the church. Anyone who is interested should contact Pastor Andrew or Kurt Muchow.

**Church Service Greeters.** The Church Council invites members to serve as greeters at church services. The greeter at the east entrance would not only welcome people, but also assist with opening the door. If you are interested, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.

God Bless.

## Ministry Site Profile “Excerpt”

### PART IV: COMMENTARY

*(You are encouraged to offer information or commentary that will help the reader appreciate the vision, opportunities, challenges, and nature of your ministry site. Use this opportunity to creatively promote and commend your ministry possibilities.)*

The mission for our church is to proclaim Christ’s love in the world with “J.O.Y” Jesus – Others - You. We are a community of faith open to all faith traditions and to all people united in the love of Jesus the Christ. All are welcome in this place to gather and share the Love and Peace of God which passes all understanding. Please come, join us, share, and abide in the love of God.

We have expressed J.O.Y through involvement in our community by hosting ice cream socials, chili suppers, participating in the fire department parade, and partnering with the village’s youth softball program. J.O.Y has also been achieved with our internship program that brought us the experience of mentoring three Wartburg Seminary interns.

In 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, a facility renovation was completed which brought much J.O.Y. to our congregation. The front entrance steps of the church were enclosed adding a fellowship room on the main floor and bathrooms, office, and storage rooms in the basement. The project was funded totally with congregational donations and fundraising and was paid for in full by 2021. A future plan is to renovate the kitchen; there is \$57,000 in a fund designated for this project.

A conflict arose that took us back to 2009 when the “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust” social statement was adopted by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. At that time, our congregation compromised by adding a by-law to our constitution stating that: “this congregation will not call a pastor or rostered leader who is in or intends to be in a same gender relationship. Marriages, civil unions or blessings of person in same gender relationships will not be performed in this church building or authorized by this congregation” (C5.03.01).

In January 2023 a request to review this resolution and consider removing it from our constitution was submitted to our council. Some members expressed concerns regarding the overall direction of the ELCA, i.e. sexuality, abortion, and scripture interpretations.

In October 2023 a vote was taken that addressed the by-law added to our Constitution in 2009. Fifty members voted to REMOVE the Bylaw; 35 members voted to KEEP the Bylaw. A 2/3 majority of 56 was needed to

make any changes, therefore, this bylaw remains in our Constitution.

In November 2023 the Transition Team and Church Council met with Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe. The purpose of the meeting was to help us understand where we go from here and when St. Peter’s will be able to start the process to call a new pastor. The meeting was very beneficial as it clarified several important issues and provided a foundation for reconciliation. There is a consensus among our members that we do not want to divide our church family and we understand that we will not agree on everything. There is also consensus that anyone who believes in God and that Jesus Christ is our Savior is welcome in our church. This is our foundation for moving forward. The following are strategies toward reconciliation:

- Listening is a key part to healthy healing.
- Open, honest, and respectful conversations are essential.
- One on one conversations are important.
- Continue the Breakfast Conversations.
- Engage in Book Studies focused on forgiveness and healing.
- Undertaking an in-depth study of the Social Statements may offer clarity for members.
- Regular communication from the Transition Team and Church Council is essential.

As a result of our process, we have reaffirmed who we are.

- The structure of the ELCA allows St. Peter’s Loganville to be unique and set our own context for worship in agreement with the pastor.
- We are a faith community who holds strong to our customs and beliefs while being open to change.
- Everyone is on their own faith journey. Interpretation of the scriptures and individual beliefs might vary, but we all agree that we are called to proclaim Jesus Christ as our Savior.
- We do not need to agree on everything to be a healthy congregation; in fact, our differences may be our strength.
- Everyone who believes in the Triune God and proclaims that Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord is welcome at St. Peter’s Loganville.
- We are aspiring to build relationships and trust.

## St. Peter's Call Committee Congregational Updates

The Call Committee continues to move forward with our search for a new minister with a mock interview planned, which is the next step in the process. We will update you with our continued progress.

Thank you for our continued prayers and patience.

-Call Committee



## WELCA News, by Carolyn Meyer

**Crane Foundation Tour and Picnic** - Look for information about a trip this summer to the Crane Foundation organized by WELCA. Anyone interested, including children and friends are welcome.

**Our high school graduates** will be honored at our Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> church service with a reception following in the South Narthex.

**The Annual Church Garage Sale** will be June 6, 7, and the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Meyer residence (135 Main St., Loganville). Items may be brought mid-May. Please price the items. A bake sale and brat sale will be held. Please contact Carolyn or Dale if you are able to help. A sign-up sheet will be on the hybrid table also.

We need someone to do Communion Take Down after the May church services. The sign-up sheet is on the hybrid table.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Lilies to honor someone in your life and also beautify the altar during Easter.

**Thank you** to Angela Tourdot and Lisa Ziech for volunteering to fill the altar candles with oil through May 8. It is very much appreciated. Please let the WELCA Board know if you are interested in helping out with this ministry after that date.

**The annual Baraboo Conference Gathering in 2025** will be hosted by Zion Lutheran Church. More details will be available next Spring. Many ideas were shared at the Gathering on April 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's, Baraboo regarding what the other WELCA units are doing. There are a few that we may want to do.

**New Born Kit Items Needed:** It is garage sale season and a good time to stock up the items needed for the New Born Kits for Lutheran World Relief. St. Peter's has sent these kits to LWR for many years. **This year we are in need of lightweight cotton t-shirts.** Onesies are acceptable as the bottoms are cut off. Sizes 3 months to 24 months. But, if you also find sleepers, sweaters, jackets or sweatshirts and sock they will be used. Diapers are being made from used adult T-shirts, which can be placed in a tote under the hybrid table.

Communion Set-up	Heidi Kruse
Communion Clean-Up	
Altar Flowers/Candles	Judy Schroeder
Sunday Hosts:	Diane Geffert/Deanna Elfers
Care Ministry:	Marge Schmidt/Judy Schroeder
Outside Planter:	Carolyn Meyer



## Brotherhood, by Dale Meyer

**Annual St. Peter's Garage Sale** will be JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> on Main Street in Loganville at Dale and Carolyn Meyer's House.

LUAD representative needed to represent St. Peter's.

Next Brotherhood Meeting: May 5<sup>th</sup> following church.

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### Prayer Chain

*If you have a family member, relative or friend who needs prayer, please contact Carolyn Meyer at 608 727-3511 or via email at [ckmeyer@wicw.net](mailto:ckmeyer@wicw.net) to be put on the Prayer Chain. And if you would like to receive emails regarding those on the Prayer Chain, please contact Carolyn as well.*

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# Faith Education

## Faith Night, by Sue Wobschall

The 2023/2024 Faith Night Year is coming to a close. We are currently focusing on praying. God does answer all of our prayers, and what it means to repent. The youth had some doubts about God answering all of our prayers, but God does, however sometimes that answer is no. Repenting or saying we are sorry to God was also a challenge for some.

### Dates to Remember:

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** is our last night of Faith Night which will be a fun night! Hopefully the weather will cooperate

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>**, (Mother's Day) – youth will sing in church. We encourage all to attend.

## Save the Dates, June 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>



St. Peters will be hosting Vacation Bible School. In this Newsletter you will find a VBS Registration Form. Please take the time to complete and turn in. This will help us get a head count for planning purposes. Or you can complete one when you attend. More details will

be coming as we get closer to the dates.  
Thanks in advance.

As always, continue to save your Viking Village receipts as this helps with the cost of Faith Nights Community Meals.

Again, if there are questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or Vicky Baumgarten.

Thanks again  
Sue Wobschall  
Vicky Baumgarten

## Confirmation & CnC,

By Lorinda Broughton / Ron Kruse

April 24<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's youth, parents and leaders attended the synod "Alive in Community" event in Mt. Horeb.



They participated in breaking down large quantities of toilet paper and laundry soap into smaller packages.



These are examples of items people in need cannot get at the food pantries. They enjoyed a yummy Mexican dinner. The youth heard how one person, with their job, can influence others with kindness, change a neighborhood or a person's day with a good word, actions and conversations with strangers they didn't know! Even impressing everyone with their bike riding exploits. Sharing the message of love and Jesus. Closing the evening with worship and communion with 100 other youthful Christians!

# Financial Update, by Becky Henke

## WAYS TO GIVE:

### Mail to:

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PO BOX 155  
325 Mill Street  
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### Automatic Electronically:

Go to St. Peter's website at  
[stpetersloganville.org](http://stpetersloganville.org) and complete a  
Simply Giving form; provide to Becky

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

## MISSION OF THE MONTH **Hillpoint VFW**

The Hillpoint VFW provides scholarship funds to students during an essay contest held during its Veteran's Day Program.



Dust off those Cowboy or Cowgirl Boots...

We're kickin' up dust in the South Narthex every  
Tuesday 6:30-7:30p

### Line Dancing for Beginner's



#### St. Peter's Council 2024

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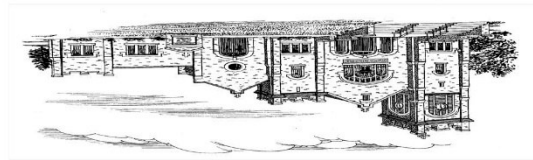
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