

St. Peter's News

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SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST



Calendar Items to Note

October 6: Worship Comm. meeting 6:30p
ZOOM

October 14: Chile Supper 11a-7p

October 15: Council Meeting 6p

Faith Night: Wednesdays meal at 5pm,
youth time at 5:45pm

Bible Study: study the lessons for the next
Sunday. We'll consider how the lessons
impact our lives beyond the worship service.
Zoom, Wednesdays, 10 am, Ongoing.

Quilting 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every
month 9a-
Noon

October 2026



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR OVER 80 MEMBERS

October 9 David Lichte
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LOGANVILLE, WI 53943



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Opening church doors to let God's grace flow....

What is it like to arrive at a new church as a new member or returning member? As your new pastor, I am also a new member (at St. Pater Lutheran church). When a new member arrives, the doors of the church are opened to let God's grace flow.

And as a new member, I notice things that long-time members no longer notice due to familiarity. First thing I noticed is the sincere warm welcome and enthusiasm you have been showing in welcoming me. Many of you have done an amazing job at orienting me to the building, how to participate in group activities, and sharing how worship is meaningful to you. Another thing any new member notices is the physical space, signage, and cleanliness. After the years, long time members often fail to notice how spaces have become storage areas and no longer need signs to guide them through the building. Physical space reveals how well a church welcomes new people and manage resources God gives for ministry. You (both St. Peter and St. John) reveal a warm welcome through the people and your church buildings (and an outstanding job on caring for the parsonage!). You open the church doors to let God's grace flow.

My call here is to help us all grow spiritually, to love God and love neighbor. This is a call no one can do alone. Without doubt, first we all must turn to and lean on Jesus for guidance and support. But we also need one another. Our call together, is to open the doors to let God's grace flow, both literally and figuratively. We all need to be open and listen to one another and have patience. Forgiveness is also critical as our

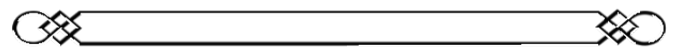
recent gospel readings at worship have proclaimed.

As your new pastor, I encourage us to keep lifting up the amazing love and grace God gives us daily, to keep lifting up the beauty of God's creation all around us (the people and the landscape), and to always remember, Jesus is right beside us at all times. Thank you for opening the church doors to welcome me and others!

Peace, Pastor Michelle

Ten random bits of information about me (Pastor Michelle):

1. I love cats
2. I love Wisconsin
3. My first job was at a Hallmark store with my mom as my boss
4. I lettered in cross-country skiing in high school in Ohio
5. I was a college student for 13 years (I don't recommend it)
6. I have traveled in 13 countries, 14 with the USA
7. I am allergic to cilantro
8. I have a brother who is married with 2 adult children
9. I have 6 international "daughters" and 1 "granddaughter"
10. I have 2 cats and a Yorkie who I treat like a cat.



Council President Connections

by Kurt Muchow

The Church Council met on September 17, 2026. The agenda included the following noteworthy items:

WELCOME PASTOR MICHELLE AND SANNA! We are thrilled to welcome you to our church family.

Double Celebration. September 13th was our scheduled Confirmation Reunion, but it turned out to be a double celebration because it was also Pastor Michelle's first Sunday service in Loganville. We had a good turnout, and it was a very good day.

Ad Hoc Pastoral Transition Committee.

The Church Council voted to create an Ad Hoc Pastoral Transition Committee. The purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee is to assist the Pastor assimilate into the congregation, serve as a resource for the Pastor, and support her efforts to perform her duties. Following is a summary of general activities to be performed by the Ad Hoc Committee:

1. Provide information to the Pastor regarding the history and culture of the church.
2. Assist the Pastor to identify existing members of the congregation she should contact.
3. Assist the Pastor to identify potential new members she should contact.
4. Assist with collecting information and making connections with church members.
5. Serve as a sounding board and provide feedback to the Pastor.
6. Share information with the Pastor related to comments they receive from members.

The members of the Committee include Ann Krueger, Carolyn Meyer, Marge Schmidt, Melissa Radke, Sue Walker and myself.

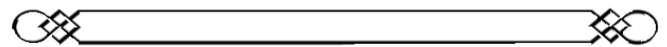
Communion Table. The Church Council had an initial discussion regarding the installation of a communion table in the Sanctuary. A communion table serves as a central focal point in Lutheran churches for holding the bread and wine used during communion. The Church Council will

further investigate the idea and solicit input from the congregation before making a decision.

Confirmation Student Bibles. The Church Council approved the purchase of New Living Translation Bibles for the Confirmation Students.

October Church Council Meeting. Next month's meeting will be held on October 15th at 6:00.

God Bless.



Christian Sisters

IT'S CHILI SUPPER TIME!!! October 14th is right around the corner!

There are sign up sheets on the hybrid table for donations for chili making ingredients and bars plus sign-up sheets for various help needed to prepare the chili and then help with serving etc. the day of. Please take a look at the sheets to see how you might be able to help. Thank you.

A Bazar will also be held during this time. Nancy Schuette is looking after this. Items will be needed to support this.

Our next General Business Meeting will be Sunday October 4th at 8:55 am. (Before church)

Hope to see you there!

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS AND MINISTRIES

Oct. 4th - WELCA Meeting at 8:55 am

Oct. 14th - Chili Supper 11:00 to 7:00

Oct. 27th - Quilting 9:00 to 11:30

Gather Bible Study at 11:30 at church

Oct. 25th - Bibles presented to 2nd graders

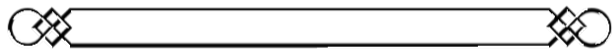
MINISTRIES

Communion – Jim and Jan Henke
Alter Flowers –
Sunday Hosting – Marge Schmidt
Care Ministries – Marge Schmidt

Enjoy the Fall Weather!!

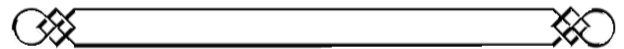
Rachel Niemann, WELCA Chairperson

If you have a family member, relative or friend who needs prayer, please contact Carolyn Meyer at 608 727-3511 or via email at 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.



St. Peter's Moments in History

In 2021 in-church services were begun after the pandemic had abated. And in 2022 the lights in the sanctuary were rewired. In 2023 numerous supply pastors began serving the congregation as a new pastor was being sought. A St. Peters Cemetery Walk honoring soldiers was held. LED lighting replaced the florescent lights in the East addition. New ovens were installed in the kitchen. In 2024 the youth created dog beds for the local animal shelter and several diseased trees were removed from the church and parsonage lawns. The congregation continued its search for a new pastor. In 2025 planning began for the celebration of the church's 150th anniversary. A Spanish language congregation began using the sanctuary for their services. A preliminary vote was held to update the Constitution.



October 2026 Faith Night News

Faith Night has begun another year, as usual it began with our community meal starting at 5pm.

This year we will focus on the Old Testament story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. We will be reviewing the Ten Commandments along with learning how to use our Bibles. Also, the youth have a prayer journal which we started last year, they will continue to write in their journals this year.

Fund Raisers; Again, the youth will sell Rural Route popcorn and we will be filling the shopping cart with non-perishable food items for the Reedsburg Food Pantry.

Dates to remember are; October 4th, youth will sing at the 10am service. October 7th, Popcorn sales will close, October 14th, no Faith Night (chili supper)

Please continue to save your Viking Village receipts, this helps with the cost of Faith Night's community meal.

Thanks for your continued support.

Sue Walker– Faith Night Superintendent

Financial Update, by Becky Henke

Operating Checkbook update for August

OPERATING CHECKBOOK REPORT AUGUST 2026

GENERAL ACCOUNT BUDGET

AUGUST 1, 2026 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$68,523.50
INTEREST	\$2.35
KRUEGER / SCHLIECKAU INTEREST	\$246.94
CURRENT INCOME - AUGUST	\$6,709.02
SIMPLY GIVING CHARGE	-\$9.88
CURRENT EXPENSES - AUGUST	-\$5,442.07
	-\$25,000.00
AUGUST 31, 2026 ENDING BALANCE	\$45,029.86

GENERAL MISSIONS BUDGET

RECEIPTS THRU AUGUST	\$7,901.33 *
FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	-\$901.33

*AMOUNT SHOULD BE \$4666.67 MEET BUDGET

WE ARE AHEAD BUDGET BY 3234.66

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET

RECEIPTS THRU AUGUST	\$3,981.56 *
FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	-\$1,481.56

*AMOUNT SHOULD BE 1666.67 TO MEET BUDGET

WE ARE AHEAD BUDGET BY 2314.89

MEMORIALS/IN HONOR OF

DALE JUDD MEMORIAL - ELEVATOR FUND	\$25.00
ISABELLE REIMER - ELEVATOR FUND	\$50.00

MONTHLY MISSIONS 2026

JAN - REEDSBURG UNITED FUND	\$310.10
FEB - VETS EQUINE TRAIL SERVICE LAVALLE	\$295.10
MAR - LOGANVILLE BALL PARK	\$240.10
APRIL - SCHOOL BACK PACK SUPPLIES	\$495.11
MAY - CRISIS FUND	\$491.11
JUNE- LION'S VISION PROGRAM	\$840.11
MISSION FEST	\$2,110.00
JULY - HILLPOINT VFW	\$185.11
AUG - GRACE/GREATER RICHLAND AREA CANCER ELIMINATION	\$390.11
SEPT - SUGAR CREEK HORSE PROJECT	\$135.11
OCT - RAMC FOUNDATION /YOUTH DENTAL PROGRAI	\$235.11
NOV - FARMER ANGEL NETWORK	\$135.11
DEC - SAUK COUNTY FAMILIES	\$235.11

FAMILIES

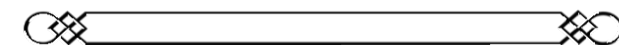
Special Balances

Property Maintenance	12147.95
Elevator	14987.35
Kitchen Fund	2805.00
Brotherhood	2119.50
Faith Night - Dinner	1739.69
Faith Night Education	2868.05

Thrivent Investments

Kitchen Fund	65281.25
National Youth Gathering	15000.00
General Account	25000.00

Year-to-date church contributions...If you are interested in knowing what you have contributed this year, contact Becky Henke at 608-393-4344 or email her at rebecca.henke@icloud.com.



Readers for October

October 4: Carolyn Meyer

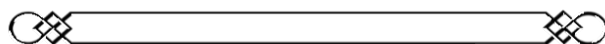
October 11: John Albers Jr.

October 18: Lorinda Broughton

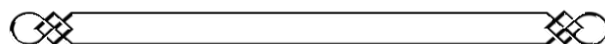
October 25: Ann Krueger



Mission of the Month of October: RAMC Foundation: Youth Dental Program. Use the White Envelopes located in the pews.



Second Graders will be receiving bibles on Reformation Sunday, October 25. Let the office now if you have a second grader.



Elevator Etiquette

Please do not leave items in the elevator. It is hard for the people who need to use the elevator, when there are items it.

A History of St. Peter's Choir by Dawn Webber July 15, 2026

For as long as I can remember, which is almost half of the 150 years, there has been a choir of St. Peter's members. The choir was the leader of the singing in the church, enhancing worship with beautiful music. The choir rehearsed for at least an hour every week to sing an anthem during the Sunday worship. I directed the choir from 1986 to 2018. Starting in the early 90's, choir members, with piano and guitar musicians, lead a contemporary worship once per month. The contemporary service continued until the choir disbanded in 2023 due to lack of leadership. After I retired, Kris Klemp directed the choir from 2018 until 2021. Then Liesa Stienmetz, who played guitar for a couple of decades, directed the choir until it ended.

Prior to my choir direction, Debbie Muchow directed the choir from 1974 to 1986. During that time, the choir accompanist Erwin Thies retired, and Charlotte Schroeder filled the position. Marge Stevens directed the senior choir from 1968 to 1974. Marge directed a junior choir from about 1953 to 1974. Marge also led the Sunday School music during that same time. A few years later Sharon Schlieckau restarted a junior choir. Sharon also accompanied the choir on keyboard and guitar from 2005 until the choir disbanded.

Eleanor Luehrsen started directing the choir during her high school years prior to 1946. At that time, her father, Carl Stubenvoll was pastor at St. Peters. During Eleanor's college years, she would return home on weekends to direct the choir. Eleanor directed the choir until 1968. Her family moved to Reedsburg, and she became the choir director at St John.

The Senior Choir, in the early years and until the early 1990's was heard every Sunday, but not seen, as they sang from the choir loft.

According to the Reedsburg Free Press and other historic documents, the following are some notable early dates of the music at St Peter's. The recorded references to music, a choir and a band prove that there was in fact organized music for the greater part of our 150 years.

1886 – the Iowa Synod hymnal was purchased.

1893 – Organ purchased.

1900 – The choir donated chairs.

1907- Loganville Cornet Band.

1909 – “The choir of St. Peter's sang at the funeral of Henry Behn”.

1918 – Mission fest. The St John choir was invited to sing with the St Peter's Band.

1926 – The St Peter's band gave a concert.

1927 – The choir and band played as church was completed. A concert was given later.

1930 – Ernie Gall's Tailor Made Orchestra, with 8-9 instruments played.

1935 – Songbooks purchased for choir.

1940 – Choir sang at Stubenvoll 25th anniversary of ordination.

1941- English hymnals purchased.

1951 – New organ and chimes purchased.

1959 – German services discontinued.

1960 – Miles Bruemmer, as Pastor, held a Choir Master's Certificate. During his time as Pastor there was a Chancel Choir and a Senior Choir.

1961 – Red Hymnals of the ALC were purchased.

1980 – Lutheran Book of Worship hymnals were purchased.

1989 – A digital piano was purchased for use in front of church. The choir started singing in front of church instead of the balcony.

2006 – The Clavinova (digital piano with recording and enhanced sound capabilities) was purchased for use in worship when the organ was not used.

2008 – New organ purchased.

2013 – The hymnal of the ELCA was purchased.

I loved my time as choir director. Each time I introduced a new hymnal, a new hymn, new liturgy, or contemporary music I always told the congregation that we are very musical people. Despite the choir being disbanded, it is my prayer that a future generation will reorganize the choir at St. Peter's.

CHILI SUPPER

St. Peter's – Loganville

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM



FREEWILL OFFERING

BAZAAR

BAKE SALE

**Beef and Chicken Chili, French Bread, Cheese Slices, Crackers
Homemade Dessert White or Chocolate Milk and Coffee**

St. Peter's Council 2025

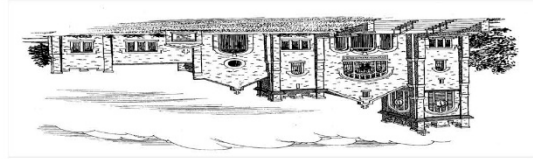
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