

St. Peter's News

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SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST



Calendar Items to Note

November 3: Worship Comm. meeting
6:30p ZOOM
November 19: Council Meeting 6pm.

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

November
2026



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR OVER 80 MEMBERS

November 11: Kenneth Radke
375 WEST STREET
LOGANVILLE, WI 53943

November 19: Janelle Soenksen
1205 MAPLE STREET
REEDSBURG, WI 53959

November 26: Julie Fox
E6185 HERRITZ ROAD
REEDSBURG, WI 53959



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Church Offerings in the Age of AI

Usually in the Fall you might expect your pastor to write a stewardship article about *your* offerings to the church.

This month, I give you a twist. Let's ponder what the church can offer you, your family, friends, neighbors – all people in and around Loganville and Reedsburg. Our churches have something very important to offer people.

I have been reading a book published in September called *AI and the Future Church: Make Your Ministry Irreplaceable in a World of Artificial Everything* by Carey Nieuwhof (© 2026 Forefront Books). The book is blunt about how fast life is changing, describing what is AI and outlining the best- and worst-case scenarios. AI always has an answer, even when God might nudge us to ponder, pray, and discuss with others.

This book describes specific threats: tech-induced numbness, economic and mental health crashes, and deep-fake deception; and, what the church can offer and do in response. The author encourages churches to build financial reserves and scalable care systems, and to lead from the unchangeable truth of Jesus Christ. Great advice. But it is what the church offers to our changing world with growing AI that should intrigue and motivate us. The church offers real-life relationships.

We are living in a time with technological changes as great as those that faced people in the times of the industrial revolution. People's jobs became obsolete and it took time to figure out new jobs. Loss of job leads not only to loss of income but also loss

of identity. But now add another truth the author identifies, "We used to debate opinions and agree on facts. Now we debate facts and call opinions truth." (p. 45). It is a breakdown between information and reality. And then there is the uncomfortable trend of people turning to AI for counseling, friendship, and even romance. God created us to be in relationship with one another. We even think of God as a form of relationship with the Holy Trinity, 3 but 1. A.I. is disrupting our mental health (especially that of youth) and decreasing real-life human to human relationships. The church offers real-life relationships.

Real-life relationships can be messy. We may offend one another and break each other's hearts. Yet through Jesus and the church, we see grace, mercy, and forgiveness modeled—and learn to practice them ourselves. When all seems lost and death appears to have won, Jesus offers resurrection and new life. In Jesus' birth, God comes to us in the flesh, embodied, affirming the importance of real-life relationships. The church offers real-life relationships, rooted in mercy, love, hope, and new life.

What can you do? Be present at church. Worship regularly to deepen your connection with God and with those beside you in the pews. Join activities and small groups that relate to your gifts and interests, participate in a group Bible study, and invite family, friends, and neighbors to come with you. Consider this, if someone would rather not dine alone, why expect them to attend church alone?

Whatever is rare often becomes more valuable. Information about everything, including the bible and Christian faith is *abundant* online. You can even watch church online (There is a time and place for online worship: during times of illness, recovery, inclement weather, no transportation, checking out a new church, and more). But where can you nurture real-life relationships, especially if cannot afford to go to events or do not have a job. And, where can youth go to find real-life relationships away from the peer-pressure of competition, learning and fitting in – to be loved and accepted from the amazing child of God that they are? The church offers real-life relationships. We can support the youth group as a place and time for relationships deepen and grow.

If you would like to explore this topic more or read and discuss the book together, please contact Pastor Michelle (revelfers@gmail.com). If enough people are interested, I will schedule a book discussion / forum.
~ Peace, Pastor Michelle

(PS. Because this is an article about AI, I decided to try AI rewrite/ editing of the article I wrote. AI corrected some grammar and made some sentences clearer, which I kept. AI also removed the way I write and speak and those suggested changes I rejected.)

RECYCLING NEWS

Thanks for taking your plastic bags back to stores that recycle. There are reusable bags on the hybrid table for your use - they can be clipped to your handbag. Also please recycle your own pill bottles responsibly.

Thanks for taking care of God's Good Earth.

Council President Connections

by Kurt Muchow

The Church Council met on October 15, 2026. The agenda included the following noteworthy items:

Sound System Repair. The Church Council approved the repairs to the existing sound system at an estimated cost of \$2,394. Bill Schuette evaluated options and recommended the repair of our existing system was the preferred option. Thanks, Bill, for taking the lead with this.

Christmas Trees. The Christmas trees will be put up and decorated on November 27th at 9:00 a.m. Many hands make light work. Anyone who is interested is welcome to help jumpstart the Christmas season.

Parsonage Door Keys. The Church Council has authorized re-keying the doors in the parsonage to reduce the number of different keys. All the upstairs doors will use the same key. The lower-level door off of the parking lot will have a separate key.

Ad Hoc Pastoral Transition Committee.

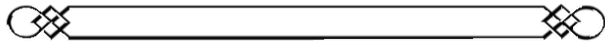
The Committee held their first meeting on September 28th to discuss their purpose and identify priorities for Pastor Michelle. Contacting and visiting the following categories of members of the congregation has been identified as a priority.

- Homebound members
- Members who are dealing with health issues
- Families with school age children to invite them to participate in Faith Night and Confirmation
- Other members as appropriate

If you would like Pastor Michelle to visit you, please contact her or Kurt.

Chili Supper was very successful. As always, the food was great. We served over 200 people. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the event.

November Church Council Meeting. Next month's meeting will be held on November 19th at 6:00.
God Bless.



Christian Sisters

Thank You to everyone who helped make our Chili Supper such a success !! Thank You!!!

Highlights from our General Meeting on Oct. 4, 2026:

Sit and Sew will be on Tues. Oct. 27 at 9:00.

Nancy said we'll be making Crumb Quilts for our High School graduates.

It was decided to use silk flower arrangements for the alter to coincide with the seasons. Fresh flowers/plants will be used for Christmas and Easter. Fresh flowers /plants are welcome anytime if you would like to have them on the alter.

Thank Offering Service will be Nov. 15.

This service is put on by the women.

Following the service we'll hold a short business meeting to talk about Christmas donations and tie up any loose ends from 2026 if there are any. WELCA Potluck will be on Sunday Dec.6 after church. The congregation is invited.

Looking for Co-chairperson for 2027.

Nominating committee for 2027 are: Jan Henke and Janice Ripley.

NOVEMBER MINISTRIES:

Communion – Nancy Schuette

Sunday Hosting – Tom and Lorinda Broughton

Care Ministries – Dale and Carolyn Meyer

There will be a sign up sheet on the hybrid table for weekly Sunday hosting for the month of December. Also needed is Communion and Care Ministries to be filled.
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.

November 2026 Parish Ed News

The popcorn sales are closed and is expected to be in the first part of November. Thanks to our youth who sold and thanks to all who brought popcorn. Also remember to continue to fill up the shopping cart for the Reedsburg Food Pantry. This is an ongoing mission for everyone.

Faith Night continues to focus on Moses and the Ten Commandments and building a relationship with God through prayer. The youth have a prayer journal which they write in each week. Also, we are always looking for volunteers or if you have a craft or something you would like to share with our youth, please let me know.

Dates to remember are November 1st, the youth will be singing in church, November 25th, there will be no Faith Night, and November 29th, which is the start of Advent which means Christmas practices will begin December 2nd.

Please continue to save your Viking Village's receipts which help with the cost of Faith Night meals.

Questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone, or text, (608-415-3910).

Thanks Sue Walker

Faith Night Superintendent



FALL BACK
change your clocks



Turn your
clocks back one
hour before
bedtime on
Saturday,
October 31.



Mission of the Month
of November:
Farmer Angel Network.

Use the White
Envelopes located in the
pews.

Readers for November

November 1 Sue Walker
November 8 Nancy Schuette
November 15 Rachel Niemann
November 22 Jan Henke
November 29 John Albers Jr.

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.

Financial Update, by Becky Henke

Operating Checkbook update for September

GENERAL ACCOUNT BUDGET	
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$45,029.86
INTEREST	\$2.46
KRUEGER / SCHLIECKAU INTEREST	\$60.98
CURRENT INCOME - SEPTEMBER	\$7,050.00
SIMPLY GIVING CHARGE	-\$9.88
CURRENT EXPENSES - SEPTEMBER	-\$9,732.04
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 ENDING BALANCE	\$42,401.38

GENERAL FUND - MONEY MARKET \$25,000.00

GENERAL MISSIONS BUDGET	
RECEIPTS THRU SEPTEMBER	\$8,183.33 *
FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	-\$1,183.33
*AMOUNT SHOULD BE \$5249.97 MEET BUDGET	
WE ARE AHEAD BUDGET BY 2933.36	

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET	
RECEIPTS THRU SEPTEMBER	\$4,101.56 *
FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	-\$1,601.56
*AMOUNT SHOULD BE 1874.97 TO MEET BUDGET	
WE ARE AHEAD BUDGET BY 2226.59	

MEMORIALS/IN HONOR OF	
ALVA SCHLIECKAU MEMORIAL	\$50.00
BUTCH JUDD MEMORIAL - ELEVATOR	\$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	\$264.11
OCT - RAMC FOUNDATION /YOUTH DENTAL PROGRAI	\$235.11
NOV - FARMER ANGEL NETWORK	\$135.11
DEC - SAUK COUNTY FAMILIES	\$235.11

Special Balances	
Property Maintenance	11983.72
Elevator	15962.35
Kitchen Fund	2805.00
Brotherhood	2119.50
Faith Night - Dinner	1298.83
Faith Night Education	1964.75

FALL WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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TURKEY HARVEST COLORFUL
THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER HALLOWEEN
ACORNS PUMPKINS APPLES
NIPPY FROST COOL NIGHTS
BOOTS TREES LEAVES
HAYRIDE SCARECROW
GOURDS AUTUMN
SCENERY FALL FOLIAGE
JACKETS SWEATERS
BROWNS FALL

St. Peter's Council 2026

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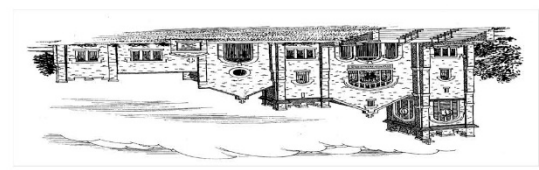
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service 10am/All Saints Sunday	2	3 Worship Committee 6:30pm Zoom	4 Bible Study 10am Zoom Faith Night Meal 5pm Youth time 5:45pm	5	6	7
8 Worship Service 10am	9	10 Quilting 9am	11 Bible Study 10am Zoom Faith Night Meal 5pm Youth time 5:45pm	12	13	14
15 Worship Service 10am/Women's Thanksoffering	16	17	18 Bible Study 10am Zoom Faith Night Meal 5pm Youth time 5:45pm	19 Council Meeting 6pm	20	21
22 Worship Service 10am	23	24 Quilting 9am Gather Bible Study 10am	25	26	27	28
29 Worship Service 10am	30					



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