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Food for thought: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us...* -Hebrews 12:1

I learned this verse, from Hebrews, as a staff member at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Hebrews 12:1-3 was the theme during my second summer on staff. It made such an impact on me, as the names of visitors to camp grew throughout the summer on our fabric cloud, this verse has stuck with me ever since.

Often times, I use this verse in reference to those who have died. However, this is not to say that our cloud of witnesses can't, or doesn't, include those who are still running with us, in this race of life on earth. We all are called to look upon Christ as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2); for this is how we become a witness of faith for one another.

This month, we have such great opportunities to gather as a community of faith and hear from the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us, here at St. Peter. Our worship schedule, in August, is filled with time to hear from those who have traveled to South Carolina on a service trip, Kyle and Anna Svennungsen, and our youth who have devoted part of their summer to time at Sugar Creek. I hope you will be able to join us for these exiting times of witness, worship, and fellowship together.

Peace and Blessings,
Pr. Hillary Burns-Kite

VSB Week- August 8-11 Vacation Bible School will be taking place at St. Peter, with leadership from Sugar Creek Bible Camp counselors. We are in need of volunteers to help with snack and afternoon activities. If you would like to help out with VBS, please contact Angie Henderson (608-412-1288) or myself (319-290-861). Everyone is welcome to join us for the closing worship and program on Thursday, Aug 11th, around 3pm.

Svennungsen Visit- August 13 and 14 the Svennungsen family will be worshipping with us as synod representatives for the missionary program in Bratislava, Slovakia. Pr. Kyle will give the sermon for both worship services. Sunday's service will be at the river gazebo. We are planning for a time of food and fellowship with the Svennungsens following the worship service at the river. Look for more information in coming bulletin announcements.

Stories From Sugar Creek- Calling all 2022 Sugar Creek Campers! We want to hear from you. Please send us your favorite pictures, or share a favorite God moment from your days at camp this summer. We will be looking for a few campers who would be willing to speak about their camp experience during worship on August 20th and 21st.

Sunday School & Confirmation Teachers/Helpers- We are excited to get back into the groove of youth Christian Education, St. Peter. Having adult role models, within and outside the home, is so important for our children's emotional, spiritual, and mental development. Our Parish Education committee is busy working on the schedule for the 2022-2023 education calendar and are in need of caring, fun, faithful and teacher-minded individuals who are interested in working with small groups age 3-13. Please contact Mary Peterson (608-412-1976), Pr. Miranda (815-291-5793), or Pr. Hillary (319-290-8641) for more information and to share your interest in volunteering with the Sunday School or Confirmation programs, at St. Peter.

WORSHIP in

Saturdays: Worship with Communion at 5:15 p.m.

Sundays: Worship with Communion at 9:00 a.m.



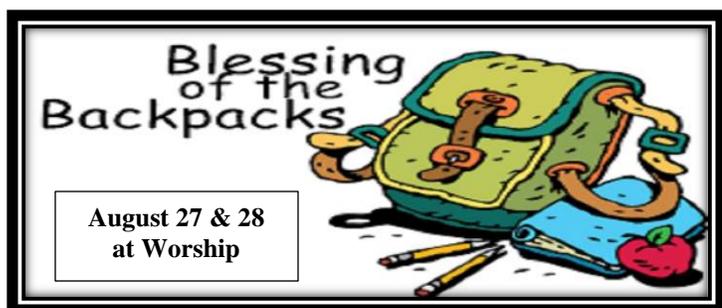
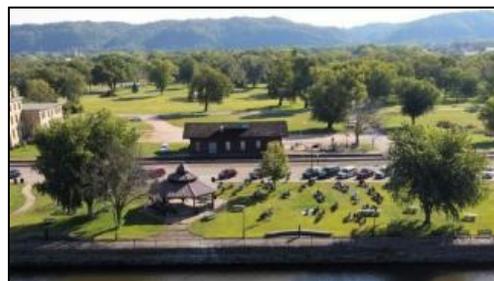
Sunday Worship is also Broadcast on the Radio and Facebook

Join us at 104.3 FM AND 980 AM and through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterpdc/>

Bulletins will be available on our website (www.stpeterpdc.org). The worship service is also recorded and posted to Facebook, so that you can worship with us later in the week.

Upcoming Worship Special Events:

- **August 6th and 7th** – Mission Trip Weeken d: Join us as our High School Mission Trip Team shares about how they saw God at work on the Mission Trip to the Savannah and Charleston. Thank you for your amazing generosity in supporting these youth!
- **August 13th and 14th** – **In-Person Sunday Contemporary Worship with Missionary Visit from Pastor Kyle and Anna Svennungsen.** Missionaries Pr. Kyle and Anna Svennungsen and families will share a message and special music during worship.
 - **Sunday, August 14th: Worship will be AT THE RIVER (also livestreamed to Facebook).When and Where:** Sunday, August 14th at 9:00 a.m. at the Gazebo across from the Depot Bar on St. Feriole Island with food, fellowship, and games following worship.
 - **In Case of Inclement Weather:** If we need to cancel the outdoor service, we will post a message to Facebook by 7:00 a.m. Sunday. We then invite you to worship with us at St Peter or from home via the radio or Facebook.
- **August 20th and 21st** – “Stories from Sugar Creek” at worship: children and youth will share about their experience of growing in faith at Sugar Creek Bible Camp this summer.
- **August 27th and 28th** – “Blessing of the Backpacks” Blessing of Backpacks during worship as children, youth, and educators head back to school for the year.



Blessing of Backpacks- All those returning to the classroom this fall (students, teachers, aides, substitutes) are invited to bring their school bag(s) to worship on Saturday, August 27th or Sunday, August 28th for a special backpack blessing, in preparation for this next academic year. Recognizing that God is with us **wherever** we go; we would like to send you off with this reminder and set the year off with a faith-filled intention.



All Creation Sings

O sing to the Lord a new song!

a workshop exploring the hymnal supplement,

All Creation Sings

Sat., August 27, 2022 - 9am-12 noon

English Lutheran Church

1509 King St. La Crosse, WI

Event will also be live-streamed.

Led by Bishop Felix Malpica and musicians from English Lutheran and around the synod.

\$25 in-person fee includes copy of *All Creation Sings* pew edition and noon meal.

Vacation Bible School

Sugar Creek will be coming to St. Peter in August to help us put on a great week of Vacation Bible School! Our week will begin in worship on Sunday, August 7th, and will wrap on Thursday afternoon, August 11th. Each day (Aug.8-11), from 9-3pm, campers will enjoy a day filled with songs, games, Bible study, skits, crafts, and wonderful memory making.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Save the Date for Rally Sunday on September 11th

- Outdoor Worship at the River at 9:00 a.m.
 - Sunday School Kick-Off following worship where you can meet Sunday School teachers, followed by games and play time.
 - Meal, Fellowship, and Games following worship.

Sunday School will meet in-person on Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to register for Sunday School at St. Peter. Registration begins in August.

We are currently forming our teaching teams for Sunday School. If you enjoy kids and are interested in serving in this life-changing faith-impacting ministry, please reach out to Pastor Hillary at stpeterpdcpastorhillary@hotmail.com.

CONFIRMATION

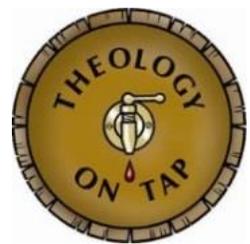
*Discipleship Training, Prayer, Fun, & Friendship for 6th-8th graders
on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students:

- We are excited for the start of Confirmation this fall! We are planning for in-person Confirmation.
- **Our 1st Confirmation Night of the fall will be on Wednesday, September 7th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This will be an in-person meeting of *parents, teachers, and students* (6th, 7th, and 8th grades).**

Theology on Tap

Join Pr. Hillary and friends from St. Peter for Bible Study and a pint, this summer! Once a month, Pr. Hillary will be holding an adult Bible study, rotating through a few cozy, local establishments. The next gathering will be August 10th @ Eddie's Irish Pub.



Council Update

The council members hope you are having a great and safe summer. I am sure you are the same as the rest of us and wish it did not go by as fast as it does. By the time you are reading this it will be August. During June and July, we had several meetings to discuss routine business items, committee updates, Pastor's duties (Mutual Ministry will give the update on that), and a review of St Peters insurance coverage. After a lengthy review it was decided to switch carriers to one that specializes in Churches and Non-Profit organizations. I want to thank our past Insurance carriers for their years of coverage. Another new addition is 3 picnic tables that will be under the front trees for events like Sunday school, coffee hour, and fellowship enjoying the outdoors.

Aaron

Mutual Ministry Update

A few members of the congregation have reached out and have asked questions regarding why both pastors have the same day off and have lifted up their desire to have the pastors available at the church more during regular business hours. Members of church council and the Mutual Ministry committee have met to discuss job descriptions and our expectations of our pastors, including their work schedules. As a Mutual Ministry Committee, we trust that our pastors are working even more than what we ask of them. We do not want to micromanage their schedules, but this conversation was to address the questions that had come up. The pastors have given much consideration and discussion to their schedules. They wish to work collaboratively which is difficult for them if they don't work the same schedule. We have decided to try it for one year with both pastors having Monday as their day off and then re-evaluating the situation at the end of the year. Theresa is available in the office on Mondays and Pastor Miranda and Pastor Hillary will be taking turns being on call for Mondays, their day off. If a critical need for pastoral care should arise on a Monday, please contact the church office and the on call pastor will be contacted. Our committee has not been made aware of any unmet needs due to the pastors having the same day off.

With regard to the question of having the pastors available at the church building more during regular business hours, we looked at a sample schedule for the pastors which is approximately 50 hours per week. We must keep in mind that our pastors do not work a traditional schedule. They are regularly called upon to work evenings and weekends. They are involved in ministry at Prairie Maison and the prison, they attend meetings and educational programs, and they are called to be with families and individuals in times of crisis. Thus, they cannot always be at the church. Our pastors very much want to be available when needed, so should anyone wish to speak with a pastor, please contact Theresa to schedule an appointment or can contact either of the pastors directly on their cell phones. If you wish to see more of the pastors, our committee encourages you to be involved as a volunteer or committee member. We also decided to try having the pastors set aside some time for drop-in hours each week when a pastor would be available at the church for drop-in visits. We will try this for a few months and see if this drop in time is being used.

Should anyone have questions or concerns that they wish to discuss further, I encourage them to reach out to the pastors, members of church council or members of the Mutual Ministry committee.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mary Peterson

Greetings! My name is Mary Peterson & I currently serve as the Church Council Secretary in my 2nd year of service on the Church council. My husband Aaron & I live in Bridgeport with our 2 boys Warren & Drew who attend Sunday School & are active in the VBS activities. In addition to my time on Council I am a member of the Parish Education Committee with a focus on the organization of Sunday School lessons. I have attended St Peters with my parents since I was a college student & reaffirmed my membership when our boys were baptized in 2014. I look forward to working alongside other families sharing Gods Word to our youth.

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer

Greetings! As Senior Pastor at St. Peter, I also serve on the Church Council of the congregation. I began at St. Peter in March of 2020. I enjoy coming alongside others on the journey of faith, spending time with family and friends, and being active outdoors. It is particularly fun to explore the beautiful trails and hills of the area while hiking or (biking) with our young sons (Micah age six and Jonathan age three). I am married to Jesse, a loving father, gifted musician, and faithful camp director; he serves as the Executive Director of Sugar Creek Bible Camp, in Ferryville, WI. Jesse and I both grew up in eastern Iowa, and it is nice for our boys to be close to grandparents. Some of the committees that I work with are: Worship and Music, Parish Education, Finance, Stewardship, Gifts and Treasures, Women of the ELCA, Mutual Ministry, and I assist many of our volunteer teams. I work closely with the Confirmation ministry, High School ministry, outreach ministries (including our worship services offered at the prison), and pastoral care ministries. I feel blessed to serve in ministry alongside such wonderful people here at St. Peter. Peace be with you!
Your sister in Christ, Pastor Miranda

Financial Update

YTD Income and Expense through June 30, 2022
(Approved by Council on July 12, 2022)

Envelope Offerings
Other Income
Total Income
Expenses
Net over (under)

	Actual	Prior Year	Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 160,668	\$ 140,100	\$ 159,512
Other Income	9,403	32,467	15,318
Total Income	\$ 170,072	\$ 172,747	\$ 174,830
Expenses	164,977	122,667	176,262
Net over (under)	\$ 5,095	\$ 50,080	\$ -1,432

Welcome New Members

Callie Kirshbaum and Jason Persinger

Children: Jared 24, Savannah 10, Alexis 6, Aaron 1 ½ and Tommy 2 months.

Jason is a handyman and Callie works as a cleaner at the theater and as front desk clerk at a hotel. Savannah will be in 5th grade and loves dancing, Alexis just finished kindergarten and is also involved in dancing. Aaron is a very typical toddler who loves being outside with daddy. Tommy was born in June and baptized in July here at St Peter. Jared is grown with 2 daughters of his own. The kids love going to parks and playgrounds and just being outdoors.



WHEEL CHAIRS NEEDED...

We are looking for 2-3 standard sized wheelchairs- 36" tall, 25" wide and 32" long (seat). These would be available at St Peter for anyone to use during worship to make it easier to join us. If you have any questions or have a wheel chair to donate, please call the church office at 608-326-6411.

Come for Supper



Thank you to our July chefs, Jeff Mink and the men from St Peter for the wonderful meal. Thank you to the members of St Peter for providing the scrumptious desserts and to the Come for Supper Team and volunteers for distributing the meals. Thank you to volunteers for directing traffic flow in the parking lot during pickup. The next meal will be on Thursday, August 18th, by take-out only again. Serving from 5pm to 6pm.

WELCA Update



Coming up! Give women's group a try, meet new friends, grow in faith and service.

- WELCA Business meeting Aug. 2, 2:00 at church
- Rachel Circle meets outside Bluff Haven entry; Bible study 10:00 Aug. 10
- LWR Quilt-Tying at church Aug. 25 9:00. Bring a sack lunch if you want.

Save the dates in September – Time flies...

- WELCA Business meeting Sept. 6 2:00 at church
- Sugar Creek Bible Camp Quilt Auction Sept. 10
- Pastors' official congregational welcome & brunch potluck! Sept. 11
- WELCA Fall Food Stand and Bake Sale at Nelson's, Sept. 17.

Questions or volunteering for an event? Call Laurie 563-880-1868.

Synod Assembly 2022

The Synod Assembly in June was an amazing and uplifting event. Please see the copies of the full assembly update sent out via email and available in hard copy form at the church. Thank you to this year's delegates from St. Peter: Luanne Neumann, Kelly Gochenaur, Terri - Anne Natwick, Pastor Miranda Klosterboer, and Pastor Hillary Burns-Kite.

The Members' Corner

The deadline for the September newsletter publication is August 19th! Thanks!



Church Council Minutes are available on The Resource Shelves at the back of the church. You are welcome to take a copy!

ADRC Summer Series "Fortune Cookies".

A live performance by The Remember Project. This Free, Powerful performance by the Remember Project will change your way of Thinking about aging and brain health.

Tuesday , August 2, 2022. 5:00 p.m. meal (free to first 100 to register) and 6:00 p.m. show at the Performing Area Arts Center at Prairie du Chien High School. Call to register at 608-326-02352

Pastoral Care

- If you or someone you know would is ill, hospitalized, would like home communion, would like to visit with one of the pastors, or is in need of pastoral care; please call the church office at (608-326-6411). **Or reach out to the pastors directly via a call or text: Pastor Miranda's cell phone number is 815-291-5793 and Pastor Hillary's cell phone number is 319-290-8641.** *With rules about confidentiality, we often do not know that a family member is sick or in need unless you call.*
- Our pastors would love to have time with you (and your family) to continue to get to know you more, offer care, and/or simply to sit with you and enjoy a cup of water or tea ☺ Please reach out to set up a time for conversation or a visit. We thank God for you and for the ministry that we get to be a part of together!

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list at St. Peter, please call the church office at (608-326-6411). We kindly ask that you please get permission from the individual or their family to add them. All names added to the list will remain on the list for up to 6 weeks unless someone calls to have the person remain longer.

August Birthdays

Nickolas Ashman ~ 8/1
Denny Kirschbaum ~ 8/2
Jackson Perkins ~ 8/2
Sarah Haefer ~ 8/3
Jonah Hornseth ~ 8/3
Sarah Haefer ~ 8/3
Mary Weeks ~ 8/3
Abby Perkins ~ 8/6
Heather Gokey ~ 8/7
Cullen McShane ~ 8/7
Bob Eckert ~ 8/8
Joe Irvin ~ 8/8
Derek Kruempel ~ 8/9
Laura Stuckey ~ 8/9
Tom Cornford Sr. ~ 8/10
Monica Olmstead ~ 8/11
Mackenzey Slaght ~ 8/12
Doug Rogers ~ 8/14
Max Clanton ~ 8/16
Mary Mara ~ 8/17
Ethan Reps ~ 8/17
Angie Mikkelson ~ 8/18
Aaron Peterson ~ 8/18
Rosie Smrcina ~ 8/18
Bea Christ ~ 8/19
Layia Koeller ~ 8/19
Abe Amundson ~ 8/21
Dave Parks ~ 8/21
Greg Tangeman ~ 8/21
Joey Kramer ~ 8/22
Jane Lenz ~ 8/22
Jenny Allbee ~ 8/23
Floyd Welsch ~ 8/27
Oliver Kapinus ~ 8/29
Miranda Klosterboer ~ 8/29
Kathy Thomas ~ 8/29

Hungry Jar for August :
Missionaries Pastor Kyle and Anna Svernungsen,
Bratislava International Church



If you or someone you know has a birthday that is not listed in the newsletter, please contact the office at (608) 326-6411 and we will add it to our system. Thank you

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Prs. Miranda and Hillary's Day Off. Pastor Hillary is on call for pastoral emergencies.</i>	2 10:00 AM Text Study for Prs. Miranda & Hillary 2:00 PM WELCA Meeting 3:00 PM Staff meeting	3 9:15 AM (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion on 104.3 FM / 980 AM 10:00 AM Communion/Bluff Haven 11:00 AM PDC Clergy Mtg 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Pastoral Care Drop-In Hours	4 10:00 AM to Noon Pastoral Care Drop-In Hours	5	6 5:15 PM In-Person Worship with Communion <i>Mission Trip Weekend youth sharing about experiences</i>
7 9:00 AM In-Person Worship with Holy Communion at St. Peter <i>Mission Trip Weekend youth sharing about experiences</i> <i>VBS Kick off</i> 1:30 PM Prison Worship	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f8d7da;"> Vacation Bible School: August 8 – 11 9:00AM to 3:00 PM </div>			11 10:00 AM to Noon Pastoral Care Drop-In Hours 3:00 PM VBS Program	12	13 5:15 PM In-Person Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion <i>Guest Pastor Kyle Svennungsen and Family visiting from Bratislava Slovakia</i>
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		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #d1ecf1;"> Pastor Miranda on Vacation August 16-19 </div>				
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