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## LITTLE FREE PANTRY

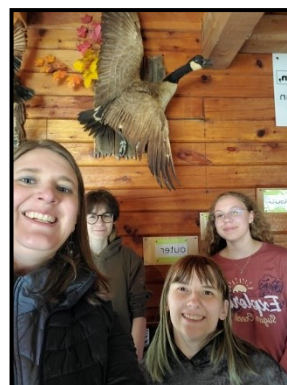
"Take What You Need. Leave What You Can."

We have had the addition of the Little Food Pantry on our church grounds for a year now :) And, its use has definitely been increasing as awareness of the LFP has grown. Prairie du Chien has several Little Free Libraries around town, but ours is the first Little Free Pantry for the community.

Recognizing how faithful members of St. Peter have been in donating to the CouleeCap Food Pantry, the Church in Society committee thought this 24/7 food pantry could be a successful addition for our ministries. This Little Free Pantry provides another opportunity for the St. Peter family to serve our neighbors! The LFP is there for anyone and everyone. Its mission statement, "Take what you need, leave what you can" is posted on its front door. Items that turn over quickly include facial tissues, toilet paper rolls, bars of soap, boxed food items, socks, hair products, personal hygiene items, fresh produce, canned fruit and seasonally appropriate donations. We decided to add the baskets and a cooler in order to be able to offer fresh produce, during the growing seasons. Keep in mind that some "shoppers" at the LFP, and CouleeCap, do not have a full kitchen or kitchen utensils. Canned food items with pull-tab tops and can openers are helpful items to consider when making donations.

The Church in Society Committee would like to thank everyone for your ongoing support of the CouleeCap Food Pantry and our newest service to the community, our Little Free Pantry. As you may know, the CouleeCap Food Pantry provides monthly food distribution to Crawford County residents who meet certain eligibility criteria. Jann Sturmer, CouleeCap Bargain Boutique and Food Pantry Coordinator, also wishes to extend her appreciation for the years of support from the St. Peter congregation and would like folks to know that no one experiencing hunger will ever be turned away, whether a Crawford County resident or not. A list of suggested items can be found at the back of the sanctuary, next to the brown collection bins; the lists are relevant for both food pantry resources. There is a food pantry closet, located inside the carport entrance, with shelves labeled for both CouleeCap Food Pantry and LFP donations. Items for the LFP may also be dropped off either in the collection bins or placed directly in the LFP along Michigan St. Again, thank you for your generosity.

**The Youth Gathering Retreat at Sugar Creek was a lot of fun and included an adventurous photo scavenger hunt throughout the camp.**





# Worship in *May*

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

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

**10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time with coffee and treats**

**10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study for youth and adults**

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](http://www.stpeterpdc.org)). The worship service is also recorded and posted to Facebook, so that you can worship with us later in the week.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter with *Contemporary Worship and Senior Recognition***

**May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost Weekend with *Dedication of Bells and Piano***

**May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> The Holy Trinity**

## Honoring our High School Seniors: May 12th

We will be recognizing our high school seniors during worship on May 12<sup>th</sup>. If you or a family member is graduating, please reach out to the church office, and send a picture and a brief bio regarding your future plans that we can share in worship and in the upcoming church newsletter. **Following Worship on May 12<sup>th</sup> we will gather for a special cake reception together in celebration for our Seniors.**

## Dedication of Bells and Piano: May 18th & 19th

In recognition of and thanksgiving for two big projects that we, as a congregation, have accomplished in the past year, a special time of dedication is being planned as part of our worship on May 18th and 19th. After not having working bells for many years, it has been joyful to hear them chime in during the Lord's Prayer, call us to worship 20 minutes ahead of service times and mark the five o'clock hour with ringing. The addition of the "new to us" piano has been a source of joyful noise as well. Thank you, to all who helped make these worshipful dreams come true. We hope everyone will be able to celebrate with us the new sounds that enrich our worship of the Lord.

## Save the Dates for Outdoor Worship at the River

**First Sundays of the Month  
June through October**

9:00 a.m. Worship at the Gazebo  
across from The Depot  
on St. Feriole Island.

June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th,  
September 1st, & October 6th.



Outdoor  
Worship  
Service



**Congratulations to our  
youth who celebrated their  
First Communion on  
March 24th!**

# Lutheranism 101: Small Group Discussion on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. on May 10th, 17th, and 24th.

We will discuss Daniel Erlander's resources "It's All About Love: The Christian Journey from a Lutheran Perspective" and "Baptized, We Live: Lutheranism as A Way of Life". This small group discussion is a spin-off from the New Member Conversation that was held on April 21st. Some of our New Members are excited to gather to learn more about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. We invite you to join the conversation to get to know some of our new members better and to be refreshed in your own understanding of our Lutheran identity. Please call the church office (608-326-6411) or email [stpeterpdcpastormiranda@hotmail.com](mailto:stpeterpdcpastormiranda@hotmail.com) if you are interested and we will include you in our email / phone calls as we plan for this class together.

## Sunday Morning Discipleship Discussion for Youth and Adults: Sundays at 10:15 a.m. on May 5th and 12th

Join in a Bible discussion with other youth and adults following worship on Sunday mornings. We will dive deeper into the Gospel reading. We will meet at the front of the Sanctuary at approximately 10:15 a.m. Grab a chair, a coffee, and a treat and bring your ideas and questions to a meaningful discussion.

## Synod School of Theology Learning Opportunities

**Cost: \$35 each or both classes for \$60**

Please register with the synod office for all classes. Call: 608-788-5000 or Email: [Office@LaCrosseAreaSynod.org](mailto:Office@LaCrosseAreaSynod.org)

**Who's Your Hero: 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM on April 18 & 25, May 2 & 9**

Location: Synod Office & via ZOOM

Be inspired by hearing about others' spiritual heroes each night. What makes them inspirational? How have they shaped and encouraged faith? Pastors and lay leaders share their spiritual heroes, the ones they look to, read, and draw inspiration from for their own faith journey. Pastor Carrie Anderson's hero is "Life of the Beloved" author Henri Nouwen. Learn about Nouwen and other specific faith heroes, while considering, "Who are your Heroes?"

**Unearthing the Bible: 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM on April 18 & 25, May 2 & 9**

Location: Synod Office & via ZOOM

Join us on a treasure hunt for ancient manuscripts, artifacts, and lost cities that illuminate and complexify our understanding of the Bible with Dr. Jake Sorenson!

Note- this class is best taken in-person as there will be a lot of hands on pieces.

**Book Study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Letters and Papers from Prison***

Join the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin's policy council and staff for this 4-part book study beginning in April. Explore his words of faith and hope on these dates: April 23rd & 30th, May 7th & 14th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3582507416>. You can also contact: [cynthia.crane@elca.org](mailto:cynthia.crane@elca.org) for the link. You can purchase the book at stores such as Amazon and Augsburg Fortress: [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org).

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## Come for Supper

Thank you to our March chefs, Roxie Shipley and Michael Douglass, for preparing the wonderful meal, the members of St. Peters for providing the scrumptious desserts and to the Come for Supper Team and volunteers for serving the meals. The next meal will be on Thursday, May 16th. Serving from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., with take-outs beginning at 6 p.m.

Also, if you left a dessert pan here, it is in the narthex above the coat rack, please pick it up. Thank you.

## **Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School**

VBS will be taking place at St. Peter, June 10-13. Children who will be entering 1st - 5th grade in the fall are welcome to join us and bring a friend. Vacation Bible School registration forms are available now, outside the church office. The camp will be held at church in the afternoons, from 12:30-4:30pm on June 10-13. Our theme, in coordination with the National Youth Gathering, is Created To Be; based on Psalm 139. Students will be encouraged to be confident in who God has created them to be; brave, authentic, free, disciples. If transportation to or from VBS would be necessary in order for your child(ren) to attend, please let us know. It may be possible for us to provide some transportation.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School; provide snacks, small/large group adult and youth helpers and transportation for field trips. Contact Pr. Hillary with any questions.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for 3k (and potty-trained) thru 5th Grade youth**  
***Teaming with families in the growth of their child's faith by providing a fun, loving, and safe community where children meet, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **Upcoming Special Events:**

- April 28th: Sunday School kids sing in worship
- May 12th: Special Music during worship from Sunday School and 6th Grade Confirmation
- May 19th: Sunday School Party at Fort Fun @ 10:45 a.m.

## **CONFIRMATION**

***Discipleship Training, Prayer, Fun, & Friendship for 6th-8th graders.***  
***Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with optional meal provided at 5:45 p.m.***

- May 12th: Special Music during worship from 6th Grade Confirmation and Sunday School
- **May 15th at 6:30 p.m. End of Year Party**

## **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

***Time to connect, serve, pray, have fun, grow in faith, and build friendships.***

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Youth-Led Worship Services– April 27th and 28th.** Also: Bake Sale and “Pie-In-The-Face” Fundraiser
- May 8th: High School Youth Group Night– Team-building and Bible Study at 7:45 p.m.
- May 12th: Graduate Recognition during 9:00 a.m. worship. Cake reception and picture to follow worship.
- May 15th: End of Year Party at 7:45 p.m.

## **Sugar Creek Bible Camp**

**Sugar Creek Bible Camp Summer Brochures Available now**  
– Summer Camp Registration is open. Come check out the many fun and life-impacting summer experiences. Horse Camp, Family Camp, Night Camp, Day Camp, and more. See: [www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org).

**Sugar Creek Camperships-** St. Peter offers \$300 Camperships for children attending Sugar Creek Bible Camp. If your child is not attending a full week (or the cost of camp is less than \$300), St. Peter will pay the whole amount.

We are grateful to help support our children going to camp in such a significant way. Also, if financing any amount for camp is an issue, please let us know. We never say “no” to a kid wanting to go to camp!

**Explorers Day with St. Peter** - We are offering a day to register for this program as a congregation, June 19th. Children entering Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to join us for a one day camp experience of being in God's good creation. Activities will include crafts, nature time, singing, worship, Bible study and possibly swimming or a pony ride. Cost for the day is \$35; snack and lunch are included. Contact Pr. Hillary for group registration information. (See the Sugar Creek brochure or website for additional dates. The Explorers program is also offered as both a single or a three day experience.)

**Volunteer Spring Work Weekend** – Saturday May 4, 2024; 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Play a part in building, cleaning, arranging and preparing camp buildings, trails and equipment for a safe and busy season ahead.



**Explore all of the  
programs available at  
Sugar Creek in 2024!**



## Financial Update

YTD Income and Expense through March 31, 2024

(Approved by Council, April 9, 2024)

	Actual	Prior Year	Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$83,534	\$79,571	\$80,083
Other Income	11,093	6,272	9,446
Total Income	\$94,627	\$85,843	\$89,529
Expenses	89,210	97,209	95,014
Net over (under)	\$5,417	\$(11,366)	\$ (5,485)

# SCBC SPRING VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND

**FREE LODGING FRIDAY NIGHT**

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**SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP**  
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024  
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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- Play a part in building, cleaning, arranging and preparing camp buildings, trails, and equipment for a safe and busy season ahead.
- Projects for all skill levels
- Bring your church, friends, youth groups, and family
- Enjoy Sugar Creek hospitality and hearty meals

RSVP: [office@sgrcreek.org](mailto:office@sgrcreek.org) or 608-734-3113  
[www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org](http://www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org)



### SERVING: Sharing Time and Talent

We are inviting everyone to check out our Time and Talent 2024- "Serving and Discipleship Opportunities Catalog" that is filled with lots of ways to engage more deeply in learning, service, care, music, fun, and more. This is available on the usher table. The link to the catalog can also be found on our website here: [www.stpeterpdc.org/serve](http://www.stpeterpdc.org/serve).

How might you be called to share your gifts of time and talent in the year ahead? "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - 1st Peter 4:10


Thank you to everyone who has turned in a Volunteer Response Form. We invite you to complete your Volunteer Response Form so that we can begin to connect people with fun and meaningful ways of serving.

### Book Club

The book club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Library. In May we'll read "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. All are welcome!

## WELCA Update:

(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)



Before the months get filled with warm-weather events, put these on your calendars. All are open to you – a first-timer, one-timer, regular, or curiosity-seeker. We all are people of God looking for ways to serve the Lord and promote the Gospel through word and deeds. Questions? Call Laurie 563-880-1868.

Wed., 5/8 10:00 Women's Bible study at Bluff Haven meeting room. Bring a Bible. (Ruth T, you have the lesson.)

Tues., 5/14 2:00 General meeting to plan events, choose donor recipients, and enjoy the company of friends in faith! Meet in the church basement. (Ruth S, devo)

Thurs., 5/23 9:00 Quilt-tying in the church basement. No experience needed. Free coffee! (Last one to come in, bring treats.)

And as long as you're here and have your pen out --

Sat., June 8 FOOD STAND & BAKE SALE at Ace Hardware. Proceeds go to St. Peter Campership fund. Bake, work, or eat to help out!

Tues., June 11 2:00 General meeting IF NEEDED (Check bulletins.) (Bette, devo.)

Wed., June 12 10:00 Women's Bible study at Bluff Haven meeting room. (Laurie)

Thurs., June 27 9:00 Quilt-tying again, for Lutheran World Relief.

**Church Council Minutes** are available on The Resource Shelves in the Narthex near the office. You are welcome to take a copy!



**May Birthdays**

Pat Lenz	May 1
Owen Becwar	May 2
Dayton Goodrich	May 2
Taylor Kozelka	May 2
Nora Rooney	May 3
Reid Koenig	May 5
Julian Shedivy	May 5
Connor Doeppke	May 6
Jerry Rau	May 8
Angie Kramer	May 10
Darlene Natwick	May 10
Bob Plomedahl	May 10
Carrie Perkins	May 11
Mac Peters	May 11
Dede Stark	May 11
Julia Haefer	May 13
Todd Hornseth	May 14
Ronnie Keehner	May 14
Hailey Kramer	May 16
Sue Plomedahl	May 16
Marsha Jahnke	May 17
Cael Koenig	May 17
Kathy Noethe	May 17
Jim Trentin	May 17
Joel Oines	May 18
Sandy Nagle	May 19
Ruth Skelly	May 19
Lexton Stovey	May 20
Alyssa Stevenson	May 21
Nancy Stuart	May 21
Rod Howell	May 22
Dax Junk	May 22
Emmett Quam	May 23
Mike Rider	May 23
Jaydon Halverson	May 24
Missy Knickerbocker	May 25
Brian Slaughter	May 25
Ruth Todd	May 25
Roxanne Howell	May 26
Micah Klosterboer	May 27
Hunter Reid	May 27
Joyce Novey	May 29
Matt Lenz	May 31

**Pastoral Care**

If you or someone you know 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.*

**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.

Deadline for the June-July Newsletter—May 16th

**Hungry Jar for May is: The Little Free Pantry**

Hungry Jar donations for March – Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center = \$1,110.56



**Little Free Pantry**


The May Hungry Jar offerings will go to the Little Free Pantry. "Take what you need, leave what you can." Anyone can donate to the stand, just like anyone can "shop" at the stand.

*Ways to share your offering*

- You can share your offering during in-person worship.
- You can mail your check to the church at **PO Box 37, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821.** *If you are a household with giving envelopes, please mail it in that envelope. If you do not have giving envelopes, please contact the church office.* You can give through **Simply Giving**, an automated online giving program we have used successfully for years here at St. Peter. An authorization form can be found online at [https://htlcmpls.org/website/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/vanco\\_auth\\_form1.pdf](https://htlcmpls.org/website/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/vanco_auth_form1.pdf) or you can call the church office at (608) 326-6411
- You can also set up an offering at your bank using free Bill Pay service to have the bank print and mail your check to the church.
- You can give online at [stpeterpdc.org](http://stpeterpdc.org) on the Home page, scroll down to GivePlus Online! Simply Giving.

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.

# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 9:15 AM (approx.)</b> Weekly Radio Devotion <b>9:30 AM</b> Communion at Pr Maison <b>10:15 AM</b> Communion at Bluff Haven <b>11:00 AM</b> PDC Clergy Mtg. <b>1:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:45 PM</b> "Food for Confirmation" <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation	<b>2 10 AM –12 PM</b> Ministry Review Team <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Option to stay the night at SCBC for Volunteer Work Weekend	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM-7:00 PM</b> SCBC Spring Volunteer Work Day <b>5:15 PM</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> Worship with Communion
<b>5 9:00 AM</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> Worship with Communion <b>10:15 AM</b> Sunday School and Adult Discipleship <b>1:30 PM</b> Prison Worship	<b>6</b> <i>Pstrs day off.</i> <i>Pastor Miranda is on call.</i> <b>4:00 PM</b> NA Meeting	<b>7 10:00 AM</b> Text Study for Pastors <b>1:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>8 9:15 AM (approx.)</b> Weekly Radio Devotion <b>10:00 AM</b> Rachel Circle at Bluff Haven <b>5:45 PM</b> "Food for Confirmation" <b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation <b>7:45 PM</b> High School Youth Group Night	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>10</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Lutheranism 101 Small Group Discussion	<b>11</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Contemporary</b> Worship with Communion
<b>12 9:00 AM</b> <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Contemporary</b> Worship with Communion <b>Senior Recognition</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Sunday School and Adult Discipleship <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Pstrs day off.</i> <i>Pastor Hillary is on call</i> <b>4:00 PM</b> NA Meeting	<b>14 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM</b> South Conference Mtg for Pastors <b>2:00 PM</b> WELCA Meeting <b>2:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>15 9:15 AM (approx.)</b> Weekly Radio Devotion <b>6:30 PM</b> End of Year Party for Confirmation <b>7:45 PM</b> High School End of the Year Party	<b>16</b> <b>5:00—6:00 PM</b> Come for Supper <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>17</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Lutheranism 101 Small Group Discussion	<b>18</b> <b>8 AM-4 PM</b> PDCI Family Day <b>5:15 PM</b> <b>Pentecost</b> Worship with Communion and Dedication of Bells and Piano
<b>19 9:00 AM</b> <b>Pentecost</b> Worship with Communion and Dedication of Bells and Piano <b>10:45 AM</b> Sunday School Party at Fort Fun	<b>20</b> <i>Pstrs day off.</i> <i>Pastor Miranda is on call.</i> <b>4:00 PM</b> NA Meeting	<b>21 10:00 AM</b> Text Study for Pastors <b>1:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>9:15 AM (approx.)</b> Weekly Radio Devotion	<b>23 9:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>5:00 PM</b> Book Club at Library	<b>24</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Lutheranism 101 Small Group Discussion	<b>25 5:15 PM</b> <b>The Holy Trinity</b> Worship with Communion
<b>26 9:00 AM</b> <b>The Holy Trinity</b> Worship with Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee and Fellowship Time	<b>27 Office Closed</b> <i>Pastor Hillary is on call</i> <b>4:00 PM</b> NA Meeting 	<b>28 10:00 AM</b> Text Study for Pastors	<b>29 9:15 AM (approx.)</b> Weekly Radio Devotion <b>1:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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## **St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES:**

SATURDAYS ~ 5:15 PM

SUNDAYS ~ 9:00 AM

WORSHIP IS ALSO BROADCAST ON SUNDAYS at 9AM  
VIA 104.3 FM AND 980 AM and through our FACEBOOK page

[www.facebook.com/stpeterpdc/](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterpdc/).

Bulletins are available on our website ([www.stpeterpdc.org](http://www.stpeterpdc.org)).

**Senior Pastor Miranda Klosterboer  
Associate Pastor Hillary Burns-Kite**

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Friday~ 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and  
1:00 — 3:00 PM

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