



St. Peter's Press

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For several months, the Church Council has been discussing the upcoming Sabbatical for Pastor Miranda. The group was in full agreement that this leave is both necessary and well-deserved. The Council and Executive Committee asked Michael Douglass to pen our commitment to help make this happen and to share our thoughts with the congregation.

The St. Peter Congregation and Church Council pray that this time is meaningful and rejuvenating.

Church Council President
Mike McCoy



Easter Morning 2025

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy

Following a period of reflection and discussion with our St. Peter Church Council, staff and the Synod Office, Pastor Miranda has finalized her plans for her 3 month sabbatical leave to take place later this year. A sabbatical lifts up the notion of *Sabbath* – an important break in the normal cycles of work where one can reflect, pray, learn and rejuvenate. In our Synod, a sabbatical break every five years is part of a congregational covenant with a rostered leader. As such it was built into the call process we went through with Pastor Miranda in 2019-2020. Money is budgeted each month to build a reserve that can be used to fund expenses that our church might encounter during and because of her absence. These include contracting with pulpit supply preachers, pastoral care and funeral back-up, and other assistance for Pastor Hillary. Pastors taking sabbaticals agree to serve in their churches for a minimum of one year following their sabbatical break.

Pastor Miranda's Sabbatical will occur in two pieces: an eight week block from mid-July to mid-September, a week in November, and several weeks scattered through January and early February. She has identified a number of goals under the themes of *Leading Well and Living Well, Sabbath and Spiritual Renewal, and deepening connections in the Body of Christ*. A reading list has been developed, plans for continuing education and conference attendance have been delineated, and visits scheduled with spiritual mentors and pastoral colleagues.

The Council urged Pastor Miranda to plan sufficient quiet time and was pleased to learn that at least one planned event is a spiritual retreat with solitude, prayer and cross-country skiing! Pastor Miranda's full plan is available in the church office. She will share more details going forward and reports after her return.

Church Council Secretary
Michael Douglass



"God's Work. Our Hands." Day of Serving.
Assembling S.A.R.T. kits after worship.

Special Congregation Meeting May 4th at 10:15 a.m.

Please see inside this newsletter on page 3 with more information from council President Mike McCoy.

Worship in



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

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.

May 3rd and 4th: 3rd Sunday of Easter with *New Member Welcome. Special Congregation Meeting 10 a.m. Sunday.*

May 10th and 11th: 4th Sunday of Easter *Contemporary Worship and First Communion Sunday*

May 17th and 18th: 5th Sunday of Easter with *Senior Recognition and Giving of Quilts*

May 24th and 25th: 6th Sunday of Easter



**Easter
Choir 2025**

Honoring our High School Seniors: May 18th

We will be recognizing our high school seniors during worship on May 18th. 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 18th we will gather for a special cake reception together in celebration for our Seniors.**

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 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, & October 5th.



First Communion Retreat Youth— Bread Baking



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 "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon, in June "The Life Cycle of A Common Octopus" by Emma Knight and July "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom. All are welcome!

A Word from the Congregational President, Mike McCoy Regarding Special Congregation Meeting

I have never been much of a golfer, but I am familiar with the term “mulligan” which is defined as: a second chance to perform an action, usually after the first chance went wrong through bad luck or a blunder.

At our Special Congregation Meeting on Sunday, April 6th, the second item on the agenda was to vote on the purchase of the Tri-Cor building. Unfortunately there was much confusion during the discussion and also as the votes were cast. To make matters worse, it was announced that the final motion passed, when in fact the 2/3 majority failed by a fraction of a percentage.

At the April Church Council Meeting, the group overwhelmingly agreed that the Congregation should **reconsider our action**. A Special Congregation Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 4th at 10:15 a.m. The first item on the agenda will be to vote on whether or not we need to reopen the discussion and vote on purchasing the Tri-Cor building. If this passes, we will then truly discuss all sides of this important decision.

For the upcoming meeting, the Council has planned a few procedural changes to hopefully avoid any confusion. For example, the motion will be shown on the screen and any changes or amendments will be added for all to see. Also, we will ask all attendants to move to the front pews and use one of the microphones if you choose to speak.

I apologize for any missteps on my part. I left the April meeting with a very heavy heart, and I heard similar feelings from others who attended. Regardless of the outcome of the May meeting, let's pray that we leave St. Peter in good faith and as a united family.

God Bless,
Mike McCoy

Financial Update

YTD Income and Expense through March 31, 2025

(Approved by Council, April 8, 2025)

	Actual	Prior Year	Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$80,633	\$83,535	\$82,757
Other Income	7,630	11,092	10,820
Total Income	\$88,263	\$94,627	\$93,577
Expenses	89,398	89,210	102,297
Net over (under)	\$(1,135)	\$ 5,417	\$(8,720)

WELCA Update:

(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

Spring has sprung, spring has won, as it always does. With Easter, we've been assured of God's power and love, breaking through every roadblock and challenge, even kicking death aside to let God's kingdom come to us all.

Our Gather Bible study series has focused on forgiveness. The last lesson had Jesus assuring Jairus on the worst day of life as his daughter lay dying. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36 What powerful words for us to live by! Copies of the 4 lessons are on the back WELCA bulletin board.

Laurie Klosterboer, President

GATHER TOGETHER IN MAY and JUNE!

Tuesday, May 13 2:00 General meeting to plan June's food stand. Devos: Gloria

Wed., May 14 10:00 at Bluff Haven Great Room: Bible devotion on spiritual gifts. If you haven't filled out the congregation's gifts assessment tool, there is also one on page 50 of the Spring Gather magazine.

Thurs., May 22 9:00 – (1:00) Quilt-tying fellowship in the church basement. Bring a sack lunch if you'd like; coffee is on!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Sat., June 21 Bake sale and food stand at Ace Hardware. Proceeds go to camperships for kids from St. Peter.



VBS Volunteers Needed

We are excited to be able to have young adult counselors, from Sugar Creek, leading us in a week of singing, worship, games and lots of fun; June 29th -July 3rd. To support the counselors, we are looking for youth (7th-12th grade) to be assistants and adults to be drivers for field-trips.

Throughout the week, we will also be needing volunteers to provide our daily snacks and lunches for the counselors. A sign-up sheet is available near the usher's table at the back of the sanctuary. Contact Pr. Hillary with any questions. **Registration is now open!**

INTER-GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

Inter-Generational Ministry is for ALL AGES (1 mo—101 yrs), meeting after worship from 10:15-11:00; typically in the church basement. Children attending without a parent/grandparent must be 3 yrs of age and potty trained.

- **May 4th**— Last class, before summer break
- **June 1st**—End of year party

CONFIRMATION

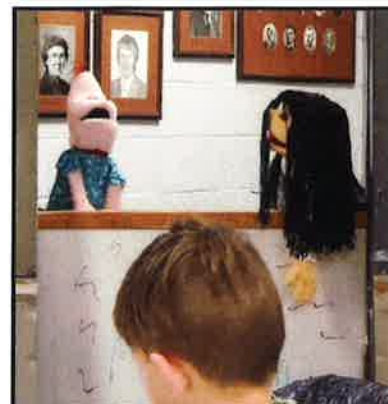
Discipleship Training, Prayer, Fun, & Friendship for 6th-8th graders. Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with optional meal provided at 5:45 p.m.

- **May 14th** 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.

- **May 7th:** High School Youth Group Night (7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
- **May 14th:** End of Year Party (7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) Invite a friend! Large Group Games, food, and fun.
- **May 18th:** Graduate Recognition during 9:00 a.m. worship, with cake reception following.



Puppet Skit during Intergenerational Ministry

New Members Welcomed to Our Church Community in May

Please add these households to your Church Directory



Fauneyes Lavelle & Papa

PO Box 32 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
608-306-0830
fawneyes1962@gmail.com

Fauneyes graduated from Winona, MN with a degree in business management and advertising. Previously she was an advertising executive. She is also an artist, and songwriter. She enjoys art shows, songwriting, quilting and learning sign language. Fauneyes is joining our church through affirmation of faith.

Wanda Everson

506 Parkview Court
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
608-326-2113

Wanda is retired from Blumenthal Lansing Company and in her spare time enjoys the Brewers and Packers, is a member of the St. Peters Come For Supper Team and is the band treasurer for the Seneca Lions Club. Wanda will be transferring from Freeman Lutheran Church in Ferryville, WI.



Sugar Creek Volunteer Work Weekend

Saturday, May 3, 2025

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

FREE Lodging Friday Night



- Help prepare camp facilities and trails for Summer Camp!
- Projects available for all skill levels.
- Invite your church, friends, youth groups, and family.
- Enjoy Sugar Creek's hospitality and hearty meals.

RSVP FOR YOUR GROUP TODAY!

(608)734-3113 or office@sugarcreek.org

www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP ADULT HORSE RETREAT

May 16-18, 2025

Cost: \$379

Theme: Stable Ground



Retreat Led by Sugar Creek's talented Barn Manager & Wranglers

- U Ground Work Exercises
- U Trail Rides
- U Workshops
- U Skill Building Arena Time
- U Horse Yoga
- U Care & Grooming



Scan the QR Code for more information or to register.

Beyond the barn, immerse yourself in community and relaxation with a soothing sauna, creative crafts, and meaningful devotions. Lodging and meals are included.

Space is limited—sign up today!

\$50 Deposit due May 1.



For More Information
(608)734-3113



Visit Our Website
www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org

Register for Summer 2025 at Sugar Creek

Sugar Creek is a safe fun place for campers of all ages to connect with God and explore God's love for who they are. There are so many new and returning programs for everyone to be excited about this year! Sign up now for classics like Explorers, Wagoners, Adventurers, Horse Camp, Jr Wranglers, Riverboats, and of course Family Camp too.

Take a look at the website for more information on all the programs we are offering this summer. Invite a friend, congregation connection or family member to attend summer camp.

<https://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/summer-camp/>

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!



Come for Supper

Thank you to our April chefs, Robert Vavro and the CFS team, for preparing the wonderful meal, Café Hope, the members of St. Peters and volunteers 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 15th. 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.

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
Carrie Perkins	May 11
Mac Peters	May 11
Dede Stark	May 11
Julia Haefer	May 13
Ronnie Keehner	May 14
Marsha Jahnke	May 17
Cael Koenig	May 17
Kathy Noethe	May 17
Sandy Nagle	May 19
Ruth Skelly	May 19
Lexton Stovey	May 20
Nancy Stuart	May 21
Rod Howell	May 22
Dax Junk	May 22
Emmett Quam	May 23
Mike Rider	May 23
Jaydon Halverson	May 24
Brian Slaght	May 25
Roxanne Howell	May 26
Micah Klosterboer	May 27
Calli Otts	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

SCBC Wish List

Please check out SCBC's Wish List on their website sugarcreekbiblecamp.org under "Get Involved". Some items requested include arts and craft supplies, office supplies, tents, backpacks, hardware store gift cards and kitchen supplies.

Hungry Jar for May is: Sugar Creek Bible Camp Wish List

Hungry Jar donations for March – Passages— Sexual Assault Care Kits= \$993.35







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 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 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
First Communion Youth Learning Together				1 1:00 PM Worship & Music Mtg. 6:00 PM Choir Practice	2	3 9:00 AM-7:00 PM SCBC Spring Volunteer Work Day 5:15 PM 3rd Sunday of Easter Worship with Communion
						
4 9:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Easter Worship with Communion and New Member Welcome 10:15 AM Special Congregation Meeting 10:15 AM Inter-Generational Ministry 1:30 PM Prison Worship	5 <i>Pstrs day off. Pastor Hillary is on call.</i> 4:00 PM NA Meeting	6 10:00 AM Text Study for Pastors 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	7 9:15 AM (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion 9:30 AM Communion at Pr Maison 10:15 AM Communion at Bluff Haven 11:00 AM PDC Clergy Mtg. 6:00 PM "Food for Confirmation" 6:45 PM Confirmation 7:45 PM High School Youth Group	8 6:00 PM Choir Practice	9	10 5:15 PM 4h Sunday of Easter Contemporary Worship with Communion
11 9:00 AM 4th Sunday of Easter Contemporary Worship and First Communion Sunday with Communion <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 <i>Pstrs day off. Pastor Miranda is on call</i> 4:00 PM NA Meeting	13 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM South Conference Mtg for Pastors 2:00 PM WELCA Meeting 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Council Meeting	14 9:15 AM (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion 10:00 AM Rachel Circle at Bluff Haven 6:30 PM End of Year Party for Confirmation 7:45 PM High School End of Year Party	15 10:00 AM Stewardship Mtg. 5:00—6:00 PM Come for Supper 6:00 PM Choir Practice	16	17 5:15 PM 5h Sunday of Easter Worship with Communion
18 9:00 AM 5h Sunday of Easter Worship with Communion and <i>Senior Recognition</i>	19 <i>Pstrs day off. Pastor Hillary is on call.</i> 4:00 PM NA Meeting	20 10:00 AM Text Study for Pastors 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	21 9:15 AM (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion	22 9:00 AM Quilters 5:00 PM Book Club at Library	23	24 2:00 PM Gerth Renewal of Vows at SCBC 5:15 PM 6h Sunday of Easter Worship with Communion
25 9:00 AM 6h Sunday of Easter Worship with Communion	26 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor Miranda is on call</i> 4:00 PM NA Meeting 	27 10:00 AM Text Study for Pastors 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	28 9:15 AM (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion	29	30	31 5:15 PM 7h Sunday of Easter Worship with Communion

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