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“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.” James 1:17a

Every good and generous gift is from above, from our creator God. We are created in the image of God. We are therefore created to be generous. It is good for us to give, because we are connecting with who we were created to be.

Dr. Robert B. Gronlund speaks of *Six Steps to Joyful Giving*¹. I want to share two of those with you.

- **It Is Good For the Giver to Give:** Gronlund talks about how it is good for us to share life and its gifts— good for us spiritually and psychologically. “Life cannot be hoarded or it turns in upon itself.” We have a deep inherent need to give. To give is to live.
- **It Is Good To Place God First in Your Budgeting and Spending:** Many experience difficulty giving despite the desire to do so, because we attempt to give from what is left over at the end of the week or month rather than from first fruits, from all we have received. When you place God first in your budgeting and spending, you recognize that all you have received is from our good and loving God. You are simply a temporary steward of those gifts God has entrusted to you. Living in gratitude for all that God has given and then responding first with gifts of thanksgiving is a joyous way to live out your faith. It can also help to bring contentment with material things and discipline in financial health. ¹ <https://mttaborslc.org/six-steps-joyful-giving-august-2018>



Stewardship 2025

This season we are responding in gratitude for the many ways we experience **God's Wondrous Love and Care**. Households are being encouraged to prayerfully consider growing towards a tithe. I encourage you to try it, if you haven't before. Try first fruits proportionate giving— maybe start out with 1% for one month... or 10% for one week. Step out in faith trusting that It Is Good for Us to Give. Let us each grow towards a tithe (or beyond) and grow as joyful givers. Let us pray and reflect on all of the blessings we have received and respond with gratitude together.

- With love and thanksgiving, Pastor Miranda



2024 Confirmands

New Member Coffee Sunday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m.

If you have been worshipping with us and are interested in living out your life of discipleship among us here at St. Peter during this season, we would love to have you join us. Come and learn more about the congregation and about becoming a member of St. Peter. Please let the church office know if you are interested in attending.



New Front Sidewalk
Our Michigan St. steps and front sidewalk received a facelift in September!



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.

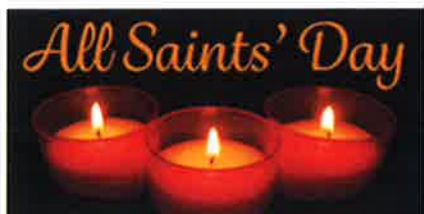
Upcoming Worship Special Events:

Nov. 2nd and 3rd: All Saints Worship Weekend.

Nov 9th and 10th: Contemporary Worship:

Nov. 16th and 17th: *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* Appeal Weekend.

Nov. 23rd and 24th: Thankoffering and Celebration Weekend



ALL SAINTS WORSHIP on November 2nd and 3rd

All Saints Worship is the first weekend of November at both Saturday and Sunday Worship. We will continue in our pattern, as we have the past many years by having a lighting of candles and reading of names of those who have died, both in the last calendar year and beyond. If you have had a loved one pass away since last All Saints day, please contact the church office with the name.

ALL SAINTS BAKE SALE

Do you have a favorite family treat or snack that you would enjoy sharing on this weekend of remembrances; snacks, drink-mixes, chilled cheeseballs, cookies, brownies, cakes and rolls, etc...? We invite you to whip up your favorites and donate them to the bake sale, on All Saints weekend. Free will offerings will go toward funding the mission trip coming up in the summer of 2025.

Share Your Musical Gifts for Advent & Christmas

You are invited to prepare special music to share with our St. Peter family during worship this Advent and Christmas. Please discuss your ideas with Pastor Miranda or Pastor Hillary, and they will help determine how your gifts will best work with worship planning. Thanks!

A Morning Worship Walk at La Riviere Park in December

Save the date for a meaningful Saturday morning Worship Walk at La Riviere Park on Saturday, December 7th at 9:00 a.m.. We will meet at the park picnic shelter, share some words and scripture, then walk a couple of hundred yards into the parklands rolling prairie for additional words, scripture, and communion.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that helped with outdoor worship. It is such a blessing to be able to worship at the river and it takes many volunteers to make it all happen. We wouldn't be able to do it without everyone's help and support!



College Care Packages

The Evangelism Committee will be assembling and sending care packages to our young adults currently participating in higher education and military programs. If you would like to donate items for this, please sign up for requested items on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary by Nov. 13th. Parents and Grandparents, please check with the church office to ensure that we have the current mailing address for your child or grandchild.

Financial Update

YTD Income and Expense through September 30, 2024

(Approved by Council, October 8, 2024)

	Actual	Prior Year	Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$227,385	\$226,688	\$240,251
Other Income	192,128	54,826	28,336
Total Income	\$419,513	\$281,514	\$268,587
Expenses	295,309	279,508	285,043
Net over (under)	<u>\$(124,204)</u>	<u>\$ 2,006</u>	<u>\$(16,456)</u>

THANK YOU!

From Council President Mike McCoy

I am grateful to both parents for my love of music. Most evenings, my dad would stack multiple “Big Band” records on the turntable of our old stereo. As a teenager, I preferred listening to Glenn Miller as opposed to the Bee Gees and other disco songs that played constantly on the radio. Dad, however, readily admitted that he was not much of a singer or a musician. He often said that he played the trumpet in high school and knew two songs. He’d say, “One sounded a little bit like ‘On Wisconsin’ and the other one didn’t.”

My mom, on the other hand, loved to sing and dance. I recall sitting in the pew between my parents as we sang the weekly hymns. Dad would pretty much (mercifully) mouth the words, but Mom would sing with glee. Every once in a while I would receive a gentle nudge to remind me that it was okay to join in. If there was a well-known hymn that particular Sunday, Mom would hum that song for the rest of the day.

When my mother passed away in 1989, my family wanted to somehow memorialize Mom’s love for music as we considered a gift for St. Peter. The black music folders for the choir was our way to honor our mom. It was a relatively small gift, but you can be sure I think of my mother every time I hear the choir sing.

Recently, St. Peter has been blessed with two very generous bequests. **On behalf of the church council and the entire congregation, thank you to JoAnne White and Susan Ludvik and their families.** JoAnne named St. Peter as a beneficiary of an IRA; we give thanks to God in memory of JoAnne and Jim White. Susan Ludvik named St. Peter in her will; we give thanks to God in memory of Susan and Joseph Ludvik. The council has been discussing ways to faithfully use these bequests in the best possible way. I am also happy to report that there are similar bequests and memorials in the works. Gifts like these help keep St. Peter healthy and thriving.

This fall we have been hearing from the Stewardship Committee and the theme of **What Wondrous Love is This**. Please consider how you can show your gratitude, not only through your generous offerings, but by sharing your time and talents with the St. Peter family. God Bless, Mike McCoy

WAYS TO GIVE

Planned Giving
Beyond Weekly Offerings

PREPARE A WILL

Leave a specific asset, a dollar amount, or percentage of your estate to St. Peter.



ST. PETER AS A BENEFICIARY



Of an IRA, retirement plan, or life insurance policy.

MEMORIAL GIFT

Honor a loved one by making a contribution in their name.



Ask your financial planner to include charitable giving as part of their counsel. Additional planned giving options include Trusts, Charitable Trusts, Donor-Advised Funds, Charitable Gift Annuities, and others.



Sunday Morning Discipleship Discussion for Youth and Adults on November 10th and 17th

Join in a Bible discussion with other youth and adults following worship on Sunday mornings. 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.

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 parents/grandparent must be 3 yrs of age and potty trained.

Upcoming Special Events:

- November 17th: Christmas Program parts will be distributed.
- December 1st: Christmas Program Practice; please plan for a later than usual dismissal
- **December 8th: Rehearsal for Christmas Program**
This will be a full rehearsal, 10:15-11:45a.m. Please, plan accordingly.
- December 15th: Christmas Program during the 9:00 a.m. worship service
Please, let Pr. Hillary know if your child **will not** be able to participate in the program.

CONFIRMATION

Nov 27th—Family Night No Class

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

- **Nov 6th—Youth Group at 7:45 p.m. Baking Night at St. Peter** for college care packages.
- **Nov 13th— Youth Group Night at 7:45 p.m. . Interactive Bible Study night with gathering remix.**

WELCA Update

(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

Annual Thankoffering Service and Food Drive Nov. 23-24

Women of the Lutheran church have been gathering for Thankoffering services since the early 1900s. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community. We meet together as faithful women to joyfully give thanks and praise for what God has given to us. There are three parts to this celebration: 1) The women of the church will lead the worship services. Our guest speaker will be Deacon Stephanie Engel, Program Director at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. 2) A special offering will be gathered (in provided blue envelopes, or your own - make checks to "St. Peter WELCA", memo "Thankoffering"); this offering will support programs and ministries of the national Women of the ELCA. 3) Food Drive for local Coulee CAP. Bring groceries, paper goods or personal items to the church that weekend or during the week.

Women of St. Peter November events:

Tues., 11/12 2:00 General Meeting, church basement (Laurie, devo)

Wed., 11/13 10:00 Bible Study at Bluff Haven (Patty, lesson)

Sat-Sun, 11/23–24 Thankoffering Service and Food Drive

Thurs., 11/28 Thanksgiving - - NO quilting at church.

Before Thanksgiving – Register for Yesterday's Youth at Sugar Creek Dec. 2.

Call the CAMP to register 608-734-3113.



You can bring this blue envelope to worship or you can send your thank offering to:

WELCA

PO Box 37 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

(be sure to note that it is for Thankoffering)

Good Gifts Tree Ornaments

Now with Halloween behind us and Thanksgiving around the corner, it may be time to get an early start on your Christmas gift buying! We have a limited supply of World Hunger Appeal Good Gift Tree ornaments available for purchase. Feel free to contact Kathy Quamme at (608) 306-1963 if you are interested in buying one or more from the list below. Also, look for the Good Gifts Christmas Tree in the narthex by the 1st week in December! Thank you for your generosity in supporting this ELCA global effort.



Good Gifts Tree Ornaments Inventory 2024 Price List

Ornaments	Cost:	Number Remaining
School Supplies	\$10	2
Honeybees	\$20	35
Vaccinations	\$30	10
Pig	\$30	33
School Fees/Uniform for Girl	\$40	19
Goat	\$50	18
Pair of Goats	\$100	10
Feed 50 @ Soup Kitchen	\$100	4
Microloans for Woman	\$125	2
Latrine	\$150	2



Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed!

This Christmas Season, St. Peter members and friends will again have an opportunity to serve as bell ringers for the Salvation Army. Please contact Ruth Skelly at (608) 632-0862 to sign up for 2-hour time slots (or split the time slot with a friend if you can only serve 1 hour). Thank you for your service to benefit the needy in our community!

Save the Date for:

“The Road to Bethlehem Advent Experience”

at Sugar Creek Bible Camp on Saturday, December 7th

Begin your journey anytime from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

“Come and see. The long-awaited Savior, Jesus Christ, is near!”

Sugar Creek will be offering, once again, what is becoming a fun and simple holiday tradition. Visitors will journey through the Advent story by visiting different live action worship stations along the camp’s valley; offering carols, scripture, prayer and a live nativity scene. There is no cost to participate, but free will donations toward the camp’s ministries will be welcomed. Refreshments will be offered at the end the journey.

Come for Supper



Thank you to our September chefs, the Church Council for preparing the wonderful meal, Church Council, Crossing Rivers Employees, St. Peter Parishioners and Café Hope 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, November 21st. 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.

Corner

Deadline for the December –January Newsletter– Friday, November 15th.

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

Pastoral Care

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 part of together!

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.

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.

November Birthdays

Bev Cornford	Nov 1
Isaac Nichols	Nov 2
Kennedy McShane	Nov 3
Terri Natwick	Nov 3
Quintin Scott	Nov 3
Malachi Ames	Nov 4
Michael Quam	Nov 5
Nina Halverson	Nov 7
Emily Quam	Nov 7
Tyler Mason	Nov 8
Alyseia Schnitzler	Nov 8
Bev Anderson	Nov 9
Clare Fritsche	Nov 9
Jeremy Natwick	Nov 10
Megan Yeomans	Nov 10
Reggie Nichols	Nov 12
Tarah Marx	Nov 13
Jack Merrill	Nov 13
Kayla Ingham	Nov 15
Adam Junk	Nov 15
Brilie Esser	Nov 16
Bridget White	Nov 16
Jayce Gilbertson	Nov 17
Autumn Smrcina	Nov 18
Deacon Chesebro	Nov 19
Cathy Sutton	Nov 19
Gloria Bunders	Nov 20
Joseph Kramer	Nov 20
Sheryl Mielke	Nov 20
Kevin Olmstead	Nov 21
Jenny Jeidy	Nov 23
Rick Lenz	Nov 23
Case Strauman	Nov 23
Mary Ellen Hornseth	Nov 25
John Howe	Nov 25
Blake Bartels	Nov 28
Jasmin Halverson	Nov 30
Karly McShane	Nov 30
Wayne Mielke	Nov 30

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.

Hungry Jar for November is: Operation Santa

Hungry Jar donations for September – Passages= \$624.30





November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5:15 PM All Saints Worship with Communion
					Pastor Miranda Vacation Nov. 1st to 4th	
3 9:00 AM All Saints Worship with Communion 10:15 AM Inter-Generational Ministry 1:30 PM Prison Worship	4 <i>Pstrs day off.</i> Pastor Hillary is on call 4:00 PM NA Meeting	5 10:00 AM Text Study for Pastors 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	6 9:15 AM (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion 9:30 AM Communion at Pr Maison 10:15 AM Communion at Bluff Haven 1:00 PM Finance Meeting 6:00 PM "Food for Confirmation" 6:45 PM Confirmation Ministry 7:45 PM HS Youth Group Baking Night	7 8 AM– 3 PM Pastors at Boundaries Training in La Crosse 6:00PM Choir Practice	8	9 5:15 PM 25th Sunday of Pentecost Contemporary Worship with Communion
					Pastor Hillary Vacation Nov. 8th-10th	
10 9:00 AM 25th Sunday of Pentecost Contemporary Worship with Communion 10:15 AM Inter-Generational Ministry and Adult Discipleship 1:00 to 3:00 PM New Member Coffee	11 <i>Pstrs day off.</i> Pastor Miranda is on call. 4:00 PM NA Meeting	12 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. South Conference for Pastors 2:00 PM WELCA Meeting 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Council Meeting	13 9:15 AM (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion 10:00 AM Rachel Circle at Bluff Haven 6:00 PM "Food for Confirmation" 6:45 PM Confirmation Ministry 7:45 PM HS Youth Group Bible Study Night	14 6:00PM Choir Practice	15	16 5:15 PM "What Wondrous Love Is This" Ap- peal Weekend Worship with Communion
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	Pastor Miranda Continuing Education Conference Nov. 18 to 22					
24 9:00 AM Christ the King Sunday Worship with Communion "Thank Offering Service" 10:15 AM Inter-Generational Ministry	25 <i>Pstrs day off.</i> Pastor Miranda is on call. 4:00 PM NA Meeting	26 10:00 AM Text Study for Pastors 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	27 9:15 AM (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion No Confirmation Pastor Miranda Vaca- tion Nov. 27th to 30th	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed	30 5:15 PM 1st Sunday of Advent Worship with Communion

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SUNDAYS ~ 9:00 AM

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