



**3rd Sunday of Epiphany**  
**With Mission Moment from Mission Partner**  
**Sugar Creek Bible Camp**  
January 25th & 26th, 2025  
St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church  
201 S Michigan St.

**Mission Statement:**

**To worship and praise God boldly, witness to  
God's Goodness, and serve God with joy.**

*God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

**THE CHURCH IS GATHERED TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*\*You are invited to stand as you are able.*

**MISSION MOMENT**

From Sugar Creek Bible Camp  
Program Director: Deacon Stephanie Engel  
With video testimony from Ollie

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of  
life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and  
the meditations of our hearts, let us confess  
our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into  
the world. Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.  
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.  
Cleanse us from our faults and release us  
from their grasp. Show us your loving-  
kindness. Restore our hearts and repair  
your world, that we may live in Christ's  
ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit,  
you are made free. Refreshed by the waters  
of mercy, live anew as beloved children of  
God. **Amen.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN ELW #710**

*"Let Streams of Living Justice"*

- 1 Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,

the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations,  
for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers,  
God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us  
till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric,  
bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language;  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor;  
our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.

#### \* GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love  
of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE** (On Sunday)  
(Setting 3— ELW pg. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal-  
vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the

well-being of the church of God, and for the  
unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer  
here their worship and praise, let us pray to  
the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-  
cious Lord. **Amen.**

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Spirit of the Lord God, You bring good  
news to the oppressed and bind up the  
brokenhearted. You comfort all who  
mourn, and shower your people with the  
oil of gladness instead of mourning; a  
mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, our  
whole being shall exult in God, for the  
sake of the one who brought righteous-  
ness to life, Jesus Christ our salvation.  
**Amen.**

#### THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

#### First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8,11

*Though the people had returned to Jerusa-  
lem from exile in Babylon, they continued to  
face hardship and oppression. In the lan-  
guage of the jubilee year described in Leviti-  
cus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of  
God, announces deliverance for those who  
are oppressed and comfort for those who  
mourn.*

<sup>1</sup> The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the  
oppressed,

to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion—

to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup> For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to  
spring up, so the Lord God will cause right-  
eousness and praise to spring up before all  
the nations.  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** shared via video  
**“One Body”**: *A prayer for unity in the  
body of Christ based on Ephesians 4:2-  
3,4-6, Philippians 2:3-4, and 1 Corin-  
thians 12:18, 25*

Shared with us from Rick and Pat Lenz' son,  
Patrick Lenz, who wrote the song and is  
playing base and piano in the video.  
Lyrics (feel free to join in singing):

**Chorus:** One body, one Spirit,  
one hope in Jesus our Savior,  
one faith in God the father of all  
who is over all and in all.

Make us patient, O God,  
to bear with others in love,  
to keep unity of spirit  
through the bond of peace.  
Make us patient, O God.

Make us humble, O God,  
to value others before ourselves,

looking out for other's interests  
and not for our own.  
Make us humble, O God. **Chorus**

Arrange the body, O God,  
so there is no divide within.  
If one is honored, if one suffers,  
the body is with them.  
Arrange the body, O God. **Chorus**

One body, one Spirit,  
one hope in Jesus our Savior,  
one faith in God the father of all  
who is over all and in us all.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**  
*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the meta-  
phor of the human body to describe how inti-  
mately connected we are in the church. For  
this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul  
delivers a vital message of unity that is a  
mark of the church today.*

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many  
members, and all the members of the body,  
though many, are one body, so it is with  
Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all  
baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks,  
slaves or free—and we were all made to  
drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of  
one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would  
say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not be-  
long to the body,” that would not make it any  
less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear  
would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do  
not belong to the body,” that would not make  
it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole  
body were an eye, where would the hearing  
be? If the whole body were hearing, where  
would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is,  
God arranged the members in the body,  
each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were  
a single member, where would the body  
be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet  
one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the

hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

## KID TALK

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (on Sunday)  
Setting Three ELW pg. 142

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\* GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Miranda

**\* SERMON HYMN ELW #715** Vs. 1, 2, 5  
*"Christ, Be Our Light"*

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

#### \* APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only  
Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suf-  
fered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried; he descended to the  
dead. On the third day he rose again; he  
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the  
right hand of the Father, and he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### \* Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer, please respond with the  
words "hear our prayer".

#### \* SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

#### OFFERING

OFFERING SONG                      ELW #677  
*"This Little Light of Mine"*

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it  
shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it  
shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it  
shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

#### \* OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heav-  
ens, and your abundance to the depths of the  
seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our  
gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us over-  
flow with gratitude and generosity, now and  
always. Amen.

#### CHRIST'S MEAL IS SHARED

#### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW pg. 144 on Sunday)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### \* LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be  
thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be  
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread; and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and  
the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION (continuous)

#### COMMUNION SONGS

"Lamb of God" ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*"One Bread, One Body"* ELW #496

*Refrain*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

**\* COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his peace. **Amen.**

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT TO BE THE  
CHURCH

**\* BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

**\* SENDING HYMN** ELW #551  
*"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"*

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

**\* DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **In Our Prayers This Week:**

Robert "Bud" Mertz, Chris Bohlen, Oaklynn Peterson, Sheryll Bunders, Fawneyes Lavallo, Creighton Groom, Rose Adkins, Jenny Sylvester, Carolyn Ricco, Joe Schroeder, Christine Olson and family, Wayne Bailey, Kristen Bailey, Kristy Nelson, Heather Mask, Bob Floerke, Wes Bohlen, Deb Chesebro, Peggy Abel, Richard Atkins, Lisa Mink, everyone in the Guatemalan Medical Resources Project, and everyone affected by the California wildfires.

### **Saturday Worship Volunteers:**

**Ushers**— Barb Rink

**Reader**— Matthew Kramer

**Acolyte**— Matthew Kramer

**Assisting Minister**— Kelly Gochenaur

### **Sunday Worship Volunteers:**

**Ushers**— Mary Sweezey & Linda Shihata

**Reader**— Patty Hamann

**Acolyte**— Caycen Erickson & Ames Thomas

**Comm Servers**—Patty Hamann & Marilyn Rutz

**Camera**—Jim Klosterboer

**Easy Worship**— Joe Bailey & Ruth Taylor

### **Coffee Hour:**

January 26th: Linda Shihata

February 2nd: Linda Smrcina

### **WINTER FUN DAYS AT SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP**

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm

Sledding, tubing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and all sorts of outdoor winter fun.

Equipment is provided or you can bring your own. Snow or no, it's a go!

A lunch of hot dogs and chili provided along with cozy drinks. RSVPs appreciated. Call (608)734-3113 or email [office@sgrcreek.org](mailto:office@sgrcreek.org) to let us know you will be joining us.

Cost: \$10/person; children 4 & under are free.

### **GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP!**

Registrations for 2025 programming are open at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Brochures for this coming year are available on the shelf outside the church office.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WITH SUGAR CREEK COUNSELORS**

Children going into grades 1-5 are invited to join in our VBS programming, led by young adult counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp, June 29-July 3rd.

Look for registration information coming in early Spring. Contact Pr. Hillary for more information.

### **ELCA MUSIC FEST**

**Feb. 16th at 4 p.m.**

Join us for beautiful mass choir pieces and special music from musicians across the La Crosse Area Synod. "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", "Down to the River to Pray", "God is Our Refuge" and more.

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La Crosse, WI

### **ESTATE PLANNING EVENT**

Wednesday, February 12th

11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

St. Peter Lutheran Church

No matter your age, wealth or status, you have an estate and can't take it with you.

During Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials, explore estate strategies and tools you can use to make your final wishes clear.

Explore assets, understand beneficiaries and gain tools to help put your plans into action.

This session is hosted by Tim Zauche of Thrivent. Attorney Amanda Tisdale will also be there to answer any questions.

*To RSVP, please call 608-340-3040 or email [tim.zauche@thrivent.com](mailto:tim.zauche@thrivent.com) by February 10th.*

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

### **Inter-Generational Ministry (1mo-101yrs)**

- Children, Youth, and Families are invited to gather in the fellowship hall, following worship, for a time of growing in faith and relationship together.

### **Confirmation Ministry for 6th-8th grades**

- Confirmation class from 6:45-7:45 p.m., on Wed. with optional meal at 6:00 p.m.
- Upcoming Special Events:
  - **January 29th:** Team-Building Night with activities led by Sugar Creek Program Director, Deacon Stephanie.
  - **February 12th:** Guest Speaker Night: Stewardship of Gifts for youth and parents.

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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

- **January 29th: 7:45 Youth Group Night at St. Peter** (Optional: 6:45 p.m. Help lead team-building night for MS)
- **February 7th-8th : High School Retreat at Sugar Creek Bible Camp.** "Your Kingdom Come" Fri. at 7:00 p.m. to Sat. at 7:00 p.m. Register by Friday, January 31st at <https://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/youth-retreats/> Cost: \$50. Free for 2024 summer campers.
- **February 12th: 7:45 p.m. High School Youth Group- Guest Presenter on Faith and Finance.** Money 101: understanding debt and credit, SMART goals, saving for college, understanding FAFSA.

## BOOK CLUB

The book club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Prairie du Chien Library. Please contact the church office if you are interested in learning more. The February read will be "*Small Things Like These*" by Claire Keegan and March will be "*The Maid*" by Nita Prose.

## YOUTH MARDI GRAS SERVICE AND WORSHIP

All La Crosse Area Synod youth, grades 7-12, are invited to participate in an afternoon of service, learning and worship together. Trinity LC, in La Crosse, will host this event on Sunday, March 2nd, from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Trinity has a food shelf, teen clothing closet and toy closet. You are invited to bring any of these items to donate and \$15/person to help cover the cost of the worship band. We plan on having a festive afternoon of educational World Hunger activities and Mardi Gras style worship! Registration is open now through February 16th.

## DISCIPLESHIP MATTERS

### **Winter classes via zoom**

Dates: February 6, 13, 20 & 27

Cost: \$35 per class/\$60 for both

To Register: Call the synod office: 608-788-5000 or email: of-

rice@lacrosseareasynod.org or online at: <https://lacrosseareasynod.org/discipleship-matters>. Deadline: January 30th

- **Aging & Your Faith** Time: 5:30-6:45  
Teacher: Rev Linda McPeak  
Whether you are walking with an aging parent or friend, or entering your third act yourself, Pastor McPeak will explore challenges and gifts that are unique to the faith experience as we grow older.
- **Luke for Dummies: The Gospel of Luke for the ordinary person** Time: 7:15-8:30  
Teacher: Rev Brad Lindberg  
We will be hearing a lot of stories from the Gospel of Luke in worship this year. Join Pastor Brad on a journey through this wonderful gospel story to learn a little more to help us worship throughout the year.



## **This Week's Events**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

- 5:15 p.m. Worship with communion

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY WITH MISSION MOMENT FROM SUGAR CREEK**

- 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. Worship also broadcast on the radio and Facebook.
- 10:15 a.m. Inter-Generational Ministry
- 10:20 a.m. Adult Discipleship

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH**

- Pastors day off. Pastor Hillary is on call.
- 4:00 p.m. NA Meeting

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH**

- 10:00 a.m. Text Study for Pastors
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH**

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters
- 9:15 a.m. (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion
- 6:00 p.m. Food for Confirmation
- 6:45 p.m. Confirmation Ministry
- 7:45 p.m. High School Youth Group

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH**

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**

- 5:15 p.m. Worship with communion

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**

- 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. Worship also broadcast on the radio and Facebook.
- 10:15 a.m. Inter-Generational Ministry
- 10:20 a.m. Adult Discipleship
- 1:30 p.m. Prison Worship

# *St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*201 S Michigan St.*

**Welcome!** We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. Join us again soon.

**Worship with us** Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship is also broadcast live on the radio at WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and Livestreamed on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterpdc>.

**Visitors—** We are so glad that you can join us today! We invite you to fill out a blue welcome card (found in the pew pocket) and place it in the offering plate at the back.

**We practice open Communion here** — All who seek the forgiveness that Jesus Christ offers in this meal are welcome. Those not yet receiving Communion or those choosing not to today are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (we invite you to cross your arms in front of you to indicate your desire to receive a blessing). If you would like to receive Communion or a blessing and it is best for you to remain seated, please indicate this to the usher; and we will come to you.

**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.

**Sharing Your Offering-** Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministries here at St. Peter and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- For in-person worship, we have an offering plate available on the usher table. We invite you to place your offerings there as you come or as you leave.
- You can mail your check to church: PO Box 37, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821.
- 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 on our website [www.stpeterpdc.org/Donate](http://www.stpeterpdc.org/Donate) or you can call the church office at (608) 326-6411.
- You can set up an offering at your bank using free Bill Pay service to have the bank print and mail your check to the church.
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**The Hungry Jar** for January is: ***School Hygiene Closets***. Children are invited to help collect the Hungry Jar offerings during the Offering.

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