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Special Congregation Meeting on April 6th

On Sunday, April 6th, we will be holding a special meeting of the congregation at 10:15 a.m. to vote on two proposals from council. When we meet, all voting members are encouraged to attend. Even if you are not eligible to vote, but are involved in the ministry of St. Peter you are more than welcome to attend.

The two agenda items for the special Congregation Meeting are:

1. The Church Council presents a recommendation that the church purchase the TRICOR building (133 S Michigan Street, PDC) as a St. Peter investment that will fulfill a ministry goal established in 2022, provide space for future church needs, and generate income that can support other St. Peter Ministries.
2. The Church Council presents a Gift Policy and an updated Endowment Policy for approval by the congregation.

A copy of the letter to the congregation sent out from Council President Mike McCoy, a TRICOR building handout, and the full Gift and Endowment policies are available at church.

You are invited to attend an "open house" of the TRICOR building on Saturday, March 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sunday, March 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.; or on Wednesday, April 2nd from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During these times, there will also be church council members available to answer questions at the TRICOR building (133 S Michigan St.).



Holy Week

Join Us for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday April 12th at 5:15 p.m. and April 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Worship will include a Procession with Palms, the Reading of the Passion according to Luke, and Holy Communion. Sunday worship also broadcast live on the radio and via Facebook.



Maundy Thursday, April 17th Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Worship will include a time of confession and forgiveness that will conclude with a time to come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands and to hear individual words of forgiveness. We will celebrate Holy Communion together, and the service will end with the stripping of the altar. Also broadcast live on the radio and via Facebook.



Good Friday, April 18th Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Reflective Worship Service with the Reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John. The lights will slowly dim throughout the worship service. Also broadcast live on the radio and via Facebook.



Holy Saturday, April 19th Sugar Creek- Easter Brunch at 10 am / Egg Hunt at 11 am.

More details later in this newsletter.

Easter Vigil Worship at 5:15 p.m. at St. Peter. We will hear Bible stories that tell the story of salvation from Creation to the Resurrection. Light will build in the Sanctuary leading to the remembrance of Baptism and Holy Communion.



Easter Sunday, April 20th Festive Easter Worship at St. Peter at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for a festive Easter service with Holy Communion as we worship our Risen Savior Jesus! Also broadcast live on the radio and via Facebook.

Worship in



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

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

Sunday and Lenten 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 Schedule:

April 2nd: Lenten Worship with Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Lenten Meal

April 5th and 6th: 5th Sunday of Lent

10:15 a.m. Inter-Generational Ministry

10:15 a.m. Special Congregation Meeting

April 9th: Lenten Worship with Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Lenten Meal

April 12th: Holy Week Worship Walk at La Riviere Park at 9:30 a.m.

April 12th and 13th: Palm/Passion Sunday Contemporary Worship

10:15 a.m. Inter-Generational Ministry

10:20 a.m. Bible Study for youth and adults

April 17th: Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion at 6:30 p.m.

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Come For Supper Meal at St. Peter

April 18th: Good Friday Worship at 6:30 p.m.

April 19th: Easter Vigil Worship with Communion at 5:15 p.m.

April 20th: Easter Sunday Worship with Communion at 9:00 a.m.

April 26th and 27th: 2nd Sunday of Easter Youth-Led Worship with Communion

Sunday School Kids Sing

10:15 a.m. Inter-Generational Ministry

10:20 a.m. Bake Sale and Pie-in-the-Face Fundraiser for High School Mission Trip to Buffalo, NY

1st Communion Retreat

Note new time: April 13th 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On April 13th, 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter there will be a 1st Communion retreat for all 5th grade students, anyone who has received their 1st communion this past fall or winter, and any other children or youth wishing to participate in the event. Each student is asked to be accompanied by an adult (parents, grandparent, baptismal sponsor). We will learn about the meaning and practice of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, as well as bake some communion bread of our own. Please contact the church office at 608-326-6411 to sign-up for this retreat or with any questions.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Day of Serving Save the Date!

The March Hungry Jar donations were designated for purchasing items to make up Sexual Assault Recovery Bags as part of our spring God’s Work Our Hands project. Please stay after worship on April 6th to be part of the assembly line filling bags with necessary items such as: facial cleansing wipes, mouthwash, deodorant and a set of fresh clothing (new undergarments, sweat shirt and pants). Volunteers are also invited to distribute laundry care kits at Excalibur Laundromat, throughout the week of April 6th. Please sign up for a time on the volunteer sheet.

Care kits will be distributed through the local Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), which includes law enforcement, CPS and Passages, to victims of sexual assault.

Sunday Morning Discipleship Discussion for Youth and Adults:

Sunday, April 13th at 10:20 a.m.

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 10:20 a.m. Grab a chair, a coffee, and a treat and bring your ideas and questions to a meaningful discussion.

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, Wagoneers, 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!

Sugar Creek Bible Camp Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Brunch: 10 AM
Egg Hunt: 11 AM

Brunch and activities will be held
at Sugar Creek's Manna Center.
Family friendly activities and fun for everyone!

Egg Hunt and Activities - \$5/child
Brunch (ages 5 and up) - \$10/person
Brunch (ages 4 and under) - Free



Kindly RSVP by Friday, April 11
Phone: 608-734-3113
Email: office@sgrcreek.org

www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org | 13141 SCBC Rd, Ferryville, WI 54628

Sugar Creek Bible Camp's

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH MONDAY, APRIL 7

SPEAKER: SUE SWANSON, PH. D.
**AN OVERVIEW OF GEOLOGY
IN WISCONSIN.**



Wisconsin's geological history includes volcanoes, oceans, and glaciers. This talk will explore Wisconsin's geologic past, from billions of years ago to the Ice Age and beyond. It will explain Wisconsin's modern landscapes and highlight the current work of Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 9:00 AM - COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP
- 9:45 AM - WELCOME & DEVOTION
- 10:00 AM - PRESENTATION WITH BREAK
- NOON - LUNCH
- 1:00 PM - SUGAR CREEK UPDATES
- 1:15-2:30 PM - MUSIC



\$15 PER PERSON INCLUDES MEAL.

Registration is helpful for lunch count. Call the camp office at (608)734-3113 or email office@sgrcreek.org



13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd, Ferryville, WI 54628
www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org (608)734-3113

Come for Supper



Thank you to our March chefs, Roxie Shipley and Michael Douglass, for preparing the wonderful meal, to the parishioners 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, April 17th in-house. 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.

Financial Update

YTD Income and Expense through February 28, 2025

(Approved by Council, March 11, 2025)

	Actual	Prior Year	Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$43,313	\$53,183	\$55,171
Other Income	2,797	5,635	7,213
Total Income	\$46,110	\$58,818	\$62,384
Expenses	58,360	59,557	68,197
Net over (under)	\$(12,250)	\$ (739)	\$ (5,813)

St. Peter has been selected as a learning laboratory in the Engaging Children Initiative (ECI), a grant-funded program through our synod. The Engaging Children Initiative is a five year project to engage children and their families in worship and prayer. Each congregation in the synod, not just learning laboratories, are asked to share this survey with all members of the congregation. Everyone is invited to anonymously share their impressions of worship, their experience with the church and their family's spiritual needs. It should take less than 15 minutes. We want to hear from you!

Go to research.net/r/EngagingChildren2025.

Thank you



Child Engagement Survey

We want to hear your experiences with the church and how we can better address children's spiritual needs!

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

QR Code

Save the Dates 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 with questions or to communicate interest in being a volunteer.

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.

- **April 6th-** God's Work. Our Hands.
- **April 27th-** Sunday School Kids Sing

CONFIRMATION

*Discipleship Training, Prayer, Fun, & Friendship for 6th-8th graders.
Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., with optional meal provided at 6:00*

- Lenten worship will take the place of class. Students are asked to attend worship in-person and sit as a class (or to sit as a family). Youth are asked to complete a special Lenten Worship note each night.
- **Classes resume April 23rd.**
- **April 30th Special Events.** Mentor Night for 8th Grade Students, Mentors, and Parents, and 6th and 7th grade students and Parents: Guest Speaker on Stewardship of Gifts.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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

- **April 2nd:** High School Mission Trip Team prepares and serves the Lenten Meal.
- **April 9th: 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Youth-Led Worship planning night.
- **April 23rd: 7:45 to 9:00 p.m.** Youth-Led Worship planning night.
- **April 26th and 27th Youth-Led Worship Services.** Bake Sale/Pie Auction and Pie-in-the-Face mission Trip Fundraiser.
- **April 30th at 7:45 PM Guest Presenter on Faith and Finance for High School Youth and Parents.** Money 101: understanding debt and credit, SMART goals, saving for college, understanding FAFSA.

Lawn Mowing Volunteers needed!



If you are interested in helping with the lawn mowing at the church, please contact the church office at (608) 326-6411. We will then do a schedule and send it to all the volunteers. The schedule will start the weekend of May 3-4. Mowing should be completed Friday or before 11:00 am on Saturday morning in case of weddings. If mowing on Saturday morning, please sweep clippings from the sidewalk. If the lawn doesn't need mowing, please take a bit of time to clean up long grass around the building and trees. There is a push mower here at the church, or you are welcome to bring your own.

Intergenerational Trip to Milwaukee, June 22nd - 25th

This trip is for all ages, for adults and families. It is an opportunity to spend time reflecting on faith and how that is lived out in God's world. We will be traveling with members of Middle Coon Valley and Pr. Meg Hoversten.

Estimated Cost: \$120 (2 ½ days of service) *Plus the cost of food, lodging, and transportation.*

The unique thing about this trip is that anyone can come! It is truly for all ages. You can sign up on your own as a young adult of 18 or you can bring your grandchildren or go just with your spouse or a friend. All are options.

****Register by April 1st****

- **Filling out & sign Trip Agreement Form**
- **Make a deposit of \$50 per individual / \$100 per family**

Book Club - The book club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Library. In April we'll read "Mining for Justice" by Kathleen Ernst, in May "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!

WELCA Update: (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

St. Peter Women of the ELCA

Thank you to all those who helped with and attended the Ash Wednesday supper. We donated the proceeds to the ELCA California Fire victims fund. The quilters finished ten quilts for Lutheran World Relief in March – many hands make light work and interesting conversation! They are also finishing quilts to give to our graduating seniors next month.

Our church camp, Sugar Creek, has two special April events – it's always a great day to be at camp!

Women of the ELCA service and learning opportunities in April and beyond:

Mon., 4/7 Yesterday's Youth at Sugar Creek. RSVP early with camp office
608-734-3113

Tues., 4/8 a.m. Serve coffee & rolls to conference pastors.

Tues., 4/8 2:00 General Meeting, church basement. Come on down! Devos - Laurie

Wed., 4/9 Monthly Bible study at Bluff Haven. Leader – Cheryl

Sat., 4/19 Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt at Sugar Creek. RSVP with the camp!

TBA Monthly St. Peter Ladies' Lunch out – always a pleasant gathering!

Save the date!

June 21 Food stand and BAKE SALE at Ace Hardware. Proceeds for camperships.



Corner

Deadline for the May Newsletter— April 16th

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

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.

April Birthdays

Tom Stuart	April 1
John Kunert	April 2
Luca Althof	April 3
Cooper Hawes	April 3
Ted Lee	April 3
Lynda Beaty	April 5
Alice Kirschbaum	April 5
Andrew Peterson	April 5
Chase Kozelka	April 6
Adeline Sutton	April 6
Zach DuCharme	April 7
Jacob DeBruin	April 8
Ezera Mask	April 8
Heather Koenig	April 9
Hannah Reid	April 10
Peg Baxter	April 11
Cheryl Beneker	April 11
Rita Hinkel	April 11
Barb Rink	April 11
Savanah Kirschbaum	April 13
Jonathan Klosterboer	April 14
Bexley Gingerich	April 15
Glen Goodrich	April 16
Liz Goodrich	April 16
Cory Koenig	April 16
Lenyx Junk	April 18
Laurie Klosterboer	April 18
Pat Bender	April 19
Ava Erdenberger	April 20
Gary Fuller	April 20
Luanne Atkins	April 21
Tate Kapinus	April 21
Larry Hinkel	April 23
Katherine Moris	April 23
Bill Stuart	April 23
Declan Comer	April 25
Melody Igou	April 26
Knox Jackson	April 26
Samuel Kramer	April 26
Bridget Nichols	April 26
Mary Sweezey	April 28
Kaydence Comer	April 29
Alexandra Baxter	April 30
Caycen Erickson	April 30
Jet Trentin	April 30

Hungry Jar for April is: ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission



Hungry Jar donations for February – Roads to Tanzania= \$537.02

ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-35 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of our many country programs.

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.

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 AM Text Study for Pastors 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	2 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. 5:00 – 6:00 PM Lenten supper 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Choir Practice	3	4	5 5:15 PM 5th Sunday of Lent Worship with Communion
6 9:00 AM 5th Sunday of Lent Worship with Communion 10:15 AM GWOH Project Inter-Generational Ministry 10:15 AM Special Cong Meeting 1:30 PM Prison Worship 3:00 PM Synod Caucus Meeting	7 <i>Pstrs day off.</i> <i>Pastor Hillary is on call.</i> 9-2:30 PM Yesterday's youth Event at SCBC 4:00 PM NA Meeting	8 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM St. Peter Hosting South Conf Pastors Mtg 2:00 PM WELCA Meeting 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Council Meeting	9 9:15 AM (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion 10:00 AM Rachel Circle at Bluff Haven 5:00 – 6:00 PM Lenten supper 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:15 PM High School Group Night: Youth-Led Worship Planning 7:30 PM Choir Practice	10	11	12 9:30 AM Worship Walk at La Riviere Park 5:15 PM Palm/Passion Sunday Contemporary Worship with Communion
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SATURDAYS ~ 5:15 PM

SUNDAYS ~ 9:00 AM

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

OFFICE HOURS:

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1:00 — 3:00 PM**

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