



2025

"The wicked borrow, and do not pay back, but the righteous are generous and keep giving;" –
Psalm 37:21

This last month we had an awesome turnout for our canned food drive. I was impressed by our generosity. So, thank you for all who contributed to our collection of 788 items for local food pantries!

Over the past year, as we have evaluated our congregations to create mission statements one of the things that we discovered the two congregations have in common is the value of generosity. It makes sense because this is a deeply held value of Jesus. God was generous with us and so we are called to be generous with others.

Together, we live out this value of generosity through things like our yearly food pantry competition. We live it out together through our council members serving a meal at the Tomah Community Table twice a year. We live out our generosity through the hundreds of quilts and school kits that we donate every year to Lutheran World Relief. We live out our generosity in lots of different ways, including participating in "Gods Work. Our Hands." Sunday this year on Sept. 14.

I hope that you are taking this call to generosity into your personal life as well. How are you being generous with your family and neighbors? Are there other community organizations that you are supporting or helping as well? I would love to hear about other ways you are living out your generosity, so please share.

I would, however, like to leave you with a challenge. While I am impressed with your generosity, how might you be more generous? Traditionally, congregational giving tends to lag through the summer months and deficits get closed up towards the end of the year. I would like to challenge you to take a look at your personal budget now and see how you might step up your financial support of your congregation, which is doing some wonderful ministry. It will help us to be even more generous with what God has given us!

Blessings,

Pr. Brad <><





PRAYER LIST

Carolyn Gibbons, Michele Mehne, Dani Zweifel, Jim Loehr, Norm Peterson, CarolAnn Peterson, Marcy Bell, Zane Heinkel, and ALL THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES, MILITARY – and all loved ones serving overseas.

ST. PETER'S VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST

LADIES OF THE MONTH: All WELCA
ALTAR CARE: Michelle Neely, Taylor Miller

CHURCH CLEANING:
Month of August: Leslie Peterson, Sara Stanek

ST. STEPHEN'S VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY

USHERS: Mike Macrafic
READER: Brian Ritchart
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sharon Graewin
PREPARE COMMUNION: JoAnn Salava, Sharon Graewin

JUNE FINANCES

St. Stephen's

General Fund Income	\$ 4,676.52
Expenses	7,745.92
Balance of Funds	
General	(4,045.16)
Building	2,181.72
Memorial	12,117.91
Parsonage	27,828.25

St. Peter's

Income	5,210.83
Expenses	5,369.81
Balance of Funds	
General	4,960.40
Memorial	10,047.95
Congregational Care	1,047.21
Parsonage – Savings	9,067.43
Checking	4,623.80
Sabbatical Reserve Fund	2,263.61

Amount needed to meet our budget:
\$ 6,744.40 per month based on our approved Budget of \$ 80,932.80,

REMINDER – If you would like to set up an automatic donation to your congregation, please contact Ruth Kemp or Jeannine Russell to get the information.



St. Stephens WELCA

St. Stephen's will be participating in the Camp Douglas Village Wide Rummage Sale August 8 and 9. We will be having a rummage sale and a bake sale. We need your help! We need rummage sale items, which can be delivered to the church basement anytime before August 5 (please price your items). We will also need bake sale items, delivered to the church basement on August 8 or 9. If you have extra garden produce, we can sell that as well. All proceeds from the sale will go to St. Stephen's General Fund. Thank you!

The WELCA synod board are arranging an all conference "Summer Event" as a 2 hour cruise up the river on the La Crosse Queen. What a fun event to join women from all across the synod! We will plan to ride together to the dock in La Crosse and hopefully we will fill a couple of cars!

See the flyer from the synod board on another page of the newsletter. Note: The cost is \$55.00 for the boat ticket and a lovely luncheon on board the boat. However, we are offering a deal - if you can help with the All Village Rummage Sale this month - set up on Wed., the 6th or clerk at one of the sale days (7th or 8th) you can earn \$10 towards the cruise ticket.

Thanks to Tanya and her team for a great job on selling snow cones at the Wa Da Shuda day celebration.

ST. PETER'S WELCA NEWS

Women of the ELCA will meet Thursday, August 14th at 7 p.m. Devotions: Leslie. Discussion: Rummage sales and Chicken Dinner.

We are looking for volunteer/workers to conduct rummage sales in August. If you are available let Carlene know for marque advertising. We haven't had any thus far this year.

Please promote rafle tickets. The monies raised are for prepaid LP fuel (let's keep the heat on). Submit money and stubs plus unsold tickets to Linda S. The drawing will be held Sunday, September 7th with Potluck.



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Evangelical
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in America

Chicken Dinner

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

To-go option available.

Serving 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. or until gone

\$12 per plate Includes:
Breast piece or Thigh & Leg
Coleslaw, Potato Salad,
Baked Beans, Bun,
Dessert, Beverage

**Kids' option
(10 and under)**

\$5 per plate
1 Leg, Mac & Cheese,
Baked Beans, Bun,
Dessert, Beverage



La Crosse Area Synod Women of the ELCA Summer Event! **ON THE LA CROSSE QUEEN**

Saturday, September 20, 2025
on a Private Charter Cruise from
10:15am Boarding - 1:00pm
\$55.00 per Person

WE WILL GO THROUGH THE LOCK & DAM, HAVE LUNCH, AND ENJOY
THE VIEWS AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP! SEE THE HISTORICAL SITES
AND LOCAL WILDLIFE OF THE BEAUTIFUL UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER!

LUNCH WILL BE CHEF-CARVED BAKED HAM, HERB BAKED CHICKEN,
GARLIC MASHED POTATOES, BROWN SUGAR GLAZED CARROTS,
COLESLAW, DINNER ROLLS WITH BUTTER, DESSERT, AND COFFEE OR
ICED TEA.

Registration must be received by:
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Registration form is on page 5.

405 VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE
LA CROSSE, WI 54601
AT THE NORTH END OF RIVERSIDE PARK



Greetings Bakers and Friends of LuMin!

Fall is almost here... and with that, the return of students! We were so blessed and thankful to continue Cookies on Campus! Our first Wednesday for Cookies this fall will be **September 3rd**. (We will offer cookies each week through November 12th!)

The sign up is open for you with new dates; please take a look and reserve the date that works best for your bakers and help us fill our cookie tables!

If your congregation can provide cookies [please sign up here](#), or contact Amy at admin@luminlax.org. We are asking for 300-350 cookies per week this year, and we know there are a ton of bakers out there that would love to make sure our students have a little homemade treat.

	August 2025					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 (S)9:00 Worship/HC (P)10:30 Worship/HC	4 (S)Isabella Moxon (P)Gail McGinnis	5 (P)5:30 Quilting	6 (P) 6:00 Wednesday in the Word (S)Merlin Kemp	7 (S)Lindsey Mueh- lenkamp	8 (S) 8-4:00 Rum- mage Sale (P) Mason Lin- enberg	9 (S) 8-4:00 Rum- mage Sale (P)Tracy Brueck
10 (S)9:00 Worship/HC (P)10:30 Worship/HC (S)Leslie Olsen	11	12 (P)5:30 Quilting	13 9:30 Women's Birthday Breakfast (P) 6:00 Wednesday in the Word (S) Toni Finch (P) Amelia Hammer	14 (P) 7:00 WELCA	15 (P) Max Rattunde	16 (S) 9:00 Quilting (P)Kevin Kemp
17 (S)9:00 Worship/HC (P)10:30 Worship/HC	18	19 (P)5:30 Quilting (P)Alicia Waltemath	20 S) 1:00 Ruth Circle (P) 4-7pm Chicken Dinner	21 (S)Brian Chambers	22 (S)Allison Woggon	23 (S) 9:00 Quilting (S)Alexxis Kemp (P)Grace Rezin
24 (S)9:00 Worship/HC (P)10:30 Worship/HC (P) Council Mtg	25 (P)Kolton Moseley	26 (P)5:30 Quilting (S)Austin Schroeder (S)Keegan Kemp	27 (P) 6:00 Wednesday in the Word	28 (S)Haley Woggon	29	30 (S) 9:00 Quilting
31 (S)9:00 Worship/HC (P)10:30 Worship/HC						