



2025

PRAYER LIST

Jim Hayward, 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 OCTOBER

LADIES OF THE MONTH: Carlene Zarembo
ALTAR CARE: Jerrie Fisher, Kali Scholze

CHURCH CLEANING:
Month of October:
Jerrie Fisher, Alice Chase

ST. STEPHEN'S VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

USHERS: Mike Macraic
READER: Colleen Woggon
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sharon Graewin
PREPARE COMMUNION: Colleen Woggon, Chris Woggon

AUGUST FINANCES

St. Stephen's

General Fund Income	\$6,193.98
Expenses	4,859.54

Balance of Funds	
General	(-2,710.71)
Building	2,444.22
Memorial	12,117.91
Parsonage	27,372.71

St. Peter's

Income	7,147.00
Expenses	7,715.77

Balance of Funds	
General	1,892.50
Memorial	10,047.95
Congregational Care	1,047.21
Parsonage – Savings	11,267.43
Checking	3,423.61
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,

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"He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" – Micah 6:8



Halloween is almost here. It's a holiday that seems to grow in popularity every year. I find the growing interest in the celebrations, well, interesting. Here's why. Halloween has an undercurrent of trying to scare people, yet some would argue that we already live in some pretty scary times. Gun violence is at an all-time high. Our bills are continually increasing. Wealth disparity hasn't been this large since the Great Depression. Our politics are as divisive as some of us have ever seen it.

I know. I know. Not a very cheery start to my monthly article. However, as Lutheran's I believe we are called to be Theologians of the Cross and one of the things that means is that we call a thing what it is. There is no sugar coating it, life is filled with lots of challenges and the current times feel bleak.

That's not to say, however, that we are without hope. As people of faith, I believe, we always have hope. As I have alluded to in recent sermons God has a way of showing up in the messiness of life. While God may not wave a magic wand and make all of our troubles go away, we do have the promise that God walks with us through the valley of the shadow of death.

One of my favorite ways that God shows up in our troubling world is through you. God loves to work through God's people, even the flawed ones. So, we continue to call out poor behavior, to stand up for truth, fight for justice, and advocate for those who find themselves on the margins of society. This is our calling as disciples of Jesus. This is how God works in this world... bringing hope, love, peace, and mercy to the world.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pr. Brad" followed by a stylized flourish.

Pr. Brad <><





ST. PETER'S WELCA NEWS

Women of the ELCA will meet Thursday, October 9th at 7 p.m. Devotions: Colleen B
Discussion: rummage sales plus misc.

LWR Boxes are to be delivered to La Crosse on Saturday, October 11th, starting at 7-11 a.m. Loading is at Good Shepherd Church, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd. Looking for a volunteer to deliver the boxes.

La Crosse Area Synod Fall Renewal is being held Saturday, October 18th at Trinity in La Crosse. The In-Kind Gifts to be collected are Macaroni & Cheese, Cereals, and plastic shopping bags. Let Leslie or Carlene know if interested in attending.

Craft Days are being held on Friday, Oct. 24th, 4-7 pm and Saturday, Oct. 25th, 8-5 p.m. Call Leslie for details.

St. Peter's Cemetery Fall Clean-up is Saturday, October 25th, beginning at 9 a.m. Decorations need to be removed unless otherwise noted to someone. Please your specialty tools. Many hands make the task easier.

SAVE the DATE: **Sunday, November 9th** will be the Packer Fund Raiser with Potluck and Chinese raffle. Donations are accepted for this event.

THANK YOU to Linda S. for heading the sales of the annual raffle ticket sales. The gross is \$2178.25. No expenses/deductions as they are covered by the women's group. This raffle is directed toward prepaid LP fuel.



St. Stephen's WELCA News

The Cruise on the La Crosse Queen was held on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Three women from St. Stephen's and three women from St. Peter's attended. It was an enjoyable day on the water. The meal was awesome, and most of all sharing the trip with women from Mindoro, Viroqua, West Salem, Caledonia, Galesville, Sparta, New Lisbon and Wilton. All were interested in doing an all conference summer event in 2026. Stay tuned!

Blessing of the quilts and kits on Sunday, October 5th.

Coming up: Saturday, October 18th. Fall Gathering at Trinity Lutheran at 1010 Sill St. in La Crosse. If you are familiar with Menards on George St., Sill St. crosses George at the little brown church about halfway between I90 exit 3 and Menards. Easy to get to! Plans are for an informative upbeat day with 'lively' singing, a quilt parade, passionate speaker, a book exchange and more plus, lunch and fellowship with women from around the synod.

St. Stephen's Council

God's work Our hands: We put together the school kits, the layettes, and the health kits. We also painted the basketball pole and hung a new net for the little girl that lives next door. We also gave out cookies and flowers to some of the local shut ins. I think everyone had a good time. A meal was provided for afterwards where fellowship was enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone that helped get the Parsonage ready for the next phase. The drywaller has been in and has his job completed. Also for the help in painting the basement. What a difference a coat of paint can make.

Enjoy the fall weather and colors!!



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Confirmation @ Peace (P)Ryan Bartholomew	2	3 (P)Gale Cochems	4 (S) 9:00 Quilting
5 9:00(P)Worship/HC 10:30(S) Worship/HC Quilt & Kit Blessing	6	7 (P) 5:30 Quilting (P)Carter Hayward	8 WIRED WEDNESDAY 9:30 Women's Birthday Breakfast 6:30 Confirmation @ Peace	9 (P) 7:00 WELCA (P)Warren Bartholomew	10	11 (S) 9:00 Quilting
12 9:00(P)Worship/HC 10:30(S) Worship/HC (P)Brilee Waltemath	13	14 (P) 5:30 Quilting (S)Matthew Kemp	15 (S) 1:00 Ruth Circle 5:00 Confest @ Trinity-Sparta (S)Alice Roberts (S)Eldre Schroeder	16 (S)Jared Dvorak	17	18 WELCA FALL GATHERING @ Trinity in LaCrosse
19 9:00(P)Worship/HC 10:30(S) Worship/HC (P)Deirdre Martin	20 (P)Ashley Kemp (P)Clint Cochems	21 (P) 5:30 Quilting	22 6:30 Confirmation @ Peace (P)Cody Shisler	23 7:00 (S)Joint Council	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (P) Craft Day 4:00	25 (S) 9:00 Quilting (P) 9:00 Cemetery Clean-up (P) 8:00-5:00 Craft Day (S)Allison Chambers
26 9:00(P)Worship/HC 10:30(S) Worship/HC	27	28 (P) 5:30 Quilting (S)Kayla Gravatt	29 6:30 Confirmation @ Peace – Laramie Project (S)Loren Laehn (S)Mike Macrafc	30	31  (S)Theresa Gerdes	