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Connecting faith through scripture, kindness & generosity

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Called to live God's love through open hearts and minds.

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:24-25

As I write my kids are gearing up for a new school year. I remember as a kid how excited I was to see my friends again after what seemed like an eternity. It was a wonderful sense of anticipation, even if I wasn't necessarily excited for work that lied ahead.

Summer, at church, can kind of feel similar. Some of you have taken advantage of the wonderful weather to get away camping, visiting cabins, and other types of vacation get aways. As (unofficial) summer winds down, if you are one of those people who have been away from worship a little more frequently, I would like to invite you to join us Sunday morning.

If you haven't been around much lately your return might be good for you, but it would be even better for us. Your presence makes our worshipping community a better place. We miss having you around. Without you there is a little something missing.

If you haven't heard we have some pretty wonderful ministry happening around here. In June, we teamed up with Peace Lutheran in Tomah to bring 19 youth on a mission trip to Savannah, GA. In August we had 29 people help at Feed My Starving Children mobile pack in Tomah where we helped pack over 24,000 meals during our session alone. In September, St. Peter's will be gearing up their Sunday school program. In November, St. Stephen's is hoping to offer their first (of hopefully many) community meals.

That's just some of the great ministry happening around here. We would love to have you come and join us. Just remember, we switch worship times on September 13 and St. Stephen's will worship at 9:00 and St. Peter's at 10:30. I look forward to seeing you real soon.



Blessings,

Pr. Brad <><

*****If you have any pastoral care needs you can reach Pr. Brad through the office, email (brad_lindberg@yahoo.com), or cell phone (715-531-887**





2026

PRAYER LIST

Glenn Mariott, Norm Peterson, CarolAnn Peterson, Marcy Bell, Friends and Family of Jim Peterson, ALL THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES, MILITARY – and all loved ones serving overseas.

ST. PETER'S VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

ALTAR CARE:Marci Martin, Drew Martin, Kali Scholze, Cadence Scholze, Bristol Scholze

CHURCH CLEANING: Marci Martin, Drew Martin, Kali Scholze, Cadence Scholze, Bristol Scholze

ST. PETER'S VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

ALTAR CARE: Vicki Shisler, Linda Shisler, Rene Waltemath

CHURCH CLEANING: Vicki Shisler, Linda Shisler, Rene Waltemath



ST. STEPHEN'S VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

USHERS: Mike Macrafic

READER: Hazel & Brian Ritchart

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Hazel Ritchart

PREPARE COMMUNION: Nancy Lauden, Jelaine Mochenbacher

ST. STEPHEN'S VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

USHERS: Mike Macrafic

READER: Colleen Woggon

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: JoAnn Salava

PREPARE COMMUNION: Collen Woggon, Chris Woggon

Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering

- **Saturday, October 10, 2026**
- **7:00 AM 11:00 AM**
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Parking Lot4141 Mormon Coulee Road La Crosse, Wisconsin, 54601United States**
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JUNE FINANCES

St. Stephen's		St. Peter's	
General Fund Income	$4,569.50	Income	3,988.00
Expenses	4,618.43	Expenses	7,758.01
Balance of Funds		Balance of Funds	
General	(-1,454.87)	General	4,309.93
Building	3,376.37	Memorial	9,047.95
Memorial	12,192.91	Congregational Care	1,047.21
Parsonage	12,634.35	Parsonage – Savings	12,289.49
		Checking	4,471.81
		Sabbatical Reserve Fund	2,263.61

JULY FINANCES

St. Stephen's		St. Peter's	
General Fund Income	$5,680.58	Income	3,563.00
Expenses	7,414.43	Expenses	5,526.21
Balance of Funds		Balance of Funds	
General	(-1,688.72)	General	2,550.27
Building	3,498.87	Memorial	9,047.95
Memorial	12,192.91	Congregational Care	1,047.21
Parsonage	13,209.35	Parsonage – Savings	13,389.49
		Checking	3,871.81
		Sabbatical Reserve Fund	2,263.61

Need $7,112 Monthly, 1, 641 Weekly to Meet Annual Budget

ST. PETER'S WELCA NEWS

Worship service time is 10:30a.m. beginning Sunday, September 13th, It is also RALLY DAY-Sunday School begins, God's Work, Our Hands, and the Raffle Drawing at 1 p.m. It will be a busy day with opportunities to serve our communities and beyond.

Women of the ELCA will meet Sunday, Sept. 20th, after service 11:30. Devotions: Liz P. Discussion: rummage sales with final sales around Cranfest. Women of the ELCA will meet Sunday, October 11th, after service 11:30. Devotions: Michelle N. Discussion: disposing of rummage and Packer Tailgate Fund Raiser.

LWR boxes are to be delivered Saturday, October 10, 7a.m.-11a.m., Good Shepherd Ev. Luth. Church, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd., La X. Thank you to Kathy A. and family for their continued delivery of these boxes.

La X Area Synod Fall Renewal is Saturday, October 17th. Further information to come.

Packer Tailgate Fund Raiser for the General Fund is Sunday, October 18th, after service. Donations are accepted with potluck. This is a Chinese Raffle.

St. Peter's Fall Cemetery Clean Up is Saturday, October 24th, beginning at 9 a.m. Decorations need to be removed unless otherwise noted to someone. Please bring your specialty tools. Many hands make the task easier.

St. Stephen's WELCA News

We need donations by Oct. 3rd for "Blessing" on the 4th' St. Stephen's is doing Personal Care Kits, School Kits and Baby Care Kits. Donations of all kinds are welcome but our specific need is for notebooks, pens and rulers to assemble School Kits for Lutheran World Relief on "God's Work, Our Hands" day on Sept. 13th.

Save the date for the 2026 La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA Fall Renewal on Saturday, October 17, at Prince of Peace, La Cresent, MN. More details will be available soon.



2026 St. Peters Sunday School Information

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO STAY WITH YOUR CHILD!
Rally Day is September 13th, after that we will meet on **the first Sunday of each month. Starting at 9:00, close at 10:00.**
Rally Day. The Sunday School students will be building School Kits for World relief and creating cards to give to Pastor Brad to distribute to those folks that he visits from our SS.
Lessons: there is a take-home packet of age group lessons ready for the Fall season. There will be a class lesson or entire group lesson on the first Sunday of each month.
Our Bible Bucks program will continue to reward and recognize our student's involvement with our church.

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National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools

- Wednesday, September 30, 2026
- 12:00 AM 11:59 PM

National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools – Sept. 30

This summer, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly passed a memorial acknowledging the church's role in the history of Indian Boarding Schools. For over 150 years, these schools separated Native children from their families, suppressed their languages and cultures, and inflicted lasting harm. Many were run by religious organizations, including ELCA predecessor denominations.

The ELCA's first step is raising awareness. On September 30, the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools, we invite you to:

- Wear orange in solidarity
- Mark the day in worship
- Learn more through the ELCA's **Truth Seeking and Truth Telling Initiative**



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 **(P) 5:30 Quilting** (S)William Kemp	**2** **5:00 (P) Wednesday in the Word**	**3**	**4** (S) Blaine Schroeder	**5** **(S) 9:00 Quilting**
6 **9:00(P)Worship/HC** **10:30(S) Worship/HC**	**7** **LABOR DAY** **OFFICE CLOSED** (P) Rose Bartholomew	**8** **(P) 5:30 Quilting**	**9** **9:30 Women's Birthday Breakfast** **9:30 Men's Breakfast** **5:00 (P) Wednesday in the Word** (P) Rod Peterson (P) Kim Hericks	**10**	**11**	**12** **(S) 9:00 Quilting** (S)Ian Milton
13 **9:00 (P) Sunday School Rally Day** **9:00(S)Worship/HC** **10:30(P) Worship/HC** (P)Jeannine Russell (P)Eric Russell	**14** (P) Connie Kemp	**15** **(P) 5:30 Quilting** (P)Ruth Brown (P)Joey Resop	**16** **(S) 1:00 Ruth Circle** **5:00 (P) Wednesday in the Word** **6:30 Confirmation Parent Mtg.** **7:00 Youth Trip Mtg 2 Peace** (S)Jacob Noe (P)Nanette Verhagen (P)Sara Waltemath-Lein	**17** (P)Leslie Peterson (P)Troy Martin	**18** (P)Bruce Rezin	**19** **(S) 9:00 Quilting**
20 **(S) 8:00 Council Mtg** **9:00(S)Worship/HC** **10:30(P) Worship/HC** **11:30 (P) Council Mtg** **(P) WELCA** (P)MacKenzie Batten	**21** (S)Jordan Finch (P)Ruby Hay (P)Bristol Scholze	**22** **(P) 5:30 Quilting** (P)Darby Meseberg	**23** **5:00 (P) Wednesday in the Word** **6:30 Confirmation @ Peace** (P)Kathy Alexander	**24** (S)Christian Wagenson	**25** (P)Renae Blaschke	**26** **(S) 9:00 Quilting**
27 **9:00(S)Worship/HC** **10:30(P) Worship/HC** (S)Jordan Lauseng	**28** (P)Cordell Batten	**29** **(P) 5:30 Quilting** (P)Ashlynn Blaschke (P)Allyson Chase (P)Lydia Rattunde	**30** **5:00 (P) Wednesday in the Word** **6:30 Confirmation @ Peace**	**REMEMBER** **WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE** **SEPTEMBER 13**		

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 (P)Ryan Bartholomew	**2** (P) Mary Peterson	**3** **(S) 9:00 Quilting** (P)Gale Cochems
4 **9:00(S)Worship/HC** **(P) 9:00 Sunday School** **10:30(P) Worship/HC**	**5**	**6** **(P) 5:30 Quilting**	**7** **9:30 Women's Birthday Breakfast** **5:00 (P) Wednesday in the Word** **6:30 Confirmation @ Peace** (P)Carter Hayward	**8**	**9** (P)Warren Bartholomew	**10** **(S) 9:00 Quilting** **LWR Ingathering @ Good Shepherd**
11 **9:00(S)Worship/HC** **10:30(P) Worship/HC** **(P) 7:00 WELCA**	**12** (P)Brilee Waltemath	**13** **(P) 5:30 Quilting**	**14** **5:00 (P) Wednesday in the Word** **6:30 Confirmation @ Peace** (S)Matthew Kemp	**15** (S)Alice Roberts (S)Eldre Schroeder	**16** (S)Jared Dvorak	**17** **WELCA FALL GATHERING @**
18 **9:00(S)Worship/HC** **10:30(P) Worship/HC** **(P) Packer Tailgate Party & Potluck** **(P) 6:00 Council** **(P)7:00 Joint Council**	**19** (P)Linda Crawford (P)Deirdre Martin	**20** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** **(P) 5:30 Quilting** (P)Ashley Kemp (P)Clint Cochems	**21** **(S) 1:00 Ruth Circle** **5:00 (P) Wednesday in the Word** **6:30 Confirmation @ Peace**	**22** (P)Cody Shisler	**23** **(P) 4:00 Craft Day**	**24** **(S) 9:00 Quilting** **(P) 9:00 Cemetery Clean-up** **(P) 9:00 Craft Day**
25 **9:00(S)Worship/HC** **10:30(P) Worship/HC** (S)Allison Chambers	**26** **Tomah Community Table**	**27** **(P) 5:30 Quilting**	**28** **5:00 (P) Wednesday in the Word** **6:30 Confirmation @ Peace**	**29**	**30**	**31** **(S) 9:00 Quilting**