

May 2026 Visitor

**St. Peter's
Lutheran Church**
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President

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning

Worship—9:30 a.m.

Confirmation

10:45 a.m.

(See Calendar for Schedule)

Wednesday Evening

Worship—7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrated at Every Service
Except Midweek Lent

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events!!

Painting With Tad

Another "Painting with Tad" event has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from 1-4 p.m. in the Cross & Crown room. You are welcome to bring a snack to share if interested. Everyone who has attended in the past has really enjoyed the experience. All materials needed are supplied. A sign-up sheet is located across from the Cross & Crown kitchen. Please sign up by April 30 so Tad will have adequate supplies. Cost is \$20.

Graduation Recognition—May 17

Do you have a graduate in your household for any level of education? We will be recognizing them at our Worship Service on May 17 and during the Coffee Hour. Please call the Church Office (608-754-2891) with their names and schools from which they will be graduating. We will need the information by May 10.

Confirmation—May 24

Three of our young people (Owen Severson, Lilly Foss and Brayden Dopkins) will be confirmed on Sunday, May 24. This is also Pentecost and the "Color of the Day" will be red, so you can plan your attire to coordinate with the festivities of the day. Come wish them the best and help them celebrate during the Service and at a Special Fellowship.

Mystery Dinner—May 16

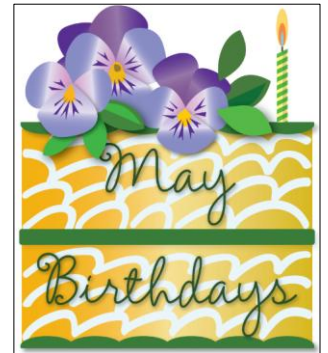
The mystery dinner has been scheduled for May 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cross and Crown Room. The meal will include chicken tenders, potatoes and gravy, salad, appetizers, and dessert. This event is called a Mystery Meal since you know some of the items in the meal, but when you fill out your order all the items will be listed in code. The tableware is also part of the order process. We have done this event previously and it was so FUN for all ages. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the Cross & Crown Room. The cost will be a \$5.00 charge for all that are attending to help defray the cost of the food. Please come and join us. It will provide MANY BOUTS OF LAUGHTER.

Summer Kick-Off Brunch Potluck/Waffle Bar—June 14

1-Jim Flister
 1-Tim Kienbaum
 3-Joe Flister
 4-Kate Williamson
 8-Karen Thorson
 9-Angela Swartwout
 12-Anna Boness

12-Jonathan Loertscher
 12-Lucas Jensen
 14-Karen Seichter
 14-Junie Jensen
 17-Liz Clifton
 19-Chance Churchill
 19-Kelli Kienbaum

21-Scott Draves
 23-Lisa Foss
 23-Peter Severson
 30-Tyler Teubert
 31-Mike Deems



may Senior Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our May Seniors who will be celebrating a birthday of 80 years or more. Make their day special by reaching out and/or sending a card.

Francis Nastali—May 4—83
 6417 S Krueger Dr, Beloit, 53511

Diana Ray—May 14—82
 226 N Washington St, Janesville, 53548

Don Schieve—May 16—98
 2931 Woodridge St, Janesville, 53548

May 10th is Mother's Day! Join the Ladies in our Congregation that day by wearing a hat to the service. Let's show each other how proud we are to be mothers, grandmothers and even great-grandmothers to all!

Parker High School Plant Sale

Parker's Plant Sale takes place on May 8, 3-4:30p; May 9, 9a-1p; and May 16, 9a-1p. They will have vegetables, flowers and herbs for sale. They also have a "Make and Take" opportunity on May 16, 9a-Noon. Select a pot, pick your plants and, with a student's help, create an arrangement.

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Abbie Draves
 Al Boness
 Andy Shores
 Ann Bennett
 Benny Miller
 Betty Christianson
 Brian Johnson
 Bruce Rockenfield
 Charlie Flood
 Chris Christian
 Dawn Lutze
 Family of
 Delores Tainter
 Denny Vierik
 Don Swicher
 Ed Spenske
 Gene Amann
 Gene Chalfant
 Gretchen Mollen
 Heather Goertz
 Helen Flister
 Irene Christian
 Jack Harris
 Jenise Harmon
 Jessica Rathbun
 Jim Brewster
 Jim Payne

Joann Cowan
 John Froiland
 Judi Downing
 Judie Spry
 Judy Bolton
 Kay Degerman
 Kay Knudson
 Ken & Linda Fristed
 Ken Veitch
 Kevin Severson
 Lincoln Roesing
 Lyn Elver
 Marie Severson
 Mary Ann Egger
 Mary Ann Harrington
 Mike Logan
 Nancy Spenske
 Oakley Seifert
 Pauline Chalfant
 Pauline Waters
 Robert Hiller II
 Russell Bell
 Sally Fritz
 Shelly McCann
 Steve Carlson
 Susan LaFave
 Tami Schoeller
 Todd Berg
 Tom Ulrich
 Trina Odinero
 Yvonne LaFlash

Judy Windorf is in need of planting pots of all sizes to raise plants for the Christmas Bazaar. Please leave them by the hose at the bottom of the ramp.





TALENT

WHAT IS IT?

How Do We Use It?

When Do We Use It?

12:4 "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God Who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NRSV)

Whether we realize it or not we all have Talent. Some are blessed with multiple Talents. There are those who may be adept at cooking and baking, those that are professional-level at sewing and quilt making, those who are awesome athletes, those who are pleasant speakers, those who are strong leaders, those who are top-notch scientists, those who are made to be teachers. These are just a few as there are too many to mention. We don't often think about some of the things that we do could be considered a talent but they are and they are a gift from God. Think about what your talents are and use them wherever and whenever you can.

We could say that life skills are the things we learned throughout our lives to help us succeed, feel safe, secure and happy in our family, community and within ourselves. We could say this because that's what they are: skills we learned early, used often; skills we have been blessed to have our entire lifetime. These are gifts from God, and using them as such leads to the peace and satisfaction that we seek; a peace and satisfaction that transcends to another and others. What have we done in the past and what can we do today to help us reach that goal? Where can God help us as we strive to use the talent or talents He has shared with us? How will these life skills, these gifts from God, move us as we strive to be the Stewards God wants us to be?

4:10 "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1 Peter 4:10 NRSV)

"If love is as sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love."

— Stevie Wonder

COUNCIL UPDATE from Barb Kienbaum, Congregational Council President

Shoe Drive—The Council has approved holding another Shoe Drive this year that will take place from mid-June to mid-August. Any money collected for this event will be split between Rock County Restoration and the Edison Middle School closet. You can start collecting now but you will not be able to deliver them to the church until after June 15.

Summer Kick-Off Event—It was decided that we will have a Brunch Potluck after church on **June 14**. We invite all to attend and if you are interested in bringing a brunch dish to share it will be welcomed. There will be also be a waffle bar with all the appropriate trimmings for all to enjoy. This will be a great way to begin the summer schedule!

Approval was given for the formation of an **AD HOC Committee** to make a recommendation of a procedure to use when Worship needs to be cancelled. The Committee members are Nancy Spenske, Bill & Karen Thorson and Barb Kienbaum. They will begin the work in April and end on July 1 so a recommendation can be made to the Congregational Council. If you have any suggestions for the group, please let us know.

Anniversary Committee—The following individuals have volunteered to be members of the 125th Anniversary Committee; LeeAnn Ryan-Chair, Nancy Spenske, Sharon Foss, Lisa Foss and Pam McGill. Our anniversary is in 2028 but there is a great deal of planning that needs to be done to make this a memorable event. If you have anything that you would like to share with the committee, please feel free to contact any of them. They are actively looking for others to assist with the subcommittees needed.

AA—The AA group that has been meeting here for many years informed us they are disbanding and will not be meeting any longer because of a significant attendance decrease.



Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief

During the coming year we will be supporting Lutheran World Relief efforts by preparing specific kits that will be sent to other countries. We will be collecting items for school kits, baby care kits and personal care kits. Please check out *The Visitor* and the bulletin board for the needed supplies. We will have a box in the Narthex area for you to drop your donated items. We will begin by preparing the baby kits. The items needed are: Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies); two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) or a top and bottom set (without feet); two receiving blankets, medium weight or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with light weight yarn, minimum 36" to maximum 52", square or rectangular (Can mix and match); two cloth diapers, flat fold preferred; one jacket, sweater,

sweatshirt or cape with hood, or include a baby cap; two new pairs of socks; one new cotton or cotton blend hand towel, dark color recommended, sized 16" to 18" x25"to 30"; two or three bath size bars of gentle soap equaling eight to nine ounces, any brand, in original wrapping. No mini bars; two diaper pins or large safety pins.

Bible Study Group

A new Bible Study group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Office beginning May 5. A Bible Study was selected, entitled "Simply Relevant." The study group is open to anyone who would like to join. Please mark your calendar.

ECHO NEEDS FOR MAY



Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pasta Sauce
Stuffing
Gallon Ziplock Bags
Diapers (Size 5-7)
Laundry Soap
Feminine Hygiene Products
Bar Soap



JUNE 27, 2026

9am

1-MILE FAMILY FUN RUN-WALK/5K

All finishers will receive a custom event finisher medal, custom event water bottle.
Professional event timing will be provided by Velocity Multi-Sport Timing for the 5K participants.


**STARTING & ENDING AT
PALMER PARK POOL 2400 Palmer Dr**

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **6/1 DINE OUT TO END HUNGER ALL DAY AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS**
- **6/27 DASH WITH A SPLASH AT PALMER PARK**
- **8/21 MINI GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT TRAXLER PARK**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10a Al-Anon 1-4p Painting with Tad
3 9:30a Holy Communion Worship Fellowship 10:45a Confirmation	4 7p Bible Study* 8p SPLC Softball @ Dawson North	5 10a Monthly Bible Study in C&C	6 9a Executive Council 7p Holy Communion Midweek Worship	7 6:30p Property	8	9 10a Al-Anon 11a Nicholas Daer Funeral
10 8:45a Finance 9:30a Holy Communion Worship Fellowship 10:45a Confirmation	11 9a Worship & Music 6p SPLC Softball @ Dawson North 7p Bible Study*	12 6:30p Congregational Council	13 11a Staff Meeting 7p Holy Communion Midweek Worship	14 9a PieceMakers 4-8p HeadStart Activities in Parking Lot and All Classrooms	15 8:30a Breakfast Club at Milton Family Restaurant	16 10a Al-Anon 5:30p Mystery Meal
17 Graduate Recognition 9:30a Holy Communion Worship with Sacrament of Holy Baptism Fellowship 10:45a Confirmation	18 NO SPLC Softball	19	20 7p Holy Communion Midweek Worship	21	22	23 10a Al-Anon 2:30p Confirmation Rehearsal
24 9:30a Holy Communion Worship with Rite of Confirmation 10:30a Fellowship	25 OFFICE CLOSED No SPLC Softball 	26 6p Christian Education 7p Stewardship	27 9a Evangelism 7p Holy Communion Midweek Worship	28 9a PieceMakers	29	30 10a Al-Anon
31 9:30a Holy Communion Worship 10:30a Fellowship	*Monday Night Bible Study meets at the Parsonage—1315 Putnam Avenue.					

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