

# The LCOP NEWSLETTER

January & February 2025



## Lutheran Church of Peace Platteville, WI



### Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday  
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

### LCOP Worship Services

Saturday Evening at 6:00  
Sunday Morning at 9:00

*To Know Christ and Make Christ Known*



## STUDIES, CLASSES, GROUPS, MEETINGS

### **Adult Classes**

- ♦ Adult Bible Study-Sundays 10:25 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Women's Circle-First Wednesday of the month 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Women's Quilting Group-the first and third Tuesday of the month 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Youth Classes** September-May

- ♦ Sunday School-Sundays 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classrooms
- ♦ Confirmation Class (grades 6-8)-Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. In the large classroom

### **Committee Meetings**

- ♦ Buildings & Grounds- Fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. in the Adult Library
- ♦ Council- Second Sunday of the month at 10:20 a.m. in the Adult Library
- ♦ Evangelism- Third Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Adult Library
- ♦ Finance- First Tuesday of the month, before council at 5:15 p.m. in the Adult Library
- ♦ Worship & Music-As needed in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Youth & Family- Second Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Youth Library



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### 2024 Stewardship Jan-Dec

**Annual Budget \$ 259,361.00**

**Total Income \$ 204,023.93**

**% of Budget 80.65%**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Poinsettias

If you sent a poinsettia to church for Christmas, we encourage you to take it home with you. We hate to see them thrown away.

### Sunday Morning Hospitality

We are always looking for volunteers to help with Sunday hospitality. There is a sign up sheet on the Connection Board. For details, call the church office 608-348-3166, or talk to Lois Radloff or Madge Neuheisel.

### Offering Envelopes

If you would like your own offering envelopes, they are available in the Narthex and in the office. Please make sure to write your name on each envelope you use.

### Prayers

**For those with Health Concerns:** Jim & Arlene Crawford, Bob Weier, Julie Parrilli, Andrea Ragsdale, Emily Fredrickson, John Burke, Mary Runde, Phil Karrmann, Katarina Rood, Catarina Brunette, Corey Cullen, Sidney Fecht, Weldon Thomas, Bob Demaree, Nick Demaree, Lilly Eversoll, Scott Bockenbauer **For those serving in the Armed Forces:** Ryan Sheldon, Dylan Goke, Ryan Goke and Maxine Austin

Dear Church,

Many of you are aware that we have been praying for Nick Demaree on our prayer list since August. Nick suffered a major spinal injury while at the beach with friends at the end of August, and has been in recovery ever since. His parents, Becky (one of our church keyboard musicians) and Bob, as well as his siblings, have been accompanying him in his recovery since then. He is currently working on his rehab in the Des Moines metro area. Nick's journey is documented on [CaringBridge.org](http://CaringBridge.org) under Nick Demaree.

Many people have asked if there is anything that they can do to help. Continued prayers are welcomed and appreciated. If folks would like to contribute to assisting with medical expenses, the family is grateful for contributions of any amount that seem appropriate.

•**Venmo:** @bobdemaree

•**Mail a check:** You may send a check to: Robert and Rebekah Demaree, 6875 Fawn Rd, Platteville, WI 53818 (payable to Robert and/or Rebekah Demaree), with "Gift" in the memo line.

**Other methods:** We are grateful for donations via any other payment platform you may prefer (e.g. PayPal, Cash App, Apple Cash, etc.). Just reach out via [CaringBridge](http://CaringBridge.org), and the family will follow up with the necessary details.

Thank you for being church for each other! --PJT

# January Events

## Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle will not be meeting in January. See you in February!

## Women's Quilting Group

The Tuesday morning quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall on January 7th & 21st at 9 a.m. All women are welcome to come and you don't even need to know how to sew to be involved!

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes will begin at First English Lutheran on January 8th at 6 p.m.

## Council & Trust Elections

The 2025 Lutheran Church of Peace Council and Trust Fund elections will be on January 11th & 12th at the worship services.

## Family Promise

Lutheran Church of Peace will be hosting Family Promise January 19th-26th. Volunteers will be needed. Please watch for more information to come.

## Giving Statements

The 2024 giving statements are available in the Narthex. We will be mailing any that were not picked up on January 22nd. If you did not receive one and should have, please call the church office.

## Annual Report and Bylaws

We will be publishing the 2024 Annual Report and Bylaws on January 26th. Please pick up a copy in the Narthex or in the information Center outside of the church office.

## January Food Pantry Donation

- ♦ Breakfast Cereal
- ♦ Pancake Mix

Thank you

Pastor and Hannah would like to say thank you to everyone that brought us Christmas cards, gifts and goodies. It was so kind and thoughtful!

# February Events

## **Women's Quilting Group**

The Tuesday morning quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall on February 4th and 18th. All women are welcome to join!

## **Annual Meeting**

The Lutheran Church of Peace annual meeting will be on February 16th at 10:20, after the worship service. The annual report will be available outside of the office, in the Narthex and at the meeting after January 26th.

## **Deborah Circle**

Deborah Circle meet on Wednesday, February 5th at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll do our usual cards and Valentine cards. All are welcome

## **Council Installation**

On February 23rd we will be installing our new Council Members during the 9 a.m. the worship service.

## **2025 LEAD Conference**

A day of learning and workshops with lay people from across the Synod. All are welcome! Please see Pastor Jasmine to attend.

Saturday, February 22, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*The Grove/New Heights Lutheran  
(Mazomanie)*

Save The Date – More Information  
to Come

## **February Food Pantry Donation**

- ◆ Dish Soap
- ◆ Hearty Soup

# Christmas Worship Service





Service led by LCOP youth



Empty Bowl  
Fundraiser

# A Little Something From Pastor Jasmine

Dear Church,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 2025 seems auspicious. This year, I believe Lutheran Church of Peace celebrates a milestone ourselves – 170 years of being church together! I look forward to some celebrations this year as we mark this time together.

It always sneaks up on us, but it's almost time to elect new members to council (January 12), and our Annual Meeting (February 16). Thank you to everyone willing to be on the ballot to serve on council. I'm so proud of all the work that our 2024 council did – we improved some systems and policies, including adopting a Child Safety Policy, instituting new accounting forms to keep our finances transparent and accountable, empowered committees to spread the Gospel, and kept everything humming along. It's not glamorous work, but it's so important.

Thank you for all of the ways that you give to Lutheran Church of Peace – through your time, through your talents, and through your treasures. Your generosity is what makes church happen. Without dedicated folks sharing on behalf of the Gospel, we would just be a club of nice folks that like to sing together on the weekend. Praise the Lord that we are so much more than that!

As we move into our next year together, I would like to bring something to your attention. When you give of your treasures – your offerings – giving to the General Fund does the most good, most quickly for our church. As you'll hear at the Annual Meeting, our Trust is doing quite well, and we are blessed to have a lot of money saved in various special funds. However, when you give to a special fund, that money is not usable to meet our annual, bottom-line budget. It gets put aside for special projects approved by council in the future. So if you want your dollars to have the most impact, to help your church and help your world, please give to the General Fund instead of allocating to special funds. The money in the General Fund gets used immediately to meet the specified goals of the annual budget. Our council, committees and finance team are hard-at-work to make sure that every penny is used well to further our mission to Spread the Gospel. Thank you for your care and concern for the Church.

Finally, thank you for being you, Lutheran Church of Peace. Thank you for seeing God in your midst, and sharing those God-sightings with one another. Thank you for the gratitude that you carry with you and share in worship. Thank you for being the hands and feet and voices and ears of Christ. Thank you for your service, and your song. I am thankful to be walking this faith journey with all of you.

In Christ,

Pastor Jasmine





## ***NEW YEAR PRAYER:***

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.

Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.

Amen.

# What's going on outside of LCOP?

**BINGO at the Broske** Support Special Olympics and have fun playing BINGO at the same time! Bingo at the Broske Center will be held **Thursday, January 2**. Food sales begin at 5 pm with BINGO from 6-8 pm.

**HLAA Monthly Meeting** The monthly meeting of the local Hearing Loss Support Group (HLAA) will be on **Monday, January 6, 2025**. Everyone is welcome! They are meeting at the Platteville Public Library, 2nd Floor Community Room, from 5:30-6:30 pm. This meeting is the Annual Potluck Social. Bring a dish to pass. (optional) The presenter will be Brenda Dalecki. Mrs. Dalecki is a world traveler. She visited Scotland and Ireland in late 2023 with her husband Mike. Spectacular photos highlight this program. For more information call Mike Mair. (608) 778-6723 or e-mail: [mikemair59@outlook.com](mailto:mikemair59@outlook.com)

**January 2:** BINGO at the Broske for Special Olympics, Broske Center, 5 pm

**January 6:** HLAA Monthly Meeting & Potluck, Platteville Library, 5:30 pm

**January 8:** Strong Women Strong Coffee, Platteville Incubator, 1:00-2:30 pm

**January 9:** BINGO at Platteville Golf & Country Club, 6 pm

**January 11:** Pioneer Men's Basketball vs Oshkosh, Williams Fieldhouse, 7 pm  
(Alumni Weekend)

# WINTER FUN DAYS!

**JANUARY 12 & FEBRUARY 9, 2025  
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Snow or no, it's a go! Sledding, tubing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and all sorts of outdoor winter fun. Equipment is provided or you can bring your own.**

**A lunch of hot dogs and chili provided along with cozy drinks. RSVPs appreciated. Call (608)734-3113 or email [office@sgrcreek.org](mailto:office@sgrcreek.org) to let us know you will be joining us.**

**Cost: \$10/person; children 4 & under are free.**

