

The LCOP News Letter September



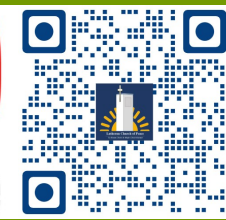
Lutheran Church of Peace Platteville, WI



Office Hours
Tuesday-Thursday
8 AM-3 PM

LCOP Worship Service
Sunday 9:00 AM

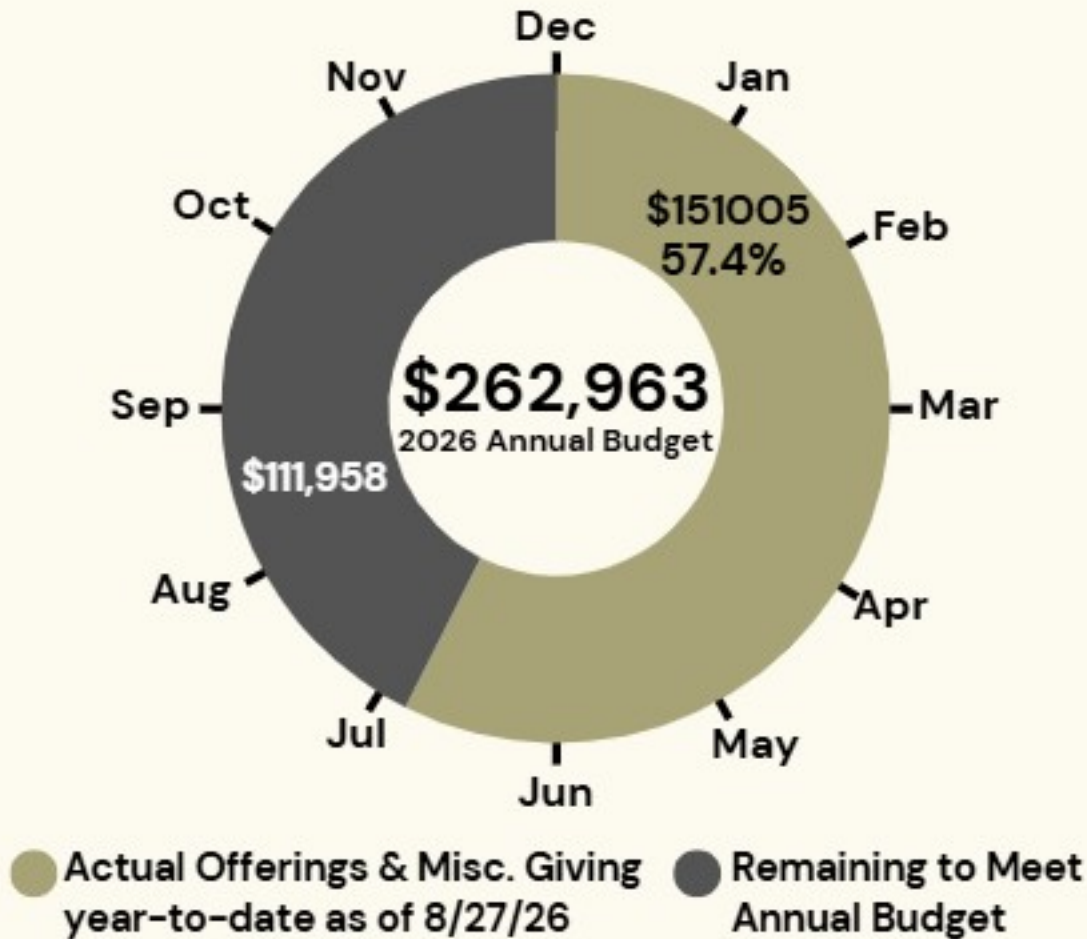
"To Know Christ and Make Christ known"



2026 Council Members

Richard Cline, Treasurer-Kim Woodworth, VP- Emily Fredrickson,
President- Jeffrey Strange, Rob Snyder, Craig Reed, Juli McGuire, Julie Grabandt, Pastor Jasmine

Offering Progress Towards Annual Budget



Target Giving Timeline

Month markers show the target giving progress throughout the year. Each month indicates the giving level needed to stay on track for the annual budget.



Scan with a
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LCOP

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September Announcements & Events

Deborah Circle

Deborah circle is meeting on September 2 at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome!

Confirmation Orientation

We will have confirmation orientation in the sanctuary on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM. We are asking all confirmation students (6-9th grade) and their parents to attend.

Sunday School Kickoff

Sunday school starts for kids 4k-5th grade on September 13th after worship. Families are asked to come to fill out paperwork.

Rummage Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Rummage Sale a huge success! Thanks to your donations, and volunteer time, between the rummage sale and bake sale, we raised over \$2700 which will provide a small boost to our lower summer giving numbers. Folks from across the community were so pleased to come and take advantage of our *Pay What You Want* pricing system. One woman told us, "My friend doesn't have a lot of money, so this sale really helped her. Thanks for hosting the clothing swap in May, and thanks for having this sale!" Another community member remarked, "Your church is so active in the community! You're really becoming the church that *does the things!* And the community is taking notice! Thank you so much!"

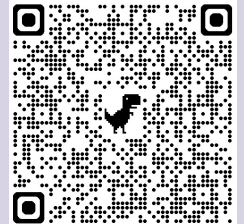
What a wonderful way to clear out some closets, provide folks access to purchase items that they need, spread some joy, and earn a little money for our ministry!

Door Codes

We will be resetting all the codes for the outside door by the kitchen. This will happen in the beginning of September. If you feel you need a code, please contact the church office.

Everybody's Got Something to Offer

Dear siblings in Christ, The stewardship committee has created a survey to increase community engagement. We are asking all congregants to take the time to complete the survey. We hope to increase the ways we are all connected to this faith community. Remember that stewardship means giving of our time, talents, and treasures. There is a print and digital version. Please use the QR code until September 15th for the digital version. The goal is that this will connect people who want to serve with ministries that need their help. It may also inspire us to give more of our resources as well. Thank you in advance for your participation.



Prayers

For those with Health Concerns

Bob Weier, Emily Fredrickson, Corey Cullen, Bob Demaree, Nick Demaree, Tom Nall, Pat Leahy, Ron Weigel, Adelia Campbell, Mary Leix, Linda Schmidt, Josh Steinback, Margie Masbruch **For those serving in the Armed Forces** Ryan Sheldon and Maxine Austin

ELCA Global Mission: Rev. Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp and her husband, Paul Sapp from the English-speaking congregation of the Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem.



The LCOP Traveling Praise Band singing at the Music Fest in July



LCOP Rummage Sale



A Little Something From Pastor Jasmine

Dear Church,

As many of you know, the council has praying very intentionally for months (and years!), asking God to show us how to better connect with our neighbors, how to best steward all of the resources that God has blessed us with, how to find new ways to support our ministry needs, and asking Him to help us to continue to welcome others and share the love of Jesus with the world.

On Wednesday, August 26th, the Church Council met with the pastors and leadership of Inglesia La Victoria – Platteville. It was a Meet & Greet to discuss a potential rental relationship between their congregation and ours. They are a growing congregation with a need and desire to rent a larger worship and education space. We are an older congregation with lots of space that we aren't using all the time. They are the current non-English-speaking immigrants to the community. We are the earlier non-English-speaking immigrants to Platteville who have integrated into English and helped to build the community. It feels as though God has brought us all together for an exciting purpose.

Inglesia La Victoria (ILV) is a rather new church plant, reaching out to Spanish-speaking families in the community. Their congregation is mostly young, working families with children. They worship on Saturday evenings, and they are interested in having space for adult bible studies on Wednesday nights as well.

Our conversation lasted over two hours, and was very productive. Both groups shared the ways that we have seen God at work, and spoke of our hopes and prayers that this could be a beneficial relationship. We discussed questions that the LCOP congregation thoughtfully brought forward in a Q&A session on Sunday August 23rd.

The three pastors: Pastors Jhon and Jennifer, and I, are committed to hammering out all of the fine print of our rental agreement, along with crafting the important wording of our covenantal relationship of two communities, sharing space, worshipping God side-by-side.

You are invited to another Q&A (with more A than Q) on Wednesday September 2 at 6:30pm, and answers will also be published for those who are not able to attend. Based on the congregational response, the council will meet and decide whether or not to call a Special Congregational Meeting in mid-September to vote on starting a rental agreement with Inglesia La Victoria.

I am very hopeful that this could be a fruitful new relationship for our congregation. Please continue to hold our siblings in Christ at Inglesia La Victoria in your prayers. They are doing the same for us. Pray that God continues to show us all the Good Work He has in store for us.

Be well, you are loved,

Pastor Jasmine

LWR Service Project

We are collecting items for the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits in the months of September and October. There are tubs in the Narthex for your donation, with instructions below. We are also collecting monetary donations to help buy kit items in bulk at a lower cost. A collection box will be set up in the Narthex. For more information please visit <https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits> or contact Juli McGuire at 608-438-4597 or juliannacmcguire@gmail.com.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



PERSONAL CARE KITS

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ☐ **ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ☐ **TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ☐ **ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ☐ **ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

** Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

HOW TO PACK YOUR PERSONAL CARE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

What's going on outside of LCOP?

Platteville Dairy Days This year, Platteville Dairy Days will be celebrating 79 years Sept. 11-13. Mark your calendar for a great weekend of activities. This fun-packed weekend starts Friday with a flea market, amusement rides, and a beer tent. The parade down Main Street on Saturday morning is followed by a dairy cattle show at Legion Park. While at the park, enjoy the arts and crafts fair and plenty of "fair food"! Evenings are filled with truck and tractor pulls, live music, and so much more. Make sure to come back on Sunday for the dairy goat show and music on the Main Stage and also head over to the High School for the 51st annual car show & swap meet. Visit the Platteville Dairy Days website for more information

Platteville Historic Re-enactment Experience life as it was during the early 1800's at the 26th Annual Historic Re-enactment held at Mound View Park. Listen to live music (and even some bagpipes) as you stroll through the many demonstrations of period blacksmiths, woodworkers and colonial men and women. Experience a voyager camp, military demonstrations and Native American Storytelling. Kids will love the children's games and food from this historic event. Hours: Friday (School Day) 8am-4pm, Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 10am-3pm

Play. Coffee. Connect. Free community event. Recurring the first and third Fridays of each month! Families welcome. Join us for Play. Coffee. Connect. — a relaxed community gathering for moms, babies, and young children hosted at Beyond the Spine Chiropractic in Platteville. Each gathering will begin with a quick tour of the space, make a fun drink to enjoy while the kiddos play. Dr. McKenna will then share a short 10-minute discussion on a fun motherhood, pregnancy, baby, or nervous system related topic. The rest of the time is yours to relax, connect, and build community with other local moms and families in a welcoming environment. Whether you are pregnant, newly postpartum, navigating motherhood, or simply looking for connection and community, you are welcome here. No pressure. No expectations. Just coffee, play, connection, and community.

Area Community News & Events

Sept 11-13: Platteville Dairy Days

Sept 11-13: Historic Re-enactment, Mound View Park

Sept 17-22: Celebrate America 250-Platteville

Sept. 19: Access Ability WI Family Adventure Day, Blackhawk Lake

Sept 24: Platteville Young Professionals Mtg., 1906 Bar, 5-8 pm

Sept 25: Chamber's Farm to Table Dinner, Vondra Ag, 5 pm

Sept 27: Talking Trans, Badger Brother's Coffee, 8 am

Oct 22: Platteville Young Professionals Mtg., 1906 Bar, 5-8 pm

Oct 25: Talking Trans, Badger Brother's Coffee, 8 am

Oct 29: Women in Business Breakfast