

The LCOP News Letter May 2026



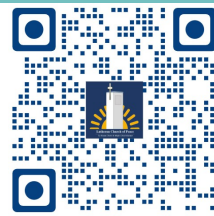
Lutheran Church of Peace Platteville, WI



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

Back Row: Richard Cline, Treasurer-Kim Woodworth, VP- Emily Fredrickson, President- Jeffrey Strange, Rob Snyder. Front Row: Craig Reed, Judy Anderson, Juli McGuire, Pastor Jasmine

Prayers

For those with Health Concerns Bob Weier, Emily Fredrickson, John Burke, Mary Runde, Corey Cullen, Bob Demaree, Nick Demaree, Edith Olthafer, Karen Niehaus, Tom Nall, Pat Leahy, Ron Weigel, William & Adelia Campbell, Mary Leix, Linda Schmidt, Josh Steinback

For those serving in the Armed Forces Ryan Sheldon and Maxine Austin

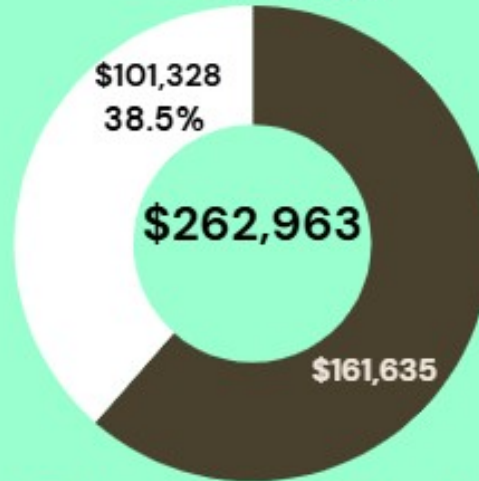
Offering Progress Towards Annual Budget

**Amount Received vs needed
Jan-Apr to Meet Budget**



- Actual Offerings & Misc. Giving year-to-date
- Year-to-date budget shortfall

**2026 Annual Budget
vs. Actual**



- Actual Offerings & Misc. Giving year-to-date
- Remaining to Meet Annual Budget

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May Announcements & Events

May Friendship Day

Church Women United will hold their potluck lunch at LCOP on May 2nd at 11:30 AM. For information check the Connection Board or contact Dee Woolf dwoolf@centurytel.net.

LCOP College Scholarship

College scholarship information is available in the church office. Applications are due by 12 PM on Tuesday, May 5th.

Deborah Circle

The Deborah Circle women's group, will meet on Wednesday, May 6th at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited.

Confirmation Pizza Party

Our last day of Confirmation for the school year, will be Wednesday, May 6th. We will celebrate with a pizza party at First English Lutheran Church at 6:30 PM.

LCOP Movie Night

On Friday, May 8th, we will be having a movie night in the Fellowship Hall! More information on page 5 of this newsletter. Contact Tom Nall for questions or to help. tomnallplatt@gmail.com.

High School Graduation Blessing

During the worship service on, May 10th, we will be recognizing the LCOP high school graduate Maggie Grabandt. We will celebrate with cake after the worship service.

Healing Offering

The Snyder Family is raising funds for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation-Wisconsin chapter. Offering will be collected after the service on May 17th. Tax deductible checks may be made out to CCF. Healing Offerings are voluntary and collected separately from church offerings.

Community Closet Swap

LCOP will be hosting a Community Closet Swap on Saturday, May 30th. This free event invites everyone to donate gently used clothing and find new pieces for their own wardrobe. Contact Sarah Strange if you're interested in volunteering! We are also collecting new socks and underwear to distribute at the swap. More information on page 6 of this Newsletter.

Driftless Neighbors Network

The Driftless Neighbors Network is a group of community members coming together to expand the concept of what it means to be a neighbor. We are focused on building community through in-person events, supporting existing resources by amplifying the needs of our neighbors, and actively searching for the gaps in our community. Contact us at DriftlessNeighbors@gmail.com for more information!

Men's Faith & Fixing Group

This is a welcoming group of men, who come together to serve the church through hands-on projects while growing in faith and fellowship. Whether it's fixing, organizing, or maintaining small areas around the church, the focus is on working side by side, building connections, and making a meaningful impact. The group meets as needs arise and no special skills or handyman experience are required—just a willingness to help. All men are invited to join, lend a hand, and be encouraged in both service and faith. Contact Kim Woodworth kimhault4u@yahoo.com

Family Promise

Host Week-May 17-24

A Little Something From Pastor Jasmine

Dear Church,

On May 2nd at 6pm, we are gathering for our closing Saturday night worship. The Worship & Music team came to this decision after considering worship attendance and the necessary resources of volunteer availability, time, and energy needed to support a service. This is a challenging step for many of our faithful Saturday night worshippers, and I want us to remember some important things as we move forward into the future that God is preparing for us.

1. Galatians 6:2 – *Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* Change is difficult. Be kind to one another and gentle with yourselves in this transition. Sunday folks, please reach out to Saturday attendees and make a point to invite them to join you in worship.
2. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11 – *To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven... He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.* God has ordered life in seasons and times. Nothing lasts forever except for God. We have had many ending moments and beginning moments in the life of Lutheran Church of Peace. We will have many more.
3. Jeremiah 29:11 – *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.* We might not know what God intends for this ending, but I am confident that it will come with a new beginning of something, intended for our welfare and not for harm.

We are an Easter People. This means that we put our faith and trust in the Resurrection of Christ. We know that God brings new life out of death, and we trust that God will bring new life out of this closure as well. I hope that everyone will make time to attend the Saturday night closing worship which includes a special anointing blessing for the Church (that's you) as we move forward into our lived future together. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Be well – you are loved,
Pastor Jasmine

GETTING TO KNOW OUR LCOP FAMILY

FEATURING JULI & CHRIS MCGUIRE

WHERE IS YOUR FAMILY FROM?

Chris' family is from Ireland and Kenosha, WI. He was raised in Ithica, NY

Juli and her family are from Hungary where she was raised.

WHEN DID YOU COME TO LCOP?

They started attending Lutheran Church of Peace in 2023.

WHAT DRAWS YOU TO KEEP GOD A PART OF YOUR LIFE?

Juli was first filled with the Spirit as a teenager and wants to keep the Spirit alive within her.

Church Involvement

Juli is involved in Family Promise and the Women's Bible study

FAMILY

The McGuire's have three kids. Panka lives in Mt Horeb, Andrew is going to College at Northwestern and Katie is in high school.

HOW DID YOU MEET?

They met in Ithica, NY. Juli was a nanny and Chris was in college. They came to Madison, WI in 1999 for Chris' graduate work in Botany. In 2003, they moved to Belmont to farm. From 2005-2018 they ran the Two Onion CSA and now grow organic apples.

Community Activities

They are very active with Wisconsin Organic Fruit Growers and she is the Belmont Township Clerk. They are active with the home school group in the area, as well as being foster parents.



MOVIE

**FEATURING
THE MOVIE
SHREK**

NIGHT

**FREE TO
ALL!**

**FRIDAY
MAY 8**

6:00 PM-8:30 PM

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PEACE
FELLOWSHIP HALL**





Volunteer Work Weekend
Saturday, May 2

Help Get Sugar Creek Ready for Summer! Projects for all skill levels. Hearty meals & free lodging. Bring your church, youth group, or family. Let's prep camp and make memories together! RSVP the camp office at 608-734-3113 or office@sgrcreek.org
*Call Tim Zauche at 608-330-3001 if you have questions or want to carpool. We will leave Platteville around 7:30 AM.

COMMUNITY
Closet Swap

May 30th 10am - 2pm

FREE FOR EVERYONE!



1 new pack of socks or undies per person (While supplies last)

**1345 N Water St
Platteville, WI**

Donations can be dropped off starting April 7th

Porch drop off *anytime*

260 Broadway St, Platteville

Main collection site

1345 N Water St, Platteville

Best drop off days and times:
Tues, Thurs: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Wed: 8:30am – 7:30 pm
Sun: 8:00 – 11:00 am

Label items: *"Closet Swap"*

THE DRIFTLESS NEIGHBORS NETWORK



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