

# The LCOP News Letter April 2026



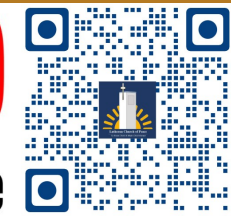
## Lutheran Church of Peace Platteville, WI



Office Hours  
Tuesday-Thursday  
8 AM-3 PM

LCOP Worship Service  
Sunday Morning at 9:00

*"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, Elijah Feuerbach, Pat Leahy, Ron Weigel, Charlie Bratton, William & Adelia Campbell, Mary Leix, Linda Schmidt, Josh Steinback

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

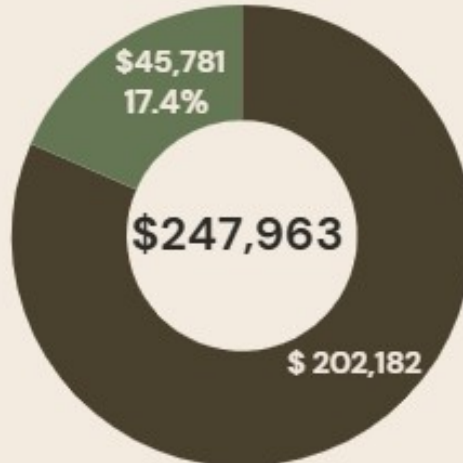
**Offering Progress Towards Annual Budget**

Amount given vs needed  
Jan-Mar to Meet Budget



● Actual Offerings year-to-date  
● Year to date budget shortfall

2026 Annual Budget  
vs. Actual



● Actual Offerings year-to-date  
● Remaining to Meet Annual Budget

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# April Announcements & Events

## Family Promise

LCOP is hosting Family Promise this week, March 29-April 4. We are still looking for a few volunteers to prepare meals, fellowship time and/or sleep over. To help or for more information, please contact Juli McGuire at 608-438-4597

## Easter Lilies

Lilies will be placed in the front of the sanctuary to honor loved ones over Holy week. You have one delivered or bring it to the church office until Wednesday, April 1st. Please let the church office know by Tuesday, March 31, to have your Easter lily designation in the bulletin. Please include your name and who you would like to honor.

## Deborah Circle

The Deborah Circle women's group, will meet on Wednesday, April 1st at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## Council Installation

On April 12th we will be installing our new Council during the worship service. Our newest 2026 Council Members are Craig Reed, Judy Anderson, Juli McGuire.

## 4th of July Committee Meeting

The 4th of July Lawn Party is in need of team members! If you're interested in helping welcome the neighborhood to the annual LCOP Lawn Party to watch the fireworks, come to the informational meeting on Sunday, April 26th, following worship, in the Confirmation Room in the Sunday School hallway. All are welcome!

## LCOP College Scholarship

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

## Funding Forward Meeting

Sunday, April 12th at 10 AM following worship, there will be an introductory meeting about *Funding Forward* by Grace Pomroy Adult Library.

## Youth Happenings

- ◆ Wed, April 8 – No Confirmation
- ◆ Sun, April 12 – Help Take Down Resurrection Garden Crosses – 10 AM
- ◆ Wed, April 15 – Confirmation Resumes, 6:30 PM, First English
- ◆ Wed, April 22 – Confirmation, 6:30 PM, First English
- ◆ Wed, April 29 – ADULTS JOIN AT CONFIRMATION, 6:30PM, First English
- ◆ Wednesday May 6 – Last Confirmation Class of the Year, 6:30 PM, First English
- ◆ Sunday May 10 – HS Graduate Recognition, 9 AM

## Coming up May

\*Love 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.

\*Family Promise Host Week-May 17-24

## Holy Week Schedule

Thur, April 2-Maundy Thursday Worship at 6 PM

Fri, April 3-Good Friday Worship at 6 PM /Community Worship at 12pm, Platteville UCC

Sun, April 5-Easter Celebration Worship at 9:00 AM

# A Little Something From Pastor Jasmine

Dear Church,

The council had its annual council retreat at the beginning of March at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton. It was a day of prayer, fellowship, getting to know one another, and talking about the direction of the church. Among other topics, we explored the book *Funding Forward: A Pathway to More Sustainable Models for Ministry* by Grace Duddy Pomeroy.

Grace Pomeroy's book asks some important questions about ministry and purpose in the church. The old financial models of congregational giving funding the entire church budget are gone, she reports. (LCOP can attest to that. When was the last time we reached our budget goals with giving?) *Funding Forward* is about finding the ways that God is calling our particular congregation to partner with our particular community to fund the ministry that God is calling us to do.

In the beginning of the book, Pomeroy asks two interesting questions, that I think that we should all take time to think about and answer:

1) **If Lutheran Church of Peace disappeared tomorrow**, besides the members themselves, **who would notice?** To whom does our presence matter?

2) **What are our assets?** Specifically, what are our underutilized assets as a congregation?

Pomeroy's proposal is that when congregations can determine the sweet spot that exists between God's Mission for the church, the Community Need around the church, and an Underutilized Asset of the church, new and invigorated life will follow – along with financial stability.

The council is eager to follow Pomeroy's pathway, and I want to invite all of you to join us. If you're interested in reading *Funding Forward*, we're going to have a short (30 minutes or less!) introductory meeting on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, directly after worship in the Adult Library, before the monthly council meeting. All are welcome and invited to learn more. Attendance of the meeting is not an obligation to read the book or be part of the journey.

But even if you choose not to read the book or be part of the *Funding Forward* team, think about those two questions above, and share your answer with one of our church council members. We look forward to hearing your thoughts!

Be well – you are loved,

Pastor Jasmine



# GETTING TO KNOW OUR LCOP FAMILY

## FEATURING GERI & TIM ZAUCHE

### Where was your family located back in 1856 when LCOP started?

Tim's family was in Germany. Even though his DNA test, he is almost 60% Scot/Irish. His family moved to DBQ county and Tim grew up in Peosta, IA

Geri's family was more from England/Ireland. Her family first moved to Boone, IA. Geri grew up in a small town near Ft Dodge, IA -Lehigh.

### WHEN DID YOU COME TO LCOP?

They first started coming in 2000 a few months after they moved to Platteville. They visited a few different churches and this church became their family, so FAST.

### What draws you to keep God a part of your life?

Faith. They try to speak with him as often as they can, but too often, he is their friend that they take for granted.

### FAMILY

The Zauche's have four kids, with the furthest being in Chicago. They have five grandkids and a sixth on the way soon!

### HOW DID YOU MEET

They met taking the city bus to campus at Iowa State. The bus was a huge part of their courtship. So much so, that they arranged for the bus and the same bus driver to drive them at their wedding.

### CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

They enjoy being part of the praise band, Family Promise, Sunday School and FOOD.

### Community Activities

The Zauche's enjoy Music in the Park in the summer, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and taking their dog Max on the trail.



## Remembrance Crosses

**The white crosses in the churchyard have been dedicated and erected in loving memory of those who have gone before us into the care of our heavenly Father. The project has been prepared by our youth, who wish to express their thanks for the congregation's continued support of youth mission work and other special opportunities to mature in their faith.**

In loving memory of <b>Claude White***</b>	<i>Richard &amp; Gloria Schumacher</i>
In loving memory of <b>Mildred White</b>	<i>Richard &amp; Gloria Schumacher</i>
In loving memory of <b>Reinhold Schumacher</b>	<i>Richard &amp; Gloria Schumacher</i>
In loving memory of <b>Vangie Schumacher</b>	<i>Richard &amp; Gloria Schumacher</i>
In loving memory of <b>Elva Nelson</b>	<i>Leon &amp; Madge Neuheisel</i>
In loving memory of <b>Maynard Nelson</b>	<i>Leon &amp; Madge Neuheisel</i>
In loving memory of <b>Celia Neuheisel</b>	<i>Leon &amp; Madge Neuheisel</i>
In loving memory of <b>Hubert Neuheisel</b>	<i>Leon &amp; Madge Neuheisel</i>
In loving memory of <b>Richard Olthafer</b>	<i>Donna Olthafer</i>
In loving memory of <b>Sue Speth</b>	<i>Justin Olthafer</i>
In loving memory of <b>Melvin Bertram</b>	<i>Virginia Bertram</i>
In loving memory of <b>Norman Richardson</b>	<i>Bruce &amp; Linda Richardson</i>
In loving memory of <b>Helen Richardson</b>	<i>Bruce &amp; Linda Richardson</i>
In loving memory of <b>Lynne Richardson</b>	<i>Bruce &amp; Linda Richardson</i>
In loving memory of <b>Everett McReynolds</b>	<i>Bruce &amp; Linda Richardson</i>
In loving memory of <b>Esther McReynolds</b>	<i>Bruce &amp; Linda Richardson</i>
In loving memory of <b>David Bartz</b>	<i>Lavona Bartz</i>
In loving memory of <b>Darryl Bartz</b>	<i>Lavona Bartz</i>
In loving memory of <b>Charles H. Schuchmann***</b>	<i>Kim &amp; Barb Woodworth</i>
In loving memory of <b>Mildred A. Schuchmann</b>	<i>Kim &amp; Barb Woodworth</i>
In loving memory of <b>Frank H. Woodworth***</b>	<i>Kim &amp; Barb Woodworth</i>
In loving memory of <b>Dolores R. Woodworth</b>	<i>Kim &amp; Barb Woodworth</i>
In loving memory of <b>Barbara LeGrand</b>	<i>Mike LeGrand</i>
In loving memory of <b>Jane Schwark</b>	<i>Bryan Schwark</i>
In loving memory of <b>Debra Schwark</b>	<i>Bryan Schwark</i>
In loving memory of <b>Daniel Schwark</b>	<i>Bryan Schwark</i>
In loving memory of <b>Will Schaefer</b>	<i>Chris Schaefer &amp; Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Fred Nelson</b>	<i>Chris Schaefer &amp; Family</i>

In loving memory of <b>Charlotte Cullen</b>	<i>John &amp; Sue Hrubes Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Peggy Hrubes</b>	<i>John &amp; Sue Hrubes Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Clarence Weigel</b>	<i>Bratton Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Jean Weigel</b>	<i>Bratton Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Shirley Weigel</b>	<i>Bratton Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Richard Weigel***</b>	<i>Bratton Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Norman Mauthe</b>	<i>Bratton Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Joyce Mauthe</b>	<i>Bratton Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Carl Zauche</b>	<i>Zauche Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Jerry Grossnickle</b>	<i>Zauche Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Ralph Bjork</b>	<i>Zauche Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Kathy Bjork</b>	<i>Zauche Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Rosemary Zauche</b>	<i>Zauche Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Dorothy Zauche</b>	<i>Zauche Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Helen Pahl</b>	<i>Zauche Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Ulip Ella</b>	<i>Juli McGuire</i>
In loving memory of <b>Csillar Zoltan</b>	<i>Juli McGuire</i>
In loving memory of <b>Robert Kuhls***</b>	<i>Kuhls Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Lois Kuhls</b>	<i>Kuhls Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Roger Gorgas***</b>	<i>Kuhls Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Sally Gorgas</b>	<i>Kuhls Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Gale Criswell***</b>	<i>Tesdahl Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Carolyn Criswell</b>	<i>Tesdahl Family</i>
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In loving memory of <b>Thyra Oleson</b>	<i>Tesdahl Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>Peggy Walter</b>	<i>Tesdahl Family</i>
In loving memory of <b>John Huehne***</b>	<i>Carol Huehne</i>
In loving memory of <b>Aiden Oomens</b>	<i>Carol Huehne</i>
In loving memory of <b>Harold Beals***</b>	<i>Geneva Beals</i>