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PARISH PROFILE: JOSH REYNOLDS

Before coming to St. Peters Josh attended Oak Hill Christian Church in Janesville, Wisconsin. Josh started coming to St. Peters with Amy Reynolds in 2024. Josh is one of our young adults and has taken on several responsibilities here at St. Peters. Josh is always willing to help with many things.

Josh serves as an acolyte Sunday mornings. Other responsibilities such as helping our parish nurse, Liz Collins with setting up many of our Holy Motions classes, Josh has helped with our Parish Picnic in our Peace Garden. He is very easy going and always takes on jobs or helping hands with so many other needs we face from time to time...I will add here that Josh is very enthusiastic about anything he does.



I then asked Josh where he lives and he told me he lives and grew up in Janesville and now he lives here in Fort Atkinson. Josh attended Fort Atkinson High School and Graduated this past June.

"So Josh", I asked, "Do you have any hobbies to tell me about?" and he replied, "Yes!! I like Video games...and play them as often as possible." "How about music?" Rock and also Country Music are his favorites.

As far as goals, Josh wants to study to become a veterinarian and his specialty would be to focus on Equestrian Medicine so he can work with horses. This is his hope and dream .

When asked about his greatest accomplishment so far, his reply was "graduating from High School and getting my United States Army Contract." Josh will be leaving to serve our country later in October. He will make us all so proud.

Josh felt like and adult when he had to sign his Military Contract. This was the most important decision he has ever made. He signed up for the "Air Defense Artillery".

Who's opinion do you value the most? He said my step mom, Amy (Reynolds). Amy is his "hero" and Josh said he is very thankful for Amy and seeing her and his family makes his day so much better. Josh also wants us to know that he works at our local Kwik Trip and likes working with his fellow employees at Kwik Trip.

"Where is the coolest place you have traveled?" Josh said "Washington D.C.". He traveled there with the Boys and Girls Club...He enjoyed that trip very much.

Thank you Josh for taking the time to let me interview you. It is such a pleasure to know Josh...he is a very neat person and has set such great goals for himself. I personally wish him the best in the military and his future. May the peace of the Lord be always with you as your adult life begins.

- Interviewed by Jane Waters -

THE LADDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Saint Augustine! well hast thou said, that of our vices we can frame a ladder, if we will but tread beneath our feet each deed of shame!

All common things, each day's events, that with the hour begin and end, our pleasures and our discontents, are rounds by which we may ascend.

The low desire, the base design, that makes another's virtues less; the revel of the ruddy wine, and all occasions of excess; the longing for ignoble things; the strife for triumph more than truth; the hardening of the heart, that brings irreverence for the dreams of youth; all thoughts of ill; all evil deeds, that have their root in thoughts of ill; whatever hinders or impedes the action of the nobler will; – all these must first be trampled down beneath our feet, if we would gain in the bright fields of fair renown, the right of eminent domain.

We have not wings, we cannot soar, but we have feet to scale and climb by slow degrees, by more and more the cloudy summits of our time, the mighty pyramids of stone that wedge-like, cleave the desert airs, when nearer seen and better known, are but gigantic flights of stairs.

The distant mountains that uprear their solid bastions to the skies, are crossed by pathways, that appear as we to higher levels rise.

The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight.

But they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night.

Standing on what too long we bore with shoulders bent and downcast eyes, we may discern — unseen before — a path to higher destinies, nor deem the irrevocable Past as wholly wasted, wholly vain, if rising on its wrecks, at last to something nobler we attain.

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow -

NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE

Health Ministry Update - October 2025

The Health Ministry has had a busy and meaningful season! Thank you to everyone who has participated, volunteered, or shared their gifts with our Parish.

Recent Highlights:

- **Medicare Basics Presentation** A special thank you to **Amy Reynolds** for offering a helpful program on Medicare. Your service is deeply appreciated!
- Strong Foundations: Community Fall Prevention Summit (Sept 30) A wonderful spinoff of our *Holy Motions* series, hosted by our Ecumenical Parish Nurse group, highlighting ways to stay safe and steady.
- Holy Motions Series Concluded This year's program wrapped up with five events and one workshop, Fall Gracefully with Joy Cochran. The success of this program was greatly enhanced by the Diocese Development Grant which we are very thankful for.

Looking Ahead:

- Card Ministry A new ministry is forming with five wonderful volunteers, led by Amy Reynolds, together they will be shaping how this important ministry will serve our parish family.
- 2026 Health Ministry Focus We're planning an educational series on brain health, including Alzheimer's and mental health topics.
- No Blood Pressure Screenings in October Liz will be traveling out of the country this month. Screenings will resume in November.
- **January 2026** Join us for a *Hands-Only CPR Training* combined with *Narcan Training*. This will be a vital opportunity for our parish to learn life-saving skills together.

About Narcan (Naloxone):

Narcan is a medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and save a life.

Our parish has Narcan available with the AED in the church. Ours is a **nasal spray**, though Narcan also comes in injectable forms.

Narcan is effective for overdoses caused by opioids such as prescription pain medicines and illicit drugs (oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine, fentanyl, and heroin).

Training will be offered in January together with the Hands Only CPR session so we can better understand and recognize an overdose and how to use Narcan.

We are grateful for the support, energy, and prayers that make this ministry possible. Together, we continue to care for the health and well-being of our church family.

SERMON SUMMARIES

By Angela Hoffman

8/24/25 The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

The healing miracle of the bent over woman is found only in the Gospel of Luke. There are other healings done because of a person's faith, healings done because of the faith of another, and healings done with no mention of faith at all. Jesus noticed the woman's suffering and helped her. Pray to God for the healing of others as well as healing for yourself. Sometimes we are not healed but with Jesus's help we can continue on through our suffering. Lean on Jesus. Keep the Faith. Jesus notices. Jesus heals.

8/31/25 The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Mother Mindy told us of Margie whom she met at her first call in West Bend. Margie lived in a group home and attended the Harvest House meals that an ecumenical group of churches sponsored. She later started attending church. She made crayon drawings which she gifted to others. The church welcomes all kinds of ministry. It is a reminder to humble ourselves and to reach out to Christ without complicating our religion. Keep it simple and ask for help, say thank you, be kind, be gracious, and let love shine from you.

9/7/25 The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:25

Perhaps Jesus is speaking in hyperbole or perhaps hate is being used in the Hebrew, which would mean less. Whatever, it seems to go against the teachings of Jesus and of his message of loving others. We must always reject hate. Our primary relationship must be with God, and this does not always come naturally for us. We have to make hard choices and have the intention to put God first. When we put God first, everything else will fall into place.

9/14/25 The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Lord said to Moses, "God down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves and image of a calf, and have worshiped it . . . " Exodus 32: 7

Perhaps we can relate as a parent, when our child misbehaves, and we say to our partner, "Do you know what "your" child did?" When Moses was taking too long the people turned back to what was comfortable for them. We too, make changes but often revert back to what is comfortable. We need to keep stepping forwards towards God. Moses pleaded with God not to wipe out the people and God listened to him. We can talk to God. God listens and sometimes God changes his mind!

9/21/25 The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Mother Mindy read the letter from Bishop Gunter regarding political violence. There is so much discord and division (us vs. them) in our country. This is not the way of Jesus. Every single person bears something of the divine image of God. We need to focus on self-reflection, repentance and compassion. We are called to be a blessing and to be a restorer of unity. We need to care and advocate for the marginalized. Lament and Repent. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please save the date for Tommy and Amy's wedding. All are invited to our union on October 18th, 2025. Ceremony starts at 11am at St. Peter's, with a Taco Bar reception downstairs to follow. Then if anyone would like to join us at Cash n Olive's Pub in Cambridge starting at 7pm to finish the evening that would be wonderful.



LAY LEADER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of people who would like to be Lectors and Acolytes. Training is provided for these roles and you can say how often you would like to be on the schedule. Please talk to Mother Mindy if you are interested in learning more.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

(Formerly called Chalicer or Chalice Bearer)

Eucharistic ministers typically serve the chlice during Mass, but could be called upon to distribute the bread as well. Mother Mindy will teach you how to serve chalice—it's much less daunting than it seems!

ACOLYTE

The Acolyte serves the priest on the altar. Acolytes will carry the cross or torches, will receive oblations and offerings, and hand the to the priest, and will help the priest set the altar for Holy Communion. One must be able to carry a cross and follow directions to be an acolyte. An acolyte can be any age.

ST. PETER'S CARD MINISTRY

St. Peter's has a Card Ministry! We met for the first time to discuss what and how we will be sending cards to our church members. This ministry consists of Amy Reynolds leading, Eda Wilson, Sharon Williams, Amy Trees and an alternate Jane Waters. We will begin to send out Birthday and Anniversary cards starting this October. Please make sure your birthday and anniversary is up to date with the church office along with your address. Also, we will be sending cards to the sick members of our church. If anyone knows of any member that is sick for a period of time please let Mother Mindy, Caren Waters in the church office and/or Amy Reynolds know.

PARISH RECIPE BOOK!!!

We are collecting recipes for a Parish Recipe Book, which we would like to have available to purchase at this year's Cookie Cupboard. Proceeds from the sale of the recipe books will go to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, for either the parish, or for outreach. There are a lot of good cooks and bakers in our parish, and a lot of yummy dishes have shown up at our various lunches, dinners, picnics, and coffee hours.

These recipes can be for any meal type (appetizers, soups, salads, beverages, side dishes, main dishes, desserts, breads, etc.). We would like at least 100 recipes, from as many of our parishioners as possible. We encourage everyone to participate. Please send in as many recipes as you would like. The deadline to send in your recipes is October 15, 2025. This insures that we will have enough time to organize, print, and assemble the Recipe Books in time for the Cookie Cupboard in December.

Please email your recipes to: Kathy Camara stargazer0110@gmail.com
Or mail to:116 Clarence St., Fort Atkinson

Vestry Minutes—September 16, 2025

Present: Mother Mindy, Scott Fernhaber, Breck McHenry, Mark Bardenwerper, Eda Wilson, Angie Hoffman, Amy Reynolds, Bob Krumm, Terrie Knox, Laurie McHenry, Liz Collins, Brian Knox.

The meeting began with check-ins at 6:04 p.m. Mother Mindy prayed for wisdom, utterance and peace. Mark made a motion to give Brian seat and voice. Scott seconded. Motion passed.

- **I. Minutes:** Breck made a motion to accept the August minutes as presented. Eda seconded. Motion passed. Scott made a motion to accept the Special meeting minutes as presented. Amy seconded. Motion passed.
- II. Financial Report: Laurie reported that we got a sizable check so operating funds are looking good now. She will move some of it to building fund. Our normal expenditures are in line. Mother Mindy added that it is still alarming to note that without the special gift, the member contributions are very low.

Date of October Meeting: Due to schedule conflicts the October meeting is set for Wednesday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.

III. Process for Capital Improvements: Brian and Scott explained, the financial committee should be made aware of capital projects, a committee should be appointed to get bids, check references, and bring to the congregation. It is then presented to the financial committee and the vestry for decisions. Traditionally we try to raise money from the congregation one project at a time. Scott made the motion to go back to the process for the rectory roof. Mark restated that time is of the essence. Much discussion pursued.

Mark made the motion to reconsider the bids from Infinity and Simmons. Scott seconded. Motion passed with Breck opposing.

Breck suggested we get guarantee of work in writing. Angie stated experience with the company is important. Mother Mindy reminded everyone that we must use people's money wisely. Amy liked the way Infinity laid out everything clearly in the beginning and included yearly inspections. Scott moved to go with Simmons regardless of when they can get to it. Breck seconded. Motion passed 5 to 2 with Mark and Amy opposed. Scott will contact Simmons Wednesday or Thursday.

IV. Old Business:

Angie asked about the web site, Facebook, and automatic doors. Mother Mindy reported that Fr. Sam will build the SquareSpace website and he's looking at mid October. He noted that our website was pretty good. Mother Mindy noted that was mostly due to the work that Angie had put into it. Mother Mindy said there was still no update on the Facebook page.

Scott reported that he has a quote for the automatic door but there needs to be power to it and will need a quote for that. Breck volunteered to look into the electric needs.

V. Reports

- Sr. Warden Report: The door was his report.
- Jr. Warden: Mark reported that he and Breck worked on the porch which is coming along and the yard needs a winter trim.

- Parish Nurse: Liz reminded us of the Medicare Basics program with a light meal scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 24, presented by Amy. Liz also announced the Holy Motions spin off, Strong Foundations which is a community effort. There will be a basket from St. Peter's with a newsletter, a Day by Day Meditation, and a t-shirt. Liz noted we now have Narcan which will be in with the AED. It reverses opioid overdose and she will monitor the expiration. The next AED session will include lessons for its use. The card ministry will proceed with 5 volunteers and Amy as leader. The last Holy Motions program had 33 attendees. Next year she is thinking of programs for brain health, mental health and Alzheimer's.
- Rector: Mother Mindy noted that beyond the complications of the rectory roof, all seems to be going well. She has tried to be more assertive in asking people to lunch with her. October 4 is the Whitewater Pride event 10-3 with set up at 9. Terrie volunteered to haul and help set up the canopy, table and chairs. A sign-up sheet is downstairs. Mother Mindy suggested getting pride kits and all agreed. Mother Mindy will be leaving after Wednesday Mass to preside over her uncle's funeral. She will be back for the 21st and then be gone Sept. 23rd thru 28.

Breck thanked Liz and Ellen for their work arranging the Parish Picnic. It was a great success.

Breck made the motion to adjourn. Scott seconded. Motion passed. Mother Mindy ended the meeting with prayer at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Terrie Knox

Special Vestry Meeting September 4, 2025

Present: Mother Mindy, Eda Wilson, Scott Fernhaber, Angie Hoffman, Mark Bardenwerper, Amy Reynolds, Breck McHenry, Bob Krumm, Terrie Knox.

Mother Mindy began the meeting with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

I. New Business:

- 1. **Roof**: Infinity's bid included the sheeting and a 50-year warranty. Breck moved to contract the Rectory and garage roof with Infinity. Eda seconded. Motion passed Mark will call them Friday. Mark insisted the foundation and concrete work needed to be addressed now. Breck made the motion to amend the agenda to include the foundation and the concrete repair. Angie seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed with Scott and Bob voting no.
- 2. **Foundation**: Badger's bid was for a repair on the inside. A-One's bid was for a repair from the outside... to dig down, repair crack, back fill with higher grade, and bury the downspouts. Outside work was preferred by all. It was agreed that Mark should ask Badger to bid on outside work so like work could be compared.
- 3. Concrete: Mark had two bids, Korth and Crete's, for sidewalk repair. Mark recommended going with Korth who would move the stones for the garbage bins. Scott made the motion to go with Korth. Breck seconded. Motion passed with one no vote from Amy. Mark will call tomorrow. Mark made the motion to adjourn. Scott seconded. Motion passed. Breck closed us with prayer at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Terrie Knox

HIGH-LITES FROM SEPTEMBER



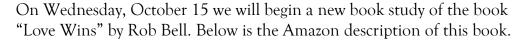
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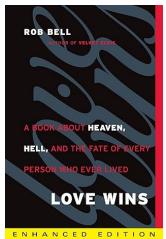


Dinner at Knox's house following the annual Prayer Walk

WEDNESDAY BOOK STUDY

Starting Wednesday, October 15 11:00 AM





"In Love Wins, bestselling author, international teacher, and speaker Rob Bell (Velvet Elvis, Drops Like Stars) addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith—hell and the afterlife—arguing, would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever?

Rob Bell is an electrifying, unconventional pastor whom *Time* magazine calls "a singular rock star in the church world," with millions viewing his NOOMA videos.

With searing insight, Bell puts hell on trial with a hopeful message—eternal life doesn't start when we die; it starts right now. And ultimately, *Love Wins*."

All are welcome to join us for this study, whether you come to a few or all of the sessions.

BOOK REVIEW

"The Dream King: How The Dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. Is Being Fulfilled to Heal Racism in America" by Will Ford and Matt Lockett

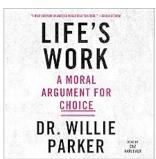
AND

"Life's Work: A Moral Argument for Choice" by Dr. Willie Parker

The Dream King and Life's Work are both fascinating examples of how God will miraculously bring people and experiences together to lead us to our call in life. Ford, a descendent of slaves and Lockett, a descendent of slave owners became friends after meeting in Washington D.C. at a prayer conference on Martin Luther King Day in 2005. As they grew together in a ministry of prayer they found out that Lockett's family had owned Ford's family. What a perfect answer to the prayer of Dr. King, "I have a dream...that one day the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood." Even more incredible examples of God's hand in history are revealed as the two tell their stories.



Parker, the author of "Life's Work", also a descendent of slaves, is the fourth of six children all with different fathers. Sometimes he would refer to himself as, "a colored boy from Birmingham" which is



what was written on his birth certificate. When he was 12, he was baptized in the First United Missionary Baptist Church. "The legend was that if you coughed or choked, you didn't have good religion and you'd have to do it again." At 14 Mike, his baseball team coach, asked him to attended a Bible study. Parker writes, "The Christianity he [Mike] embraced and embodied was a vibrant faith, a contemporary Pentecostalism that started and ended with the importance of the Holy Spirit...In Pentecostalism, the Spirit is potent, giving believers not just an ability to discern God's will for their lives but also often extraordinary, supernatural powers—an ability to speak in tongues and to heal

the sick with the laying on of hands. The Pentecostalism that Mike taught assured me that you didn't have to be a cleaned-up version of yourself to earn these gifts or God's love." So how does a young man like this, with no resources and a strong faith in God end up to be not only a doctor, but a prominent abortion doctor...by the miraculous grace of God.

So why both books together? After reading them, I was struck with the differences in how the authors live out their faith. Many of the stories and incidents the authors of both books write about happen in the same places and even the same abortion clinics. Though Ford and Lockett paint abortion as a racialized issue and come down against it, Parker, also a black man, has come to very different conclusions. I believe it is important to read of experiences outside your own, as it is very easy to form simplistic images of the world and the people in it.

So, though I highly recommend each book as powerful stories of God's miraculous presence, I strongly encourage reading them both. These issues are never strictly black and white.

- Terrie Knox -

LAY EUCHARISTIC LEADERS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 5

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Mark Bardenwerper

Acolyte: Josh Reynolds

Eucharistic Minister: Angie Hoffman

Usher: Kelly and Duane Riggs

Coffee Hour Host:

OCTOBER 12

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Ginny Laurent AV Tech: Izzie Davis

Acolyte: Christopher Williams Eucharistic Minister: Terrie Knox

Usher: Brian Knox Coffee Hour Host:

OCTOBER 19

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Terrie Knox

AV Technician: Bob Krumm Acolyte: Breck McHenry

Eucharistic Minister: Breck McHenry

Usher: Kelly and Duane Riggs

Coffee Hour Host:

OCTOBER 26

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Sharon Williams

AV Technician: Mark Bardenwerper

Acolyte: Janet Bills

Eucharistic Minister: Angie Hoffman

Usher: Scott Fernhaber Coffee Hour Host:

NOVEMBER 2

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Scott Fernhaber

AV Technician: Breck McHenry

Acolyte: Bob Krumm

Eucharistic Minister: Terrie Knox

Usher: Brian Knox Coffee Hour Host:

ACTIVITIES AT ST. PETER'S

Tuesday—Thursday 8:00 AM

Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 1

12:00 PM Midweek Mass 12:30 Men's Lunch Group

Sunday, October 5

8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:10 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Wednesday, October 8

12:00 PM Midweek Mass 12:30 Men's Lunch Group

Sunday, October 12

8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:10 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Wednesday, October 15

12:00 PM Midweek Mass 12:30 Men's Lunch Group 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Sunday, October 19

8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:15 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Wednesday, October 22

12:00 PM Midweek Mass 12:30 Men's Lunch Group

Sunday, October 26

8:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:10 AM Coffee Hour/Fellowship 11:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, October 29

12:00 PM Midweek Mass 12:30 Men's Lunch Group

Sunday, November 2

8:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:10 AM Coffee Hour/Fellowship

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER IN THE GATHERING ROOM 8:30 AM BACK-TO-BASICS BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED 11:10 FELLOWSHIP (COFFEE HOUR)

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

To Lead Each Person into a Living Relationship with Jesus Christ, Train Them as Disciples, and Make Jesus Known to Others.