

Organist: Michelle Crolius
Praise Band
Radio Monitor: Phil Rogers
Video Taping: Theresa Braun

Acolytes

5:00 p.m. Danny Ely
 8:00 a.m. Haylee Breidenbach
 10:30 a.m. Connor Klitzke

Greeters

8:00 a.m. Joanne Brandt
 Lois Radtke
 10:30 a.m. Jean Gudenschwager
 Lorna Slaney

Growing as God's People

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 75
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 153
 10:30 a.m. 72

Average Attendance 308

Our Gifts to the Lord

Home	\$	6,942.48
Synod Support	\$	357.70
Sunday School	\$	8.51
Sidewalk Repair	\$	4,070.00
Advent	\$	245.00
Misc	\$	17.50
Total	\$	11,641.19

School Choice Funds \$ 23,750.00

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT *To make disciples of all people through a faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament.*

OUR VISION *Connecting all people to Christ and each other through worship, education, service, and fellowship.*

OUR PROMISE STATEMENT *St. Peter's Lutheran Church nurtures you to form a foundation for a relationship with God which keeps you on the right path as a place to be at peace. We help you develop a Christian perspective, invite you to work for the common good, give the source for Godly counsel, and partner with you to raise your children in a Christ centered way.*

WELCOME FRIENDS! All are asked to sign the attendance card and place it in the plate during the offering. When Holy Communion is offered, guests are asked to read through the statement on the inside cover of the hymnal before receiving communion. If you require gluten free wafers, please speak to the Pastor or an elder.

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK Reedsburg – Ray Mundth

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Arnold Gade's birthday on December 11th, with funds established in the St. Peter's Foundation.

THE CHRISTMAS TREES are given to the Glory of God and in memory of William and Sarah Sass and Arnold and Arlene Sass by Ellen and John McDonough, Janet, Russ and Katelyn Spelbring, Willie, Jeanne, Thomas, Lea and Amy Sass.

One plant given in memory of Ruth Gerike by the Gerike family.

One plant given in memory of all deceased family members by Audrey Westedt.

Two plants given in memory of our parents and Donald, Norman and Gary Finnegan by Dennis and Judy Koppen.

One plant given in memory Emily Elizabeth Gerike by John and Vickie Gerike.

One plant given in honor of our grandchildren, Anna Lee, Sarah Marie, Rebecca Lynn, Tanner John and Cameron Mueller, by John and Vickie Gerike.

One plant given in memory of Gordy Craker by Ruth, Calvin, Sharon and boys.

One plant given in memory of Carole Hull and in celebration of 58 years of blessings together by Don Hull.

Two plants given in memory of Kay Bernien and Janis Bernien Wallace by John Bernien, Mary Bernien-Vethe, Nancy Bernien-Poweii and families.

One plant given in memory of Phil and Susan Crolius by Rev. Paul and Michelle Crolius and sons.

One plant given in memory of Ed and Nancy Reimer by Brad and Kim Schyvinck, Brittany, Brianna and Brooklyn.

One plant given in loving memory of husband George by Carol Tibbitts.

One plant given in memory of Virgil and Ron Peterson by the Peterson family.

One plant given in memory of Julius and Crystal Herritz by Denise Grinder and family.



We would like to thank those who provided the beautiful poinsettia plants that decorate our church this joyous Christmas season.

One plant in memory of Karen Schiefelbein by the Jim Schiefelbein family.

One plant in memory of Carol Luepke by the Wally Luepke family.

Two plants in memory of Carl Wollin and Joyce Bolt by Deb Wollin and The John Bolt Family.

One plant in memory of Jacob Craker by Delvin, Shelley, Josh and Ethan Craker.

One plant in loving memory of Maurice Slaney by Lorna Slaney.

One plant in loving memory of Joshua Reimer by Roger and Ruth Reimer.

One plant in memory of my husband, Orrlan Gudenschwager by Jean Gudenschwager.

One plant in memory of our parents, Bill and Ella Zimmerman Sr., by the Zimmerman families.

One plant in memory of our sister, Lois Zimmerman LaQue and brother, David Zimmerman, by the Zimmerman families.

One plant in memory of grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zimmerman Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Emil Spohnholtz, by the Zimmerman families.

One plant given in memory of Carla Schroeder by Phil Schroeder and family.

Two plants given in memory of Robert and Judy Steinhorst by Gwen Steinhorst and family.

One plant given in memory of Dale Farber by Alice Farber.

COME JOIN US!

Monday	6:00 PM	LWML
	7:00 PM	Board of Christian Education
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Bible Study @ Concordia Hall
	7:00 PM	Bible Study @ Home of Ted Gerike
Wednesday	2:00 PM	Advent Service
	4:30 PM	Public School Confirmation
	5:30 PM	Bells
	6:00 PM	Jr Youth
	6:45 PM	Choir
Saturday	5:00 PM	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE
Sunday	8:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE.
	9:15 AM	Family Education
	10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE

ADVENT DEVOTIONS are available on the tables in the narthex and are printed in booklet form and large print. Please pick up a copy and enjoy the devotions throughout the Advent Season.

SCHOOL NEWS Be sure to go to the school gym on Sunday, December 11, to check out the annual PTL Cookie Walk that begins at 9 a.m. and will go until the cookies are gone. This is the one big fundraiser that the PTL does to support the school in the many activities that they plan. Get a good supply of Christmas goodies to enjoy. Next Saturday, December 17, the annual Day School Christmas Service will be held in the church as the regular Saturday evening service at 5 p.m.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS signs will again be available for purchase. The cost is \$6.50. Please stop by or contact the church office to purchase one.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES each Wednesday thru December 14th, at 2:00 p.m. The midweek Advent theme is "Family Life". We will be looking at the families connected with our Lord's birth. These families faced frustration, loss, misunderstanding, death and so much more. What a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of our Lord. Services will air on the Reedsburg Access Channel #11 at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Sunday, December 25th

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY at 7:00 p.m. will meet on December 13. There will be NO class on December 20, 27, and January 3rd. CLASS WILL RESUME on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the home of Ted Gerike. (2230 Myrtle Street, Reedsburg)

LWML invites all women young and old to join us for our Christmas gathering on Monday, December 12th at 6:00 P.M. in Concordia Hall. We will begin the evening with a special guest from Head Start who will accept our donation of Hygiene products. A devotion "The 12 Days of Christmas" will be shared followed by dessert! Please feel welcome to bring a friend as we spend an evening in Christian fellowship!

150 SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY CHALLENGE

We would like you to be part of this wonderful challenge!! Let's get involved as part of our celebration of God's richest blessings. Just Think.....

- 15 Small Bible Study Groups
- 8-12 People per group
- Mutual site and time
- Offer support and encouragement

THANK YOU for helping us choose the theme verses for the 150th Anniversary of St. Peter's next year. Our theme that you have chosen is "Built on the Rock of Christ". The verses that the congregation chose are:

Psalm 18:1-2 (ESV) *"I love you, O LORD, my strength. ² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

2017 BULLETIN & FLOWER SPONSORS If you would like to sponsor the bulletin (cost \$60.00) or flowers on the altar, please sign up on the charts located in the narthex.

2017 RADIO/VIDEO BROADCAST SPONSORS If you would like to sponsor a radio (\$110.00) or a video broadcast (\$35.00), please call the office at 524-4512, ext. 1.

2017 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES have arrived and will be sorted and ready for you to pick up beginning the weekend of December 17 & 18th.

THANK YOU to Mrs. Hillman and her Kindergarten class for the beautiful decorations on the pews.

Isaiah 35:4 *"Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not? Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.""* The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

Witness: Let us each invite one person to come and worship our King this Christmas. It is not as difficult to invite someone as you may think. It could be as simple as this, "Would you come to church with me and celebrate Jesus' birthday?"

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES
Wednesday, December 14th @ 2:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24 - 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25 - 8:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31 - 5:00 pm
Holy Communion

New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1 - 8:00 & 10:30 am

St. Peter's Lutheran School
Children's Christmas Service
Saturday, December 17 - 5:00 p.m.

