



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

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ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod - Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Proclaiming JESUS † Savior and Lord † for LIFE

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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.

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK No one to report at this time.

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God 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.

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.

Organist: Michelle Crolius
Radio Monitor: John McDonough
Video Taping: Ellen McDonough

Acolytes

5:00 p.m. Tyler Murray
 Haylee Breidenbach
 8:00 a.m. Keith Curtin
 Callie Johnson
 10:30 a.m. Quinn Schuppner
 Anna Meyer

Greeters

8:00 a.m. Phyllis Schenck
 Ev Klitzke
 10:30 a.m. Eldarene Bowlin
 Betty Andreasen

Growing as God's People

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	85
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	84
	10:30 a.m.	116

Average Attendance 307

Our Gifts to the Lord

Home	\$	9,535.47
Synod Support	\$	501.87
Sunday School	\$	8.00
Hardship	\$	1,080.00
LAMP	\$	1,599.66
Thanksgiving	\$	2,559.00
Sponsorship Fund	\$	1,000.00
Misc	\$	80.00
Total	\$	16,364.00

Choice Dollars Y-T-D

Church	\$	3,500.00
School	\$	2,511.00

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-Service Music
 Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn 334
 Invocation p.167
 Confession & Absolution p.167
 Introit
 Kyrie p.168
 Salutation & Collect p.172
 Old Testament Isaiah 11:1-10
 Epistle Reading Romans 15:4-13
 8:00 am Cherub Choir
 "Jesus, Our Good Friend"
 Alleluia and Verse p.173
 Gospel Matthew 3:1-12
 Apostles' Creed p.175
 Children's Message
Hymn of the Day 342
 Sermon "Hope"
 Text: Romans 15:4-13

Offering
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 Prayers
 The Lord's Prayer p.179
Hymn 333
 Benediction p.183
Closing Hymn 515
 Announcements



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday, December 7th @ 2:00 p.m.
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.

COME JOIN US!

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
	6:30 PM	Sr Youth
	6:45 PM	Choir
Thursday	7:30 PM	All Boards
Saturday	5:00 PM	BLENDED SERVICE H.C.
Sunday	8:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE H.C.
	9:15 AM	Family Education
	10:30 AM	BLENDED SERVICE H.C.
	9:00 AM	Cookie Walk Begins

SCHOOL NEWS The month of December is upon us. The classrooms at school are getting decorated for the Christmas season. Plans are being made for various activities and events. The biggest event is the annual Christmas Service on Saturday, December 17, at 5 p.m., when our students will present the Christmas story in all its glory. Our boys have home basketball games on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

MITTEN TREE Reedsburg Area Helping Hands needs our help to provide a Merry Christmas to families in need. Please pick a mitten from the tree in the entrance of church and purchase the gift. Please do not wrap the gift, simply attach the mitten. **Deadline to bring in your gift is December 5th.**

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.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY at 7:00 p.m. will meet on December 6 & 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 Grike. (2230 Myrtle Street, Reedsburg)

CHRISTMAS LIVING WINDOWS The Mission and Outreach Board will be participating in the Living Windows event in Reedsburg's downtown on Friday, December 9th from 6-8pm. Our theme for this year is "O Little Town of Bethlehem." We will have our display set up at Dietz Kitchen Gallery on Main and we will be serving popcorn and warm apple cider. This free family event will also have the following: Horse Drawn Wagon Rides – Carolers - Warming Stations - Treats. Bring the family out for a fun filled Christmas event!!

JOIN US FOR CAROLING -AT 5:45 at Dietz Design Building, 26 E Main Street. The adult choir will be leading the carolers and invite everyone to join them.

PTL'S ANNUAL COOKIE WALK will be held on Sunday, December 11th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to donate supplies for our Cookie Walk Baking day, please choose a tag from the bulletin board in the entrance of church. Supplies may be returned to the collection box in the church or to the office by Thursday, December 8th. Thank you for your help!

ST. PETER'S LWML is having a Hygiene Drive for HeadStart families in our community. Items to be collected are deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hand lotion and shaving cream. Please share what you are able by placing them in boxes in the entrance of church by December 7th. May we be a blessing to those in need during the Christmas Season!

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.

THE BOOK FAIR WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS! St. Peter's Fall Book Fair exceeded our goal and a total of 114 new books were purchased for our school library and classrooms. Thank you to everyone who shopped at our fair and an extra big thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make this fair a success!!

DEAR ST. PETER'S CONGREGATION

I have received the Call documents to serve as Principal/Teacher for St. Peter's Lutheran School. My wife, Karen, and I enjoyed our visit on November 19 – 21st. I plan to have a decision by December 9, 2016. Please continue to keep St. Peter's, Trinity and my family in your prayers.

In His Service, Mr. Roger Tessendorf

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.*

† Matthew 3:1-2 *"In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.""* John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach "repentance and the forgiveness of sins." We never outgrow the need for repentance – for examining our lives, turning away from our pet sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.