



## St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

345 N. Pine Street  
Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959

December 9 & 10, 2017

# ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod - Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Proclaiming JESUS † Savior and Lord † for LIFE

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## ***SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT***

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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. 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.*

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Arnold Gade's birthday on December 11<sup>th</sup>, with memorial funds established in the St. Peter's Foundation.

**CHRISTMAS TREES** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of grandparents, William Jr. and Sarah Sass and parents Arnold and Arlene Sass, by their families.

**ANNUAL COOKIE WALK** will be held TODAY! Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Let us do your holiday baking!

**COME JOIN US!**

Monday	6:00 PM	LWML
	7:00 PM	Board of Education
	7:00 PM	Bible Study @ Hahn Home
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Bible Study @ Sr Life Center
Wednesday	2:00 PM	Advent Service
	4:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	5:30 PM	Bells
	5:30 PM	Chimes
	6:00 PM	Jr Youth
	6:30 PM	Bible Study @ Dietz Design
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	7:30 PM	All Boards
Friday	2:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Saturday	5:00 PM	Children's Christmas Service
Sunday	8:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE
	9:15 AM	Family Education
	10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE
	7:00 PM	Adult Instruction

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

**HOSPITAL VISITS** If you or your family member have been hospitalized and would like a visit from the Pastor, please contact the church office at 524-4512 or call Pastor's cell at 393-0374. We do not always receive a call when someone has been hospitalized, and Pastor Crolius or Pastor Anderson would be happy to come for a visit.

**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.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS** are once again available through the church office. Cost is \$7.00. Please call or stop by the office to purchase yours. 608-524-4512, ext. 1.

**THANK YOU** to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee and all their hard work as well as all who helped make this a wonderful year of celebration. All glory and praise goes to our great and gracious Triune. Thanks be to God as we continue to "Build on the Rock of Christ"!

### **PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN SOON**

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin January 1. Make plans to register your child as the classes fill up very quickly. For more information, contact the school office at 524-4066, ext. 1.

**2018 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.

**2018 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.

**LWML** (Lutheran Women in Mission) is collecting hygiene items to be given to the Head Start families throughout our Reedsburg School District. We appreciate any donation that you can make. Items that are useful are: Deodorant, Shampoo, Body Wash, Hand Lotion, Shaving Cream, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Combs  
**Thank you** for assisting in this mission to our local families. All items are much appreciated by them. There is a receptacle in the entrance of the church for your donation.

### **ST. PETER'S LWML**

In a little STABLE far across the sea was a little Baby just like you and me. O I love this Jesus who was little then, For I know He loves me, little though I am.

Come and hear about the birth of our Savior in a stable and also enjoy the STABLE story that Mark and Shaun Pelton have to share at our next Lutheran Women in Mission gathering on Monday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Concordia Hall. All women are welcome to join us for dessert and fellowship as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus our King!

**ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER** this weekend is **Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher** of Cheektowaga, N.Y., a former vicar of St. Peter's. He is currently serving his third term as the district president of the LCMS Eastern District. We are thankful that he is able to be with us for our last month of celebration of 150 years of being "Built upon the Rock of Christ."

**Organist:** Michelle Crolius

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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**Video Taping:** Ellen McDonough

**Acolytes:**

5:00 p.m. Madeline Corbin

8:00 a.m. Samuel Raupp  
Logan Churchill

10:30 a.m. Nate Gasser  
Bracen Brandt

**Growing as God's People**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 84

Sunday 8:00 a.m. 162

10:30 a.m. 72

**Average Attendance 318**

**Greeters:**

8:00 a.m. Joanne Brandt  
Lois Radtke

10:30 a.m. Marcia Christensen

**Our Gifts to the Lord**

Home	\$	7,695.81
Synod Support	\$	621.96
Sunday School	\$	7.00
Tuckpoint	\$	4,000.00
Misc	\$	382.00
Total	\$	12,706.77

***"Built on the Rock of Christ"***

Tuck Point Funds Received

\$162,360.39

Balance owed on project

\$44,951.41



Ministry in Motions are examples of students and staff putting their faith into "motion."

This year the Student Council provided some Backpack Blessing Tag for all St. Peter's

students. A student from another school that rides the bus to our after school daycare program noticed them and asked Mrs. Fry if he could get one. Mrs. Fry said she would see if she could find one for him, which she did. When the Backpack Blessing Tag was thought of no one knew it would flow beyond the walls of St. Peter's. Just another example of how the Holy Spirit works! So you may be wondering what is written on the Backpack Blessing Tag. Here is the answer.

*Dear Heavenly Father, bless this backpack and all it contains. Let this pack represent the coming school year and all that it entails. Lord watch over me as I travel to school and back home. Bless me with courage as I enter school each day. Fill me with a love of learning and a passion for school. Bless my teachers with wisdom and compassion. Guide my choices and keep me mindful of my actions. Give me Your Holy Spirit that my faith might grow and that I might love You more. I dedicate this backpack and this school year to You Lord. May my time at school bring You joy. May my thoughts and actions bring glory to Your name. In Jesus Holy Name I pray. Amen*

**2018 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES** have arrived and may be found in the entrance of the church. If you are not able to locate yours, please ask an elder, they will be happy to help. Thank you to the Boy Scouts for labeling the envelopes for us!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT** Each year envelopes are inserted in the bulletin so that those who would like may donate to the candy bags given to the children after their Christmas Service and a gift to our teachers and staff to show appreciation for their time and talents they bring to our students every day. Thank you in advance for your gift.



## YOUTH NEWS...

Jr Youth – December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 pm  
Sr Youth - December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm  
NO YOUTH – December 27<sup>th</sup> – Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!!

### SR YOUTH WINTER RETREAT – January 5 -7th

The Sr Youth Winter Retreat will take place on January 5-7, at Silver Birch Ranch in White Lake, WI. Activities will include power tubing, zip-line, ice skating, broomball, XC skiing, and horseback riding! The cost of this event is \$125. This cost covers your food while at Silver Birch, all of these activities, and a T-shirt. That is an awesome deal!! A \$50 deposit can be made before December 15th and all final payments need to be paid in full by December 31st.

If there any questions about any of these events, please contact me anytime at [608-477-1159](tel:608-477-1159) or by email at [jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com](mailto:jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com)

† **1 Corinthians 1:7** “...so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The Lord sees to it that we do not lack any gift – He has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ as well as every earthly need. He is the Provider. And we can trust Him to always provide for us in every way.

**Witness:** Christmas is a time for celebration. It’s Jesus’s birthday! The shepherds celebrated and worshiped Jesus. The wise men also brought gifts. Like these servants, we can celebrate together and invite others to rejoice with us that Christ has come for us.

**COME TO WORSHIP** Come and join us for all the Advent and Christmas services. Don’t forget mid-wweek Advent. Our theme this year is “God’s Love at Christmas”. This Wednesday we will discover how “His Love Stirs Up My Heart”. Come join our school children at 2:00 p.m. as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas celebration.



## ADVENT SERVICES

**Wednesdays, December 13, 20 @ 2:00 p.m.**  
Services will air on the Reedsburg Access Channel  
at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

**Children’s Christmas Service**  
Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm

**Saturday, December 23 – No Service**

**Christmas Eve**

Sunday, December 24  
8:00 & 10:30 am & 7:00 pm

**Christmas Day**

Monday, December 25 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, December 30 @ 5:00 pm

**New Year’s Eve**

Sunday, December 31  
8:00 & 10:30 am & 7:00 pm

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***Built on the Rock of Christ***

*"I love you, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> 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. Psalm 18:1-2 (ESV)*

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

In 1912, the expenses for Christmas Eve were \$40.00. In 1921, Christmas Eve expenses had reached \$125.00.

**December** – The Celebration Continues

- † Live Window Display
- † December 9/10
- † Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher