

THIRD 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. 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 with memorial funds established in the St. Peter's Foundation.

TODAY'S BULLETIN is sponsored to the glory of God and in thankfulness for God's many blessings and our 24th anniversary, by Gil and Linda Biskupski.

COME JOIN US!

Monday	11:30 AM	Golden Agers
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Bible Study @ Concordia Hall
Wednesday	2:00 PM	Advent Service
	4:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	5:30 PM	Bells
	5:30 PM	Chimes
	6:30 PM	Sr Youth
	7:00 PM	Choir
Friday	2:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Saturday		NO SERVICES
Sunday	8:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE
	9:15 AM	Family Education
	10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE
	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Monday	9:00 AM	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

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

FUNERAL John Bernien passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 and will receive Christian burial on Thursday, December 28, 2017. May God grant comfort to the family of John Bernien in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM Kennedy Ann, daughter of Caleb and Kendall (Dietz) Marston, will become a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 10:30 a.m. service. Kennedy's sponsors are Kayla and Raymond Stolarski and Matthew Dietz.

BAPTISM Charlie Jo, daughter of Mikhail and Amanda (Georgeson) Reimer, will become a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in a private service following the 10:30 a.m. service. Charlie's sponsors are Manna Orłowski and Andrew Georgeson.

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.

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.

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.



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

Students in gym class were giving up their chance to shoot at the basketball hoop so someone younger could have a turn. Students were being selfless and the 4th grade boys were happy to let the 3rd grade girls take a turn.

The 4th grade was preparing to pray. Students asked for prayer requests. A total of 17 requests were listed. The class took turns praying for the request. They also had an opportunity to add things as they prayed. What an awesome sight to see a class gathered in prayer praying for each other.

Organist: Michelle Crolius

Video Taping: Sharon Reimer

Acolytes:

8:00 a.m. Angelene Grieves

10:30 a.m. Isaac Coleman

Growing as God's People

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 84

Sunday 8:00 a.m. 110

10:30 a.m. 98

Average Attendance 317

Greeters:

8:00 a.m. Joanne Brandt

Lois Radtke

10:30 a.m. Eldarene Bowlin

Cheryl Arkin

Our Gifts to the Lord

Home \$ 7,361.43

Synod Support \$ 596.88

Sunday School \$ 2.00

Tuckpoint \$ 35.00

Misc \$ 1,010.00

Total \$ 9,005.31

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Tuck Point Funds Received

\$162,395.39

Balance owed on project

\$44,951.41

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn 336

Invocation p.213

Confession & Absolution p.213

Introit

Kyrie 944

Salutation & Collect p.214

First Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Testament

Gradual

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The Gospel John 1:6-8,19-28

Creedal Hymn 953

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day 345

Sermon: "Good News"
Text: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

Prayer of the Church p.215

Offering

Offertory 956

The Lord's Prayer p.217

Hymn 849

Benediction p.218

Closing Hymn 921

Announcements

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.

THANK YOU to Mrs. Fry and her second-grade class for the beautiful decorations that line the pews.



YOUTH NEWS...

Sr Youth - December 20th 6:30-8:30 pm

NO YOUTH - December 27th - 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!! All final payments need to be paid in full by December 31st.

If there are 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

COUNSELING SITE Lisa Hecht, Christian Counselor for Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, conducts regular office hours right here at St. Peter's School. This service is available to everyone. You will find brochures and information in the Information Center in the narthex. For additional information or to make an appointment, please call 1-800-291-4513 or 608-516-5598.

†1 **Thessalonians 5:18** *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.

Witness: Christmas is a time of great joy. But it also can be a very lonely time of the year. In the birth of His Son, our God reached out to us with His love so that we might reach out to those who are still lonely. Our life with our God is reflected in the way that we care for each other, especially at this time of year.

COME TO WORSHIP Come and join us for Advent and Christmas services. Don’t forget mid-week Advent. Our theme this year is “God’s Saving Love Speaks Comfort and Joy”. 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 20 @ 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23 – No Service

Christmas Eve

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

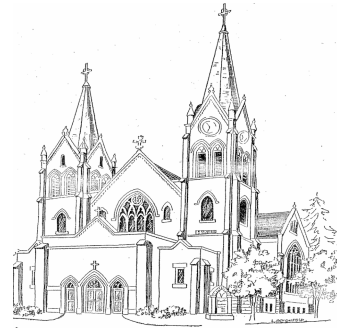
Christmas Day

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. 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. Psalm 18:1-2 (ESV)

THANK YOU to the 150th 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 God. Thanks be to God as we continue to “Build on the Rock of Christ”!

CHRISTMAS EVE CHARITY ENVELOPE will be designated to the Lutheran Counseling & Family Services provided here at St. Peter’s by Lisa Hecht and Cindy Wrucke’s LCMS missions.

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.

HARDSHIP FUNDS ARE NEEDED St. Peter’s continues to help those in need with the gracious gifts that we receive for the Hardship Fund. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please place it in the offering plate marked for “Hardship”. Thank you so much for helping those in need.

