



St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

345 N. Pine Street  
Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959

December 2 & 3, 2023

# ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod – Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Proclaiming JESUS † Savior and Lord † for LIFE

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## FIRST 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!** *We are thankful that you are worshipping with us today! When Holy Communion is offered, guests are asked to speak with the Pastor or an elder and read the statement on the inside of the hymnal before receiving communion. If you require gluten free wafers, please speak to the Pastor or an elder.*

**RADIO BROADCAST** at noon on Sundays on WCNP FM 89.5.

**VIDEO BROADCAST** Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on the Reedsburg Access Channel Wednesday. A link to the service may also be found on our Facebook page and at [stpetersreedsburg.com](http://stpetersreedsburg.com)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** St. Peter's sponsors the Lutheran Hour on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. on WCNP 89.5 FM and is also broadcast at 7:00 a.m. on WRDB 97.3 FM.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK** -No one at this time.

**HOSPITALIZED** If you or your family member have been hospitalized and would like to hear from the Pastor, please contact the church office at 524-4512 or Pastor at 393-0374. Make sure you also direct the hospital to be put on the clergy list. We do not always receive a call when someone has been hospitalized.

## **COME JOIN US!**

Tuesday	1:30 PM	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	11:15 AM	Ladies Aid @ Donnie's
	2:00 PM	Advent Service
	4:00 PM	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	4:00 PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Ladies Choir
Saturday	5:00 PM	Blended Service
Sunday	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE H.C.
		Ladies Choir Sings
	10:15 AM	Special Voters Meeting
	10:15 AM	Sunday School

**VIDEO BROADCAST** is sponsored to the Glory of God in thankfulness of family and friends by Joanne Brandt

**FUNERAL** Stuart Lindloff was called to heavenly home on Friday, November 24, 2023. Funeral services were held on Saturday December 2, 2023. May God grant comfort to the family of Stuart Lindloff in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**CHRISTMAS TREES** are sponsored to the Glory of God in thankfulness of our many blessings!

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**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** On Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a special voters meeting after the service to call a principal. Information is available in the Narthex on the candidates for this position. The candidates who are being considered are; Mrs. Suzanne Dunkin- St. John-Emmanuel-Monroeville, Indiana, Mr. Kevin Meyer-Immanuel-Lewiston, Mn., Mr. Billy Zuelsdorff-Trinity-Wausau, Wis.

Motion to support Shane Anderson in application for and education of Special Ministry Pastor (SMP) as prospective future SMP pastor to Zion Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church in LaValle, Wis. This includes setting aside \$30,000 from the St. Peter's Seminary Fund in the foundation to help in support of his education and ministry as needed.

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**LADIES AID** Our Christmas get together will be at Donnie's on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am. Bring a Christmas tradition memory or a funny story to share. See you there!

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN** packing is scheduled again, thanks to many wonderful donations. We will be packing on Thursday, December 14th beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the school gym. Coffee break at mid-morning and ending with a catered meal at noon. Thanks to all who have volunteered.

**CREATION MUSEUM FUNDRAISER** Help us "light one candle for joy" this Christmas season as the 7th and 8th graders work to fund our trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. Thank you for your generosity and support and for giving our students an opportunity to learn more about God's creation.

<https://glowscentedcandles.com/profile/211426>

**Men's and Ladies Choir** Ladies Choir will be practicing on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. They will be singing on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Men's Choir will be practicing on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**BELL CHOIR** is looking for those who may be interested in joining the Bell Ringing Choir. If you are interested in joining the choir or have questions, please contact Linda Biskupski at 608-415-9908.

### **SILVER BIRCH RANCH WINTER RETREAT**

The sign up dead line for the weekend retreat is December 13th. This retreat is open to both the junior youth and senior youth. January 5-7. Cost is \$175.00 and includes all activities, meals at the ranch, and transportation. Activities include: tubing, broom ball, horseback riding, zip lines, climbing wall and games. Stop by the office if you would like to sign up. For more information contact Miss Paige at

[paigehendrikson@saintpetersls.com](mailto:paigehendrikson@saintpetersls.com)

If you are interested in helping a youth, so they would be able to go to the winter retreat, you can do so by marking an envelope with winter retreat and placing it in the offering plate.

**HARDSHIP FUNDS ARE NEEDED** St. Peter's continues to help those in need with the gracious gifts that we receive for the Hardship Fund. However, funds are very limited. 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.



**The Children's Christmas Service will be held on December 16, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Come and hear as the Children celebrate "The Joy of Christmas"**

**STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS** You will find an envelope as part of your offering envelope packet to be used if you would like to contribute to a gift for our St. Peter's staff in appreciation for their time and talents, they bring to our students every day. Envelopes are also available on the table in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your gift.

**CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS CANDY BAGS** will be given out to students before they begin their Christmas break. An envelope can be found in your weekly packet of envelopes to contribute to the cost. Envelopes are also available on the table in the narthex. Thank you.

**CURIO SHOP** Christmas cards have arrived. Stop by and see what is available for purchase.

**POINSETTIAS** If you would like to provide a poinsettia plant(s) to add to the beauty of our church for the Christmas season, please fill out the enclosed order form and return it to the office or place it in the offering plate. Checks may be payable to St. Peter's Church. Deadline to order is Wednesday, December 13.

**STEWARDSHIP** Jeremiah 23:6 – "And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'" Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, we can do good works for the right reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** There will be NO Sunday School on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>.

**BIBLE CLASS** There will be no Sunday morning Bible Class on December 10<sup>th</sup> with our Special Voter's Meeting taking place.

**Join us for our afternoon Midweek Advent worship at  
2 p.m. on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6 & 13.  
Our Midweek Advent Series  
“PEACE CAME TO EARTH.”**



As Advent leads us to Christmas, we are especially seeking a distinct season of peace. We need a quiet place to rest during this restless time. Year after year, with each Advent season, we wonder if this year will bring a peace that endures. We crave the reassurance that God knows all our needs and will provide for them, not just for these short weeks but for every season.

Often, we grow impatient as we seek peace. Despite knowing the promises of God to provide for us, we might try to find peace on our own. We then define peace according to the ways we seek it. We might imagine that peace comes when we finally have enough of all the things we plan to buy. Or we might look for the perfect place where peace is an undisturbed solitude, the cabin beside a still lake. We might seek peace by escaping memories of the past. Or peace might be an elusive future where everyone does exactly what they should. These are our many ways of defining peace, but sadly, each of these directions could go on and on without ever being fulfilled.

God's peace doesn't send us on an impossible search. God's peace is not an invisible needle buried in a haystack. God's peace is a treasure laid in the straw of the manger. God's peace is the priceless Son of God, born in the stable and laid in plain view for us all. He is the diamond found in the manger's straw. As the Prince of Peace, He is the peace that we seek.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** are available in the narthex. Please pick up a copy and enjoy the devotional readings throughout the Advent Season.

ORDER OF SERVICE  
**PROJECTED**

Organist	Char Hillman
Video	Laura Sillanpaa

Acolytes	
5:00 pm	Grace Thomas
	Logan Jahn
9:00 am	Mason Molitor
	Andrew Stando

**Growing as God's People  
Attendance**

5:00 pm	54
9:00 am	115
Avg Sunday Attendance	202

**Our Gifts to the Lord**

Home	\$5,667.08
Online (\$1,153.20)	
Synod Support	\$629.67
Radio/Video	\$110.00
Thanksgiving	\$1,344.00
Hardship	\$20.20
Mission	\$100.00
Total	\$7,850.75

Weekly home offering  
needed to meet  
Offering Budget  
\$9,135.00