

...the **free**

gift of God

is **eternal life**

in *Christ Jesus*

our **LORD.**

Romans 6:23

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

345 N. Pine Street
Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959

January 7 & 8, 2023

ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod – Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Proclaiming JESUS † Savior and Lord † for LIFE

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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. A link to the service may also be found on our Facebook page and at 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 broadcasted at 7:00 a.m. on WRDB 1400.

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!

Monday	6:00 PM	LWML
	6:00 PM	Board of Christian Education
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Bible Study in Concordia Hall
	4:00 PM	8 th Grade Confirmation
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Quilting
	3:45 PM	7 th Grade Confirmation
	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Jr Youth
Thursday	7:00 PM	All Boards
Saturday	5:00 PM	BLENDDED SERVICE
Sunday	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE
	10:15 AM	Bible Class
		Sunday School

FUNERAL William A. Behn was called to his heavenly home on December 29, 2022, and was given Christian burial on January 4, 2023. May God grant comfort to the family of William Behn in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HARDSHIP FUNDS ARE NEEDED St. Peter's continues to help those in need with our Hardship Fund. However, funds are very limited. If you would like to make a contribution, please place it in the offering plate marked "hardship". Thank You!

SPONSORING RADIO BROADCAST & WEEKLY BULLETIN

If you would like to sponsor the radio broadcast, which also includes the Lutheran Hour broadcast (\$110.00) a video broadcast (\$35.00), the weekly bulletin (cost \$60.00) or flowers on the altar, please sign up on the charts located on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office at 524-4512, ext. 1.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume today, January 8, 2023.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED You will find your envelopes arranged alphabetically in the entrance of the church. If you are not able to locate them, please contact an Elder, Pastor Crolius, make a note on your attendance card or contact the office at 524-4512 ext. 1.

HELP IS NEEDED We are in need of helpers with worship assistance and ushering for communion and greeters. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex for a list of ways you might be able to share your time and talents. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Crolius at 524-4512, ext. 2, Seth Troxel 608-253-3792, at or the church office at 608-524-4512, ext. 1.

STEWARDSHIP Baptism of Our Lord; Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’” God sent His Son into the world to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

LIFE THOUGHTS No conception—human or otherwise—comes about without God’s express will and Word (Psalm 29:9). He intentionally breathes life (Isaiah 42:5) and gives strength (Psalm 29:11) to every member of our race, including those whom others despise (Isaiah 42:3, 7). How could we involve our bodies in death when Jesus has removed us from its dominion (Romans 6:9-11)?

CHURCH DIRECTORY DEADLINE – JANUARY 10

We are looking for pictures of special events that occurred during 2022, pictures of organizations, church boards and a family picture if you were not photographed last spring. Please send photos to stpetersreedsburg@gmail.com no later than January 10 so that they may be included in the directory.

COUNSELING SITE Lisa Hecht, Christian Counselor for Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, conducts regular office hours at St. Peter’s. This service is available to everyone. For additional information or to make an appointment, please call 1-800-291-4513 or 608-516-5598.

CUSTODIAN HELP The Board of Trustees is looking for someone who might be available to perform custodial duties for funerals and weddings. A stipend is paid for your services. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 524-4512, ext. 1.

THANK YOU FROM THE CROLIUS FAMILY

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls, texts, food and concern for my family and I during the Christmas season. Our family like many others was hit with illness during this time which definitely detracted from but didn't take away from the joy of the celebration of the greatest gift given. That is our and our world's only Savior-Jesus! Your heartfelt love shown is greatly appreciated! I also want to say thank you for all the gifts, cards, goodies and encouragement given during this holy season! It is all truly appreciated and a blessing! I pray that each of you will have a healthy and blessed New Year in 2023. The Lord's richest blessings to you and your family!

In Christ,
Pastor Crolius and family

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS

If you or someone you know would like to become a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, learn more about our teachings as a church, or get a refresher on the basics of the Christian faith, this class is for you. I will be starting a class soon in the next couple of weeks. Let me know what times work best for you. I have had the class on Sunday evening, Saturday morning, or a week day evening. For more information, you can contact the church office at 524-4512 or me by email at paulcrolius@ymail.com. I look forward to having you as part of the class.

CALL DECLINED

Dear Members of St. Peter's Lutheran,

This letter is to inform you that your call has been received through the Synodical Board of Assignments. Having prayerfully considered your call, I am writing to report the decline of the call to St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School. Although the decision was difficult, I am convicted that God is calling me to serve in a different congregation. I pray that God continues to bless St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School as you continue to work to fill this roll and further His Kingdom.

May our loving and gracious God bless our efforts in ministry.

In Christ,
Mitchel Busse

Organist	Michelle Crolius
Video Taping	Matthew Ott

Acolytes	
5:00 pm	Emma Schmidt
	Luke Redner
9:00 am	Jake Lichte
	Kinley Skinner

**Growing as God's People
Attendance**

5:00 pm	57
9:00 am	80

Our Gifts to the Lord

Home	\$2,810.70
Synod Support	\$312.30
Christmas Day	\$55.00
New Year's Eve	\$804.00
Birthday	\$20.00
Strong Tower	\$25.00
Youth and Family Ministry	\$30.00
Total	\$4,057.00

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

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Pre-Service Music	
Ringing of the Bell	
Opening Hymn	398
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Old Testament	Isaiah 42:1-9
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Epistle	Romans 6:1-11
Jr Choir 5:00 pm	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
The Gospel	Matthew 3:13-17
Creedal Hymn	
Children's Message	
Hymn Of the Day	405
Sermon	"All For You!"
Text	Romans 6:1-11
Offertory	956
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