

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

345 N. Pine Street Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959 November 25 & 26, 2023

ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

<u>Missouri Synod – Reedsburg, Wisconsin</u> Proclaiming JESUS † Savior and Lord † for LIFE

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Last Sunday of The Church Year

<u>OUR MISSION STATEMENT</u> To make disciples of all people through a faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament.

<u>OUR VISION</u> Connecting all people to Christ and each other through worship, education, service, and fellowship.

<u>OUR PROMISE STATEMENT</u> 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.

<u>VIDEO BROADCAST</u> 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

<u>THE LUTHERAN HOUR</u> 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	2:00 PM	Advent Service	
	4:00 PM	7 th Grade Confirmation	
	4:00 PM	8 th Grade Confirmation	
	7:00 PM	Ladies Choir	
Saturday	5:00 PM	DIVINE SERVICE	
Sunday	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE	
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class	
	10:15 AM	Sunday School	

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are sponsored to the Glory of God by Duane and Shirley Meyer in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary on November 30th, and in thankfulness for all their many blessings.

<u>Radio Broadcast</u> is sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Bill and Ella Zimmerman Sr., brother, David Zimmerman and sister, Lois Laque, by the Zimmerman families.

<u>CALLING OF A PRINCIPAL</u> We give thanks to our principal Roger Tessendorf for his work and service to the Lord. Mr. Tessendorf will be retiring at the end of this school year, after 41 years of faithful service. We are now beginning the call process, and are seeking names of candidates from the congregation. There are nomination forms in the Narthex, or you can stop by the office to pick one up.



There will be NO Sunday School on November 26th, December 24th, 31st.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY St. Peter's School is looking for an individual to work in the kitchen, helping with the hot lunch program. This is a part-time position. If interested, please stop by the office to pick up an application, or for more information call the office at 524-4066 ext. 1.

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.

REEDSBURG AREA HELPING HANDS has just begun its annual Christmas drive, which is an effort to help children of families in need close to home. Please choose a mitten from the tree in the narthex. Shop for the item requested and place it under the tree by Sunday, December 3rd. Please do not wrap the gift and be sure to attach the mitten to the gift. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Corey at 608-901-8975. Thank you!

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

LWML A special thank you to those of you that have made contributions to our Mite Box mission with Lutheran Women in Mission. The Mite Box is always available in the narthex for any contribution. The small boxes are there for you to take home with you. The contributions are applied to the grants that have been selected and divided between the South Wisconsin District, 75%, and the national LWML, 25%.

Special Voters Meeting There will be a special voter's meeting on November 26, in the sanctuary after the 9:00 service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the purchase of new scoreboards for the St. Peter's school gym, with funds coming from the Clarance Puranen memorial.

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.

<u>Men's and Ladies Choir</u> Ladies Choir will be practicing on November 29th and December 6th at 7:00 pm. They will be singing on Sunday December 10th. Men's Choir will be practicing on December 13th and 20th at 7:00 pm.

SILVER BIRCH RANCH WINTER RETREAT

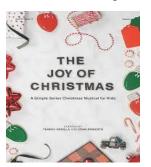
The signup dead line for the weekend retreat is December 13th. This retreat is open to both the junior youth and senior youth. January 5-7. Cost is \$175.00 and includes all activities, meals at the ranch, and transportation. Activities include: tubing, broom ball, horseback riding, zip lines, climbing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

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.

LIFE THOUGHTS Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). May our mouths make the joyful noise (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!

STEWARDSHIP Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith



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"

Join us for our afternoon Midweek Advent worship at 2 p.m. on Nov. 29th, 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.

Organist	Michelle Crolius
Video	Matt Ott

ORDER OF SERVICE
PROJECTED

Acolytes		
5:00 pm	Emma Williams	
	Ian McClure	
9:00 am	Grant Weber	
	Gunnar Dankert	

Growing as God's People Attendance

5:00 pm		45
9:00 am		201
Avg Sunday Attendance		202

Our Gifts to the Lord

Home	\$6,014.31	
Online \$170.00		
Synod Support	\$666.25	
Radio/Video	\$35.00	
Prince of Peace	\$428.26	
Mission	\$20.00	
Total	\$7,163.82	

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