



## St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

345 N. Pine Street  
Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959  
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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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## *Last Sunday of The Church Year*

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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	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	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 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and in thankfulness for all their many blessings.

**Radio Broadcast** 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.

**CALLING OF A PRINCIPAL** 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 26<sup>th</sup>, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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!

**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!

**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 Clarence 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.

**Men's and Ladies Choir** Ladies Choir will be practicing on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 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.



**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	Michelle Crolius
Video	Matt Ott

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