

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

345 N. Pine Street Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959

December 9 & 10, 2023

ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT 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.

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.

<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 -Reedsburg- Joanne Brandt

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.

Organist	Michelle Crolius
Video	Matt Dietz

Acolytes		
5:00 pm Kinley Skinner		er
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9:00 am	Dayne Schult	Z
	Addison Schult	Z

Growing as God's People Attendance

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	114
Avg Sunday Attendance	
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PROJECTED		
Hymns from LSB for 9:00 am		
Opening Hymn	343	
Hymn of Praise	345	
Creedal Hymn	953	
Sermon Hymn	344	
Offertory Hymn	956	

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725

ORDER OF SERVICE

114	Distribution Hymns
201	Clasing Hymn
	Closing Hymn

Distribution Hymns

Our Gifts to the Lord

Home	\$5,530.71
Online (\$1803.49)	
Synod Support	\$529.95
Youth and Family	\$130.00
Staff Gifts	\$50.00
Hardship	\$75.00
Total	\$6,315.66

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

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

COME JOIN US!

Monday	6:00 PM	LWML
	6:00 PM	Board of Christian Education
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
	6:00 PM	Jr. Youth
	7:00 PM	Men's Choir
	8:00 AM	OGT Packing
Saturday	5:00 PM	CHILDREN'S SERVICE
Sunday	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE
	10:15 AM	Bible Class
	10:15 AM	Sunday School

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR, BULETIN, RADIO, AND VIDEO

BROADCAST are sponsored to the Glory of God for the 1st birthday of Watsyn Rae Johnston. By Alan and Darcy Schroeder. Watsyn is the blessed child of Zach and Jordyn Johnston.

<u>CHRISTMAS TREES</u> are sponsored to the Glory of God in thankfulness of our many blessings!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING On Sunday December 10th 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.

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.

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 Choir</u> Men's Choir will be practicing on December 13th and 20th at 7:00 pm.

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" The Church doors will be opened at 4:00 PM

<u>STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS</u> 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.

<u>CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS CANDY BAGS</u> 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.

<u>CURIO SHOP</u> 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 Romans 15:4 – "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction." God's Word was given to us to bless us. The Bible warns us of our sin and points us to Christ for our salvation. The Bible also instructs us how to live out our Christian lives (this is the "third use of the Law"). As Christians, we should welcome this instruction in humble faith. We know that Christ has saved us; now, we want to know how to live lives of faith that are pleasing to Him.

LIFE THOUGHTS John the Baptist prophesied the Gospel of the Kingdom that with Jesus' blessing is always coming (Mark 1:7-8). Even during surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, He is not slow to keep His promises. Instead, He acts patiently, not wishing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Aren't we crying out about it as this generation's voice in the wilderness (Mark 1:3)?

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> There will be NO Sunday School on December 24^{th} , 31^{st} .

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

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER we will have church for those who are able to come. There is no reliable way for us to get the message out to the people of the congregation and community. We ask that you use your best judgment when it comes to inclement weather. If it looks as if you could be harmed in the process of coming to church, please stay safe at home. We understand and more importantly so does God. We will also continue to provide the radio and video ministry so that people can continue to hear the message in these circumstances.

LWML Lutheran Women in Mission meet this Monday evening, December 11 at 6:00 in Concordia Hall. Join us for the Christmas devotion "Blessing of the Manger", games, fun & fellowship. Also, if you have any hygiene items, please bring them. All ladies welcome anytime!

<u>SILVER BIRCH RACH RETREAT</u> if you have any questions about the retreat please reach out to Miss Paige. <u>paigehendrikson@saintpetersls.com</u>