



Abide in my Love...
and Bear Fruit
—John 15:9-17

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

345 N. Pine Street
Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959

May 4 & 5, 2024

ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod – Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Proclaiming JESUS † Savior and Lord † for LIFE

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.*

If you have not been confirmed in one of our sister congregations and would like a blessing, you are welcome to come forward and just keep your hands folded.

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

VIDEO BROADCAST can be viewed Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on the Reedsburg Access Channel. A link to the service may be found on our Facebook page stpetersreedsburg.com., and on YouTube at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Reedsburg.

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.

COME JOIN US!

Tuesday	1:30 PM	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Quilting
	3:45 PM	7 th Gr. Confirmation
	6:00 PM	Jr. Youth
	7:00 PM	Ladies Choir
Saturday	5:00 PM	DIVINE SERVICE H.C.
Sunday	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE H.C.
	10:15 AM	Bible Class/Sunday School
	7:00 PM	Adult Instruction Class

IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE? If you would like to hear from Pastor, please contact the church office at 524-4512 or Pastor at 608-393-0374. 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.

FUNERAL Paul S. Peper was called to his eternal home on Tuesday April 23, 2024, and was given Christian burial on Monday April 29, 2024. May God grant comfort to the family of Paul Peper in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM Blane Robert, son of Corey and Briana (Groskreutz) Huck, will become a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during a private service on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Blane's sponsors are Ashley McCool and Kevin and Staci Huck.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are sponsored to the Glory of God and in celebration of their Confirmation by the 8th grade confirmands.

FLOWERS BY THE LECTERN are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of Eugene and Vickie Gawronski's 50th wedding anniversary (May 4, 1974) by their family.

RADIO AND VIDEO BROADCAST are sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of Arend Harm's 95th birthday by the Harms family.

GOD BLESS OUR CONFIRMANDS

Grace Rose Mary Abbott

Zander Bradley Dehn

Mason James Molitor

Nicole Bridgette Schafer

Luke Allen Redner

Ian Christopher McClure

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to make a personal public confession of faith in our Triune God and a lifelong pledge of faithfulness to Christ.

HARDSHIP FUNDS ARE NEEDED St. Peter's continues to help those in need with the gracious gifts that we receive for the Hardship Fund. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please place it in the offering plate marked for "Hardship".



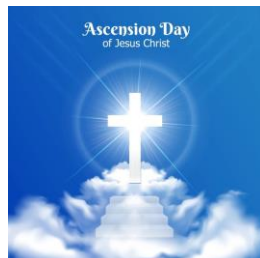
Saturday, May 11th- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 12th- 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class and Sunday School

April 28th- 10:15

a.m.



ASCENSION SERVICE

will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday,
May 9th.

SERVING OUR LORD AND NEIGHBOR There are people who are in need of a ride to church for our worship services. If you would be willing to give rides to church, please call the church office so that we can keep a list of those who are willing to help and the service you generally attend. Thank you for your service to the Lord and your neighbor!

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of St. Peter's Church or perhaps you would like to review the teaching of the church, this class is for you. The class is meeting on Sunday in the 8th grade classroom at 7:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Crolius at 524-4512, ext. 2 if you have any questions.



MISSION WEEKEND will be May 18 & 19, with Rev. Afam Akanih as our guest speaker. He is with Free at Last Prison Ministries in the Milwaukee area in our district.

STEWARDSHIP 1 Timothy 2:5-6 – “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.” To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God fair and square, not only because He created us, but now doubly so because we are ransomed. We belong to God: that’s the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.



NEXT PHASE OF STRONG TOWER PROJECT

Make sure you check out the amazing work being done on the shingling of St. Peter’s Church steeples. The cost of this project is \$280,000.00 At this time, \$36,914.60 has been given in support of the project. Please prayerfully consider

supporting this wonderful project. Thanks be to God who is our Savior and Strong tower always! (Psalm 61:1-4)

SHARE YOUR TALENTS THROUGH MUSIC

Ladies Choir will meet May 8th at 7 p.m. The choir will practice in Concordia Hall. For more information on the choirs speak to Michelle Crolius.

SR. HIGH LOCK-IN will be held June 7th-8th, from 7:00 pm-7:00 am. Permission slips are required.

A big event to look forward to will be the National Youth Gathering in



July of 2025. Those of the age 14-19 at the time of the gathering are able to attend. More information to come, and any questions can be

directed to Paige Hendrikson at paigehendrikson@saintpetersls.com

TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration information has been mailed to our existing St. Peter's School families. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling for next school year, applications may be found online at stpetersreedsburg.com or by contacting the school office at 608-524-4066 ext.

MAY IS PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MONTH Donations of Peanut Butter and Jelly will run through May 31. If you would like to contribute, you may place donations in the boxes in the Narthex. The Reedsburg Food Pantry and those in need will be most grateful.

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.

LIFE THOUGHTS Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one's own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).



Family Devotion

10th Commandment

Readings

1 Samuel 12:1-14

Devotion

David was in trouble. He had done wrong. He had seen a beautiful woman, and he wanted her to be his wife. But there was a problem... she was already married! But David's desire was so strong, he had her husband "accidentally" killed. Rather than supporting God's plan and encouraging Bathsheba to remain a faithful wife, David set himself up as knowing what was best. David thought he knew better than God. When we sin against the Tenth Commandment, that is what we are doing... setting ourselves up as though we were more important than God. The Fourth Commandment reminds us that all those in authority over us are there as God's servants. When we try to get people to come and follow us, to be our worker or spouse, when they already have an employer or spouse, we are saying that God's plan for their lives is not good enough. We are saying that God does not know what He is doing. As with all our sins, when we repent of those sins, when we turn away from those sins and back to God, there is forgiveness, for Jesus sake. Let us pray that God send His Holy Spirit and preserve us from the temptation to covet.

Prayer

God, our heavenly Father, You have given us moms and dads, employers and bosses to be authorities in our lives. Help us to fear and love You so that we see Your plan for our lives, and the lives of others, as You put us under certain authorities for a time. Help us to do Your will, and help us to encourage others to acknowledge the place You have given them under certain authorities. Guard and keep us from thinking we know what is best, and grant us the wisdom and patience to see Your will working for our good in all things. All this we ask and pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Additional Reading

To learn more about this week's topic, try reading the following:

Explanation - pp. 89-90, questions 66-68

Large Catechism - pp. 59 - 62

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Organist	Michelle Crolius
Video	Theresa Braun

Acolytes	
5:00 pm	Gavin Braun
9:00 am	Gunnar Dankert

Growing as God's People Attendance

5:00 pm	53
9:00 am	131
Avg. Weekend Attendance	250

Our Gifts to the Lord

Home	\$5,915.87
Online (\$1,400.09)	
Synod Support	\$657.35
Hardship	\$99.84
Youth & Family	\$140.00
Strong Tower	\$600.00
Total	\$7413.06

**Weekly home offering
Needed to meet Offering
Budget: \$9,135.00**

To support the work of the Lord and His Kingdom, the OFFERING PLATES are set out by the pews as you enter the sanctuary. GIVE + MOBILE- To support the work of the Lord online, your financial support may be given with the GIVE+. Visit the St. Peter's website at stpetersreedsburg.com and click on the GIVE icon at the top of the page. You will be able to give a one-time contribution or set it up to be recurring. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 524-4512, ext. 1. Thank you for your support!