



For the  
grace  
of God  
has  
appeared,  
bringing  
salvation  
to all.

TITUS 2:11, NRSV

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

345 N. Pine Street  
Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959

December 29 & 30, 2018

# ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod - Reedsburg, Wisconsin  
Proclaiming JESUS † Savior and Lord † for LIFE

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## ***FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS***

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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!** *All are asked to sign the attendance card and place it in the plate during the offering. When Holy Communion is offered, guests are asked to read through the statement on the inside cover of the hymnal before receiving communion. If you require gluten free wafers, please speak to the Pastor or an elder.*

**RADIO BROADCAST** can be heard at noon on Sundays on WCNP FM 89.5.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** St. Peter's sponsors the Lutheran Hour on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. on WCNP 89.5 FM.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK** No one to report at this time.

**THE WREATH BY THE PULPIT** is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Milton Krueger by Tim, Tammy, Tarah and TeAnn Harms.

**2019 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES** can be found on the table in Concordia Hall. If you are not able to locate yours, please ask an elder, they will be happy to help.

**Organist:** Michelle Crolius

**Video Taping:** Brandon Crolius

**Radio Monitor:** Phil Rogers

**Acolytes:**

5:00 pm Logan Brown  
Skylar Daniels  
8:00 a.m. Nate Gasser  
Chloe Klitzke  
10:30 a.m. Noah Miller  
Anna Glick

**Growing as God's People**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 75  
8:00 a.m. 96  
10:30 a.m. 62

**Average Attendance 290**

Christmas Eve 489  
Christmas Day 146

**Greeters:**

8:00 a.m. Betty Andreasen  
Mary Schuette  
10:30 a.m. Lisa Pertzborn

**Our Gifts to the Lord**

Home \$ 14,030.80  
Synod Support \$ 1,531.20  
Sunday School \$ 13.69  
Church \$ 765.00  
Restoration  
Christmas Charity \$ 3,728.50  
Christmas Day \$ 3,244.00  
Misc \$ 434.00  
Total \$ 23,747.19

*Funds needed to meet our weekly offering budget.*

*\$10,480.00*

*"Built on the Rock of Christ"*

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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Epistle Colossians 3:12-17

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Children's Message  
**Hymn of the Day 389**  
Sermon: "Put On Love"

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**Closing Hymn 937**

Announcements

**COME JOIN US!**

Monday 7:00 PM New Year's Eve Service H.C.  
Wednesday 1:30 PM Ladies Aid  
4:00 PM Public School Confirmation  
5:30 PM Bells  
6:00 PM Sr & Jr Youth  
7:00 PM Choir  
Saturday 5:00 PM DIVINE SERVICE  
Sunday 8:00 AM DIVINE SERVICE  
9:15 AM Bible Study/ Sunday School  
10:30 AM DIVINE SERVICE

**ROOF REPAIR FUND** The church roof is over 75+ years old and needs replacement. Without replacement, the roof will continue to leak and damage the interior of the church. The Board of Trustees is working on soliciting quotes to replace the roof next year at an approximate cost of \$200,000. If you would like to donate to this project, please mark "Roof Project" on your envelope and place it in the collection plate. Let us figuratively "**BLOW THE ROOF**" off this fund-raising so we can pay cash for this expense! God's blessings to you and your family.

**COUNSELING SITE** Lisa Hecht, Christian Counselor for Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, conducts regular office hours right here at St. Peter's School. This service is available to everyone. You will find brochures and information in the Information Center in the narthex. For additional information or to make an appointment, please call 1-800-291-4513 or 608-516-5598.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN PACKING – Monday, January 7, 2019.** We begin at 8:30 a.m. and finish with a tasty potluck at noon. Thanks in advance for all those who lend a helping hand.

† **Luke 2:38** "And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem." Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

**ADULT INSTRUCTION** Are you or someone you know interested in Adult Instruction Class? This is the class to take if you desire to become a member of St. Peter's Church. Perhaps you yourself would like to review the teachings of our church or find out what we believe according to God's Word. If that is the case, this class is for you. We will begin a new class on Sunday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at the school. For more information, contact Pastor Crolius at 524-4512.

**EVERYDAY EVANGELISM** It is all about recognizing and responding to God-given opportunities to share our faith, each day of our lives.

*1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

*Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Have you thought that you missed, what should have been, a "pretty obvious" opportunity to share God's Word? Have you ever felt that you recognized an opportunity to comfort someone and you simply "didn't know what to say"? We are seeking "God's creatures" who are willing to share their ideas and, through discussion, discover simple yet effective ways to share their faith. Our next meeting will be January 9, at 6:00 pm in Concordia Hall. If you have interest in learning more, please contact Pastor Crolius 524-4512 or Carl Baumgart at 524-9915.

**SPONSORING A WORSHIP SERVICE** If you would like to sponsor the radio broadcast, and also includes the Lutheran Hour broadcast (\$110.00) or a video broadcast (\$35.00), or sponsor the bulletin (cost \$60.00) or flowers on the altar, please contact the church office at 524-4512, ext. 1.

**YOUTH PLANNING MEETING--Sunday, December 30, 11:30 AM**

All are welcome to join the meeting and we are especially looking for those who may like to assist along with others in helping and planning the Youth Program in the upcoming year. We will meet in Concordia Hall.

**YOUTH NEWS...** *Jr. Youth – January 9, 6:00 – 8:00 pm*  
*Sr. Youth – January 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm*

**JANUARY 2, 2019 – 6:00 to 8:00PM Combined Sr and Jr Youth Night!!** This will be my final night with the youth before our family moves to Fort Wayne, Indiana. We will play games, have a devotion, and have pizza/soda/water. With it being a combined youth night, I am looking for some parent volunteers to stay and help assist with the larger group. If interested in helping, please contact me at 608-477-1159 or by email at jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com. Thank you so much for your help and thank you all for your love and support throughout the last few years! It has been an absolute blessing to serve the youth and their families at St. Peter's!! I will miss you all so very much!!

*Jennifer Anderson , Youth Director*

**YOUTH NIGHT** If you would like to team up with those that will be supervising youth nights, please contact Pastor Crolius (524-4512 ext. 2). We would love to have additional helping hands. Thank you

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS & YOUTH:** Please remember **NOT to arrive for Youth Group before the start time. Adult supervision may not yet have arrived and youth should not be left at the school unattended. Thank you.**

**FAREWELL AND GOD BLESS** A reception for Shane and Jennifer Anderson and family will be held on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, between services in Concordia Hall. Please join us as we wish them God's richest blessing.

**LIFE THOUGHTS.....** Simeon had to wait for the consolation of Israel (Luke 2:25). No doubt his unfulfilled longings robbed him of dignity in the eyes of observers. But his extended approach toward death gave uplifting witness to the Lord's relentless faithfulness. Equipped with this greater dignity, Simeon offered even his sufferings as sacrifice to serve the Lord's will and the wellbeing of others. As we also die with Christ, He dignifies our deaths as well. *Ancient of Days, we commend our lives and our deaths into Your hands. Amen.*