

"HE WILL BE
GREAT
AND WILL
BE CALLED
THE SON OF THE
MOST HIGH."

LUKE 1:32



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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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God with memorial funds established in the St. Peter's Foundation.

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK Columbus, WI – Ed Strampe

COME JOIN US!

Monday	8:30 AM	Orphan Grain Train
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Bible Class @ Concordia Hall
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Quilting
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation
	5:30 PM	Bells
	5:30 PM	Chimes
	6:00 PM	Jr Youth
	6:00 PM	Evangelism Meeting
	6:30 PM	Bible Study @ Deitz Design
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	7:30 PM	All Boards
Friday	2:30 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Saturday	5:00 PM	DIVINE SERVICE H.C.
Sunday	8:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE H.C.
	9:15 AM	Bible Study/ Sunday School
	10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE H.C.
	7:00 PM	Adult Instruction Class

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.

THANK YOU to all those who contributed to funds for the children’s candy bags and a gift for the staff. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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 2:21** “*And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.*” There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the Name of Jesus? The Lord saves. That’s who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith in action.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank you for all your cards, food and gifts given during the Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is truly appreciated. It truly is a privilege to serve our gracious Lord and His people at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church and School. May God truly bless each of you with His love now and always! Thank you again.

In Christ,

Pastor Crolius

Dear Friends at St. Peter's,

Thank you so, so much for the farewell party, the cards/gifts, the cake, and all of your prayers. We truly appreciate all of you and feel so very blessed for our church family at St. Peter's. Your words of encouragement and support have meant so much as we start this new journey in our lives. Please know you all are in our prayers and we will be thinking of you so very often. I think Winnie the Pooh said it best when he said, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." We truly are blessed and we will miss all of you so much!! Thank you, again, for all of your love and support. May God bless you always!!

The Anderson's - Shane, Jennifer, Myah, Traven, and Shayna

VACATION Pastor Crolius will be out of the office Saturday, January 5 – Tuesday, January 8. If you are in need of pastoral care while he is away, feel free to call Pastor Anderson at 495-0871 or Pastor Butler at 415-7241. You may also contact the office at 524-4512.

GUEST PASTOR Pastor Steven Thomas will be is our guest pastor this weekend. We thank him for being with us today. May God bless him as he leads us in worship, proclaims the Word, and leads the Bible Study.

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 8th 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 NEWS... *Jr. Youth – January 9, 6:00 – 8:00 pm*

Leaders – Josh Hoege & Scott Peterson

Sr. Youth – January 30, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Leaders – Betsy VanEtten & Dave Dietz

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.

LIFE THOUGHTS..... Epiphany of Our Lord – The Heavenly Father welcomed outsiders into His household at Christmas (Matthew 2:1, 11). He even escorted them toward His nativity and incarnation by an extraordinary gesture. His loving grace held the magi as precious as His own Son, regardless of their origin and location. God’s favor shines the same way upon unborn ones, even in their sometimes-unfavorable circumstances. And His forgiveness embraces all sinners—even those with histories checkered by violence against life.

LWML invites you to join them for the annual “Footsie Mission Drive” during January. Warm footwear would be an awesome gift for anyone that has cold toes. Your gifts of love may be placed in the container that is in the church entryway. They will be delivered to the Safe Harbor Mission on Webb Avenue, right here in Reedsburg. **THANK YOU** for your continued support of the LWML mission projects. The Mite Box is always available for your donations for the many grants that are a part of LWML throughout the world.

A PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES, our Milwaukee area LCMS ministry to pregnant women in need, annual meeting is **Sunday, January 13, 2019**. Area LCMS churches may be represented by one pastor and one lay delegate. Other members, especially APOR volunteers and supporters, are also invited to join in this celebration of life at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, 945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove, WI. The event begins with worship at 3:30 pm, followed by a brief business meeting. A catered meal will be provided at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP at 414-355-5030 or via e-mail at repa@aol.com.

Organist: Char Hillman

Video Taping: Sharon Reimer

Radio Monitor: Phil Rogers

Acolytes:

5:00 pm Andrew Lynch
 Searra Stowers
 8:00 a.m. Hunter Abbott
 Kaleb Hoege
 10:30 a.m. Kaylee Gleash
 Ashtin Phephles

Growing as God's People

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 55
 8:00 a.m. 68
 10:30 a.m. 102
Average Attendance 289

Greeters:

8:00 a.m. Phyllis Schenck
 Ev Klitzke
 10:30 a.m. Eldarene Bowlin
 Betty Andreasen

Our Gifts to the Lord

Home	\$	6,386.89
Synod Support	\$	709.66
School	\$	2,000.00
Sponsorship		
Church Roof	\$	7,020.00
Fund		
Birthday	\$	50.00
Total	\$	16,166.55

*Funds needed to meet our weekly
 offering budget.
 \$10,480.00*

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