

# 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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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**<u>OUR MISSION STATEMENT</u>** 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!** 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.

**<u>RADIO BROADCAST</u>** can be heard at noon on Sundays on WCNP FM 89.5.

**<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. It can also be heard at 7:00 a.m. on WRDB 1400.

### HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK No one at this time

**HOSPITAL VISIT** If you or your family member have been hospitalized and would like a visit from the Pastor, please contact the church office at 524-4512 or call Pastor's cell 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, and Pastor Crolius or Pastor Anderson would be happy to come for a visit.

# COME JOIN US!



In response to the coronavirus emergency, we are actively monitoring and following federal and state recommendations as we take additional health

safety precautions in our facilities and gatherings to reduce exposure risk.

# At this time St. Peter's Lutheran Church will discontinue worship services until further notice.

- Worship services will be available online as follows:
- Reedsburg Utility Access Channel 12 will air on Sunday mornings at approx. 10:30 a.m. and Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
- WCNP 89.5 Radio Sundays at noon
- A link to services can be found on our website at www.stpetersreedsburg.com
- Like us on Facebook page at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

#### NOTE FROM PASTOR

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 Greetings in Christ,

We are in some strange times. I would never have thought we would be at a time when we would not have public services to help prevent the spread of a virus. This is especially a concern for the elderly and those who have health concerns. Having said that, throughout our lives we see and experience times which we would never imagine would occur. On Jan. 2 this year, I would never have thought I would have fallen and injured my ankle. I didn't think there would be a time I would be leading worship while using a knee scooter or crutches. We all have events that occur in our daily lives. In these times, we can feel vulnerable and be filled with questions and anxiety.

So, where do we go for comfort, strength and the encouragement that we need in these times? May we go to the only true source of hope and power to get us through. This is our good and gracious Triune God. In Psalm 46 we are encouraged, "God is our refuge and strength an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way..." In other words, when it appears that the world around us is crumbling and falling apart because of turmoil, virus or whatever it may be, God is the only One who does not change. He is the only One who can bless, deliver and save. He is our Rock and only true source of strength! In Him we find hope and peace in all times and circumstances. We not only have each other but we have our Lord who is with us always and promises to see us through all. Jesus said, "I am with you always even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b) Our Lord has conquered all through His cross and empty tomb. We have nothing to fear because of Him. We are empowered in faith to keep our eyes on Jesus and not on the storms or trials of life. Our devotion and prayer life are our anchors in the storm. We overcome all through Him.

Our faith is being tested at this time. Yet God has further given us a great opportunity that we can grow in faith and trust in Him and be a beacon of hope in our Lord to all. "Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."(Hebrews 12:2) He is our continued strength, comfort and hope now and forever. May He grant that to you now and always in Christ our Lord!

## Pastor Crolius

If you are in need of help or encouragement, please know that the office remains open. The office phone is 524-4512 and Pastor may also be reached on his cell phone at 608-393-0374. Thank you for you continued support. Your offerings to help continue our ministry at St. Peter's may be send by mail or dropped off at the office.

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING** A special voter's meeting was held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at which time the motion was unanimously passed to designate Josiah Schultz as DCE and upon designation to extend a call to Josiah as DCE (Director of Christian Education) at St. Peter's. Since the meeting, Josiah has agreed to designation. Keep him in your prayers for the Lord to guide him as he will now prayerfully consider the call we have extended!

**Please support the Youth & Family Ministry** with a special offering / pledge. Your contributions may be placed in the offering plate, marked; Youth & Family Ministry.

| Our Gifts to the Lord |    |          |
|-----------------------|----|----------|
| Home                  | \$ | 6,573.30 |
| Synod Support         | \$ | 663.70   |
| Lent                  | \$ | 723.35   |
| Youth & Family        | \$ | 30.00    |
| Ministry              |    |          |
| Sunday School         | \$ | 8.00     |
| Misc                  | \$ | 160.00   |
| Total                 | \$ | 8,158.35 |