



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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK No one reported 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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organist: Marie Pierce
Michelle Crolius
Video Taping: Cindy Nellessen

Radio Monitor: Phil Rogers

Acolytes:
8:00 a.m. Joe Coleman
Andrew Lynch
10:30 a.m. Tyler Budnik

Growing as God's People
Saturday 5:00 p.m. 61
8:00 a.m. 95
10:30 a.m. 140
Average Attendance 254

Greeters:
5:00 p.m. Shirley Craker
Ev Klitzke
8:00 a.m. Joanne Brandt
Lois Radtke
10:30 a.m. Eldarene Bowlin
Cheryl Arkin

Our Gifts to the Lord
Home \$ 10,496.10
Synod Support \$ 1,160.41
Sunday School \$ 12.00
Candy Bags \$ 205.00
Staff Gifts \$ 254.00
Misc \$ 203.70
Total \$ 12,331.21

Financial Facts

School Teaching Materials
\$1,350.00 per month

Pre-Service Music
Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn 345
Invocation p. 203
Confession and Absolution p. 203
Introit
Salutation and Collect p. 205
Hymn 338
Old Testament Isaiah 35: 1-10
Review of the Catechism
Epistle James 5: 7-11
Special Music 8:00 Adult Bells
Alleluia and Verse p. 205
The Gospel Matthew 11: 2-15
Apostles' Creed p. 207
Children's Message
Hymn of the Day 349
Sermon: "Rejoice: God Changes
Everything!"
Text: Isaiah 35:1-10
Offering
Offertory 511 vs. 2-4
Prayers
The Lord's Prayer p. 209
Hymn 813
Benediction p. 212
Closing Hymn 515
Announcements

COME JOIN US!

Tuesday	1:30 PM	Bible Study in Concordia Hall
Wednesday	2:00 PM	Advent Service
	4:15 PM	Confirmation Class
	5:30 PM	Bells
	6:30 PM	Sr. Youth
	7:00 PM	Mixed Choir
Friday	4:15 PM	Confirmation Class
		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
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.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Rudy Brandt by family and friends.

TODAY'S BULLETIN is sponsored to the Glory of God by Gil and Linda Biskupski in celebration of their wedding anniversary and in thankfulness for all their many blessings.

THE CHRISTMAS TREES are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah and William F. Sass, Arnold and Arlene Sass, John McDonough Sr. and Robert Meyer by Ellen and John McDonough Jr. and families.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS TO BEGIN Are you or someone you know interested in attending Adult Instruction Class? This class will review the doctrine (teachings) of our church. This is also the class one goes through to become a member of St. Peter's Church. Perhaps you know of a person who would like to join our church, or you yourself would like to review the teachings of the faith. If so, then this class is for you. Classes will meet for approximately ten weeks. For more information, please contact Pastor Crolius at 524-4512 ext. 2

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES will be held each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. thru December 18. What a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of our Lord. Services will air on the Reedsburg Channel 11, at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS are available in regular and large print and can be found on the table in the narthex. Pick up a copy and enjoy the devotional readings throughout the Advent Season.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES have arrived. Please find your packet of envelopes in the entrance of the church. If you need some assistance, please see an Elder. Thank you.

2020 RADIO/VIDEO BROADCAST SPONSORS If you would like to sponsor the radio broadcast, and also includes the Lutheran Hour broadcast (\$110.00) or a video broadcast (\$35.00), please call the office at 524-4512, ext. 1.

2020 BULLETIN & FLOWER SPONSORS If you would like to sponsor the bulletin (cost \$60.00) or flowers on the altar, please sign up on the charts located on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office at 524-4512, ext. 1.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS are once again available through the church office. Cost is \$7.00. Please call or stop by the office to purchase yours. 608-524-4512, ext. 1.

LIFE THOUGHTS.... Advent III – “Put not your trust in princes” (Psalm 146:3a). Neither ought we allow politicians, researchers, or even physicians to decide the purpose, worth, and duration of a human life. They cannot even spare themselves from sin and death, any more than we can. Human survival and salvation belong in the hands of Him who makes and favors each one (Psalm 146:5-7). And we rejoice whenever He enlists the experts—and the rest of us—as His agents!

BIBLE STUDY - “Big Questions Biblical Answers” This is the title of the Bible Study we will begin on Sunday Dec. 8th in Concordia Hall. It is a study to help us go from confusion to clarity with the help of God’s Word. It is also a study to help equip us to share the faith and hope we have in the Lord. Today’s study will explore the question “Why study the Bible?” Please join us and bring a friend as Pastor Croluis leads this study.

† **Advent III - Matt. 11:10** – “**This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’**” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out his disciples to preach “repentance and the forgiveness of sins.” We never outgrow the need for repentance – examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

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.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY ENVELOPE has been designated to benefit the Reedsburg Food Pantry. Thank you for providing funds to help those in need.

SAVE THE DATE!!

LAMP Team & Youth Group

Paint Night – January 25, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.
Tickets may be purchased from Marti Meyer,
Josiah Schultz, or the church office.

Carnival – February 23, 2020



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25 @ 9:00 am

New Year’s Eve

Tuesday, December 31 @ 7:00 pm
w/ Holy Communion