

*He will baptize
you with the
Holy Spirit
and with
fire.*



Luke 3:16

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

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ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Proclaiming JESUS † Savior and Lord † for LIFE

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THE BAPTISM 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.*

WORSHIPPERS, WE WELCOME YOU! Guest and all members are asked to sign an attendance card and place it in the plate during the offering. Guests especially are asked to read through the statement on the front inside cover of the hymnal when Holy Communion is offered. If you have any concerns with a gluten free diet, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

HEARING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT HYMNALS may be found in the usher's cabinet in the back of the church. We are also equipped with a T-Coil neck loop which may connect with your hearing aid. Please ask an usher or an elder for their assistance.

PLEASE out of respect for our Lord, and our neighbor, we ask that you silence and put away your phones during the worship service.

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK Reedsburg – Carolyn Novak,
Madison – Carole Hull

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organist: Michelle Crolus

Radio Monitor: Willie Sass

Video Taping: Todd Halvensleben

Acolytes:

5:00 p.m. Jimmy D'Ambrosio

8:00 a.m. Josh Craker

10:30 a.m. Haley Breidenbach

Greeters:

8:00 a.m. Joanne Brandt

Lois Radtke

10:30 a.m. Jean Gudenschwager

Delores McWilliams

Growing as God's People:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 84

Sunday 8:00 a.m. 113

10:30 a.m. 92

Average Attendance 289

Our Gifts to the Lord:

Home \$ 8,417.00

Synod Support \$ 439.85

Sunday School \$ 4.51

Hardship \$ 380.00

Initial Envelope \$ 490.00

Misc \$ 256.17

New Year's Eve \$ 620.00

Total \$ 10,607.53

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Announcements

OUR MINISTRY TO ONE ANOTHER

Monday 6:00 PM LWML

7:00 PM Board of Education

Tuesday 1:30 PM Bible Study @ Senior Life Center

7:00 PM Bible Study @ The Lueck Home

Wednesday 8:30 AM Quilting

4:30 PM Public School Confirmation

5:30 PM Bells

6:00 PM Jr. Youth

6:45 PM Choir

Thursday 7:30 PM All Boards

Saturday 5:00 PM BLENDED SERVICE

Sunday 8:00 AM DIVINE SERVICE

9:15 AM Family Education

10:30 AM BLENDED SERVICE

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY at Viola Lueck's home will reconvene on January 5, 2016. Study will be, "Go Make Disciples. How? 1. Baptism, 2. Teach. Matthew 28:19-20 from Good News Magazine.

LUTHERAN HOUR You can enjoy the Lutheran Hour Ministry every Sunday at 7:00 a.m. on 1400 AM and again at 11:30 a.m. on 99.7 FM, WRPQ

2016 BULLETIN & FLOWER SPONSORS If you would like to sponsor the bulletin (cost \$60.00), flowers on the altar or a **2016 RADIO/VIDEO BROADCAST SPONSORS** (\$110.00), video broadcast (\$35.00), please call the office at 524-4512, ext. 1.

NEW YEAR LAMP FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join in the fun and fellowship! All ages!! Put us on your calendar for Saturday, January 30th following the 5:00 service in Concordia Hall. Food will be served. More details coming soon.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION Mark your calendars for Friday, January 22nd. We promise you an enjoyable evening of great food and fellowship. Once again the Silent Auction will be filled with something for everyone! Tickets will go on sale after services beginning today!!

LWML invites you to join them in their annual *Footsie Sunday* mission drive the weekend of January 16 & 17. Your gifts this year are being given to the Veterans Equine Trail Service whose goal it is to enrich the lives of veterans suffering from PTSD (Post-traumatic stress disorder) and other issues associated with their time in the service. Contributions of adult size, new or slightly used, winter stockings, caps, scarves, gloves or mittens would be awesome. Your gifts of love may be placed in the containers that are in the church entryway. **Thank You** so much for working with us as together we reach out and touch an American veteran with the warmth of our caring.

SCHOOL NEWS This past Wednesday, we had our first chapel service of 2016. This was, of course, the first chapel service of the month. Something special happens during the first chapel of each month. We celebrate the student's baptism birthday! This is quite special as our baptism reminds us of when we became a child of God just as our birth day makes us children of our parents. Our birthday and our baptism birthday are two very special days in our lives.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2016 St. Peter's Youth will be heading to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in only six months!! The flights have been booked and we are super excited!! But...we need your help! Please stop by and check out our "In Christ Alone" display at the entrance of the Church! There you will find envelopes numbered from 1 to 150. Please grab an envelope based on the amount that you would be willing to give towards our trip. If the envelope has a 5 on it, then the amount of at least \$5.00 can be placed in that envelope, sealed, and then dropped into our decorated box. If the envelope has a 10 on it, then at least \$10.00 would be placed in that envelope and so on. We have 12 youth attending the Gathering and 6 adult leaders will be joining us! Please pray for us as we continue to organize and plan for this event. We are truly thankful for your support and prayers! Parents of the youth attending and adult leaders, please consider paying balance owed or making a payment towards your cost of the trip as we continue to work towards getting all finances in order for the trip. Thank you so much for your help in this!

LWML Join us for our next meeting on Monday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Concordia Hall. Dennis Andreasen will lead us in a Bible study from Revelation centered around the theme.... **Heaven is For Real**. He will also share a portion of a video from Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled "Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation".

LIFELINE SCREENING St. Peter's is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 1/26/2016 in Concordia Hall. Five screenings will be offered. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER we will have church for those who are able to come. There is no reliable way for us to get the message out to the people of the congregation and community. We ask that you use your best judgment when it comes to inclement weather. If it looks as if you could be harmed in the process of coming to church, please stay safe at home. We understand and more importantly so does God. We will also continue to provide the radio and video ministry so that people can continue to hear the message in these circumstances.

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

✠ **Matthew 3:15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Fulfilling all righteousness is not a task we are up to. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism – our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.