



# PETER'S MESSENGER

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
Reedsburg, Wisconsin

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*Proclaiming JESUS Savior and Lord for LIFE*

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends in Christ,

Spring is almost here! Well maybe it doesn't seem like it. As I write this newsletter article, it is only twenty-four more days until it is officially spring. However, as I look outside, I see the snow on the ground. We have also had some cold days. There have been some days in which the children have not been able to go out and play. I long to see warmer days and new life come forth. I look forward to being out in the garden again. Yes, my friends I am getting spring fever in a big way. How about you?

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. It reminds us of new life for God's creation. It is a season in which we remember that God is the giver of all life. He brings forth new life by His almighty power and love. However, thankfully, He not only brings new life to the earth. He has also brought new life for all people through Jesus. All of us, including myself, would have been lost forever in our sin if it were not for God and His wondrous love. In His totally undeserved mercy, God has brought new life for us so that we may live with Him and for Him. He sent forth His only Son to pay for the debt of our sins by dying on the cross in our place. Jesus conquered sin, death and the devil and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning to prove His victory and restore us to God.

All who by God's grace believe in Christ as their Savior have new life and the assurance of our resurrection and eternal life in heaven. In our baptism, we have been washed, cleansed and made children of God. He continues to strengthen us in faith and empower us to live the new life through His Word and Sacraments. He will keep us in His love and faith in Jesus until the day in which all things will be made new. The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

What wonderful things to think about and remember as spring will hopefully soon be evident in our land, even though it may not look like it as of yet. In a greater way, no matter if it may seem like it or feel like it in our life, we certainly do have new and eternal life now in Jesus. We give thanks to the Lord for the new life that is seen in our world and given to us personally in Jesus. For without Him we would have no life, but in Him we have abundant life now and forevermore. These are some comforting things to consider even in the midst of spring fever.

I also encourage all to join us in worship regularly on the weekend, our special midweek services and to get involved in one of our many Bible Studies. May we abiding in Him through His Word in worship and Sacrament ever be enabled to be united in mission and ministry as we follow, trust and proclaim the glorious message of our Victorious Savior to all.

God's richest blessings to you in Christ our Lord,  
*Pastor Paul Crolius*

## **BAPTISM**

Watsyn Johnston, daughter of Zach and Jordyn (Park) Johnston, was baptized on Sunday, February 19, 2023.

## **FUNERALS**

Russel Ihlenfeld died on February 2, 2023, and was given Christian burial on February 7, 2023.

Clarence Purenan died on February 13, 2023, and will be given Christian burial on March 3, 2023.



**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

### **Bible Class at 10:15 a.m. in Concordia Hall**

Worship services will be available online as follows:

- Reedsburg Utility Access Channel 11 will air on Sunday mornings at approximately 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](http://www.stpetersreedsburg.com)
- Like us on Facebook page at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

## **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.

**LADIES AID** will meet on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, following the 2:00 p.m. Lenten Service in Concordia Hall. Bring cookies to share, coffee will be served.

## **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.



Would you like to sponsor the radio broadcast, which also includes the Lutheran Hour broadcast (\$110.00) or a video broadcast (\$35.00) or you may like to sponsor the bulletin (cost \$60.00) or flowers on the altar.

If you would like to help contribute to this wonderful ministry, your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Please sign up on the charts located on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office at 524-4512, ext. 1.

## **YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY**



Youth groups will meet in the school gym with Betsy Stevenson leading the groups.

Sr Youth will meet from 6:30-8:00 pm.  
March 1 & 15

Jr Youth will meet on from 6:00-7:30 pm.  
March 8 & 22



**“Chronicles of the King” is the theme for our Midweek Lent services.** Though we call Jesus King of kings, we often do not focus much on the nature of His kingdom. Today, we begin a Lenten midweek series exploring how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings, who sits upon the throne of David, His father, forever. We will see how the kings in Chronicles point us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises that the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves.

Wednesday, March 1  
2:00 pm Service

Wednesday, March 16  
2:00 pm Service

Wednesday, March 8  
2:00 pm Service

Wednesday, March 22  
2:00 pm Service

Wednesday, March 29  
2:00 pm Service

Maundy Thursday H.C.  
April 6 - 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7  
2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 – No Services

Easter Sunday – April 9  
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Divine Service

**LENTEN SERVICES** will be available on WCNP 89.5 FM Radio and the Reedsburg Utility Access Channel at 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** are available in regular and large print on the tables in the narthex. Pick up a copy and enjoy the devotional readings throughout the Season of Lent.

**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.



## LWML

### “ANYTHING PLANTS EVENT II”

Saturday, May 6, 2023,  
9:00-Noon

Church/School parking lot.

#### ***What is an “Anything Plants Event”?***

Dig up your perennials, divide a house plant, donate seedlings you have started, donate flowers or vegetables from a nursery, donate a hanging plant - anything flower, vegetable, or fruit. Start bringing your plants in a labeled container starting at 9:00 and then take a look to see if you like anything. OR, you do not have to donate anything, but please come to take a plant(s) to add to your home or garden. We are taking a free will donation which will go toward our LWML Mission Grants. Spread the word to your family and friends; anyone in our community can attend and participate. This was a lot of fun and interesting last year raising over \$500.00! Oh, what a difference these plants can make in spreading the Gospel!

If you are unable to bring your plants on May 6, call Julie Thompson @608/495-0474 to make other arrangements.

## LWML

We Lutheran Women in Mission met Monday evening, February 20, at 6:00 in Concordia Hall. Julie Thompson opened with the poem “I am a Christian”

Joanne Brandt then led us in the second part of the Bible study “Lord, Teach Us to Pray” How wonderful for us to have such a powerful and merciful God that we can go to Him in prayer anytime.

We said our League Pledge and the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports were read and approved. Mites donated and sent in this month totaled \$86.77.

## Committee Reports:

Quilters finished and tied 11 quilts. A quilt is being donated for the LAMP Carnival silent auction. Next year, we have been asked and discussed supplying 4 quilts for the South Wisconsin District Fall Rally, to be tied there as a servant event. This is being held on September 29-30 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in WI Dells.

Baptism quilts have been given to Ellie Smith, Avery Reuter, Kayden Novy and Watsyn Johnston.

Health and Hygiene Drive:

Betty reported on the numerous items that were donated to Head Start and they were very thankful.

Julie informed every one of the SWD Leadership Development Workshop on Saturday, March 1, 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church, WI Dells from 9 am - 3 pm. This is open to all ladies. Registration is free; you can sign up at [www.lwml-swd.org](http://www.lwml-swd.org).

We then discussed our upcoming Salad Supper and Prayer Service on April 10 with the Salad Supper at 6:00 pm and the Prayer Service starting at 7:00 pm. We will have pulled pork sandwiches and everyone is asked to bring a salad to share. We will also have LWML Cookies with sherbet for dessert. All ladies are welcome; it is always a very enriching event of prayer and fellowship!

Quarterly orders need to be in by March 15. We will order 10 total and Betty will place the order. There were no birthdays to celebrate for December, January or February.

Julie presented the Mite devotion based on the mission grant “Reaching the Homebound with God’s Word-Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. for \$100,000. Go to [WorshipAnew.org](http://WorshipAnew.org) for more information.

Kathy Reuter served a very tasty schaum torte with berry topping which we enjoyed along with our fellowship together.

In Christ’s service,  
Julie Thompson, Secretary



## **ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS**

by Mr. Tessendorf, Principal

The 2022-2023 school theme  
***"Making Disciples for Life"***  
**Matthew 28:19-20**

*Making Disciples for Life reminds us to evangelize the lost, retain the faithful, strengthen our faith and spread the Good News.*

### **SKATE NIGHT**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the PTL sponsored an evening of free ice-skating event at RACA. A great time was had by all.



### **SOUPer BOWL CAN DRIVE**

Students met the challenge of bringing in 500 non-perishable food items. A total of 577 items were then donated to the Reedsburg Area Food Pantry.

## **NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATION March 5-12, 2023**

**12:45 pm Daily Devotions by Student Leadership**

**Monday, March 6 – Dress like a teacher**

Service Project – Sending Greetings to military and Policeman

**Tuesday, March 7 – Class Theme Day**

Crazy Cup Game with Chapel Buddies

**Wednesday, March 8 - Dress Your Best**

9:00 am Lower Grade Spelling Bee

12:45 – 1:45 Grandparent Day

2:00 pm Lenten Service

**Thursday, March 9 – Neon – Bright Color Day**

Jump Rope For Heart

**Friday, March 10 – Favorite Holiday**

School Clue

**Sunday, March 12**

Teacher Recognition following the 9:00 am church service in Concordia Hall.



## Adoptable Grandparents

We will be celebrating Grandparents during National Lutheran Schools Week. This is a day for grandparents to spend time with their grandchildren at school. Some of our students do not have grandparents who are able to join this celebration. Please let the office know if you are willing to adopt a grandchild for the day. Grandparents Day is March 8th.



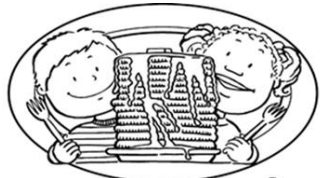
## Faculty and Staff Recognition

We will be recognizing faculty and staff on March 12<sup>th</sup>, following the church service in Concordia Hall. Those with a special anniversary are Mr. Tessendorf (40 years) and Mr. Rogers (30 years). Please come and join us celebrating our faculty and staff.



## Congratulations to St. Peter's Speed Jumpers!!

Heather Nolden (1st gr) , Emily Nolden (3rd gr), Logan Jahn (6th gr) , and Myla Dolan (2nd gr) advanced on to compete in Speed Jump Rope Competition in Bloomer, WI. Emily had a high jump of 45 which qualified her for finals where she placed 5th. Heather had a high jump of 30, Logan 30, and Myla 25. Great Job representing St. Peter's!



Pancake Breakfast

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

**SERVING FROM 7:00 AM – NOON**

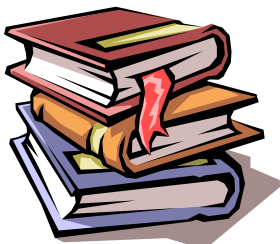
**Treat yourself to an all you can eat hot breakfast!!**

**PANCAKES – EGGS - SAUSAGES – APPLESAUCE - MILK & COFFEE**

**ADULTS: \$8.00 - CHILDREN 4 -12: \$4.00 - and under - Free**

**Tickets are \$1.00 more at the door \* Carry outs available**

## Scholastic Book Fair in St. Peter's School gym



Thursday, March 2      3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 3        3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5        7:30 am - Noon

## Lenten Discipline: Denying the Self



We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts — the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God which pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh, but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

Fasting is a good example of this outward training. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. But you have learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above to discipline the desires of your body.

Another example is almsgiving. An increase in giving to the church and its mission during Lent is also a form of outward training. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is — it leads you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Tim. 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season. – LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

## ***GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!!***

ANNA	GLICK	1-Mar	CLAYTON	PFAFF	9-Mar
EUNICE	LOOMANS	1-Mar	DANIEL	BERBERICH	10-Mar
DRAKE	MURPHY	1-Mar	DUANE	BRANDT	10-Mar
CRAIG	SCHMIDT	1-Mar	JULIE	MILLER	10-Mar
KRISTY	WEBER	1-Mar	RICHARD	LARIDAEN	11-Mar
CONNIE	MEYER	2-Mar	CAELEN	MARKUNAS	11-Mar
DAVID	REINKE	2-Mar	KARLIE	STEFAN	11-Mar
ETHAN	BRAUN	3-Mar	ADELINE	HERRITZ	12-Mar
HEIDI	LARRABEE	3-Mar	POLLY	MEYER	12-Mar
EVERT	MEYER	3-Mar	LONDON	RUIZ	12-Mar
KIMBERLY	SCHYVINCK	3-Mar	DAVID	STEFAN	12-Mar
DORIS	KRUEGER	4-Mar	JASON	BELL Jr	14-Mar
JENNIFER	MARTIN	4-Mar	GREG	FINKEL	14-Mar
CADEN	STOWERS	4-Mar	CRYSTAL	GRACE	14-Mar
JAMES	STOWERS	4-Mar	TRISTAN	OAKLEY	14-Mar
KENNEDY	STOWERS	4-Mar	ZACHARY	SCHULENBURG	14-Mar
ALYRAH	DANIELS	5-Mar	ALLEN	BENSEMAN	15-Mar
MICHAEL	KNITT	5-Mar	CHERYL	CRISAFULLI	15-Mar
STUART	LINDLOFF	5-Mar	SABRINA	DIETZ	15-Mar
BRITTANY	MAURER	5-Mar	AMY	SASS	15-Mar
PAMELA	REIMER	5-Mar	DEBORAH	DICIOCCIO	16-Mar
MATTHEW	FRIEDE	6-Mar	SANDRA	JOHNSON	16-Mar
BRUCE	JAECH	6-Mar	PATRICK	NELLESSEN	16-Mar
ADAM	PRELL	6-Mar	ROGER	TESSENDORF	16-Mar
AVERY	UNBEHAUN	6-Mar	MARION	ZIMMERMAN	16-Mar
MELISSA	BRODT	7-Mar	TREVOR	BAUER	17-Mar
TARAH	HARMS	7-Mar	PATRICIA	BEHN	17-Mar
GRACE	ROGERS	7-Mar	SUSAN	KORKLEWSKI	17-Mar
MICHAEL	RYCZEK	7-Mar	DANIEL	NEHLSSEN	17-Mar
IAN	MCCLURE	8-Mar	SARAH	WILSON	17-Mar
MASON	MOLITOR	8-Mar	ERIC	BAGENSKI	18-Mar
WYATT	STANDO	8-Mar	TARA	HATFIELD	18-Mar
LUCAS	THOMPSON	8-Mar	AUTUMN	HON	18-Mar



ELEANOR	MONTGOMERY	18-Mar	KYLEE	MOLITOR	24-Mar
CODY	SCHARA	18-Mar	MIRIAM	PASKA	24-Mar
CONNOR	KLITZKE	19-Mar	JAMES	SCHULENBURG	24-Mar
ADAM	MUNDTH	19-Mar	LETTIE	SCHULENBURG	24-Mar
HENRY	WESTEDT	19-Mar	JEFFREY	STEVENSON	24-Mar
REBECCA	GADE	20-Mar	MYRA	ESTES	25-Mar
AARON	GERIKE	20-Mar	CHARLOTTE	HILLMAN	25-Mar
LORRAINE	PARCE	20-Mar	ROBIN	KENYON	25-Mar
CINDY	RULAND	20-Mar	DANIEL	MEYER	25-Mar
ELIZABETH	STEVENS	20-Mar	JORDYN	JOHNSTON	26-Mar
CHERYL	ARKIN	21-Mar	RALPH	KLEEBER	26-Mar
MARY	HERRITZ	21-Mar	TYLER	PARCE	27-Mar
WILLIAM	MAURER	21-Mar	LINDA	STRAMPE	27-Mar
ZANDER	UNBEHAUN	21-Mar	LOGAN	YOUNG	27-Mar
CAMBRIE	WILKES	21-Mar	MICHELLE	HARMS	28-Mar
SHARON	REIMER	22-Mar	KASEY	METCALF	28-Mar
NICHOLAS	VANETTEN	22-Mar	LUCILLE	REINFELDT	28-Mar
NICHOLAS	ADELMAN	23-Mar	KELLI	ROTH	28-Mar
MYAH	CHANTELOIS	23-Mar	KIRSTIN	SMITH	28-Mar
LARA	GLICK	23-Mar	COLBY	KLITZKE	29-Mar
AMY	SCHMIDT	23-Mar	MAXWELL	REUTER	30-Mar
LUKAS	ALBRECHT	24-Mar	DAVID	SCHUETTE	30-Mar
CAYLEE	BEYER	24-Mar	BRIANNA	SCHYVINCK	30-Mar
MADELINE	CORBIN	24-Mar	MARCIA	CHRISTENSEN	31-Mar
PAUL	CROLIUS	24-Mar	KIRSTEN	GRACE	31-Mar
ZANDER	DEHN	24-Mar	JOSHUA	KENNEY	31-Mar
SCOTT	HARRISON	24-Mar	AMY	REINECKE	31-Mar
HUNTER	KNITT	24-Mar	SAVANNAH	REINKE	31-Mar
DEBRA	MEYER	24-Mar	CARRIE	STANDO	31-Mar