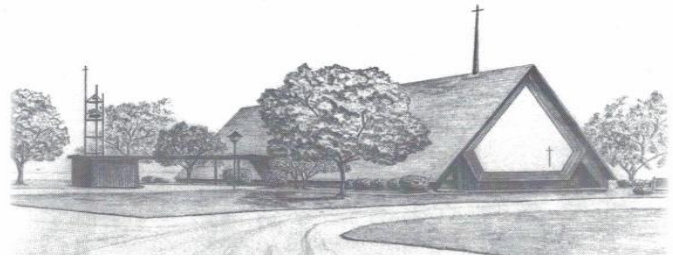


*St. Peter Evangelical
Lutheran Church*

*1708 West 6th Avenue
Brodhead, WI 53520*

4/21/20



Introduction - This is the second mailing that we plan to send to all members/prospects who do not have internet access (every other week) to include announcements and information related to church council action.

Welcome to Our Worship Because of the Corona Virus restrictions there will be no regular gatherings for worship services until the ban is lifted. However, pastor will be at the church from 10:00 AM until noon on Sundays. Bulletins, printed sermons, and Private Communion will be available at that time. May the message of our Lord's never failing love bring you the peace and joy that is to be found in Him alone.

Worship Opportunities - The following WELS area churches will have Sunday sermons and services available online. **If you have internet connections you can access their web sites** - services will be prerecorded so that you can access them at time.

Risen Savior, McFarland

www.risensaviorlutheran.org

Resurrection, Verona/Monroe

www.rlcverona.org

St Matthews, Janesville

www.stmatthewsjanesville.org

If you do not have an internet connection or are unable to view these services – Pastor Hellwig will bring his hot spot and laptop computer on Sundays *so those who want to view one of these services may do so*. We plan to connect the computer to the church's television screen. (We are still limited to 9 people in a room.) Because of this limitation, please let pastor know when you plan to view in advance.

Large Print Bulletin Large print copies of the bulletin/ sermons are available upon request.

Offerings The church council is recommending that for the time being offerings be mailed to the **PARSONAGE** address, where they will be picked up regularly. Some members are dropping them off at the church on Sundays. Please, use checks instead of cash whenever possible and include your offering envelope or NUMBER. The address is: St Peter – Financial Secretary 1708 West 6th Ave., Brodhead, WI 53520.

Prayer Requests Please, remember the following in your prayers:

Those In Care Facilities - Larry Stefanik (Moved to Woods Crossing, E401 23rd St., Brodhead, WI 53520), Olga Wolfe, Ruth Brobst, Roger Theisfedt & Dale Roennenburg – **NO VISITATION PERMITTED.**

In Addition These Shut-ins (self-quarantine) - Marie Denison, Rosemary Graham, Lorraine Neuberger, and Karen Cornell (Now returned home).

Those With Compromised Health - Tad Drain - increased complications with pain; Dana Harper (going for a regular infusion at Mayo next week) after cancer treatments; Don Bucholtz is continuing treatments for cancer; and Alicia Bettenhausen after a successful heart procedure.

Death in the Family Easter Sunday, the Lord chose to call Joyce Powell of Beloit, the mother of our member Brenda Drain, from this world of sorrows at the age of 86 years. Please, keep the family in your prayers as they are experiencing this loss and share your words of encouragement.

Phone calls also would be nice!

Sunday School and Catechism Instruction – At the present time, both are being offered remotely. Sunday School lessons (last week those remaining for the year) have been sent to each family and pastor continues sending catechism lessons to our catechism students on a weekly basis.

Holy Communion - Pastor Hellwig will continue to be available to offer private spiritual counsel and private communion upon request - either at church or at members' homes. Please call in advance.

Hardship - If you are experiencing any unusual hardship related to Covid 19 (or other situation), please don't hesitate to let Pastor Hellwig or any church council member know (We can't help if we don't know.)

Other Notes & News

1. In view of the Governor's extension of the "Safer at Home" order through May, we may not be able to have **worship services in May**. However, there are state plans to open up some areas as warranted by progress in stemming the virus in the state. The **church council will meet in early May** to discuss different options as things begin to open up. We will need further input.
2. **Worship available on-line** through three WELS churches in the area. St. Matthew Lutheran, Janesville
Resurrection Lutheran, Verona/Monroe Risen Savior Lutheran, McFarland
We are working to get sermons and announcements to as many members as possible.
3. **Communication as much as possible by e-mail and internet.** This is our bi-weekly (every other week) publication/ mailing of Church notes & news as well worship helps for those who do not have internet access. (At present, we are sending to 35 member e-mails covering 50 to 60 souls. *(If you have an e-mail but have not shared with St. Peter, please do so – so that we can better reach you!)*)
4. **New Bible Reading/Study series is available on Proverbs** – This study series began on 4/13/20 with the first lesson sheet (Chapters 1-9). A second sheet (Chapters 10-14) was made available by 4/19/20. It offers an introduction and a series of questions for each chapter. It is for home use – for those reading one chapter per day. Printed copies are available at the church and it is listed under sermons on the St. Peter website. Subsequent lesson sheets will be made available weekly. If you would like copies mailed to your home, contact pastor.
4. **Pastor Vacancy-** we have been invited to apply for a new seminary graduate. **Assignment day is scheduled for May 21st** and we will find out at that time if a graduate has been assigned to St. Peter.
The formal request was made to the district this past week.
5. Offerings Report –

Offering for April Through April 19th: General Offering - \$6,295 Scholarship Fund - \$10

	<u>March, 2020</u>	<u>March Year-to Date</u>
OFFERINGS	\$14,174.44	\$24,556.24
EXPENSES	<u>5,069.94</u>	<u>17,995.44</u>
NET GAIN	\$ 9,104.50	\$ 6,560.80
6. The Council recommended we **move Easter Breakfast (canceled) to Mothers' Day** if we are no longer under the ban. *(This will depend on any state restrictions. It is not looking likely now.)*
7. The Council recommended **a "deep clean" of the church** while it is vacant. This was focused on carpet cleaning. (Bob Wegner is speaking with Chris Bettenhausen.) Some of the ladies have offered to assist in spring cleaning in other areas.
8. We are beginning to plan for the **first service back after the pandemic**. The idea – a rededication of the Lord's house. (Your input would be appreciated! Contact a council member or pastor.)

Serving You

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Vacancy Pastor