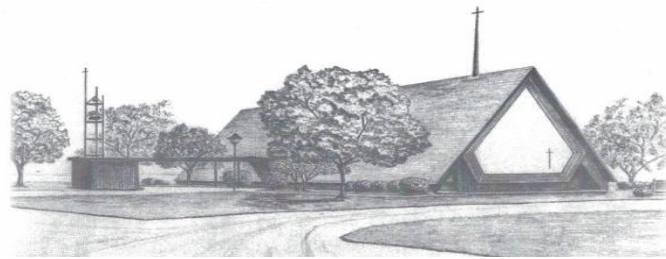


*St. Peter Evangelical
Lutheran Church*

*1708 West 6th Avenue
Brodhead, WI 53520
5/10/20*



Introduction - This is the third of the mailings that we plan to send to all members/prospects who do not have internet access (about 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 Holy Communion will be available at that time. May the message of our Lord's resurrection and his victory over sin and death give you confidence in this challenging time!

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 any 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.

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.

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 Roenneburg – **NO VISITATION PERMITTED.**

In Addition These Shut-ins (self-quarantine) - Rosemary Graham, Lorraine Neuberger, and Karen Cornell (Karen was hospitalized (Room #372) in Stoughton this past week for fluid on the lung) .

Other Shut-Ins: Jack & Sharon Stefanik and Marie Denison

Those With Compromised Health - Tad Drain - increased complications with pain; Dana Harper (received her regular infusion and vaccinations at Mayo last Monday and is doing well) after cancer treatments; Don Bucholtz is continuing treatments for cancer; and Alicia Bettenhausen successful passed the 8 week review after a successful heart procedure.

Surgery: Gary Studer had a second surgery to replace the socket in his new hip this past Wednesday after the ball and socket displaced 5 times. **Phone calls also are nice!**

Sunday School and Catechism Instruction – At the present time, both are being offered remotely. Sunday School lessons (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.

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.)

Notes & News From the 5/7/20 Church Council Meeting

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 have been requests for lifting some of the restrictions that could affect the current restrictions on worship. We will have to see what the Lord has in store.
2. **Holy Communion** - 22 individuals communed (a total of 30 communions) in April, most in the mini-services at St. Peter on Sunday morning. Three (3) shut-ins communed. We will continue to offer communion.
3. **Phone Calls** – Pastor and a number of members are calling those that we are unable to visit to personally encourage them in their faith and include them in our prayers. Perhaps, you have someone who could use a call from you.
4. **Mailings** – In addition to the bi-weekly newsletter, all shut-ins and those with limitations on getting out, are now receiving weekly bulletins and sermons mailed to their homes. Anyone may request the same.
5. **Communication as much as possible by e-mail and internet.** At present, we are sending to 40 member e-mails covering 50 to 60 souls. ***If you have a working e-mail address but have not shared it with St. Peter, please do so – so that we can better reach you! If you have internet and do not need our regular printed newsletter mailings, let us know so we can remove you from our mailing list.***
6. **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. The Fifth in the series (the last) will be available by May 11th. If you would like copies mailed to your home, contact pastor.
7. **Pastor Vacancy**- we have requested 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. Please, keep this call and St. Peter's ministry in your prayers.
8. **Offerings Report** – Current Monthly Budget - \$10,120.

	<u>April, 2020</u>	<u>April Year-to Date</u>
OFFERINGS	\$ 7,062.00	\$31,618.24
EXPENSES	<u>3,942.14</u>	<u>21,837.58</u>
NET GAIN	\$ 3,119.86	\$ 9,780.66

9. **Vacation Bible School** – Due to health concerns and possible restrictions, the church council has canceled the regularly scheduled VBS originally set for early July (with the help from Camp Phillip personnel).

10. The Council recommended **a "deep clean" of the church carpet** while it is vacant. Chris Bettenhausen will be in contact with vendors.

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Vacancy Pastor