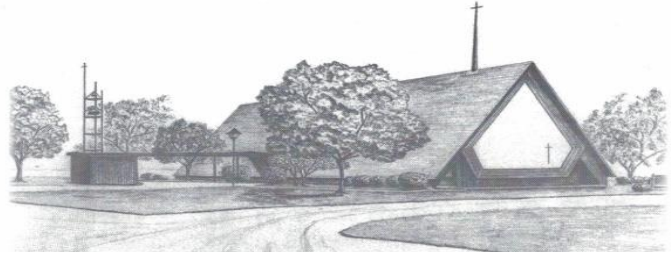


*St. Peter Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
1708 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brodhead, WI 53520  
6/21/20 Newsletter*



**Introduction:** This is the fifth newsletter since the Corona Virus forced us to discontinue our regular Sunday worship and education hour. *On May 31<sup>st</sup> we were able to resume regular worship services at 9:00 am. We have done so encouraging our members to observe the safety guidelines suggested by health officials. Worship attendance at the May 31<sup>st</sup> service was 30 (30 communed) followed by 40 and 38 on the following Sundays. We realize that many still may remain at risk due to health issues and are unable to safely gather. We will continue to seek to serve all our members.*

1) *Members who are at risk* are still able to worship through the *internet worship services* offered by other local WELS congregations.

2) *For those who are unable to make use of the internet services*, we are mailing service folders and sermons on a weekly basis. All shut-ins and others who have requested the printed service and sermons will receive them weekly. *If you would like your name added to the weekly mailings, please, contact your pastor.*

3) If you are still “sheltering in place” and would like to receive private communion, please contact your pastor. Pastor Hellwig will continue to serve the congregation until our new pastor is installed on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The Word:** *“11It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ”. Ephesians 4:11-15*

**Concerning The Pastoral Call/Ordination/Installation:** Christ blesses the Christian Church by sending pastors to serve God’s people. The Divine Call that this congregation has extended to Pastor Tyler Swiderski to serve in the public ministry on your behalf has established him as pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church. The formal entrance upon that ministry customarily occurs through the rite of ordination/installation. There is essentially no difference between ordination and installation. Neither ordination nor installation is divinely instituted. However, the custom has ancient roots in the New Testament church in the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; I Timothy 4:14; 5:22). *The rite continues to serve the following good purposes:* 1) a **public testimony** of the **pastor’s fitness** for the office; 2) a **public confession to pure doctrine** and a **promise of faithfulness** on the part of the pastor; 3) a **public recognition of the call** for the **reassurance** of both **pastor** and **congregation**; and 4) an **intercession by the entire congregation**. May you welcome him as Christ’s representative in your midst. May the name of the Savior be glorified in all we do!

**Planned Ordination/Installation Service:** St. Peter’s new pastor will formally be installed during a special service at 3:00pm on Sunday, July 19, 2020. We will have a guest speaker for this special event and we anticipate that a number of the area pastors will attend to welcome Pastor Swiderski and his wife, Hannah, to the area and to speak a word of blessing. The service will be followed by a fellowship meal at the church. To allow for more room for the fellowship, a large tent will be set to allow us to move outside. The main course for the meal will be purchased. Members are encouraged to bring the remaining dishes. The Ladies Aid will coordinate the efforts for the meal. For more information, contact Karen McKay (608-332-7357) or Joyce Nipple (608-897-4094).

**Notes About Our Regular Worship Services:** There are presently no legal restrictions (Covid-19 related) on gathering for worship in Green County or issued by the State of Wisconsin. However, we have begun **regular worship services with recommended safety measures in place.**

**Social Distancing (Spacing)** – We have marked pews to allow for the recommended 6 feet of spacing between households. Every other pew will be skipped (empty) and we will try to rotate sitting on the ends of pews with the middle (as much as possible) to allow for the recommended separation. (Note that by using every other pew, the pews we use will be 5 ½ ‘ apart.) Ushers will help worshippers find seating.

**Worship Materials** – All service materials (including hymns) will be provided in print for one-time use. (Hymnals have been removed from the pews. You may bring your own hymnal if you have one.)

**Worship Length/Content** – Services will be shortened initially with a more abbreviated liturgy, a sermon and generally only 3 hymns.

**Cleaning/Safety** – All areas that are used each Sunday will be sanitized during the week. Hand sanitizers, cleaning wipes, and masks will be available. (We are not presently using the Fellowship Hall.) Worshippers are encouraged to wear masks but those that are not comfortable with masks are not required to do so.

**Celebrating Holy Communion** – We are celebrating on the normal communion Sundays (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month or when there are five Sundays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays).

We will continue to usher communicants to the fellowship hall in groups of 8 to allow for ‘Social Distancing’. Specific instructions will be given at the services. Those who remain unable to attend regular services may continue to request private communion.

We invite any concerns or suggestions you may have.

**Other Worship Opportunities** – For those who are presently unable to join us for worship the following WELS area churches will have Sunday sermons and services available online. Please continue to make use of these opportunities to hear the Word! **If you have internet connections you can access their web sites** – some services will be live-streamed, others wait until after their service to post them on-line.

Risen Savior, McFarland

[www.risensaviorlutheran.org](http://www.risensaviorlutheran.org)

Resurrection, Verona/Monroe

[www.rlcverona.org](http://www.rlcverona.org)

St Matthews, Janesville

[www.stmatthewsjanesville.org](http://www.stmatthewsjanesville.org)

**If you do not have an internet connection or are unable to view these services** – All shut-ins and those with limited mobility will continue to receive weekly mailings of services, sermons and announcements. If you would like to be added to this weekly mailing, please let pastor know.

**Prayer Requests:** Please remember the following in your prayers:

**Recently Hospitalized:** Larry Stefanik now at Edgerton. Lorraine Neuberger hospitalized briefly and released.

**Those In Care Facilities** - Larry Stefanik and Olga Wolfe **NO VISITATION PERMITTED.**

Roger Theisfedt & Dale Roenneburg - **VISITATION NOW PERMITTED. Call ahead.**

**In Addition These Shut-ins (self-quarantine)** - Rosemary Graham, Lorraine Neuberger, and Karen Cornell (Recovering at home) .

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

**Surgery:** Harley Berra - back surgery soon; Dale Roenneburg cleared for valve surgery (no stints required.)

**Those With Compromised Health** - Tad Drain - complications with pain; Dana Harper is doing well after cancer treatments; Lisa Anderson; and Don Bucholtz – another recent cancer treatment.

**Phone calls also are nice!**

**Large Print Bulletin/Services/Hymns:** Are NOW available for those who have need at worship or for those receiving mailings. Let us know if these may benefit you.

**Holy Communion:** We will be celebrating Holy Communion this coming Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 am service. The Lord invites and encourages us to partake of Holy Communion often to receive the blessing of the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. “This is my body...this is my blood...for the forgiveness of sins!” and “Do this in remembrance of me!” We encourage all of our members who are able to come and receive His blessing!

**Bible Study/Reading Series on the Psalms for Home Use** – This series continues and is available via e-mail or on Sundays in print). It should help you better understand the "big picture". For the next few weeks, you will also receive different types of specific Psalms for your reading/study. The Psalms are a treasure trove for the Christian - worthy to be a part of daily Bible reading! This week – “When I Need Comfort”.

**Offerings:** For those attending services, there is no collection during the service. Offering plates are in the back (narthex). For those unable to join us for regular worship, the church council continues to recommend that offerings be mailed to the PARSONAGE address, where they will be picked up regularly. Please, use checks instead of cash whenever possible and include your offering envelope or NUMBER. The address is: St Peter – Financial Secretary 1708 West 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Brodhead, WI 53520.

**Offerings Report** – Current Monthly Budget - \$10,120.

	<u>May, 2020</u>	<u>May Year-to Date</u>
OFFERINGS	\$ 6,892.75	\$39,910.99
EXPENSES	<u>3,947.09</u>	<u>25,784.67</u>
NET GAIN	\$ 2,945.66	\$ 14,126.32

**Funeral:** Ruth (nee Nenneman) Brobst was called to her eternal rest in heaven on June 7 at the age of 94 years, 10 months and 0 days. The Christian funeral service was held at Greenwood Cemetery on June 11, 2020. Her daughter, Vicki Krattiger and sister, Dorothy Nenneman, and the family would like to thank the congregation for their love and support in their loss at the service and in these last years which were difficult for Ruth. Ruth was a life-long member and served in the past as Sunday School teacher; choir director and in the Ladies Aid. She also was a leader at the local food pantry, “White Gift”.

**Sunday School and Catechism Instruction** – Lord willing, these will resume in the fall with your new pastor!

**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.)

**Communication as much as possible by e-mail and internet - 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!**

**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 help from Camp Phillip personnel).

**Serving You Now**  
(608)577-4825 (cell phone/text )

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**Vacancy Pastor**

**Serving You Starting July 19<sup>th</sup>** **Pastor Tyler Swiderski** (612) 270-2591 (cell phone/text)  
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