

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



**Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Dear Members of St. Peter's,

In a time when everything seems so dire, we are excited to have some good news to share with you that only further proves how God has St. Peter's firmly in His hands. He is continuing to care for His people even during times of uncertainty.

Several months ago, we were contacted by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, seeking our support. They explained that they had multiple students in need of a local placement for their vicarage year with only one congregation willing to take a vicar. To assist with this dire need, we were asked to consider taking a vicar for the 2020/21 academic year. The need was so great that the Seminary also offered to significantly reduce the cost usually charged to participate in this program if we were willing to accept an assignment.

Because we have not had a vicar at St. Peter's in a number of years, this request was very carefully and prayerfully considered. After extensive discussions with our ministry staff and our Director of Finance, it became clear that God was leading us in this direction.

The Board of Directors concurred with our findings and, therefore, approved moving forward with the application for a vicar. Recently, we received word from the Seminary that a placement is most likely to happen during the call service on Wednesday, April 29.

We are thrilled at God's provision for our ministry and are eagerly looking forward to the opportunities He continues to present our congregation. I hope you will all join me in a extending a warm St. Peter's welcome to our new vicar whenever he is able to begin his assignment with us.

In the meantime, you may have questions that we are hopeful will be covered in the FAQ below.

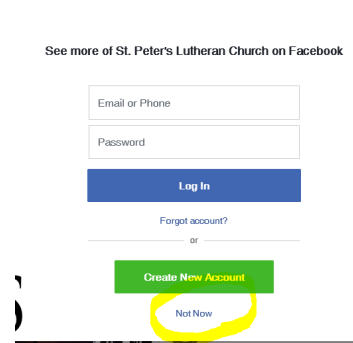
Blessings to you in Christ, our risen Savior,
Pastor Steve

[FAQs re Vicar Assignment](#)

A special page on our website (www.stpetersfw.org) has been created with all the latest information concerning life and ministry during the pandemic. Please check this page often for updates. [Click here to access that page.](#)

Worship

Worship will continue online until further notice. These services can be accessed through our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW). You are not required to have a Facebook account to view the videos. If you go directly to our page, you may get a popup window asking you to create an account. When you see this screen, you can click the "Not Now" button to continue.



[Click here to access the Saturday live stream service.](#)

[Click here to access the Sunday live stream service.](#)

[Click here for a letter from our pastors concerning Holy Communion during this time.](#)

Send Us Photos

As Pastor Steve mentioned last week during worship, we would love it if you would continue to send us photos that we can use every couple of weeks in worship. This time, please send us photos of you with something you have done or created while social distancing. Perhaps you have completed a craft project, finished a puzzle, tried a new recipe, or complete home improvements.

Please email your photos to Michelle Leahy (mleahy@stpetersfw.org) no later than 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 2.

Church Facebook Page

National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7.
The mission of the National Day of Prayer Task Force is to

mobilize unified prayer for America.

Why pray for America?

God is the only hope for America. Prayer taps into God's wisdom, strength, protection and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6.

Please join with thousands of Christians as we pray together for America.

Tithes & Offerings

[Click here to view a video update from one of our Faithfully Forward Campaign Co-Chairs.](#)



Thank you for faithfully supporting your church through your tithes, offerings, and Faithfully Forward pledge payments. There are a variety of ways you can submit your contributions. To view a complete list of options (along with instructions), [click here](#).

You can still mail your offering envelopes to the church office.

We have someone checking the mail daily.
7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815

GivePlus Text

Online giving couldn't be any easier than the GivePlus Text option. By taking a few short minutes to register your account and payment information, you can then give any time by simply sending a text to 833-397-0456 with the amount you wish to give.

[Click here for complete instructions on how to text to give.](#)

Stewardship Corner as of 4/12/20

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Giving	\$66,961	\$871,780
Budget	\$60,531	\$858,223
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6,430	\$13,557*
Loan Balance	\$2,456,762	

*These gifts reflect not only weekly giving but also deposits from an IRA distribution and tithes that are being mailed for a month in advance (to keep postage costs down).

New Online Bible Study

Studying, reading, singing, meditation, reflection, and prayer all of these apply to a Bible devotion.

Pastor McDowell is covering the basics of what a devotion is and how we can use them in our daily lives. It's not too late to join through our St. Peter's Lutheran (Fort Wayne) Bible Study Facebook group on Wednesdays either at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. This study is great for individuals and families alike.

[Click here to access the Bible Study Group.](#)

Children's Corner

Children's Message - Hopefully you all enjoyed the children's message that was added to our worship services these past two weeks. This weekend, Pastor McDowell will deliver the message. He would love your child to have a copy of one or both of the dot-to-dot pages you can download from the link below:

[Jesus Dot-to-Dot 1](#)

[Jesus Dot-to-Dot 2](#)

Children's Bulletin - [Click here](#) to download and print the Children's Bulletin that goes with this weekend's worship service.

Video Sunday School - [Click here](#) to access a video lesson for children. This week's lesson is on how Jesus' Power Calms our Fears.

May Family Devotional Calendar - [Click here](#) to access a devotional calendar to use with your family during the month of May.

Free Lunches - All Fort Wayne Community Elementary Schools pass out lunch/breakfast every day during the week. ANY child from 0-18 can get the meals. The only requirement is that children are with parents when they drive up. Meals are available 10:30-1:30 daily. Again this is for any child regardless if they attend a Fort Wayne Community School or not.

Church Calendar

Saturday, April 25

5:00 pm - Worship Live Stream (Facebook)

Sunday, April 26

10:30 am - Worship Live Stream (Facebook)

6:00 pm - High School Youth Group (Zoom)

Monday, April 27

5:30 pm - Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 22

10:00 am - Pastor McDowell's Bible Study (Facebook)

7:00 pm - Pastor McDowell's Bible Study (Facebook)

[**Click here for a copy of April birthdays.**](#)

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