

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Worship Update

We will resume in-person worship this weekend for those who are comfortable doing so.

There will be four services:

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Monday @ 7:00 pm

Unfortunately, we will not be able to take prayer requests via the prayer cards. If you have a request to include in the prayers, please email them to either pastor (pastorahlersmeyer@stpetersfw.org or pastormcdowell@stpetersfw.org) or text Michelle Leahy at 260-610-1778.

The doors will open 20 minutes prior to each service.

Earlier this week, Pastor Steve sent an email with other important details about in-person worship. If you missed that message, click the link below to read it:

[Email from Pastors re Worship](#)

Also, you can click the link below to view a brief Pre-Service Safety Video that is full of important details for returning to in-person worship.



Live stream worship will continue this weekend and beyond, even once we are able to safely resume in-person worship. We strongly encourage anyone to continue to worship from home if you are over 65, if you have underlying health conditions, or if you are simply not comfortable returning to in-person worship at this time.

These services can be accessed through our Facebook page
(www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW).

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

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

Church Facebook Page

Post-Communion Prayer

Those who wish to receive Holy Communion this weekend as part of in-person worship will be served as you exit the Sanctuary at the end of worship. We recommend proceeding to your vehicle but then saying a quick post-communion prayer for you continue on your journey. A sample prayer is printed below for your convenience.

We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed and strengthened us through this Holy Sacrament, as we have received Your most sacred Body and Blood. Empower us now, through Christ, who comes to us in this Sacrament, so we may now go forth in faith and live lives of service, healing, and love toward You and toward one another; though Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Spring Voter's Meeting

The Spring Voter's Meeting, originally scheduled for May 17, has been postponed until Sunday, June 14, 2020, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Update Vacation Bible School

Like most everything else, we will be making adjustments to our summer VBS plans as well. The Parish Education team is hard at work developing a new hybrid style VBS that is fun



and meaningful for all. Daily lessons and opening/closings will be offered online through video and live stream.

Additionally, each family who registers will have the opportunity to participate in a special car "train" parade to pick up VBS kits on the first day. Your kit will contain all the supplies you need for fun at-home activities as well as any t-shirts that you pre-order. To register for a kit, please contact us via either of the methods below. We will need to know how many children will be a part of your group. Also, t-shirts are \$10 each. If you want to pre-order them, please tell us quantity and sizes. We will contact you to arrange payment.

Email: vbs@stpetersfw.org
Call or Text Michelle Leahy @ 260-610-1778

As long as Indiana progresses as planned for the return to normal activities, by the time of VBS you could consider hosting small VBS groups in your backyard. Do you have neighborhood children that you could invite? Do you have family members that would join you? This could be a great opportunity to reach out to the children around you to share the love of Jesus with them.

This year's VBS will be held on June 28-July 2.

Children's Corner

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.

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday has been rescheduled for June 21. Confirmation will be held in a separate ceremony starting at 2:00 p.m. Seating is limited, so we encourage the congregation to watch the service on the live stream.

Returning of Masks

Thank you to everyone who picked up mask kits this last week! It's amazing how fast they went. And another big thank you to those who have already brought back completed masks. Keep bringing them in! We're hoping to have those available for those who arrive for worship without a mask of their own.

Tithes & Offerings

A Note from Tony Hunt, Advancement Director:

Thank you! I am amazed at how faithful our members have been during this difficult time. If you have not already done so and are able, would you consider sending a percentage of your stimulus check to help St. Peter's continue our various ministries? You can designate these gifts to our general fund, the COVID-19 fund, the building campaign,

or any other area of our ministry that you choose to support. Again, thank you for your generous support!

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.

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**Stewardship Corner
as of 5/10/20**

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Giving	\$39,100	\$951,916
Budget	\$33,160	\$963,513
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,940	(\$11,597)
Loan Balance	\$2,431,559	

Other Ministry Activities

While we will return to in-person worship this weekend, all other ministry events, activities, and meetings will remain on a remote only basis until at least July 4. Only certain essential functions (such as confirmation or the voter's meeting) will be exempted from this.

If your ministry group/team needs help setting up an online meeting, please contact the church office. We are happy to help you get it organized.

Church Calendar

Saturday, May 23

5:00 pm - Worship (In Person & Live Stream)

Sunday, May 24

8:00 am - Worship (In Person)

10:30 am - Worship (In Person & Live Stream)

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

Monday, May 25

7:00 pm - Worship (In Person)

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

Send a Prayer Request

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