

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



A Message from Our Pastors

Blessings in the name of the Lord,
To our beloved congregation, I would like to begin this letter to you with two verses out of the book of Psalms.

*"I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more."* Psalm 71:14

-and-

*"For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever."* Psalm 9:18

These verses remind us that just as Israel was not left without hope, when times were bleak, we too have an assured hope in the Lord. Rather, the light of the Lord shines on the people even when the menacing shadows of uncertainty loomed dark and the future was uncertain. Your staff here at the church and school continue to have hope and pray that God's light will bless you and your families.

During this time of pandemic, we have seen how God gives us hope in the teaching and preaching of His most holy word. That is why we are thrilled to announce we have a new service that will be both fun and engaging. We have designed it to bring God's hope and light to those of you who may have

questions regarding the less understood aspects of what Lutheranism is. We have put together a service that will inspire and enrich you by the answering the questions you have longed to ask. It will be our new Monday evening service called *Stepping Stones*, and it starts October 5 at 6:00 pm. This service will place you on the path to grow in God's word and be blessed with the future He has in store for you.

Click the link below and watch our teaser video about this service. If you like what you see, come, and then let others know what we have in store.

<https://youtu.be/lvHi6zGSKOs>

CONNECT to Christ with Us

Worship Times & Links

In-Person Worship

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Monday @ 7:00 pm

Live Stream Worship

This service can be accessed through our Facebook page
(www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW).

Sunday @ 10:30 pm

[Click here to access this Sunday's live stream service.](#)

Weekend Worship Details

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12

New Testament Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

"What Awaits..."

Pastor McDowell

Voter's Meeting

A Voter's Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2020, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. It will be held in the Sanctuary, and social distancing will be observed. The agenda and supporting documents can be found at the links below. Paper copies can be mailed to you upon request. Simply contact the church office.

[September 13, 2020 Agenda](#)

[Minutes](#)

[Brett Motter Bio](#)

[Brittany Brune Bio](#)

[Church Facebook Page](#)

GROW in His Grace with Us

New to St. Peter's?

You are invited to St. Peter's 101 on Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. We will share information about St. Peter's, its history, its ministry and opportunities, its leaders, and even how to become one of its members. Child care will be provided. For questions or to RSVP, contact Michelle Leahy (mleahy@stpetersfw.org or 749-5816).

STEPS

The world has experienced many changes this year, but the Word of the Lord remains steadfast. There has never been a better time to draw nearer to God as we study His messages to us. An abbreviated version of STEPS will begin on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. and will continue weekly through November 10. There will be one adult class offered in the Sanctuary. This class will also be available via live stream for those studying at home. Sadly, we will not have any children's classes this fall.

God's Hope for God's People

Where do we find hope when all is falling apart? How much longer are we going to suffer? The prophet Isaiah wrestled with these same questions that we do today. In the midst of all the messiness and suffering, he proclaimed the coming of Jesus both at Bethlehem and at the end of time. Join Dr. Ryan M. Tietz of Concordia Theological Seminary as we experience the exciting message of hope in Isaiah that tells us what it means when we say, "I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

Rev. Dr. Ryan Tietz has been teaching Old Testament at Concordia Theological Seminary since 2015. Prior to that, he served as a pastor in Schenectady, New York as well as at multiple congregations in Chicago while he worked on his doctorate at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is currently publishing a book *The Delayed Eschatological Vision: the Theological and Hermeneutical Function of Isaiah 30* as well as working on the Obadiah commentary for Concordia Publishing House. He and his wife Jeanine have two children Isaiah and Amaya who attend Lutheran schools in Fort Wayne.

Junior Confirmation

Confirmation instruction for those not enrolled in our day school will begin with an informational meeting on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Students and parents are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact the church office for important information on class times and format.

Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will be held in person and online starting at 9:15 am. The in person study will be held in the Cornerstone Room. Social distancing will be observed. Online Bible study will be available via live stream at the link below:

[Bible Study Live Stream](#)

Children's Bulletin

Click the link below to download a copy of the Children's Bulletin for this weekend.

Children's Bulletin for September 13

SHARE Him with Others

Senior Saints

The Senior Saints planning team met recently and began the discussion of returning to ministry. One thing was clear; we miss all of you. As we look to the future, we would like to hear from you on your comfort level for in person activities. Please take 2 minutes to complete the brief survey found at the link below:

[Senior Saints Survey](#)

Preschool School Supplies

It is that time of year again. We welcome our preschoolers back to school this coming Tuesday, September 8. How exciting it is to be back in person to make new friends, learn new things, and most importantly share the wonderful news about Jesus. Please pray for our teachers, students and families as we begin a new year.

Our church body is always so supportive, and we are hoping to lean on you once again. Will you consider helping us replenish our shelves? We are in need of Clorox/Lysol cleaning wipes, Crayola Classic Colors markers, bottles of glue, Crayola watercolor paints, Fiskars blunt scissors, and tissues. Monetary donations are also welcome to supply our needs. Please drop off your donation to the Preschool office or place it in the designated box located in the Ministry Center or Narthex. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions you may contact Barb Christian (preschool@stpetersfw.org).

Fall Elections

The Nominating Team is seeking suggestions from the congregation for candidates for the fall election. Candidates are needed for the following positions: Board of Elders, Family Life Team Chair, Parish Education Team Chair, and Social Ministry Team Chair. Although incumbents may run again, it is the intention of the Nominations Team to come up with a slate of candidates. If you have suggestions, please submit names on the church website or by contacting Chair Angie Meyer (ajmeyer5@msn.com or 437-9152).

LWML Collection

Cereal for the Seminary

A great way to show support for the students and families preparing for the ministry. All kinds of cereal: cold, hot, baby and even Pop Tarts and granola bars for an extra treat.

Easy to shop for in-person or to order from curbside pick-up.
Collection baskets are in the North Corridor and Ministry Center.

Tithes & Offerings

There are a variety of ways you can submit your contributions. To view a complete list of options (along with instructions), [click here](#).

Stewardship Corner as of 8/30/20

[Month to Date](#)

[Year to Date](#)

Total Giving	\$89,679	\$161,548
Budget	\$82,515	\$158,325
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$7,164	\$3,223
Loan Balance	\$2,278,619	

A Note from Tony Hunt, Advancement Director:

Thank you for your generosity!

Faithfully Forward Campaign – We hope that you are continuing to pray, “Lord, what do you want to do through me?” Several families have already completed their campaign pledge, thank you. If you have not yet joined us in this effort to eliminate our debt, please consider becoming a part of this team. We truly need everybody’s help to complete the task, and the sooner it is complete, the sooner we can begin to learn where God wants to lead us. Everyone can give a generous gift. It is not about the size of the gift, but it is about what is pleasing to God and what comes from a cheerful heart. For questions about the campaign, please contact Tony Hunt, Director of Advancement (thunt@stpetersfw.org or 222-1291).

Church Calendar

Saturday, September 12

2:00 pm - Foster/Bigelow Wedding
5:00 pm - Worship (In-Person)

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am - Worship (In-Person)
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room & Live Stream)
10:30 am - Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)
Following the service - VOTER'S MEETING (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm - Youth Group Meeting (Parish House)

Monday, September 14

6:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 pm - Worship

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 pm - Middle School Youth Group (School Cafeteria)

Thursday, September 17

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)
9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)
6:30 pm - Board of Directors (Cornerstone Room)

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