

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



CONNECT to Christ with Us

Stepping Stones

Your ministry team has been hard at work designing Stepping Stones, and we wanted to share some of our enthusiasm with you. We did that by publishing four posts this week and another one today to kindle your intrigue about the start of Stepping Stones. If you have not had the chance to read or watch the videos, check out the links below. If after looking at these posts you still have questions about worship, Stepping Stones is a great way to learn more about all that a worship service has to offer.

Monday

[Click here for Why Prayer?](#)

Tuesday

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Wednesday

[Click here for Choosing Readings?](#)

Thursday

[Click here for How do we worship?](#)

Friday

[Click here for Vestments, What Are They?](#)

Worship Times & Links

In-Person Worship

Saturday w/ Communion @ 5:00 pm
Sunday w/ Communion @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Monday w/ Communion @ 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: Isaiah 55:6-9
Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
New Testament Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

~~Amazing~~ SHOCKING Grace"

Text: Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor Steve

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 5:45 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.

Thursday Noon Study

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study will resume (after a long suspension due to the Coronavirus outbreak) beginning Thursday, October 1, from noon to 1 pm. In order to practice social distancing, the class will meet in the Sanctuary. It will also be live streamed via our St. Peter's Facebook page for those who wish to participate at home or elsewhere. We will pick up where we left off in the Gospel of Luke; however, for those who might want to join the study for the first time, this is an ideal time for you to join us as we are beginning a new section in that Gospel.

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 20](#)

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).

LWML Collection

Cereal for the Seminary

Do you have a favorite kind of cereal? Pick up an extra box or two for this collection. Suggestions: all kinds of cereal - cold, hot, baby and even Pop Tarts and granola bars for an extra treat. Easy to select at the store or order from curbside pick-up. Collection baskets are in the North Corridor and Ministry Center.

Voter's Meeting Board Appointments

[List of Board Positions Filled](#)

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 9/6/20

Rejoice and be glad for the faithful giving of our church family!

[Voter's Meeting Budget - Church](#)

[Voter's Meeting Budget - School](#)

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Giving	\$20,830	\$182,378
Budget	\$18,008	\$176,333
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,822	\$6,045
Loan Balance	\$2,278,619	

A Note from Tony Hunt, Advancement Director:

Church & School Endowment Update as of 7/31/2020 Total of all Endowments \$1,584,779

Church Endowment -- \$749,191 -- Managed by the Lutheran Foundation

These funds are used to support major or special projects. Recent projects include the new Preschool entrance, new sound and video equipment for the gym, and lighting in the sanctuary. This past weekend, the voters approved new projectors for the church (currently using the ones from the gym) and improvements to our security system.

Day School Endowment -- \$692,737 -- Managed by the Lutheran Foundation

These funds provide financial aid or technology support. Each year the Lutheran Foundation matches our contributions to the financial aid endowment up to \$150 per student. Depending on enrollment, this match could amount to around \$32,000. In addition to this match, they also grant an equal amount for helping us achieve excellence in education.

Preschool Endowment -- \$142,852 -- Managed by the Fort Wayne Community Foundation

These funds provide financial aid.

Thank You

Member Thank Offerings:

I am thankful for church.
I am thankful for family and friends.
I am thankful for children being able to attend school again.
I am thankful for life and health.
I am thankful to return to church service at church.

Sponsors:

Portals of Prayer 4th Quarter: Cary & Darlene Barron
for their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Portals of Prayer Large Print 4th Quarter: Mike & Debbie Stephan
in memory of their parents

Worship Supplies: Tim & Rhonda Scott
for their 33rd Wedding Anniversary

Would you like to become a sponsor?

Call the Church Office and let us know.

Here are some available right now:

Hopeful Living 4th Quarter (\$150/Quarter)

News & Notes Postage (\$55/Week) - for our members without an email or computer

Worship Supplies (\$25/Week)

Mailed Thank You notes:

Thanks to all that sent cards and memorials for Ralph.
In Christ, Bloria Buhr & family

Dear friends in Christ, Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our seminary, students & families! Without them we would really struggle as a family to face challenges, cover tuition costs and living expenses, and find a balance between work and family time. Thanks for making it possible!
Peter, Rebecca, Annika & Baby

Dear friends in Christ. Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We pray that you have guidance and protection from the Lord. God bless you.
Love, Byoungsun Hwang - Seminary Student

Church Calendar

Saturday, September 19

2:30 pm - Koenemann/Pranger Wedding
5:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion (In-Person)

Sunday, September 20

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion (In-Person)
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room & Live Stream)
9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Church Gym)
10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion (In-Person & Live Stream)
6:00 pm - Youth Group Summer Mission Trip Meeting (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 21

5:30 pm - Preschool Board Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm - Day School Board Meeting (Cafeteria)
7:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion (In-Person)

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 - STEPS (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)
9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)
11:30 am - Ladies Aid - BYO Sack Lunch & Drink (Cornerstone Room)
1:30 pm - Senior Saints Planning Team Meeting (Large Conference Room)
6:30 pm - Shepherding Care Team (Cornerstone Room)
6:30 pm - Tech Team Meeting (Large Conference Room)

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