

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



CONNECT to Christ with Us

(Shown on Right: Altar setup that will be moved to the Gym for Stepping Stones.)



Stepping Stones

We are so proud to bring you a new worship service Monday October 5th at 6:00 PM. This service will be a unique and uplifting way to worship and grow in God's word. Check out this week's videos to see what people have to say and what it's all about. Today's video focuses on your ministry team's reason for why Stepping Stones is important.

[Monday – Rocks and Stones Pictures Needed](#)

[Tuesday – Our Preschool Director talks about Stepping Stones](#)

[Wednesday – Our Principal talks about Stepping Stones](#)

[Thursday – Get to know Stepping Stones](#)

[Friday – Your Stepping Stones Team](#)

We know you have questions about Stepping Stones, and we want to hear them. So, please click the link below to ask your questions.

[Stepping Stones Questions](#)

Worship Times & Links

In-Person Worship

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Monday @ 6:00 pm (Stepping Stones)

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 5:1-4, 7

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

New Testament Reading: Matthew 21:33-44

Sermon

"Where's the Gospel in the Gospel?"

Text: Matthew 21:33-44

Pastor McDowell

Get to know our new Field Worker

[Click here to read all about Jeff Arnold, our new field worker from Concordia Seminary.](#)

Church Facebook Page

GROW in His Grace with Us

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Ladies will resume Bible study on October 13 at 9:30. The class will meet in the Cornerstone Room to allow for social distancing. Our study is entitled, "Esther: Character under Pressure." Although the book of Esther records a story that took place 400 years before Christ, it has relevance to our culture today. It is the story of God's providence and certainly proclaims faith in God's protection of his people.

STEPS

STEPS continues on Tuesday. If you were unable to join us, you can watch the recording on YouTube. Click the link below to access the class.

[Week 1 Class Video](#)

[Week 2 Class Video](#)

Join us at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary or online to learn more about the hope found in the prophecies of Isaiah. Click the link below to access the live stream for week 3.

[Week 3 Class Video](#)

Thursday Noon Study

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study started back up this past Thursday from noon to 1 pm. Join us next week if you are able. In order to practice social distancing, the class will meet in the Sanctuary. It will also be live streamed for those who wish to participate at home or elsewhere. If you missed this Thursday's class, you can access it at the link below:

[October 1 Class Video](#)

[Click here to access the live stream on October 8.](#)

Sunday Bible Study: God Connects

Join us in person for the return to God Connects at 9:15 am on Sunday in the Cornerstone room or watch online through our YouTube channel. If you are watching online, click the link below to access the handout:

[Bible Study materials for God Connects](#)

[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 October 4](#)

SHARE Him with Others

Oktoberfest - HSYG Mission Trip Fundraiser

The High School Youth are eagerly preparing for their mission trip in June 2021 to South Dakota to help the Pine Ridge Reservation. To start raising funds, they are selling Oktoberfest tickets for boxed meals that will be hot and ready on Sunday, October 25 to take home with you. We've altered this event, which usually takes place in the gym, because of COVID.

The Youth will sell tickets for the next 3 weekends before and after each worship service in the Ministry Center. You can also purchase tickets through an option in the Give Now button on our website. [Click HERE to purchase](#). The German themed menu features pulled pork, sauerkraut, German potato salad, green beans, and a chocolate chip cookie all for only \$10 per dinner. The Youth thank you for purchasing these meals, because you are helping them attend the mission trip and learn how God can use them to help others and to speak God's word to those around them.

Annual Donation Day at Concordia Theological Seminary

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Donation Drop Off at the Food & Clothing Co-op 8:00 am - 3:00 am

Chapel Service in Kramer Chapel 10:00 am

LWML Mission Grant Presentation after the service

Coffee on the Upper Plaza 11:00 am

Lunch in Katherine Luther Dining Hall

You are welcome to join us for lunch and have the opportunity to eat with a student or two. Cost \$9.00 per person. Call Katherine Rittner 260-452-2168 for reservations.

Please wear a mask when on campus and follow social distancing guidelines.

LWML Collection

Let's help Team School

Greatly needed in this time of pandemic – child-sized disposable masks, hand sanitizers, disinfecting wipes, and Lysol type sprays (must say disinfecting). Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor. A Compassionate Care Collection of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Did you notice? The "door collection" is now a special offering envelope in your mailed packet. Starting this week and continuing through the month, please use this envelope to support 36 world-wide mission projects voted on by delegates of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. If you give regularly through another means check your envelopes for this special collection. Can't find it? Any envelope marked LWML will do.

News from the Day School

Connie Dierks' Retirement Celebration

Come celebrate what a blessing Connie Dierks has been to our ministry and to Lutheran schools in Fort Wayne over her career. On Sunday, October 18 at the 8:00 am service, we will recognize all her efforts in Lutheran education followed by a reception in the Wildcat Gym which will run until the start of the 10:30 service. Come enjoy fellowship, and give Ms. Dierks thanks and appreciation for all she has done and continues to do for our ministry.

Baked Goods Needed

Calling all bakers! The Fall Festival is in need of your delicious baked goods. Drop off your amazing sweets (packaged to sell) to the school office by Friday, October 23. All proceeds raised from the bake sale will help offset the cost of food for the Fall Festival. Thank you in advance for your help. For questions, contact the school office (260-749-5811 or wildcats@stpetersfw.org).

Fall Festival

Come join us for some family fun! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to this year's Fall Festival. PTL is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat. Decorate your trunk, and let your children safely trick or treat from trunk to trunk. But there is more: hayrides, hot dogs, apple cider, bake sale, and more. This event is free, but a canned food donation is welcomed. All this fun will happen on October 24 from 6-8 pm outdoors near the south church parking lot and Parish House. For questions, contact the school office (260-749-5811 or wildcats@stpetersfw.org).

Pastries with Parents

PTL is sponsoring our Annual Pastries with Parents on Tuesday, October 6 from 7:00-7:45 am in the Wildcat (Church) Gym. Come enjoy a pastry with your kiddos before school. It's a great way to start the day. See you there.

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 9/20/20

Let us rejoice and be glad for our faithful supporters!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Giving	\$57,092	\$218,641

Budget	\$54,025	\$212,350
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,067	\$6,291
Loan Balance	\$2,227,660	

A Note from Tony Hunt, Advancement Director:

The Power of Planned Giving – As Jenny Reith, our Parish Administrator, pointed out in last week's News & Notes, we are in the process of completing some major landscaping projects that were put on hold during the building program. One of the major sources of money that has now allowed us the ability to complete this work came from a planned gift. In the past four years, we have received three estate gifts that ranged from \$50,000 to in excess of \$500,000. In some cases, the donor left instructions on how the gifts were to be used, such as supporting the building fund or being used for financial aid. Others have left the money unrestricted and let the leaders best decide how to use the funds, such as eliminating an outstanding line of credit, building our endowments, and as noted above, property improvements.

If you have already arranged for a planned gift, thank you! Please let us know so that we can work with you to identify the specific areas of ministry that you are most passionate. If you have not, please consider the impact that you can have on sustaining our mission and on future generations here at the church and school. A planned gift can be as simple as putting your favorite ministries in your will or by making St. Peter's one of the beneficiaries on your life policy or retirement plan. Please contact Tony Hunt (222-1291 or thunt@stpetersfw.org) with any questions about planned giving. Also, let us know if you have arranged a planned gift, so that we can add you to the list of supporters that have already let us know of their intentions.

Record Book - September

Baptism: Bryer Chase Hudson (8/23), Lucille Sue Fortney (8/29), Dr. Ben Fortney (8/29)

Adult Confirmation: Cody Waterman, Dr. Ben Fortney

Marriage: Madisyn Monnier & Joseph Pope (8/22), Carolyn Kline & Larry Busche II (8/29)

Release: Kimberly Komosinski and daughter Marisa Komosinski

Deaths: Ray Deck (8/15), George Stieglitz Jr (8/17), Thomas Schuller (8/30)

Church Calendar

Saturday, October 3

5:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion (In-Person)

Sunday, October 4

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)

Monday, October 5

6:00 pm - Stepping Stones w/ Communion (Church Gym)

7:00 pm - Adult Information Class (Cornerstone Room)

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 am - Pastries with Parents (Church Gym)
6:00 pm - School Funding Committee Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
7:00 pm - STEPS (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 8

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)
9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)
12:00 pm - Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm - Ladies Aid Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm - Youth Board Meeting (Large Conference Room)
7:00 pm - Ministry Impact Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

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