

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



CONNECT to Christ with Us

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 45:1-7

New Testament Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

"God is in control!"

Text: Matthew 22:15-22

Pastor Steve

Christian Education Weekend

This weekend we celebrate the blessings of Christian Education. For 165 years, St. Peter's has taught our young people not only the basics, like math and reading, but more importantly the grace and love of Jesus. Special events will be included in both Saturday and Sunday services.

We also recognize the many accomplishments of Connie Dierks and her vocation here as teacher. She began her teaching career later in life at Central Lutheran from 1990-1994 hereafter we so thankfully received her for the next 26 years of her teaching career from 1994-2020. She started teaching Kindergarten, but moved to teaching 3rd, 1st, and then 2nd grade as well. Contemplating these years she delights in speaking highly of all her classes, but had the joy of teaching several classes for 2 and even 3 years in a row during which she created a unique bond she is so thankful to have. Connie says, "I am privileged to have taught at St. Peter's where everyone is like family. These connections to the staff, the parents, and my students are what I will miss the most." Connie attended St. Peter's School herself from 1st-6th grade so when she was called to teach here, she said it was like coming home.

As one chapter closes in St. Peter's history, another begins. This weekend we also install Barb Christian as our Preschool Director. Barb grew up at St. Peter's as well. She was baptized and confirmed in this church. Her first teaching job was 2nd grade at St. John's in Kendallville from 1993-2001. She was excited when the opportunity to work at St. Peter's came in the late Fall of 2002 in our Preschool. St. Peter's is also installing Brittany Brune to our 1st grade class and Brett Motter to our 3rd grade class. Gratitude and thanksgiving of such competent and dedicated staff to our ministry and care of St. Peter's children.

Saturday - We will install Barb Christian as our Preschool Director. We will also introduce and re-dedicate our preschool teachers.

Sunday at 8:00 - We honor the dedicated career of Connie Dierks. A light reception will follow the service in the gym and will continue through 10:15

Sunday at 10:30 - We will install Brittany Brune and Brett Motter and will introduce and re-dedicate our day school teachers.

Church Facebook Page

GROW in His Grace with Us

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Ladies study group will meet Tuesdays at 9:30 in the Cornerstone Room. We will continue our study based on the book of Esther. It is a book about developing godly character in the midst of a culture that does not emphasize doing what is right. Like Esther, we will be reminded that God is still in control.

STEPS

STEPS continues on Tuesday. If you have missed a class, you can find them all on our YouTube channel @ www.YouTube.com/StPetersFW. Join us at 7:00 pm this Tuesday 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 5.

[Week 5 Class Video](#)

Thursday Noon Study

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke continues this Thursday from noon to 1 pm. You can join us in the Sanctuary or online.

[Click here to access the live stream on October 22.](#)

Sunday Bible Study: God Connects

Join us in person for "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 18](#)

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.

This is the final weekend to purchase your tickets 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 the 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.

Rake n' Run

Are the leaves piling up? Need some help? Or maybe you know a member or have a neighbor who could benefit from a servant group to help rake leaves? Click on the link below to sign yourself (or nominate someone) to get on the Rake n' Run list for the Christian Leadership class from Concordia. They'll do their best to get to as many people on the list as possible. Let's give them a good challenge. Sign up ends October 22nd.

[Click HERE to sign up.](#)

Or call the church office to sign up.

Adopt a College Student

Make a lasting connection with a younger generation through the Adopt a College Student program. In a recent Barna Research study, millennials (ages 18-38) were asked if they could identify one individual in their life who believed in them. Sadly, 32% of those surveyed said, "no." The church has a unique opportunity to connect to individuals in this generation to show our love, concern, and support. We believe in them, as a child of God, when perhaps no one else will.

Individuals, families, and small groups can "adopt" one of these students through the link below. You will be asked to pray for and encourage your student throughout the year with simple cards or notes in the mail. Twice a year all adopting families will work together to send care packages prior to finals. For more information, contact Heidi Stratton (438-1535).

[Click here to select a student](#)

Altar Guild

Ladies... Not connecting? Tired of just saying "Hi"? Love worship? Altar Guild ladies love meeting each other and forming new friendships and doing behind the scenes preparation for worship services. Please call Sue (486-2841) now to get started.

LWML Collection

Join the team and help Team School during this time of pandemic - child-sized disposable masks, hand sanitizers, disinfecting wipes, and Lysol type sprays (must say disinfecting) are needed for this October Compassionate Care Collection.

Bridge Progress

The bridge is finally taking shape. Lots of concrete was poured this week.

News from the Day School

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).

Thank You

I am thankful for freedom.
I am thankful for teachers and schools.
I am thankful to be here in person today!
I am thankful for St. Peter's Pastors!
I am thankful for August family birthdays.

Thank you to our Church Sponsorships

Portals of Prayer: **Cary & Darlene Barron for their 50th Wedding Anniversary**
Large Print Portals: **Mike & Debbie Stephan in memory of their parents**
Hopeful Living: **Craig & Jan Hoffman in loving memory of their parents Ernest & Adella Rieke and Lawrence & Erma Hoffman**
News & Notes Postage: **Anonymous Donor**

*If you would like to know how to become a sponsor, please call the church office.

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 10/4/20

With your generous gifts, we continue to live our mission and help our people grow in his Grace.

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue*</u>
Total Giving	\$22,179	\$259,770	\$22,539
Budget	\$18,829	\$249,187	\$41,369
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,350	\$10,583	(\$18,830)
Loan Balance	\$2,227,660		

* To give a more complete picture of our actual financial position, "Other Revenue" includes items like Preschool revenue, Thrivent Choice, sponsorships, memorials, and interest income.

A Note from Tony Hunt, Advancement Director:

Supporting our Youth – To our members that submitted receipts from Rural King purchases during their "Church Week," we received a \$100 check that will be used to support both our middle school and high school youth groups. Thank you!

Kroger Community Rewards - A big thank you to our members and the Kroger Community Rewards program. We received our quarterly donation this past week in the amount of \$439.77. These donations total nearly \$2,000 of additional support for our school. If you are not in the program, please consider joining over 150 families that have linked their Kroger Plus card to the community rewards program in support of St. Peter's. Simply go to <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> and sign up. Our code is listed as WG079 under St. Peter's Lutheran School – Scrip. Any questions, please email thunt@stpetersfw.org.

Church Calendar

Christian Education Weekend**Saturday, October 17**

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

Sunday, October 18

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion (In-Person)

9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room & YouTube)

9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Sanctuary)

9:15 am - Connie Dierks Retirement Reception (Church Gym)

10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion and Installation of Teachers (In-Person & Live Stream)

Monday, October 19

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

6:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting (Staff Conference Room)

7:00 pm - Adult Information Class (Large Conference Room)

Tuesday, October 20

9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)

6:00 pm - School Funding Committee Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

7:00 pm - STEPS (Sanctuary & YouTube)

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

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)

12:00 pm - Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Sanctuary & YouTube)

6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

Friday, October 23

12:00 pm - Klinker/Burchardt Rehearsal

4:00 pm - Klinker/Burchardt Wedding

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