

# 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 - Gym)

#### Live Stream Worship

This service can be accessed through our Facebook page  
([www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW](https://www.facebook.com/StPetersFW)).

Sunday @ 10:30 pm

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

### Weekend Worship Details

#### Scripture Readings

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew  
25:14-30

#### Sermon

"Living with Giving Sacrificially"

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Vicar Nate



### Stepping Stones



What are people saying about Stepping Stones?

"I don't have to talk my kids into going to worship. I just tell them we are leaving, and they jump in the van."

Check out this video to find out more:

[This is Stepping Stones: Family Time](#)



## Thanksgiving Worship

There will be **two opportunities to worship** for Thanksgiving this year. One service will be offered on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday) at 7:00 pm, and the second service will be on Thanksgiving morning (Thursday) at 9:00 am. Join us as we sing to the Lord of harvest and celebrate with traditional songs of the season. Come ye thankful people, come!



## Christmas Eve Worship

In a year of challenges and adjustments, we will need to be creative and flexible for Christmas Eve as well. The Board of Elders and church staff have spent a great deal of time brainstorming and weighing options. There are no easy answers, but the solution needed to meet two criteria:

1. Provide worship opportunities for all who wish to attend in person worship on Christmas Eve, recognizing that overflow seating in the Cornerstone Room or Gym are not terribly festive.
2. Comply with all state and local recommendations for social distancing.

To meet these goals, the Elders have determined we will be using tickets for Sanctuary seating during our Christmas Eve services. Starting next weekend (November 21-23), you can request the number of tickets you will require for the service you wish to attend. The church office will assign seating and mail you tickets. More details and request forms will be shared next week.

The current plan is to offer worship at 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 11:00 pm as usual. As we fulfill ticket requests, we will know if we need to add additional worship times to accommodate everyone.

## Fall Voter's Meeting

The Fall Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 22, 2020, in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The agenda, previous meeting minutes, and supporting materials can be found at the links below:

[November 22 Agenda](#)

[Previous Meeting Minutes](#)

[Fall 2020 Election Candidates](#)

## GROW in His Grace with Us

### HSYG

Our next meeting is November 22 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

### Thursday Noon Study

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke will conclude this Thursday from noon to 1 pm. You can join us in the Sanctuary or online. Pastor will start a new book of the Bible when class resumes in January.

[Click here to access the live stream on November 19.](#)

### 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 November 15](#)

## SHARE Him with Others

### Christmas Decorations

2020 has forced us to change many of our routines. We will do our best to make this year's St. Peter's Christmas better than ever! Please join us November 29 after the 10:30 am service to decorate the church. For questions, contact Ben Clinkenbeard (615-9177).

### Caring for Our Congregation

As the days grow shorter and darker, being shut in will be even harder to deal with this year. Christmas lights may lift spirits for the season, but a note of remembrance and cheer from fellow members might be more lasting. Thanks to those who continued to encourage and support our shut ins all year long. For those of you who missed out, please consider getting a name from the church office and start now. It's never too late!

## **Feeding the Hungry**

### **November Door Offering**

The door offering for the month of November will go to support the Associated Churches Food Bank. Their important ministry has been vital during a time when unemployment numbers were so high. You can make a donation in one of three ways:

1. Place your donation in the door offering envelope in your packet and either drop it in an offering plate or mail it to the church office.
2. Include the donation in your offering and indicate how much is to go to the door offering.
3. Select door offering when making an online donation.

### **Thanksgiving Food Collection**

The holiday season starts with this opportunity to give. Tables will be set up in the North and West Corridor to accept donations of non-perishable food items on Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day. If you are donating from your cupboard, make sure the item is not damaged, opened, or expired.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from receiving a food basket, you may submit name, address, phone number, and number of potential recipients to [Pastor Steve](#) (preferably through email).

Next comes the opportunity to serve. Members of the Social Ministry team and volunteers will gather on Friday morning, November 27, at 9:00 am in the church gym to sort, divide, and distribute the food items collected. With stores offering deals all month long, why not help make Black Friday a little brighter for some deserving families. Please consider volunteering and making this one of your family's Thanksgiving traditions. P.S. - Kids love sorting!

## **Altar Guild**

Thanksgiving produce donations of pumpkins, small gourds, or any vegetable that would keep to help decorate the Sanctuary for our now two Thanksgiving services (Thanksgiving Eve & Day) may be put in the Sacristy behind the baptismal font November 21 – November 25 (in the am). Thank you for helping your church to thank God at all times.

## **Adopt a Family**

LSSI Christmas: As with everything else, the LSSI Adopt a Christmas Family looks a little different this year. We will be donating Walmart SCRIP for two families. It's a win-win for St. Peter's since the church/school will benefit as well from the SCRIP orders. Look for the details and the display beginning Saturday, November 21. Monetary donations may be given in person at the display or mailed to the church office with LSSI especially marked on the check memo line. Thank you for lifting up hands in thanks and praise as you add joy to area families in need.

## **Project Angel Tree and Victims Assistance**

Share your blessings and the joy of the Christmas Season by providing a gift for a child who has been a victim of a crime or whose parent is in prison. Starting November 28 you will have the option of purchasing an item as you have in the past or ordering a gift for a child online. Watch for more details to come.

## LWML Collection

Second Chance Opportunity: The Compassionate Care Collection for St. Peter's school has been extended through November 22. Needed during this pandemic time: child-sized disposable masks, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and Lysol type sprays (must say disinfecting). Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

## News from the Schools

### Kindergarten Drop-In

We are opening our doors on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 6:00 pm to give everyone an opportunity to see what St. Peter's has to offer - the highest-quality education in a caring, nurturing Christian environment. St. Peter's partners with families to provide a Christ-centered education that nurtures faith in Christ, promotes discipleship, develops God-given talents, and encourages academic excellence. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in enrolling their child in our kindergarten or 5 year old program in the coming years. They may call the school office for more information or email [enrollment@stpetersfw.org](mailto:enrollment@stpetersfw.org).



### Preschool Fundraiser

Mmm... cookies! Our preschool is raising money to buy playground equipment, that would help build our students' balance and coordination, along with a few other items to enhance our preschool. This is the perfect time of year to enjoy warm baked cookies. Check out the delicious cookie options at the link below and easily place your order today. We expect orders to arrive during the week of December 7. Once the exact delivery date is available, we will notify you of pick up times.

<https://app.scoreboard.coach/storefront/sales/ITo6cFS5EC4P0Leim7nJg>

### BRIDGE UPDATE

Starting Monday, November 16th, the North property entrance (by the mailbox) will be closed off to all traffic.

They will start the next part of the project which includes the new road connecting to the bridge, a new approach into this parking lot and sidewalks. Expect not to be able to use this entrance for several weeks.

We'll keep you updated as we learn more.



## 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](#). Your sacrificial giving is greatly appreciated!

### Stewardship Corner as of 11/01/20

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$22,389	\$329,192	\$36,016



<b>Budget</b>	\$17,635	\$323,311	\$61,434
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$4,754	\$5,881	(\$25,418)
<b>Loan Balance</b>	\$2,201,557		

### A Note from Tony Hunt, Advancement Director:

**Scrip News** – Order your scrip next week for anything you might need for Thanksgiving. With the church and school offices closed on Thursday and Friday to celebrate Thanksgiving, there will be no scrip delivered that week.

**St. Peter's Preschool Update from Barb Christian, Preschool Director** – Despite the COVID restrictions, our preschool is filled with excitement. Learning through our play-based curriculum, our students light up as they learn about the world around them. Highlights include learning about God in Chapel service, hands on activities, music and song, field trips, art projects, and countless stories and books. Our students build relationships with each other, our teachers & aids and most importantly, Jesus. Many of our students and their families are introduced to Jesus for the first time during preschool. I never tire of watching our students and these relationships grow. We are truly a family.

The Fort Wayne Community Foundation is currently offering us a generous opportunity. Through their 2020 #Giving Tuesday Fort Wayne Challenge, they will match any gift to our preschool endowment by 20%. This match is for all donations through November 22. This endowment provides financial assistance to our preschool families that would not be able to afford this important educational experience otherwise. If you feel it in your heart to help us assist these families, now would be a great time to invest in growing our preschool endowment. Please clearly mark any donations to the preschool endowment fund so that we maximize our match. Any questions or comments should be directed to Tony Hunt, Director of Advancement, [thunt@stpetersfw.org](mailto:thunt@stpetersfw.org).

If you would like to hear more about our amazing preschool, please send me ([bchristian@stpetersfw.org](mailto:bchristian@stpetersfw.org)) your email address and I will add you to our monthly newsletter.

## Thank You

I am thankful for the birth and baptism of our granddaughter Tilly Harris.

I am thankful for my wife!!

I am thankful for family.

I am thankful for a new grandson Zander James Slack.

I am thankful for fun days at the park.

I am thankful for the changing leaves.

I am thankful for the Preschool Endowment.

I am thankful for God's blessings, the staff, and ministry at St. Peter's.

I am thankful for my church.

### We are so thankful for our Sponsors:

- **Cary & Darlene Barron** for their 50th Wedding Anniversary (Portals of Prayer 4th Qt.)
- **Mike & Debbie Stephan** in memory of their parents (Large Print Portals 4th Qt.)
- **Craig & Jan Hoffman** in loving memory of their parents Ernest & Adella Rieke and Lawrence & Erma Hoffman (Hopeful Living 4th Qt.)
- **Joylyne Dickerson** (News & Notes Postage)
- **Anonymous Donor** (News & Notes Postage)
- **Calvin & Beverly Werling** (Annual Flowers)

*(If you'd like to know more about how to become a sponsor, please call the Church Office and we can share further details.)*

*I want to thank the members of St. Peter's for the very generous gift and all the support I received over my 30 years of teaching. I've been so blessed to be a member of St. Peter's my entire life. I grew up at St. Peter's, and I truly believe this is home and you are my family. I cherish all the wonderful memories I have of my students and their families. Thank you to Pastor Steve and Mr. Brune for my recognition. Thank you to Don Goeglein and the Habegger family for taking care of the refreshments. Also, I thank the members of St. Peter's for your unending support. -- Connie Dierks*

*Dear friends in Christ, Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are a new family to the Seminary and have been so blessed by your donations. Thank you for caring and sharing your support in such a tangible way. -- The Sullivan's*

Dear friends, Thank you for supporting the Seminary, its students, and their families! We are continually reminded how God cares for us through the hands of our neighbors like you. We have been richly blessed here and are grateful! Thank you for your generosity. ---  
The Twietmeyers

Thank you to our Indiana District Office for specifically lifting our St. Peter's congregation up in prayers during their staff Bible Study this past Monday. We, in turn, remember the District Office in our prayers as they walk with us to carry out the work of the Kingdom.

## Church Calendar

### **Saturday, November 14**

5:00 pm - Worship with Communion (In-Person)

### **Sunday, November 15**

8:00 am - Worship with Communion (In-Person)  
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room & YouTube)  
9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Church Gym)  
10:30 am - Worship with Communion (In-Person & Live Stream)

### **Monday, November 16**

6:00 pm - Stepping Stones Worship (Church Gym)  
6:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)  
7:00 pm - Adult Information Class (Large Conference Room)

### **Tuesday, November 17**

9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)  
6:00 pm - Calling - Hein (Sanctuary)

### **Wednesday, November 18**

10:00 am - Calling - Hein (Sanctuary)  
11:00 am - Funeral - Carolyn Hein (Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm - Middle School Youth Group (School Cafeteria)

### **Thursday, November 19**

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 & YouTube)  
6:00 pm - Kindergarten/iLEAP Night (School)  
6:00 pm - Property Team Meeting (Staff Conference Room)  
6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting (Cornerstone Room)  
6:30 - Tech Team Meeting (Large Conference Room)

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