

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with both sadness and joy that I share with you that our former associate pastor, Rev. Don Nord, was called home to glory late in the evening on December 3, 2020. To me, Pastor Nord was both a colleague in ministry and a friend. To St. Peter's, he served us faithfully as our associate pastor from 1994 - 2011. Pastor Nord was a very talented man in many areas of life besides being a very good pastor. From his mechanical skills to his love for historical research, Pastor Nord would employ his talents in a variety of ways in service to this ministry. We will deeply miss him, but rejoice that he is with the Lord and in His safekeeping.

Also entering into eternal glory with Pastor Nord on December 3, 2020, was life-long member of St. Peter's, Willard Meyer. Willie was a regular fixture around the church serving in a variety of ways, including his many years in the role as the head trustee of our St. Peter's cemetery.

Please keep both the Nord family and the Meyer family, as well as all other families who have recently lost loved ones, in your prayers. Funeral arrangements for both these men are currently pending.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
– 2 Timothy 4:7

God's peace be with you,

Pastor Steve

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Worship Times & Links

In-Person Worship

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Monday @ 6:00 pm (Stepping Stones - Gym)

Advent Worship Series

Midweek Advent worship continues this Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm both in person and via live stream. This week will focus on favorite Advent traditions.

Live Stream Worship

These services 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.](#)

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

[Click here to access Wednesday's live stream Advent service.](#)

Weekend Worship Details

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

"True Peace"

Text: Mark 1:1-8

Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

Stepping Stones Worship

Now is a great time to check out the Stepping Stones worship service. Not sure what it will be like? Take a look at the video below. Vicar Nate will give you a virtual tour of the service.

[Stepping Stones Tour](#)

This past week we began the season of Advent and talked about the first candle, the candle of hope. Our families practiced doing a family devotion together. This week we will continue our theme of the Advent candles with a discussion on peace.



Christmas Eve Worship

If you plan to worship in person this Christmas Eve, please send in your ticket request form as soon as possible. Both the 5:00 and 11:00 services are nearly full. If you are requesting those services, we would recommend giving a second choice as well.

Services will be offered in person at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 11:00 pm. The 5 & 11 services will be available via live stream.

Paper ticket request forms are available at the church, or you can submit a request online using the Google form found at this link: [Ticket Request Form](#)

GROW in His Grace with Us

Sunday Bible Study: Favorite Advent Hymns

Join us in person for Bible Study at 9:15 am on Sunday in the Cornerstone room or watch online through our YouTube channel.

[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 December 6](#)

SHARE Him with Others

Project Angel Tree and Victims Assistance

We need your help to share the love of Jesus with some of His children this Christmas season.

Virtual Angel Tree

Angel Tree is offering a virtual option for those who would rather not shop for a gift this year. **There are 28 children waiting to receive gifts.** Click on the link below and enter the code "DUTYC" when prompted. There you can make a \$22 donation which will be used to send a \$20 gift card (along with some other items) directly to the child. (You can also send a donation to the church office, and we can process the donation for you.)

[Virtual Angel Tree Link](#)

Traditional Angel Tree

You can sign up for an angel by clicking on the link below. **There are 4 children left.** You will find the list of all the children along with ages, names, and suggested gift items. Gifts should be wrapped and returned to the church by December 13. Please write the child's name and Code# on the gift.

[Angel Tree Link](#)

LSSI Adopt a Family Update

We thank God for all His faithful, generous people at St. Peter's who made the LSSI collection such an overwhelming success! Our two families will feel truly blessed this Christmas with the outpouring of God's love from all of you. Please keep them in your prayers as you continue on your own Advent journey this December.

Senior Saints Christmas Concert

Since we are unable to host our in person Senior Saints Christmas Party this year, we have a special treat planned. We will have a virtual event on Monday, December 14 at 11:30 am. Join us via Facebook live stream for a Christmas devotion with Pastor Bierlein and a Christmas organ concert and sing along thanks to our own Tim Degen. (Note: You do not have to be an official member of the Seniors Saints to watch and enjoy the concert.)

An Opportunity to Offer Time & Talents

The Property Team is lining up volunteers to take a weekend to be on-call to cover sidewalk shoveling and salting around our entrances before & after weekend worship services. The main objective is to keep the walks near each door clear of snow and ice so our members can enter and exit our facility as safely as possible (the major parking lot plowing/salting is already covered).

This is a wonderful family project opportunity if you've been looking for a way to give back together. If this is something you or maybe your family is interested in, please complete the form found at the link below as soon as possible.

[Sign Up Form](#)



Future Wildcat Kindergarten Parents
Coffee Talk
with Mr. Brune
& Mrs. Ehle
Tuesday, December 8th
8:30 am & 12:30 pm



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

School News

Coffee Talk

Join Mrs. Ehle & Mr. Brune on Tuesday, December 8 in the lower level of the church (door #1) for coffee and to learn more about what to expect in Kindergarten. They will share what makes St. Peter's so special and also give you the opportunity to ask questions.

Tithes & Offerings

To view a complete list of giving options (along with instructions), [click here](#).
It is our prayer that you find joy in your giving!

Stewardship Corner as of 11/22/20

| | <u>Month to Date</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>Other Revenue</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Total Giving | \$63,339 | \$370,141 | \$36,016 |
| Budget | \$70,542 | \$376,218 | \$61,434 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$7,203) | (\$6,077) | (\$25,418) |
| Loan Balance | \$2,175,151 | | |

A Note from Tony Hunt, Advancement Director:

The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) – The SGO program is a true partnership between our schools, the State of Indiana, and supporters to provide scholarships to low to middle-income families to make Christian education more affordable. Due to the generous giving of our school supporters, we have awarded 33 scholarships this school year totaling \$44,000 dollars. Thank you! Remember that you will receive a 50% credit of the amount contributed to reduce your state tax liability. Please call (222-1291) or email (thunt@stpetersfw.org) Tony Hunt for information on how to take advantage of this wonderful program.

Scrip News – Consider purchasing gift cards for the holidays through the scrip program. Many vendors offer lower denominations during the holiday season. Check out shop.shopwithscrip.com. If you have not already enrolled, please email thunt@stpetersfw.org for the enrollment code. Last day to order physical cards for Christmas is 2 pm on Monday 12/14, please note this is one day earlier than our normal order schedule of noon on Tuesday. This program is a no cost way to support our school and earn credits to offset the cost of Christian education. Thank you to the many families that are currently using scrip!

Church Records - November

Baptism

Parker Joseph Vachon (10/18); Matilda Louise Harris (11/1); Cooper Jay Bute (12/6)

Marriage

Mary Klinker & Zach Burchardt (10/23)

Transfer In

Denny & Melody Schlie from Promise, Fort Wayne

Deaths

Carolyn Hein (11/7)

Frieda Hieber (11/13)

Jane Hoover (11/28)

Ron Nietert (12/1)

Pastor Don Nord (12/3)

Willard Meyer (12/3)

Church Calendar

Saturday, December 5

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

Sunday, December 6

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

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

9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Church Gym)

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

Monday, December 7

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

Tuesday, December 8

8:30 am - Kindergarten Coffee Talk (Cornerstone Room)

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

1:30 pm - Kindergarten Coffee Talk (Cornerstone Room)

Wednesday, December 9

7:00 pm - Midweek Advent Worship Service (In Person & Live Stream)

Thursday, December 10

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)

7:00 pm - Elders Meeting (Sanctuary)

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