

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)

Short Communion Service

Wednesday, December 23 @ 11 am (Sanctuary)

For those needing the spiritual gifts of Holy Communion, but not ready or able to return to in-person services, you can come to this short 10-15 minute worship service. Masks are required; you can spread out further than 6 feet; there will be no singing; and a short devotion will be read.

Live Stream Worship

These services 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.](#)

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Service - [Click here to access the live stream.](#)

11:00 pm Service - [Click here to access the live stream.](#)

Weekend Worship Details

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Epistle Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

"Great Love"

Text: Luke 1:31-33

Pastor Steve

Stepping Stones Worship

This week we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of love. Join us Monday at 6 pm in the Church Gym for this unique worship setting.

The following Monday, December 28, we have something exciting planned. Check out this video to learn more:

[Click here to watch the video](#)

**Christmas Eve Worship**

The last day to submit a ticket request form online is Tuesday, December 22.

The 11:00 service is now full (but we can take a few names on a waiting list).

The 5:00 service is now full (but we can take a few names on a waiting list).

The 7:00 service is now full (but we can take a few names on a waiting list).

If you are requesting that service, we would recommend giving a second choice as well.

There is plenty of room for the 3 pm service & Christmas Morning service @ 9 am.

No reservations are needed for Christmas Morning.

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.

There will be overflow seating available in the Church Gym for all services if necessary.

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](#)

Adult Bible Study will not be in session Sunday the 27th
 We will resume January 3. Have a Merry Christmas and see you next year in class or on
 YouTube. [youtube.com/StPetersFW](https://www.youtube.com/StPetersFW)

Children's Bulletin

Click the link below to download a copy of the Children's Bulletin for this weekend.

[Children's Bulletin for December 20](#)

SHARE Him with Others

Card Shower for the Wideners

"Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

Thankfully, God knows our needs before we do. That is certainly true of our congregation, especially when thinking of the *Wideners*. He placed *Amy* in the office, adding her talents and caring support to aid in meeting the drastic changes due to COVID. Then He made it possible for her capable husband *Nate* to serve as our vicar, ably assisting our pastors and staff during this overwhelmingly challenging time.

Now with grateful hearts we have the opportunity to tangibly thank God for His gracious provision of these servants in Christ by showering the Wideners with cards expressing our overflowing gratitude. Please join us in this act of love!

If so moved, you are welcome to include a gift card* as well. (Actually, gift cards would be a double blessing since those need not be reported on their taxes.) For those of you who wish to remain anonymous, envelopes will be available in the collection plates for your convenience. Gratitude cards may be placed in the collection plates, given to the office, or mailed to the church. The official "gratitude opportunity" will conclude December 23, but our thanksgiving will continue on in our hearts. To help in your "shopping," below is a list of places the family frequents:

Sweetwater
 Walmart
 Target
 Red Robin
 Best Buy
 McDonald's
 Menards
 Lowes
 Kroger
 Meijer
 Don Hall's
 Kohl's
 Dry Goods
 Macy's
 Hoppy Gnome

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!



Project Angel Tree and Victims Assistance

Thank you all for your generous support. Angel Tree supported 75 children this year and Victims Assistance supported 10 children.

Tithes & Offerings

To view a complete list of giving options (along with instructions), [click here](#).
May we show praise to the Lord through our offerings.

Stewardship Corner as of 12/06/20

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$28,614	\$424,131	\$47,922
Budget	\$24,957	\$424,291	\$81,447
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,657	(\$160)	(\$33,525)
Loan Balance	\$2,175,151		

A Note from Tony Hunt, Advancement Director:

Scrip News – Thank you to everyone ordering for the Christmas season. With school closed and the church office closed for several days over the Christmas and New Year Holidays, scrip purchases will be very limited. However, with the phone app, you can still order downloads and have physical cards shipped directly to your home for a small postage charge. The normal Tuesday – Thursday schedule will resume on January 4. Stay safe and healthy for the holidays!



Thank You

In loving memory of their parents Edmund F Meyer and Ruth Ehle Meyer Wentz, sisters Donnalyn Melcher, Kathy Gerbers, Carolyn Hirsch, and Jacquelin Rekeweg purchased four beautiful benches for the church property. They thought fondly of how much their mother would have enjoyed sitting on them before and after church. The congregation thanks them so much for a fitting tribute and memorial.

Sponsorships:

Portals of Prayer & Large Print Portals Quarter 1

Gloria Nietert in loving memory of Ronald Nietert

Hopeful Living Quarter 1

Jim & Karen Shadle in Celebration of their 56th Wedding Anniversary

Other sponsorships are available for worship supplies, News & Notes Postage, Annual Flowers for the Door 1 Entrance. If you'd like to know more, please call the Church Office.

Letters to the Congregation:

I wanted to say a huge THANK YOU for the generous donation of food and gift cards to our family at Thanksgiving. Ever since Ethan was in the NICU this past May, it seems we've had a handful of circumstances that have rocked our world with deaths and Covid. How comforting to know we have a loving congregation that prays for us and thinks of us during these difficult times. I pray that we can be a blessing to others as you all have been to us. - Julie & Michael Reidt

A special thank you for your continued prayers this past year and a half. I am happy to share I recently had a PET scan and the results read I am CANCER CLEAR!! Treatment has been working, is working, and will prayerfully continue working!! I cannot express how much I appreciate all of your prayers and support through this! Thank you!! - Maranda Ripke

Being a part of the congregation's funerals is my way of thanking the Lord for being in our lives! It's a blessing to Him that I do this ministry service. Thank you Pastor Steve and the entire staff for what you do for all of us on the funeral committee! - Bob Klepper

We at St. Matthew's Food Bank want to thank you for your donation of 530 pounds of food. What a blessing to those in need at such a hard time. Have a safe and merry Christmas!

BECAUSE YOU CARED: 89 Personal Care Kits, 10 School kits, 25 quilts, 12 Baby care kits and 17 masks have been delivered to the Lutheran World Relief pick up semi and are on their way to poverty and crisis areas of our world. Thank you.

Thank Offerings

I am thankful for...

Family and Good Health

Jesus and Family

Family
50th Wedding Anniversary
God's faithfulness during a challenging time
God's great love sent at Christmas
Baby Jesus

Church Calendar

Saturday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 20

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, December 21

5:30 pm - Preschool Board Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm - Stepping Stones Worship (Church Gym)
6:00 pm - Day School Board Meeting (School Cafeteria)

Wednesday, December 23

11:00 am - Socially Distanced Communion Service

Thursday, December 24

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)
3:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship
5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship
7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship
11:00 pm - Christmas Candlelight Worship

Friday, December 25 (Church Office Closed)

9:00 am - Christmas Day Worship Service

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