

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



To our dear Congregation,

We thank each one of you for every encouragement, kind word, cards sent, and acts of generosity to us this past year with all of its challenges and trials. You are a continued blessing to us all. May God grant to you a blessed and joyful New Year.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer, Pastor Adam McDowell, Vicar Nate Widener, Tim, Jenny, Tony, Rhonda, Michelle, Paul, Clarissa, and Amy.

CONNECT to Christ with Us

Worship Times & Links

In-Person Worship

Thursday (New Year's Eve) - 7:00 pm

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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

Live Stream Worship

These services can be accessed through our Facebook page
(www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW).

Sunday @ 10:30 am

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

New Year's Eve @ 7:00 pm

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



Stepping Stones Worship

This past week, we had a fantastic time singing Christmas hymns/carols and celebrating the Christmas season together.

Come see the Gifts of the Wise Men!

This week in Stepping Stones we'll be talking about the journey the Wise Men took and the significance of the Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh they brought to baby Jesus. Join us as we celebrate Epiphany together this Monday at 6:00pm in the Church Gym!

The Congregational Scholarship Update

The Congregational Scholarship that has been on hold due to Covid has been reinstated. Communication, via email and a mailed letter, has been sent to students and parents of the Day School and Concordia Lutheran High School who receive this scholarship. For easy access to the Google Form referenced in the letter use the link below.

[CLICK HERE for the Google Form to Log Livestream Worship](#)

In Person Worship forms are located in the Ministry Center.

Didn't receive the letter or email about the scholarship? Click the link below to update your contact information or email the Church Office at churchoffice@stpetersfw.org.

[Contact Update Form](#)

GROW in His Grace with Us

Sunday Bible Study:

Class will resume this Sunday, January 3 at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone Room and online. We will finish our study on the Advent Hymns.

A new study will begin on January 10 entitled, "The Eager Conversationalist." Lutheran Hour Ministries and the Barna Group have partnered to research the state of Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age. This research has produced powerful insights about the nature of spiritual conversations and has led to two simple, powerful tools for Christians who want to grow in their witness. These tools are presented in two engaging workshops filled with helpful insights, inspiring stories, and practical guidance.

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

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study:

Pastor Steve's Thursday noon study will resume on January 17. All are welcome. Now is a great time to join us as Pastor launches a new study on the book of Hebrews. Class will run from 12-1 in the Sanctuary and via live stream on our YouTube channel (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 27](#)

SHARE Him with Others

Please note the church office will be closed on December 31-January 1. If you have an offering you would like included for your 2020 taxes while the church office is closed, feel free to send it in the mail. As long as it is postmarked by 12/31, it will be included in your 2020 giving.

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.

[Snow Patrol Sign-Up Form](#)

Mission News

Yes, there is life after Christmas! As we look to the Epiphany Season which begins on January 6, we focus on the reason Jesus came—to be a light to Israel and the Gentiles.

Just last January we welcomed St. Peter's Missionary in Uruguay. Rev. James Sharp was here in person to tell us about the great need to bring the light of Christ to a dark atheistic nation. We celebrated his work with a "Taste of Uruguay," and St. Peter's responded with a commitment to support the work of Rev. Sharp and his family in Uruguay.

Thanks to your faithful mission-minded contributions throughout the past year, St. Peter's was able to provide a significant portion of Pastor Sharp's salary through the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

This year Pastor Sharp cannot be with us in person, but we will be learning more about Christ's light shining on Uruguay as part of our January Mission Emphasis. Look forward to the New & Notes articles and worship services in the weeks to come.

Tithes & Offerings

To view a complete list of giving options (along with instructions), [click here](#).

Stewardship Corner as of 12/20/20

Thank you and enjoy the Holiday Season!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$72,694	\$468,211	\$47,922
Budget	\$74,872	\$474,206	\$81,447
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(2,178)	(\$5,995)	(\$33,525)
Loan Balance	\$2,048,674		

Church Calendar

Thursday, December 31 (Church Office Closed)

7:00 pm - New Year's Eve Worship (In Person)

Friday, January 1 (Church Office Closed)

Saturday, January 2

5:00 pm - Worship (In-Person)

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am - Worship (In-Person)

9:15 am - Adult Bible Class (Cornerstone Room & Live Stream)

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

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

Monday, January 4

6:00 pm - Stepping Stones Worship & Carols (Church Gym)

Thursday, January 7

5:15 pm - Nominating Team Meeting (Zoom)

6:00 pm - Youth Board Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 pm - Ministry Impact Team Meeting (Zoom)

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