

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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Worship Times, Links & Details

Please Note: St. Peter's has a longstanding tradition to not cancel worship services due to weather. We, of course, advise you to exercise caution and only venture out if you feel it is safe for you to do so.

In-Person Worship

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am

Sunday @ 10:30 am

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

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

"Shortcomings of Being Healed"

Mark 1:29-39

Pastor McDowell

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.](#)

Stepping Stones Worship

During Jesus' ministry on earth, he could have spent 24 hours a day, seven days a week healing people, teaching, and preaching, but He didn't. Join us for worship during our special Stepping Stones service on Monday at 6 pm, and see how your life can be transformed by this one habit Jesus modeled for us so well.

(As a reminder, Stepping Stones is a worship service, so attendance does count toward the Congregational Scholarship requirement for school families.)

For school families:

Click the button below to log livestream worship attendance.

[Attendance Log Google Form](#)

Letter From the Pastors

Lenten Sermon Series & Special Communion Opportunities

Even though Punxsutawney Phil told us there will be six more weeks of winter past Groundhog Day, the reality is Spring is just around the corner. Lent (which actually means Springtime) begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday. Of course, Lent means more than Springtime. Lent is that annual 40 day journey we take to remember our Lord's passion and prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

As you may recall, last year our Lenten journey was abruptly interrupted with the shutdown associated with the outbreak of the Coronavirus. Now, here we are a year later and still dealing with this pesky virus. However, unlike last year, we don't anticipate nor intend to discontinue our in-person Lenten worship services. No, quite to the contrary, our theme for this Lenten season, Return to the Lord, beckons us to consider coming back to in-person worship if we haven't done so already. Furthermore, with our theme, Return to the Lord, we will examine how that call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf.

For those who do return to in-person worship this Lenten season, we will have our midweek services on Wednesdays both at noon and at 7 p.m. For those coming to the noon service, we will offer Holy Communion each Wednesday service in Lent. Additionally, we will abbreviate the noon service to one reading, the sermon, and communion. There will be no liturgy or hymns. The wearing of a mask and social distancing will be in place. This is to help provide the highest level of precaution due to the pandemic. We will also exercise the proper social distancing precautions at the 7 p.m. services, but we will include singing and liturgy. Other than Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion will not be celebrated at the 7 p.m. services. Finally, for those who still want to come to in-person worship, but still need to stay home at this time, we will be livestreaming our 7 p.m. services, so please join us there online.

The Lord is calling His people to return to Him. Yes, we would like to see His people return to in-person worship this Lenten season when you feel you can safely do so, but above all, let us all return to Him in repentant faith as we watch our Lord go to the cross for us.

In Him,

Pastors and Vicar

Mission News

Rev. James Sharp - Direct from Uruguay

Last Sunday our January Mission Emphasis reached its culmination when we were able to hear and see Pastor James Sharp deliver a sermon specifically for our congregation. What a joy to receive his greetings and then be inspired by the clear message that Jesus is the ultimate prophet, priest, and king.

It is exciting to know that with our support, Pastor Sharp is able to bring the same clear message of God's Word in Spanish to the people of Uruguay. We also got to meet the vicar that works with Pastor Sharp on the video of their drive through the Uruguayan countryside. If you missed seeing it in church because of the snow, or online, you can still catch it on St. Peter's Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW).

In the weeks ahead, the Mission Committee plans to continue reaching out to the Sharp family as we encourage the members of St. Peter's to:

1. Pray for and encourage the Sharp family. Perhaps you can drop a short thank you email to Pastor Sharp for his sermon or a word of encouragement. (james.sharp@lcms.org)
2. Help celebrate the eldest son Elias's March birthday with a card, note, or gift card. Elias is a freshman at St. Paul's Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO. The Uruguay Mission box will be in the Ministry Center for the next several weeks to receive your cards, which will be bundled together and sent to him. Gift card suggestions for the businesses in town (the school runs a bus there weekly) are McDonald's, Walmart, and Dollar General. Visa and Mastercard prepaid cards also work.
3. Continue your financial support by contributing with a line item gift on your offering envelope.

GROW in His Grace with Us

Sunday Bible Study:

Join us on Sunday morning at 9:15 am for Bible Study either in person in the Cornerstone Room or online via our YouTube channel.

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

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study:

Pastor Steve continues his study of Hebrews this Thursday at noon in the Sanctuary and via live stream. This is a very in-depth and insightful study.

[Click here to access the 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 February 7](#)

SHARE Him with Others

Chicken Pickup Instructions

If you have Chicken Dinners to pick up this weekend, lucky you! Pick up times will start right after the 8 am service and continue until after the 10:30 service until everyone in line has been served. Use the opportunity to try out in-person worship again before you grab your meals at the Cornerstone Room Kitchen window. Or you can use our NEW drive-thru option. We'll have a runner at Door #1 to get your meals from the kitchen to your car.

Compassionate Care Collection

You Asked:

I want to give underwear to the Rescue Mission collection, but don't come to in-person church. How can I do that?

We Answered:

Great question – easy answer. Just put your kind donation in a bag marked "Rescue Mission," ring the buzzer at Door 1 during business hours, and simply leave it in the area between the doors. A pandemic - no contact way. Thank you

The Rescue Mission/Charis House has a great need for underwear men's sizes medium to 4X, for women's 5-4X and all sizes for children. Collection baskets are in the North Corridor and Ministry Center.

Altar Flower Dates Available

Please contact Carol Nahrwold at 486-1727 if you would like to reserve any of the dates below:

March 6-8
March 13-15
~~March 27-29~~
May 1-3
~~June 19-21~~
~~October 23-25~~

Tithes & Offerings

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

Stewardship Corner as of 1/24/21

We sing praises to the Lord for your generosity!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$101,758	\$599,112	\$62,228
Budget	\$68,458	\$585,787	\$103,169
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$33,300	\$13,325	(\$40,941)
Loan Balance	\$2,021,854		

Planned Giving – The goal of planned giving is to help you plan your estate in a way that benefits you, your family, and organizations that you support. Your planned gift to St. Peter's Church and School can have a huge impact on the future of St. Peters and can be as simple as making your church the beneficiary in your will, on a life policy, or in your retirement plan. If you have questions or need guidance in this area, please contact Tony Hunt, Director of Advancement (222-1291 or thunt@stpetersfw.org). Thanks to the members that have already notified us of their planned giving intentions.

School Updates

Open Enrollment

We are already looking ahead to the 2021/2022 school year. Enrollment is now open for members of St. Peter's and the community. 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(ren) age 2 through 8th grade. Contact the school office to learn more or to schedule a personal visit (enrollment@stpetersfw.org or 260-749-5811).

Church Calendar

Saturday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 7

Pick up your Chicken Dinners

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

Monday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 11

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 & Live Stream)
7:00 pm - Board of Elders Meeting (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm - Men's Basketball (Church Gym)

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