

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Regarding Governor Holcomb's announcement 3/23/21 and how that impacts St. Peter's

We are encouraged and give thanks to God for the increased number of Hoosiers getting vaccinated and for Allen County's overall numbers, and we wanted to reach out with an update. As you recall, the Board of Directors assembled a team, the COVID-19 Task Force, made up of staff and lay leaders who are focused on navigating the ever changing restrictions and guidelines this past year. This latest announcement is no exception. Once all the details are ironed out by the local health officials (those responsible for managing restrictions beginning April 6), the task force will meet to determine all aspects of restrictions and recommendations, to determine how those may affect St. Peter's, and to communicate those updates to you. For now, all restrictions we've had in place remain intact (e.g. face coverings required while in building but can be removed while seated during worship & 6ft of social distancing between cohorts). We are blessed and thankful for our congregation's resilience and focus on Him. This Easter will be exceptionally rich in thanks and praise!

CONNECT to Christ with Us

Worship Times, Links & Details

In-Person Worship

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am

Sunday @ 10:30 am

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

Maundy Thursday @ 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Good Friday @ 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Weekend Scripture Readings

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 31:9-16

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel Reading: John 12:12-26

Weekend Sermon

"What Were They Thinking?"
Text: John 12:12-26
Pastor Adam McDowell

Holy Week

We will have worship at noon and 7:00 p.m. on both Maundy Thursday (with communion) and Good Friday. For these services, the noon service will be a full worship service, including music, unlike the noon services we have held these past weeks.

For the Maundy Thursday service, we will serve the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of the service. At that time, you are welcome to exit the Sanctuary and leave as is our current practice. Or, if you feel comfortable doing so, you may circle back to your seat in the pew so that you can be a part of the Stripping of the Altar tradition.

The 7:00 service for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be available via live stream.

Worship on Saturday will observe Holy Saturday. This will be a different service, including a different sermon, than the Easter Sunday service. We invite you to join us at 5:00 pm.

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.](#)

Thursday & Friday @ 7:00 pm

[Click here to access the service.](#)

Stepping Stones Worship

"Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world."

This past week in Stepping Stones, we learned more about the Agnus Dei (pronounced an-yous day) which means, "Lamb of God." Together we watched a classic but powerful music video of the song *Watch the Lamb* by Ray Boltz. The song begins on Good Friday as Simon and his young sons journey to Jerusalem with a lamb to be sacrificed for their sins.

If you have never seen this video, we encourage you to take a view minutes to watch it and to consider what it means that Jesus is the lamb of God.

[Watch the Lamb Music Video](#)

Click [HERE](#) to make your Stepping Stones Easter Reservation

For school families:

Click the button below to log livestream worship attendance.

If you do not receive an email confirmation, please contact the church office within 24 hours to make sure your attendance is reflected accurately.

Easter Worship Update

There is still time to make a seating reservation for Easter. Please note, however, that the **8:00 and 10:30 services are now full**. You may request seating for those services, but you will likely be seated in the overflow areas. Plenty of seating remains for the 6:30 and Stepping Stones/Breakfast services.

Worship Times

1. 6:30 am - Traditional worship in the Sanctuary with communion. This is traditionally a quieter service. So, if you would prefer to avoid a large crowd, we encourage you to consider this service time.
2. 8:00 am - Traditional worship in the Sanctuary with communion. - **Now Full**
3. 10:30 am - Traditional worship in the Sanctuary with communion. - **Now Full**
4. Stepping Stones style worship in the Church Gym with breakfast and communion. This worship service will contain the familiar liturgy and hymns but will be presented in the same style as our Monday evening Stepping Stones service. A free breakfast (scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, pastries, fruit and coffee) will be served from 8:45-9:10 for all those who will attend this service. Worship will begin shortly thereafter. You will worship at a table with your family/group. This is sure to be a meaningful, uplifting time of worship and fellowship.

Request Your Seating Assignment Today

You can do this in one of 3 ways:

1. Complete the Google Request form. [Click here to complete the form](#). Once complete, you will receive a confirmation email. You will receive a second email from the church office once your seats have been assigned.
2. Complete the paper Request form. Those are found in the Ministry Center. You can drop your completed form in the Ministry Center or mail it to the church office.
3. Call the church office. Amy and Clarissa will be happy to hear from you and can help you complete your request Monday-Friday from 8-4.

Click [HERE](#) to make your Easter Reservation

Easter Lilies

Easter Lily orders to help decorate the sanctuary for all of our Easter services, are being taken now in the Ministry Center. After the 10:30 service or later that Easter week, either take home an Easter Lily to continue celebrating, take one to someone not able to come to church, or we will take it to a member in need of encouragement for you. Thank you!

If you have fall or winter decorations in the cemetery, please remove them before Easter weekend.

GROW in His Grace with Us

Special Lent Family Videos

This week we conclude our Journey to the Cross videos. A video will post on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. You can access them on St. Peter's YouTube channel and Facebook page at 6:30 pm.

For this week's videos, you will want to have on hand the following items:

Maundy Thursday - matzo or saltine crackers, a bitter food like baker's chocolate or cocoa powder, grape juice, haroset (see recipe below) or dried fruits and nuts

Good Friday - piece of wood, nails, hammer

Holy Saturday - 1 can crescent rolls, sugar, cinnamon, large marshmallows, butter, cookie sheet, parchment paper

If you missed this week's video, click the link below:

Hear about Palm Sunday

Haroset Recipe

6 apples peeled, cored, and diced

1 cup of finely chopped walnuts

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1 tsp. white sugar

3 1/2 tsp. honey

Mix all ingredients together and serve chilled or at room temperature

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. Please note: There will be no class on Easter Sunday.

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

[Click here to access the Bible Study materials](#)

Adult Instruction Class:

Adult Instruction (confirmation) Class with Pastor Steve will continue on Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. Please note: There will be no class on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible

This class will not meet this week due to Maundy Thursday worship. We will resume on Thursday, April 8.

HSYG

Our next meeting will be this Sunday 3/28 at the Parish House. Join us for ice-cream floats. We will continue to talk about, Modern Ideologies and the Bible: Love - A Soup of Hormones or a Gift. See you then.

Children's Bulletin

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

[Children's Bulletin for March 28](#)

SHARE Him with Others

Senior Saints April Event - Meet & Greet with Vicar Nate Widener

The Senior Saints are excited to announce that they will resume their monthly gatherings in April. Please join us on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 11:30 am. Vicar Nate Widener will be our special guest. You will be sure to enjoy this time getting to know him.

Box lunches will be available for \$5. You will have your choice of turkey or ham wrap. To register for the event, please email [Michelle Leahy](#), call the church office at 749-5816, or sign up in the Ministry Center. Payment can be sent to the church office.

March Door Offering

Many of our children (and grandchildren) can tell you about the powerful ministry activities at Camp Lutherhaven. They share the love of Jesus in a way that really connects with our young people. Check out this video from Camp Lutherhaven about their ministry.

[Camp Lutherhaven Video](#)

Unfortunately, the past year has been a difficult one for them with camp only being open part of the year and at limited capacity at that. Help us show our love and support for Camp Lutherhaven by contributing to this month's door collection. You can make your donation anytime this month using the special collection envelope in your offering packet or by indicating your donation on your regular envelope. All funds collected will be sent directly to Camp Lutherhaven for them to use as needed.

If you have a student planning to attend Camp Lutherhaven this summer, camperships are available. Please contact the church office for more information.

Compassionate Care Collection

More Powerful than Superman

More powerful than Superman, stronger than Spiderman, has a Santa Claus beat – vitamins help deliver the gift of healing, muscle strength, thinking, breathing and all functions necessary for life. Help MATTHEW 25 Medical and Dental Clinic give help to those who are un- or under insured.

Needed: adult multivitamins, vitamin D-3, and Tylenol or generic equivalent. Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor. Sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League helping you care compassionately.

Knotters

The Knotters have moved to the Parish House and they're EXCITED about their new space. If you missed the video last week you can watch it by [CLICKING HERE](#). Their first meeting back will be Monday, April 12th from 9 am- 3pm and every Monday following at the same time. Feel free to come by and take a look at the changes.

Tithes & Offerings

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

Stewardship Corner as of 3/14/21

Rejoice for this is the day that the Lord has made and we rejoice for your faithful giving!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$57,391	\$761,578	\$90,441
Budget	\$47,292	\$783,145	\$153,483
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$10,099	(\$21,567)	(\$63,042)
Loan Balance	\$1,994,751		

Thrivent Choice – Last chance, March 31 is the last day to direct Thrivent Choice dollars to our church and school. Thank you to everyone that has already done so. If you are a Thrivent member and do not know how to direct Choice dollars, please contact your Thrivent representative or Tony Hunt, Director of Advancement at 222-1291 or thunt@stpetersfw.org.

LCMS Foundation – The foundation provides planned giving services to LCMS members for the benefit of all ministries of the Synod. The Indiana District Gift Planning counselor is Andy Behrmann (317-374-2866). Andy is a lifelong Lutheran who enjoys helping fellow Christians discern the best ways to put to use the gifts God has given them. For more information, please contact Tony Hunt, Director of Advancement (222-1291 or thunt@stpetersfw.org).

School Updates

Thank You!

Last Friday we took some time to surprise our teachers with a little appreciation gift and recognition. Members and organizations of the Fort Wayne community donated to a city wide teacher appreciation push headed by members of our schools and the Lutheran Schools Partnership (TLSP). This effort started from a series of meetings and the increased awareness of all that our teachers have been through in the past year. THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

Chapel Offering for March, April & May - Garden Project

This month our chapel offering will go to support the Garden Project here at St. Peter's. A committee of church members, Mrs. Launer and our 4th graders help manage the garden by the Parish House. They donate this food to various places and people.

Accepting Applications PE/Tech/Math

We are searching for a teacher for the 2021/2022 school year to serve as our Physical Education, Technology and middle school Math teacher. Candidates must hold a valid Indiana teaching license. A candidate with qualifications or experience in all desired subject areas is preferred. We are looking for a candidate who works in Christian harmony with the principal, fellow teachers, aides, pastors, and school board and sets a Christian example by word and action, according to professional and Christian ethics. Contact our Principal, Chris Brune, with questions or submit an [Employment Application](#). Applications will be accepted through April 2nd.

Church Calendar

Please note the church office will be closed on Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 7 for the holiday.

Saturday, March 27

5:00 pm - Palm Sunday Worship Service (In Person)

Sunday, March 28

8:00 am - Palm Sunday Worship Service (In-Person)

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

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

9:15 am - Adult Information Class (AIC) (Large Conference Room)

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

6:00 pm - Youth Group Meeting (Parish House)

Monday, March 29

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

Tuesday, March 30

9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

6:30 pm - Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday

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

7:00 am - Pastries with Parents (Church Gym)

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)

12:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/ Communion (In Person)

5:00 pm - Advancement Committee (Large Conference Room)

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/ Communion (In Person & Live Stream)

Friday, April 2

Good Friday - No School/Preschool; Church Office closed

12:00 pm - Good Friday Worship Service (In Person)

7:00 pm - Good Friday Worship Service (In Person & Live Stream)

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