

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



CONNECT to Christ with Us

Worship Times, Links & Details

In-Person Worship

Saturday w/ Praise Team @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am

Sunday w/ Praise Team @ 10:30 am

Monday (Stepping Stones) @ 6:00 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.](#)

Junior Confirmation

This Sunday 16 young men and women will be confirmed in their Lutheran beliefs. We invite you to join us for this special worship service at 2:00 pm via live stream. You can access the live stream through the link below:

[Confirmation Service](#)

Stepping Stones Worship

Pop Quiz: Do you know what this is?

Yes, it is the mini-pew where the pastors and acolytes sit during worship, but do you know



what it is called?

It's called a sedilia.

Learn more about this and many of the objects we use in worship during this week's Stepping Stones worship service. Join us at 6:00 pm in the Church Gym.

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.

[Attendance Log Google Form](#)

GROW in His Grace with Us

Sunday Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible class continues this week at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone Room and via live stream on our YouTube channel. Come grow in your faith with us as we study the book of James.

[Live Stream Link for Sunday Bible Study](#)

Adult Instruction Class

Adult Instruction Class will continue this Sunday at 9:15 am in the Large Conference Room.

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible

Can you identify the warnings found in the book of Hebrews? They are as relevant today as the day they were written. Join us for this fascinating study on the book of Hebrews on Thursday at noon in the Sanctuary and via live stream on YouTube.

[Thursday Bible Study Live Stream Link](#)

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be ROCKIN' this Tuesday from 9:30-11 in the Large Conference Room. See you there.

HSYG

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 25 from 6-8 pm at the Parish House

Topic: Gender in a gender-fluid world. We will also have some discussion on our mission trip.

Children's Bulletin

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

[Children's Bulletin for April 25](#)

Junior Confirmation Class of 2021

Alyssa Rose Buuck

Brynn Elizabeth Campbell
Maxwell Davis Derheimer
John Daniel Habegger
John Steven Hartman
Alexavier John Korte
Constance Grace Kramer
Gavin Carl Leahy
Braden Alan McFeters
Miranda Jean Meyer
Nicholas Bradley Motter
Riley Lorenzo Ripke
Frederick Kenneth Steele
Frances Caroline Weller
Brennen John Charles West
Kierstyn Ann Whitacre

SHARE Him with Others

Opportunities to Share

With ministry activities starting to return, there are many opportunities for you to share your time and talents with others in a meaningful way. Consider today the following opportunities. For more information or to give of your time, please contact Michelle Leahy (mleahy@stpetersfw.org or 749-5816). Michelle will connect you with the appropriate ministry leader to get started.

Hospitality Team - What impression would you most like to have upon someone entering St. Peter's for worship for the first time? Did you know that most visitors will make up their mind about our congregation within 5 minutes of arriving at our door? So many of our newer members comment on the warm welcome they received when first joining us for worship. This is thanks to the many dedicated greeters. Organizing those greeters does not happen accidentally. We have a great Hospitality Team that works to coordinate greeters and door assignments. Would you be interested in joining the team as a member or even as the chair? If you are able to make phone calls or like organizing, this might be the perfect team for you.

Vacation Bible School - A wide variety of skills are needed to produce the wonderful VBS program that so many of our children love and adore. Whether you only have an hour or two to give or would like to be a part of the planning team, we want to hear from you. This program requires those who enjoy arts & crafts, food preparation, music, drama, games, photography, writing, organizing, or just hanging out with children.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer celebrates 70 years of prayer for America this year!

Join with us and millions of believers across the nation on Thursday, May 6, as we pray this year's theme, "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Love and Liberty." 2 Corinthians 3:17

Prayer guides will be available the weekend of May 1-2. Make plans to set aside some time on May 6 to pray for our nation.

Mother's Day Carnations Project

Mother's Day is May 9th.

Each year Right to Life of Northeast Indiana partners with area churches to bring in beautiful flowers in honor of mom, grandmothers, and mother-figures in their congregation. This project is a celebration of this important role, as well as, support of the life-saving work of Right to Life. It is also Right to Life of Northeast Indiana's largest

fundraiser of the year. We appreciate your partnership and commitment to Life in your community! Flowers will be sold in the Ministry Center after all worship services the weekend of May 8-10.

Compassionate Care Collection

Wait! Don't throw those away.

4 million eyeglasses are discarded every year in the U.S. Don't let your used pair be one of them. Your used adult/child prescription glasses, sun glasses, or readers will boost productivity, employability, education and quality of life for some of the 153 million people worldwide with vision problems. Thank you for caring compassionately.

Farewell & Welcome

Dantes's last day.

We are sad to see him go but excited for his next chapter as member and employee Dantes Paulin accepts a new position. Dantes has spent the last 9 years faithfully and lovingly working part time for our ministry. Over the last 9 years you could find him most evenings cleaning Preschool classrooms, tending to the needs in the sanctuary or balcony, or working hard to sparkle our restrooms and common areas. In the summer he spent a great deal of time deep cleaning areas like the church gym bleachers, dusting those hard to reach spaces in the gym, or getting classrooms ready for the next school year. Something we've always admired is how Dantes lived out his faith and demonstrated his abundant love for his church. There was nothing you could ask Dantes' help with that he didn't gladly accept with a smile – shoveling that unexpected snow, setting up for an event, or the recently added tasks of sanitizing and cleaning to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. We have been so blessed to have Dantes work so diligently to bring glory to Him through his vocation. A fun fact about Dantes – in over 9 years working part time for St. Peter's he has NEVER called in sick!



While we are definitely going to miss seeing him each evening as we wrap up for the day, we are excited to share that his son, Ritchy will be taking his place. Ritchy has been learning the routine for many years as he volunteered to help. He's also very active with our Technology team and regularly assists as an AV Operator running the sound, PowerPoint slides, and cameras for worship.

When you see Dante next, please take a minute to thank him for his devotion to St. Peter's and blessings on his new job.



Farewell & Thank You

Clarissa's last day.

We as a staff and congregation are so thankful to Clarissa Smith for her service to this ministry at the front desk of the Church Office. These next chapters in her life are big ones as her husband Logan will receive his vicarage assignment this summer and their first child will be born at the end of May. We look forward to introducing our new Seminarian Wife soon!

Thank you Clarissa! Keep in touch.

Tithes & Offerings

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

Stewardship Corner as of 4/11/21

Thank you for your sacrifices that help us proclaim the gospel to the world.

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$53,448	\$863,817	\$113,781
Budget	\$83,295	\$913,732	\$180,360
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$29,847)	(\$49,915)	(\$66,579)
Loan Balance	\$1,967,577		
March Door Offering for Camp Lutherhaven	\$1,100.00		

Faithfully Forward Campaign Update – We have completed the first quarter of year three and have received gifts of \$1.790 million. Our new loan balance has dropped under two million dollars and stands at \$1.968 million. Praise God for your faithful giving! Based on current giving and outstanding pledges, we will receive an estimated \$2.6 million of gifts during this third campaign. While this is great news, we also estimate that we will still have an outstanding debt balance at the end of next year between \$900 thousand to \$1 million. We encourage everyone to continue to pray and ask those members that are not currently giving to the campaign to consider helping us eliminate this debt. Please direct any questions about your pledge or the campaign to Tony Hunt, Director of Advancement (thunt@stpetersfw.org or 222-1291).

Wildcat Pride Benefit Auction – Normally our school auction occurs on the first Saturday in May. However, due to all the uncertainty of gathering as a large group, we have decided to move this year's auction to Saturday September 18. So, please mark your calendars for this special time of fellowship to celebrate and support our wonderful school. More information coming soon about this very special and important event. It is our plan to return to a May event in 2022.

Record Book

Baptisms:

- Owen Christopher Gilbert (3/13) - parents Christopher & Audrey (Ehle) Gilbert)
- Tyson Benjamin Fortney (3/21) - parents Ben & Cortney (Ehle) Fortney
- Adeline Jane Gulley (3/28) - parents Desmond & Caitlin (Gruebel) Gulley
- Alaya AnnMarie Strahan (3/28) - parents Rob & Whitney (Gulley) Strahan

Marriage:

- Kirsten Olsen & Cameron Bohnke (4/10)
- Alyssa West & Grant Adams (4/17)

Transfer In:

- Mark & Renee Bleke from Emmanuel SOEST

Transfer Out:

- Juanita Voltz to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran in Fort Wayne

Deaths:

- Jeanette (Vonderau) Walker (3/27)
- Frank Fuelling (4/4)

Church Calendar

Saturday, April 24

- 3:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm - Worship Service w/ Praise Team (In-Person)

Sunday, April 25

- 8:00 am - Worship Service (In-Person)
- 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)
- 9:15 am - Adult Information Class (Large Conference Room)
- 9:30 am - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 am - Worship Service w/ Praise Team (In-Person & Live Stream)
- 2:00 pm - Confirmation Worship Service (Sanctuary & Live Stream)
- 6:00 pm - HS Youth Group Meeting (Parish House)

Monday, April 26

- 9:00 am - Knotters (Parish House)
- 5:30 pm - Preschool Board Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 6:00 pm - Day School Board Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
- 6:00 pm - Stepping Stones Worship Service (Church Gym)

Tuesday, April 27

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

Wednesday, April 28

- 6:30 pm - MSYG Meeting (School Cafeteria)

Thursday, April 29

- 6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)
- 9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)
- 12:00 pm - Pr. Steve's Bible Study (In Person Sanctuary & Live Stream)
- ~~6:00 pm - Shepherd's Care Committee (Cancelled)~~
- 6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
- 6:30 pm - Tech Team Meeting (Zoom)

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