

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Letter From the Pastors

In 2020 the Disaster Distress Helpline had an 890% increase in calls compared to 2019. That is a staggering increase and demonstrates the state of mental health in our communities. During the early months of Covid, over 40% of adults admitted struggling with mental health and/or substance-use issues. These are statistics that Marcia Haaff from the Lutheran Foundation shared in an article in the Journal Gazette. We have seen in our congregation, whether at church or in our schools, that mental health issues have risen and become more significant. During May which is Mental Health Awareness month, keep your family in Christ constantly in your prayers lifting them up to the perfect care of God.

These statistics show how Covid and its changes and restrictions have affected us. Loneliness and anxiety. Depression and grief. Fatigue and exhaustion. These are just a few ways you might be suffering mentally and physically. We want you to know that God cares for you and loves you. Our gracious Lord shows His love through worship service by giving you His Word and even His Body and Blood. He is merciful to provide you with friends and family to bear your burdens as we read in the book of Galatians. Our God gives you peace beyond understanding so that you might rest in His loving arms. We pray for you that you would have hope and joy in your heart. And even if you don't, know that God continues to hold you in His heart and always will.

Through God's Peace,
Pastor Steve, Pastor McDowell, Vicar Nate



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 (Stepping Stones) @ 6:00 pm

Weekend Bulletin

Click the link below for a copy of this weekend's worship bulletins.

[Saturday Service](#)

[Sunday Services](#)

Worship Readings

First Reading - Acts 10:34-48

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Gospel - John 15:9-17

"Love Is..."

Preacher: Vicar Nate

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

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.](#)

Worship Updates

The Matins worship service returns this Sunday for the first time since the pandemic started. Join us as we lift our voices through this beautiful service in worship of our Risen Savior and Lord.

Large print paper bulletins are now available for those with visual impairment.
Please see an usher to pick up your copy.

Stepping Stones Worship

Preparing each Stepping Stones service is a joy for us, even making mistakes learning to play hand bells. Join us this Monday in the gym as we enjoy hymns that aren't as old as you think.

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](#)

Spring Voter's Meeting

The Spring Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 16 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The agenda, previous meeting minutes, and supporting materials for the meeting can be found at the links below. Hard copies are available in the Ministry Center.

[May 16 Agenda](#)

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](#)

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date: June 27 - July 1 - 6:30-8:30 pm

Vacation Bible School returns in person this summer!
Stay tuned for more details about this exciting week where we will learn together as families about how **Treasured** and priceless you are to God.

HSYG

Happy Mother's Day. We are moving our our next meeting to the 16th to let you celebrate the mothers in your lives. (See the weekly HSYG email for more details.)

Children's Bulletin

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

[Children's Bulletin for May 9](#)

SHARE Him with Others

Opportunities to Share

Consider today the following opportunities. For more information or to give of your time, please contact Michelle Leahy (mleahy@stpetersfw.org or 749-5816).

Prayer Warriors - May is Mental Health Awareness month. Can you commit time to pray during the month of May for the 51 million adults in the U.S. who face the reality of managing a mental illness? Contact Michelle today, and she will share prayer guides to help you get started.

Vacation Bible School - Looking for a few individuals with a flair for the dramatic or the ability to tell a good story. Five-six individuals are needed to record short Bible story videos for this year's VBS. Recordings can be scheduled at your convenience. Costumes, scripts, and teleprompter will be provided.

Mother's Day Carnations Project

Mother's Day is May 9.

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.

Senior Saints May Event

The next Senior Saints Lunch & Learn will be on Monday, May 17 at 11:30 am in the Cornerstone Room. Join us for a box lunch, and learn more about the important work Pastor Keller has been doing with the Burmese community in Fort Wayne.

Please sign up in the Ministry Center for your box lunch. We are asking for \$5 to help cover the cost. Payment can be made at the church office.

LAMB

Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB) has been working in the Burmese community in Fort Wayne since 2003. Established and led by Rev James Keller, it exists to raise up Burmese missionaries, teachers and pastors. LAMB works across ethnic, tribal and religious lines among the peoples of Burma living in the Fort Wayne area. The impact of this mission has been profound.

Rev. Keller and his family began work with the Burmese in 1998 while he was a student at Concordia Theological Seminary and doing his fieldwork at New Life Lutheran Church. He visited Asian markets, met Burmese refugees and learned Burmese from a Buddhist monk. He was ordained in 2001 and the following year established a bilingual service at New Life Church for the Burmese who were attending there. Since 2013 he has also served as the senior pastor at New Life Lutheran Church in southeast Fort Wayne.*

A free will offering will be taken at the event to support LAMB.

Youth Mission Trip Door Offering

Starting June 19, the High School Youth Group will send 19 students to travel 15 hours to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to help restore and build homes for the residents living there. The Youth Group's mission team is still fundraising for this week long servant event, and you can help them put their faith into action as they care for their neighbor. This month's door offering is going to help offset the Youth Group's costs to serve on this mission trip. The Youth thank you for your help and support as they grow in faith and share God's word and love.

Seed Exchange

The St. Peter's garden group would like to start a seed exchange this Mother's Day weekend and lasting for the month. Seeds in marked envelopes (with year of seed harvest) can be freely taken or donated. Located in the ministry center.

Compassionate Care Collection

That's a lot of baby wipes!

The Shepherd's Hand of Shepherd of the City distributed 6,000 diapers during their Spring drive-through give away. That takes a lot of BABY WIPES. Let's help them by donating BABY WIPES. Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor. Sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League helping you reach out through this Compassionate Care Collection.

Still looking for some eyeglasses?
They can also be placed in the collection baskets until Sunday, May 9.

Adult Mission Trip Invitation

Plans for the next Mission Trip are underway to go to Sulphur, LA, just west of Lake Charles. Dates will be June 5 - June 19. [CLICK HERE](#) for a few more details from Mike.

Contact Mike Bultemeier as soon as possible for any other questions or if you are interested in participating. If you want to participate, but not sure if finances will allow it, there could be some Acts 1:8 Mission Fund Grants available to help with some of the expense.

The Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilder's Website

Tithes & Offerings

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

Stewardship Corner as of 4/25/21

May you find joy in your giving and be filled with the joy that our savior gives!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$86,654	\$897,023	\$113,781
Budget	\$147,642	\$978,079	\$180,360
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$60,988)	(\$81,056)	(\$66,579)
Loan Balance	\$1,940,332		

Church Calendar

Saturday, May 8

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

Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day

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

9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)

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

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

HSYG Meeting moved to next week due to Mother's Day

Monday, May 10

9:00 am - Knotters (Parish House)

6:00 pm - Stepping Stones Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, May 11

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

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

Wednesday, May 12

6:30 pm - MSYG Meeting (School Cafeteria)

Thursday, May 13

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)

7:00 pm - Board of Elders (Sanctuary)

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