

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Special Voter's Meeting

There will be a Special Voter's Meeting on Sunday, June 13 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 service. You can find the materials for this meeting in the Ministry Center or click on the links below to view the documents.

[Agenda](#)
[Proposed Budget 2021-22](#)

Letter from the Pastors

Dear Congregation,

The Youth mission trip is only 2 weeks away. The anticipation is building after a year's worth of work that has gone into making sure the students have a safe and faith-growing service event. On behalf of the High School Youth Group and its board, thank you for all your help, support, and prayers.

Each fundraising event has gotten us closer to making this wonderful experience a reality. We had Oktoberfest as a take home meal this last year however, this next October we plan to have our dinner and presentation back at St. Peter's to share what the students learned on the mission trip and how they grew in their faith. Our other fundraising events went well, and we hope to build on the success for future trips to youth conferences and mission trips.

This year we prepared to go to South Dakota to visit the Pine Ridge Reservation and to help build and repair homes for the residences there. Recently, we received word from the mission trip organization, Next Step Ministries, that the Oglala Lakota Indian Tribe made a policy change that prevented our students from visiting their reservation. All was not lost as Jenny Brockberg our mission trip coordinator, who also is our resource teacher at our school, quickly made adjustments so that we could still have a mission trip... in a different location.

The Youth are now traveling to Lexington, South Carolina to help that community. God has all things in control and made sure we were still able to send the students on a mission trip during the same week.

Even though this change was a setback we are looking forward to what God has in store for us as we serve others. We praise God for all the wonderful gifts He gives and we pray that our mission trip is a blessing to those who experience our service and hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask that you continue to pray for us as we travel June 19 and ask for God's blessings as we work through the week and return June 27.

Thank you and God be with you,
Pastor McDowell



CONNECT to Christ with Us Holy Trinity Sunday

Worship Times, Links & Details

In-Person Worship

Saturday w/ Communion @ 5:00 pm

Sunday w/ Communion @ 8:00 am

Sunday w/ Communion @ 10:30 am

Monday w/ Communion @ 7:00 pm

Weekend Bulletin

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

[Saturday & Monday Services](#)

[Sunday Services](#)

Worship Readings

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel Reading: Mark 3:20-35

"Unity...in the Spirit"

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Vicar Nate Widener

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.](#)

Ritual of Friendship

You will see, back in the pews again, are the red Ritual of Friendship pads. Please be sure to mark your in-person attendance at every service you attend.

From the Church Office



Elevator Can Be Used

While, there is still maintenance pending on the elevator, it *can* be used. If the doors don't open for you right away, just continue to push the button of the Floor Level you wish to exit at. The elevator takes a little extra time to level out, but the doors will open if you continue to press the Floor Level button you want.

If you don't feel comfortable with this and normally use the elevator to get to the Sanctuary for worship service, we recommend parking in the upper or lower west lots and come in through Door # 5 or 6.

GROW in His Grace with Us



Vacation Bible School Regis

June 27 - July 1 - 6:30-8:30 pm

T-Shirts can now be ordered online. Simply [click on this link](#) to order yours today. They will be shipped to the church for pickup. Order by June 14 to get yours on time for VBS. (Please note, shirts will not be sold at the door.)

Register your family group today for a great week of VBS. Please note, family groups can be combined into small groups with one adult leader.



FAQs

What if my children want to be with their friends? If you have children that you consider to be within your "cohort," you can make them a part of your family group. "Family unit" is not limited to those in your household. Additionally, if there is another family unit you would like in your rotation, please indicate this on your registration. We will do our best to accommodate requests.

How many children can I have in my group? An ideal group size is around 6 children. Larger groups make discussions a little more challenging. If you have more than 10 children in your group, we will ask that you have a second adult leader to help guide the group.

What if my spouse cannot attend? Only one adult leader is needed per family group. While we would encourage both parents to attend, this is not required.

What if I have both preschool and elementary students in my family? We will not separate the preschool and elementary students this year. You can all attend VBS together.

Are there age limits? While VBS is designed for children ages 3 through 4th grade, we have found that children of all ages enjoy the fun activities. Just be sure to register all who plan to attend so that we have enough supplies on hand.

What if we cannot attend every day? Please indicate the days you plan to attend on your registration form. This helps us plan for supplies. If you cannot attend for a day, we will miss you, but please join us for the remaining days. If a family unit attends, it must have an adult leader. We will not provide crew leaders this year.

Will there be t-shirts? We are excited to announce that our t-shirt supplier is making it easier than ever to order VBS shirts. We will have a link soon where t-shirts can be ordered online. Shirts will not be sold at the door this year.

Children's Bulletin

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

[Children's Bulletin for June 6](#)



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. This week will begin a new study on the life of Paul.

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

Summer Adult Information Class

A new Adult Information Class for those new to the Lutheran church and considering membership will begin on June 13. Classes will be offered on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 in the Large Conference Room. For more information, contact Pastor Steve (749-5816 or pastorahlersmeyer@stpetersfw.org).

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Join us Tuesdays at 9:30 am as we continue our study of *The Armor of God*.

Our summer schedule will continue on June 1 & 8 and the third Tuesday of July (20) and August (17).

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).

Meal Team - Do you enjoy feeding people? We are currently assembling a team of individuals to help coordinate the meal efforts for our midweek Bible studies that will resume next September. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Roembke (206-5832 or ruthieroembke@gmail.com).

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 - Several individuals are needed to lead the craft room rotation for VBS this summer. Instructions and all supplies will be provided for you. You will be asked to greet families and then share instructions on how to complete the activity.

Senior Saints June Event

Join us Monday, June 14 at 11:30 am in the Cornerstone Room. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Joshua Gale from Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network. Rev. Gale has a Bachelor of Science in Philosophy from Illinois State University, a Master of Divinity Theology from Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne), and an MBA from Concordia University Chicago.

He started out his professional life as a Mission Developer for the Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries where he developed a transitional housing program for the homeless, was involved in refugee resettlement and oversaw the development and sustainment of new projects. After this position, he founded a non-profit in Lima, Peru. It was called Castillo Forte: Casa de Misericordia. Through this non-profit oversaw he oversaw the development of new mission sites, worked with other NGOs to implement new projects, and directed community collaboration for the benefit of ill-served communities. He worked in Peru for 3 years and 8 months. Later he became the Executive Director for Lutheran Church Charities in Northbrook, Illinois. At this position, he led the launch of programs that deploy persons to areas of crisis or disaster. This international non-profit exists to serve those who are suffering and in need. Finally, in June of 2018, he became the Executive Director of Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network.

Sign up today in the Ministry Center. Lunch will be provided. We ask for a \$5 contribution to help cover costs.

June is National Family Month

What do you think of when you think of a family? Smiling happy parents and children? Maybe a single parent? What about the families struggling, arguing, and separating, or children who have been left without their parents due to circumstances beyond their control?

While the Covid-19 Pandemic has been great for bringing many families together, nearly 35% of American families have admitted to some destruction of their happiness due to the stresses of lockdowns and restrictions.

In the Month of June St. Peter's is taking a Special Collection to support Lutheran Social Services, a Christ-centered non-profit organization here in Fort Wayne who specializes in supporting families through mental health care, financial education, and even foster care. Your donations can help make happy and healthy families a reality for those who may not otherwise find it on their own.

New Member Reception

On Sunday, June 13 during the 10:30 service, we will have the privilege of formally receiving into membership all those who have joined the church since late 2019. There will be a light reception on the porch following worship before the voter's meeting begins. Please plan to stay and offer a warm welcome to all our new members.

Compassionate Care Collection

Baby Care Kits Needed

Help cuddle a baby in a disaster or poverty area of our world. During June and July the Compassionate Care Collection is for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits.

Needed (sizes 6-24 mos):

new or gently used - sleepers with or without feet
p.j's
flannel/soft/knitted blankets
T-shirts (used t-shirts can be made into onesies)
hoodies
sweaters
sweatshirts
jackets
socks/booties
hats
light/medium weight cloth diapers
mild bar soap

Please no fleece (clogs water systems).

Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

Tithes & Offerings

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

Stewardship Corner as of 5/23/21

Please give with joy as a response to God's love!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$86,343	\$983,366	\$131,539
Budget	\$64,516	\$1,042,595	\$203,657
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$21,827	(\$59,229)	(\$72,118)
Loan Balance	\$1,913,017		

Planned Giving – Why do you need an estate plan? God has blessed you with relationships, with family or other loved ones, and with a connection to St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School. Putting your plan together will continue that act of love toward those with whom you have been related throughout your earthly life, continually reminding them of their life in Jesus. If you have questions on how to get started or how to include St. Peter's in your will or estate plan, please contact Tony Hunt, Director of Advancement (thunt@stpetersfw.org or 222-1291).

Church Calendar

Saturday, June 5

5:00 pm - Worship Service w/ communion (In-Person)

Sunday, June 6

8:00 am - Worship Service w/communion (In-Person)

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

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

6:00 pm - HSYG - Parent Mission Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

7:00 pm - HSYG Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

Monday, June 7

9:00 am - Knotters (Parish House)

7:00 pm - Worship Service w/ Communion (In-Person)

Tuesday, June 8

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

Wednesday, June 9

7:00 pm - School Town Hall Meeting (Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 10

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

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

5:00 pm - Nominating Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

6:00 pm - Youth Board Meeting (Staff Conference Room)

7:00 pm - Ministry Impact Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

Friday, June 11

6:00 pm - Bentz/Hinojosa Rehearsal (Sanctuary)