

# 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.

## 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 @ 7:00 pm

#### **Weekend Bulletin**

Large Print Bulletins are available from an Elder before each service.

#### **Worship Readings**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

"He Knows Not How"

Text: Mark 4:26-34

Pastor Adam McDowell

## Live Stream Worship

These services can be accessed through our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StPetersFW](https://www.facebook.com/StPetersFW)).

**Sunday @ 10:30 am**

[Click here to access this Sunday's live stream service.](#)

## Communion Distribution

As we ease back into our traditional worship practices, a word regarding Communion Distribution - We will continue with the practice of continuous communion through the Summer. Bringing back the Common Cup and receiving communion at the rail is being discussed with the intent to return to those traditions in the Fall. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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 the third Tuesday of July (20) and August (17).

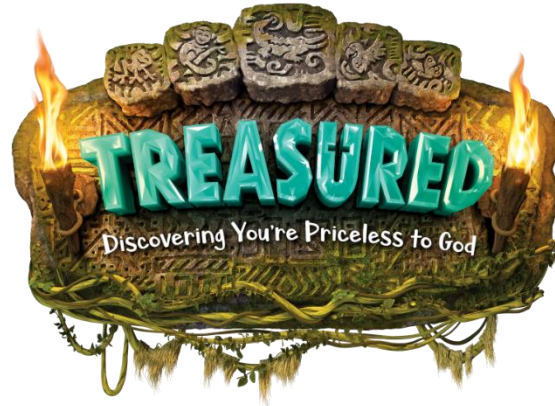
## HSYG

Youth meeting this Sunday at the Parish House from 6-8 pm.

## 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.

# 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.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 5/30/21

Delight in the teachings of the Lord and give your offering with a cheerful heart!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$105,248	\$1,002,271	\$131,539
<b>Budget</b>	\$80,645	\$1,058,725	\$203,657
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$24,603	(\$56,454)	(\$72,118)
<b>Loan Balance</b>	\$1,913,017		
May Special Collection (for Youth Mission Trip)	\$2,822		

## Preschool Teacher Needed

We are looking for a preschool teacher for the upcoming school year. Candidates must have a B.A. or an Assoc. degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education or a related field. Preferred candidates would enthusiastically share their love of Christ with students and their families, work well as a team member and enjoy working with young children. Please contact our director, Barb Christian, with any questions or to submit a resume. Barb can be reached by email at [bchristian@stpetersfw.org](mailto:bchristian@stpetersfw.org).

# Thank You

To our Sponsors:

- **Ron & Debbie Rogers in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary** (2nd Qt. Portals of Prayer)
- **Mike & Debbie Stephen in memory of their parents** (2nd Qt. Large Print Portals of Prayer)
- **Gloria Nietert in memory of Ron Nietert** (3rd Qt. Large Print Portals of Prayer)
- **To God be the glory all our days. Anonymous donor** (2nd Qt. Hopeful Living)
- **Tim & Theresa Donovan** (N&N Postage for June)
- **Leila Judt** (N&N Postage)

*For those interested in sponsoring, the 2021 3rd and 4th Quarter of the Portals of Prayer and Hopeful Living are still available.*

## Thank Offerings

I am thankful for:

- What's in my heart.
- Those in my thoughts and prayers.
- God's unending love.
- Great-Grandson & Grandson's Graduation
- The opportunity to be thankful.

"Thanks to all of those who donated to the Allen County Right to Life's Mother's Day carnation sale. St. Peter's contributed \$295.00 to ACRL for use in their programs to promote life. Here are some of the projects that they were able to do this year:

- ...reinitialized a Sidewalk Advocacy program outside of Planned Parenthood to help abortion minded women choose life,
- ...trained 142 high school and college students at the summer Life Defenders camp.
- ...hosted 4 Life Defenders Workshops for the public in our region.
- ...made presentations in churches, schools and to homeschool groups teaching the intrinsic value of human life.
- ...hired a new staff member to help us reach new communities.
- ...kept a close watch on Planned Parenthood and the abortionist who we know is looking to come into our area.

Watch for details on the upcoming fall banquet."

# 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)