

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## 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**

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33  
Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15  
Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

"Do Not Fear, Only Believe"  
Text: Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43  
Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

### **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



After serving St. Peter's for 4 years we will be saying goodbye to Tony Hunt, Director of Advancement, as he has recently accepted a position in Florida. While we are sad to see Tony leave our staff, we are certainly excited for him and Diane and look forward to what God has planned for them in this next chapter. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Tony and adding the Hunt family to your prayers as they navigate this transition. Tony's last day in the office will be July 13. Below is a special note from Tony:

*After prayerful consideration, Diane and I have decided to relocate to Florida, most likely the Orlando area. I have accepted an offer from the LCMS Foundation to serve Lutheran Churches and members in the state as a Gift Planning Counselor. In this role, I will be assisting families with ways to transfer their blessings to family, heirs and the ministries that they love. During the past four years, I have really enjoyed working with our members and supporters to help them find ways to sustain and grow St. Peter's ministries at both the church and school. I would also like to thank the St. Peter's Board of Directors and the Leadership Team for creating this position and for allowing me the honor of being the first Director of Advancement.*

## 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)).

## 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.

## 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

Our Youth return from their Mission Trip to Lexington, SC on Saturday.

Next HSYG meeting will be July 11, 6-8pm at the Parish House.

# GROW in His Grace with Us



## Vacation Bible School Registration

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

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).

**Altar Guild** - What an honor to be a member of the group that cares for the Sacrament and our worship space. Learn the interesting behind the scenes details of this beautiful and important tradition. Make great connections with your sisters in Christ and true friendships along the way. Openings to serve begin September 2021 and go through August 2022. Each member chooses 2 months of that year to serve. Give Sue a call at 486-2841.

## Senior Saints

You'll be delighted to meet Suzie from the Zoo with a little critter at our next Senior Saints event on July 12 at 11:30 in the Cornerstone Room. We'll have a picnic lunch and requesting a donation of \$10 for the meal and zoo presentation. Sign up today in the Ministry Center.

## 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.

## Compassionate Care Collection

**On our way to 75**

**We're getting closer to our Goal! Check the list below for what's still needed to make 75 Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits:**

- NEW OR GENTLY USED SIZES 6-24 MONTHS
- 81 SLEEPERS WITH OR WITHOUT FEET, P.J.'S
- 119 FLANNEL/SOFT/KNITTED BLANKETS
- 97 T-SHIRTS (USED ONSIES CAN BE MADE INTO T-SHIRTS)  
new Onsies not needed at this time.
- 10 HOODIES, SWEATERS, SWEAT SHIRTS, JACKETS
- 75 SOCKS/BOOTIES
- NO HATS
- 200 LIGHT/MEDIUM WEIGHT CLOTH DIAPERS
- 35 MILD BAR SOAP
- NO FLEECE (CLOGS WATER SYSTEMS)

Thank you to those who have so generously contributed. If you have a question please contact Elise Koenemann at 493-3923. If needed, leave a message and she will return your call.

## 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).

## Community Events

### SAVE THE SIBERIAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY MISSION FESTIVAL

Date: Sunday, July 11, 2021 5PM-8PM

Location: The Schuller Barn 16520 Platter Rd New Haven, IN 46774

St. Paul Lutheran Gar Creek and the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society invite you to partner with them in Saving the Siberian Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Russia. Meet seminary president, Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov and his wife Elena. Hear of the joys and challenges of ministry in Russia. Enjoy complimentary brats and beverages (beer, wine, soft drinks) with fellow Lutherans. Bill Werling and the Breakaway Band will provide music & square dancing. Please contact Pastor Michael Blodgett at 260-402-1599 with any questions. We hope to see you there!

## Tithes & Offerings

### Stewardship Corner as of 6/13/21

Make music to praise the Lord, give thanks for his holiness!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$44,147	\$1,046,418	\$131,539
<b>Budget</b>	\$61,001	\$1,119,726	\$203,657
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	(\$16,855)	(\$73,308)	(\$72,118)
<b>Loan Balance</b>	\$1,913,017		