

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## CONNECT to Christ with Us

### **In-Person Worship w/ Communion**

Saturday @ 5:00 pm  
Sunday @ 8:00 am  
Sunday @ 10:30 am  
Monday @ 7:00 pm

### **Live Stream Worship**

These services can be  
accessed through our  
Facebook page

[www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW](http://www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW)

### **Weekend Bulletin**

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

### **Worship Readings**

Old Testament Reading:  
Proverbs 9:1-10

Epistle Reading:  
Ephesians 5:6-21

Gospel Reading:  
John 6:51-69

### **Sermon**

"Things Have Changed"  
Text: Ephesians 5:6-21  
Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

## An Important Letter from the Covid Task Force

It's been several months since our COVID-19 task force has had to meet and work through changes associated with COVID-19. In March of 2020, the Board of Directors appointed a group of key staff and lay leaders representing some of our governing boards to help navigate the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to worship and operations of our ministry. The task force is made up of the following individuals:

- Vicki Fitzgerald, Chair of the Board of Director
- Tony Amstutz, Rep for Board of Elders
- Jon Wenzel, Rep for Board of Elders
- Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer, Senior Pastor
- Pastor McDowell, Associate Pastor
- Jenny Reith, Parish Administrator
- Barb Christian, Preschool Director
- Tim Degen, Director of Music
- Rhonda Scott, Director of Finance
- Chris Brune, Principal
- Paul Peterson, Property Manager

This past Tuesday, Allen County's advisory level elevated to orange requiring this group to reconvene and evaluate our current circumstance. The task force reviewed Dr. Sutter's recommendations and have made the following adjustments in order to care for the welfare of our members and visitors, especially as it relates to worship. The following modifications are in place and **will be effective Saturday, August 21, 2021.**

While there are many different factors a year and a half into the pandemic, the COVID-19 task force wants to encourage our members to do what they are comfortable with as it relates to attending worship.

### Precautions that remain in place:

- Hand sanitizer is available throughout our facility (entrances and inside sanctuary)
- Masks are available through our facility (located at all entrances)
- High touch areas are routinely cleaned and sanitized

### Regarding Saturday & Sunday Worship Services

- Worship will continue as is & members are encouraged to do what they are comfortable with as it relates to wearing or not wearing a mask.
- Members are asked to be observant of social distancing and others around them

### Regarding Monday Worship:

To better serve those members requesting a safer environment to worship in, we are dedicating Monday service to being a **mask required service with social distancing**. Additionally, to better serve our families with children we have moved the **start time of this service to 6PM**. These changes will begin on **Monday, August 23.**

In closing, as we continue to battle COVID-19 and its ever changing effects, we ask you to keep in your prayers that God would bring an end to this pandemic, that we could all have patient hearts, and keep those who are sick with it, are first responders to it, caring for those with it, or those who are in any other way affected by it, steadfast in their faith.

Together with you in Christ,

COVID-19 Task Force

# GROW in His Grace with Us

## REBUILDING CONNECTIONS

The **FREE** Fall Ministry Restart Event

# AUGUST 28

## 6-9 PM



### We want your trash!

The Family Life Team is collecting EMPTY Oatmeal Canisters, Shoe Boxes, and Soda Bottle Lids to help decorate for the Fall Ministry Event. A box for donations is located in the Ministry Center.

### 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's title: "What can we do for our Nation?"

### HSYG

National Youth Gathering  
Parent Meeting

Sunday, August 22nd from 6-7 pm in the Cornerstone Room.

### 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 August 17. Stay tuned for when we start back up every Tuesday again in the Fall.

### Pastor Steve's Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study resumes September 16<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Sanctuary.

### Public School Confirmation

Confirmation for our members who attend a public school and are in grades 6-8th can come to Orientation Class Sunday, September 12th at 9:15 in the Large Conference Room. Parents, plan to attend this meeting to enroll and fill out paperwork. If you have questions, this meeting is a great place to ask them or you can send an email to [pastorahlersmeyer@stpetersfw.org](mailto:pastorahlersmeyer@stpetersfw.org).

### 40 Days for Life

Sponsored by Right to Life of NE Indiana  
Fall: September 22<sup>nd</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup>

When there is a peaceful presence outside abortion businesses, cancellations rates can climb as high as 75%! Sign up for an hour to pray! Call 260-471-1849

[www.ichooselife.org/40days](http://www.ichooselife.org/40days)

### Senior Saints

Senior Saints will be meeting on Monday, August 16, at 11:30 am in the Cornerstone Room. Tony Acosta will be giving a presentation about the city parks in Fort Wayne. Cost is \$5.00 for lunch. Please sign up in the ministry center.

# SHARE Him with Others

## Compassionate Care Collection

### A Trip to Liberia

Send one of the needed items on a trip to Liberia. It all starts when your chosen item(s) is put in one of the collection baskets. It is not a direct trip but after several stops your item(s) will help one of the 5,600 students in a Lutheran school in Liberia. A great end to a journey started here at St Peter's!

BACKPACKS w/ ZIPPERS –new or gently used  
NOTEBOOKS – LOOSE LEAF PAPER  
BALLPOINT PENS – PENCILS –  
SHARPENERS - CRAYOLA CRAYONS –  
SCISSORS - TODDLER TO ADULT CLOTHING  
(NO WINTER ITEMS)

Collection baskets for this Compassionate Care Collection are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor. Sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League helping you reach out compassionately.

## Altar Guild

Ladies of all ages, please consider serving in the altar guild during our next schedule September 2021 – August 2022. We each pick 2 months to serve, meet with 4-6 ladies during our month, enjoy helping to prepare for worship, and make great friendships. Please call Sue for more information at 486-2841.

## Staff Update

Dear Fellow Members,

I want to share with you that Michelle Leahy, our Director of Ministry Programs, will be moving from full-time to part-time in her ministry role at St. Peter's. Michelle shared with me and our Ministry Impact Team these words, "This was not an easy decision, nor was it made lightly. Choosing this path means I must take a break from working with the teams and ministry areas I have worked with and loved for many years. This tugs greatly at my heart, but I truly believe God has plans for me this year that I pray will help me find greater balance and joy. I also know you will all still remain my St. Peter's family no matter my role, and I love you all for that."



I think you will agree with me that Michelle has done a fabulous job in handling a great variety of responsibilities and duties. It will be wonderful to have her still working with us even on a part-time basis. In her part-time role, Michelle will be helping us develop new ministry opportunities for spiritual care and growth. One of the things you will see coming soon is a whole new look to our midweek STEPS ministry. Obviously, by going part-time, there are several areas Michelle covered that will now be covered by other staff members along with the help of many lay leaders and volunteers. When you see Michelle around church, please extend to her a word of thanks for all she has done for St. Peter's these past 9 years she has served us as a full-time church worker. God bless you Michelle and your family!

In Christ, Pastor Steve

## Memorial Service

Fellow member, Sylvia Schmidt, 88, was called to her eternal home on June 27, 2021. A memorial service will be held at St. Peter's on Thursday, August 19 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Her family invites you to join them at a fellowship luncheon following the service in the fellowship hall.

## Tithes & Offerings

### Stewardship Corner as of 8/01/21

God certainly gives us what is good; let us return a portion to him!

The Allen County Right to Life is our Special Offering in the month of August. Drop your offering envelope in the wooden church in the Ministry Center.

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$23,202	\$106,880	-
Budget	\$17,925	\$105,648	\$6,185
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,277	\$1,232	(\$6,185)
Loan Balance	\$1,858,173		

## Record Book

### Baptism:

Giuliana Lee DeVito (6/27)  
Levi Wood (7/28)  
Clarissa Wood (7/28)  
Scarlett Elaine Hartman (8/8)

### Births:

Scarlett Elaine Hartman (6/3)  
James Allen Faux (6/30)

### Re-affirmation of faith:

Bill & Nancy Vonderau transferring in from  
Epiphany Lutheran, Fort Wayne

### Adult Confirmation:

Stephen & Michele Wood and family

### Transfer In:

Chad & Katie Ervin and family from Ascension  
Lutheran, Fort Wayne  
Geoff & Stacy Brooks and family from  
Bethlehem Lutheran, Fort Wayne

### Release:

Leah Hanson-Flahaut (per her request)

### Transfer Out:

Jason & Angela Rekeweg (children Haley &  
Cameron Rekeweg) to Promise Ministries in  
Fort Wayne  
Brad & Wendy Singer (son Michael Singer) to  
Promise Ministries in Fort Wayne  
Cameron Boehnke to Emmaus Lutheran Church  
in Fort Wayne  
Lewis Ostermeyer to Zion Lutheran on Hannah  
Street in Fort Wayne  
Alex & Abigail Koenemann to Promise  
Ministries in Fort Wayne

### Deaths:

Jean Goeglein (6/25)  
Sylvia Schmidt (6/27)  
Doris Young (7/9)  
Werner Dierks (7/24)  
Elsa Reiter (8/5)

## **Join the St. Peter's Lutheran School team**

We are filling positions for the 2021/2022 school year!

### **Clubhouse worker**

St. Peter's Lutheran School is looking to fill a few part-time Clubhouse positions (7-8:30 am and 3:15-5:30pm) for the 2021-2022 school year. Clubhouse is our before and after school care program. Experience in education or related fields is preferred, but not required. MUST LOVE CHILDREN; be flexible, and able to share Christ's love to all! Hours can vary but could scale up to meet needs. Please email resume and any questions to the Principal, Chris Brune, at [cbrune@stpetersfw.org](mailto:cbrune@stpetersfw.org) or send a resume to the school office.

## **St. Peter's Preschool is Hiring**

### **Classroom Aide Needed**

Preschool is in need of a classroom aide to work with the classroom teacher and help with activities. Experience with children is a plus. The love of children is required. This position would be approximately 16 hours a week.

### **Office Assistant Needed**

Preschool is also in need of an office assistant. This position would involve working in the office during the director's classroom teaching time. The person filling the position would assist with office needs and be available to assist teachers if needed. We are looking for someone with a cheery disposition and office skills. This position would be approximately 9 hours.

***These two positions could also be filled by 1 person if the fit is right. Please contact Preschool Director, Barb Christian at [bchristian@stpetersfw.org](mailto:bchristian@stpetersfw.org).***

### **Other School News**

## **2021 Wildcat Pride Benefit Auction**

Saturday, September 18, 2021

6pm - Gymnasium

We are so excited to host this long-overdue event! Join us for our annual Wildcat Pride Benefit Auction supporting St. Peter's Lutheran School. The evening will be filled with unique auction items, an amazing meal from Goeglein's, and exciting entertainment from Jerry Ehle - our auctioneer!

- Tickets are \$50 per guest and can be purchased through the School Office.

We would appreciate your support through a monetary or in-kind donation!

- Please contact Emily Campbell [auction@stpetersfw.org](mailto:auction@stpetersfw.org) regarding donations and sponsorship opportunities!

**SCRIP-** With the announcement of Mr. Tony Hunt, our Director of Advancement, accepting a new position we are moving SCRIP over to the school office. SCRIP order scheduling will remain the same. Orders placed by noon on Tuesday will still be available for pick up by Thursday afternoon pending delivery. If you have any questions regarding the SCRIP program, orders or pick-ups please contact the school office at 260-749-5811.

# Lord's Week at a Glance

## **Saturday, August 14**

5:00 pm - Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary)

## **Sunday, August 15**

8:00 am - Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary)

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

9:15 am - AIC (Large Conference Room)

10:30 am - Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary)

## **Monday, August 16**

11:30 am - Senior Saints (Cornerstone Room)

6:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

## **Tuesday, August 17**

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

11:00 am – Senior Saints Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

6:00 pm - Back-to-School Night (School)

## **Wednesday , August 18**

6:00 pm - Altar Guild Annual potluck meeting (Cornerstone Room)

## **Thursday, August 19**

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)

11:00 am - Memorial Service and Dinner-Sylvia Schmidt (Sanctuary /Cornerstone Room)

6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

## **Friday, August 20**

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting