

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



CONNECT to Christ with Us

In-Person Worship

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

Weekend Bulletin

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

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 29:11-19

Epistle Reading:

Ephesians 5:22-33

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7:1-13

Sermon

"What was Old is New Again"

Text: Isaiah 29:11-19, Mark
7:1-13

Vicar Nathan Widener

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

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?"

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, September 14, The Ladies Bible class will begin the study, *Jesus, the God who knows your name*.

Join us in the large conference room at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday. If you are planning to attend, please contact Barbara Borchers or let the church office know.

Pastor Steve's Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study resumes September 16th at noon in the Sanctuary.

HSYG

National Youth Gathering

Parent Meeting

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

Public School Confirmation

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, can send an email to pastorahlersmeyer@stpetersfw.org.

Senior Saints

- **Our September Lunch & Learn will be held on Monday, September 20 at 11:30 am in the Cornerstone Room.** Sign up today in the Ministry Center so we can prepare a delicious lunch for you which will include lasagna, sides, and dessert. Lunch will cost \$5 and can be paid at the church office.

Our guest speaker will be Missionary Joe Boway from Liberian Children's Mission. Joe Boway was commissioned in 2004 as a missionary to the people of Liberia by New Life Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Joe was born in Liberia, West Africa and came to the US in 1990 due to the civil war in Liberia. While Joe was a student at Taylor University, he did student teaching at Bethlehem. He and Glendora were married in 2004, and were blessed with two sons, Joe Weatu and Joshua Glenn Gbaweah. Joe's focus has been in opening schools and providing education for the children of Liberia. Because of the civil war, a whole generation of Liberian children were without any education. There are now over 5,000 students in 14 schools, at latest count. Over 75% of the new students are from a non-church background.



Meet your Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors have elected new officers and includes new members. We're delighted to introduce, from left to right, our new Secretary – Jenny Grisez, Chair – Vicki Fitzgerald, Vice Chair – Davon Bultemeier, and Treasurer – Melissa Buuck.

Other Board members serving are Brad Kees, Dan Doehrmann, Emily Campbell, John Drummer, and Michelle Kidd.

SHARE Him with Others

Compassionate Care Collection

Q & A

'Rev. Joe Boway what is the one thing you especially want people to know about the 15 schools in Liberia?'

'We want people to know over 300 children and their parents are baptized each year in the Lutheran churches where we have our schools!'

When we think of baptisms we don't usually think of pencil sharpeners and notebooks, but these items are the building blocks of the school day where God's Word is taught.

The children of Liberia need:

- BACKPACKS WITH 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.

A Birthday Party

George Berger is celebrating his 91st birthday. Monday, September 6th from 2-4 pm in the Cornerstone Room, pop in during this Come N' Go party to celebrate with the family.

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

Ways to Serve

The Church Office is compiling a list of ways members can serve our church. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping with Altar Guild, Funeral Dinners, Snow Removal Team, Mowing Crew, or High School & Middle School Youth Groups. There are a lot of different ways to serve each ministry with a variety of commitment levels. Thank you for prayerfully considering!

Tithes & Offerings

Stewardship Corner as of 8/08/21

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	\$42,924	\$126,502	-
Budget	\$35,850	\$123,573	\$6,185
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6,974	\$2,929	(\$6,185)
Loan Balance	\$1,858,173		

Thank You

Sponsors

- Ron & Gale Fiebig in honor of their parents (Hopeful Living)
- Gloria Nietert in memory of Ron Nietert (Large Print Portals of Prayer)
- Tim & Theresa Donovan (N&N Postage for those without email)

Thank Offerings: I am thankful for...

- 93 years of blessings
- Friendships I've made at St. Peter's
- John & Linda Pusey's 60th Anniversary
- Gene & Sandy Friedrich's 50th Anniversary
- What's on my heart
- Lutheran Social Services
- My birthday
- Lucas's 23rd birthday
- Freedom
- So many things
- Monday service

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 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 21

5:00 pm - Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 22

8:00 am - Worship (Sanctuary)

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

9:15 am - AIC (Large Conference Room)

10:30 am - Worship (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm – NYG Youth Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

7:00 pm – HSYG Meeting (Parish House)

Monday, August 23

9:00 am – Knotters (Parish House)

5:30 pm – Preschool Board Meeting (Large Conference Room)

6:00 pm – Day School Board Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

7:00 pm - Worship -Face Masks required (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, August 25

6:00 pm Trauma Support Group (Staff Conference Room))

Thursday, August 26

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

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

6:00 pm – Properties Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

6:30 pm – Shepherding Care Team Meeting (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm – tech Team Meeting