

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



CONNECT to Christ with Us

September 5, 2021

Communion Weekend

In-Person Worship

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am

Sunday @ 10:30 am

Monday – Labor Day

NO SERVICE

Live Stream Worship

These services can be found on
our Facebook page

[www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW](https://www.facebook.com/StPetersFW)

Sermon

“Behold His Glory”

Text: John 17:20,24

Rev. Richard Koehneke

Weekend Bulletin

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

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Epistle Reading:

James 2:1-10, 14-18

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7:24-37

Letter from the Pastors

Dear friends in Christ,

As you may know, September is Suicide Prevention month and while this is a difficult topic to discuss, it is a necessary one. Over the past eighteen months as we have weathered the storm of COVID-19, people in the surrounding community have been required to cope with their issues in isolation. As a result of these circumstances many of our citizen's mental health concerns have come to the forefront including thoughts of suicide. The purpose of this nationwide awareness campaign is to give people an understanding of the reality of this condition and equip them with the basic resources necessary to do something about it.

Throughout the coming month, St. Peter's is committed to help further that awareness. Our staff will be posting statistics, information regarding symptoms, and contact information to help lines and websites that can assist a person in need.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church has always been a community that watches over one another. As Lutherans, we understand that our relationship with each other is extremely important and our unity as one body of the church defines who we are. As a pastoral staff, we encourage you to be aware this month and care for one another as Jesus Christ cares for the church.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us, however, in the case of emergency dial 911 or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800)273-TALK.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Steve and Pastor McDowell

We're Hiring

We're happy to announce a new opening on the Church Staff. This position will provide dedicated administrative support to the Pastoral Staff.

A job description and application are available through our Facebook page or our website. If you or someone you know feels you have the interest and skills, please prayerfully consider completing the application and emailing it and your resume to our Parish Administrator, Jenny Reith at jreith@stpetersfw.org.



GROW in His Grace with Us

Music Ministry

Wednesday, September 8th begins rehearsals every Wednesday for Adult Choir from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Cornerstone Room and Brass Band Rehearsals from 8-9 pm in the Sanctuary Balcony. Please join us!

If you're interested in joining the Handbell Choir, send an email to our Director of Music, Tim Degen at tdegen@stpetersfw.org.

This year at our Day School, we are singing a Hymn of the Month. Each month a new hymn is chosen and the students sing it in chapel each week, plus discuss & sing it in music class. August's hymn was "Earth & All Stars" and we will sing this hymn in our services this weekend to close out and celebrate our first Hymn of the Month.

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?"

Pastor Steve's Bible Study

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

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.

HSYG

National Youth Gathering

Parent Meeting

Sunday, September 12th from 6-8 pm at the Parish House.

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, send an email to pastorahlersmeyer@stpetersfw.org.



Senior Saints

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.

In October, you are invited to join us on Thursday, October 14 for a trip to the Blue Gate Theater in Shipshewana where we will see *Stolen the Musical* at 1:00 pm. You must sign up at the church office and **purchase your ticket in advance by September 10**. Tickets cost \$37 per person. Please indicate when signing up if you would like to carpool with others that day.

SHARE Him with Others

Compassionate Care Collection Annual Cereal Collection for the Seminary

In September we will compassionately care for our Fort Wayne seminary students and their families through our annual CEREAL FOR THE SEMINARY COLLECTION.

All breakfast foods are welcomed: dry cereal, hot cereal, pop tarts, pancake mix, syrup. Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

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.

Lake James

Pastor Steve is preaching this Sunday, September 5, at the Lake James Lutheran Chapel located in the Glen Eden Springs area on the southeast side of Lake James. Many of our members and friends who vacation up north worship during the summer at the Lake James Lutheran Chapel which is served by a variety of preachers during the summer months. This

will be last service offered for this season. Worship will resume on Memorial Day weekend (May 30) next year. Worship time at the chapel is 9:00 a.m. EST.

Tithes & Offerings

Stewardship Corner as of 8/22/2021

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

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$82,018	\$165,696	-
Budget	\$71,701	\$159,423	\$6,185
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$10,318	\$6,273	(\$6,185)

Loan Balance \$1,830,643

The Fort Wayne Lutheran is our Special Offering in the month of September. Drop your offering envelope in the wooden church in the Ministry Center.

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. More opportunities are coming! Stay tuned and thank you for prayerfully considering!



School & Preschool News

Preschool Giving Tree

78 preschool children are excited for classes to begin. Our classrooms will soon be filled with learning, songs and laughter as we begin our Amazing Race With Jesus. If you are looking for a way to support our preschool, you can pick a letter from our Giving Tree located in the Ministry Center. Each letter is labeled with a supply that is needed to help our children in class. Please purchase the supply listed and return it to the tree. We thank you for equipping our Amazing Race.

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!

Do you love to bake? If so, our 2021 Wildcat Pride Benefit Auction would appreciate your help! Donated pies and cakes can be dropped off at the church kitchen on Friday, 09/17 or before 12pm on Saturday, 09/18. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Ministry Center - we'd love to send you a thank you note!

Lord's Week at a Glance

Saturday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 5

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

9:15 am - Bible Study (Cornerstone Rm)

10:30 am – Worship w/Comm (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 6

Labor Day-Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 8

6:30 pm–Adult Choir Rehearsal
(CornerstoneRm)

8:00 pm – Brass Band Rehearsal (Balcony)

Thursday, September 9

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

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

1:30 pm – Ladies Aid Meeting(Cornerstone Rm)

5:15 pm – Nominating Team Meeting
(Cornerstone Rm)

6:00 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm – Youth Board Meeting (Staff
Conference Rm)

7:00 pm Ministry Impact Team Meeting
(Cornerstone Rm)