

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## CONNECT to Christ with Us September 26, 2021

### **In-Person Worship**

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am

Sunday @ 10:30 am

Monday @ 6:00 pm (Mask  
Required)

### **Live Stream Worship**

These services can be found on  
our Facebook page

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

### **Weekend Bulletin**

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

### **Worship Readings**

Old Testament Reading

**Numbers 11:1, 4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

Epistle Reading

**James 5:13-20**

Gospel Reading

**Mark 9:38-50**

### **Sermon**

### **“What’s Your Complaint?”**

Text: Numbers 11:1, 4-6, 10-  
16, 24-29 – Pastor Steve  
Ahlersmeyer

**Monday night worship continues  
through October**, we feel it appropriate  
to continue offering the mask required  
Monday night worship services through  
October.

## **An update from your Parish Administrator, Jenny Reith**

We are so excited to share how we've changed up the flow of the Church Office and Work Room. After we've lived in this space since 2014 and tried different arrangements, we discovered more conference rooms were needed and more flexibility within those rooms.

The original workroom is this new space we can use for meetings and upcoming classes. We are moving the current workroom into Amy's old office for easier access and better use of space. Amy has moved into Vicar Nate's old office, or what we previously called the Ministry Conference Room. We're still in transition as we move equipment, but take a little tour and see what's been done so far.

## **GROW in His Grace with Us**



### **Hope Sessions**

Some of you might be on the fence about whether to attend Hope sessions and are uncertain about what you will be required to do. Let us put that concern to rest. Share as little as you like or as much as you want. Hope sessions are a place where regardless of what you have to say, we are there to hear it. Hope sessions are designed to be an environment where we can heal and learn together. If you are looking to discuss your situation more directly, we invite you to come to a facilitator led group. If you'd rather learn, then we invite you to attend one of our traditional classes. In either case, we in the Hope community welcome your opinions, thoughts, and feelings, and our goal is to provide a place where everyone feels comfortable and supported through the love of Jesus Christ.

Put this on your calendar! Starting October 5th through November 9th, join us for dinner at 6 pm and then classes for all ages split and begin at 6:45 pm. Check out the website for a

video and more information.

<https://sites.google.com/stpetersfw.org/stpetersshopesessions/home>

### **October Q&A Event + Oktoberfest** **The Status of Mental Health in These Changing Times**

**Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

(Dinner will follow in the Gym.)

*Do you know what the state of mental health is in Indiana or in the nation?*

*Are you aware of how many of your neighbors are hurting?*

*Do you know that as many as 1 in 4 of our fellow Hoosiers is suffering from a range of mental health concerns such as anxiety, depression, or grief?*

Our guest speaker, Professor Jordan-Miles, is the director of the Behavioral Health and Family Studies Institute at Purdue University Fort Wayne and is also the project director of the Indiana Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Our role as a community of believers has always been to help one another, rely on one another, and lift each other up. Discover what we can do to help ourselves and others who are suffering from these crushing and pervasive issues. St. Peter's is committed to sharing these realities with our members and to walking



together in our Community of Care through love of Jesus Christ. Join us so that we can better understand how our church can respond to these questions in a meaningful way.

After our presentation, stay with us for a special fundraising dinner hosted by St. Peter's High School Youth Group where they will share what they did on the last mission trip and what they are looking forward to experiencing this year. They will offer a traditional Oktoberfest menu. Seating for dinner is limited to 150 individuals, so please sign up today by signing up in the Ministry Center. A free will offering will be taken at the dinner to help send our youth to the National Youth Gathering in 2022.



Prof. Jordan-Miles provides leadership statewide and beyond state lines on concerns related to mental and behavioral health. Her responsibilities include professional trainings to public and private school districts, colleges/universities, faith communities, and the criminal justice system. She provides presentations, resources and trainings in suicide intervention and prevention to organizations and communities to increase awareness of the importance of mental wellness and to eliminate the stigma towards help-seeking behaviors.

## Pastor Steve's Bible Study

Thursday at noon in the Sanctuary. This study will not be livestreamed.

## HSYG

Meeting this Sunday 6pm at the parish house. FYI paint will be involved. If you have paint brushes and would like to use them, please bring them. **Sunday is the final day to register for the Youth trip to NYG.**

## Sunday Bible Study

A new study led by Denny Borchers called *God's Word is our Foundation* begins this weekend at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone Room and via live stream on our YouTube channel.

## Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Join us in the large conference room at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday for the study, *Jesus, the God who knows your name*. If you are planning to attend, please contact Barbara Borchers or let the church office know.

## Suicide Awareness Month

Did you know that suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States? We can help tackle this number but it takes everyone to be aware of the warning signs, understanding the myths related to suicide, and knowing how to get help. The Finding Hope Toolkit for Suicide Prevention contains valuable information, including common myths, warning signs, how to ask someone about suicide, tips for talking with youth, actions you can take, and much more.

If you'd like a 12 page tool kit called Hope: A Toolkit for Suicide Prevention, you can request one be mailed or emailed to you from the church office.

# SHARE Him with Others

## Missions Team

In spite of COVID challenges in Uruguay, Pastor Sharp reports new growth in the mission churches in Montevideo and other locations. Seven new members were recently received through baptism and confirmation, two of whom were connected to Jesus via online church and had never set foot in a church service. God works in miraculous ways! Also, a new missionary family from Brazil will be joining in the mission work in Uruguay. Pastor Sharp has reached out in new ways to spread the Good News. During these tough economic times, the Prado congregation is a center for mercy ministry and relief work. LCMS provided a starter grant for a food basket program which has grown with the help of members, friends, and school parents to reach many people who are struggling. It is hoped that these new contacts will be touched by the Christian love shown to them and desire to know Jesus better through the church.

The Sharp family members are all well and busy. Angie is teaching English and Math in the middle school, while Ambrose (8th grade), Callie (6th), and Maggie (5th) have had periods of online classes but have been back to in-person school the last couple of months. Oldest son Elias, is beginning his second year at the Lutheran H.S. in Concordia, MO. He likes it very much, but also enjoyed his "summer" vacation at home during these recent winter months in Uruguay.

Thanks to the generous mission-minded members of St. Peter's, we have been able to renew our support contract of \$16,000 to the Sharps for the 2021-22 year (four payments of \$4,000). Your envelope or designated offerings make this possible. Praise God that we can all be involved in telling the world about Jesus!

## 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.

## LWML

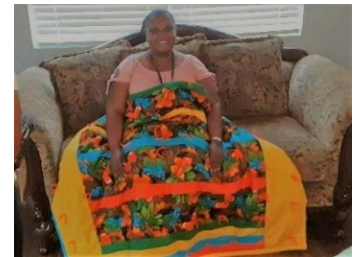
**VIDEOS, SONGS- NEW WAYS TO REACH  
THE BURMESE in Fort Wayne and wherever  
this immigrant community lives.**

This program will be presented by Rev James Keller and Vicar Soe Moe at the Fall Gathering of Lutheran women. Saturday, Oct 2 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green Street, New Haven, IN, Registration and light breakfast at 8:30 and fee of \$6.00.

Ingathering for Journey, Birth and Wellness  
Infant and postpartum supplies.  
Sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. To register call Elise Koenemann by Sunday Sept 28 at 493-3923 (you may have to leave a message).

**Knotters Silent Auction  
Sneak Preview and Early Bird Bidding  
will begin on September 25 and 26.**

Visit the Ministry Center on September 25-26 to see a sample of quilts created by our Thursday Quilters. Bidding will continue on October 2nd and 3rd. All funds help cover costs of shipping of our quilts and kits to those in need around the world through Lutheran World Relief.





# Tithes & Offerings

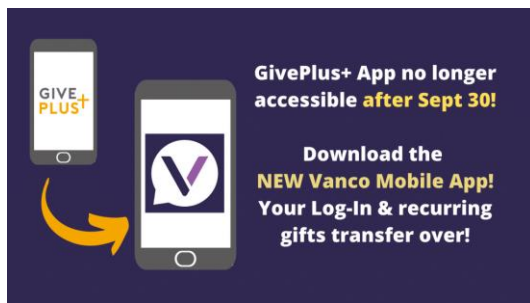
## Stewardship Corner as of 9/12/2021

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	\$32,939	\$214,353	-
Budget	\$46,240	\$223,588	\$6,185
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$13,301)	(\$9,235)	(\$6,185)

Loan Balance \$1,803,005

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.



Attention Give+ Mobile App Users: At the end of September the Give+ Mobile app is being replaced by Vanco Mobile. You will need to download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app from the Apple or Google app store. Search for "St Peters Lutheran Church" and look for our cross logo and our address to make sure you have selected the correct organization. IF you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

## Lord's Week at a Glance

### Saturday, September 25

5:00 pm – Worship (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, September 26

8:00 am – Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 am - Bible Study (Cornerstone Rm)

9:15 am – Public School Confirmation (Large Conf Rm)

10:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm – HSYG Meeting (Parish House)

### Monday, September 27

9:00 am – Knotters (Parish House)

5:30 pm – Preschool Board Meeting (Large Conf Rm)

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

6:00 pm – Worship (Sanctuary)

### Tuesday, September 28

9:30 am – Ladies Bible Study (Large Conf Rm)

7:00 pm – AIC-New Member Class (Large Conf Rm)

### Wednesday, September 29

6:30 pm – MSYG Meeting (School Cafeteria)

6:30 pm – Adult Choir (Cornerstone Rm)

8:00 pm – Brass Band Rehearsal (Balcony)

### Thursday, September 30

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

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

12:00 – Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Sanctuary)

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

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

6:30 pm - Tech Team Meeting

# *October* HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## October 1-7

1) Ava Bubp, Samuel Clinkenbeard, Anita Collins, Brigitte Godwin, Abby Leahy, Matt Simmons, Mackenzie Stratton; 2) Denise Bowers, Christopher Chapman, Paul Gevers, Michael Hermann, Todd Rodenbeck, Cheryl Sorge, Tom Stasko; 3) Alvin Bolinger, Chase Godwin, Cole Godwin, Addisyn Johnson, Carolyn Markowski, Jennifer Weber; 4) Sandra Baatz, Kara Dale, Benjamin Ehle; 5) Nicole Cichocki, Olivia Powell, Dan Schult, Charlie Workman; 6) Carolyn Brackmann, Vahn Do, Ella Knothe, Torrance Peake, Ruth Roembke; 7) Lisa Busche, Ashley Kipfer, Maria Stansbury.

## October 8-14

8) Leslie Augustyniak, Eden Campbell, Carol Goeglein, Danielle Kirtley; 9) Cooper Harris, Claudia Henry, Brayden Roberts, Holly Simon; 10) Christopher Dyer, Philip Rodenbeck, Laura Wilson; 11) Sharon Harris, Bill Kammeyer, Aaron Olson, Mark Timm, Tysen Yelder, Denise Zent; 12) Shannon Buuck, Patty Hartman, Sarah Ruppert; 13) Kelly Bordner, Bailee Dale, Craig Hoffman, Marjorie Meyer, Amy Sturgeon; 14) Henry Arnett, Ashley Falkenstern, Michael Hallien, Sue Kammeyer, Paul Wenzel.

## October 15-21

15) Cheryl Baatz, Ben Hartman, Kassidy Jones, Diane Meyer, Lori Zollinger; 16) Lisa Anderson, Richard Koehneke, Brian Schwarz; 17) Jack Krockner, Stephen Rekeweg; 18) Mari Clauser, Phil Herb, Cora Nuthals, Abigail Roets, Josephine Worden; 19) Patrick Hunt, Christina Moehnke, Jen Recker, Benjamin Stuby, Michael Wiggins; 20) Lucy Augustyniak, Susan Brockberg, Thelma Bruick, Shari Schnurr, Carolyn Slack, Tanner Smethers, Paige Wright; 21) Hali Buhr, Victoria Crozier, Joyce Dirig, LuAnn Jacobus, Addison Musall, Harlow Slack, Debbie Stephan, Doug Werling.

## October 22-31

22) Elmer Buhr, Pamela Gilbert, Joseph Lee, Hank Nietert, Dantes Paulin, Ethan Pranger, Dale Scheumann, Alexandra Stocksdale; 23) Addison Buuck, Ashley Cook, Daniel Green, Christopher Guy, Eli Harris, Erica Johnson, Abigail Mowery, Nolan North, Kierstyn Whitacre; 24) Cooper Bute, Diane Federspiel, Sierra Spranger; 25) Kit Anderson, Beth Busche, Barb Christian, Susan Ehle, Chloe Gaff, Joyle Keurzoneff, Connie Kleinman, Grace Reith, Lisa Sipe; 26) Angela Heibeck, Alivia Peake, Riley Ripke, Samantha Wigfield; 27) Harper Bolinger, Alyssa Buuck, Rowenn Lehman, Tanner Meyers, Martin Swenson, Lisa Wesley, Brennen West, Laura Workman; 28) Mark Christian, Mary Drews-Bruick, Troy Ehle, Susan Johnson, Jessica Komosinski, Jim Rettig, Nicolette Yelder, Eric Zent; 29) Sharon Busche, Austin Gaff, Brandon Garrison, Curtis Meyer, Jane Ribel, Cayden Whitacre; 30) Diane Flauding, Wayne Light, Nolan Roberts, Molly Thompson, Adam Weiss, Brian West; 31) Draven Blackford, Craig Dale, Amy Jo Krahn.