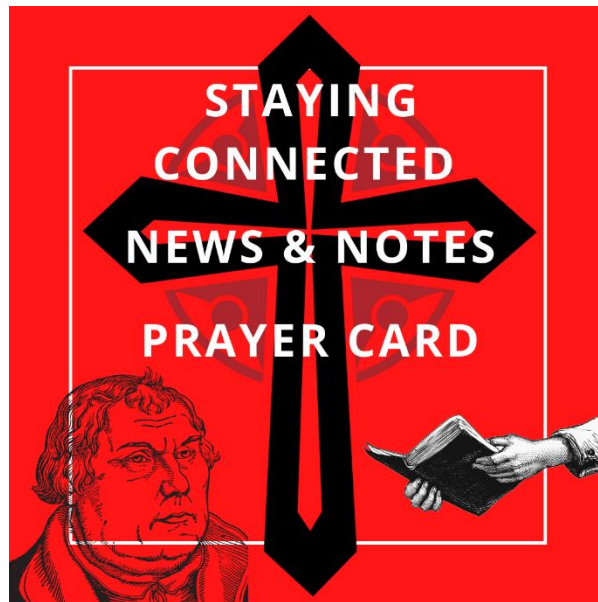


# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## CONNECT to Christ with Us October 31, 2021 Reformation Sunday

### 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.

### Sermon

**"I'd Rather Be in Philadelphia"**

*Text: Revelation 3:7-13*

**Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer**

### Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:

*Revelation 3:7-13*

Epistle Reading:

*Romans 3:19-28*

Gospel Reading:

*John 8:31-36*

*Monday evening worship services will continue through November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with masks still required and then be suspended until after the holiday season. We will consider resuming these services in January and will keep you updated as those decisions are made.*

# GROW in His Grace with Us

## Voter's Meeting

The Fall Voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:30 service. Materials for the meeting are available in the Ministry Center.

## Pastor Steve's Bible Study

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

## Sunday Bible Study

Our Bible Study called *God's Word is our Foundation* continues this weekend at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone Room and via live stream on our YouTube channel.

## Senior Saints

The Older Adults Ministry (Senior Saints) would like to invite anyone to join us for our November Lunch & Learn on Monday, November 8 at 11:30 am in the Cornerstone Room. Our special guest speaker will be Tyler Merren, a Paralympic Medalist in the field of goalball, personal trainer, and inspirational speaker. You will not want to miss his fascinating story. You can look up a video of Tyler by typing his name in the YouTube search box.

Our Thanksgiving style dinner will include Turkey & Dressing Roulade, Whipped Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, French Bread, and Pumpkin Torte. The cost for the meal is \$10. You can sign up in the Ministry Center and pay in the church office.

## 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*.

## Volunteer & Serve

Interested in joining the Helping Hands Meal team? Our Social Ministries Team has a hand in providing meals to members in need. To request to be on the list to donate meals call Joyce Westrem or the Church Office.

## HOPE Sessions

*"I am getting to know people in my church I've worshiped with, but never really knew."*

*"I like getting to really know people from church instead of just recognizing them or barely knowing their name."*

*"It's hard to start a conversation sometimes. HOPE Sessions starts it for you."*

**Only 2 weeks left. If you aren't able to join us this week, we ask you join with us in prayer over this ministry and our church body. AND we look forward to you joining us at the next sessions starting in January 2022.**

## Music Ministry News

As we celebrate Reformation Day this weekend, St. Peter's Music Ministry has been working hard to prepare uplifting and meaningful arrangements of several of your favorite Reformation hymns. At the 8:00am & 10:30am Sunday morning services, we will have the Adult Choir and Brass Band participating in worship. We are also excited to welcome a string quartet, made up of some of our very own HSYG members, and Pastor McDowell! Finally, with Holly Enustun on piano, and Tim Degen on organ, we will have almost 30 people in the balcony offering their musical talents to celebrate the Reformation.

In addition, this weekend in all of our worship services, we will sing St. Peter's Day School's October 2021 Hymn of the Month: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God". The students have learned quite a bit about this great hymn that was written by Martin Luther almost 500 years ago, as well as singing it in chapel each week. We invite the congregation to celebrate this great hymn by raising your voices in song with our day school children.

## The First Quarterly Awareness Event – A Success!



Our very first Quarterly Awareness event took place on October 17 and was a success! We were blessed to have Prof. Alice Jordan-Miles tell us about the state of mental health in northeast Indiana and encourage us to continue with our endeavors in the Community of Care. We were grateful to have her expertise bless us in this area and help us to understand there truly is a need to serve our neighbors who are hurting from the effects of mental health and substance abuse. Among other topics, Professor took the time to familiarize us with the difference between empathy and sympathy. All in all, it was an exciting night with a dynamic speaker accompanied by a tasty meal following our time in the Sanctuary.

We would like to say thank you to the HSYG who did a great job serving, and thank you to all who are contributing to help send our youth to the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering.

On this momentous night, we were also able to reveal to the congregation our new program of **PrayER Teams**. PrayER Teams are a great opportunity for anyone who is looking to contribute to the health of our church. Prayer is an important way we express our care for one another. As part of a PrayER Team, you will be given weekly updates to learn the prayer needs of your fellow parishioners. **Through just 60 seconds**



**a week, you can make a difference in the lives of the people around you and help the family that is your church.** Currently, we are forming PrayER Teams who will need dedicated individuals to help care for each other through the means of prayer. We are looking forward to starting these as early as December 1. If you are interested in becoming a PrayER, please call the Church Office or fill out one of the forms in the Ministry Center. We've already had a number of volunteers sign up, but we are looking forward to helping everyone become part of this great endeavor. As part of the Community of Care, we are passionate about growing in our ability to be cared for and to care for one another. Join us as we begin the next step on our journey toward wellness through Jesus Christ.

THANKFUL  
FOR OUR STAFF



We will be recognizing  
years of service at  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School  
On Sunday, November 14, 2021  
during the 10:30 service



Jill Rodenbeck, 7th grade Teacher  
25 years of service (2020)



Rev. Steven Ahlersmeyer, Senior Pastor  
20 years of service (2020)

## Thank you for your Years of Service to St. Peter's

Show appreciation with a note giving thanks to Jill Rodenbeck and Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer for their faithful & dedicated years to our ministry here at St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School. Notes and cards can be placed in the designated box in the Ministry Center or mailed to the Church Office with Attention: Appreciation/Rodenbeck OR Attention: Appreciation/Ahlersmeyer.



**St. Peter's**  
High School  
Youth Group



## **We need your help!**

The National Youth Gathering is coming up July 9-13th, 2022. If you'd like to sponsor a hotel room, individual flight or group dinner contact Bill Habegger or Pastor McDowell.

## **SHARE Him with Others**

### **Compassionate Care Collection**

**EASIEST COMPASSIONATE CARE COLLECTION EVER!**

Pick up letter or business sized envelopes or postage stamps (give to church office) and place them in the collection baskets in the Ministry Center and North Corridor. You'll be helping LUTHERAN MILITARY VETERANS & FAMILY MINISTRIES.

### **Altar Guild Thanksgiving**

GARDEN & STORE PRODUCE for our THANKSGIVING SERVICES are needed to decorate the Thanksgiving table and windows. (The produce will be added to the food collection if suitable.) Small to medium-sized pumpkins, apples, gourds, Indian corn, and any produce that will keep well are welcome. Please place donations in the working sacristy (room behind the baptismal font) Monday or Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Thank you!

### **Coping Strategies for Anxiety**

***Tiny steps – just try one or two of these things.***

**Take a time-out.** Pray, practice Pilates (like Yoga without the belief system), listen to music, meditate, get a massage, or learn relaxation techniques. Stepping back from the problem helps clear your head.

**Eat well-balanced meals.** Do not skip any meals. Do keep healthful, energy-boosting snacks on hand.

**Limit alcohol and caffeine,** which can aggravate anxiety and trigger panic attacks.

**Get enough sleep.** When stressed, your body needs additional sleep and rest.

**Exercise daily** to help you feel good and maintain your health. Check out the fitness tips below.

**Take deep breaths.** Inhale and exhale slowly.

**Count to 10 slowly.** Repeat, and count to 20 if necessary.

**Do your best.** Instead of aiming for perfection, which isn't possible, be proud of however close you get

**Accept that you cannot control everything.** Put your stress in perspective: Is it really as bad as you think?

**Welcome humor.** A good laugh goes a long way.

**Maintain a positive attitude.** Make an effort to replace negative thoughts with positive ones.

**Get involved.** Volunteer or find another way to be active in your community, which creates a support network and gives you a break from everyday stress.

**Learn what triggers your anxiety.** Is it work, family, school, or something else you can identify? Write in a journal when you're feeling stressed or anxious, and look for a pattern.

**Talk to someone.** Tell friends and family you're feeling overwhelmed, and let them know how they can help you. Talk to a physician or therapist for professional help.





## Faithfully Forward Campaign Update

Find out where we stand on our current Faithfully Forward Campaign by going to our St. Peter's YouTube Page or going to this [link](https://youtu.be/ySCYLprmdTQ); <https://youtu.be/ySCYLprmdTQ>. Thank you to all of St. Peter's for supporting the ministry.

## Tithes & Offerings

### Stewardship Corner as of 10/17/2021

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	\$160,393	\$408,068	-
Budget	\$49,209	\$319,037	\$6,185
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$111,184	\$89,031	(\$6,185)
Loan Balance	\$1,625,332		

LWML is our Special Offering in the month of October. Associated Churches Food Bank will be our Special Offering in the month of November. Drop your offering envelope in the wooden church in the Ministry Center.

### LWML October Special Offering Highlight

Be a team player. Through the October's Special Offering Envelope for Lutheran Women's Missionary League you can be on the Medical Mercy Team in Tanzania....and 42 more vital outreaches. See them all at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) and [indianalwml.org](http://indianalwml.org)



## St. Peter's School & Preschool News

### Fall Festival THIS Saturday

Come join us for some family fun! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to this year's Fall Festival. PTL is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat.

But wait, there is more: hayrides, hot dogs, apple cider, bake sale, and more. This event is free, but a canned food donation is welcomed. All this fun will happen this Saturday, October 30 from 6-8 pm outdoors near the south church parking lot and Parish House.

For questions, contact the school office.

# Lord's Week at a Glance

## **Saturday, October 30**

2:30 pm – Wedding-Sowers/Speice (Sanctuary)  
5:00 pm – Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:30 pm – Kids of the Kingdom (Cornerstone Room)  
6:00 pm – Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat (South Parking Lot and Parish House)

## **Sunday, October 31**

8:00 am – Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:15 am – Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)  
9:15 am – Public School Confirmation (Large Conference Room)  
10:30 am – Worship w/ Praise Band (Sanctuary)  
11:00 am – Kids of the Kingdom (Cornerstone Room)  
6:00 pm – Pickleball (Gym)

## **Monday, November 1**

9:00 am Knotters (Parish House)  
6:00 pm Worship Service (Masks required) (Sanctuary)

## **Tuesday, November 2**

9:30 am – Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference Room)  
6:00 pm – HOPE Dinner (Cornerstone Room)  
6:45 pm – HOPE Sessions

## **Wednesday, November 3**

8:20 am – School Chapel (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm – Support Group (Staff Conference Room)  
6:30 pm – MSYG (School cafeteria)  
6:30 pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone Room)  
8:00 pm – Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## **Thursday, November 4**

6:30 am – Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)  
9:00 am – Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)  
9:15 am – Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)  
12:00 pm – Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
1:15 pm – Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)  
5:00 pm – Advancement Committee (Large Conference Room)  
5:15 pm – Nominating Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)  
6:00 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm – Youth Board Meeting (Staff Conference Room)  
7:00 pm – Ministry Impact Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

## **Friday, November 5**

7:00 pm – Father Daughter Dance (Gym)