

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



CONNECT to Christ with Us

November 07, 2021

All Saints Day

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

“Burdened by the End”

Text: John 3:1-3

Pastor Adam McDowell

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:

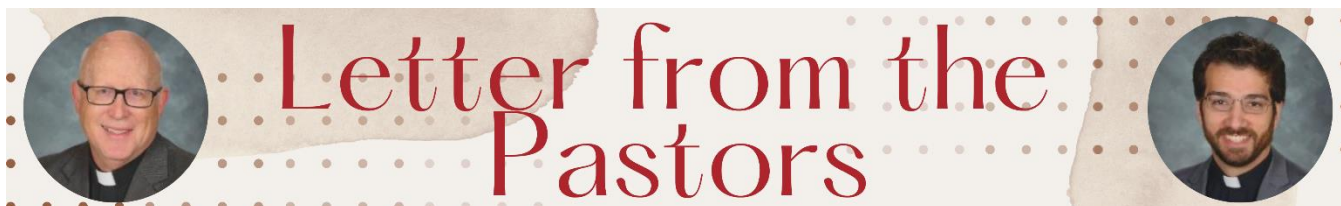
Revelation 7:9-17

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12

Monday evening worship services will continue through November 15th 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.



Dear friends and neighbors,

Did you know our founding father, Martin Luther, suffered from crippling depression? In fact, his depression was so bad he often could not get out of bed for days on end. You may be asking what he did to overcome it, but more on that in a second.

Here at St. Peter's we are committed to addressing the needs of our congregation and we know some of you out there are suffering. Throughout this month we'll be putting helpful information in News & Notes as well as Facebook. We hope you'll take advantage of it, but please remember your Pastoral Staff is always available to help in any way possible.

Now back to Martin Luther. The only way he knew how to help combat his depression was to help other people. When he had trouble finding motivation he always thought of someone else and focused on doing what he could for them. This month, we have an opportunity to help one of our members, Deb Fisher, who is working to prepare meals for the Ronald McDonald House at Parkview Regional Medical Center one Tuesday a month and is looking for volunteers.

If you are interested in helping, click on the Volunteer & Serve banner you can find updated every week in your News & Notes or you can call the Church Office.

Also, if you have a heart for children who are ill and would like to help, consider joining our [PrayER Team](#) specifically for children in need. You can call the Church Office to sign up for this ministry or ask questions.



The Pastoral Team



First I want to draw your attention to one of my personal favorite verses - "Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home." Romans 12:13. Even though this short and sweet verse doesn't need much explaining, I'm excited to share how we have been applying it and who's receiving it.

A little over 3 years ago we hired a seminary wife who was eager to learn all the ins and outs of parish life. The seminary wife I'm referring to is our fabulous Executive Admin Assistant, Amy Widener. As Amy and I discussed all the things she'd have a front row seat to, it became obvious just how much we have to share. For Amy, growing up as a Pastor's daughter she had lots of knowledge from that perspective but was very interested in understanding some of the aspects that are unique to a larger parish.

The next front office vacancy we had we spent some time exploring the possibilities of utilizing the seminary to fill the position. Not that long ago we hired Clarissa Smith who was a first year seminary wife with a limited job history. We quickly determined this was an obvious win-win opportunity. We gave Clarissa some valuable office experience and she thrived and grew in skills that would benefit their future parish. This experience confirmed that we were headed in the right direction and we haven't looked back since.

Even though hiring a seminary wife means we will only have them a short time (1-3 years) the time spent multiplies our blessings to the kingdom. When you stop to think about how many congregations are touched through this simple act of opening our doors to strangers it makes that time so much more impactful to our LCMS at large. We send Lisa and Jeff Clauson off with our blessing for this next chapter in their life and look forward to working with the Seminary to see if we can provide support for another family if possible.



Together with you in Christ,

Jenny Reith, Parish Administrator

Farewell Lisa! You will be missed!

Dear St. Peter's Members,

As life is always full of twists and turns, my husband and I will be returning to Sioux Falls, SD to continue working there and being closer to our parents. I am so thankful for the opportunity to have worked at St. Peter's at the Front Desk for the past 7 months and the great staff that I have been able to work with.

They are an amazing group of faith filled people who encourage those around them. It has been a blessing to learn from them and see them connect and grow with all of the members.



I have enjoyed being given the opportunity to see the "behind the scenes" workings of a large church body and given the flexibility to work a schedule that worked with the seminary schedule and my family. As I get ready to move back to South Dakota all I can say is, "Wow, what a great place!" You should all be so proud of your church and school. You have a beautiful facility filled with loving and caring people. Thank you for letting me be a part of St. Peter's for a little while and getting to know you! If you are ever traveling west I would love to have you visit Sioux Falls, South Dakota!

Blessings- Lisa Clauson

GROW in His Grace with Us

Voter's Meeting

The Fall Voter's meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, November 7th 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.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Join us in the large conference room at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday for the study, *God's Abiding Word: Psalms*.

HOPE Sessions

It's our final week for HOPE Sessions. We look forward to our next set of 6 sessions starting January 18th.

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.

Tyler Merren is a four time Paralympic athlete, motivational speaker, personal trainer and owner of ReVision Training LLC. He was born in Michigan with an eye condition known as "retinitis pigmentosa". Tyler grew up with a love for sports and activities despite his visual challenges. He

took this love for sports and transferred this in to a career path as personal trainer and elite athlete. He and his wife Leanne, who is also blind, have four children and live in Fort Wayne. Tyler Merren runs his business in Fort Wayne and is also captain of the USA Paralympic Goalball Team. He recently competed in the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo, Japan. He does all this while trying to be the best husband and father that he can be...

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. The cost for the meal is \$10. You can sign up in the Ministry Center and pay in the church office.



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.



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.

Depression: An Illness, not a weakness

Major depression is one of the most common mental disorders in the United States. Major Depressive Disorder affects more than 16.2 million American adults, or about 6.7% of the US population age 18 and older. This month we will explore this common struggle, increasing our understanding and compassion as well as learning ways we can help. There are two great resources available for pickup in the Ministry Center. We would also encourage you to read this article, [Depression is an Illness, Not a Weakness](#) from the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Request a copy to be mailed to you from the Church Office

SHARE Him with Others

Social Ministry Team Events LSSA Christmas Opportunity

Once again, St. Peter's has the privilege of sharing Jesus by adopting families for Christmas through Lutheran Social Services. It is our joy to supply three families with the means to buy groceries and new gifts for the entire family, perhaps for the first time. LSSI realized giving gift cards allowed each family not only the joy of giving new presents, but at the same time, learning some money managing skills from the LSSI program staff members who will accompany each parent unit on a shopping trip to Walmart.

More information will come next week, but meanwhile, if you want to avoid the Christmas rush, you can donate one of 3 ways:

- You may write a check addressed to **St. Peter's SCRIP** with **LSSI** in the memo to drop in the offering plate or mail to the church. You can use envelopes found in the Ministry Center.
- A cash donation can be placed in an envelope (found in Ministry Center) and either mailed to St. Peter's or placed in our offering plate.
- [Click on this link and make an online donation.](#)

Our goal is to raise a total of \$900 by the end of November. This will translate into Walmart gift cards through SCRIP. It's a Joy-Joy-Joy situation!

Project Angel Tree and Victims Assistance

Share your blessings and the joy of the Christmas Season by providing a gift for a child who has been a victim of a crime or whose parent is in prison. Choose the gift/child tag from the Angel Tree in the Ministry Center starting Saturday, November 27. Gifts need to be WRAPPED and returned to the Angel Tree in the Ministry Center by Sunday, December 19.

Thanksgiving Day Food Drive

St. Peter's annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive is right around the corner. The holiday season starts with this

opportunity to give. Tables will be set up in the narthex and the west side hallway to accept donations of non-perishable food items on Thanksgiving Day. If you are donating from your cupboard make sure the item is not damaged, opened, or expired.

Next comes the opportunity to serve. Members of the Social Ministry team and volunteers will gather on Friday morning, November 26, at 9:00 a.m. to sort, divide, and distribute the food items collected. With Cyber Monday offering so many good deals for your holiday shopping, you can skip the day-after-Thanksgiving shopping madness and help make Black Friday a little brighter for some deserving families. Please consider volunteering and making this one of your family's Thanksgiving traditions. P.S. - Kids love sorting!

If you know anyone who might benefit from receiving a food basket. You may submit name, address, phone number, and number of potential recipients to Pastor Steve (preferably through email).

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.

Tithes & Offerings

Stewardship Corner as of 10/24/2021

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	\$181,554	\$429,229	-
Budget	\$65,612	\$335,440	\$6,185
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$115,941	\$93,789	(\$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.

St. Peter's School & Preschool News

Middle School/High School Night

November 16th at 6:30pm in the Wildcat Gym.

The world of education and standards has changed quite a bit since we were in school! With Core40 being done away with, standards sliding down lower and lower, as the expectations of our kids continually rise, it can be easy to get confused. We are here to help!

In coordination with our High School, we are offering a night for parents of all 3rd-8th grade students to help walk you through what lies ahead. For our 3rd/4th grade parents our teachers will walk you through what middle school looks like here at St. Peter's. For all parents with children in 5th-8th grade, our teachers and special guests from Concordia will walk you through what graduation pathways look like as your child approaches high school and things you can do to help now.

Kindergarten Trot-In

November 18th at 6:00pm at the school.

We are opening our doors on Thursday, November 18th at 6:00pm to give everyone an opportunity to see what St. Peter's has to offer

- the highest-quality education in a caring, nurturing Christian environment.

St. Peter's partners with families to provide a Christ-centered education that nurtures faith in Christ, promotes discipleship, develops God-given talents, and encourages academic excellence.

Please share this information with anyone you may know who may be interested in enrolling their child in our kindergarten or iLEAP programs. They may call the school office for more information or email enrollment@stpetersfw.org

Clubhouse Position

We are seeking help for our before and after school care program, Clubhouse, specifically in the afternoon. Hours are from 3:00-5:30pm and candidates could start as soon as possible! 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! Please complete an [application](#) and submit to the school office or cbrune@stpetersfw.org.

Middle School Honor Roll & Honorable Mention for Quarter 1

Honor Roll

(8) Victoria Crozier, Carson Dale, Morgan Moher
(7) Carly Bradtmueller, Paige Nuthals, Madi Schlie, Adelyn Traxler (6) Braeden Bradtmueller, Max Hartman, Xander Naylor, Daphne Weller, Riley Zent (5) Addison Crozier, Joie Thiele, Melia Wenzel

Honorable Mention

(8) Alivia Bolinger, Holly Hoffman, Victoria Lothamer, Grace Reith, Nadia Sargeant, Jaycee

Taylor, Mallory Weller (7) Laney Avery, Kori Brown, Maddie Dick, Becca Flanigan, Collin Geistwhite, Rashon Johnson, Jack Krockner, Paul Wenzel (6) Addison Buuck, Eden Campbell, Tyler Derheimer, Leland Dyer, Ella Fortney, Tyler Johnson, Eve Hoffman, Mia Hamann, Ava Monnier, Alivia Mowery, Adalynne Ripke, Addie Yaden (5) Kalon Avery, Lola Bicknese, Caleb Brown, Ryder Crismore, Sawyer Meehan, Rondo Paulin, Leah Reidt, Chandler Ripke

Lord's Week at a Glance

Saturday, November 6

5:00 pm – Worship w/communion (Sanctuary)
Kids of the Kingdom Available (Cornerstone Room)

Sunday, November 7

8:00 am – Worship w/communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 am – Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)
9:15 am – Public School Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
10:30 am – Worship w/communion (Sanctuary)
Kids of the Kingdom Available (Cornerstone Room)
Immediately Following the 10:30 am service - Voter's Meeting (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm – Pickleball (Gym)

Monday, November 8

11:30 am – Senior Saints (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm Worship Service (Masks required) (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 9

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

Wednesday, November 10

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)
8:00 pm – Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 11

6:30 am – Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)
9:00 am – Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)
12:00 pm – Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm – Ladies Aid Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm – PTL Meeting (School Cafeteria)
7:00 pm – Board of Elders Meeting (Sanctuary)