

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## CONNECT to Christ with Us

**November 21, 2021**

**Christ the King Sunday**

### **In-Person Worship Communion**

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am

Sunday @ 10:30 am

### **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**

**"Jesus is Lord!"**

*Text: 1 Corinthians 12:3*

**Rev. Richard Koehneke**

### **Worship Readings**

**Old Testament Reading:**

*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

**Epistle Reading:**

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

**Gospel Reading:**

*John 18:33-37*

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Dear Fellow Members of St. Peter's,

What a wonderful recognition you gave to us on the occasion of our ministry anniversaries of serving here at St. Peter's. Thank you so very much for the beautiful cards, encouraging notes, and generous gifts! We feel so blessed by God to be able to serve Him and His people here at St. Peter's for these past many years. We value our partnership in the gospel that we share with both our fellow colleagues and, you, the members of this congregation.

With much gratitude and love in Christ,  
Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer (20 years of service at St. Peter's)  
Mrs. Jill Rodenbeck (25 years of service at St. Peter's)

## Music Ministry News

We are very excited to announce that St. Peter's Junior Choir and Handbell Choir will participate in worship this weekend at the 10:30am service! This is the first time a children's choir has participated in person at worship since February 2020. They have been working hard on their music and are looking forward to sharing it with the congregation. Each ensemble will offer an anthem by themselves, then they're going to combine and offer an anthem together! This will also be St. Peter's Handbell Choir's very first time ringing in worship.

Looking ahead, St. Peter's Day School's November 2021 Hymn of the Month is "Now Thank We All Our God", and we will sing this hymn at both of our Thanksgiving worship services. The students enjoyed learning about this hymn that was written 373 years ago. In addition, this month's big topic in chapel and in

music class was why we stand on the final stanza of this hymn. As always, we invite you to celebrate our November Hymn of the Month by raising your voices with our day school children this Thanksgiving.

## Sunday Bible Study

A new Bible Study begins with Pastor McDowell this weekend at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone Room and via live stream on our YouTube channel.

## Pastor Steve's Bible Study

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

## 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*.



Come and enjoy the Holiday cheer by helping with the Christmas Decorations!  
Sunday, December 5th immediately following the 10:30AM service.

## PrayER Teams are continuing to GROW!

Right now we have 65 people who are willing to give our church 60 seconds a week to pray. Help us make it 100 today!

If you're on one of our PrayER Teams, you're invited to a Kick-Off Event Wednesday, December 1st right *before* Advent Worship Service at 6 pm in the Cornerstone Room. Come for some fellowship and maybe a little SWAG.



## GROW in His Grace with Us



**"Others feel, think and have many of the same feelings I do."**

**"I learned that I am not alone and we all have things we are going through."**



**"...yummy meals, conversations, class time, & fellowship with others"**



**"I felt very connected with my group."**



**"Connecting with others like me."**



**"The chance to sit with people, eat food with them and also talk to them about God."**

**"I learned the truth of God's grace."**

### Senior Saints

#### December Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 6 at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per person. You can sign up in the Ministry Center and pay in the Church Office.

For this year's Christmas Luncheon, we will be decorating the tables with Advent Wreaths. If you have a wreath at home you would be willing to bring to help create a beautiful setting for our luncheon, please call the church office.

#### Christmas at the Embassy

Concordia Lutheran High School will present Christmas at the Embassy on Sunday, December 12, at 4:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up in the Ministry Center. Tickets are \$10 and must be paid to the Church Office in advance. The deadline to sign up for this event is December 6. When signing up, please indicate if you would like to carpool.

# SHARE Him with Others

## 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

## 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!

## Compassionate Care Collection

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE." Let's back up those words by giving letter and business sized envelopes and stamps (give stamps to the church office) to LUTHERAN MILITARY VETERANS & FAMILY MINISTRIES. Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

## LSSI 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 given to the Church Office 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.





## Quarterly Awareness Event Sunday, January 16th 5-6 pm with a FREE dinner following

**You know grievors deserve to be treated right.**

You want to help them, but get tongue-tied. You second-guess yourself. Your intentions are pure. But this is hard. This grief seminar can help with these difficult (and important) conversations.

Rev. Patrick Riecke, M.A., is an engaging speaker, and we're excited to announce him as our speaker for the next Quarterly Awareness Event. His focus is helping the helpers--people who are supporting those in grief.

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**If you are grieving the loss of a loved one this holiday season, you are invited to receive comfort and encouragement at this**

**“Surviving the Holidays” event:**

Dec. 5, 6:00-7:30 pm

St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, IN

Enter through doors 3 or 4

There is a \$5.00 fee for the workbook.

To register, call (260) 347-2158 or email [pwendt@stjohneagles.org](mailto:pwendt@stjohneagles.org)

# Tithes & Offerings

## Stewardship Corner as of 11/7/2021

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	\$22,955	\$470,226	\$2,988
Budget	\$23,255	\$375,098	\$8,792
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$299)	\$95,127	(\$5,804)
Loan Balance	\$1,625,332		



Associated Churches Food Bank is 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

### SGO

The SGO is a great way for families to support students here at St. Peter's AND do so with a great benefit to the donor! Every gift to our SGO comes with a 50% State Tax Credit. Simply put a \$1,000 gift to the SGO comes with a credit for \$500 off your state income tax and therefore only costs you \$500 out of pocket with the full donation helping our school! Donate now by clicking [HERE](#) or reach out to Chris Brune, Principal with any questions at 260-402-5809.

### Scrip

The season of giving is upon us. We will be offering Scrip-to-Go before and after worship services starting next weekend. New to the Scrip program? Stop by and learn more about how this program helps support our school!

**With the Thanksgiving holiday, Scrip orders placed by Noon on Tuesday, November 23rd will be filled and ready for pick up in the school office in the afternoon on Wednesday, November 24th.**

# Lord's Week at a Glance

## **Saturday, November 20**

1:30 pm - Busche/Musco Wedding  
5:00 pm – Worship w/ Communion  
Kids of the Kingdom Available (Cornerstone Room)

## **Sunday, November 21**

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)  
6:00 pm – Pickleball (Gym)

## **Monday, November 22**

### **(No School or Preschool all Week)**

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

## **Tuesday, November 23**

9:30 am – Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference)  
6:30 pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)  
8:00 pm – Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## **Wednesday, November 24**

9:00 am – Thanksgiving Decorating (Altar Guild)  
7:00 pm - Thanksgiving Eve Service (Sanctuary)

## **Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving**

### **Church Office Closed**

9:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Service (Sanctuary)

## **Friday, November 26**

### **Church Office Closed**

9:00 am – Thanksgiving Food Sort (Ministry Center)  
9:00 am - Thanksgiving Decoration Take-Down (Altar Guild)