

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## CONNECT to Christ with Us

**December 5, 2021**

The second week of Advent

In-Person Worship

**Sermon**

"Partnership"

Text: *Philippians 1:2-11*

**Nathan Widener**

**Worship Readings**

Old Testament Reading:

*Malachi 3:1-7b*

Epistle Reading:

*Philippians 1:2-11*

Gospel Reading:

*Luke 3:1-14*

**December 8, 2021**

Hymn-Sing

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

with Fellowship & Cookies to follow in the  
Ministry Center

**Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30**

These services can be found on our

Facebook page

[www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW](http://www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW)

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



Dear Friends,

The season for preparing is upon us as we excitedly await Christmas. This Advent we return back to worship and have already had our first midweek service with Jeff Arnold, our fieldwork seminarian, giving his first sermon at St. Peter's. We will prepare our worship space this Sunday after the 10:30 service to be a sanctuary full of greenery and lights. If you are vibing (as the youth say) in the Advent preparations and Christmas spirit, come and join with others to decorate the church.

The next midweek service is our highly anticipated Hymn-Sing service. We look forward to singing these special songs, carols, and hymns together in our beautifully decorated sanctuary. Together, we gather to sing Christmas hymns Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. With all our unified voices and great organ accompaniment, it is an uplifting event. Let us take the opportunity to rekindle the joy of Advent and Christmas together. We encourage you to come and bring your family and friends. Let us shew away the loneliness that has been such a factor in our own lives and in the lives of others. Let us come back together as a community to sing praises to God. Exit through the Ministry Center and you'll find fellowship and a few cookies to send you on your way in the Lord's joy and peace.

Please keep our school and church in your prayers as we finish out this month of December. The Preschool and School have their programs the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> respectfully. Of course, the church will hold its traditional Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Look for a schedule of times of the services in next week's News and Notes. We all want you to be filled up and overflowing with God's love this year.

We Await the Lord with Happy Anticipation,  
Your Pastors

## PrayER Teams



exemplify the PrayER Team slogan, "Through Prayer We Care."

We want to thank all of our PrayERs, but we are especially grateful for the 10 volunteers who agreed to be Organizers, as well as, our PrayER Team Coordinator Mr. Tony Amstutz.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ calls us to, "Love your neighbor as yourself," and praying for those in need is truly an expression of this love. Join us as we continue on this journey, and help us, through the Holy Spirit, to show our love for each other through prayer.



## Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to

**260-468-5816**

## GROW in His Grace with Us

### Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

A remarkable gift can arrive in an unremarkable way. One did in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago. Join us on November 30, as we begin a four-week study entitled, *Because of Bethlehem*. In this video Bible series, Max Lucado explores how the One who made everything chose to make himself nothing for us. Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record . . . just grace. Treat yourself to a time of peace and renewal during this busy season. Join us from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays in the large conference room. Bring a friend!

### 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.

### HSYG

Meeting Sunday 6-8 pm at the Parish House

### **Sunday Bible Study**

Bible Study continues 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**

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study will take a break for the season and resume January 13th.

## **SHARE Him with Others**

### **New Members: Important Upcoming Events**

Check out the two events coming up for members who have joined this year.

#### **New Member Faithfully Forward Education Session**

Come learn about our building project - the past, present, and future of our building goals. Anyone who would like to see this presentation is welcome to come, not just new members. It's THIS Sunday, December 5th in the Cornerstone Room at 3:30 pm.

#### **SP 101.5**

New members who have been approved by the Elders and have already attended SP101, this is for you! St. Peter's 101.5 is coming up Sunday, December 12th from 9:15-10:15 am in the Large Conference Room. Learn more about your new membership and how to get connected. Light breakfast and child care are provided.

We will also formally receive you into membership at the 10:30 service on the 12th. Please RSVP to Jen Cardone at 260-749-5816 or [jcardone@stpetersfw.org](mailto:jcardone@stpetersfw.org).

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#### **LSSI Christmas Families**

More details to come later, but we are so thankful to report we have surpassed our goal to support the 3 families we made commitments too. The additional funds will be sent to LSSI to support any other needs that were not met.

#### **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.

#### **Scrip Sales**

**The season of giving is upon us! We will be offering Scrip-to-Go before and after all weekend worship services through December 19th.**

Create your online account [HERE](#) and order eGift cards and physical gift cards right from your smartphone using the [RaiseRight](#) app! Physical card orders placed by Noon on Tuesdays will be available for pick up on Thursday afternoons in the school office. The app allows you to link your bank account, pay with a credit card, or select Pay Coordinator Directly to pay by cash or check.

Thank you for supporting our school and preschool!



## HSYG Working Hard to get to the National Youth Gathering

The Youth is working hard to get to the National Youth Gathering! Get in on the action by purchasing Mike's Car Washes (quick sale so we can get them to you before Christmas), donating cookies to the Cookie Walk, or come buy a box or two of cookies on the 11th. Short on time? You can purchase Mike's Car Washes DURING the Cookie Walk! We'll see you Saturday the 11th!



**Get 'em QUICK!**  
**Mike's Car Washes**  
**support the HSYG National**  
**Youth Gathering trip**  
**but we're only selling them**  
**for two weekends!**

Find your HS Youth or call the Church  
Office to get your order in FAST!  
Basic Wash - \$9  
Ultimate Wash - \$20



SIGN UP IN THE  
**Ministry**  
**Center**

**HSYG**  
**COOKIE**  
**WALK**

Bring Cookie Donations to the  
Church Kitchen Friday, Dec 10.

Purchase cookies Saturday, Dec.  
11 from 8 am until we sell out.  
Each box is only \$10.

# Tithes & Offerings

## Stewardship Corner as of 11/21/2021

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	\$ 59,531	\$ 506,801	\$ 2,988
Budget	\$ 69,764	\$ 421,607	\$ 8,792
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 10,233)	\$ 85,193	(\$ 5,804)

Loan Balance \$1,625,332



The Refurbishment of our Organ will be the Special Offering for December. Drop your offering envelope in the wooden church in the Ministry Center.

## Lord's Week at a Glance

### Saturday, December 4

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

### Sunday, December 5

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)  
11:30 am - Decorating for Christmas  
3:30 pm - New Member Faithfully Forward Education Session (Cornerstone)  
6:00 pm - HSYG Meeting (Parish House)  
6:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)

### Monday, December 6

6:00 pm – Knotters (Parish House)

11:30 pm - Senior Saints Christmas Party  
(Cornerstone Room)

### Tuesday, December 7

9:30 am – Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference)  
12:00 pm - Pastoral Circuit Meeting (Cornerstone)  
6:30 pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)  
8:00 pm – Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, December 8

6:00 pm – Support Group (Staff Conference)  
7:00 pm - Hymn-Sing Advent Worship (Sanctuary)  
8:00 pm - Hymn-Sing Reception (Ministry Center)

### Thursday, December 9

9:00 am – Ladies Aid Christmas Party (Goeglein's)  
6:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm - PTL Meeting (School Cafeteria)  
7:00 pm - Board of Elders Meeting (Cornerstone)