

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## CONNECT to Christ with Us

**December 12, 2021**

The third week of Advent

Praise Team Weekend

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

These services can be found on our Facebook page

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

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

In-Person Worship

### Sermon

"The Lord has Taken Away the Judgments"

Text: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

**Pastor Adam McDowell**



## Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to

**260-468-5816**

### Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Epistle Reading:

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading:

Luke 7:18-28

**December 15, 2021**

Middle School Christmas Program

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

## COVID 19 Ministry Update

On Wednesday our county advisory level changed to RED status. The advisory level refers to the current guidelines the county must follow. At this time there are no state or county mandates from Allen County Health Commissioner that would impact how we operate our ministry. After evaluating the recommendations from our state and local officials as well as consulting with our COVID-19 Task Force and Board of Elders, we have made the following decisions that will be effective immediately.

- We are offering 1 additional Worship Service on Christmas Eve (3PM). This is the only service with mask & social distancing required by all participants.
- We are suspending the attendance requirements for the Congregational Scholarship until May 31, 2022. Questions regarding this can be directed to Jenny Reith, Parish Administrator.
- We are encouraging all of our members to continue worshiping and engaging in ministry activity to whatever extent they feel comfortable.
- For those uncomfortable with in-person worship and activity, we are encouraging participation in worship via our livestreaming options.
- If you'd like to schedule a private communion please contact the Church Office.

Aside from the additional mask required service on Christmas Eve, all worship activities will continue as they currently are including: open seating, continuous communion, offering collection, and Ritual of Friendship signing. Additionally, we will continue to provide hand sanitizer and masks throughout the facility.

## GROW in His Grace with Us

### Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
Large Conference Room.  
(No Bible Study on 12/28 & 1/4)

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. Bring a friend!

### 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.

## 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

The image shows several Mike's Car Washes tickets (Basic and Ultimate) and a car being washed.



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.

The image shows a clock face and two cookies.

## SHARE Him with Others

### POINSETTIA PLANTS

We have preordered 26 plants which will be delivered in time for the Preschool Christmas program and stay for Christmas. They will decorate around the Christmas trees, lectern, and pulpit.

The cost of each plant is \$10.50. Each plant is in a 6" pot covered with red foil, with a bow attached. You may purchase a plant and take it home after the Christmas Day service or later in December. Another option is to donate it for a member in need.

Just sign up on the sheet in the Ministry Center and take an envelope. The envelope may be dropped off at the office or put in the offering plate. Thank you for your help to decorate for our beautiful services in December!

### Project Angel Tree and Victims Assistance

Thank you to everyone who took an angel from the tree.

### PLEASE REMEMBER!

Gifts need to be WRAPPED and returned to the Angel Tree in the Ministry Center by Sunday, December 19.



### LSSI Christmas Family Joy

Much like the churches in Macedonia, your "abundance of JOY overflowed in a wealth of generosity" as you have provided over \$1700 for not only our three families, but, by God's grace, for three more!!! Thank you, praise God, and JOY to you all in Jesus!

### 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!

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

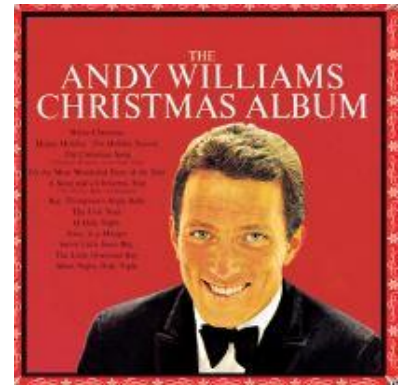


Rev. Patrick Riecke is the director of Dignity and Spiritual Care and Chairperson for the Ethics Committee at Parkview Health. He leads a team of chaplains who have responded to more than 10,000 patients' deaths during his tenure. Patrick is the author of *How to Talk with Sick, Dying and Grieving People: When there are No Magic Words to Say*, and *How to Find Meaning in Your Life Before it Ends*. His new book, co-authored with his wife, Kristen, is called *No Matter How Small: Understanding Miscarriage and Stillbirth*.

Patrick speaks about end of life, finding meaning, and grief. He was born and raised in Fort Wayne, IN. He's been married to Kristen since the 1990s and they have four children. When he was five years old, he dreamed of being either a Truck Driver or a Catholic Priest. Neither dream has come true yet.

### Navigating the Holiday Blues

Andy Williams might tell us, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," but for some the holidays can be a challenging time. Loneliness, financial strain, and holiday pressures can worsen mental health struggles, leaving many feeling anxious and/or depressed. At a recent presentation on, "Navigating the Holiday Blues," Christine M. Crawford, MD, MPH, Associate Medical Director, NAMI, gave these tips:



1. Stick to normal routines as much as possible. That's good for your children, too, if you have children at home.
2. Get enough sleep.
3. Take time for yourself, but don't isolate; spend time with supportive, caring people.
4. Eat and drink (if you drink) in moderation.
5. Move your body; get some exercise. Even 10 minutes a day can make a difference in your mood.
6. Set reasonable expectations and goals; don't demand too much of yourself.
7. Set a budget for holiday expenses; don't overspend.



## Thank You

### Sponsors

- Donald & Janet Ahlersmeyer (Lg Print & Regular Portals of Prayer): In thanks to God from whom all blessings flow
- Tim & Theresa Donovan (N&N Postage)

### Thank Offerings I am thankful for...

- Pastor Steve
- My family
- Lucas getting a job in his field!
- Pastor Ahlersmeyer & Jill Rodenbeck for their years of service
- Pastor Steve
- Our teacher Jill Rodenbeck
- In memory of my father's birthday
- A new grandson
- What's in my heart
- Blessings!!
- Good health!

*Sponsorships available for Hopeful Living, Annual Flowers, & Worship Supplies*

### A few special thank you shout outs:

- Thank you for your generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund! Your donation ensures that LWR Quilts & Kits get into the hands of a person who needs it. With your help, we have delivered Quilts & Kits to families in Mozambique whose communities were utterly ravaged by Cyclone Idai. On behalf of LWR, please accept my heartfelt thanks once more for your gift and all that it will do. - Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
- Thank you to everyone who took an Angel from the Angel Tree. If you took an Angel from the tree, please remember gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the Angel Tree in the Ministry Center by Sunday, December 19th
- LSSI Christmas Family Joy: Much like the churches in Macedonia, your "abundance of JOY overflowed in a wealth of generosity" as you have provided over \$1700 for not only our three families, but, by God's grace, for three more!!! Thank you, praise God, and JOY to you all in Jesus!

## Tithes & Offerings

### Stewardship Corner as of 11/28/2021

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	\$ 86,919	\$ 534,189	\$ 2,988
Budget	\$ 98,138.72	\$ 449,982	\$ 8,792
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 11,219.92)	\$ 84,207	(\$ 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 11**

7:00 am- HSYG Cookie Walk (Lower Level Gathering Area)  
5:00 pm – Worship w/ Praise Team (Sanctuary)  
Kids of the Kingdom Available (Cornerstone Room)

### **Sunday, December 12**

8:00 am – Worship w/ Baptism (Sanctuary)  
9:15 am – Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)  
9:15 am – SP 101.5 (Large Conference Room)  
9:15 am – Public School Confirmation (New Conference Room/Old Workroom)  
10:30 am – Worship w/ Praise Team (Sanctuary)  
Kids of the Kingdom Available (Cornerstone Room)  
1:30 am - Small Group Bible Study (Large Conference Room)  
6:00 pm - HSYG Meeting (Parish House)

### **Monday, December 13**

11:30 am - Altar Guild Poinsettia Setup (Sanctuary)

### **Tuesday, December 14**

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

### **Wednesday, December 15**

6:00 pm – Support Group (Staff Conference Room)  
7:00 pm – Advent Service (Middle School Christmas Program) (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, December 16**

9:00 am – Ladies Aid Quilting  
6:00 pm – Property Team Meeting (Parish House)  
6:30 pm – Board of Directors Meeting (Cornerstone Room)  
6:30 pm – Shepherding Care Team Meeting (Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm – Tech Team Meeting