

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



CONNECT TO CHRIST WITH US

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30

These services can be found on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/StPetersFW

Large Print Bulletins are available from an Elder.



Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to

260-468-5816

**Monday evening services
continue at 6 pm with masks
required. These services will
continue thru February until
Lent begins.**

February 5-7, 2022

In-Person Worship
Communion Weekend

Sermon

"For They Have Heard the
Words of Your Mouth"

Text: *Psalm 138:4*

Pastor Adam McDowell



Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Epistle Reading:

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Gospel Reading:

Luke 5:1-11

CONNECT TO CHRIST WITH US (CONT.)

Special Voter's Meeting

We will be having a special voters meeting to extend a call to an Associate Pastor-Director of Community of Care on Sunday, February 20th in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 service. Supporting documents can be found in the ministry center and on the last few pages of this edition of News & Notes.



Q&A

You have questions? We have answers. Come to the Lower Level Gathering Area just outside the Cornerstone Room to ask what you'd like to know. The Ministry Team be there after the 5 pm Saturday service and after the 10:30 am Sunday service.

GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Large Conference Room.

Pastor Steve's Bible Study

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study continues every Thursday at noon in the Sanctuary.

Sunday Bible Study

Creation, was it "big bang", "chaos", or "on purpose with a plan by a Power that always was, is and will be?" Join the Sunday Adult Bible Class at 9:15 AM and discover our origins that will lead to our destination and show us how to get there!

High School Youth Group (HSYG)
Last weekend to order Chicken Dinner Tickets!

Pick them up in the Ministry Center before and after worship or use the button below to order online. (Your name will be put on a list so online orders don't need a physical ticket.)

Tickets are only \$10 per dinner.



Meals can be picked up Sunday, February 13th after worship services.



SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS



Last weekend's sermon by Missionary James Sharp was inspiring and informative, as he shared how God's Word is powerful and active in Uruguay. If you missed it, you can still view it on our Youtube page or catch the entire service on our Facebook page. If you would like a DVD of the service mailed to you, please contact the church office. Mission brochures with pictures of the Sharp family and their work are available in the Ministry Center.

Social Ministry Team

The big game is set to kick off on February 13th. St. Peter's has a tradition of collecting food (initially just soup - thus the name "Souper Bowl") for the Associated Churches Food Bank downtown. The Social Ministry Team is once again planning a Souper Bowl food collection for that weekend of the 12-14th, making sure that all donations are non-perishable and not expired. Thanks and God's blessings to all.

PrayER Team Spotlight: Childhood Illness



For those of us who have a heart for the younger people around us, nothing can break our hearts faster than a child who is feeling unwell. The Childhood

Illness PrayER Team is always ready to pray for the health and wellness of any child. This might include a child who is battling a short term cold or other physical ailment. This might also include a child who is undergoing treatment for a larger illness or a chronic issue. They will even pray for the overall wellness issues for children, whether it is a mental health concern, a spiritual health concern, a relationship issue, etc. Your confidential request can be submitted to this fantastic team by texting our hotline at 260-468-5816.

Mental Health Awareness: PTSD

During the month of February we will learn more about PTSD, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

According to the National Institute on Mental Health, PTSD is a disorder that develops in some people who have experienced a shocking, scary, or dangerous event. It is natural to feel afraid during and after a traumatic situation. Fear triggers many split-second changes in the body to help defend against danger or to avoid it. This "fight-or-flight" response is a typical reaction meant to protect a person from harm. Nearly everyone will experience a range of reactions after trauma, yet most people recover from initial symptoms naturally. Those who continue to experience problems may be diagnosed with PTSD. People who have PTSD may feel stressed or frightened, even when they are not in danger.

This short video from Parkview explains more.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 1/23/2022

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	\$ 79,208	\$ 711,992	\$ 2,988
Budget	\$ 82,363	\$ 655,312	\$ 8,792
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,155)	\$ 56,681	(\$ 5,804)
Loan Balance	\$1,490,091		



The CLHS Performing Arts Program will be the Special Offering for February. Drop your offering envelope in the wooden church in the Ministry Center.

St. Peter's sent \$2,449 to the Tornado Relief Fund in December to the Mid-South District in Tennessee. Donations directed to this fund were used for relief efforts in the tornado-ravaged communities.

LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, February 5

5:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
Following Service - Community of Care Info
Meeting (Lower Level Gathering Area)

Sunday, February 6

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 am - Adult Information Class (AIC) (Staff
Conference Room)
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)
9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Large
Conference Room)
10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion
(Sanctuary)
Following Service - Community of Care Info
Meeting (Lower Level Gathering Area)
6:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)

Monday, February 7

5:00 pm - Call Committee Meeting (Large
Conference Room)
6:00 pm - Worship Service w/ Communion
(Mask Required)

Tuesday, February 8

9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study (Large
Conference)
5:30 pm - HOPE Sessions Dinner (Cornerstone)
6:15 pm - HOPE Sessions Devotion & Classes
6:30 pm - MSYG (School Cafeteria)

Wednesday, February 9

6:00 pm - Support Group (Staff Conference)
6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)
8:00 pm - Brass Band Rehearsal (Balcony)

Thursday, February 10

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Cornerstone
Room-moved temporarily)
9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone)
12:00 pm - Pastor Steve's Bible Study
(Sanctuary)
1:30 pm - Ladies Aid Meeting (Cornerstone)
6:00 pm - Kindergarten Coffee Talk
(Cornerstone)
6:00 pm - Shepherding Care (Old Workroom)
7:00 pm - Board of Elders Meeting (Large
Conference Room)



Special Voters Meeting Agenda

Sunday, February 20, 2022
immediately following 10:30AM worship service

Sanctuary

Opening

Opening Prayer Pastor Ahlersmeyer
Call to Order Vicki Fitzgerald

Business Items

Extending a Call for Associate Pastor – Director of Community of Care Vicki Fitzgerald

Closing

Closing Prayer Pastor Ahlersmeyer
Adjournment Vicki Fitzgerald

C O N N E C T • G R O W • S H A R E

Ideal Candidate Qualities for St. Peter's Director of Community of Care

Purpose:

To serve the congregation by organizing and overseeing the Community of Care and providing pastoral duties. This individual will create short- and long-range plans for the implementation and growth of the programs and resources within the Community of Care. Once each component of the Community of Care is implemented, it will remain the responsibility of the Director of Community of Care to supervise the operations of the various programs, evaluate effectiveness of such, and work toward continued growth and expansion.

Preferred Educational Qualifications

- Master's degree in social services, psychology, or a related field along with practical professional experience
- Pastor listed on the official roster of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Pastoral Skills

- Teachable, an ability and willingness to learn from others
- An ability to preach in a passionate and down to earth way, with an ability to relate and connect with the congregation
- Ability to provide pastoral counseling as needed
- Strong interest in care ministry

Structural Organization

- Ability to recruit and work with lay leaders
- Strong teaching skills for both individuals and groups
- Ability to thoroughly identify and understand key issues people of all ages in today's society
- Strong project management and organizational skills
- Ability to galvanize groups as needed

Relationship Skills & Personality Traits

- An approachable individual with a contagious compassion for others and passion for the ministry
- A respectful man who is able to exude warmth and kindness, and is able to provide listening ear when needed
- Solid in our core theology yet flexible enough to try new things to effectively minister to those in need
- Realizes the value of, and ability to partner with, the staff and laity of St. Peter's
- Ability to work collaboratively with and to be a resource for the care needs of students and families of the school and preschool

Spiritual Character Traits

- An ability to provide forgiveness and to show grace
- An unending optimism about God's ability to do amazing things in the lives of people and the congregation
- Sees God's work through the local congregation as the hope of the world
- A passion for sharing the love of Christ with those inside as well as outside of St. Peter's
- A lifelong student of the Word
- Above reproach

Candidate Bio for Associate Pastor – Director of Community of Care



Nathan Widener began his professional career as a certified drug and alcohol counselor after graduating from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. While working for Southwest Youth and Family Services in Chickasha, Oklahoma, Nathan was asked to lead the Drug Court Program for both Grady and Caddo counties and to implement the first Batterer's Intervention program for the southwest region of the state. During this time, Nathan also received his Master's degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and was subsequently asked to become the liaison between Southwest Youth and Family Services and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For approximately ten years, Nathan was part of the administration of Southwest Youth and Family Services and was integral to the development and oversight of a number of initiatives as well as the strategic planning for the organization at large. During those ten years he also helped clients on the path to recovery who suffered from various issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and co-occurring mental health disorders.

Nathan helped people of all ages and economic statuses and came to realize that sin is the same for everyone, regardless of their background, and that we all need to hear the Gospel. This led him to Seminary four years ago, and after graduation he hopes to continue his ministry by helping those in need and reaching out to those who have never heard that Jesus Christ died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven!

For nearly two years, Nathan has served at St. Peter's, first as a vicar and more recently as a part-time contract consultant for the development of the Community of Care vision plan. When Nathan began his work as a vicar, he soon learned of the vision direction the Board of Directors and ministry staff were developing. He has been instrumental in helping that vision grow into an achievable plan for the future of St. Peter's ministry. If it is God's will for him to continue at St. Peter's as the Director of Community of Care, the Call Committee is confident Nathan will help make this vision a fruitful reality.

Nathan is blessed to be married to a wonderful woman, Amy, and is grateful to have received the gift of two daughters, Gwyndalyn and Sophia. Both girls are active in the arts and enjoy painting, acting and singing in the CLHS choir. In his free time Nathan enjoys playing and listening to music, working on his car and watching Hockey. Both he and his family are avid fans of the Fort Wayne Komets and enjoy watching games at the Coliseum.