

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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The Second Sunday in Lent

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

March 12-13, 2022

In-Person Worship

Sermon

"God's 'Would' Versus Our
'Would Not!'"

Text: *Luke 13:34*

Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

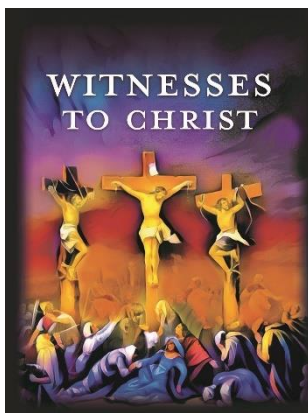


Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 26:8-15*

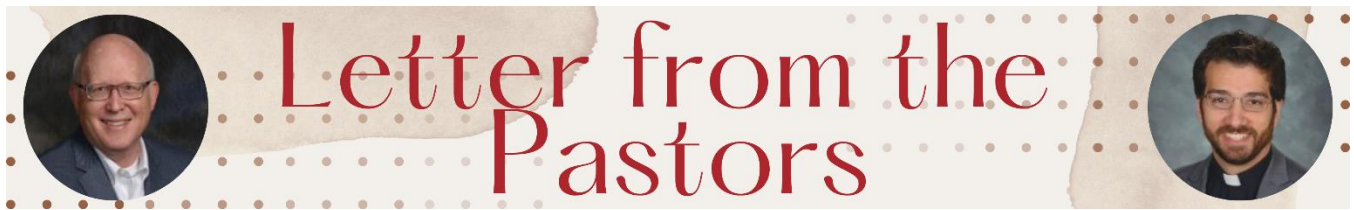
Epistle Reading: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 13:31-35*



Midweek Lenten Services continue every Wednesday

Services will be in-person at noon and 7 pm. Noon service will be livestreamed. We pray for our congregation and hope to see you at our Lenten services as we anticipate the holy sufferings, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Devotionals to use during this season of humble repentance can be found in the Ministry Center.



Dear Friends in Christ,

I was looking through some old files and came across a newsletter I shared with the congregation back in March of 2001. Basically, the gist of the letter shared how we as a congregation "took a bold step of faith by approving the Lower Level Renovation along with a Funding Plan to accomplish the renovation and start-up costs for an early childhood/preschool ministry." Of course, our St. Peter's Preschool opened its doors for the first time in September of 2002 - which means that it is celebrating its 20th anniversary of operation this year!

Since I wrote that letter back in 2001, not only did we fund the initial preschool renovation, but as you may recall, we completely renovated the preschool facility a second time when we did our major building project back in 2014. Imagine that...not once, but twice did God allow us to renovate the Preschool facility! Today we rejoice that in its 20 years of operation our Preschool has served literally hundreds of children and families. God be praised for His faithfulness!

In February of this year, we as a congregation once again took a bold step of faith by approving the calling of a third pastor to help lead us in our Community of Care emphasis. I think these words I wrote back in March of 2001 is both fitting and a testimony to God's faithfulness to His people - *"Taking on a project like this brings its share of anxiety. There are always those looming questions like, 'Can we really do this?' 'Will it work?' 'What if it fails?'" It is quite natural for those kinds of questions to surface, but at the same time, we can also take refuge in the words of our Lord when He assures us, "never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) In the end, as we do with all our life, we go forth into this new ministry with the confidence that God's hand is leading and His love is supporting us."*

God's love and blessing to you in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Thank you for your Years of Service to St. Peter's



We will be recognizing years of service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School on Sunday, March 13th, 2022 during the 10:30 service.



Beth Busche
Preschool Teacher Aide
20 years of service (2021-22)



Pam Launer
4th grade Teacher
20 years of service (2021-22)



Heather Volmerding
6th grade Teacher
10 years of service (2021-22)

Show appreciation with a note giving thanks to Beth Busche, Pam Launer, and Heather Volmerding 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.

Please label envelopes with only **one** of these options so we can separate them:

- Attention: Appreciation/Busche
- Attention: Appreciation/Launer
- Attention: Appreciation/Volmerding

We encourage you to thank them all, of course, but please do so in separate labeled envelopes so each honored staff may take it home.



Connecting through Memorial Gifts

Thank You

Memorial gifts to the family of Helen Nahrwold were used to purchase the larger aisle candles you may have noticed from Christmas through Epiphany (our Light has come, a Light to the Gentiles), and will be used for weddings. They hold more oil and look more balanced with the pew torches we have. The elders and altar guild are pleased to be able to easily provide this special lighting for all the services of the Christmas season.



Memorial gifts to the family of Kenny Gerbers were used to purchase new altar linens with embroidered crosses: the large white fair linen that drapes across the altar, the corporal square linen that goes under the bread for communion (plus an extra), the corporal rectangle linen that goes under the wine for communion (plus and extra), and purificator napkins. Feel free to go up to the altar after services to get a close up view of these beautiful cloths which will serve the congregation for years to come.



Connecting through our Preschool

Our very own St. Peter's Preschoolers will be singing during our 5:00 service this weekend. They have been diligently practicing their songs and are so excited to sing God's praises! Our children will be singing "Jesus Loves Me", "Your Love is Deep" and "The Lord's Prayer."



GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

Pastor Steve's Bible Study

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

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 am
Large Conference Room

Join the Ladies study this week as we continue "The ROCK, the ROAD, and the RABBI." This 6 week DVD study takes us to sites in Israel and provides fascinating background details that make the events of the New Testament come alive. This week we travel somewhere new!

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.

Kids of the Kingdom Update

We are still in need of volunteers for **March 27th**. We'd love to see a few new names on there. Email [Jen Cardone](mailto:jcardone@stpetersfw.org) at jcardone@stpetersfw.org or call the church office to sign up.

Senior Saints

Monday, April 11, 11:30 am
Cornerstone Room

Stay tuned for more information about our next guest: Jared the Comfort Dog.

High School Youth Group (HSYG)

NYG parent meeting March 20th @ 11:30 am after the 10:30 service in the Cornerstone Room.

SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

Connecting Hearts

Thank You to the "Up Lifters" who...

Lift someone's spirits with cards and prayers...

Lift praise to God for the gift of a long life...

Lift their thanks to God in all circumstances...

Lift up their hands to God just because He is!



So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will *lift* up my hands. - Psalm 63:4

Thanks be to God for the senders and the receivers for He is good and His mercy endures forever.

Compassionate Care Collection: Bethlehem Food Bank

Let's fill the collection baskets in the Ministry Center and North Corridor with bar soap and gel for the Bethlehem Food Bank.



PrayER Team Spotlight: Mental Health PrayER Team

When considering wellness, it is easy to understand that we all have physical wellness. Some are more well than others: some can run marathons and care diligently for themselves, others struggle with physical wellness due to an injury or disease. Similarly, we all have mental wellness. Again, some are well and are feeling great; others struggle with illness or trauma. As a Christian community, we are used to reaching out for prayer support if we have a physical wellness need such as an impending surgery or a recent diagnosis. Sadly, we are not as practiced at reaching out if we have a mental wellness need. Our Mental Health PrayER Team is ready to pray for you, no matter where your mental wellness currently stands. If things are going well, we want to rejoice with you. If not, we want to support you through prayer. Prayer requests can be sent via text to our hotline at 260-468-5816.

Mental Health Awareness Understanding the Terminology

- **Dependence** is what most people are referring to when they use the term addiction.
- **Tolerance** is present when the individual has to use progressively more of the substance over time to achieve a particular high.
- **Withdrawal** is a set of unpleasant physical symptoms that are opposite of the effects of the drug. If using the drug causes a decrease in heart rate, a potential withdrawal symptom might be an increase in heart rate. Withdrawal symptoms are a result of the body's compensatory responses and appear when use of the drug is abruptly discontinued.

Learn more from this video put out by Parkview Health: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJIYXZaGIYc>

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 2/20/2022

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> <small>Thru January</small>
Total Giving	\$ 90,289	\$ 818,806	\$ 12,474
Budget	\$ 107,059	\$ 782,621	\$ 18,786
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 16,770)	\$ 36,185	(\$ 6,312)

Loan Balance \$1,436,293



Camp Lutherhaven will be the Special Offering for March to support Camperships which encourage and help our young people be able to attend. Drop your offering envelope in the wooden church in the Ministry Center.

St. Peter's collected \$1,875 for the January Special Offering for our Missionary to Uruguay - Rev. James Sharp and his family.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Now is the time to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars if you haven't already done so. The **deadline to allocate your Choice Dollars is March 31**. We hope that you will consider choosing St. Peter's. This is an easy way to support the church and school.

- Online: Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice). In the Direct Choice section, click "Get started now." Find St. Peter's Lutheran Church or School Fort Wayne. They are listed separately. Click "Direct Now." You can then select the "Direct All" or pick specified amounts for more than one organization.
- By phone: Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

In 2021, because you directed funds to either St. Peter's Church or St. Peter's School, we have received over \$10,000 for our ministries! In 2020, over \$11,000 was directed to St. Peter's Church and St. Peter's School ministries.

You have the power to direct where Thrivent Financial gives back!

LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, March 11

2:00 pm - Calling: Jan Bradtmueller (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm - Calling (Sanctuary)

Saturday, March 12

9:30 am - Calling (Sanctuary)
10:30 am - Funeral: Jan Bradtmueller (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm – Worship w/ Preschool Singing (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm - Preschool Cookie Reception (Lower Level Gathering Area)

Sunday, March 13

10:00 am - Worship (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/ Staff Appreciation Recognition (Sanctuary) *KOTK Available*
5:00 pm - Lutheran Singles Group (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)
6:00 pm - HSYG (Parish House)

Monday, March 14

9:00 am - Knotters (Cornerstone Room)

Tuesday, March 15

9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study (Parish House)
6:00 pm - Support Group (Staff Conference)
6:30 pm - MSYG (School Cafeteria)
6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone Room)
8:00 pm - Brass Band Rehearsal (Balcony)

Wednesday, March 16

12:00 pm - Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm - Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 17

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)
9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)
12:00 pm - Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm - Nominating Team Meeting (Large Conference Room)
6:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting (Large Conference Room)