

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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The Third Sunday in Lent

Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30

These services can be found on our Facebook page

www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW

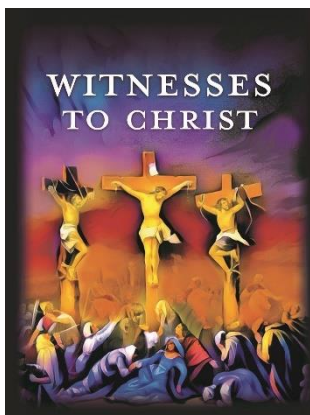
Large Print Bulletins are available from an Elder.



Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to

260-468-5816



March 19-20, 2022

In-Person Worship
Communion

Sermon

"Be a Swordfighter!"

Text: *1 Corinthians 10:13* &
Psalms 119:11

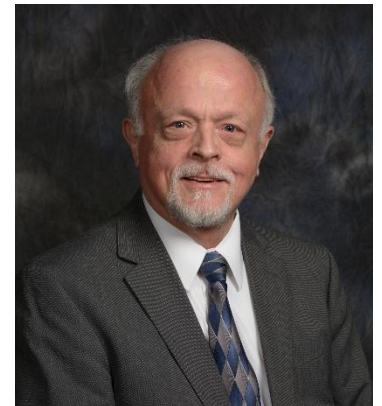
Rev. Richard Koehneke

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-20*

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 13:1-9*



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.

Communion Returning Back to Precovid Distribution Practice

Now that the pandemic restrictions have eased up significantly, the Board of Elders have decided that on Maundy Thursday, April 14, to return to the practice of distributing Holy Communion at the communion rail in the chancel area as was our usual way of distribution prior to the pandemic. Furthermore, the common cup will also return at that time. If you have any questions or concerns, you are encouraged to share them with either one of the pastors or with an elder. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience during these past two years of having to adjust to a different way of distributing the sacrament. The elders will continue to monitor the situation with the pandemic and may have to make necessary changes in the future if conditions warrant.

Voter's Meeting Results

We are excited to share that the position of Director of Community of Care was approved at the Special Voter's meeting, February 27th, and the decision to extend the Call to Vicar Nate Widener to fill this position was also approved.

Vicar Nate is in his last 10 weeks of Seminary. The next step in this process is to wait until Call night to see if the Seminary will grant this request for Vicar Nate to be our third Pastor and our Director of Community of Care. He will then complete his classes and graduate May 20th. Call night will be livestreamed on the [CTSFW FaceBook](#) page on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 pm EST. You can also find the link [here](#) through their website.

Vicar Nate is continuing his part-time hours at church around his class schedule. If you would like to speak with him or make an appointment, please call the church office at 749-5816 and we can help connect you to him.



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 to the Mount of Olives in The Triumphal Entry!

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.

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.

D.O. McComb & Sons Annual Grief Seminar



Featuring Heather Stang

It is the desire of D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Homes to offer assistance to everyone throughout the Fort Wayne Community who has been touched by grief. We will be hosting Heather Stang, founder of The Mindfulness & Grief Institute. This will be our 31st annual grief and loss seminar. We have designed two seminars to better meet the needs of all attending.

FAMILIES

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
(doors open at 6:00 pm)

Please join us for an evening of reflection on ways to move from grief to peace, for all types of loss. During this time when so many of us have lost so much, it is important to tend to what hurts with compassion and care.

CAREGIVERS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

9:00 am - 3:30 pm
(doors open at 8:00 am)

*"Transforming Suffering
to Hope"*

For caregivers whose profession leads him/her to assist others through the grieving process. Designed to educate clergy, nurses, social workers, counselors, educators, psychologists, hospice personnel, volunteers, and funeral directors.

*5 clock hours or CEU credit hours available;
email heather.eracleous@sci-us.com
for more information.*

CERUTI'S SUMMIT PARK

DIAMOND ROOM

6601 Innovation Blvd.
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46818

For reservations, please call (260) 426-4448.
Reservations accepted starting February 7, 2022

You must be registered to attend.



[Facebook.com/DOMcComb](https://www.facebook.com/DOMcComb)

SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

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.

Mental Health Awareness

March 21-27 is National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week

Youth and Substance Abuse

In 2020, nearly 2 million 12- to 17-year-olds (approximately 40 percent) used alcohol for the first time.

Research shows that within 2 hours of drinking, 18.5 percent of youth ages 12 to 17 also used marijuana in 2020.

Despite what parents may think, children really hear their concerns when it comes to using substances, and it's important to discuss the risks of using alcohol and other drugs with them at every opportunity. Informed, prepared parents/guardians and communities have the best chance of getting ahead of underage drinking and other substance misuse. There are printed resources that can be requested from the Church Office and mailed to you at any time.

MYTH #1: ONLY "BAD KIDS" GET ADDICTED

Addiction is not a character flaw and it does not reflect the moral integrity of the person suffering from it. Medical experts and medical associations agree: Addiction is a disease that has biological, neurological, psychological, social and spiritual repercussions. Like any other chronic disease, addiction is marked by cycles of remission and relapse—and is progressive if left untreated.

MYTH #2: SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS A BEHAVIORAL PROBLEM.

Addiction is compulsive and involuntary. At a certain point, the physiological dependance on a substance overtakes a user's ability to voluntarily quit. Treating addiction like a behavioral problem places the blame on the user and ignores the very real and very dangerous physical and psychological dependence that is the hallmark of addiction.

MYTH #3: OVERCOMING SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS A MATTER OF WILLPOWER.

Once someone is addicted, withdrawal is a serious and complex undertaking. Because substances alter the mind, it can be very difficult for a user to make conscious, rational choices. Furthermore, addiction affects nearly every part of a user's body, making quitting extremely painful, uncomfortable and even life-threatening. Additionally, quitting a substance without addressing underlying issues—like trauma—increases the likelihood of relapse. In order to quit and remain clean, a person suffering from addiction needs continuous support, and in some cases, medical supervision.

MYTH #4: ADDICTION IS CAUSED BY A LACK OF PARENTAL DISCIPLINE OR ATTENTION.

Substance abuse is NOT a reflection of parenting or upbringing. Once someone is abusing drugs, no amount of discipline can curtail addiction. Mind-altering substances are everywhere—in schools, in the media and in advertisements—and so are the opportunities to use them. And as a parent, you can't realistically be present in every single moment of your teen's life. The best approach to preventing substance use or abuse is to set expectations, establish an open line of communication, and play an active role in your teen's daily life.

MYTH #5: SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENTS DON'T WORK.

Many people with addictions are convinced that recovery is a lost cause. On the road to recovery, relapse is common—and it's all too easy to lose hope. To make matters worse, family members, friends and members of law enforcement often treat them as a lost cause. Many people in recovery from addiction describe their journey as a "three steps forward, two steps back" process. But there are many types of treatment options, and with the right combination of treatment and support, recovery IS possible.

MYTH #6: DETOXING WILL STOP SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Many people assume that medically assisted detoxification programs will "cure" addiction in a matter of days or weeks. But true recovery takes much, much longer. Medical detoxification is the first step to weaning the body off an addictive substance. But addiction causes long-term changes to the brain that don't simply go away once the substance is out of the body. To break the cycle, a person must learn to re-train their brain and address the underlying causes of their addiction. For most, recovery is a lifelong process.

MYTH #7: ADDICTION IS CAUSED BY DRUGS ALONE.

Addiction is a complex problem with complex causes—and complex solutions. Most people in recovery will tell you that their addiction was just a symptom of a larger problem, stemming from past trauma, grief, or a feeling of isolation and disconnection. This is one reason why the "tough love" approach doesn't work. People suffering from addiction need structure and accountability. But cutting them off only intensifies the feelings of isolation that contributed to the problem in the first place. The complexity of addiction is part of what makes it so difficult to overcome, and why positive, ongoing support is essential.

February 2022

Transfer In:

- Ben & Rebecca Cichocki and daughter Katie Cichocki from Ascension Lutheran, Fort Wayne

Births:

- Kai Michael Bremer (2/15) Parents Kelly & Stephanie Bremer
- Skylar Bobbi Knoll (3/3) Parents Chad & Sarah Knoll
- Parker Bradley Scott (2/18) Parents Spencer & Chelsea Scott

Deaths:

- Edward Bredemeyer (2/9)
- Mary Krahm (2/22)
- Jan Bradtmueller (3/5)

Stewardship Corner as of 3/6/2022

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	\$ 23,471	\$ 842,277	\$ 12,474
Budget	\$ 29,209	\$ 811,830	\$ 18,786
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 5,738)	\$ 30,447	(\$ 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

Only two more weekends left 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. 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

Saturday, March 19

5:00 pm – Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm - HSYG Basketball (Church Gym)

Sunday, March 20

10:00 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)
KOTK Available
12:00 pm - PrayER Team Organizers Meeting (Large Conference Room)
12:00 pm - HSYG Mandatory Parent Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
5:00 pm – Lutheran Singles Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)

Tuesday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 23

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

Thursday, March 24

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 (Large Conference Room)
6:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)