

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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April 30-May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter
Communion Weekend

Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30am

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.



Sermon

"God...Concept or Reality?"

Text: *Acts 9:1-22*

Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

Worship Readings

First Reading: *Acts 9:1-22*

Second Reading: *Revelation 5:8-14*

Gospel Reading: *John 21:1-14*



Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to
260-468-5816

New members will be welcomed at
this weekend's 10:30 service.

Letter from the Pastors



We are both excited and pleased to announce that the Divine Call we extended to Vicar Nate Widener back in February was formally extended to him during the Call Service held at Concordia Theological Seminary on April 27. In short, what that means is Vicar Nate will now be Pastor Nate and serve here at St. Peter's after he successfully completes his course work, graduates in May, and is ordained in June. We anticipate that he will officially serve us as our Director of Community of Care and Associate Pastor in July. Stay tuned for further details. In the meantime, please pray for Nate and his family as they make this transition during the weeks ahead.

In other news, we rejoice with other St. Peter's members and former fieldworkers who received pastoral Calls and vicarage assignments last week. They include:

- Keith Kettner (former fieldworker) - Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Beardstown, Illinois
- Nate Konkel (former fieldworker) - Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church, Finlayson, Minnesota, and St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Bruno, Minnesota
- Chris Walters (member) - Associate Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Bouton, Iowa, and Zion Lutheran Church, Ogden, Iowa
- Jeff Arnold (current fieldworker) - Vicar, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbia City, Indiana

In Christ,
Pastor Steve & Pastor McDowell



Pictured left to right:
Chris Walters, Nathan Widener, Nate Konkel

GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

Welcome New Members

- Michael Cardone
- Lisa Clinkenbeard
- Tiffany Jehl
- McKenzie Jehl
- Harry & Ruth Longacher
- Jacob & Katelyn Renno
- Spencer & Chelsea Scott
- Jennifer Wilson

New members will be received at the Sunday 10:30 service this weekend.

Pastor Steve's Bible Study

Reminder: There is no Bible Study this week on May 5th. We will resume classes on the 12th and continue through the 26th before our Summer break gives us pause until September.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 am

Large Conference Room

Lesson: TALES FROM THE CATECHISM VAULT (Bring all the Catechisms you have!!!)

High School Youth Group (HSYG)

Next meeting is Sunday, May 15th from 6-8 pm at the Parish House.

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.

HOPE Sessions

Dinner for May 3rd is Walking Tacos w/ all the toppings, cookies, and more!

Printed class schedules & dinner menus are in the Ministry Center. If you would like these mailed to you, call the Church Office.



Senior Saints

Walk on the Wild Side!

Join us for a leisurely walk through a part of Lindenwood Nature Preserve, located at 600 Lindenwood Ave, on **Monday, May 2**. Our leader will be retired naturalist, Tony Acosta. Please plan to meet in the parking lot of the Preserve at 10:00 am. Please dress for the weather for a one hour walk in the Preserve. We will discuss the history of Lindenwood and learn about some of the flora and fauna located in the park. This event will take place rain or shine. We can all decide on a place for some lunch after the walk.

Senior Saints Sweet Breeze Tour

You are invited to join the Senior Saints on a Sweet Breeze Tour. Explore our natural river wonder on a replica of an original canal boat. Tours will entertain riders with colorful river lore stories, history, and muddy water tales as you cruise the rivers. Fully accessible for wheelchairs. Our cruise will depart on Monday, July 18 at 11:30 am and will last 90 minutes. The cost for the tour is \$30/person. Please sign up today to reserve your spot. You can send payment to the church office. Please write "Seniors Sweet Breeze Tour" on the memo line. Sign up today. After June 1, we will open the tour to those from other churches who may wish to join us.



SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

Mother's Day Carnations

Mother's Day is May 8th

Each year St. Peter's partners with Right to Life of Northeast Indiana & other area churches to bring in beautiful flowers in honor of moms, grandmothers, and mother-figures in our congregation. This is an opportunity to support the life-saving work of Right to Life. Look for these carnations in the ministry center Mother's Day weekend!

Portable Oxygen Units

If you or someone you know has Portable Oxygen Units or batteries for these units that are no longer needed, please reach out to Mike Buhr or let the Church Office know. These will be given to Veterans in need. Thank you!

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 5th. If you would like the 2022 Theme Prayer Guide, you can find one in the Ministry Center or the Church Office can mail you one upon request.



Myth: Self-Injury is Not Really a Big Deal


Even if you've made minor, superficial wounds while self-injuring, it's not something to dismiss. Self-harm is a way to feel better and any time it becomes a go-to coping skill, it means additional support is needed. A young person who self-harms "a little" one time may go on to severe self-harm if it's ignored.

An episode of mild self-harm behavior can escalate to more physical damage that can become more dangerous, even without a desire to kill

yourself. You might not even know about the self-harm because it's kept secret.

Even if someone self-harms once, it's important to understand why they tried it, what they were hoping would happen and figure out if they need extra support or coping skills. Self-harm is a major risk factor for further emotional struggle and a higher likelihood of future suicide attempts.

It may at first seem like your child is "only" self-harming because their best friend does it too, but almost everyone who self-harms continues to do it because it makes them feel better. If the person self-harming wasn't getting something out of it, research shows they generally don't just keep doing it as "copycat" behavior, especially because self-harm has real-life consequences like permanent scars.



**The Dynamics of
Substance Use Disorder &
Its Impact on The Family**

Toni Lovell, LCSW, LCAC, MAC
Lutheran Social Services

Understanding the disorder
Learning how to help

Sunday, May 1 @ 5:00

Quarterly Awareness Event

Even if you didn't sign up, come to this event and the dinner following. Learn how to help others.

SCHOOL UPDATES



Thank You ✨

7th Grade Teacher, Jill Rodenbeck Retiring

We are so thankful for Jill's service to this ministry and the time and love she has put into her students and her classroom. At this time, we are requesting nominations from the congregation for a new teacher to be Called to the position. Printed nomination forms can be found in the Ministry Center and turned in or mailed to the Church Office.



"Teaching here has blessed me in so many ways. I'm thankful to St. Peter's and to our Lord for the opportunity to serve Him here for these years. As much as I'm looking forward to having some free time, I know I'll miss the amazing staff and kids we have. And of course, I'll be around, typically early service, front third, pulpit side." – Jill

Help our preschool pave the pathway to our playground.



We would love to change the gravel walkway into a beautiful path filled with bricks engraved with our families' own personal messages that will be a permanent part of our preschool. Proceeds from our campaign will fund the walkway and build our endowment fund which will provide financial support to future students for generations to come.

You can buy a brick (or two, or more) to honor your family, student, former students, teacher or business--the possibilities are endless! Your personalized brick will be a lasting tribute paving the way for future generations.

Place your order online or contact the preschool office at preschool@stpetersfw.org for more information. Thank you for your support.



ORDER YOUR

ST. PETER'S PRESCHOOL BRICK ONLINE



1. Go to stpetersfw.org or scan this QR code
2. Click on "Give Today"
3. Click on either the \$75 4X8 or the \$100 8X8 fundraiser option
4. Complete your payment

Once payment is completed, you will receive an email containing the link to fill out the order form.

Auction

Your next adventure awaits!

Our annual Wildcat Pride Benefit Auction will be held Saturday, May 14th. Experience faraway lands, see incredibly sights, and marvel at the wonders of the world! Limited tickets available by calling the school office. Contact [Emily Campbell](#) to learn how you can help! Sponsorships opportunities and all donations will be graciously accepted.



Food Truck Night

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy yourself!

Whip & Chill
A'Roma Pizza
Monterrico

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1-8

(1) Angela Clabaugh, Steven Hartman, Leila Judt, Maegan Koenig, Pam Wiedemann;
(2) William Collins, Willow Latham, Carol Mason; (3) Joshua Goeglein, Austin Hegerfeld, David Herb, Brenda Jones, Dakota Krockner, Ryan Nix, Sharon Perry, Theresa Pierce, Zane Vogelsong; (4) Kole Busche, Eve Domres, Eli Fuess, Kevin Kinsey, Stephanie Smith, Brittany Westmoreland, Levi Wood; (5) Mike Buhr, Debbie Haenftling, Shane Harris, Al Rodenbeck, Justin Taylor; (6) Cindy Bolinger; (7) Craig Bolinger, Melissa Buuck, Easton Fritch, Ella Garrison, Ed Gobrogge, Melody Schlie, Joy Weller, Robert Wigfield; (8) Noah Aumick, Jon Fuess, Brittany Lehman, Michelle Thiele;

May 9-16

(9) Phyllis Berning, Richard Crismore, Ethan Reidt, Chad Ripke, Alexander Schultz;(10) Luke Bultemeier, Ella Fortney, Amy Harris, Timothy Koenig, Darlene Schwartz;(11) Chuck Busch, Paige Nuthals, Anya Stankovic; (12) Norma Bloom, Courtney Buhr, Jerry Buuck, Sheila Donahoo, Emma Weiss; (13) Erin Casey, Natalia Manzaneda-Crismore, Rob Moher, Robert Pierce; (14) Andrew Amstutz, Jessica Ball, Kylie Buuck, Shelly Meyer; (15) Rose Mary Lipp; (16) Betsy Harris, Elijah Sipe, Colton Smith;

May 17-23

(17) Kaitlyn Amstutz, Todd Baron, Jacob Gaff, Luann Hallberg, Leah Hanson, Easton Rigelman; (18) Jutta King, Samuel Littrell, Clara Rodenbeck, Kevin Roembke, Heidi Stratton; (19) Rita Bakalar, Stephen Bordner, Marianne Ostermeyer, Kady Picillo, Nadia Sargeant, Calvin Vanderford; (20) Haley Bowers, Debra Meyer, Annette Perry; (21) Jessica Arnett, Kyle Grisez, Jackson Heibeck, Don Kidd, Kelli Schimmoller, Elizabeth Tulloch, Reece Zillman; (22) Cortney Fortney, Danielle Gernhardt, Donald Hieber, Lisa Hieber, Shannon Jones, Aaron Weber; (23) Anne Aumick, George Bremer, Ian Darmawan, Jacquelyn Kees, Tom Koenig, Liz Roebel, Betsy Springer;

May 24-31

(24) Shelley Drew, Jacqueline Gulley, Dan Patterson, Lisa Suelzer; (25) Tristan Bridge, Keegon Burget, Keri Do, Madalyn Hicks, Ryan Kammeyer, Doris Martin, Sarah Rodenbeck, Ellie Williamson, Gracie Williamson; (26) Tanner Brooks, Larry Moeller, Clayton Pusey, Hannah Quinn; (27) Jacob Bradtmueller, Daniel Hartman, Heidi Kessens, Trenton Lehman, Brett Motter, Mark Ober, Kris Roberts, Wanda Sutter, Sandy Timm; (28) Quentin Peffley; (29) Bradley Hermann, Angela Meyer, Emilie Uhrick, Theresa Wenzel, Danyelle Werling, G. Fred Wiedemann; (30) Mila Horacek, Chico Pranger, Nilah Richardson; (31) Gloria Nietert, Grace Quaintance, Maddy Roembke, Max Schimmoller, Angie Weiss

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 4/17/2022

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 February</small>
Total Giving	\$ 75,862	\$ 981,059	\$ 13,610
Budget	\$ 86,903	\$ 986,360	\$ 20,984
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 11,041)	(\$ 5,301)	(\$ 7,374)
Loan Balance	\$1,407,365		

May's Special Monthly Offering: High School Youth Group

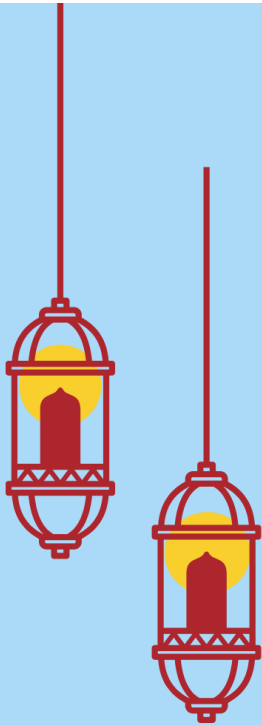
National Youth Gathering is nearly here! July 2022 will be an exciting time for our Youth as they travel to Houston, TX. They have been working hard this year with numerous fundraising events. This is one of the last ones to help push us over the edge with the funding we need. Thank you for all of your support of the High School Youth Group.

St. Peter's collected \$592 for the February Special Offering going to the CLHS Performing Arts.

Endowment: Sanctuary Lights

Completed 2016

John 8:12 - "...Again Jesus spoke to them, saying 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'..." Did you know that in 2016 the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Endowment paid for the remaining lighting upgrades in the sanctuary to the tune of \$28,517? The St. Peters Lutheran Church Endowment is a great way to leave a lasting legacy to the church. Please contact Aaron Clinkenbeard with any questions or concerns.



LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, April 30

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

Sunday, May 1

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)
9:15 am - SP101.5 (Large Conference Room)
10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
KOTK Available
5:00 pm - Quarterly Awareness Event: Substance Use (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm - Dinner following the event (Cornerstone Room)

Monday, May 2

10:00 am – Senior Saints: Walk on the Wildside (Lindenwood Nature Preserve)

Tuesday, May 3

County Election (Church Gym)
9:30 pm - Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference)
5:30 pm – HOPE Sessions Dinner

6:15 pm – HOPE Sessions Classes Begin

Wednesday, May 4

6:00 pm - Support Group (Staff Conference Rm)
6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)
(Pending – contact Tim Degen)
8:00 pm - Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony) *(Pending – contact Tim Degen)*

Thursday, May 5

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)
9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)
5:00 pm - Nominating Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm - PTL Meeting (School Cafeteria)
6:00 pm - Youth Board Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
7:00 pm - Ministry Impact Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)