

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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May 14-15, 2022

Fifth 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

"Radical Love"

Text: *John 13:31-35*

Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

Worship Readings

First Reading: *Acts 11:1-8*

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:1-7*

Gospel Reading: *John 13:31-35*



Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to
260-468-5816

Spring Voter's Meeting

The Spring Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd immediately following the 10:30 service. All materials for this meeting are available in the Ministry Center.

GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US



Celebrate with Us **Retirement Reception for Jill Rodenbeck** May 22nd in the Ministry Center after the 10:30 service

Come celebrate what a blessing Jill Rodenbeck has been to our ministry and to Lutheran education for the last 30 years. On Sunday, May 22nd at the 10:30 am service, we will recognize all her efforts in Lutheran education followed by a reception in the Ministry

Center (before the start of the Voter's Meeting) following the service. Come enjoy fellowship, and give Mrs. Rodenbeck thanks and appreciation for all she has done and continues to do for our ministry. Keep an eye out for a letter in the mail about Jill's recognition.

"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

GROW in HIS Grace...and that's just what they did



**We are pleased
to honor the
Confirmation
Class of 1962
celebrating their
60th
Anniversary in
the joy of
lifelong learning
and growing as
Christians at the
10:30 service
this weekend.**

Front Row (L to R): Herbert Vonderau, Katherine (Busch) Schultz, Gaylord Gerke, Karen (Ehle) Bottcher, Sandra (Goeglein) Barnette, James Volz, Charles Mozena, Don Hieber

Second Row: Sandra (Thiele) Devaux, Max Wente, Mike Hallien, Diana Houser, Pamela (Meyers) Hartman, Tom Hemsoth, David Bennett, Robert Roddy

Top Row: Cheryl (Bohde) Baatz, Linda (Vonderau) Clinkenbeard, Ruthann Nietert, Pastor Busch, Donnalyn (Meyer) Melcher, Lois (Scheiman) Rhodes



Shepherd's Staff Award

The Shepherd's Staff is given to one 4th year student at the Seminary, voted on by his peers. This has been an award described as one who is a "Pastor of Pastors" and demonstrates care for those around him. We are excited to share that our future pastor, Nathan Widener was recognized for this honor Tuesday at the awards ceremony at Concordia Theological Seminary. We are so thankful he has been placed here with us at St. Peter's.

Here are just a few comments made by his classmates:

- "He exudes the persona of a pastor not exclusively for any class of persons or individuals, but for all peoples."
- "How many people has Nate reached out to in distress, how many of his peers has he counseled in conversation? Nate is like an alley cat, everyone knows him on campus and he is always around."
- "He is good at listening, he shows care and concern for our class whenever we are in despair, and he has respect for everyone on campus."
- "If there is one person who exemplifies the task of pastoral care, it is Nathan. Part of that is his background as a counselor, and part of that is his personality. Ultimately, these two traits mean he is constantly concerned for the wellbeing of his brothers. This he is able to do without feeling like he is being pushy nor being overly clinical. It is simply just how he conducts himself in his daily interactions."
- "Nathan definitely deserves this award, because he brings such a unique skillset to the table with his background in psychology."
- "Nathan's posture towards the pastoral office is one of reverence and humble seriousness towards the call. He's a man who can and does admit when he is wrong, especially when it comes to the greatest and most important pastoral task of proclaiming Christ and Him crucified. For that, he has my utmost respect. He certainly deserves this award."





VBS 2022
June 26-30th
6-8 pm



VBS and YOU!

This year's VBS will be a MONUMENTAL event for all our campers age 3 through 4th grade AND for our Crew Leaders who'll be in 5th-12th Grade. We are so excited to have our VBS Director Lisa Hieber leading the way. Look in the Ministry Center for donations we're collecting! Bring all donations back to the Church Office. Or call the church office to see what items are available. Thanks for all your help in making this so much fun!

Pastor Steve's Bible Study

Join us for the second to the last bible study on the 19th and finish up on the 26th before our Summer break gives us pause until September.

Sunday Bible Study

Classes continue this Sunday at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone Room

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.

HOPE Sessions

Dinner for May 17th is Coney Dogs, Mac n Cheese, Fruit, and Brownies. Printed class schedules & dinner menus are in the Ministry Center. If you would like these mailed to you, call the Church Office.

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

HOTDOG GIVEAWAY

The MSYG is hosting a hotdog giveaway to our neighborhood on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm in front of St. Peter's School. We need your help by donating food supplies or funds. If you are interested in helping our middle school youth please contact the church office at 260-749-5816 or bring directly to the office between 9am-4pm.

Senior Saints

May Lunch & Learn - Phil's Friends

Have you ever felt the heartache of watching someone you cherish struggle with a cancer diagnosis and treatment? Have you felt the tug of wanting to help in a meaningful way but just not being sure of how to do so? It is not too late to join us Monday, May 16 at 11:30 am in the Cornerstone Room to hear about an incredible ministry that reaches out to and cares for those undergoing cancer treatments. Sign up today in the Ministry Center if you can join us for a delicious lunch of lasagna, salad, veggie, garlic bread, and dessert. This meal is being provided thanks to a Thrivent Action Grant so all lunch fees will be donated to Phil's Friends.

Sweet Breeze Tour

The boat is nearly full. We can take a total of 38 people on this incredible river boat tour. We have just a few seats left, so sign up today. (Once the boat is full, all others will be placed on a waiting list.) Please send payment for your tickets to the church office. Payments are due by June 17. After that, unpaid tickets will be opened up to the waiting list.



SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

Compassionate Care

Collection: Kate's Kart

Kate's Kart provides books to pediatric patients to bring smiles and promote literacy. Please give **NEW** children's Christian books and bibles to this month's Compassionate Care Collection

LWML Convention

Ladies - have you ever been to a Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention? Speakers! Studies! Break Out Groups! Entertainment! Here's your chance! This one is in Fort Wayne, June 17-19th! Contact Elise Koenemann at 493-3923

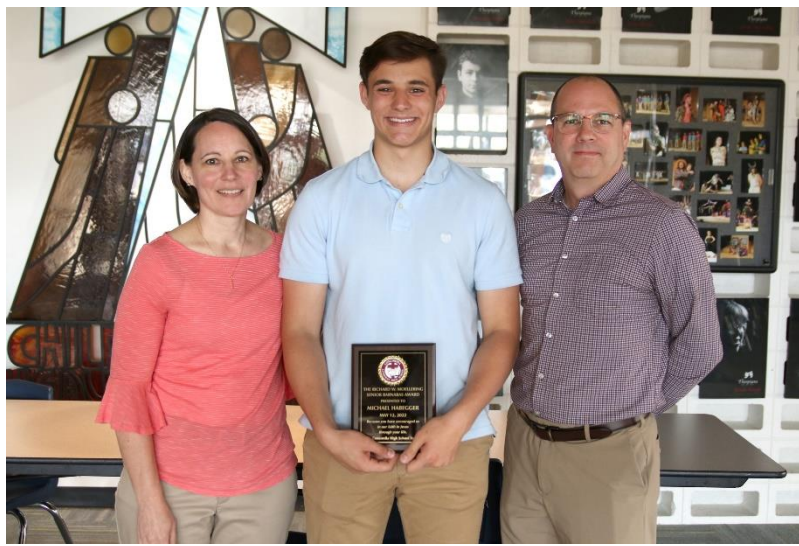
Stress & Burnout

Job burnout is a special type of work-related stress — a state of physical or emotional exhaustion that also involves a sense of reduced accomplishment and loss of personal identity.

"Burnout" isn't a medical diagnosis. Some experts think that other conditions, such as depression, are behind burnout. Researchers point out that individual factors, such as personality traits and family life, influence who experiences job burnout.

Whatever the cause, job burnout can affect your physical and mental health.





SCHOOL UPDATES

CLHS Update: Barnabas Award Well Done Good and Faithful Servant

Senior Michael Habegger was honored today with the Richard W. Moellering Senior Barnabas Award. Established by the Class of 1986, the award recognizes a senior who exemplifies encouragement and servanthood.

Barnabas was a missionary and co-worker of St. Paul. His name means "encourager." His ministry in life was to be of service to his fellow man.

One nominator wrote: "Michael has a magnetic personality which helps him instill a sense of community in each group in which he takes part. He is a natural servant, volunteering in any way, and always following through with the commitment he makes."

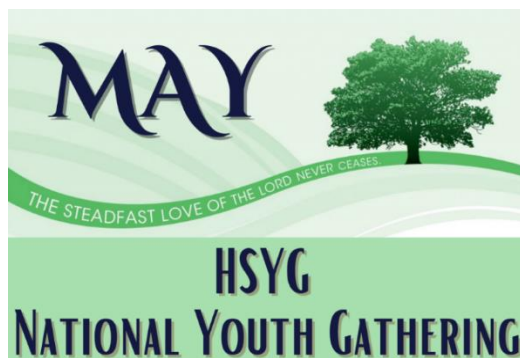
Ten students in all were nominated for this award by the student body and faculty and staff. A committee of four faculty members and four seniors made the final selection. Habegger was nominated along with nine other seniors, Ben Corley, Rachel Geller, Ben Gerig, Ellie Hellinger, Lainey Linnemeier, Anna Maxson, Katie McKay, and Hope Stephenson.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 5/1/2022

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> Thru February
Total Giving	\$ 15,625	\$ 1,009,966	\$ 13,610
Budget	\$ 19,437	\$ 1,029,783	\$ 20,984
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 3,813)	(\$ 19,817)	(\$ 7,374)
Loan Balance	\$1,378,369		



***St. Peter's collected \$732
for the March Special Offering
going to Camperships to
Camp Lutherhaven.***

Preschool Entrance

Completed 2018



Boy, that's a great looking preschool entrance on the east side of the church! I wonder how that beautiful project was paid for? I can tell you...the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Endowment dispersed \$31,000 in 2018 to help rebuild and repurpose that beautiful entrance for the preschoolers. Please contact Aaron Clinkenbeard with any Endowment questions and how you can leave a lasting legacy to St. Peter's Church.

LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, May 14

5:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm - School Auction (Church Gym)

Sunday, May 15

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)
10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
KOTK Available
11:30 am - 60th Anniversary of Confirmation Class of 1962 (Cornerstone Room)
1:00 pm - Friends of Faith Training (Large Conference Room)
5:00 pm - Fort Wayne Lutheran Singles Group (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm - HSYG (Parish House)
~~6:00 pm - Pickleball - Cancelled for Auction teardown~~

Monday, May 16

11:30 am - Senior Saints: Lunch & Learn (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm - Finance Committee (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 17

9:30 pm - Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference)
5:30 pm - HOPE Sessions Dinner
6:15 pm - HOPE Sessions Classes Begin

Wednesday, May 18

1:00 pm - Senior Saints: Euchre & Fellowship Event (Cornerstone Room)
6:00 pm - Support Group (Staff Conference Rm)
~~6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)~~
~~8:00 pm - Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)~~

Thursday, May 19

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)
6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting (Large Conference)

Friday, May 20th

10:00 am - Annual Art Show (Church Gym) (throughout the weekend)