

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



**In-Person
Worship**
SATURDAY @ 5 PM
SUNDAY @ 8 AM
SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM
No Service this Monday

**Live Stream
Worship**
Sunday @ 10:30 AM
www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW

CONNECT TO CHRIST WITH US

September 3-4, 2022

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Weekend

Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30am: www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW

NO SERVICE: Monday Night Labor Day

Large Print bulletins are available from an Elder during in-person services.



Sermon

"It's Worth the ~~Fight~~ Struggle"

Text: Luke 14:25-35

Pastor Adam McDowell

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Reading:

Psalms 1

Gospel Reading:

Luke 14:25-35

New National
Mental Health
Emergency
Phone Number

988



Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to
260-468-5816



Letter from the Pastors

Greetings from the Pastoral Ministry Staff,

This month's highlight is our upcoming Hope Sessions which begin on September 27th! For those of you who don't know, Hope Sessions are an opportunity to come and fellowship with your friends at St. Peter's, enjoy a meal and learn about a topic or share your thoughts about a particular subject with people who have the same questions as you do.

Each week at Hope Sessions you'll have the opportunity to engage in conversation with other members of the congregation as we break bread together in the tradition of the early church. Following this, we will worship together briefly during our devotion before attending a class of your choice.

In an exciting development, we will now have four different types of Hope breakout sessions. The first of which is our traditional learning style where you can participate in a Bible study that drills down and really engages a topic. The second type is our discussion classes wherein participants are invited to share their thoughts and feelings regarding how a subject relates to their life and faith. The third and fourth types are brand new! This year we are pleased to offer classes that focus on physical health and service projects. Our physical health class is called "Drums Alive!" and will feature cathartic drumming, while our service project is an opportunity to do something that is practical, meaningful and will help serve an important ministry.

Ultimately, Hope Sessions are a place where people of all ages can come and have a rewarding mid-week experience that strengthens their relationship with Christ and uplifts their spirit. Join us on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 beginning September 27th and ending on November 1st as we explore our relationship to the body of Christ together!

Yours in Christ,

The Pastors



Pastor Steve at Lake James



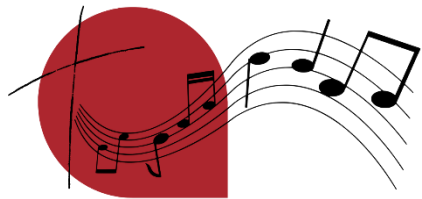
Most likely you won't see Pastor Steve at church this weekend unless you are worshipping at the Lake James chapel this Sunday.



Sermon

"Total Commitment"

Text: Luke 14:25-35



Music Ministry

The Music Ministry of St. Peter's Lutheran Church is ready to begin another exciting year of music making, and we would love YOU to be a part of it! Please note the opportunities and click the buttons for more details on each as you prayerfully consider one or more of these ensembles this year. Be assured, it will be a richly rewarding experience. Any questions can be directed to Tim Degen, Director of Music & Worship and Organist.

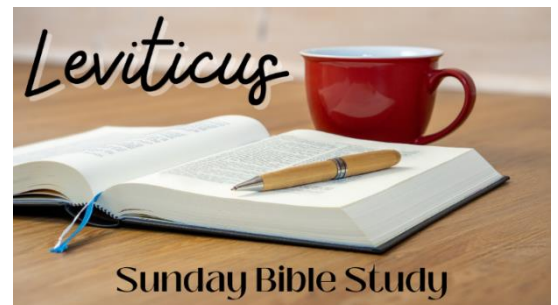
- Adult Choir *Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Cornerstone Room*
- Brass Choir *Mondays at 7 pm in the Sanctuary Balcony (Starts October 3rd)*
- Handbell Choir *Times & location TBD when a group is formed*

GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

Bible Studies

Sunday Bible Study

Join us in-person in the Cornerstone Room Sundays at 9:15 AM (treats included) or online through our YouTube channel. This week we jump back into our Leviticus study with Pastor Adam McDowell. Thank you Rev. Denny Borchers for taking care of last week's study for us.



Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

The fall session of the Tuesday Ladies Bible class will start on Tuesday, September 13, in the large conference room at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

On September 13, the Tuesday Morning Ladies will begin a 6-week study entitled, "Church of the Small Things." In this humorous and honest video Bible study, Melanie Shankle offers you the opportunity to embrace what it means to live an abundant and meaningful life by finding beauty and laughter in all the small things right beneath the surface of every moment of your life. So grab your hat and boots as we travel to San Antonio, Texas, and explore with Melanie the blessings of "small things."

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Every Thursday morning at 6:30 am in the Cornerstone Room.

Dr. Timothy Puls covers a variety of topics and promotes interesting discussion. St. Paul says, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." - Colossians 3:16

Pastor Steve's Thursday Noon Bible Study (Up and Coming)

The weekly noon Bible Study will be retuning in just a few short weeks, on September 15th and every Thursday following. Mark your calendars and join us!



Senior Saints

Senior Saints Lunch & Learn - September 26 at 11:30

Join us for a delicious lunch and an opportunity to learn more about the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Imagine trying to understand Scripture in all its richness without the benefit of *Luther's Small Catechism*. For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are a reality, because no one has translated them into their languages. LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. Lunch is \$10 per person. Please sign up today in the Ministry Center.

October Field Trip - Brookside Mansion Tour

Join us for a tour of this incredible, recently restored Fort Wayne gem. Brookside was the Romanesque summer home of John Henry Bass before it was purchased by the Sisters of St. Francis for the college. The tour will begin at 11 am and will last 1 hour. The cost \$10, and the tour is handicap accessible. Please sign up in the Ministry Center.

SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

Compassionate Care Collection

Cereal for the Seminary

From Cheerios to Pop Tartsand Oatmeal to Cream of Wheat! It's all needed on a Seminary family breakfast table. Pick up an extra pantry breakfast item while you're at the grocery store to donate. Collection baskets in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

LWML Fort Wayne East Zone Rally

Saturday, October 1

New Life Lutheran Church

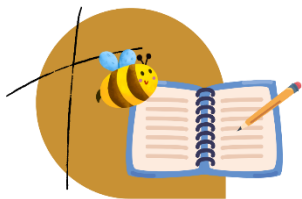
Doors Open: 8:30 am

Program Begins: 9:00 am

Registration \$6 (includes light breakfast)

Angie Moellering, President & CEO Lutheran Social Services of Indiana (LSSI) will speak about the ECHO (Education Creates Hope and Opportunity) Program

An ingathering will be collected for LSSI: laundry detergent (free and clear), layette sets and onesies (up to 24 months), diapers (bigger sizes 4,5,6), baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, baby socks, burp cloths, bibs, and sippy cups



Our Schools

St. Peter's Preschool Update

Annual Giving Tree

There are still letters available! Check out the Ministry Center this weekend and take a letter off the Giving Tree! Each letter represents supplies needed for our 84 preschoolers this year. Take a letter and bring back the supplies to put back under the tree. Thank you so much for "lighting" our way at the Preschool!



St. Peter's Day School Update



PTL Pop-Up Taco Kit Fundraiser

Pick Up September 22 from 5-6pm
 Easy drive-thru in the School Driveway



Please place your order no later than
 September 21st by noon using the QR Code. St.
 Peter's Lutheran School PTL will receive a 20%
 cash donation for each Taco Kit sold!



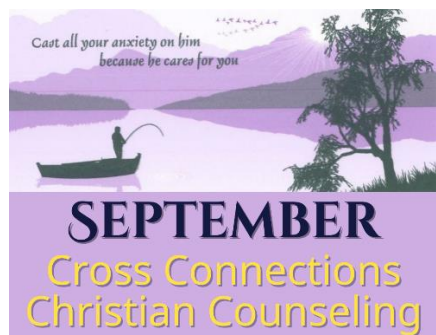
Stewardship Corner

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 8/21/2022

God certainly gives us what is good; let us return a portion to him!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Giving	\$ 61,358	\$ 161,545
Budget	\$ 57,123	\$ 158,895
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,236	\$2,650
Loan Balance	\$1,166,146	



Cross Connections, a Professional Christ-Centered
 Counseling and Training Service will be the Special
 Offering for September. Drop your offering
 envelope in the wooden church in the Ministry
 Center.



*No special offerings were collected in July, however
 VBS participants and members had a collection of
 items for the Charis House. Together we donated 25 travel soaps,
 30 deodorant sticks, 20 sets of towels, 15 pairs of flip flops, 20 packages of razors, and 15 sets of
 toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you for your donation!*

LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, September 3

5:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion
(Sanctuary)

7:00 pm - HSYG Basketball (Church Gym)

Sunday, September 4

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion
(Sanctuary)

9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone
Room)

10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion
(Sanctuary)

5:00 pm - Pickleball

Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED &
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 7

3:00 pm - Honor Flight Mail Call
(Cornerstone Room)

6:00 pm - Support Group (Pastor Nate's
Office)

6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal
(Cornerstone Room)

8:00 pm - Brass Choir Rehearsal
(Sanctuary Balcony)

Thursday, September 8

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Cornerstone
Room)

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone
Room)

5:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)

6:00 pm - Shepherding Care Team
(Ministry Conference Room)

7:00 pm - Board of Elders Meeting (Large
Conference Room)