# St. Peter's Lutheran Church





## CONNECT TO CHRIST WITH US September 10-12, 2022

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30am: <u>www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW</u> Large Print bulletins are available from an Elder during in-person services.



New National Mental Health Emergency Phone Number 988



Prayer Text Hotline Text requests to 260-468-5816

### Sermon

"The Joy of Being Found in the Lord!" Text: Luke 15:1-10 Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

### **Worship Readings**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

> Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

# 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*



#### Fall Ministry Catalogs & Staff Directory

We are excited to share we have brought back the Ministry Catalogs! This Fall edition lists different areas of our ministry, what they have

planned for this season, ways you can prepare for them, and who to contact to get involved! In addition, we are also bringing back a Staff Directory so you can put names to faces for those on our staff and know who to direct emails and phone calls too when you have a question or a need in a specific area. You can find both of these in the Ministry Center.

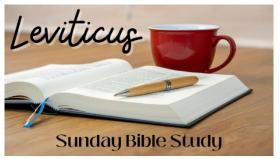


# GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

#### **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 continue in our Leviticus study with Pastor Adam McDowell.



#### Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

The fall session of the Tuesday Ladies Bible class will start **THIS** 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. Pastor Nate will be covering this week's class, however. 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 **THIS** Thursday, September 15th and every Thursday following. This study will focus on the book of Revelation.



Mondays are tough. We can help! Fill your cup, your heart, and your plate on Tuesday evenings starting September 27th. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm with classes for all ages starting at 6:15 pm. Bring the kids so they can have kid time, and bring yourself so you can fellowship with other members of St. Peter's around an activity, discussion, or lecture. Special thanks to all of you who submitted such great ideas for class topics and service projects.



#### Parent Corps (NEW)

The purpose of this group is to enhance the HSYG experience for our kids from behind the scenes. Pastor McDowell will continue to lead the Youth Group

meetings and activities, but the Parent Corps would do some of the following things:

- Snacks & Meals (for meetings, etc)
- Parish House (cleaning and making it a fun/inviting place for the youth)
- Fundraising
- Event planning
- Volunteering

If you are interested, please attend the meeting to learn more. Sunday, September 25; 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM; Cornerstone Room

#### Oktoberfest

The Youth's Oktoberfest dinner is scheduled for October 16th. Mark your calendar to hear about what the youth experienced at the National Youth Gathering and what they want to do next summer. There will be opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from the youth. More details to come. We, the Youth, look forward to seeing you then.

# 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.

Copies of the Fall Senior Saints Newsletter have been mailed. More printed copies are available at the sign up podium in the Ministry Center.



# SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

#### **Compassionate Care Collection** Cereal for the Seminary

It couldn't be easier. Pick up a box of your favorite cereal. It will be shared with a Seminary family at the Food Co-op on campus.

Take advantage of those BOGO sales! 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



#### St. Peter's Preschool Update

#### **First Day of School**

Preschool started Wednesday, September 7th with many smiles, a few (quickly dried) tears, and lots of excitement!

#### **Annual Giving Tree**

This is the LAST weekend to pull a letter from the Giving Tree in the Ministry Center. While we most graciously will accept donations anytime, we will finalize this collection on **Monday**, **September 12th**. Please bring your items in by then. Each letter represents supplies needed for the Preschool this year. If you

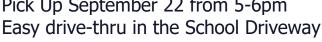


haven't taken a letter yet, consider keeping your eye out for dot markers (otherwise known as bingo dabbers). These are very helpful for little hands to hold. Thank you for supporting the Preschool in this way!



#### St. Peter's Day School Update

**PTL Pop-Up Taco Kit Fundraiser** Pick Up September 22 from 5-6pm





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!



# TITHES & OFFERINGS

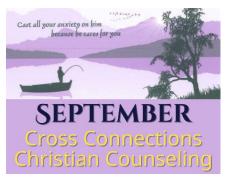
Stewardship Corner as of 8/28/2022

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

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Giving	\$ 76,653	\$ 176,840
Budget	\$ 75,167	\$ 176,939
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,486	(\$100)

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!

#### **Sponsorships Available**

If you'd like to sponsor our 4th Quarter Portals of Prayer or Large Print Portals of Prayer in honor of a loved one or event in your life, we still have both available for 2022. Look ahead to 2023 if you'd like to reserve a sponsorship for a publication we share with so many! Please contact the Church Office for more information. Thank you for helping us continue to keep these devotions in the hands of our members, their families, and guests.

#### LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Saturday, September 10

5:00 pm - Worship (Sanctuary)

#### Sunday, September 11

8:00 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room) 10:30 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 5:00 pm - Pickleball

#### Monday, September 12

12:30 pm - Senior Saints PlanningTeam Meeting (Ministry ConferenceRoom)7:00 pm - Worship (Sanctuary)

#### **Tuesday, September 13**

9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference Room) 1:00 pm - Missions Team Meeting (Large Conference Room)

#### Wednesday, September 14

6:00 pm - Support Group (Pastor Nate's Office) 6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone Room)

#### **Thursday, September 15**

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)
5:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)
6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting
(Large Conference Room)