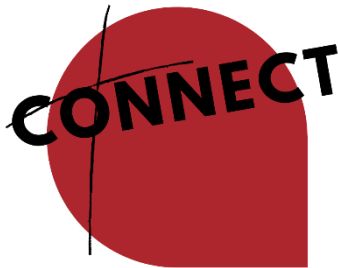


St. Peter's Lutheran Church



In-Person Worship
SATURDAY @ 5 PM
SUNDAY @ 8 AM
SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM
MONDAY @ 7 PM

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



CONNECT TO CHRIST WITH US

September 17-19, 2022

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30am:

www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW

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



Sermon

"Security is Not All it's Cracked
Up to Be"

Text: Luke 16:1-15

Pastor Nate Widener

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:

Amos 8:4-7

Epistle Reading:

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Gospel Reading:

Luke 16:1-15

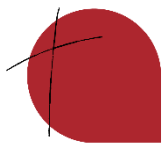
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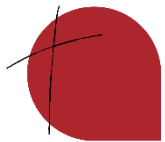
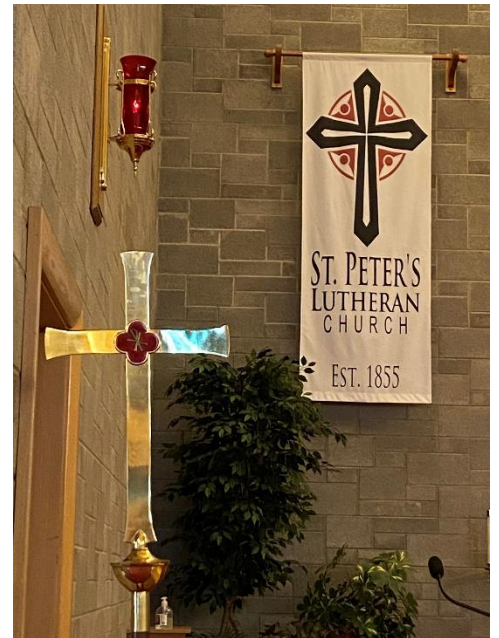
Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to
260-468-5816



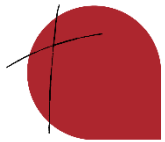
The Eternal Candle

In loving memory of her dear husband, Ron Nietert, the new sanctuary lamp was donated by Gloria Nietert and just installed this past week. We want to thank Jim Shadle, Jenny Reith, and Paul Peterson for their work in getting that accomplished. The lamp will be dedicated at both the beginning of the 8 and 10:30 am services on Sunday, September 25th. Thank you Gloria for this reminder of God's eternal promises to us and for the beautification of our sanctuary.



Fall Ministry Catalogs & Staff Directory

Find these in the Ministry Center for your reference to staff, events, groups, & other ways to participate. If you would like these to be mailed to you, please request this service through the Church Office.



UP & Coming: On Call Pastor

We are thrilled to give you a sneak peek of a new way members can have more access to their pastors after office hours. Soon, we'll have a dedicated phone line we will share with you that will connect you to one of our pastors at any time! The designated pastor will rotate each week so if you have a spiritual need or big life event, you can call, text, or email the On-Call Pastor line to be connected to either Pastor Steve, Pastor McDowell, or Pastor Nate.

There's more good news! This is only an ADDITIONAL way to connect with your Pastors. All other previous forms of communicating with specific pastors remain in place such as calling the Church Office and requesting a specific pastor to speak with, email, texting, stopping by the office, making an appointment, and the like. All of our pastors want to be available to you as much as they humanly can be. Keep an eye on News & Notes for when this new way to contact the ON Call Pastor becomes available. To God be the glory in all that we do!



Navigating Realm Together

We are definitely excited that so many of you have already set up your password for our new Realm ministry tool and Connect app. Keep an eye out for more troubleshooting tips like the one below.

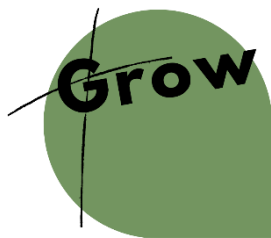
Notifications Tip

- You can edit your settings for any notifications
 - To do this, log into the Realm Connect app.

- Click on the settings link. (For an Android phone, this will be on the left side menu. For an Apple phone, this will be a button on the bottom. You will likely need to click the "... " icon to reach more options.)
- From that setting section, you can edit your notifications for inbox messages and news feed messages.
- Please note, the news feed items will be posted within the "Members of St. Peter's" group. For questions, please contact the church office.

Did you know

- Realm is just the updated version of the database company we were previously using. It looks different, navigates different, and comes with the updated Connect app which replaces the old Church Life app.
- If you previously had a Church Life app, you already got the email to get the Realm Connect app. For security purposes, your password will need to be changed.
- Not really sure what your next step should be or how Realm helps us connect? Call or email the Church Office. We're here to help!



GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

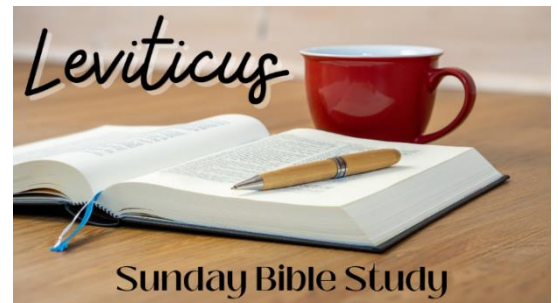
Bible Studies

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 continue every Tuesday in the Large Conference Room at 9:30 - 11:00 am.



There are 5 weeks left in our 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. It's not too late to join us to get into this study with us.

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

The weekly noon Bible Study has begun! The study will focus on the book of Revelation.



HSYG

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Parent Corps (NEW)

If you are interested in being part of the Parent Corps whose purpose is to enhance the HSYG experience for our kids behind the scenes, please attend the meeting to learn more.
Sunday, September 25; 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM; Cornerstone Room

Oktoberfest

The Youth's annual Oktoberfest is coming October 16th and the High School Youth Group want to give thanks to you St. Peter's for your continued support of our Youth's summer trips. If you haven't joined us for Oktoberfest, it is a great evening of food and conversation. Our Youth will serve you, give their perspective on the National Youth Gathering, and answer your questions throughout the evening. For those of you who have been to Oktoberfest you know it's a fun and informative event as the Youth start fundraising for their next trip. This is our first fundraiser of the school year and tickets will be on sale starting next weekend before and after services for \$20. Come and enjoy the German food and conversation with our Youth Group.



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WHAT OUR PEOPLE
ARE SAYING ABOUT
HOPE SESSIONS
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“Like most of us, we attend the same church service and interact with the same people each week. Hope Sessions gave us an opportunity outside of formal worship services to come to know some of the other members of our church that we had not met previously. Meeting with them in an informal classroom setting gave us the opportunity to join in conversations and build relationships with other like-minded people. We always came away each week with a better feeling of

church community, and we feel much more at home in St. Peters as a result. Will definitely be returning to Hope Sessions this fall.”

“Hope sessions can be anything you want it to be. You can eat dinner with friends. Engage with the pastors in devotion. Seek comfort or understanding in a group. Find a new outlet for enjoyment with activities. Allow your kids to explore new and old friendships. Or simply come to be with your church community in any form.”

“Hope sessions are a special time each week where I got to meet up with the members of our congregation and relax together, while learning about our Lord. I learned so many wonderful skills through these classes that I will use through my life. The fellowship... and food (obviously) was such a refreshing part of my week that I always looked forward to.”

“Hope sessions were meaningful in so many ways from the community of people, joyful fellowship during the meals, meeting with church friends of all ages from young children to oldsters. The offering of various topics – something for everyone. At times it was difficult to choose just one to attend. The leaders communicated in such a way as to bring Biblical teachings on a level that anyone could

understand. Looking forward to this next group of Hope sessions because I missed them over the summer months."

"Hope sessions have been beneficial for corporate worship in an informal setting plus having an opportunity to become better acquainted with fellow parishioners and to meet new people. The sessions have provided support and improved insights into our God. There is always good food to nourish our bodies."

"Hope sessions has been a wonderful way of getting to know fellow parishioners. The food is great, the conversation is wonderful and it's a great way for all of us to come together and learn more about our Lord and Savior."

"Last year I attended a hope session on Grace led by Pastor McDowell. As a Lutheran our mantra of grace alone, faith alone and scripture alone is often taken for granted. This study on grace brought a fresh awareness of the depth of love that Christ offers in this gift of grace. There is nothing that separates us from God's love: not our worst sin or the worst sinner. Hope sessions provide an opportunity for the whole family to study God's word and enjoy activities and the family is conveniently fed along with plenty of fun and laughter. Lots of blessings available here."

Starts Tuesday September 27th with dinner at 5:30, devotion at 6:15 and classes starting at 6:30. See you then!



Senior Saints

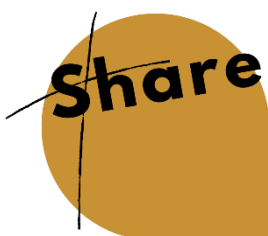
Senior Saints Lunch & Learn - September 26 at 11:30

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

80 Cereal boxes is the goal! This number recognizes the founding of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in 1942, 80 years ago. Many Mission Grants have been given to the Seminary through LWML Mission Mite offerings. All Lutheran

women are part of LWML regardless of age. Contact Elise Koenemann if you'd like to find out ways you can be a part of this outreach ministry. Collection baskets in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

LWML Fort Wayne East Zone Rally

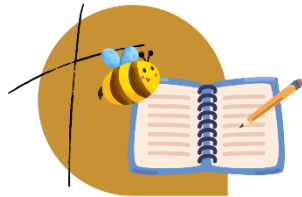
Saturday, October 1; New Life Lutheran Church

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 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!



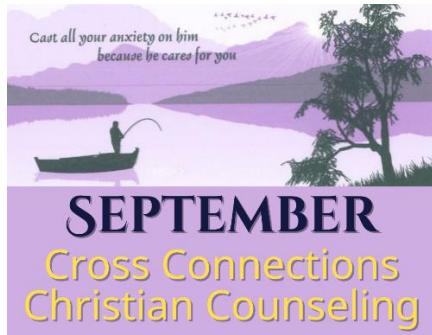
Stewardship Corner

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 8/28/2022

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	\$ 16,382	\$ 193,222
Budget	\$ 18,680	\$ 195,619
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,298)	(\$2,398)
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 17

3:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion & Praise Team (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm - HSYG Basketball (Church Gym)

6:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting (Large Conference Room)
7:00 pm - Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 18

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)
9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Ministry Conference Room)
9:15 am - Adult Instruction Class: New Members (Large Conference Room)
10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion & Praise Team (Sanctuary)
11:45 am - Friends of Faith (Large Conference Room)
5:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)

Wednesday, September 21

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)

Thursday, September 22

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)
6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting Rescheduled (Large Conference Room)
5:00 pm - PTL Moe's Fundraiser Drive-Thru Pick Up (School Driveway)

Monday, September 19

10:00 am - Ministry Team Meeting (Large Conference Room)
1:00 pm - Older Adults Planning Team Meeting