

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 24-26, 2022

The Sixteenth Weekend After Pentecost

Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30am:

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



Sermon

"A Burning Thirst"

Text: Luke 16:19-31

Pastor Nate Widener

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:

Amos 6:1-7

Epistle Reading:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel Reading:

Luke 16:19-31

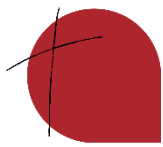
New National
Mental Health
Emergency
Phone Number

988



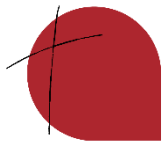
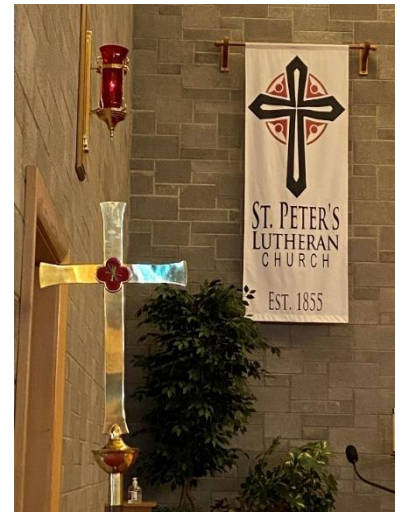
Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to
260-468-5816



The Eternal Candle

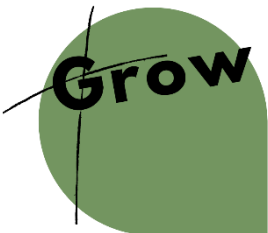
In loving memory of her dear husband, Ron Nietert, the new sanctuary lamp was donated by Gloria Nietert and recently installed. We want to thank Jim Shadle, Jenny Reith, and Paul Peterson for their work in getting that accomplished. The lamp will be dedicated at both the beginning of the 8 and 10:30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



On Call Pastor 260-888-6888

Save this number to your phone. This dedicated line 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 or text 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!



GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

Bible Studies

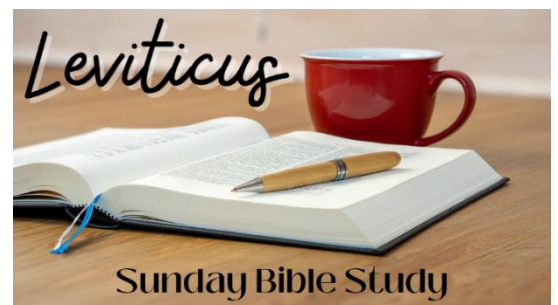
Sunday Bible Study

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 4 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.



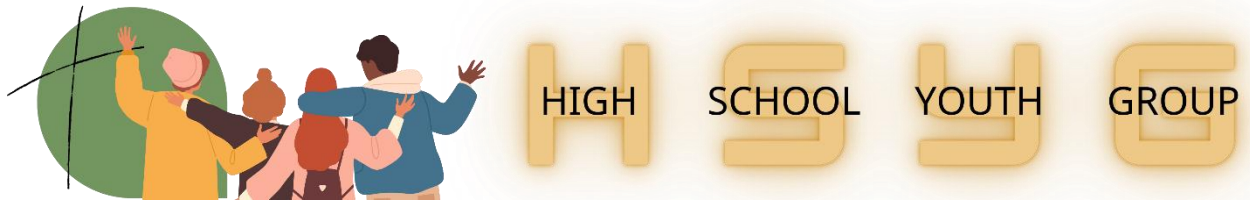
Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

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 is focused on the book of Revelation.



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

Sunday October 16th @ 6 pm in the Church Gym

Tickets go on sale this weekend before and after each service in the Ministry Center at \$20 per meal ticket.



What does BBQ Sauce Have to Do with It?

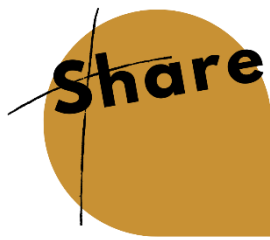
Each presenter and pastor is making a special BBQ Sauce to elevate your chicken sandwich. Who will bring the best? That's up to you! Come THIS Tuesday, September 27th at 5:30 pm to the Cornerstone Room and vote for your favorite.



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

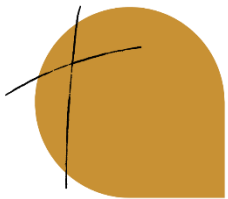
80 Cereal boxes is the goal! This number recognizes the founding of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in 1942, 80 years ago. Many Mission Grants have been given to the Seminary through LWML Mission Mite offerings. All Lutheran women are part of LWML regardless of age. Contact Elise Koenemann if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



Social Ministry

UPCOMING Mission Trip: Sulphur, LA

The dates are set for the next mission trip. For two weeks, starting Sunday, November 6th thru Friday November 18th, members interested in participating will come with a servant's heart and leave with new skills, great memories, and a hunger for more ways to serve one's neighbor in need. If you'd like to know more, please contact Mike Bultemeier at 260-438-0948.

- Lodgings: Olivet Baptist Church (bring your bedding/pillow)
- Room & Board is \$100 per person/per week
- Sunday dinner is at 6:30 pm.
- Staying the entire two weeks is optional. Talk with Mike about which days you're able to participate.

At Your Service (and Need Your Service)

Fall is officially here and it's that time of year for St. Peter's members to think about those needed and pesky repairs you've been putting off. According to the St. Peter's Bylaws, 3.12 Social Ministry Team, "The purpose of the Social Ministry Team is to discover the needs of individuals in the congregation, as well as in the community, of the aged, sick, distressed, unemployed and poor, and seek ways and means of answering those needs." In past years we have met those needs in a varying number of ways.

We have helped members (both church & community) with drywall repairs, replacing faulty electrical outlets/switches, repairing or replacing broken light fixtures, fixing leaking faucets, unplugging drains, replacing broken storm windows, repairing rotted window sills, and replacing worn out water heaters. We have vacuumed inside, painted interior and exterior including trim, painted fences, washed siding, raked lawns, mowed yards, trimmed bushes, cleaned gutters, and handicapped accessible ramps have been built along with some concrete work. Rides have been provided to and from church services, doctor's appointments, and members have been assisted in moving furniture. Meals have been supplied on many occasions as needed and some members have been supplied with groceries when the pantry was empty.



So, if you are a member or know a community member who qualifies per the above stated purpose of the Social Ministry Team and need assistance, please feel free to call the Church Office to make your needs known or call Mike Bultemeier at 438-0948. We are God's tools and with God's help we will get YOUR job done.

BUT, maybe you're not in need, and instead want to FILL a need! Call the Church Office or Mike Bultemeier to offer your services in skills you have or even skills you'd like to learn! Fill your cup with good work and fellowship as you use your vocation to serve the Lord with gladness. We can do this, because of what Christ already did for us!



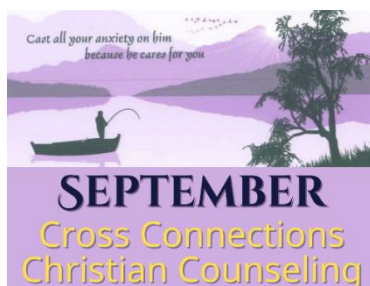
Stewardship Corner

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 9/11/2022

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	\$ 42,015	\$ 218,855
Budget	\$ 37,360	\$ 214,299
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,656	\$4,556
Loan Balance	\$1,136,572	



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!

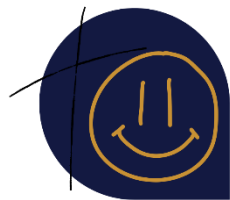
Endowment Update

Did you know that August was National Make-A-Will month? Did you miss it? Don't worry, there is never a wrong time to make or update your will. All adults should have a will — it's a powerful document that lets you distribute your property and protect your loved ones after you pass away. One-third of all American adults have a will, and that number is growing every day. A will is an excellent way to continue making a positive impact on this world long after you leave it. There are also many different ways you can use your will to benefit St. Peter's Lutheran Church — you can give cash, stock, real estate property, and more. Leaving a gift in your will costs you nothing during your lifetime, but will ensure that you can make a positive impact on the ministries close to your heart for years to come.



(Future) Sponsorships Available

The Lord provides once again and we are so thankful to our anonymous sponsor who came in this week and took care of all 3 publications for this 4th Quarter of Portals of Prayer, Large Print, and Hopeful Living. What a blessing! If this opportunity to sponsor is still knocking on your door, most of the 2023 year of sponsorships are still available. Commemorate or honor a special person or event in your life through this sponsorship by calling the Church Office to save your spot for the upcoming 2023 year.



Thank You!

Sponsors

Thank you to our Anonymous Sponsor for taking care of all 3 of these publications for this quarter. A favorite verse of theirs is from Matthew 25:40 "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

- Quarter 4 Portals of Prayer
- Quarter 4 Large Print Portals of Prayer
- Hopeful Living

We currently are looking to start filling 2023 sponsorships for all 3 publications. Please call or email the Church Office for more details.

Thank Offerings

I am thankful for...

- Our schools & teaching staff

- Fall Colors
- Celebrating 5 years of life with a new heart
- Our cat Leona coming through emergency surgery ok!
- A new life in Christ!
- Our Church
- Prayers, cards & help from so many special friends

A few special thank yous and shout outs:

- Pastor Ahlersmeyer, I wanted to thank you and St. Peter's for the monies for the Gideons. We do appreciate it. I know you felt it would be nice to have more sent, but every dollar counts and this will supply around 200 testaments to go out. Thank you to you and your congregation. God bless, Chuck Nelson

LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, September 24

5:00 pm - Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 25

8:00 am - Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)

9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Large Conference)

9:15 am - Adult Instruction Class: New Members (Ministry Conference)

10:30 am - Worship (Sanctuary)

1:30 am - Small Group Bible Study (Large Conference)

6:00 pm - HSYG Meeting (Parish House)

6:00 pm - HSYG Parent Corps Meeting (Cornerstone)

Monday, September 26

9:00 am - Knotters (Parish House)

11:30 am - Senior Saints Lunch & Learn (Cornerstone)

5:30 pm - Preschool Board Meeting (Large Conference)

6:00 pm - Day School Board Meeting (Cornerstone)

7:00 pm - Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, September 27

9:30 am - Tuesday Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference)

5:30 pm - HOPE Dinner (Cornerstone)

6:30 pm - HOPE Sessions (All Church)

Wednesday, September 28

6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)

Thursday, September 29

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

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone)

12:00 pm - Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Large Conference)

6:00 pm - Properties Team Meeting (Cornerstone)