

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



In-Person Worship
SATURDAY @ 5 PM
SUNDAY @ 8 AM
SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM
Wednesday @ 7 PM Advent Service

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



CONNECT to CHRIST WITH US

December 3-4, 2022

The Second Week of Advent & Communion

Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30 am

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

**New National
Mental Health
Emergency
Phone Number**

988

**On-Call Pastor
260-888-6888**


Prayer Team
Through Prayer We Care

Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to
260-468-5816



Sermon

"Making a Change"

Text: Isaiah 11:1-10 &
Matthew 3:1-12

Pastor Adam McDowell

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading:
Isaiah 11:1-10

Epistle Reading:
Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 3:1-12



Letter from the Pastors

A blessed Advent Season to you, St. Peter's!

As we look forward to the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, the ministry staff wanted to take a moment to celebrate a special event occurring this Sunday, December 4th at our 10:30 am service. As some of you may know, when new people, who were not previously a part of the LCMS, are interested in joining our church, they are asked to attend a ten-week course called AIC or Adult Information Class. This course, like Confirmation, represents an overview of Lutheran beliefs, practices, and traditions as well as prepares them to become fully fledged members of both St. Peter's and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at large. As it stands, our most recent class all graduated with flying colors.

This Sunday, the congregation will be welcoming them, as well as LCMS members who have transferred in from other congregations, both near and far. At St. Peter's, we are proud to call these individuals and families our friends and neighbors. We encourage the congregation to welcome them with open arms as they begin, or continue, their Lutheran journey with us here. Join us this coming Sunday, during the 10:30 am service as we extend our fellowship to include our newest members and their families, listed below, into the body of Christ.

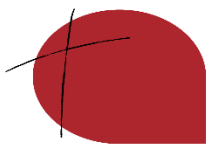
- Connor Adams
- Zach & Mary Burchardt
- Barb Charlton
- Sharon Crabill
- Brandon Crabill
- Cynthia Fyock
- Scott & Camielle Hefty, Harper & Emilia
- Cindy King
- Matt & Robin Kovacs, Anderson & Henry
- Harry & Ruth Lengacher
- Matt & Brandy Mason
- George & Marilyn Miranda
- Drew Rodenbeck
- Aaron & Paul Vnuk, Benjamin & Samuel
- Devon & Alicia Weaver
- Rev. Nathan & Amy Widener, Gwyndalyn & Sophia

In His Service,
Pastor Steve, Pastor McDowell, & Pastor Nate



ALTAR GUILD Poinsettias

Poinsettia orders have started in the ministry center. They are used to help decorate for 10 Christmas worship services. Simply sign up and take an envelope to use for payment. You may pick up the plants after the Christmas service or the anytime the week following. OR check the donate to a shut-in option and we will deliver it for you.



Thank You to those members who decorated the church both inside and our welcoming entrance outside. It's so beautiful and much appreciated by the entire congregation and staff.

Special Upcoming Advent Services

Advent & Christmas Hymn-Sing: will be THIS Wednesday, December 7, at 7 pm. We will sing St. Peter's Top 10 favorite Christmas hymns this midweek worship.

Blue Christmas: Wednesday, December 21st @ 7 pm with a light reception to follow.



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. Pastor McDowell will lead the study this week.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Large Conference Room from 9:30 - 11:00 am

Class will be cancelled December 27th & January 3rd for the holidays.

Prepare your hearts for Christmas with the Tuesday Ladies Bible class as they join Max Lucado and his Advent series, "God Came Near." This video is filmed in England's beautiful Blockly Church. Travel back in time with Max and relive the coming of Christ to Earth, entering this world as a baby in a manger.

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Bible Study will be Thursday morning at 6:30 am in the Cornerstone Room with Pastor Nate leading the study.

Pastor Steve's Thursday Noon Bible Study

The weekly noon Bible Study focused on the book of Revelation will not meet on December 8th. They will meet again on December 15th and then take a break for the holidays. Regular meetings will resume on January 19th.

Tuesday Evening Care Groups

Join a group focused on dealing in the present with grief or trauma. Both are Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:00 pm. Buzz in at the door and we'll let you in.

- Pastor Nate's trauma support group meets in his office. If you'd like to attend or learn more, please call Pastor Nate through the church office or email him at pastornate@stpetersfw.org before attending for the first time.
- Michelle Leahy's group called From Mourning to Joy meets in the Ministry Conference Room. Walk-ins are welcome and you can jump into the group at any time throughout the year.

Connect with us in other ways through the Prayer Teams and Family Life events.



Mike's Car Wash Ticket Sale

Get your Mike's Car Wash tickets for yourself and for stocking stuffers this Christmas. Everyone loves a clean car! You pay the regular price, but the Youth get 50% of the proceeds! The Youth are looking ahead to their next mission trip and other youth projects. This sale is a big help in reaching those goals.



- Basic Wash (\$10)
- Ultimate Wash (\$20)

Order before and after services starting THIS weekend: Dec 3-4th, Dec 10-11th, or directly from a member of the High School Youth Group. Car Wash tickets will be available for pick up after worship services December 17-18th or you can get them emailed to you upon request.

Calling All Cookie Bakers & Cookie Lovers

Our Cookie Walk will be hosted by our High School Youth Group! All proceeds go to support the Summer 2023 mission trip to Colorado.

This annual event will be held on Saturday, December 10th in the lower level of the church, just inside Door 1 which will open at 8 am – we'll plan to sell until 1 pm or until the cookies are gone! Price is \$10 per box.



If you're able to donate cookies for this fundraiser, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Ministry Center or email Emily Campbell. Donations should be delivered to the church kitchen on Friday, 12/09/22. We truly appreciate your help!



Senior Saints

Senior Saints Annual Christmas Party

Monday, December 12, 2022 -- 11:30 am -- Cornerstone Room

Entertainment

Private concert by Kristine Agen.

Kristine is a music therapist and the mother of Addison Agen.

Lunch

Stuffed Pork Loin with Gravy, California Blend Veggies,
Applesauce, Dinner Roll, Peppermint Ice Cream Dessert

Cost: \$10

Signup in the Ministry Center



SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

Attention Ladies Aid Members, the Christmas Party is Thursday December 8th at 11:30 am in the Cornerstone room. Cost is \$15.00 and you can contact Linda Thiele (260) 615-1178.

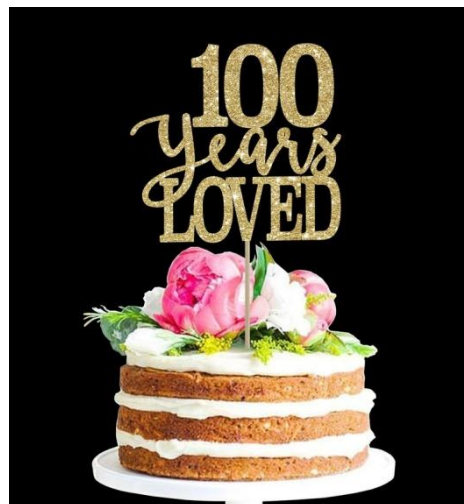
Historical Corner

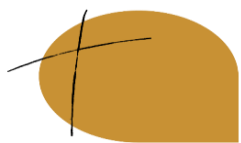
The first display of the Historical Corner is up and ready for preview near Door 1. This will continue through the church seasons of Advent - Christmas - Epiphany which is the theme of the display. This display will run through January 30. If you have interesting information or knowledge about any of the items presented, please share them with us in the Church Office. Enjoy!

Surprise Birthday Blessings

Ferne Carbaugh's family has invited fellow members of St. Peter's to join in sending congratulations and best wishes to Ferne for her 100th birthday, December 29. What a joy and privilege for all of us to celebrate this milestone with her! Please send your cards along with your prayers of thanksgiving and God's continued blessings to:

**Mrs. Ferne Carbaugh
7003 Morningknoll Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46815-7750**





Social Ministry

Angel Tree

All of the Angels have been adopted, and boy did they go fast! For those who got an angel when you did, can purchase the suggested gift (\$20-25 value) and return the wrapped gift to the Angel Tree by December 11th with the Angel attached. Members of the Social Ministry team will deliver the gifts along with a gospel tract and a Bible. Thank you for your participation.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Success

Well, once again the membership of St. Peter's has risen to the occasion and donated enough food to, more than meet our needs. A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to all our members who donated non-perishable food items on Thanksgiving Day. God's blessings to all who participated, you are very much appreciated.

We had 28 volunteers gather at 9:00 Friday morning to sort, divide and deliver the food that was collected. We were able to provide a supply of food to 12 deserving families. There was a significant amount of food remaining which was loaded up Wednesday morning and delivered to the Food Bank at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Goshen Road.

The Board of Social Ministry would like to say "Thank You" to all who donated food, and "Thank You" to all those who volunteered to help set up for this event, sort, divide and deliver the food. We could not do this without you. A special thanks also to Ms. Eileen Witte, who procured a Thrivent Grant for \$250 and used it to purchase canned meats, chicken/beef. And above all, thanks be to God for making all of this possible. Praise God!





Stewardship Corner

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 11/20/2022

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

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Giving	\$ 58,845	\$ 402,088
Budget	\$ 41,976	\$ 391,889
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,648)	(\$35,430)
Loan Balance		\$1,062,639

December is a time to take stock and be thankful. While there is no special monthly offering, send in a Thank Offering instead and make it unique and special to you.

LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion
(Sanctuary)
7:00 pm - HSYG Basketball (Gym)

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

Sunday, December 4

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)
9:15 am - SP 101.5 (Large Conference)
9:15 am - Public School Confirmation
(Ministry Conference Room)
10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion
6:00 pm - HSYG Friendsmas Party (Parish
House)

Wednesday, December 7

6:00 pm - PrayER Team Anniversary
Celebration (Cornerstone Room)
7:00 pm - Midweek Advent Worship
(Sanctuary)

Monday, December 5

7:00 pm - Brass Choir Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 8

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Cornerstone)
11:30 am - Ladies Aid Christmas Party
(Cornerstone)
4:30 pm - Faithfully Forward 2.0 Meeting
(Large Conference Room)
5:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)
6:00 pm - Shepherding Care Team Meeting
(Ministry Conference Room)
7:00 pm - Board of Elders Meeting (Large
Conference Room)

Tuesday, December 6

9:30 am - Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
(Large Conference Room)
6:00 pm - Grief Support Group (Ministry
Conference Room)