

# 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](http://www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW)



## CONNECT to CHRIST WITH US

**December 10-11, 2022**

**The Third Week of Advent**

**Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30 am**

[www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW](http://www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW)

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

Adult Choir Sunday @ 8 am -- Wildcat Bells Ring Sunday @ 10:30

**New National  
Mental Health  
Emergency  
Phone Number**

**988**

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



**Prayer Text Hotline**

Text requests to  
**260-468-5816**



### **Sermon**

"Steadfast Christmas"

Text: *James 5:7-11*

Pastor Nathan Widener

### **Worship Readings**

Old Testament Reading

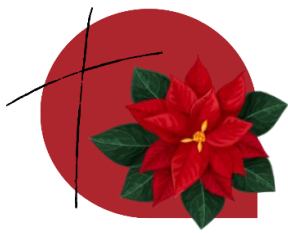
*Isaiah 35:1-10*

Epistle Reading

*James 5:7-11*

Gospel Reading

*Matthew 11:2-15*



### ALTAR GUILD Poinsettias

Poinsettia order forms are in the ministry center 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.

### Special Upcoming Advent Services

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

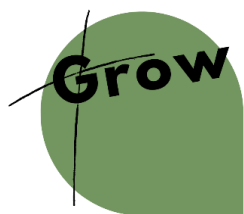
### PrayER Team One Year Anniversary Celebration & Hymn Sing

St. Peter's was a flurry of holiday activity this past Wednesday. Our PrayER Team ministry celebrated their first anniversary. They have shown their love for those in the congregation and community by faithfully praying for nearly 800 needs. We worshipped our Lord through a service of song, featuring a Top 10 Countdown of St. Peter's favorite Advent and Christmas hymns. Of course, no celebration would be complete without delicious food, a few laughs, and wonderful fellowship.



Thank you to all who voted for St. Peter's Top 10 Favorite Christmas hymns! We sang all 10 hymns in a wonderful service on Wednesday evening, as well as learned some background about each hymn. Here they are, St. Peter's Top 10 Favorite Christmas hymns, and the number of votes they received:

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| #10 - Away in a Manger (45 votes)               | #5 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (68 votes) |
| #9 - It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (48 votes) | #4 - Joy to the World (69 votes)             |
| #8 - Angels We Have Heard on High (51 votes)    | #3 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (74 votes)     |
| #7 - What Child is This (57 votes)              | #2 - O Come, All Ye Faithful (76 votes)      |
| #6 - O Little Town of Bethlehem (68 votes)      | #1 - Silent Night (78 votes)                 |



# 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.

*\*Sunday bible study will not meet on the Sundays of Christmas and New Year's Day.*

### 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 Dr. Tim Puls back to continue in his study.

### Pastor Steve's Thursday Noon Bible Study

The weekly noon Bible Study focused on the book of Revelation will meet this upcoming 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. Buzz in at the door and we'll let you in.

- Pastor Nate's trauma support group meets in his office at 6 pm on Tuesdays. If you'd like to attend or learn more, please call Pastor Nate through the church office or email him at [pastornate@stpetersfw.org](mailto:pastornate@stpetersfw.org) before attending for the first time.
- \* **Meeting @ 5 pm this week:** 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.



### Mike's Car Wash Ticket Sale

This is the final weekend to get your car wash tickets from the Youth before and after services. You can still get one directly from a member of the High School Youth Group. Wash tickets will be available for pick up after worship services December 17-18th or you can get them emailed to you upon request.

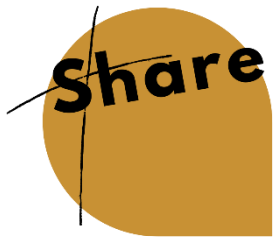


# Senior Saints

*Senior Saints  
Annual Christmas Party*

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



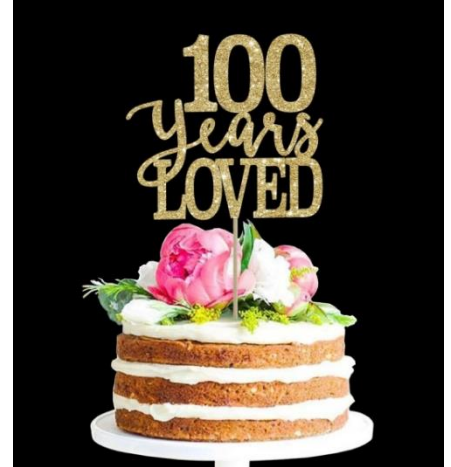


## SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

### Surprise Birthday Blessings

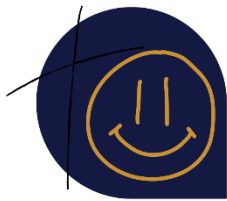
Ferne Carbaugh's family has invited fellow members of St. Peter's to join in sending congratulations and best wishes to Ferne for her 100th birthday, December 29. What a joy and privilege for all of us to celebrate this milestone with her! Please send your cards along with your prayers of thanksgiving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

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



### Team Fun

The Ministry Impact Team consists of leaders from the various ministry teams at St. Peter's, and they meet monthly to coordinate their efforts. This month, they took some time out for a little holiday fun and fellowship, including an ugly sweater contest. Congratulations to Ruth Roembke for winning that one!



# Thank You!

### Sponsors

Thank you to Halden Krauter, in loving memory of his wife L. Maxine Krauter, for taking care of all 3 of these publications for this upcoming quarter.

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

### **Thank Offerings: Lord, I am thankful for...**

- Family & Good Health
- For what's in my heart
- Our Church able to help those in need
- For all God's blessings
- My Church
- Family and My Church Family
- Our volunteers
- How God cares for us
- Answered prayers
- In memory of father's birthday
- Our Freedom
- My Brothers

### **Thank You Notes & Shout Outs**

- Thank you to everyone who decorated the church, both inside and out and to those who will put it all away again. Your love of God and love of our Church shows with your acts of service.
- Thank you for all the yummy goodies that have been brought to the church office. We have had the most delicious snacks all week!
- The Social Ministry Team gives thanks to God for you all joining together to meet the needs of our adopted Christmas families. In just two weeks we raised \$1,396.88 which met our \$1,100 Scrip Card goal for our 3 families and allowed for \$296.88 toward other families in need or the LSSI Cup of Kindness fund which helps families cover utilities or food needs. If you feel moved to do more, we will still be collecting money online or in a marked envelope in the offering plates until the end of 2022. Thank you so much for sharing the love of Jesus by freely sharing His love with whomever He brings to us.
- Thank you for your kind donation to Concordia Theological Seminary! It is because of your generosity that our family is able to make ends meet. We continue to pray for you and give thanks for your living kindness! God's Blessings, The Speckhards
- Dear Friends, we are writing to express our deepest thanks for your recent donation of Blankets, Pillows, etc. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the support needed to continue our mission. The men who stay at Shepherd's House greatly appreciate your kindness. While staying here at the house, many of the men quickly realize that heart-felt donations such as the ones you made are what help them start a new beginning. And we, the staff, feel as though our prayers are being answered through your donation. Thank you. In His Service, Barb Cox, Shepherd's House



# Stewardship Corner

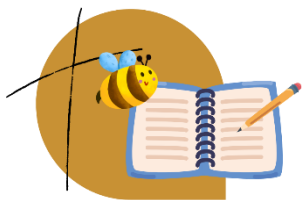
## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### Stewardship Corner as of 11/27/2022

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

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Giving	\$82,354	\$425,598
Budget	\$62,964	\$412,877
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$19,391	\$12,720
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.***



# Our Schools

## THE WORLD FAIR

THIS Wednesday is the Open House for the Middle School World Fair! It's a short show, coming down Thursday at the end of school, so be sure to take some time to see our students' creative projects this week as they share with us their world knowledge.

# YOU'RE INVITED



## ST. PETER'S MIDDLE SCHOOL WORLD FAIR

Wednesday, December 14th  
Open House from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church

**JOIN US** to see the creative displays that our students have been making to share their knowledge of countries around the world!

## LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Saturday, December 10**

8:00 am - Cookie Walk (Ministry Center & LL)

5:00 pm - Worship (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, December 11**

8:00 am - Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)

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

10:30 am - Worship (Sanctuary)

2-4 & 6-8 pm - Viewing for Rick Miller (Sanctuary)

### **Monday, December 12**

11:00 am – Funeral for Rick Miller (Sanctuary)

11:30 am - Senior Saints Christmas Party (Cornerstone Room)

7:00 pm - Brass Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Tuesday, December 13**

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

3:00 pm – World's Fair Display Up

5:00 pm - From Mourning to Joy Grief Support (Ministry Conference Room)

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

6:30 pm – Preschool Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)

### **Wednesday, December 14**

1:15 pm – World's Fair Display Open House

7:00 pm - Midweek Advent Worship: K-4 Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, December 15**

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

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone)

11:00 am – Missions Team Meeting (Ministry Conference Room)

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

5:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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