

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## In-Person Worship

December 17-18th

- SATURDAY @ 5 PM
- SUNDAY @ 8 AM
- SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM



December 21st

Wednesday @ 7 PM Blue Christmas Service

## Live Stream Worship

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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

## Special Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24th

- 5:00 pm
- 7:00 pm (Live Stream)
- 11:00 pm (Candlelight Service)

Christmas Day, Sunday December 25th

- 9:00 am

*Normal weekend worship times are suspended for the Christmas weekend.*



## CONNECT to CHRIST WITH US

**December 17-18, 2022**

**The Fourth Week of Advent: Communion & Praise Team Weekend**

[https://www.facebook.com/StPetersFW/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/StPetersFW/live_videos/)



### Sermon

"A Spectacular Christmas"

Text: *Matthew 1:18-25*

Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

### Worship Readings

Old Testament: *Isaiah 7:10-17*

Epistle: *Romans 1:1-7*

Gospel: *Matthew 1:18-25*



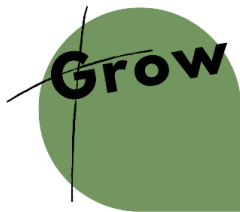
## Blue Christmas: Wednesday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm

For our final Advent service this year before Christmas, join us for Blue Christmas. This service is for all people who have suffered any type of loss, who struggle to feel the joy, who sometimes pretend everything is okay when maybe it isn't. Come together with your fellow Christians as one body to receive God's gifts, with understanding, and be uplifted. A light reception will follow the service.

## Twelfth Night Carol Sing: Thursday, Jan 5 @ 7:00 pm

More than 1400 years ago the church established the tradition of the twelve days of the Christmas season starting on December 25th. In our world today, after all the hustle and bustle before Christmas, the twelve days of Christmas are an opportunity to reflect quietly, joyfully and deeply on the astounding miracle that God became one of us to save us from sin, death and hell.

On the twelfth night of Christmas, January 5 at 7:00 p.m., we'll be led by the praise team in singing some well-known Christmas songs to close the Christmas season. The words and melodies will be ones we know and love. The arrangements will be in a more contemporary style, some with jazz and gospel overtones. By singing these songs in a little different way, our appreciation of the beautiful songs of Christmas will be enriched. "Now sing we, now rejoice; now raise to heaven our voice!"



## 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 Dec 27th & Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>*

The Tuesday Ladies Bible study will meet this week, December 20, at 9:30 am to view the newly released movie, "Why the Nativity?" This movie, produced by David Jeremiah Ministries, dramatizes the events surrounding Jesus' birth within the cultural and political climate of that time. All women are welcome to experience the Nativity. The next meeting after the holidays is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

#### \*Tuesday Evening Care Groups

*Join a group focused on dealing in the present with grief or trauma. Buzz in at the door.*

\*Pastor Nate's trauma support group meets in his office at 5 pm, Tuesdays. This time change will remain consistent unless group members adjust it. If you'd like to attend or learn more, please call or email Pastor Nate at [pastornate@stpetersfw.org](mailto:pastornate@stpetersfw.org)

before attending for the first time. Retelling a traumatic event is not a requirement to join the group. The focus is trying not to live in the past, but rather learning how to deal with the past in the present. Group will not meet December 27th.

\*Michelle Leahy's group called From Mourning to Joy meets in the Ministry Conference Room at 6 pm, Tuesdays. Walk-ins are welcome and you can jump into the group at any time throughout the year.

#### 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. There will be no meeting on December 29<sup>th</sup> for the holidays.

#### Pastor Steve's Thursday Noon Bible Study

The weekly noon Bible Study focused on the book of Revelation will take a break for the holidays. Regular meetings will resume on January 19th.

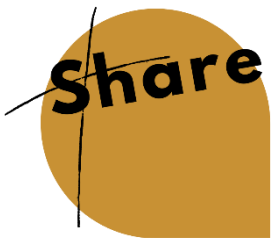


### **Mike's Car Wash Ticket Sale**

If you ordered a Mike's Car Wash from the Youth Group, you can pick those up before or after any worship service this weekend.

### **Next HSYG Meeting**

In high school, but haven't been to a meeting yet? It's time to join! Make your New Year's resolution one to include fellowship with your other St. Peter's members in high school. Our next meeting is January 8th from 6-8 pm in the Parish House. Chat with Pastor McDowell or Zach Burchardt to learn more.

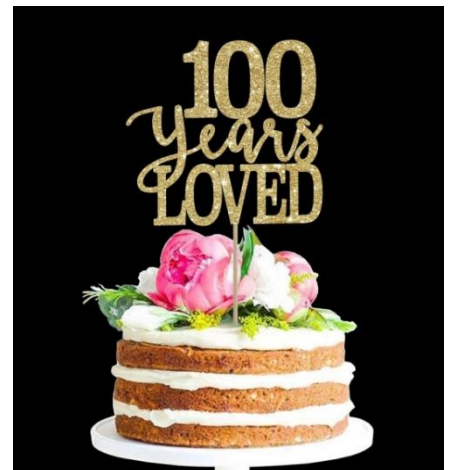


## **SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS**

### **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**



# **Our Schools**

### **Christmas Program Success**

Both the Preschool and Day School programs were a wonderful time to celebrate Christmas through our school settings. Thank you to all the teachers, staff, and volunteers who made these programs possible. Pictures will be posted through the Pieces of the Rock and The Pebble newsletters as well as their FaceBook page.



# Stewardship Corner

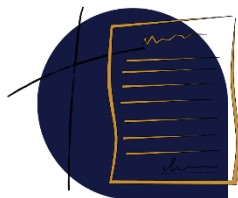
## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### Stewardship Corner as of 12/4/2022

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

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Giving	\$38,685	\$464,282
Budget	\$22,206	\$470,513
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$16,479	(\$6,231)
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.*



# Records Update

## November 2022

### **Transfer In:**

Kirby & Hilary Carlson (sons Lake & Keeper) from Promise Ministries in Fort Wayne

### **Membership by Adult Confirmation:**

Devon & Alicia Weaver  
Scott & Camille Hefty (children Harper & Emilia)  
Matthew & Brandy Mason  
Matthew Kovacs  
Barb Charlton  
Cindy King

### **Re-Affirmation of Faith:**

Andrew Rodenbeck

### **Baptism:**

Johnathan David Roembke (11/13)  
Scott, Emilia, & Harper Hefty (12/11)

### **Births:**

Felix Michael Mello (11/27) to parents Ryan & Angie Mello

## LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Saturday, December 17**

10:00 am - Funeral- Pat Langley-Lautzenheiser (Sanctuary)  
3:00 pm - Christmas PJ Party (Cornerstone)  
3:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
5:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion & Praise Team (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm - HSYG Basketball (Gym)

### **Sunday, December 18**

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)  
9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Large Conference Room)  
9:15 am - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion & Praise Team (Sanctuary)

### **Monday, December 19**

5:30 pm - Preschool Board Meeting (Ministry Conference Room)  
6:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting (Large Conference Room)  
7:00 pm - Brass Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Tuesday, December 20**

9:30 am - Tuesday Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference Room)  
5:00 pm - Trauma Support Group (Pastor

Nate's Office)

6:00 pm - From Mourning to Joy Grief Support (Ministry Conference Room)  
6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)

### **Wednesday, December 21**

7:00 pm - Midweek Advent Worship (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, December 22**

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone)

### **Friday, December 23**

Christmas Eve Observed, Church Office will be closed.

### **Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

9:00 am - Christmas Day Worship (Sanctuary)

### **Monday, December 26**

Christmas Day Observed, Church Office will be closed.