

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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 24-25, 2022

**Nativity of our Lord Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Services with Communion.**

https://www.facebook.com/StPetersFW/live_videos/



Christmas Eve Sermon

"A Darkness Turned Into Light"

Text: Isaiah 9:2-7

Pastor Nathan Widener

Worship Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-16

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25



Christmas Day Sermon

"Does Jesus Need Reservations"

Text: John 1:1-14

Pastor Adam McDowell

Worship Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7-10

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-16

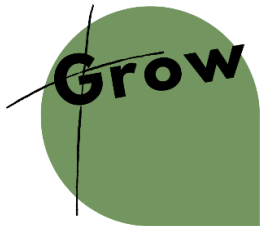
Gospel: John 1:1-14

Holiday Church Office Closed: Dec 23 & 26; Jan 2-3rd

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: Make note of the times each study will break for the Holidays

*Sunday Bible Study

Sunday bible study will not meet on the upcoming 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. The next meeting 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 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 mornings at 6:30 am in the Cornerstone Room with Dr. Tim Puls. There will be no meeting on December 29th for the holidays.

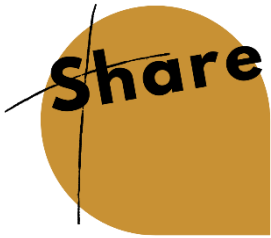
Pastor Steve's Thursday Noon Bible Study

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.



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.

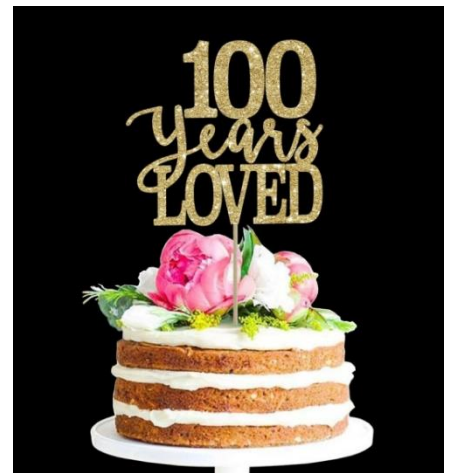


SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

Surprise Birthday Blessings

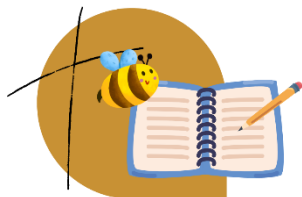
Ferne Carbaugh's family has invited fellow members of St. Peter's to join in sending congratulations and best wishes to Ferne for her 100th birthday, December 29. What a joy and privilege for all of us to celebrate this milestone with her! Please send your cards along with your prayers of thanksgiving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

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



Lost & Found

The Church Office is setting up a table for Lost & Found items we have collected. If you don't see the table in the Ministry Center, check the Work Room (room behind the Church Office front desk). We will leave these items out for pick up until January 9th when all remaining items will be donated.



Our Schools

Day School and Preschool will be on Christmas Break starting December 21st and will resume Wednesday, January 4th.



Stewardship Corner

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 12/11/2022

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

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Giving	\$58,799	\$484,397
Budget	\$44,412	492,719
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$14,388	(\$8,322)
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.

Thanks a million!

All of the supporters of our three past Capital Campaigns should give themselves a pat on the back as our mortgage balance is now just below the \$1 million mark. As of the December payment our mortgage balance is \$998,037.78. All glory to God for our faithful and dedicated partners in ministry.



LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, December 24

- 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 pm - Christmas Eve Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 25

- 9:00 am - Christmas Day Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 pm - Small Group Bible Study

Monday, December 26

Christmas Day Observed, Church Office will be closed

Tuesday, December 27

6:00 pm - From Mourning to Joy Grief Support (Ministry Conference Room)

Thursday, December 29

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone)

6:00 pm - Properties Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

5:00 pm - New Year's Eve Worship w/ Communion

Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion

10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion

5:00 pm - Pickleball

Monday, January 2 - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3 -Church Office Closed

1:00 pm - Senior Saints Planning Team Meeting (Large Conference Room)

5:00 pm - Trauma Support Group (Pastor Nate's Office)

6:00 pm - Grief Support Group (Ministry Conference Room)