

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



In-Person Worship
SATURDAY @ 5 PM
SUNDAY @ 8 AM
SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM



Live Stream Worship
Sunday @ 10:30 AM
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January 14-15, 2023

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Communion Weekend

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Sermon

"With Whom I am Well Pleased"

Text: Matthew 3:1-17 & Romans 6:1-11

Pastor Steve Alhermeyer

Worship Readings

Old Testament: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Epistle: *Romans 6:1-11*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

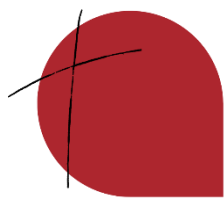


Prayer Text Hotline

Text requests to
260-468-5816

**On-Call Pastor
(Call or Text)
260-888-6888**

**New National Mental
Health Emergency
Phone Number
988**



Behind the Scenes

with Jenny Reith, your Parish Administrator

Historical Corner

UPCOMING THEME: Origin Story

Thank you to everyone who participated in and shared with us their enjoyment of the first display we had in the new Historical Corner which highlighted several archived Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany pieces. Our upcoming theme goes back as far as we're able in our first decades of when St. Peter's came to be. If you have any items you would like to donate or be "on-loan" that recognize our beginning, starting in 1855 and through the turn of the century, please drop them off in the Church Office by Monday, January 30th along with your name and description of the item(s).



Kids of the Kingdom: Volunteers Needed

We need YOU! Sign up to help out on a weekend between January 15 & May 21. Find the sign up in the Ministry Center.



GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

Bible Studies

Sunday Bible Study

Sunday bible study returns following the holidays as we continue our study in Leviticus with Pastor McDowell.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

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

Tuesday Evening Care Groups

(These groups will pause during HOPE Sessions)

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Bible Study will be Thursday mornings at 6:30 am in the Cornerstone Room. Pastor McDowell will lead this week's study.

Pastor Steve's Thursday Noon Bible Study

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



Winter HOPE Sessions: Starting THIS Tuesday
Dinner @ 5:30 pm (Cornerstone Room)
Whole Group Devotion @ 6:15 pm
Classes @ 6:30 pm (ALL Church)

Take a look at the Class Descriptions below



- **What's Love Got to Do with It? w/ Pastor Nate**
Valentine's Day is around the corner, and here at Hope Sessions we want to do what we can to help your holiday be a great one! What's Love Got to Do with It, is a class designed for couples, or singles, who want to take a look at what the Bible has to say about the timeless aspects of Love, Communication, and Respect contained within its pages. Join us as we explore what these ancient words mean to our 21st century relationships. Afterall, what's love got to do with it? Everything!
- **The Intersection of Church & State w/ Pastor Steve**
The Intersection of Church & State examines the dynamic give-and-take relationship that has marked the crossroads of church and state in this country. Though roadblocks are frequent where the two meet, there is still tremendous potential for cooperative work to be done.

Using expert commentary from academics, church and civic leaders, agency professionals and others, this study underscores the healthy collaboration between church and state in caring for the needy, settling refugees, child adoption, chaplain services and more. It will also consider how these historical church and state partnerships are jeopardized. In the end, it will suggest a far superior metaphor in describing the church-state relationship is not one using a wall or barrier but, instead, an intersection, which benefits us all.

- **4 Days of "Groundhog Day" w/ Pastor McDowell**
Bill Murray's character proclaims, "I am a god, but not THE God... I don't think" in the movie "Groundhog Day" as he wrestles with living the same day over and over again. This class explores themes in the movie that relate to our lives. We'll laugh and ponder about how God governs each day and how His will intersects with ours.

- **From Mourning to Joy w/ Michelle Leahy**

No matter the circumstances of the loss, the grief recovery process is a painful one that follows no predefined track or time limits. It is a process that at times threatens to consume us and to extinguish our hope. It is a journey that can leave us with unanswered questions and newfound challenges. The world consoles us by stating that over time the grief will shrink, but how can that be possible? Frankly, it isn't.

Grief is not something that shrinks; instead, over time we grow around that grief and learn to live again while carrying the pain we have experienced. From Mourning to Joy is a facilitator led group that will examine expert advice on growing during times of grief. Unanswered questions will be embraced as we search the Scriptures for answers.

Through our discussions, we will have the opportunity to share our pain and to support and encourage one another. You do not have to grieve alone. Let us help you carry that pain on your journey from mourning to joy.

- **Drums of Praise w/ Alicia Rodenbeck**

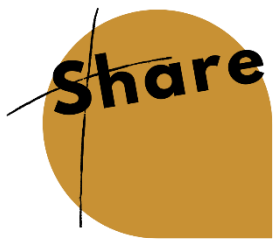
Drums Alive is a program that utilizes "whole brain – whole body" thinking by developing sensory motor reflexes and kinesthetic awareness. The physiological and psychological benefits are numerous including those found in traditional forms of aerobic fitness. Drumming has also been found to improve and increase the neurological connection between the 2 brain hemispheres, stimulating Alpha brain wave activity which can lead to higher levels of concentration, sensory/motor improvement, and an overall sense of well-being.

In Drums of Praise, Certified Drums Alive Coach, Alicia Rodenbeck, will lead participants through a short meditation on a verse highlighting God's Masterwork in the human body before leading a fun and uplifting drumming workout suitable for all ages and abilities. Come to drum away some stress or to dance and find some joy!



Chicken Dinner Tickets

No need to cook for the Superbowl! Get your Chicken Dinner tickets in the Ministry Center before or after service from our Youth. Dinners are \$12/ticket and will be ready for pick up February 12th.



SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

2023 March for Life: Fort Wayne

Saturday, January 28th

Join thousands of pro-life advocates from our region to show that you support life from conception to natural death. The rally will take place at University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W Berry St, Fort Wayne, IN at 12 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am. The March will start after the rally.

Compassionate Care Collection

January's Mission: Turnstone

Consider a donation from the items listed below. Simple as these items are, it all adds up to helping empower people with disabilities to achieve their highest potential. Items needed:

- **Ziploc bags (any size)**
- **Tissues**
- **Dry erase markers**



Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor. Thank you for caring and for sharing!



Last week we gave you a little update about Pastor Sharp and his wife Angela. You can find an additional video and article created through the LCMS publication, Engage, at <https://engage.lcms.org/uruguay-winter-2023/>. A printed copy will be distributed in this year's Mission Kit after worship the weekend of January 28-29.

Keep an eye out for more each week as we gather together to continue awareness for this mission and support them through prayer, encouragements, and with financial gifts. To support this mission financially, you can use this month's special offering envelope in your offering packet and mail it in or drop it off in the little white church in the Ministry Center. Any questions about other ways to financially contribute can be directed to Rhonda Scott, Director of Finance.





Stewardship Corner

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 1/1/2022

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

Our January Special offering is designated for the St. Peter's mission field in Uruguay, led by Rev. James Sharp.



	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Giving	\$20,726	\$567,256
Budget	\$23,791	\$554,203
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,065)	(\$3,065)
Loan Balance		\$998,038

LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, January 14

9:30 am - iLEAD Training Session (Large Conference Room)

5:00 pm - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 15

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)

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

10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

5:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)

Monday, January 16

MLK Day (No School or Preschool)

7:00 pm - Brass Choir Rehearsal (Balcony)

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 am - Calling: Ned Byer (Sanctuary)

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

11:00 am - Funeral: Ned Byer

5:30 pm - HOPE Session Dinner (Cornerstone Room)

6:30 pm - HOPE Sessions Classes (All Church)

Wednesday, January 18

6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone Room)

Thursday, January 19

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 Room)

5:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting (Large Conference Room)