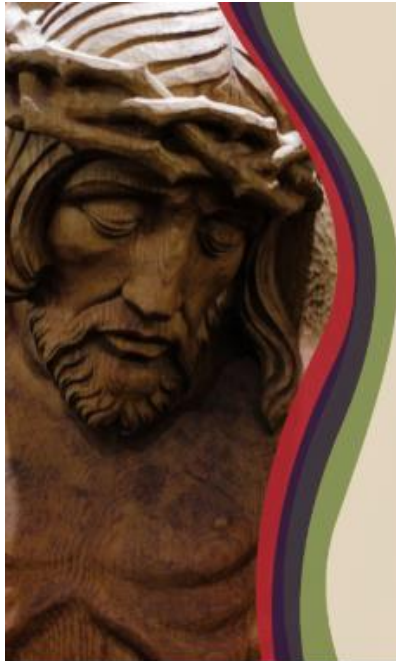


ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



In-Person Worship

SATURDAY @ 5 PM

SUNDAY @ 8 AM

SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM



Live Stream Worship

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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CONNECT TO CHRIST WITH US

January 7-8, 2023

Epiphany of our Lord (Observed)

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Sermon

"Where Is the One?"

Text: *Matthew 2:2*

Rev. Richard Koehneke

Worship Readings

Old Testament: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Epistle: *Ephesians 3:1-12*

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-12*



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



Letter from the Pastors

Happy New Year,

It's often a habit, at the start of the new year, to pull out a fresh calendar and input all of the upcoming events happening in your life: holidays, vacation, weddings, and tournaments. All of these things and more go on the calendar. You might look at them and think you have room to plan. Or maybe you'll think, "Oh dear, how will I get this all accomplished?" Either way, the year is planned.

In a similar way, God asked the Israelites to keep a calendar and told them what days of each month would be holy days. He planned specific days and events like Passover, Feast of Weeks, and the Day of Atonement. There are others as well and through these holy days, God marked out for His people how and when He would be with them as they worshiped.

In your lives, God is with you each and every day, and always has been. Even though you might not write, "This is the day that God has made," on each calendar day, they are still the days that God has given to you. These are days God has provided for you. Each day God has been close to you and has heard your prayers and given you forgiveness.

Your 2023 calendar may not show yet how God will be with you, but if you took a look at last year's calendar you might remember how God's planning overlapped with yours. Before you even knew it, God had already marked on the calendar of your life how He would be with you. The same is true this new year; before you even write the first event down, God promised to be, "with you always, to the end of the age." Matt. 28:20

God bless this new year with His planning,
The Pastors



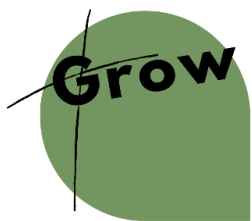
Kids of the Kingdom: Volunteers Needed

We need YOU! Sign up to help out on a weekend between 1/15 - 5/21. Find the sign up in the Ministry Center.



Christmas Decorations

Please help us put away decorations following the 10:30 service this Sunday.



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
Class begins again with our next meeting scheduled for THIS Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

Tuesday Evening Care Groups (These groups will pause during HOPE Sessions)

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.

- **From Mourning to Joy** meets in the Ministry Conference Room at 6 pm, Tuesdays with Michelle Leahy. This grief recovery group is open to anyone who has had a loss in their past. 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. Pastor Nate will lead this week's study.

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.



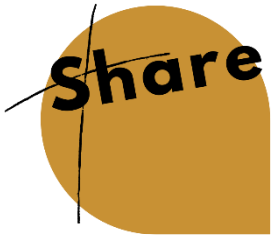
COMING UP: Winter HOPE Sessions

What do Bill Murray, the president, the book of Job, a drum, and a spouse all have in common? They are all related to the winter Hope sessions! Stay tuned next week for full class descriptions, but mark your calendar now for the winter session that will run from January 17 - February 7. Dinner begins at 5:30. We gather together for devotions at 6:15 then break into classes at 6:30. (If you cannot join us for dinner, please feel free to join us for devotions or class alone.)



Next HSYG Meeting THIS Sunday at the Parish House from 6-8 pm

*Keep an eye out for our next announcement when Chicken Dinner tickets will be sold.



SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

**Compassionate Care Collection
January's Mission: Turnstone**

Turnstone empowers people with disabilities to achieve their highest potential by providing comprehensive services and programs. 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!



January is Mission Month. St. Peter's welcomes the New Year with a focus on the missionary work of our partners in mission, Rev. James and Angela Sharp in Uruguay. Videos and news articles this month will expand our connection to the Sharps and the progress of bringing Christ to Uruguay.

The dedication of two new church buildings in NW Uruguay with a new pastor to serve them means the Lutheran Church is now growing in four of the 17 departments (states) of Uruguay. The goal is to bring Christ to all in the most atheistic and depressed nation of South America.

It's a huge task, and the Sharps need our prayers and support. Pray for more Lutheran teachers and deaconesses willing to serve there. Use the special January envelope to help support our missionaries. You can drop these off in the little wooden church in the Ministry Center, put it in the offering plate, or mail them into the church office.



Stewardship Corner

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 12/25/2022

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	\$120,933	\$546,530
Budget	\$105,896	554,203
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$15,037	(\$7,672)
Loan Balance		\$998,038

LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, January 7

5:00 pm – Worship

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am - Worship

9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)

10:30 am - Worship

5:00 pm - Pickleball (church gym)

6:00 pm - HSYG Meeting (Parish House)

Monday, January 9

7:00 pm - Brass Choir Rehearsal (Balcony)

Tuesday, January 10

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)

Thursday, January 12

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

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone)

1:30 pm - Ladies Aid Meeting (Cornerstone)

5:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm - Shepherding Care Team (Ministry Conference Room)

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