

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



## CONNECT TO CHRIST WITH US

**February 11-12, 2023**

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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### **Sermon**

"5, 6, & 2/8"

Text: Matthew 5:21-37

**Pastor Adam McDowell**

### **Worship Readings**

Old Testament: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 5:21-37*



**Prayer Team**  
Through Prayer We Care  
**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**

## Special Voter's Meeting

A Special Voter's Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 12th immediately following the 10:30 service. All supporting documents can be found in the Ministry Center.



## Letter from the Pastors

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to ask you a favor. Along with the input of our Board of Directors, our Parish Administrator, our School Principal, and some of our key leaders, I have put together a "Case Statement" that gives an overview of some critical and exciting things that need to be addressed as we endeavor to share the gospel in 2023 and beyond. So, would you please read over this "Case Statement" following this letter and provide us with your feedback by filling out the online survey? (For our members receiving a physical copy of News & Notes, we encourage you to send us your feedback by way of email or U.S. mail.)

As we contemplate taking this next step to do some critical and exciting things here at St. Peter's, I want to thank you for your investment in this ministry through your time, talents, and treasures. God is doing amazing things through the many activities and ministries that are taking place at our preschool, day school, and, of course, in our church. Lives are being truly changed and transformed through the proclamation of the gospel. All thanks, praise, and glory be to God for allowing us to join Him on His mission of saving souls through the faithful proclamation of the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ to all people! You know, that mission has been carried out by the faithful people of St. Peter's for the past 168 years and it's our earnest prayer and intention for it to continue to be carried out until the Day of our Lord's return. Again, thank you for taking the time to read and respond.

Serving Him with you,

Pastor Steve

(Please refer to last week's News & Notes to for the Case Statement. Please send any thoughts or responses to the Church Office by way of calling at 749-5816 or emailing [churchoffice@stpetersfw.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpetersfw.org))



We will be recognizing years of service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School on Sunday, March 12th, 2023 during the 10:30 service.



Jenny Brockberg  
Resource Room Teacher  
5 years of service (2022-23)



Amy Campbell  
Day School Teacher Aide  
5 years of service (2022-23)



Barb Christian  
Preschool Director & Teacher  
20 years of service (2022-23)



Linda Doehrmann  
Librarian  
10 years of service (2022-23)



Holly Ehle  
Kindergarten Teacher  
18 years of service (2022-23)



Holly Enustun  
Organist (Retirement)  
18 years of service (2022-23)



Andrea Koenig  
Day School Art Teacher  
10 years of service (2022-23)



Brittany Lehman  
Teacher's Aide & LEAP Teacher  
5 years of service (2022-23)



Brett Motter  
3rd grade Teacher  
5 years of service (2022-23)



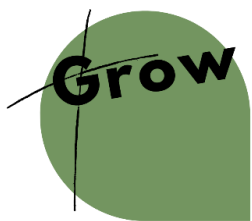
Jenny Reith  
Parish Administrator  
10 years of service (2022-23)

## Thank you for your Years of Service to St. Peter's

Show appreciation with a note giving thanks to Jenny Brockberg, Amy Campbell, Barb Christian, Linda Doehrmann, Holly Ehle, Holly Enustun, Andrea Koenig, Brittany Lehman, Brett Motter, and Jenny Reith for their faithful & dedicated years to our ministry here at St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School. Notes and cards can be placed in the designated box in the Ministry Center or mailed to the Church Office. Please label envelopes with only one of these options so we can separate them:

Attention: Appreciation/Brockberg  
Attention: Appreciation/Campbell  
Attention: Appreciation/Christian  
Attention: Appreciation/Doehrmann  
Attention: Appreciation/Ehle  
Attention: Appreciation/Enustun  
Attention: Appreciation/Koenig  
Attention: Appreciation/Lehman  
Attention: Appreciation/Motter  
Attention: Appreciation/Reith

We encourage you to thank them all, of course, but please do so in separate labeled envelopes so each honored staff may take it home.



# GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

## Bible Studies

### Sunday Bible Study

Sunday Bible study continues in Leviticus with Pastor McDowell.

- Pastor Nate's trauma informed support group starts at 5 pm in his office.
- Michelle's grief support starts at 6 pm in the Ministry Conference Room.

### Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

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

The present study is, "1 and 2 Kings: God the Promise Keeper." We will be exploring Solomon's reign and Temple, the divided kingdoms, and the ministries of Elijah and Elisha. While 1st and 2nd Kings teach us what can happen to any nation that idolizes itself and turns away from God, its central theme is God's rich mercy in Jesus Christ. God is faithful!

### Tuesday Evening Care Groups

*Great time to join starting February 21st*

Both "From Mourning to Joy" grief support and the "Trauma Informed" support groups will resume meeting again on Tuesdays starting February 21st.

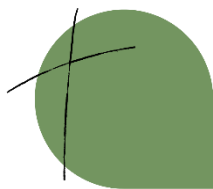
If you aren't sure if this is for you, call or schedule a time to come by and talk to Pastor Nate or Michelle Leahy about what each respective group looks like. It might be a perfect fit, or there could be other options.

### Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

### Pastor Steve's Thursday Noon Bible Study

A weekly noon Bible Study focused on the book of Revelation.



## February: Heart Healthy Month

St. Peter's Community of Care is focusing on the Physical Wellness spoke of the Wellness Wheel for the month of February. If you missed the HOPE Session Class diving into the Wellness Wheel, you can request a physical copy be mailed to you. Below are some great opportunities here on site and off site to support your physical wellness and heart health.

### 1. Save a Life, Learn CPR

*Saturday, February 18: 9am-1pm*

When someone's heartbeat and breathing stops, every minute thereafter without giving CPR and using an AED, the survival rate drops 7-10%. One way we can help is to learn the basics of CPR and the use of an AED. Brian West, one of our Church Elders and a Red Cross Instructor, will be leading a class at the Jackson Lehman YMCA on Saturday, February 18 from 9 am to 1 pm. The registration fee is FREE for the first 10 members that sign up and \$30 for each member after that. Click the flyer button for more information on the class. Find the sign-up sheet in the Ministry Center or you can email Brian West with any questions or to register.



### 2. Drums Alive every Tuesday and Thursday Evening

*Tuesday & Thursdays, Cornerstone Room 6:30-7:30 pm*

Ready to put a little fun in your workout? We are so excited to be able to extend our Drums of Praise HOPE Session! Using the Drums Alive program, we're able to schedule this into a regular class every Tuesday and Thursday evening in the Cornerstone Room from 6:30-7:30 pm (except on Ministry Impact Team meeting nights, 1st Thursdays, which will move the time up to 6-7:00

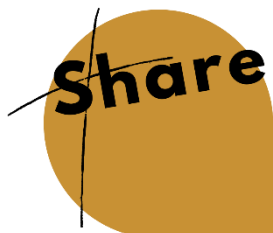


pm). This course is designed for all ages and all abilities from low mobility to expert. This is open to all members and guests of members as an easy opportunity to increase your Physical Health.

### 3. Pickleball every Sunday

*Sundays, Church Gym, 5-7pm*

Our St. Peter's Pickleball Club has been going strong for nearly a year now! It's a fun activity to play whether you're a beginner or have loved the game for a long time. We have everything you need from equipment, people to teach you, and an easy access atmosphere for anyone who would like to join! Tony Acosta facilitates this program every Sunday in the Church Gym from 5-7 pm.



## SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

### Social Ministry Team: SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE 2023

Bring in your soup cans THIS weekend to help feed those in need, in and around Fort Wayne. The food collected will be delivered to The Associated Churches Food Bank downtown.

### Compassionate Care Collection

#### February Mission: Mustard Seed

Consider donating to help in assisting people who are struggling to establish or maintain a home. Items needed:

- **Spatulas/Cooking Spoons**
- **Painter's Tape**
- **Clear Plastic Box Tape**

Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor. Thank you to all who contributed to Turnstone. Share your love for Jesus! Thank you!



# Stewardship Corner

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### Stewardship Corner as of 1/29/2022

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

**February Special Offerings are going to Connect Allen County, a full in-house resource center for families in need.**

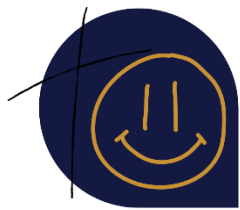


	Month to Date	Year to Date
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$103,309	\$649,840
<b>Budget</b>	\$113,154	\$667,357
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	(\$9,845)	(\$17,517)
<b>Loan Balance</b>		\$943,476

**Did you know our current Special Monthly Offering is Connect Allen County?** This newer local resource is excellent in helping our neighbors with case management to get specific needs met all in one building. St. Peter's has partnered with Connect Allen County to support members and non-members alike to get the resources available to them that have a positive affect to help make good life changes. They are a "no wrong door" access center. Please consider supporting this excellent venue.

### **LSSI Christmas Update**

The final tally is in. St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School by God's grace raised our promised \$1100 plus four adult Bibles and four children's Bibles to meet our goal for Lutheran Social Services of IN Adopt a Christmas Family! Not only that, but after the deadline, God enabled us to provide another \$552.43 for additional families still in need. Praise God for His inexpressible gifts and for using us! What joy He gives! Wonder what He'll lead us to next Christmas?



# 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 current quarter.
  - Portals of Prayer: Quarter 1
  - Large Print Portals of Prayer: Quarter 1
  - Hopeful Living: Quarter 1
- Thank you to Ron & Cindy Corlew for sponsoring Hopeful Living in the second quarter in honor of their 50th Anniversary.

*If you would like to be a Quarter 2 Sponsor for the regular or large print Portals of Prayer, please call the church office.*

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

- St. Peter's Church
- God's Promises
- 40 Years of Marriage
- My friends & family

### **Thank you notes & Shout Outs**

My thanks to my St. Peter's Family for the many prayers and kindnesses during all of 2022. As you know, my family dealt with multiple myeloma, lung cancer, broken bones, and even a few cases of covid. Because of the faithful prayers and the Lord's compassion in answering these pleas, we have come through it so well. It is with a thankful heart that I can say the prognosis for all is bright. Thank you all for your prayers. Thank you also for my 100th birthday remembrance of cards, calls, and gifts. Blessings to all.

- Ferne Carbaugh

## LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Saturday, February 11**

8:30 am - iLEAD Training Session (Large Conference Room)  
5:00 pm - Worship

### **Sunday, February 12**

8:00 am - Worship  
9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)  
9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Large Conference Room)  
10:30 am - Worship  
Following the 10:30 service - Special Voter's Meeting (Sanctuary)  
5:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)  
6:00 pm - HSYG Meeting (Parish House)

### **Monday, February 13**

7:00 pm - Brass Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, February 14**

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

### **Wednesday, February 15**

6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)

### **Thursday, February 16**

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)

### **Friday, February 17**

#### **No School or Preschool**

6:00 pm HSYG Lock in/out