

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



## CONNECT to Christ with Us

### Worship Times, Links & Details

#### In-Person Worship

Saturday w/ Communion @ 5:00 pm  
Sunday w/ Communion @ 8:00 am  
Sunday w/ Communion @ 10:30 am  
Monday (Stepping Stones) w/ Communion @ 6:00 pm

#### Weekend Bulletin

Click the link below for a copy of this weekend's worship bulletins.

[Saturday Service](#)

[Sunday Services](#)

#### Live Stream Worship

These services can be accessed through our Facebook page  
([www.facebook.com/StPetersFW](https://www.facebook.com/StPetersFW)).

#### Sunday @ 10:30 am

[Click here to access this Sunday's live stream service.](#)

### Worship Updates Related to COVID Restrictions

The Board of Elders met last week to discuss our worship practices in light of the improving situation with the pandemic. Below are some updates that will take effect this weekend. Additional changes will be announced as we work through the logistics.

Please note that these decisions are, of course, subject to change should the status of the pandemic and subsequent restrictions change.

**Communion** - Communion distribution will return to its proper place in the Order of Worship. We will practice "continuous communion" with worshipers returning to their seats afterward instead of filing out the door. This will be like the practice we used in the past for

holidays and special services. Communion will be served in a continuous line instead of by family grouping. The dismissal will be after everyone is served.

**Prayer Requests** - We will resume collecting prayer requests from those in the Sanctuary. Visitor/prayer cards are in the pews. Prayer requests will be collected during the Opening Hymn.

**Offering** - The offering will continue to be collected at the doors as we have for the past year. However, the offerings will now be brought forward during the Offertory. (Empty plates will still be at the door when you leave just in case you forgot on your way in.)

**Children's Materials** - The toddler bags have returned to the Kid Zone wall in the west corridor. Additionally, there are children's bulletins on the shelf above the toddler bags.

## Stepping Stones Worship



### Location Change: Stepping Stones in the Sanctuary

On May 3, we will have Stepping Stones in the Sanctuary. Here, we will enjoy the daily office of Vespers. What are the daily offices and why do we use them? Join us in the sanctuary to find out on Monday night at 6 pm.

[Click here to hear more from Pastor McDowell.](#)

## Memorial Service

A memorial service for Imogene Schweyer will be held on Sunday, May 2 at 12:15 pm.

### For school families:

Click the button below to log livestream worship attendance.

***If you do not receive an email confirmation, please contact the church office within 24 hours to make sure your attendance is reflected accurately.***

[Attendance Log Google Form](#)

## Spring Voter's Meeting

The Spring Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 16 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The agenda, previous meeting minutes, and supporting materials for the meeting can be found at the links below. Hard copies are available in the Ministry Center.

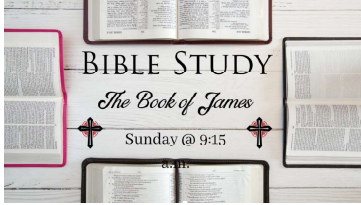
[May 16 Agenda](#)

[Candidate Biographical Information](#)

## GROW in His Grace with Us

### Sunday Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible class continues this week at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone Room and via live stream on our

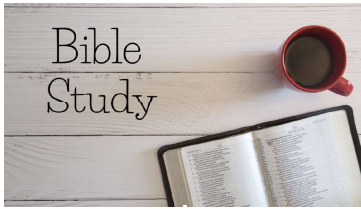


YouTube channel. Come grow in your faith with us as we study the book of James.

[Live Stream Link for Sunday Bible Study](#)

## Adult Instruction Class

Adult Instruction Class will continue this Sunday at 9:15 am in the Large Conference Room.



## Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible

Can you identify the warnings found in the book of Hebrews? They are as relevant today as the day they were written. Join us for this fascinating study on the book of Hebrews on Thursday at noon in the Sanctuary and via live stream on YouTube.

[Thursday Bible Study Live Stream Link](#)

## Children's Bulletin

Click the link below to download a copy of the Children's Bulletin for this weekend.

[Children's Bulletin for May 2](#)



## SHARE Him with Others



### Opportunities to Share

Consider today the following opportunities. For more information or to give of your time, please contact Michelle Leahy.

**Prayer Warriors** - May is Mental Health Awareness month. Can you commit time to pray during the month of May for the 51 million adults in the U.S. who face the reality of managing a mental illness? Contact Michelle today, and she will share prayer guides to help you get started.

**Vacation Bible School** - A wide variety of skills are needed to produce the wonderful VBS program that so many of our children love and

adore. Whether you only have an hour or two to give or would like to be a part of the planning team, we want to hear from you. This program requires those who enjoy arts & crafts, food preparation, music, drama, games, photography, writing, organizing, or just hanging out with children.

## **National Day of Prayer**

The National Day of Prayer celebrates 70 years of prayer for America this year!

Governor Holcomb declared that May 6 will be a Day of Prayer in Indiana.

[Click here to view the Proclamation.](#)

Join with us and millions of believers across the nation this Thursday, May 6, as we pray this year's theme, "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty." 2 Corinthians 3:17

Prayer guides will be available in the Ministry Center after worship this weekend. Prayer prompts will also be posted to our Facebook page hourly. Like the post if you take the time to pray with us.

## **Mother's Day Carnations Project**

**Mother's Day is May 9.**

Each year Right to Life of Northeast Indiana partners with area churches to bring in beautiful flowers in honor of mom, grandmothers, and mother-figures in their congregation. This project is a celebration of this important role, as well as, support of the life-saving work of Right to Life. It is also Right to Life of Northeast Indiana's largest fundraiser of the year. We appreciate your partnership and commitment to Life in your community! Flowers will be sold in the Ministry Center after all worship services the weekend of May 8-10.

## **Senior Saints May Event**

The next Senior Saints Lunch & Learn will be on Monday, May 17 at 11:30 am in the Cornerstone Room. Join us for a box lunch, and learn more about the important work Pastor Keller has been doing with the Burmese community in Fort Wayne.

Please sign up in the Ministry Center for your box lunch. We are asking for \$5 to help cover the cost. Payment can be made at the church office.

### **LAMB**

Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB) has been working in the Burmese community in Fort Wayne since 2003. Established and led by Rev James Keller, it exists to raise up Burmese missionaries, teachers and pastors. LAMB works across ethnic, tribal and religious lines among the peoples of Burma living in the Fort Wayne area. The impact of this mission has been profound.

Rev. Keller and his family began work with the Burmese in 1998 while he was a student at Concordia Theological Seminary and doing his fieldwork at New Life Lutheran Church. He visited Asian markets, met Burmese refugees and learned Burmese from a Buddhist monk. He was ordained in 2001 and the following year established a bilingual service at New Life Church for the Burmese who were attending there. Since 2013 he has also served as the senior pastor at New Life Lutheran Church in southeast Fort Wayne.\*

A free will offering will be taken at the event to support LAMB.

## **Compassionate Care Collection**

### **Baby Wipes & Christian Outreach**

You don't have to go far to find significant outreach to people in need. The Shepherd's Hand outreach of [Shepherdofthecitylutheran.org](http://Shepherdofthecitylutheran.org) in Fort Wayne is 'motivated by the love of Christ we serve our community by providing quality health, education and life wellness services to adults and children in the East Central and Memorial Park neighborhoods of

Fort Wayne.' Let's help them through the May Compassionate Care Collection by donating **baby wipes**.

Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

Still looking for some eyeglasses?  
They can also be placed in the collection baskets until Sunday, May 9.

### Youth Mission Trip Door Offering

Starting June 19, the High School Youth Group will send 19 students to travel 15 hours to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to help restore and build homes for the residents living there. The Youth Group's mission team is still fundraising for this weeklong servant event, and you can help them put their faith into action as they care for their neighbor. This month's door offering is going to help offset the Youth Group's costs to serve on this mission trip. The Youth thank you for your help and support as they grow in faith and share God's word and love.

## Tithes & Offerings

To view a complete list of giving options (along with instructions), [click here](#).

### Stewardship Corner as of 4/18/21

Praise God for his mighty works, and we praise you for your gifts to the church!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$70,133	\$880,502	\$113,781
<b>Budget</b>	\$115,469	\$945,905	\$180,360
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	(\$45,336)	(\$65,403)	(\$66,579)
<b>Loan Balance</b>	\$1,940,332		

**Faithfully Forward Campaign Update** – We have completed the first quarter of year three and have received gifts of \$1.790 million. Our new loan balance has dropped under two million dollars and stands at \$1.94 million. Praise God for your faithful giving! Based on current giving and outstanding pledges, we will receive an estimated \$2.6 million of gifts during this third campaign. While this is great news, we also estimate that we will still have an outstanding debt balance at the end of next year between \$900 thousand to \$1 million. We encourage everyone to continue to pray and ask those members that are not currently giving to the campaign to consider helping us eliminate this debt. Please direct any questions about your pledge or the campaign to Tony Hunt, Director of Advancement.

**Wildcat Pride Benefit Auction** – Normally our school auction occurs on the first Saturday in May. However, due to all the uncertainty of gathering as a large group, we have decided to move this year's auction to Saturday September 18. So, please mark your calendars for this special time of fellowship to celebrate and support our wonderful school. More information coming soon about this very special and important event. It is our plan to return to a May event in 2022.





# May Birthdays

Click the link below to access the full list of members who will celebrate birthdays during the month of May. Praying for the Lord's blessings on all of you May birthdays.

[May Birthday List](#)

## Church Calendar

### **Saturday, May 1**

5:00 pm - Worship Service with Communion (In-Person)

### **Sunday, May 2**

8:00 am - Worship Service with Communion (In-Person)

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

9:15 am - Adult Information Class (Large Conference Room)

10:30 am - Worship Service with Communion (In-Person & Live Stream)

12:15 pm - Imogene Schweyer Memorial (Sanctuary)

### **Monday, May 3**

9:00 am - Knotters (Parish House)

6:00 pm - Stepping Stones Worship Service w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

### **Tuesday, May 4**

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

### **Wednesday, May 5**

6:30 pm - MSYG Meeting (School Cafeteria)

### **Thursday, May 6**

#### **National Day of Prayer**

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's Fireplace Room)

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)

12:00 pm - Pr. Steve's Bible Study (In Person Sanctuary & Live Stream)

5:00 pm - Advancement Committee Meeting (Large Conference Room)

5:15 pm - Nominating Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

6:00 pm - Youth Board Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 pm - Ministry Impact Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

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