

A graphic consisting of several concentric circles in shades of blue and teal. In the center is a dark blue silhouette of a church steeple topped with a white cross. Overlaid on this graphic is the text "HOW THE CHURCH ACTS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

HOW THE CHURCH ACTS

WELCOME!

Families are valued here! Thank you for trusting us with your time and spiritual care. Kids activity sheets and crayons are available on tables as you enter worship.

Two family-friendly rooms are located to the left and right of the main level sanctuary. One room is exclusively for nursing moms while the other is available for families who might need a quieter environment or simply more space to move during worship.

Kids Care is available during the 10:45 AM worship service in the Kids Ministry hallway. Little ones (Birth–Pre-K) will be welcomed into an engaging and fun experience. They will learn how much God loves them, what a special creation they are, and how Jesus wants to be their best friend forever!

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper as instituted by Jesus the night before He died. In keeping with 1 Corinthians 11:26-29, we ask everyone seeking communion to examine themselves by asking:

Am I sorry for my sins and desire forgiveness?

Do I believe that Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness?

Do I believe that I receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and wine?

Do I desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sinful ways?

All who trust in these words of Christ, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," who share our confession of faith, and can answer "Yes!" to the questions above, are invited to join us in this celebration!

If you choose not to commune with us, we invite you and any children who have not yet received communion instruction to come forward to receive a blessing. To communicate that you want a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms when you come forward. For those who prefer, we offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays, and you can ask for a gluten-free wafer when you come forward.

Our worship assistants and ushers are available to bring communion to those unable to come to the rail. To indicate that you need this service, please speak to one of our team members with the blue-colored lanyards before communion, and they will make sure to bring it to you.

*Please speak with a Pastor before the service
if you have questions regarding communion.*

Announcements

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Invocation

Praise *My Testimony*

Offering & Connect



GIVE



GUEST

Acts 7:54–60; 8:1–8

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. ⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷ For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

John 12:23-26

Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Message

Nicene Creed

Prayers

We pray for our nation and all in authority, that God would grant wisdom, preserve peace, protect the innocent, and unite us in justice and righteousness. We pray for persecuted Christians around the world. We pray for our sick and hospitalized. We pray for the safety of all those traveling next weekend for the 4th of July.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Confession & Absolution

- P** Today, we come before God, aware of our need for forgiveness and confessing our sins. Lord God, so often, comfort keeps us from your mission.
- C** **Lord, forgive us for choosing comfort over faith.**
- P** Many times it's easier to stay silent than to speak the good news.
- C** **Lord, forgive us when we remain silent, even when You call us to speak.**
- P** Jesus, you remind us that being on mission is not without sacrifice.
- C** **Lord, forgive us for fearing sacrifice more than disobedience.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Words of Institution

Communion

*The Word
Here I Am
King of Kings*

Communion Dismissal

Benediction

Who You Say I Am

Closing

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea: The church grows not in comfort, but in challenge and mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH MINISTRY

LCMS National Youth Gathering New Orleans July 18-24 (9th-12th Graders)
Prayers for all participants (73 students and 16 adults) - May God strengthen and deepen our faith and relationships with one another. We ask for safe travels, good health, and energy and endurance.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP SPECIAL: DR. RICH RUDOWSKE ON ACTS 28



Join us as we wrap up our Sunday Morning Bible Group (SMBG) series on the Book of Acts on Sunday July 27 with a special session taught by a guest speaker Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske. Dr. Rudowske brings a wealth of missional insight and a passion for God's Word. As Executive Director of Lutheran Bible Translators, he has served around the world, including five years in Botswana helping the Shekgalagari language community translate the New Testament into a previously unwritten language. He also contributes globally as vice-chair of the Forum of Bible Agencies International and as part of the Every Tribe Every Nation alliance working toward Bible access for all people by 2033. Come hear how the final chapter of Acts connects with God's global mission today—and what it means for us here and now.

SUMMER 2025 CAMPUS LOGISTICS - "OPERATION NO SURPRISE"

- **Playground Project** - goal is to wrap up by or before July 31
- **The building will be closed during the day** on Fridays through July 25
- **Sanctuary Roof Project** - goal is to wrap up by or before July 31
- **Renovation of the upstairs of The Den** - goal is to wrap up by or before July 4 -
The Den will be closed during this time.
- **Indiana Lutheran Principals Conference**, July 14-15.



20th ANNIVERSARY - SPRINT WITH THE SPIRIT 5K

Registration is now open! Saturday, August 16 @ 8am.
Scan the QR code to register! Race Day registration opens at 7:00am



THE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY.

LUNCH & LEARN THURSDAYS

Thursdays, June 19-July 31, 11:30am – 2:00pm in room 2164

Join us for a light lunch followed by a 7-week Bible study, *Walking with God in the Desert*, led by Eric Pankow. The study explores God's deliverance from sin, life's desert journeys, and the sustaining power of His Word—featuring video-based insights from the geography and archaeology of Israel's wilderness.



Lunch and Learn

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - REVELATION

Tuesdays, 10:00am – 11:00am in room 2164

We will take a break from meeting for three weeks. Our next class will be on July 1st. If you have missed any classes, you can catch up online through our Pastor Bible Study podcast. The class emphasizes the book's message of hope, comfort, and victory for the Church amid persecution and chaos.



Listen Here

NOW HIRING

We are seeking Cafeteria Food Service Assistants to assist with the daily preparation and serving of the school lunch for the school students and staff. The role will include assisting with maintaining a clean kitchen and cafeteria, while helping create a warm, Christ-centered environment where students are nourished both physically and spiritually. Contact Aaron Littmann, Director of Ministry Operations 812-372-1571 x2140 alittmann@stpeters-columbus.org

We are also seeking two school positions. Contact Principal Paul Meredith at 812-372-5266 or pmeredith@stpeters-columbus.org to apply.

- Resource Aide Starts in August
- 4th Grade Teacher Starts in September for long-term maternity leave.

KIDS CAMP - TEDDY BEAR LOVE FUND SPONSORS

Thank you to our business sponsors who helped us reach our goal of building 1,000 stuffed animals at our missions station at Kids Camp last week.

Gold \$500 - White River Running Co., Wagner Realtors, Greater Horizon Financial Group

Silver \$250 - ReMax Real Estate (Jean Donica & Annette Donica Blythe)



SERVING

Preacher: Pastor Tim Carter

Worship Leader: Pastor Adam Rodriguez

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 6pm Saturdays and 10:45am Sundays

Traditional: 8am Sundays and 7pm Wednesdays

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Call 812-372-1571 x2121 or complete the Prayer Request Form at stpeterscolumbus.org

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The flowers, in memory of Minnie Schultz, are presented to the glory of God by St. Peter's Foundation.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

How our donations add up to fuel our Mission!

JULY 2024–MAY 2025 ACTUALS

1 OFFERINGS

Where donations are most needed to support our ministries.

YTD: \$3,440,228

YTD Budget: \$3,387,300

Difference: +\$52,928

Goal for year: \$3,640,300

2 SGO GIFTS

Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization

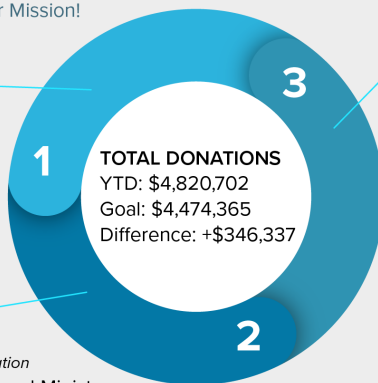
A creative way to support our School Ministry.

YTD: \$1,049,464

Goal: \$760,000

Difference: +\$289,464

Goal for year: \$775,000



3 SPECIAL GIFTS

Support ministry-specific projects or where most needed, both in-budget and out-of-budget. Gifts help to ensure budgeted projects are implemented.

YTD: \$331,010

YTD Budget: \$327,065

Difference: +\$3,945

Goal for year: \$336,615

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