

**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

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Teacher Commissioning

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Luke 15:1-31

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

¹¹ Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’

Message

Prayers

*We pray God's blessings on the marriage of Kristen Kirchner and Daniel Bodemann.
(August 8)*

We pray for a blessed start of our ministry program year.

*We pray for wise leadership through our Church Council, Elders, School Board,
and Operations Board.*

We pray for our teachers here at St. Peter's and all teachers in our community.

We pray for our sick and hospitalized.

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** Friends in Christ, we come today as Jesus' little lambs—sometimes lost, sometimes stubborn, but always loved by our Good Shepherd. So let's take a moment to be honest with God and confess our sins, trusting in His mercy and care.
- C** **Jesus, my Shepherd, I've wandered. I've gone my own way, forgotten Your voice, and doubted Your goodness. You've been faithful, but I haven't always followed. Forgive me for the times I've tried to live life on my own. Remind me again that I belong to You—loved, forgiven, and never alone.**
- P** God's Word says: "I have called you by name—you are Mine." Through Jesus, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep, you are loved and cared for. You are redeemed and held in the care of the One who knows you best. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion

Lord I Need You

Psalm 23

Reckless Love

Communion Dismissal

Benediction

You Never Let Go

Closing

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea: God celebrates when even one person returns to Him. This week sets the tone by focusing on the heart of God, who relentlessly pursues the lost and rejoices when they are found. We'll explore how our ministry at St. Peter's reflects this same heart—reaching out to the lost, celebrating transformation, and making space for people to encounter Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

Quest Groups (Birth–6th Grade): Start back up on Sunday, August 10 from 9:30–10:30am in the Kids Ministry hallway! This season, our kids are learning how to trust God no matter what—and it's the perfect time to bring a friend and join the fun!

First Communion Family Information Session

Join us on Sunday, August 17 from 12:00–1:30pm for a First Communion Family Information Session. This session is for any 5th–8th grade student who has not yet completed the program. It's a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about why we take communion and what it means in our faith journey.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Explore Confirmation Kick-off (7th-8th graders): Sun, Aug 10 at 12pm in the Den. All students and parents are invited to attend lunch and learn about this year's confirmation program. Questions: Bethany Hayes at bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org

Venture Lake Day (9th-12th Graders): Sun, Aug 10 @ The Bush's, 3840 Cove Rd, 5-8pm. Join us for dinner, games, and swimming. Bring a towel, sunscreen, and a friend!

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BUILD DAY

We're partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build beds for kids in our community who don't have one of their own. This is a tangible opportunity to live out our faith and help end child bedlessness. Together we can say, "No more kids sleep on the floor in our town." Join us for one of two Build Days at St. Peter's: Saturday, September 6 or Sunday, September 7, both from noon to 4:00 p.m. No experience needed—just scan the QR code to sign up and make a difference.



FALL MUM SALE

Support Our 8th Graders' Washington, D.C. Trip! St. Peter's Lutheran School 8th grade class is fundraising for their trip to Washington, D.C., and you can help by purchasing beautiful fall mums!

- 🌻 Order Deadline: Wednesday, August 27
- 🌻 Pickup Date: Wednesday, September 17
- 🌻 Pickup Time & Location: 2:30–4:30 PM at The Den



THE COFFEE MUG WALL

During our Life to the Fullest series, you'll notice a display of coffee mugs in the church lobby. But they're not just mugs—they're a symbol of something more.

At St. Peter's, we believe every invitation matters because every person matters. That's why we're encouraging you to invite someone to worship with you. When your guest arrives, take a moment to choose a mug from the wall and gift it to them, a simple way to say, "We're glad you're here."

As the weeks go on, keep an eye on the wall. With each mug given, it becomes a visual reminder of how God is at work—drawing people to Himself through relationships, community, and invitation.

AUTO MAINTENANCE DAY

The fall event is in need of volunteers for Saturday, September 20, (Rain Date: October 4) from 6:30am-2:00pm in the Den parking lot. Even if you don't know how to "spin a wrench" we can partner you with regular volunteers that teach the basics and enable you to give back to those in need.



There are two ways you can make an impact:

1. RSVP and attend for any 3-4 hour block that is convenient for you
2. Spread the word and encourage others to volunteer

To RSVP scan the QR code. Questions: Ben Eckert at benjamin.eckert1@outlook.com

THIRD SUNDAY OFFERING - BELOVED

Beloved supports kids in crisis and the adults who care for them. We provide supplies that meet immediate physical needs and provide comfort to children removed from unsafe situations and placed into foster care.

20th ANNIVERSARY - SPRINT WITH THE SPIRIT 5K

Join us for the Sprint With the Spirit 5K
Saturday, August 16th at 8am at The Den

All participants are welcome! This race supports the St. Peter's 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C and Gettysburg. It is the largest fundraising event for the trip. It is a certified course by Indiana Timing. Awards will be given for each age category. Scan the QR code to register!



LIVING GENEROUSLY THROUGH THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Thrivent members you have the opportunity to impact the ministries of St. Peter's and those in the community by utilizing your Thrivent Action Team option (at least one action team per Thrivent member, two depending on level of membership with Thrivent). As a new season of ministry begins in August these are some of the ministries that could benefit from your generosity:

Grilled Cheese Thursday – food/supplies

Kids' Ministry – snacks/teaching supplies/special events

Youth Ministry – snacks/supplies for Trek and Venture meetings/events

8th grade Concession Fundraiser – food/supplies

Angels of Love – supplies such as Bibles, pens, window tags, gifts

Concert Series – food for receptions

LWML – Advent by Candlelight food/supplies and supplies for Servant Saturdays.

For assistance in applying for a Thrivent Action Team contact Karen Pinnow: 812-371-4757 or karen.pinnow@att.net. If applying on your own please let Karen know what event and date you are applying for to avoid duplication of applications which will minimize denials.

LWML (LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION)

Servant Saturday, August 16 from 9 a.m. to noon ladies of the congregation are invited to join the ladies of LWML as we prepare and assemble Mug Rugs to distribute to our shut-ins. We are also collecting inspirational/scripture-based mugs to accompany the Mug Rugs. Donations of cheerful fabric are also welcomed. Donations may be placed in LWML tote found at the main entrance. For more information contact Karen Pinnow: 812-371-4757 or karen.pinnow@att.net.

CANCER CARE MINISTRY

St. Peter's Cancer Care ministry will host its' annual Anointing Night service on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025. The evening will begin with a pasta dinner starting at 6:00 pm in Room 2164 (India Room) followed by a service in the sanctuary. This is a service of encouragement, prayer and worship culminating with anointing over each receiver and their caregivers at the kneeling rail by all the pastors and elders. If possible, please let us know how many in your group might be joining us for this special blessing. Please call or text either Claudette Hayward at 812-371-2049 or Brenda Sullivan at 812-343-1990 with this information.

CONNECT GROUPS REGISTRATION

Exciting news! The highly anticipated Connect Groups registration is now open! Experience the community of St. Peter's through our vibrant small group gatherings. Meeting 2 times per month, each group will come together to foster compelling community and nurture resilient faith. And the best part? It's an experience for the whole family to share! Are you interested in learning more about Connect Groups? Interested in registering to be part of the group? Scan the QR code located in the back of the bulletin. Or, you can stop by the Connect Groups table in the church lobby after service to sign up. Sign ups are open throughout the month of August.



FALL SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUPS (AUGUST 10 – OCTOBER 5)

I Said This, You Heard That, Pastor John and Pastor Adam, Old Gym

Ever feel like your words get misunderstood, even when your intentions are good? I Said This, You Heard That is a practical and eye-opening class based on Ephesians chapter 4. Using a simple but powerful tool rooted in Scripture and the four temperaments, you'll discover how your God-given wiring shapes the way you speak and how others hear you. Whether you're navigating communication at home, at work, or within your church community, this class will equip you to speak Gospel words into your relationships.

Gospel of John, Pastor Tim, Room 2164

What does it mean to truly live a "life to the full"? In this class on the Gospel of John, we'll walk through the life, signs, and words of Jesus—the One who came so that we might have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10). From His first miracle at a wedding to His powerful conversations and bold claims, John paints a portrait of Jesus that invites us not just to believe, but to thrive in a relationship with Him. Whether you're new to faith or looking to go deeper, this class will help you see how Jesus meets us in every chapter of life with grace, truth, and fullness.

Torah Club, Kari Spurgeon, India Room

Join Kari Spurgeon as she leads the Torah Club's study -The Sent Ones: Acts of the Jewish Apostles. This study will look at the Book of Acts to piece together the lives and journeys of the first disciples, evaluate their expectations and experiences, study their missions in detail, and reveal the foundational moments when our faith began and took shape. A Jewish context will help us explore the rich tapestry of the early believers and their enduring impact on our faith today.

SERVING

Preacher: Pastor John Cordrey

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 are presented to the glory of God
in celebration of the marriage of Daniel & Kristen Bodemann.*

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