

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 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM worship services 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

Lead On Good Shepherd New Song

Offering & Connect



1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

John 17:20-26

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Message

Nicene Creed

Prayers

We pray for our sick and hospitalized.

We give thanks for the baptism of Winston Matthew Miller, son of Josh and Ella Miller.

We pray for the Youth Call Committee as they continue their work to find a Next Gen Director.

We pray for good weather and safety during the planting season.

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** Heavenly Father, though we are the crown jewel of Your creation, we fail to follow your ways.
- C** At times we wander from Your ways intentionally, and sometimes we wonder unintentionally.
- P** In Your immeasurable love and mercy, You sent Your Son Jesus so that all who fall short of the glory of God can be adopted into the kingdom of heaven.
- C** We forget that we all, at one time or another have wondered from your good ways.
- P** Sin is what separates us from You, Heavenly Father.
- C** Forgive us for taking your grace for granted, and turn our hearts towards the love, grace, and unity found in your Son, Jesus Christ. Now hear our hearts as we bring that sin before you silently now.

Silence for self-reflection

- P** When Jesus was leaving this world, He prayed for the unity of all believers. On His cross, Jesus won that unity for you and in your Baptism He personally delivers it to you. You are now forever united with your Heavenly Father. So hear this unity today anew, that I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion

The Word
Psalm 23
Beautiful

Communion Dismissal

Benediction

Forever and Ever Amen

Closing

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea: Our society tells us to win every argument and isolate anyone who disagrees, but God calls us to something radically different. Christians are called to engage thoughtfully, listen deeply, love intentionally, and share the gospel. In our world, differences are inevitable, but division is a choice. We seek to win people, not arguments, pointing toward Jesus rather than fueling division.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

April Quest Groups (Birth-6th Grade)

Quest Groups (Birth-6th Grade) meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Kids Ministry hallway! During April our kids will discover what it looks like for God's Spirit to be with us. Questions? Contact Desiree Shaw dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org

Kids Camp Wishlist

Looking for a way to support Kids Camp behind the scenes? We've created an Amazon Wishlist filled with supplies needed to bring this incredible event to life. Just scan the QR code to be taken directly to the wishlist. Everything will be shipped straight to St. Peter's and used for Kids Camp, as well as future Kids Ministry events. Thank you so much for your generosity. Your support helps us share God's love with children throughout our community!



Kids Camp 2026: Rainforest Falls (June 8-11)

Potty-trained 3-year-olds through current 5th graders are invited to an unforgettable week packed with adventure, faith, and fun! At Rainforest Falls, children will be rooted in the life-giving truth of who God is - their loving Creator who knows them by name and loves them forever. It's a week full of meaningful faith discoveries and epic adventures designed to help kids grow deeper in their faith while having an absolute blast!

Play & Grow Dates



Grownups with kids birth through kindergarten are invited to be a part of these fun play dates at St. Peter's. Older homeschooled siblings are also welcome! This is a great time to get to know other families through play and Jesus centered activities! If you would like notifications, contact Katey at kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org. Scan the QR codes for upcoming events.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Trek (7th-8th Graders): Sun, April 26, 4-5:30pm @ in The Den. Join us for games, worship, and community. Questions: Contact Bethany bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org

Venture (9th-12th Graders): Sun, April 26 at St. Peter's, 6-8pm. Join us for dinner, games, worship, and small group time.

Venture Colorado Mission Trip Team Meeting: Sun, April 26, 12 PM @ St. Peter's in The Summit. Lunch will be provided. All registered students are encouraged to attend.

Explore Family Lunch: Sun, May 3 (7th Graders Only) at St. Peter's in The Den, 12pm. Join us for the final monthly check-in of the school year. Please bring your Guided By Truth journal, a pen or pencil, and any questions you may have.

NEXT GEN CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

- ***Celebration*** - We have wonderful news, Connor Colangelo has accepted the Call to be one of our two youth ministers! Connor and his dad will be visiting this weekend to tour Columbus and look for an apartment. His potential start date will be June 8th.
- ***Youth Ministry Director***: We have a youth ministry director candidate we are interviewing this week, and another who is considering our invitation.
- ***Next Gen Director***: We have sent out 21 invitations to potential Next Gen Director candidates, both experienced pastors and DCEs. This position will lead the new department. Of the 21 we contacted, one has agreed to interview, three are praying about it, and seven have declined. We are waiting to hear back from the remainder of the list (10). Please pray for God's favor on this process.
- ***Next Gen Director Overview***: As a visionary leader and collaborative team builder, the Next Gen Director will provide strategic oversight and care across all next-generation ministries. This includes casting vision, developing leaders, designing age-appropriate ministry pathways, and fostering meaningful connections across life stages, from birth to age 25. The Director will develop and lead a ministry focusing on young adults. The Director will provide spiritual leadership, connecting the next generation to Christ and leading them into lifelong discipleship.
- ***Prayer Requests*** - Please ask the Lord to provide the Call Committee with wisdom and discernment. Please ask the Lord to raise up candidates for us to interview.

MEN'S BEAST FEAST

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Beast Feast on Friday, June 5 at George Denholm's house. Join us anytime after 5:30pm - grills will be on starting at 6:00pm. Bring: a meat to grill, a side dish to share, your preferred beverage and a lawn chair. Provided: tableware, grills, and water. We will have prizes for most exotic meat (previous winners include goat, elk, and wild boar) as well as tastiest meat! Lots of fellowship and fun! Hope you can attend.

APRIL LOVE CHAPEL FOOD DRIVE

Hunger is real in our community and our local food pantries are seeing an increase in need. More people are looking for food, and some have never sought assistance. The community-wide goal is to collect 200,000 pounds of food or the monetary equivalent to purchase that food. We have donation boxes in the church lobby and the main lobby. Items each weekend:

April 25, 26 & 29 - breakfast cereal boxes, pop tarts, oatmeal packets

April May 2, 3 & 6 - pasta and sauce

LAKEVIEW MINISTRIES NEEDS HELP

Lakeview Ministries needs YOUR help! We are looking for college aged students, 19-25 year olds, who love Jesus, love working with kids, and are looking for a transformational experience this summer! Positions we are currently recruiting for are maintenance assistant, kitchen assistant, media coordinator, male and female counselors. This is a significant need for camp, and we cannot function or reach our fullest potential this summer without a full summer staff team, but you can help us get there! If you know anyone who would be a good fit for these roles, send them our way or head to lakeview.camp/summerstaff to learn more and apply!

GRIEFSHARE

We will begin the next 13-week session on Sunday, May 3rd, 5:00-6:30 in the India room. Don't walk through your grief alone! For more information contact: Terry Sullivan at t.sullivan3862@sbcglobal.net or 812-374-4203.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHING OPENING

St. Peter's Lutheran School is seeking candidates to fill an open 7th and 8th grade math position for the 2026-2027 school year. Candidates must be licensed to teach Algebra I and Geometry. Please reach out to our school principal, Mr. Paul Meredith, pmeredith@stpeters-columbus.org, to learn more about the position!

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There will be an election for Church Council at the end of worship on May 16, 17, and 20. Be sure to pick up an Election packet in the church or main lobby.

SPRING SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUPS (APRIL 19-MAY 17)

No-Drama Discipline - Pastor John & Desiree Shaw, Old Gym

Inspired by the research of Dan Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson, No-Drama Discipline explores the powerful connection between a child's developing brain and a parent's response to misbehavior—showing that discipline is truly about teaching, not reacting. In this engaging and practical class, you'll learn how to calmly connect with your child, navigate tantrums with empathy, redirect big emotions, and turn meltdowns into moments of growth. Together, we'll identify your personal philosophy of discipline and practice nurturing, respectful strategies that still hold clear and consistent boundaries. This is a class designed to strengthen your home, deepen your relationships, and help you parent with confidence and compassion.

A Strong Faith for a Loud World: The Augsburg Confession

Pastor Adam, Room 2164

You are living in a world that is loud, opinionated, and absolutely convinced it is right about everything. You know you need courage to stand firm, but if you are honest, half the time you are not sure where you stand yourself. The Bible is a big book, culture is loud, and it can feel overwhelming just trying to figure out where to start. All of a sudden faith for you becomes more about vague ideas than deep convictions. Join Pastor Adam in A Strong Faith for a Loud World: The Augsburg Confession where you will gain a clear understanding of what Christians have confessed for centuries while building the kind of confident, courageous faith that you can actually pass on to the next generation.

Torah Club - Kari Spurgeon, India Room

Join Kari Spurgeon as she leads the Torah Club's study - End of Days is Just the Beginning. This study immerses you in the second-century Jewish prophetic worldview - the perspective that shaped Jesus, His apostles, and the first disciples. Like in the days of Noah, when people lived unaware of what was coming, this study calls disciples to wake up and prepare. This year-long Torah Club study begins in the Torah and traces the unfolding hope of redemption through the Prophets and Writings and into the book of Revelation. Along the way, it reframes your understanding of the end times with biblical clarity, historical depth, and spiritual urgency.

Youth Bible Study (7th-12th Graders): Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Summit (youth room). Join us for a new in-depth exploration of God's Word. Starting in the book of Mark, we will study Jesus' life on earth and delve deeper into what it means to live as He has directed us. Questions: Julie Clore at julie@theclores.com.

SERVING

Preacher: Pastor John Cordrey

Worship Leaders: Pastor Adam Rodriguez and Daniel Bodemann

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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CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

How our donations add up to fuel our Mission!

JULY 2025– MARCH 2026 ACTUALS

1 OFFERINGS

Where donations are most needed to support our ministries.

YTD: \$2,938,629

YTD Budget: \$2,925,000

Difference: (+\$13,629)

Goal for year: \$3,731,440

2 SGO GIFTS

Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization

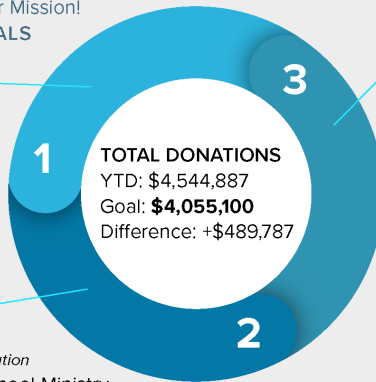
A creative way to support our School Ministry.

YTD: \$1,123,951

Goal: \$919,000

Difference: +\$204,951

Goal for year: \$954,000



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: \$482,307

YTD Budget: \$211,100

Difference: +\$271,207

Goal for year: \$245,975

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