



## **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.*

*As we remember Mother's Day today, we recognize that this holiday can bring up a range of emotions for many of us. No matter what your experiences have been with your mother, as a mother, or longing to be a mother we want you to know that you are loved and valued in the body of Christ and here at St. Peter's. As we celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ, we are reminded of the immense love and grace that God extends to us all, and we are called to share that love and grace with one another.*

## Announcements

### Welcome & Passing of the Peace

### Invocation

*Out of the Dust – I Come Alive  
Time and Time Again*

### Offering & Connect



### 1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” <sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” <sup>25</sup> For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### John 10:7-21

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. <sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the

wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” <sup>19</sup> The Jews who heard these words were again divided. <sup>20</sup> Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?” <sup>21</sup> But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

## **Message**

## **Nicene Creed**

## **Prayers**

*We give thanks for the gift of mothers.*

*We give thanks for the baptism of Bowen Randall Colliver, son of Brandon and Erica.*

*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 and Absolution**

**P** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C** **Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**C** **Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**C** **We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**C** **As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Communion**

***Come As You Are  
Cornerstone  
King of Kings***

**Communion Dismissal**

**Benediction**

*Lead On Good Shepherd*

**Closing**

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**SERMON NOTES**

**Main idea:** In John 10, Jesus reveals Himself as the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep, calls them by name, lays down His life for them, and gives them eternal life. Unlike the thieves, strangers, and hired hands who abandon the flock, Jesus comes with mercy, authority, and sacrificial love. At the cross, the Good Shepherd becomes the Lamb who dies for the sheep, and by His resurrection He gathers His people into one flock under one Shepherd.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KIDS MINISTRY

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### May Quest Groups (Birth-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Quest Groups (Birth-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) meet on Sunday mornings during the school year from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Kids Ministry hallway. Our last week for the year is May 17th. This month our kids will discover how God is with us even during tough times. Questions? Contact Desiree Shaw [dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org)

### 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!



### 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!



### 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](mailto:kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org). Scan the QR codes for upcoming events.

May 29 - Mill Race's New Playground

June 5 - Clifty Park Playground for Bubbles & Popsicles

June 8-11 - Kids Camp \*Separate Registration Required

June 19 - Camp Atterbury Museum & Outdoor Fun \*10AM

June 26 - Donner Playground



## YOUTH MINISTRY

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**Trek Slip n Slide Kickball** (6th-7th Graders): Sun, May 10, 4-5:30pm @ St. Peter's. All 6th graders are invited to Trek in the month of May. Join us for a wacky game of kickball, worship, and community. Please bring a towel and wear clothing that you don't mind getting wet.

**Trek** (6th-7th Graders): Sun, May 17, 4-5:30pm @ St. Peter's. All 6th graders are invited to Trek in the month of May. Join us for games, worship, and community.

**Trek Appalachia Mission Trip** (7th-8th Graders): June 13-18. Please pray for our team as they serve in Appalachia, WV, working alongside a local church that is dedicated to serving the community. May the Lord watch over their travels, keep the team healthy, and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus and one another.

**Venture Slip n Slide Games** (8th-12th Graders): Sun, May 10 at St. Peter's, 6-8pm. All 8th graders are invited to join Venture in the month of May. Join us for dinner, worship, and small group time. Please bring a towel and wear clothing that you don't mind getting wet.

**Venture Family Night & Senior Blessing** (8th-12th Graders): Sun, May 17, at St. Peter's, 5-7PM. Join us for our annual Venture Family Night and Senior Blessing. Venture youth families are invited to enjoy dinner, games, and worship. The Senior blessing will begin at approximately 7:15PM in the Sanctuary.

### **8th Grade Confirmation Class**

8th Grade Confirmation Class: Please complete the following items by May 31, 2026 to ensure you walk with your confirmation class.

1. Complete Unit 8 in your journals
2. Send a copy of your letter to Pastor John to [jcordrey@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:jcordrey@stpeters-columbus.org)
3. Complete all digital check-ins

Questions? Contact Pastor John - [jcordrey@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:jcordrey@stpeters-columbus.org)

## **NEXT GEN CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

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### *Youth Ministry Directors*

1. Connor Colangelo will be moving here, from Texas, in early June. His first day will be at Kids Camp on June 8th.
2. The second youth ministry director position will be vacant at the end of May. At this time, we do not have any potential candidate names. Please inquire of the Lord to raise up names for this important position.

### *Director of Next Gen*

This past week, we hosted two Zoom interviews with pastors interested in this newly created position. We are hopeful and prayerful that one or both candidates will be a good match and be open to moving forward with an on-site visit in the near future. Please stay tuned. Please inquire of the Lord to give all of us wisdom and discernment.

## **PRINCIPAL SEARCH UPDATE**

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Leadership is requesting names and contact information of school principal candidates from the congregation. Please send information to Aaron Littmann or Julie Dietrich. More information is forthcoming.

## **ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHER OPENING**

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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](mailto:pmeredith@stpeters-columbus.org), to learn more about the position!

## **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

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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.



Council Bios

## **SUMMER LUNCH AND LEARNS**

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Starting June 18 on Thursday afternoons from 11:30-2:00, St. Peter's will host Lunch and Learn. This is an opportunity to gather around food, fellowship, and God's Word every week. Eric Pankow, a former LCMS teacher, will lead a study looking at the cities that Paul visited during his mission trips. To register for Lunch and Learn, or learn more, scan the QR code!

## THIRD SUNDAY OFFERING – NEXT WEEKEND

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Jefferson Avenue Mission is a family of disciples planted in St. Louis's Fox Park Neighborhood. This microchurch stewards a historic church building for artistic performance and community engagement. We seek to spread Gospel Hope through Hospitality, Service, and Joy.

## VOTERS MEETING

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Join us on Sunday, May 31 from 9:30-10:30am in the old gym. The agenda will focus on the new fiscal year budget and a Vision update. This is a great opportunity to learn more, ask questions, share your thoughts, and cast your vote! All St. Peter's members 18 and older are encouraged to attend. If you have young kids and want to attend, childcare is available, scan the QR code to register.



## MEN'S BEAST FEAST

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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.

## DOVE RECOVERY HOUSE DEDICATION

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The people of St. Peter's have played a very significant role to bring Dove Recovery House for Women to Bartholomew County! **The dedication/ribbon cutting/open house event for Dove will take place on Tuesday, May 19 at 10am at 1070 Pavilion Drive in Columbus** (immediately north of Centerstone Mental Health Center, one block south of Tenth Street, on the west side of Marr Road). Parking will be available in the Centerstone parking lot (720 N. Marr Road). As a group, St. Peter's has been among the top contributors to make this dream become a reality. If you are not able to be present for the dedication event at 10am, please feel free to stop by sometime before 1pm for a tour of the facility. Bride to Dove Board Members: Matt Carothers, Jean Donica, Jan Kiel, Scott Schumacher, and Mark Teike.

## HEARING THE SERVICE

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Do you need help hearing the worship service? Hearing devices are located in the large coat room in the church lobby. Please see an Usher and they will gladly help you!

## **SERVING**

Preacher: Pastor Adam Rodriguez  
Worship Leaders: John Cordrey 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](http://stpeterscolumbus.org)

## **DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP**



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