



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!

Announcements

Welcome & Third Sunday Offering Announcement

Passing of the Peace

Invocation

The Lion and the Lamb Words We'll Sing Forever

Confession & Absolution

Kids Message *(Sunday)*

Offering & Connect



Luke 24:44-53

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He said to them: “It is not for

you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Message

All Glory Be to Christ

Prayers

We pray God's blessings on the marriage of Casey Bartholomew and Kristine Regalado.

We pray for students and teachers at the close of another academic year.

We pray for those 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.

Benediction

Filled With Glory

Church Council Elections

SERMON NOTES

Main idea: In Acts 1, the risen Jesus ascends into heaven, not to leave His Church behind, but to reign for His Church at the right hand of the Father. Before His ascension, He promises the Holy Spirit and sends His disciples to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. The ascension assures us that Christ's saving work is complete, His kingdom is advancing, and His presence remains with His people through Word and Sacrament. We do not stare anxiously into the sky, wondering where Jesus has gone. We live in confidence, knowing our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord reigns over all things and will come again in glory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

NO QUEST BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND (Birth-6th Grade): Have a great summer!

KIDS CARE (0-PreK): We will continue to have Kids Care during the 8am and 10:45am services on Sunday. Childcare will be offered in the nursery room in the Kids Ministry Hallway.

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 PARTICIPANT



VOLUNTEER

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.

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



Olive Garden



Summer Field Trips

GIFT CARDS OF CONNOR COLANGELO

We want to extend a warm St. Peter's welcome to our Director of Youth Ministry, who will arrive in early June. If you would like to give a gift card to a restaurant, grocery store, or other store, please do so by next weekend, May 31. Gift cards are being collected in the box in the church lobby (door H) and the main lobby (door A).

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER EVENTS

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.

Trek Ice Cream Celebration (7th-8th Graders): Thursday, June 9, 1PM @ Downtown Dairy Queen. Stop by for an ice cream treat to celebrate God's goodness, summer break, and community.

Trek Water Games (7th-8th Graders): Sun, July 19, 4-5:30pm @ St. Peter's. Join us for water games, worship, and community. Please bring a towel and wear clothing that you don't mind getting wet. Invite a friend!

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.

Venture Games (9th-12th Graders): Sun, June 7, 6-9PM @ The Witte Barn, 15665 E County Road 400 N, Hope, IN. Come and enjoy an evening of Survivor-style games, dinner, and community! Please wear closed-toed shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Invite a friend!

Venture Games (9th-12th Graders): Sun, July 12, 6-9PM @ The Witte Barn, 15665 E County Road 400 N, Hope, IN. Come and enjoy an evening of Survivor-style games, dinner, and community! Please wear closed-toed shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Invite a friend!

Venture Colorado Mission Trip (9th-12th Graders): June 27-July 3. Please pray for our team as they serve in Colorado, working alongside LVR - Lutheran Valley Retreat Camp to improve the campus for summer campers through various service projects. May the Lord watch over their travels, keep the team healthy, grant them perseverance, help them develop leadership skills, and grow in their relationships with Jesus and one another.

NEXT GEN CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Director of Next Gen

We have two pastor candidates visiting for interviews this month: May 18-19 & May 28-29

Please plan to attend the May 31st Voters Meeting at 9:30 am to learn more!

Youth Ministry Directors

- **Connor Colangelo** will be moving here, from Texas, in early June. His first day will be at Kids Camp on June 8th. Please consider buying him a gift card.
- The second youth ministry director position: At this time, we do not have any potential candidate names. Please inquire of the Lord to raise up names for this important position.

Please inquire of the Lord to give all of us wisdom and discernment.

PRINCIPAL SEARCH UPDATE



FAQs

The Principal Search Committee invites you to check out the school website, where you can find an FAQ document detailing the search process and the principal job description. But one of the most important things in this process is prayer, and that's where we want everyone's help. Scan the QR code to receive prayer requests throughout the principal search.



Prayer Team

If you have questions or would like to share potential candidates with the committee, please contact Aaron Littmann at alittmann@stpeters-columbus.org or Julie Dietrich at jdietrich@stpeters-columbus.org. Thank you for continuing to pray for our school community and this process!

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHER 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!

SUMMER LUNCH AND LEARNS

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!



VOTERS MEETING



Voters Agenda

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.



Childcare

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.

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
3. Complete all digital check-ins

Questions? Contact Pastor John - jcordrey@stpeters-columbus.org

DOVE RECOVERY HOUSE DEDICATION

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. Bridge to Dove Board Members: Matt Carothers, Jean Donica, Jan Kiel, Scott Schumacher, and Mark Teike.

*The offices will be closed on Monday, May 25
in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.*

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

DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP



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CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

How our donations add up to fuel our Mission!
JULY 2025– APRIL 2026 ACTUALS

1 OFFERINGS

Where donations are most needed to support our ministries.

YTD: \$3,251,781
YTD Budget: \$3,280,000
Difference: (-\$28,218)

Goal for year: \$3,731,440

2 SGO GIFTS

Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization
A creative way to support our School Ministry.

YTD: \$1,161,041
Goal: \$939,000
Difference: +\$221,641

Goal for year: \$954,000



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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: \$539,122
YTD Budget: \$220,725
Difference: +\$318,397

Goal for year: \$245,975

FOR SGO-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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