



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!

BACKPACK BLESSING: All students are welcome to walk in together,
we will meet in the church lobby before the worship service begins.

Announcements

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Invocation

My Lighthouse

Backpack Blessing *(Sunday)*

My Lighthouse

Apostles' Creed

Who You Say I Am

Offering & Connect



Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives

light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Message

New Wine

Prayers

We give thanks for the blessing of 67 years of marriage to Don and Eloise Golden.

We pray for our sick and hospitalized.

We pray for students, faculty, and staff as they return to school this week.

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

Made For More

Closing

Join us next weekend as we kickoff our fall Sunday Morning Bible Groups, Quest Groups for Birth-6th Grade, and Explore Confirmation for 7th & 8th graders. See page 7 for more details.

SERMON NOTES

Main idea: This week we focus in on our theme for the year, "We will love, serve, and grow." It's rooted in Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Each year the theme shapes our lives together as a congregation and school, inviting us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. You will find this theme a major focus of chapels in our school as well as in the student's discipleship studies. On the weekends, in our various sermon series will help us explore ways that we can live out loving, serving and growing in our faith. It is our prayer that this year, in whatever you do, you do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

Beginning on August 9th, Quest Groups (Birth–6th Grade) will meet on Sundays in the Kids Ministry hallway (9:30-10:30am).

Babies & Preschoolers will learn that God made them wonderful. “How you made me is amazing and wonderful.” Psalm 139:14

K-3rd graders will discover that they are God's unique masterpiece while learning Psalm 139:14 (NIrV): "How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well."

Preteens will dig into Scripture to answer these 4 big questions: Is it okay that I sometimes doubt God? How can I forgive when I don't feel like it? If God loves the world, why does He let bad things happen? How did the World come to be?

Questions? Contact Desiree Shaw dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org.

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! Our first official meeting of the school year will be on Friday, August 14th at 9:15am. If you would like notifications, contact Katey at kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Trek Kick-off (7th-8th Graders): Sun, Aug 9, 3:30-5:30PM @ The Den. Join us for games, worship, and community

Venture Lake Day (9th-12th Graders): Sun, Aug 9, 5-8pm @ The Bush's, 3840 Cove Rd. Join us for swimming, dinner, and encouragement from Connor, our new Youth Director. Bring a towel, and sunscreen. Invite a friend!

Explore Confirmation Kick-off (7th-8th graders): EXPLORE is our junior high confirmation program. Our EXPLORE Kick-Off is scheduled for Sunday, August 2 from 9:30-10:30am in the Summit. Incoming 7th and 8th grade students and parents are invited to attend to learn more. For more information, please contact Pastor John at jcordrey@stpeters-columbus.org or Julie Dietrich at jdietrich@stpeters-columbus.org

ANOINTING SERVICE

St. Peter's Cancer Care Ministry will host its annual Anointing Service on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00pm in Room 2164, followed by the anointing service in the sanctuary. This is a service of encouragement, prayer and worship. The service culminates with anointing over each of those touched by cancer and their caregivers at the kneeling rail by the pastors and elders. If possible, please let us know how many in your group will be joining us for this special blessing. Text RSVP to Claudette Hayward at 812-371-2049 or Brenda Sullivan at 812-343-1990.

SPRINT WITH THE SPIRIT 5K RUN/WALK

Lace up your shoes and join the fun! Whether you're a seasoned runner or just enjoy a morning walk, we'd love to see you at our Annual Sprint with the Spirit 5K Run & Walk on Saturday, August 15 @ 8am!



Sprint with the Spirit

Bring your family, invite your friends, and enjoy a great morning while supporting a great cause. Every registration helps fund our 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C., in May 2027. Scan the QR code to register today—we can't wait to see you at the starting line!

FIRST COMMUNION – PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

First Communion is a meaningful milestone in a child's faith journey with Jesus Christ. This fall, St. Peter's is offering First Communion instruction for any 5th–8th grade student who has not yet gone through the program. A **Parent Information Session** will be held on **Sunday, August 16**, from 12:00–12:30 p.m. Families will then complete both Module A and Module B, choosing one of the available dates for each module. Instruction will conclude on Wednesday, October 28, with a family meal and a special First Communion service celebrating each student. For class dates, times, and registration information, visit the Church Center App.

FALL MUMS SALE

Thank you for supporting the St. Peter's Lutheran School 8th Grade Class as they fundraise for their class trip!

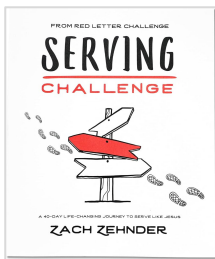
- 9" Mums are \$10
- 14" Mums are \$30
- Available colors: White, Red, Yellow, Purple, Orange



Scan the QR code to place your order! Orders are due by August 29th. Orders will need to be picked up on Thursday, September 17th between 2:30-4:30pm at the Den! If you have any questions, please contact: Bridgette Hutcheson Bhutcheson@stpeters-columbus.org or (812) 447-2045.

Columbus Brass Quintet will be joining us at the 8am service on August 9th

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES & BOOKS



Starting the weekend of August 8th and 9th, we will start our new sermon series, The Serving Challenge. This will be more than a series, it is a challenge for us to go out and serve those people God has given to us. To help with this, we are giving the book, The Serving Challenge to every household. Next weekend, you can pick up your book from the church lobby. Engage with the book individually or as a family to learn more about how God has created us to serve, and how true joy is found in service to others. Be on the lookout for more service opportunities coming!

Serving Challenge - Reading Guide

Throughout our new series Serving Challenge we are inviting you to dive deeper by reading along with us in the Serving Challenge book. Below is a reading guide to help pace you throughout the series. The table of contents in the book provides a day-to-day outline as well.

Week of August 2 - Read the Intro and days 1-5

Week of August 9 - Read days 6-12

Week of August 16 - Read days 12-19

Week of August 23 - Read days 20-26

Week of August 30 - Read days 27-33

Week of September 6 - Read days 34-41

COFFEE MUG WALL

As we begin a new school year centered on our theme, LOVE, SERVE, GROW, and journey together through The Serving Challenge sermon series, you'll notice a display of coffee mugs in the church lobby. We're encouraging you to invite someone to worship with you and 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.



CONNECT GROUPS ARE ALMOST HERE!

Registration opens THIS weekend! This is your chance to build meaningful friendships, grow in your faith, and experience the St. Peter's community in a deeper way. Groups meet twice each month to encourage one another, study God's Word, and do life together. Best of all, there's a place for the whole family to connect! Want to learn more or sign up? Scan the QR code or stop by the Connect Groups table in the church lobby after worship. Registration will remain open throughout the month of August, so don't miss your opportunity to get connected!



CELEBRATION OF PASTOR JOHN'S 20TH YEAR OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

This summer, we will celebrate Pastor John's 20th anniversary of ordained ministry on **August 8, 9, and 12**. During all four worship services, we will recognize this significant milestone and give thanks for Pastor John and Melissa's faithful service, their love for the Lord, and their commitment to the growth of God's Kingdom. Following each service, we will serve Pastor John's favorite ice cream on the north lawn.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUPS (AUGUST 9 - OCTOBER 5)

The Serving Challenge, Pastor John and Pastor Adam, Old Gym

Joy, true joy, joy that is heartfelt, can be hard to come by in this world. Getting, obtaining, holding on to, and receiving are the things this world tells us will finally make us happy. But according to Scripture, true joy is not found going down that path. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." In August, we will take on The Serving Challenge, a study that invites us to look at the life of Jesus and discover the joy that comes from loving and serving others. Who knows, the joy you have been looking for may not be found in getting more, but in giving yourself away.

Ruth, Pastor Tim, Room 2164

Ruth is practically hidden in our Bibles, easily overshadowed by larger, more dramatic Old Testament books. But its short four chapters move us from the chaos of the judges to the Israelite monarchy. How? This Bible study will help us understand Ruth as part of the larger story of Scripture opening our eyes to God's redemptive workings throughout history.

Torah Club, Kari Spurgeon, India Room

Join Kari Spurgeon as she leads the Torah Club's study -The Narrow Path. After believing in Jesus we are called to follow His teachings. What does that actually look like? Jesus warned that "the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life" (Matthew 7:14) while the road that leads to destruction is broad and heavily trafficked. Come learn about the narrow road that Jesus calls all believers to trod together.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING BRUNCH

Daughters of the King Brunch hosted by LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) will be held on Saturday, August 29 from 10–12:30pm. Doors will open at 9:30. This will be a time of fellowship, worship, and exploring who we are as women who God has called by name and chosen to be part of His royal priesthood. Ladies of all ages (infants on up) to attend. The suggested registration fee is \$5.00 for ladies ages 7 and older. You can register online and pay at the door the day of the event or by contacting Karen Pinnow at 812-371-4757 or karen.pinnow@att.net.

PASTORS TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Pastors Bible study will continue on Tuesday mornings from 10am-11am in room 2164 digging deeper into various Christian topics.

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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