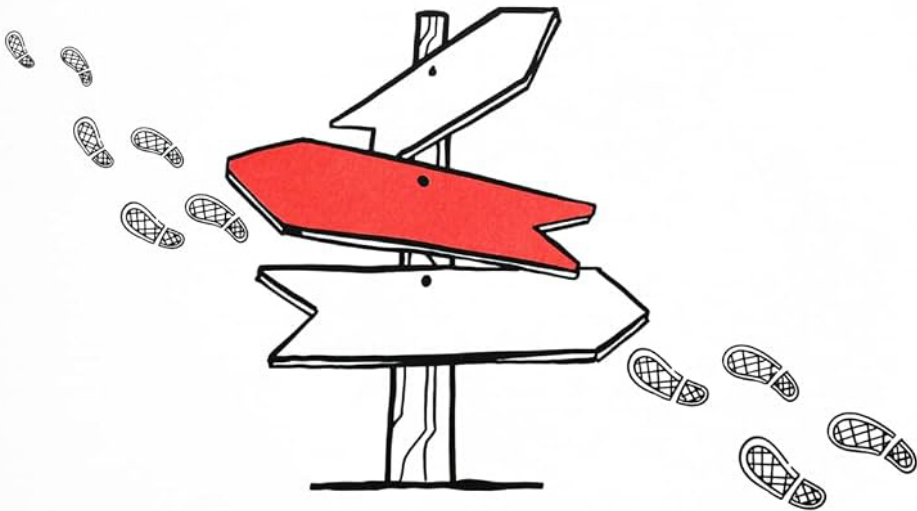


SERVING

CHALLENGE



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

*The Joy
Stand In Your Love*

Apostles' Creed

Confession & Absolution

- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son commanded us to love You with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, but we do not always follow His command.
- C** **We have not loved You as we should.**
- P** We lose sight of the fact that our time and resources are not meant simply to celebrate who we are, but to communicate Your love to our neighbors.
- C** **We have not loved our neighbors as we should.**
- P** We confess that we have fallen short of Your glory and are in need of Your forgiveness.
- C** **Forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** We ask Your forgiveness for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that whoever believes in Him might have eternal life and a place in Your kingdom.
- C** **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion

*Lord I Need You
Be Thou My Vision
Living Hope*

Communion Dismissal

Prayers

*We pray God's blessing on the marriage of Caleb Maley and Jamie Brown.
(August 22)*

*We pray for the family of Phyllis Blythe who was called to be with Jesus.
We give thanks for the baptism of Kutler Haines Luken, son of David and
Allison Luken.*

*We give thanks and pray for all our volunteers at St. Peter's who make
ministry happen.*

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.**

Offering & Connect



GIVE



GUEST

Musical Offering

So Will I

Joshua 1:1-2, 6-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ²“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.

⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you

may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. ³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.” ³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Message

Benediction

Lead On Good Shepherd

Closing

SERMON NOTES

Main idea: The call to serve is ultimately a call to action. Just as Joshua was commanded to be strong and courageous and the disciples were told to feed the crowd, God invites us to trust Him enough to move from seeing needs to meeting them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

Quest Groups (Birth–6th Grade) 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: Family Field Trip to the Sunflower Farm

Come join us for our first Sunflower Farm field trip. Tina & John Burbrink from St. Peter's raise a beautiful patch every year. Come explore the land and learn all about sunflowers. We'll meet at 9:30AM. This fieldtrip is FREE & is located near Elizabethtown. More information about directions will be shared closer to time.



Sunflower Farm

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! Join us on Fridays @ 9:15AM for Play and Grow 2x per month. This is a great time to get to know other families through play and Jesus centered activities! Groups are always open! Questions about the field trip or getting connected to a Play and Grow group? Email Katey Meadows at kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Trek (7th-8th Graders): Sun, Aug 23 3:30-5:30pm @ St. Peter's at The Den. Join us for games, worship, and community

Venture (9th-12th Graders): Sun, Aug 23 at St. Peter's, 6-8pm. Join us for dinner, games, worship, and small group time.

EXPLORE (7th-8th Graders)

EXPLORE is our junior high confirmation program. For more information, please contact Pastor John (jcordrey@stpeters-columbus.org) or Julie Dietrich (jdietrich@stpeters-columbus.org).

Sunday, September 13 - 7th grade will begin meeting weekly in The Summit from 9:30-10:30am;

2026 Confirmation Class (9th graders) will meet in The Den from 9:30-10:30am

Sunday, October 4 - 8th grade will begin meeting weekly in The Summit from 9:30-10:30am

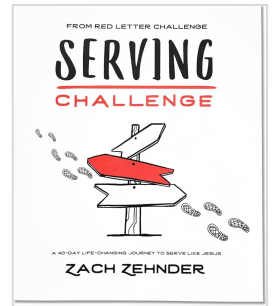
SERVING CHALLENGE - READING GUIDE

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 23 - Read days 20-26

Week of August 30 - Read days 27-33

Week of September 6 - Read days 34-41



SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Serve Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train exists to help folks in need with a hand-up, not a simple hand-out. St. Peter's is teaming up with Orphan Grain Train for a special Serving Challenge. Sorting and folding clothes will be the team task on Thursday, August 27 from 12:00-3:00pm. Space is limited to 10 volunteers. Please scan the QR code to register.



Seeking Service Sites



Serve Columbus is scheduled on Sunday afternoon, October 4. During this event, participants work in teams at various locations around the County such as Love Chapel and Camp Lakeview. This year, as part of the Serving Challenge, we would also like to include the homes of members and neighbors who could use a little extra help. If you, or someone you know, needs a little extra help doing yardwork, painting, storage cleanup, or even light construction, you can request to have a team assist. Follow the link below to give us the details.

Auto Maintenance Day

The fall event is in need of volunteers for Saturday, September 19th (Rain Date: October 3rd) from 6:30am-2:00pm in the Den parking lot.

Tasks include basic vehicle inspections, fluid level checks, air filter inspection, oil and filter replacement, etc. Not a Master Mechanic? No Problem! If you come across a problem, you can't fix, we've got an experienced team that can help! RSVP for any 3-4 hour block that is convenient for you to help us reach our goal of 50 volunteers! To RSVP, click the link or scan the QR code. Contact Ben Eckert at benjamin.eckert1@outlook.com for additional questions.



SERVING OPPORTUNITIES CONT'D

Daughters of the King Brunch

Daughters of the King Brunch hosted by LWML will be held Saturday, August 29, from 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (doors open at 9:30). Our theme, “He Knows My Name,” will focus on fellowship, worship, service, and discovering who we are as women called by God and part of His royal priesthood. Ladies of all ages, from infants and up, are invited! The suggested registration fee is \$5 for ages 7 and older, collected at the door. Scan the QR code to register or contact Karen Pinnow at 812-371-4757 or karen.pinnow@att.net.



Registration



Amazon List

Teacher Survival/Encourage Kits will be assembled as part the Daughters of the King Brunch; therefore, LWML is also sponsoring gathering an assortment of items as we seek to Love and Serve the teachers of our 3 local public elementary schools. Please scan the QR code to view and/or order items from Amazon.com.

A Simple Way To Help Families

Have you ever wanted to help families in crisis but didn't know where to start? St. Peter's has partnered with Hands of Hope through the Care Portal to make this a simple reality. The Care Portal connects foster and kinship families in need of tangible resources with local churches, like St. Peter's, who can respond. We need you to help get this off the ground. Scan the QR code to sign up to receive requests for tangible needs from families in crisis in our community. For more questions, contact Melissa Clark at mclark@stpeters-columbus.org



Care Portal

ANOINTING SERVICE

St. Peter's Cancer Care Ministry will host its annual Anointing Service on Tuesday, September 8. 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.

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.

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.

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.

NEXTGEN CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has been working for almost a year to fill three positions. Praise the Lord, one has been filled...Connor Colangelo, Youth Ministry Director! We are still working to find a second Youth Ministry Director and a new Pastor to lead a young adults ministry.

The Call Committee has invited a Pastor to visit for an in-person interview. The pastor has requested to visit in October. We are working on finding new names for the youth ministry director position. Please pray the Lord leads us to new candidates. God is faithful!

Call Committee Members

Ryan Lienhoop (Student) Co-Chair
Liz Collins (Sherpa)
Audrey Bush (Student)
Micah Wettschurck (Student)
Abby Collins (Student)
Tim Ernst (Sherpa)
Mike Hinckfoot, Parliamentarian

Matt Johnson, Co-Chair
Bethany Hayes (Sherpa)
Ben Donner (Sherpa)
Trevor Ernst (Student)
Josh VanValkenburg (Student)
Mindy Chapple (Sherpa)

CONNECT GROUPS ARE ALMOST HERE!

Registration is open through August! 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. Scan the QR code or stop by the Connect Groups table in the church lobby after worship. Don't miss your opportunity to get connected!



FALL CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, September 27 @ 4pm

The Indianapolis Brass Choir is a large brass ensemble of musicians who volunteer their time and effort, without pay, to provide high-quality brass performances for area churches and to aid local charities. Founded by Delbert Dale in 1986, the choir has a membership of about 30 professional musicians and serious amateurs. The freewill offering collected at concerts is given to the charity of each church's choosing. To date, the IBC has raised over \$100,000 for various charities.

The choir includes trumpets, trombones, horns, euphoniums, tubas, and percussion. The IBC has been directed by Darin Sorley since 2014, a professional horn player who has studied at Butler University, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and Indiana University.



This concert's freewill offering will go to support Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center (LCNFC). The LCNFC opened its doors in 1994 and was born out of the desire to combat poverty, domestic violence, drug addiction, homelessness, and other issues in downtown Columbus. The LCNFC offers a wide array of programs and activities that address seven priority needs: safety, infrastructure, health, education, positive youth development, parent-child interaction and parent support. The LCNFC is proud to be a Certified United Way Agency. This concert is free and takes place in the Sanctuary.

Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 2pm

Columbus Indiana Philharmonic's "Lamentations and Luminance"

St. Peter's is proud to present the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic's choral program featuring the Philharmonic Chorus. Music selections will feature Mozart; the Czech composer Jan Dismas Zelenka, considered "the Czech Bach"; as well as J.S. Bach's Missa Brevis.

Tickets for this concert will be available at www.thecip.org.

Use the code StPetersVIP for at the checkout page to receive your free tickets.

This code is only valid for St. Peter's members.

STAY CONNECTED WITH ST. PETER'S!



Want to know what's happening at St. Peter's? From worship and events to ministry moments, celebrations, and a little fun along the way—we'd love to keep you in the loop! Follow us on **Facebook & Instagram: St. Peters Columbus-LCMS**



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SERVING

Preacher: Pastor Adam Rodriguez

Worship Leaders: Pastor 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

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