



**KINGDOM**  
THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

## **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 10:45 AM worship service 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

### Invocation

***This Is Our God  
Stand In Your Love***

### Confession & Absolution

### Apostles' Creed

### Baptisms *(Sunday)*

**Charli Grace Busack**, daughter of Brooke and John Busack Jr.

**Riley Michael Remy**, son of Ryan and Makenzie Remy; sponsors are Christopher Thomas, Maia Dulworth, and Makayla Dulworth

**Graesyn Cooper Steinkoenig**, daughter of Justin Steinkoenig and Taylor McAllister; sponsors are Matison Baker and Victoria Baker

**Macklyn James McAllister and Baker Bear McAllister**, daughters of Derek & Taylor McAllister; sponsors are Matison Baker and Zach & Kendra Burbrink

### *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

### Offering & Connect



### **Matthew 13:1-9, 8-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

<sup>18</sup> “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

## **Message**

### **Prayers**

*We pray for all people baptized this weekend at the 10:45 service: Charli Grace Busack, Riley Michael Remy, Graesyn Cooper Steinkoenig, Macklyn James McAllister and Baker Bear McAllister*

*We pray for all who travel during Spring Break*

*We pray for those who are serving in Guatemala and St. Louis this week on mission trips*

*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.**

**Serve St. Louis Sending** *(Sunday)*

### **Benediction**

### **Praise**

### **Closing**

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## **SERMON NOTES**

**Main Idea:** In the midst of rising opposition and challenges, Matthew's gospel shifts the reader into a discourse of parables; earthly stories with a heavenly meaning. In the first parable, that of the sower and the seed, Jesus explains how the Kingdom of God will be received. Tucked in the parable is an invitation to believe and become the good soil.

*Sunday Morning Bible Groups will not meet during Spring Break - March 16 or March 23. Regular classes and donuts will resume on March 30. Check the website for upcoming classes.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**KIDS MINISTRY** Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ splkids

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**NO Quest Groups** - (birth-6th graders) Sunday, March 16: Enjoy Spring Break!

**Quest** (Preteens 4th-6th graders): Join us on Sunday, April 6th from 1:30-3:30 for an afternoon of FUN! Preteens can choose between going rock climbing at the Columbus Rock Gym or painting pottery at Simply Pottery. For more information check out "events" on the Church Center App. Snacks & drinks will be provided. *Participants MUST register to attend.*

**Quest Families** are invited to participate in a Serve Day @ Orphan Grain Train on Saturday, March 29th! Help fold and sort clothing donations so they can be packaged and shipped to communities in need of assistance. All ages are welcome to participate! Please register on the Church Center App for your preferred time slot. Contact Abigail Clore for additional questions. [aclore@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:aclore@stpeters-columbus.org)

### Kids Ministry Play & Grow

Upcoming Events for kids birth-preK with their grown-ups:

- March 21st @ 2:30PM - Imagination Station Fun Zone Field Trip  
All ages welcome. Fees Apply. RSVP today.
- March 28th @ 9:15AM - Meeting in the Kids Ministry rooms
- April 4th @ 9:30AM Columbus Airport tour and museum. RSVP today.

Each month we host 2 meetings, a mom's night out, and family field trip. If you would like added to the notifications, contact Katey Meadows at [kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org).

## YOUTH

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**NO VENTURE or EXPLORE:** Sunday, March 16: Enjoy Spring Break!

**VENTURE GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP** - March 14-22 - Prayer Requests:

*That God would guide and protect us during all travel.*

*That we would make strong connections with the students and church members.*

*That we would stay healthy and keep our strength.*

*That we would be fully present as we experience all that God has planned for us*



Youth Banquet

### SAVE THE DATE

**Venture Banquet, Saturday, April 12.** Celebrate all God is doing in Youth Ministry. Join us for dinner, worship, and personal testimonies.

Register on the Church Center APP or scan the QR code.

Questions [mjessop@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:mjessop@stpeters-columbus.org)

## **SEDER MEAL**

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A Seder Meal will take place in Room 2164 at St. Peter's on Thursday, April 17th and will be led by Jon and Kelsey Spagnuolo. Cost is \$15 a person. Please register by Wednesday, April 2nd. Register in the Church Center APP, scan the QR code in the worship bulletin, or visit the Events page on the website.



## **THIRD SUNDAY OFFERING**

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The purpose of Bridge to Dove Recovery House for Women is to acquire a piece of property, construct, and furnish a 15 bed facility fully funded, so that Dove Recovery House for Women can begin to serve the women of Bartholomew County whose lives are affected by addiction.

# **LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

## **LENTEN WORSHIP & DEVOTIONALS**

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Join us for our upcoming Lenten worship opportunities on March 19 (with communion), March 26, April 2 (with communion), and April 9 (with communion) at 7pm only.

Devotional booklets are available in the Church Lobby. You can receive the devotion straight to your phone every day! Simply text the keyword lent to 812-775-2300. Join in the life of discipleship here at St. Peter's!



## **HOLY WEEK**

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### **Palm Sunday Weekend**

Traditional: Sunday, April 13 at 8am

Contemporary: Saturday, April 12 at 6pm and Sunday, April 13 at 10:45am

*(Note: There will not be a worship service on Wednesday, April 16)*

**Maundy Thursday**, April 17 at 12:15pm & 7pm with communion

**Good Friday**, April 18 *(School and church offices are closed)*

Traditional: 12:15pm & 7pm

Contemporary: 5pm in the sanctuary *(new time and location)*

*(Note: There will not be a worship service on Saturday, April 19)*

**Easter Sunday**, April 20

Traditional Sunrise: 6:30am

Traditional: 8am & 9:30am with communion

Contemporary: 11:15am with communion *(new time)*

*(Note: There will not be a worship service on Wednesday, April 23)*

## 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](http://stpeterscolumbus.org)

## DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP



### CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

How our donations add up to fuel our Mission!

JULY 2024–FEBRUARY 2025 ACTUALS

#### OFFERINGS

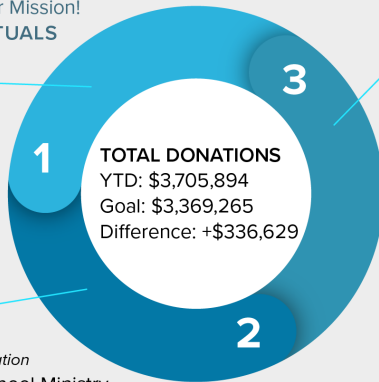
Where donations are most needed to support our ministries.

YTD: \$2,515,858  
YTD Budget: \$2,498,300  
Difference: +\$17,558  
Goal for year: \$3,640,300

#### SGO GIFTS

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

YTD: \$953,930  
Goal: \$688,000  
Difference: +\$265,930  
Goal for year: \$775,000



#### 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: \$236,106  
YTD Budget: \$182,965  
Difference: +\$53,141  
Goal for year: \$336,615

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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