

**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!



## 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 CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY**

As we celebrate 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 remember 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

## Invocation

## *My Testimony* *Holy Water*

## Apostles' Creed

## Baptism *(Saturday)*

Mell Freeman, son of Corneshia Freeman and Will Joseph

## Offering & Connect



## Galatians 6:1-10

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, <sup>5</sup> for each one should carry their own load. <sup>6</sup> Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

## **John 15:1-8**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

## **Message**

### ***Please Be My Strength***

## **Prayers**

*We give thanks and ask God's blessing upon mothers.*

*We pray for our sick and hospitalized.*

*We give thanks for the baptism of Mell Freeman.*

*We give thanks for our staff who are moving into a new season of service.*

*We pray and ask for the Holy Spirit to guide our Church Council elections.*

## **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 & Absolution**

**P** Together we confess:

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.  
We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.  
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will  
and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## **Words of Forgiveness**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Communion**

*The Word*

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Holy Forever*

## **Communion Dismissal**

## **Benediction**

*Made For More*

## **Closing**

## **Church Council Elections**

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## **SERMON NOTES**

**Main Idea:** Midlife often brings weariness from responsibilities (family, career, leadership, etc.) The Gospel encourages us not to grow weary in doing good, because we look at the good done in Christ. Midlife is not a crisis but an opportunity to deepen our dependence on Christ.

### **Celebration of Service**

Linda Fowler, Cafeteria  
Lisa Garrison, Cafeteria Manager  
Amy Hammons, Grade 3  
Joleen Krueger, Kindergarten  
Beth Mihay, Grade 5  
Tom Rudicel, Cafeteria  
Anna Rust, Grade 6



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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**Quest** (birth - 6th graders): During the month of May our preschoolers and elementary kids are learning about what it looks like to love God!

Quest meets on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30am during the school year.

Questions: Desiree Shaw at [dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org).

**Summer Playdates** (PreK & Elementary).

Registration now open on Church Center.

- May 30th @ 9:30AM - Donner Playground Playdate
- July 19th @ 9AM Family Lakeview Day



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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**VENTURE Color War** (8th-12th graders): Sun, May 11, 6-8pm at St. Peter's. Dinner provided. Wear white. Invite a friend.

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

**VENTURE Family Cookout & Senior Celebration** (9th-12th graders):

Sun, May 18, 5-8pm, at St. Peter's. Dinner provided. Families are invited to join us for games, dinner, & worship. Senior blessing begins in the sanctuary at the end of the evening. Questions [mjessop@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:mjessop@stpeters-columbus.org)

**EXPLORE Confirmation** (7th & 8th Graders): Join us weekly during the Sunday School hour, 9:30am-10:30am in The Summit. Questions? Contact Mike Jessop [mjessop@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:mjessop@stpeters-columbus.org) or Bethany Hayes [bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org)

## KIDS CAMP 2025! JUNE 9-12, 2025

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Get ready for four unforgettable days of adventure, faith, and fun! Potty-trained 3-year-olds through current 5th graders are invited to dive into God’s Word and discover how to boldly step out in faith—



Kids Camp



Volunteer

because Jesus is our true north now and forever! Camp is packed with awesome activities, exciting games, and new friendships—you

won’t want to miss it! Volunteers needed! If you’re 6th grade and up, come be a part of the fun and make a difference! Register now on the Church Center App!

### KIDS CAMP DONATIONS

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Looking for a way to support Kids Camp behind the scenes? We’d love your help! We’ve created an Amazon Wishlist filled with supplies needed to bring this incredible event to life. It’s a simple way to get involved and make a big impact. Scan the QR code to go directly to the wishlist. From there, you can choose any items you’d like to donate — everything will be shipped directly to St. Thank you so much for your generosity.



### DR. DALE MEYER AT ST. PETER'S

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Dr. Dale Meyer will close out our ERAS sermon series preaching at all weekend services May 17 and May 18. Dr. Dale A. Meyer is President Emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where he served as president from 2005 until his retirement in 2020. Dr. Meyer is a respected Lutheran pastor, professor, and former speaker of The Lutheran Hour. Dr. Meyer has spent over 50 years preaching, teaching, and proclaiming the Gospel. He continues to write, speak, and reflects on the intersection of Sabbath rest and retirement.

### VOTERS MEETING – JUNE 1

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Our June Voters Meeting on June 1 will be at a new time from 9:25am-10:30am (new time) in the old gym. The agenda will focus on a Vision update from Pastor John, a Foundation Update, approval of the new fiscal year budget, an update on the master site plan, and extending a call for two positions. 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, register through the Church Center App or scan the QR code.



Childcare

## **CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

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There will be an election for Church Council at the end of worship on this weekend. Bios of candidates are in the church and main lobby or scan the QR code.



## **LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

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All past council and board members (and spouses) are invited to attend the Leadership Summit on Monday, May 19, 2025 - Old Gym. 6-7:30 pm.

## **SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUPS (JUNE 8- AUGUST 3)**

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Have you ever wondered how a small group of ordinary people transformed the world with an extraordinary message? The book of Acts invites us into the incredible story of how God empowered His people through the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel, overcome persecution, and build the Church. This summer, join us as we dive into Acts, exploring the miracles, bold faith, and life-changing moments that continue to shape our lives today. Whether you're looking for inspiration, guidance, or a deeper connection with God's mission, this study will ignite your faith and show you how God is still working through His people—ordinary people like you—to change the world.

## **BEAST FEAST**

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Men, join us on Friday, June 6, at George Denholm's house for a great time hanging out with some other guys and eating some great food. Come any time after 5:30pm - grills will be on starting at 6pm. You can come late if you need! Some will hang out until at least 9pm. If you want, you can participate in the cooking competition - most exotic dish and tastiest dish - all voted on by the other guys who attend. No registration required!

**BRING:** a meat to grill, a side dish to share, your preferred beverage, a lawn chair, and a friend if you'd like

**PROVIDED:** tableware, grills, and water

## **BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN**

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Be the Lifeline Someone's Waiting For. When you donate blood with the Red Cross, you're not just saving up to three lives—you're also helping fuel disaster relief efforts across the country. From hurricanes to house fires, your donation helps ensure the Red Cross is ready to respond whenever and wherever it's needed most. As a thank-you, you'll receive a \$15 e-gift card—a small token for a heroic act. Help save lives on **Monday, June 23 from 12:00pm-5:00pm in the old gym (enter at Door A)**. You can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: [stpetercolum](http://stpetercolum).

## SERVING

Preacher: Pastor John Cordrey

Worship Leaders: Pastor Tim Carter 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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