



APRIL 2024 EDITION

YES!



Hey there, St. Peter's community! What an incredible Lenten journey and Easter celebration we just experienced together.

Every year, as we embark on the forty days of Lent, I find myself pondering how this year will be different. It's always a challenge to keep the celebration of Jesus' resurrection feeling fresh, but somehow, year after year, God manages to breathe new life into it. From our reflections on Exodus and our daily devotions, to the impactful Sunday sermon series, and the new sound system enhancing our worship experience, it's been a truly revitalizing time.

There is nothing quite like gathering together in worship and celebrating our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus! And of course, let's not forget the joy of coming together as a community, sharing treats, coffee, and time together. It was truly a joy to be able to celebrate with you the resurrection of Jesus.

As we continue to walk in His resurrection power, may God's spirit breathe new life into each of us daily.

He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Pastor John Cordrey



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SACRED MOMENTS

January through March we saw twenty-two baptisms here at St. Peter's. Both adults and children attended a baptism class that helped them understand the importance of this amazing moment of discipleship.



RECENT BAPTISMS AT ST. PETER'S

JANUARY 2024

Adult: Tara Black
Infant/Child: Charlotte Black, Callum Case, Hazel Paul

FEBRUARY 2024

Infant/Child: Henry Schmidt, Perry Paswater, Florence Miller

MARCH 2024

Adult: Elizabeth Rieker
Infant/Child: Brayden Boles, Benjamin Rieker, Lainey Rieker, Samuel Rieker, Mallory Schmaus, Piper Thompson, Kylie Townsend, Daniel Weed, Ellie Evans, Jonah Babbitt, Emma Campbell, Melanie Albright, Logan Albright, Adam Albright

To learn more about baptism, ask a pastor about our baptism class for all who want to take this next step on their spiritual journey.



FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES, THE ST. PETER'S KIDS MINISTRY HAS BEEN THE UNSTOPPABLE FORCE BEHIND A TRADITION THAT'S AS THRILLING AS IT IS TRANSFORMATIVE!

SuperStart!

PICTURE THIS Year after year, dozens of preteens eagerly pack their bags, their hearts brimming with excitement, for the Christ In Youth SuperStart conference. This event is no ordinary conference—it's a dynamic, 24-hour experience designed specifically for 4th-6th graders to encounter Jesus in the most fun and exciting ways imaginable.

IMAGINE THIS A jam-packed day filled with exhilarating worship sessions, heart-pounding games, and the kind of crowd participation that requires earplugs for adults! This year, the excitement was off the charts as sixty preteens and twenty-one adults from St. Peter's descended upon Indianapolis for this unforgettable event.

The atmosphere at Traders Point Christian Church (North Campus) was nothing short of electric, with flashing lights, a live worship band, and an awe-inspiring message that set the stage for a truly unforgettable experience. Joining over 1,000 other preteens, these kids created a moment that will echo in their hearts for a lifetime, as they praised Jesus in unison!



Camp is an updated name for the same high quality VBS-style experience your family knows and loves from kids ministry at St. Peter's. Camp is open to potty trained three-year-olds through current 5th graders. Anyone in 6th grade or older can serve as a volunteer!

Spending four days at Camp this summer is an awesome way to help kids explore God's Word in new ways and discover what it means that life with Jesus is a party, all while having a blast and making new friends!



MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS AT ST. PETER'S

BIBLE BUDDIES

First and third Tuesdays, monthly
10:30 AM
Susan Arnholt

SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY

With Pastor John
Tuesdays May 28, June 4, 18, and 25
9:30–10:30 AM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays 10 AM
Bonnie Goodart

LUNCH BUDDIES

Adults have lunch with SPLS students
Violet Dickerson

LIFELIGHT

Bible Study
Tuesdays at 9:30 AM
Gail and Murray Saunders

LIFELIGHT

Bible Study
Tuesdays at 7:30 PM
Paul Leopold

LIFELIGHT

Bible Study
Friday at 10 AM
Kathy Eisenbraun

SEASONED SAINTS

Pitch-in Dinner, Cards and Games
Every fourth Thursday, 5:30 PM
Sheila Thomack

SENIOR STRENGTH AND STRETCH

Mondays and Thursdays at 10:45 AM
in the upper level at The Den.

JUST ONE MORE CHAPTER

Women's Christian Fiction Book Club
Third Wednesday each month, 9:30 AM
Karen Pinnow

PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 PM
Late Fall—Early Spring

QUESTIONS ABOUT ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS?
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WORSHIP ENHANCED

In our sanctuary, technology has become an integral part of the worship experience. One of the biggest challenges we've faced is ensuring clear sound for all attendees. Our worship team and leadership have been working tirelessly to address this issue, and the results are in. Thanks to the installation of a new sound system and the strategic placement of the contemporary worship team, the sanctuary now offers an improved and more dynamic experience for everyone.



"The new sound system was so awesome and crystal clear!"

"In traditional worship, the clarity of the spoken word for every person in every pew has been exponentially increased. The music ministry has benefited as well, as the new system allows for each voice part, person, and instrument to be clearly amplified."



"What a beautiful Palm Sunday service that was! Everyone in our Connect Group who have hearing issues raved about the new sound system! It is awesome. Kudos for moving forward on that!"

"Just wanted to tell you that the new sound system is awesome. I hate to admit that I didn't have high expectations. But, wow! What a difference. I also think it is less distracting having the praise team around the altar/up front. And the music wasn't blasting us out when we went to communion. So, good job!"

SEARCH OUR SITE

STPETERSCOLUMBUS.ORG

The recent redesign of our website has made it so much easier to find out about St. Peter's and church-wide events. Through the search bar you can learn about events, resources, our vision, worship details and so much more.

If you need help finding out about other recurring events and their coordinators that aren't on the website, you can contact our concierge of the church calendar, Molly Humes, at 812-372-1571 or email queries to:

mhumes@stpeters-columbus.org

When you sign up for the weekly e-news, you will receive helpful updates along with weekly St. Peter's news and announcements. Simply go to stpeterscolumbus.org and click the E-News link at the bottom of the home page.

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St. Peter's
Growing Younger
and Deeper
in Christ.



THIS SPRING BREAK 18 PEOPLE FROM ST. PETER'S VENTURE YOUTH GROUP WENT TO GUATEMALA.

This was our church's eighth time sending students. Our theme verse for the trip was 1 Corinthians 13:8a in which Paul reminds us that "Love Never Fails". We spent the week laying cement, painting, harvesting camotes (sweet potatoes), weaving petate (traditional reeds), making home visits, leading VBS every afternoon for the school children, and hosting a family movie night. There were many highlights but what stands out the most is our home visits. Every morning we would go and visit with a local family. During our time we would get to ask questions about their story, hopes and dreams, challenges, and how they see God at work. Our teams were amazed at their gratitude, hospitality, and faith in God. We were challenged, molded, and encouraged to see how we can learn and bring these experiences back with us. Throughout the week we were constantly shown how the love of God never fails. Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to partner with the people of God in Santiago Zamora.


CHAMPIONS!




Our Lady Lions had a historic season finishing 27-1! They were crowned champions of the Lutheran Invitational Tournament, as well as the State Tournament! In the National Lutheran Tournament in Fort Wayne, our Lady Lions represented St. Peter's very well, finishing fifth place in the country. Go, Lady Lions!

St. Peter's Lutheran School recently celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week, which allows us to join over 1,800 schools in proclaiming and celebrating God's word among us in schools of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve and are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with our students and their families.



How Your Donations Add Up

Year-to-Date: July - March 2024

Weekly Offerings

Where donations are most needed to support ministries.
(We tithe 10.6% for missions)

YTD: \$2,825,135
Goal: \$2,912,800
Difference: - \$87,665

Fuel the Mission

Donations help to ensure select budgeted Vision28 projects are implemented.

YTD: \$96,456
Goal: \$220,850
Difference: -\$124,394

Overall Donations

YTD: \$4,124,612
Goal: \$3,987,465
Difference: +\$137,147

For Information Regarding Online Giving,
Fuel the Mission, and Special Gifts

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Special Gifts

Donations support ministry specific projects or where most needed.
(In and out of budget)

YTD: \$264,732
Goal: \$88,815
Difference: +\$175,917

Lutheran SGO

A creative way to support the School Ministry and receive a state tax rebate.

YTD: \$938,289
Goal: \$765,000
Difference: +\$173,289

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart...for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 COR. 9:7

SPECIAL GIFTS AND FUEL THE MISSION DONATIONS

TO GIVE: Go online to the Give Tab, select one of the drop-downs. Or write a check using the memo line to identify the specific item and leave in offering plate or mail to St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Attn: Hinckfoot, 719 5th Street, 47201.

Fuel the Mission (Worship Focus)

Drum Set	\$3,000
Drum Enclosure	\$10,000
Organ Maintenance	\$7,000

School (Safety Focus)

Window Film (balance due)	\$5,000
Law Enforcement (\$250/week)	\$2,000
Safety Door Jams (15 x \$94)	\$1,410

General Fund (Wish List)

Athletic Department, ice machine	\$3,600
School, taser battery	\$275
Life Works, trauma therapy toys/supplies	\$1,500
Hospitality Team, upgrade coffee area	\$4,500
Hospitality Team, weekend supplies	\$4,000

Youth Ministry

Grilled Cheese Thursday Supplies	\$4,000
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Kids Ministry

Kids Camp (aka VBS) and Curriculum	\$4,000
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Your donations will ensure these budgeted and non-budgeted items become a reality.

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