



## St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ connected with St. Peters,

### *Services:*

I continue to thank God for the willingness of this congregation to adapt to our changing circumstances. This past month we began having indoor services again at 9:00 am on Sundays. Thank you to those who made that possible through prior planning. I thank God also for this congregation's willingness to wear masks, respect distance, and adjust seating arrangements - even being willing to sit in the narthex or balcony. These aspects of safety are important in our life of love towards one another. Indoor services will continue each Sunday in October until further notice. It has been a joy to see some of you. As always, there is no shame in choosing to stay home. Videos will continue to be posted.

The months ahead, especially with colder weather and the unknowns of flu season, will most likely require us to continue to be flexible in our approach. Dave, Joe and I will continue to meet each month and inform you of any changes to our plans for worship and use of the space. Please note that though we have opened the building for services, other gatherings, such as meetings and bible studies, will still not be meeting inside. Groups are welcome to hold meetings in the church yard with the use of masks and social distance. Thank you again for your ability and willingness to adapt as we walk in the Spirit together.

### *Voters Meeting:*

As we look towards the months ahead, we are making plans for how to hold our annual voters meeting. The council has decided not to have an indoor meeting. Instead we will be sending out the proposed budget in the weeks ahead with a paper ballot for voting. One of the important aspects of holding an annual meeting is to be able to voice concerns or ask questions about the budget being voted on. While we can not do this in person, there will be an opportunity to ask questions via email or over the phone prior to voting. I will not be detailing the entire procedure here as more information will be coming out to you shortly.

### *Brainstorming Group:*

A group of six individuals has begun meeting to discuss and brainstorm how we might best carry out our mission - "to welcome all people into the kingdom of God by fostering relationships." This is part of a larger process we have been in since last year, but was largely halted back in March. Discerning how to best continue on the foundation that is Christ while adapting to changing circumstances seems especially important at this time. Please pray for wisdom for them as they work together. Pray also for our congregation, that we would walk in trust each day.

*To Welcome All People Into The Kingdom of God by Fostering Relationships*

*Our Little Pantry:*

This past month we put out a specific request to you all to collect food and hygiene products for our Little Pantry, with the hopes of matching a \$250 Thrivent Grant. We have more than exceeded that goal, easily passing \$500 of matching products donated by all of you. What joy! I praise God for your generosity and the help it provides to individuals and families in our local community. We are the hands of Christ in love to others.

*Cards for Bethesda:*

Bethesda Lutheran Communities mission is "To enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ." We partnered with this organization last year to provide Christmas gifts for individuals who live in their various group homes and facilities. They have asked us to partner with them at this time through the gift of cards, both for their residents and for their workers. If you would like to purchase or make a single card, or many cards, you can then sign them with your name or with "St Peter's Lutheran" and drop them off in the narthex. You are free to create thank you cards for workers, cards of encouragement and love for residents, or even birthday cards and Christmas cards. If you do not want to create your own cards or purchase cards, please take any of the blank cards we have here in the narthex to write a message in. This is not a one time event, but an ongoing relationship, especially as so many workers and residents have been under much more stress with the various restrictions during this pandemic.

It continues to be a joy to walk with you all in Christ. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or if there is anything we can be doing as a congregation to better support one another. Blessings to you all.

In Christ,

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