

ST. PETER'S STUDENT MINISTRY

SPRING 2021 PLANS

What an exciting, scary, and strange school year this has been. Many of our students and parents are feeling anxious about either doing school online, in person or both! We at St. Peter's Student Ministry want all our families to know that they are not alone and we are here to pray and show our support.

Like so many things in our society, we are still trying to figure out what is the best way to minister to our students, families and adult leaders during this pandemic. We have experimented with many things during the spring, summer, fall, and will continue to do our best to help students feel connected to the church, with each other and with God. Please, continue to be patient with us and we will always do our best to communicate with you our ideas and plans.

Our new West Campus building will be completed in March! To help make this move easier they will have their own student weekly meeting times and events. Find information at stpkaty.org/weststudents

Kingsland Campus Weekly Meeting Times:

SUNDAY SCHOOL (virtual)

WHEN: Sundays @ 10:00-11:00am

WHO: 6-12th grade

WHAT: We will continue to meet via Zoom to have interactive lessons, check-in with each other and play games.

WEBSITE: stpkaty.org/student-ss

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (in-person)

WHEN: Sundays @ 4:00-5:00pm

WHO: 6-12th grade

WHAT: We are continuing to meet on Sunday evenings at the church to check-in with each other, read/discuss scripture and play games. A big change for this event is 6-8th grade students are welcome to attend! We will have our junior high and high school students meet in different groups and areas in our 1 hour together. Safety steps will be in place for everyone as we wear masks, meet outside when able and keep physically distant.

WEBSITE: stpkaty.org/snl

AMONG US HANGOUT (virtual)

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 4:30-5:30pm

WHO: 6-12th grade

WHAT: Take a break from schoolwork and play the fun, *sus* game of Among Us! We will meet and talk via Zoom and play as many games as we can in an hour.

WEBSITE: stpkaty.org/amongus

CONNECT TEXT GROUPS (virtual)

WHEN: Throughout the week

WHO: 6-12th grade

WHAT: Small groups of students and adult leaders simply group-text each other weekly to stay connected, check-in, and pray for one another. This is perfect for students with busy schedules and for those who just cannot meet during our other scheduled events. If you would like to be involved in a Connect Text Group, then please sign up and let us know!

WEBSITE: stpkaty.org/sm-connect

FAQ

What is happening with Wednesday Night Live?

After much thinking and discussion with our Age-Level Ministry team and adult leaders, we have decided to move our Wednesday meeting times to Sundays. So, this means that 6-8th grade students who attended WNL during the fall are welcome to attend Sunday Night Live (SNL) on Sundays.

Why are we not meeting on Wednesdays?

We have conducted several surveys and talked with many families who have said that Sundays are a much better time for students to attend events. Wednesdays are usually busy with school events and sport practices, while Sundays seem to be more available and open. Also, this will help many of our adult leaders as they, too, are more available on Sundays.

Are these changes and events permanent?

No. We are doing our best to meet the needs and schedules of our students and families during the pandemic. When things get better and we can go back to some of our other traditional events, then we may. But, who knows, maybe these newer events and meeting times could become well liked and stay a while even outside a pandemic.

Are there any trips being planned?

As of right now, with the status of the many COVID-19 cases, we are not scheduling any trips in the spring semester. We know there are many traditional, wonderful trips/retreats we have attended in the past but our main priority for our students, families and adult leaders is safety. We will continue to explore options for the safest way for us to do big events like these, so please continue to be patient with us and checking in to see all that is happening.

Why are there times when the Student Ministry stops meeting for in-person events?

Our Pastors are looking very closely at infection rates and other COVID-19 stats in our area. To work as a team, we must all be on the same page and follow the guidelines of our leaders in the church as they are doing their best keep everyone as safe as we possibly can.

What if my student can't attend any of the weekly events?

Two responses to this: 1) If you as a family are able to be together, attend worship or watch online, and/or talk about your faith as a family, then that is a huge win and must never be overlooked. 2) Student can always sign up to be a part of a Connect Text Group. Each week, these groups check in with each other and share prayer requests, all during the best time for each student. Sign up at stpkaty.org/sm-connect

Why are we meeting so early for Sunday Night Live?

SNL is scheduled for 4-5pm. One of the main reasons is to give us the option to meet outside while the sun is still out. Another reason is because the Youth Choir practices from 3-4pm, so this will allow students to do both if they want!

Will there be food served at any in-person events?

Not at this time. We will keep you posted on any changes for this.