



Congregational Liaison Update #4: *From the Desk of Pastor Hays*

New Days, New Doors at St. Peter

This past weekend, our Steering Team, Staff, Church Governing Group, and key leaders at St. Peter gathered for a powerful Strategy Workshop hosted by the 5/2 Consulting Group. The main goal of this workshop was to create ownership and support for the vision, values, and “Searching Sam” customer profile developed from our congregation-wide survey. Together, we rolled up our sleeves and began shaping three-year goals, one-year goals, and 90-day goals to bring St. Peter’s five-year vision to life.

It was a long, brain-draining weekend—but out of it came energy, clarity, and deep excitement for what God is doing among us. The efforts of all who attended are truly appreciated, and this weekend has given us a growing trust and confidence in Jesus’ calling for our congregation.

At the heart of our vision is our mission: **St. Peter is a faith-filled community in an uncertain world that provides refuge and hope for your family.** From this foundation, we are embracing the values that define us:

- **Where God’s Word brings life to all generations.**
- **Where Jesus creates one family out of multiple cultures.**
- **Where music engages the heart while worship restores the soul.**
- **Where we continue to pioneer the Gospel since 1847—beginning in Schaumburg and extending into the world.**

Over the next several weeks, these values will come alive in our new sermon series, **New Days, New Doors**. Each week will open a new door into God’s vision for St. Peter, connecting our rich heritage with a bold future—renewing St. Peter as a family cornerstone in Schaumburg through intentional outreach to young families, enhanced community engagement, and dynamic worship and ministries.

This is more than just a plan—it’s a movement of God among us. Together, we are stepping into **new days** with confidence and walking through **new doors** with hope. The best days of St. Peter’s ministry are not behind us—they are right in front of us.