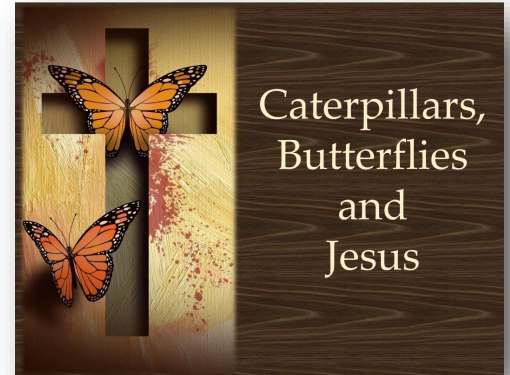


This month I will be doing a sermon series on caterpillars, butterflies and Jesus.

This series centers around lessons learned over the last 10 years while Cherrie and I raised butterflies. One important lesson is what to plant. There are certain plants that attract butterflies. Every species of butterfly has a host plant. The host plant is the only plant they will lay their caterpillar eggs on. It is the only plant the caterpillar will eat from. In order for the caterpillar to grow and eventually go into a chrysalis and turn into a butterfly, it must eat from that plant. I remember as a kid I would catch a caterpillar and put it into a glass jar. I would poke holes in the top so it could breathe and always put a handful of grass in the jar for the caterpillar to eat. The caterpillar never lived more than a day or two. None of the caterpillars I ever caught made it to going into chrysalises, much less caterpillar stage. I never knew why until I learned about host plants. The diet of a caterpillar is important.



For us it is the same. What we live on makes all the difference on how we live and where we are going. *Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

What we consume through reading, watching and listening will have a great effect on how we live. If you want to know, no matter what, you are loved, never forgotten, always forgiven, and have eternal life pick up God's Word. Consume it! Then you will know the promises you have in Jesus and you will truly live. More on caterpillars, butterflies and Jesus, February 6-7.



God Bless,
Pastor Mark Arendell

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Traditional:

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8 & 9:30 a.m.

Modern:

Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30 & 11 a.m. livestreams available at
StPeterMacomb.com

STUDENT MINISTRIES



FREE PEOPLE

A SERIES ON AUTHORITY

Have you ever had to follow a rule that made absolutely no sense to you? Maybe it was a rule about what you could or couldn't wear, where you could or couldn't go, or who you could or couldn't spend time with. When some people think about God, that is what they think about — a list of rules miles long that don't seem important or relevant to their lives. God said there are only two rules that matter most: love God and love others as you love yourself. In this series in the book of James, we'll discover that the right rules can set you free — and that free people don't dance with danger, make decisions that benefit others, and give up their freedoms for others.

Also don't forget about our Summer Mission trip in July. Sign-ups end Feb. 21! Any questions please contact Jason von der Lage jvonderlage@splcs.net or (810) 252-6054.



Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you a song by the group CityAlight, "The Love of the Father." This is a very simple song with an even more simplistic message. It reminds us that we have a heavenly Father who loves us as His children (Psalm 103:13). While the concept may seem elementary, I think we have a tendency to be so hard on ourselves that we forget this basic truth. As you listen to this song let it fill you with the joy that the love of our heavenly Father brings to each and every one of us (John 3:16).

Robert W. Costa
Dir. Of Modern Worship

Jr. High (7th & 8th Grade)

Wednesdays at His Rock 6-7 p.m.

Sr. High (9th-12th Grade)

Sundays at His Rock 4-5:30 p.m.

Young Adults (College +)

Wednesdays at His Rock 7:15 pm

Service

Hope for the Hungry Food Pantry

January was another busy month overflowing with blessings! God has just continued to provide to the pantry in amazing ways. Macomb Food Program is one of the organizations H4TH belongs to. They received a large amount of canned and dry good donations from various food drives around

Macomb County and were able to provide us with over 3500 pounds of food. St. Peter folks came out in force to unload, bring in, sort and store all the food.

The Meijer Simply Give Program ended and was a huge success! We didn't think we could surpass last year's amazing donations, but this year's total came to \$13,500! Thank you St. Peter! We know you were instrumental again in purchasing gift cards to double and triple into cards to buy food for your pantry! And all thanks glory and praise to our great God who continues to provide in abundance.

February distributions are February 4th with volunteers needed from 4:30-7 p.m. and the 18th with volunteers needed from 11:30 am-2 p.m.. We will also have several days we need orders unloaded, but I've yet to have those dates. If you are not already on the pantry email list, please contact me at karenwiegand@gmail.com and I will add you on.

Please contact me via email or text to sign up to volunteer. We still need boxes, printer paper sized only please. They can be dropped off in front of the pantry building any time but then shoot me a text so I know to bring them into the building. Also if you are interested in donation pickups, order pickups, building cleanup, food drives or anything else for the pantry, let me know.

Blessings on your month,

Karen Foust

Hope For the Hungry
(586) 491-0652

karenwiegand@gmail.com
hopeforthehungrypantry.org



PART-TIME CUSTODIAN—St. Peter Macomb is seeking applicants for a part-time Custodian. Primary responsibilities of our custodial staff is the overall maintenance and cleanliness of the interior and exterior appearance of the church and school; and to ensure that all members, visitors and staff have their facility related needs met. Attention to detail and a positive attitude a must. The right person is able to work 8 hours – Tuesday through Friday – flexible hours apply. This individual must be punctual, thorough but fast, and eager to learn. Applications and a full ministry position description are available by contacting Diane Hernden at dhernden@splcs.net and/or Wayne Niemann at wniemann@splcs.net or by calling (586) 781-3434, Ext. 119 or Ext. 127 respectively.

MCREST Volunteers,

We need help in the kitchen packing meals for the guests in the program. If you'd like to help, please sign up at the links below:

Jan 31-Feb 6

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49acac29aafb6-openweek>

(More sign up links for the following dates will be available at stpetermacomb.com: 2/7-2/13, 2/14-2/20, 2/21-2/27)

Volunteers can help in another way by purchasing some of our current needs through our Amazon Smile Wishlist. Anything you purchase from this link will be shipped directly to us as a donation. Feel free to check it out: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/2A0SVKD6IZ8HK/ref=smi_cl_wl_rd_cl

Current Needs:

- Lunch type snacks: chips, cookies, fruit cups, etc.
- Plasticware (forks knives)
- Brown paper lunch bags
- Clamshell takeout dinner containers

Looking forward to seeing you at MCREST!

Brittany Bowers
MCREST Kitchen Coordinator
20415 Erin, Roseville
(586) 415-5101

DID YOU KNOW that you can remember a special occasion or loved one by purchasing flowers for the front of church? Maybe it's a birthday, anniversary, baptism, wedding, or just a special day to honor someone.

Please sign up in the Church Office. It's easy to do and it will be noted in the weekly bulletin. The cost is \$25. Checks made payable to: St. Peter Women's Ministry.

Questions? Please call the Church Office.



We are again beginning the year to collect the following items for the Wellness Kits for Lutheran World Relief:

Bath size bars of soap, bath size towels (new or gently used), adult tooth brushes, combs and metal nail clippers.

If you wish to donate any of these items, you may deposit them into the bin marked Lutheran World Relief in the Church Coat Room off of the Narthex.

Note: Also continue collecting used postage stamps, lotions, soaps, shampoos, etc. These are also deposited into the appropriate drawers in the Church Coat Room. These items are sent to "Stamps for Warriors," "Luke Project 52 Clinic" and "Turning Point."

If you have questions regarding any of the information, please contact Joyce Schwark, St. Peter LWML Rep. at (586) 524-9328
Thank you!

Thank You...

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped take down the Christmas decorations and outdoor nativity. You guys were awesome!

Altar Guild and Board of Trustees

We are so very thankful for all the many blessings we have received as we went thru the Virus. God is so good and we thank Him for the family He has given us as they carried us through this trying time. We are also thankful for our St. Peter family for the prayers, cards, food dishes and concerns which was encouraging to us. *Milt & Evelyn Miller.*

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Charles Moschel, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Nanette Mapes

In loving memory of Susan Riske, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Frances Rohlman

In loving memory of Carol Stade, a contribution has been given to:
Buildings and Grounds by Wayne and Marie Niemann

In loving memory of Gladys Stolzenfeld, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Dean and Lynne Endlich

Because of the COVID, our Life Team is unable to sponsor our annual Baby Bottle Drive. Therefore, we encourage members to give directly to the FOR LIFE organizations:

- Abigayle Ministries - 12313 19 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313
- Compassion Pregnancy Center - 37540 Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Twp., MI 48036
- Luke 5 2 Project - 7354 Whittaker Street, Detroit, MI 48209
- National Lutherans For Life – 1101 5th Street, Nevada, IA 50201

Connection



For more Bible studies or small groups, check out our website stpetermacomb.com/bible-studies.

Women In The Word Wednesday Bible Study

Will be meeting each Wednesday,
9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Please enter through Door Number 1.

Contact Karen Gluski for further information:
gludog2003@yahoo.com or (586) 207-6201.

Stephen Ministry: The almanac reports that the days are getting longer, but with the pandemic and isolation and low temperatures, life might seem more “dark” than “light” for you. Would things look brighter for you if you just had someone to talk to? Help is here! Get connected with a Stephen Minister and be encouraged by having a Christian brother or sister to share with. Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329 can help you meet that trained listener. You’re not alone; Jesus is always with you and He can provide that longed for flesh-and-blood friend.

Stephen Ministry Training: In the immediate future, Stephen Ministry training can probably not happen, but when this pandemic passes, we do want to conduct another training class. We have streamlined the training so that your commitment would be approximately twenty-five hours of class. For now, if you’ve been thinking about a way to serve your St. Peter family, please be praying about your possible involvement in Stephen Ministry. If you want more information about what exactly Stephen Ministers do, please contact Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329.

LGBT Family and Friends Support Group: Do you have a family member, loved one, or have an acquaintance with someone who is not engaging in a relationship by God’s design? Do you struggle with how to interact with them, not wanting to judge others but to show God’s love and just accept them where they are at? Then the Family and Friends of LGBT support group is for you! ***After our building reopens, we will meet tentatively on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Small Conference Room in the Administration Wing.***

GriefShare: Even with the hope that restrictions will be eventually lifted and knowing that our facility at St. Peter does offer many safe options, we are still holding off on in-person GriefShare. Our prayer is that later this winter or perhaps in early spring we will be able to resume in-person support gatherings while observing all safety precautions. So “stay tuned” for more information. Until that time, though, other GriefShare groups are meeting on-line and you can always take advantage of a caring Stephen Minister with a confidential listening ear. Contact Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329 for more information.

Monday Worship & Fellowship: This gathering is for you if you have difficulty attending a weekend worship service, due to limited mobility. A friend, family member, or caregiver is welcome to accompany you. The service is held in the Fellowship Hall and followed by a time of fellowship shared around a delicious lunch. A free will offering is accepted. Help is available for parking and entering the building. Please enter through Door #1. As the second Monday approaches, please call the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 by the previous Thursday to reserve your spot for the meal. ***Our next Monday Worship & Fellowship will be determined at a later date.***

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendars for our next Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, March 21 from 7:30 am – 1:15 pm in the St. Peter Crossroads.

Sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

MEL OTT BASEBALL 2021

Online Registration: January 13th - February 15th

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/dt5rYA8cGSFtziJA>

The Mel OTT Memorial Lutheran Baseball League was founded in 1956, after the late Hall of Fame baseball player, Mel Ott. The league consists of 5 local area Lutheran Churches. It is co-ed and is open to boys and girls from preschool to 6th grade.

The main goal of this league is to teach the FUNDAMENTALS of baseball at every age level.

There are 3 Divisions:

- T-ball (preschool- 1st grade)
- Rookie-Machine Pitch (2nd-3rd grade)
- Beginner (4th-6th grade).

Playoffs for Rookie and Beginner Divisions

Cost is \$100 per player

What a great way to meet new friends, learn about baseball and work together as a team in a Christian environment!

Important Dates:

- Practices Begin: April 12, 2021 (weather permitting)
- Games Begin: April 24, 2021
- Last Game: June 11, 2021 (may be later if make-up games are needed)
- Lutheran Night at Comerica Park: TBD

Any questions, please contact Liz Chandler at lizziep05@hotmail.com



CARING FOR THE ST. PETER COMMUNITY DURING A PANDEMIC

In this time of isolation, restrictions on activities, and lockdowns, it is easy to lose our sense of community as a church body. We wonder about friends who we used to see at church and those who are shut in. Are they being cared for? How are they doing?

Did you know??.....that St. Peter has a Care Team that is there to address the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of its members and friends? Made up of Stephen Leaders, Parish Nurses, and Administrative and Lay Leaders, the Care Team meets weekly to assess and address needs identified via prayer requests, phone calls or e-mails to the church office, and personal contacts. A list of vulnerable and shut-in members has been established. Regular contact has been made with these people since March when the pandemic began. Pastor Mark continues to make visits as requested and available, but there is also a team of commissioned laymen who make home visits as allowed by state guidelines to administer Holy Communion on a regular basis to those unable to attend worship. A young member of our congregation has visited homes of shut-ins to play the violin for them outside their doors. St. Peter school classes have “adopted” shut ins and sent them notes of encouragement. Women’s Ministry is reaching out to members unable to get out. Portals of Prayer and Keynotes are mailed to those without internet access. Stephen Ministers have read devotions over the phone to members with visual loss. Cards are sent regularly to those who are permanently or temporarily shut in.

It is our goal to show the love of Jesus by providing care such as visits, cards, phone calls, short term meal provision, and other help as identified. If you or someone you know is in need of care, please contact Frieda in the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or fschluessler@splcs.net. Meantime, please continue to reach out to each other by phone, e-mail, or text and pray for our members, our church, and for this pandemic to end. We **are** the body of Christ and we will continue to support each other.

John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Lutheran Hour Sunday – February 7, 2021

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a congregational outreach ministry supporting The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod partnering churches worldwide to bring CHRIST TO THE NATIONS AND THE NATIONS TO THE CHURCH. It is the longest running Christian outreach radio program in 50 countries and 1800 radio stations.

Log on to LHM.org and listen to speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler for your daily devotions and all that LHM has to offer. Thank you for your support.

Duane Bettcher, LHM

Education



Now Accepting Applications!

For the 2021-2022 School Year

Preschool

Play-based early childhood curriculum in a loving Christian setting.

Class Offerings:

- Little Wonders (2 Year Old with Parent)
- Shining Stars (3 Year Old With Parent)
- 3 Year Old Classes
- 4 Year Old Classes
- KinderBridge (formerly Young Fives)



Kindergarten—8th Grade

- Christ-Centered Environment
- Academically Challenging
- Gifted and Talented Education Program
- Small Class Size
- Technology Lab
- Media Center
- Resource Room
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Athletics
- Half Day, Full Day or Progressive Kindergarten options

Non-Discrimination Policy: St. Peter Lutheran School believes that discrimination is contrary to the philosophy, nature, and mission of the school. Therefore, St. Peter does not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in its admission policies or educational and other school administered programs.

St. Peter Lutheran School is accredited from the National Lutheran School Association (NLSA) and the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS).



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."
Matthew 19:14

St. Peter Preschool 30 Year Celebration

Please join in the celebration of 30 years of ministry to the preschool aged children of our congregation and community at large. In the fall of 1980, one director/teacher and paraprofessional taught our first preschool class of children.

Throughout the 30 years we have been blessed by four directors, dozens of teachers, multiple numbers of paraprofessionals and thousands of children!

Just think of the impact of all those children taking their lessons of Jesus back to their home and spreading that love to their parents, siblings and other family members.

Scores of current congregational members came to St. Peter because of the Preschool. It is truly one of our greatest evangelism tools.

The Preschool students, staff and committee wish to thank the members of St. Peter for their dedicate support of this "essential" ministry. Our services on the last weekend in February will recognize those 30 years.

To God Alone be the Glory!

REMINDER to the parents of this past 2020 Confirmation Class! The St. Peter History Committee is still in need of MANY individual pictures of the Confirmands. Each year there has been a composite picture of each class. However, this year we were not able to do this because of the virus. Some of the parents have sent in photos of their child. We want to thank you for that. However, we want to be able to have **every** Confirmands picture put into our archives, so whether you have a picture of your child wearing his or her gown or just in their normal attire, we would appreciate it if you could email it to the church office **as soon as possible**. The email is: churchoffice@splcs.net . You can also drop it off in the church office. We will then assemble a composite.

Thank you so much for your help.

St. Peter Historical Committee

HISTORY CORNER



It is important to remember that St. Peter History is not meant to show how great St. Peter is, but how amazing God is as He works through His Word and Sacraments among us. History is His story. Our History is a Ministry that proclaims His great deeds to future generations.

ST. PETER WOMEN'S MINISTRY CELEBRATES 95TH YEAR!

St. Peter Ladies Aid began on February 11, 1926 under the guidance of Pastor C. J. Beyerlein. 36 women formed the society or "Frauenverein," as it was called in the German language. A Constitution was drawn up and adopted at the March meeting. This first meeting was held in the parsonage (which later on served as the teacherage that stood next to the old school now known as "His Rock".) Future meetings were held in private homes and conducted in English. The first officers were: President, Mrs. Carl Beyerlein; Vice President, Mrs. Vern Alwardt; Secretary, Mrs. William Penzien Sr.; and Treasurer, Mrs. Louis Schoof.

The purpose of this organization was to always stand ready to help and donate to missions, needy organizations, the sick and bereaved, and those who suffered misfortunes.

The Ladies Aid held fundraising functions such as Ice Cream Socials and Pork Dinners and sold various items to purchase dishes and silverware for the kitchen, paint the church, and buy shrubbery and fruit trees for the parsonage. In later years, the ladies held Harvest Dinners, Card Parties, Mystery trips, and Plays.

The Ladies Aid and Lutheran Women's Missionary League eventually merged into one group and was renamed "Women's Ministry". Today, the Women's Ministry continues to help others by serving Funeral Luncheons, making baby blankets, putting together various Kits and making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, providing baptismal napkins and banners, caring for and upkeep of our Altar, collecting MITES for mission projects, providing Cheer boxes to our shut-ins, visiting and helping the elderly in Advantage Home in Armada, sponsoring and supporting our missionaries and seminarians, only to name a few.

The current officers are: Leanne Stallmann, President; Darla Bratkowski, Vice-President; Secretary, Sheryl Young; and Leanne Stallmann, Interim Treasurer.

God willing, the ladies may be able to have a celebration later on this year to commemorate this historical event.

MISSION STATEMENT: "To serve our Lord, the members of the Women's Ministry of St. Peter Macomb will provide our Church and community with Christian services, support of missions and outreach ministries and opportunities for Christian fellowship."

May God Bless 2021 and grow this organization as we begin this 95th year SERVING OUR LORD WITH GLADNESS!

St. Peter Life Team

February Focus: The LCMS and COVID-19 Vaccines

Information from LCMS Synod regarding COVID-19 Vaccines:

(Reliable information on the sourcing and testing of COVID-19 vaccines from the pro-life researchers of the Charlotte Lozier Institute may be found at lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-driven-cell-lines/).

*According to the Lozier Institute, the current FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna) do not use aborted human fetal tissue in the design, development or production of the vaccines.

*Many remaining COVID-19 vaccines in development do use human fetal cell lines and are therefore considered “ethically controversial” (for instance, the UK-approved Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine as well as the one from Janssen/Johnson & Johnson).

*The Synod in convention has not officially adopted a resolution concerning the use of vaccines developed from or tested using fetal cell lines. There is no official Synod position on the use of COVID-19 vaccines (as such positions are ordinarily expressed through a resolution of the Synod convention).

*The Synod remains steadfastly committed to the sanctity of human life and supportive of those institutions and individuals advocating for the unborn.

*Genuine concerns for life exist on both sides of the COVID-19 vaccination question: concern for the use of aborted fetal cells in the design, development, production and testing of vaccines, as well as concern for the physical well-being of one’s neighbor endangered by the virus.

*Christians should respect the consciences of one another on a question where Scripture and the Synod have not spoken expressly.

*Members of the Synod and Synod congregations are encouraged to:

- Educate themselves about the vaccines;
- Consult with trusted health care providers, clergy and those who may be impacted by their decision; and
- Act on the basis of informed conscience as to receiving the vaccine.

Pray:

...for an end to this pandemic...for vaccines to be developed which do not use aborted fetal tissue...for the vaccines to be successful in treating the virus

LCMS Life Ministry will host its first-ever **virtual life conference March 19-20**, under the theme “Making Disciples: Valuing Life”. Conference sessions will help people explore a distinctly Lutheran understanding of the sanctity of human life, specifically as it pertains to:

- Speaking for life in the public square
- Caring for life in your community
- Teaching about human life

Hear from theologians and human care advocates, including LCMS President Rev Dr Matthew Harrison, Focus on the Family Vice President of External & Government Relations Timothy Goeglein, and Deaconess Tiffany Manor.

Explore a variety of life topics for participants of all ages, with your family, congregation or on your own. A Spanish track – with sessions offered in the language – will be available as well.

“More than ever we need to be focused on the truth of our triune God’s value of all human life no matter a person’s stage of development or abilities,” Deaconess Manor notes.

To register for the conference or learn more information, visit lcms-life.org.



Rev. Mark Arendell
Interim Sr. Pastor



Rev. Craig Meyer
Pastor Emeritus



Mr. Tim Leinberger
Principal



Mrs. Sandra LaPerriere
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Deborah Lowry
Preschool Director



Mr. Robert W. Costa
*Director of Modern
Worship and Communications*



Mr. Jason von der Lage
Director of Student Ministry



Ms. Diane Hernden
Business Manager

ST. PETER'S VALUES

Our Mission Statement:

To glorify God by
making and growing
disciples of Jesus
Christ

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the
name of the Father, of
the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, teaching them to
observe all that I have
commanded you. And
behold, I am with you
always, to the end of age.

Articles for **March Keynotes** must be submitted before 4 p.m. on February 15.
Please submit all articles for consideration by email to Allison Tebay - atebay@splcs.net.
All submissions should include your contact information. Please submit articles without
formatting in a Word document. Thank you!



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Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Traditional
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Modern
Monday	7:00 p.m.	(POSTPONED)

Please visit StPeterMacomb.com to see other
opportunities to worship through Sunday School,
Bible studies, small groups and more!

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