ST. PETER MACOMB LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Our Mission is to Glorify God by making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ

May 2021

We are in the middle of a sermon series where we look at God's design for community. I found a great example of community in the most unlikely of places.

I like to read the comics or as they used to say back in the day "the funnies." When I buy a Sunday newspaper, I will immediately go to the comics and forego the rest of the paper. I know that dates me. Most people do not look at a newspaper any more. Not me! I still get enjoyment out of reading a newspaper, especially the comics. To me, there is something comforting about being able to feel the paper between my fingers and hear the sound of the rustling paper when you turn the pages. The rainbow of color in the Sunday comics has always drawn me in. I like reading the comics as a way of getting away from all that is going on in the world. I particularly think the comic section can help ease tension. I also read the comics to find if there is any comic that has a Christian theme. Most Sunday's there is "zip" in that category! When there is one, I will cut it out and post it on the refrigerator or file it away in blue folder that is stuffed with yellowing comics from years, even decades ago. It is always a wonderful blessing when you find one.

Two weeks ago, I was enjoying a calm moment reading through the Sunday comics when I ran across one that made me take a closer look. At first, it did not make sense. The first few panels showed a young boy getting his hair cut by his mother. While getting his hair cut, he is relating how a friend had a traumatic event. The next panels show the traumatic event. The friend was trying to cut his own hair with an electric razor, which is a recipe for disaster. During his attempt to cut his own hair, the boy is stung by a wasp. At first, the final panel was a bit to hard understand. The picture showed the two boys from behind and there was a school bus approaching in the background. The boy, whose mother cut his hair, asks the other boy, "Are you ready?" I thought, why ask if the boy is ready to go to school. Isn't that what they are standing there for—waiting for the school bus? It took a minute for me to notice there was a swath about the width of a razor without hair cut into the back of each kid's head. At first, a brief chuckle escaped my mouth at the thought of a boy cutting his own hair, being stung by a wasp, which resulted in a racing stripe being cut in his hair. Then, it hit me. The other boy had his mother do the same for him. He wanted to look like his friend to take some of the obvious ridicule the friend was going to take from all the kids at school. The boy was willing to put himself in the same place his friend was. As I stared at the comic, I started to reach for the scissors. It was a wonderful depiction of how we are called to live as followers of Jesus!

Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. We are called to help our brothers and sisters with the burdens of this life.

Jesus helps and strengthens us with through the ups and downs of this life. As a community designed by God, we help each other through life. Jesus is with you each day to help, strengthen, and guide you to help, strengthen, and guide others.



God bless you, Pastor Mark Arendell



Worship

Worship Services

<u>Traditional:</u> Saturday - 6:00 p.m. Sunday - 8 & 9:30 a.m.

<u>Modern:</u> Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

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

Save the Date:

Vacation Bible School

August 2-5

More information coming soon!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Jr. High Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, May 23

1–3 p.m.

We will meet in the main church parking lot by the softball fields.

Any questions please contact: Jason von der Lage jvonderlage@splcs.net (810) 252-6054 (cell)

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.



Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you a song called "All the Earth" by Vertical Worship. Now that spring is here and we are starting to see everything come back to life from being dormant all winter, there is that sense of a new start. It almost feels like everything is coming back to life and praising Him, (Psalm 69:34) the Creator of all things (Colossians 1:16). This song is a call for all of us (Psalm 67:3) to enter into His presence and worship our God with thanksgiving in our hearts (Psalm 100:4).

Robert W. Costa Dir. Of Modern Worship

Young Adults (College +)

Wednesdays at His Rock 7:15 p.m.

Service

Hope for the Hungry Food Pantry Hope for the Hungry Food Pantry continues to be richly blessed, and in turn blesses others in need.

Our faithful and generous partner, Meijer at 23 and Gratiot, just announced that they will be supporting Hope for the Hungry in their next "Simply Give" program. This spring/ summer campaign runs from now through July 3,

2021. Simply go to that Meijer store and pick a card from any end cap and present it to the cashier. They are \$10 each. The cashier may or may not give you back the card (always some confusion) but it doesn't matter. Once the card is rung up it is programmed in the database to go to

Hope for the Hungry. Meijer matches all donations, so every \$10 becomes \$20! On June 19 it's double match day, which means for every \$10 Meijer matches
\$20! Last year, St Peter's support was overwhelming! These cards are turned over to the pantry at the end of the program and are used to purchase much of the food we distribute to the needy. Please mark your calendars for June 19 and encourage anyone you know to purchase cards that day as well. That Meijer store has been such a blessing to us. We know God has used them in this way to bless all those in need.



The first delivery to the Bramblewood senior complex in New Haven happened on April 3. We delivered food to 11 apartments and we were well received with much gratitude by those residents! Pictures are from that delivery. We will continue to provide each apartment with two boxes of non perishable foods, one box of breads, dairy and produce and 8-10 different frozen meats. The first Saturday of every month is the delivery date, and members can plug in to help with those deliveries or to pack the truck or the boxes.

We continue to help various non profits including MCREST, Peace Lutheran in Detroit and Bernedette's Faith in Action by supplying them needed food to distribute (Your Meijer gift cards in action!)

May distribution dates: <u>Truck unloading:</u> Wednesday, May 5 from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19 from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Prep and food distribution: Thursday, May 6 from 4:30-7 p.m. Thursday, May 20 from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Blessings to all in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus. Contact me to be added to our email list, to donate food or to volunteer!

> Karen Foust Hope for the Hungry (586) 491-0652 karenwiegand@gmail.com hopeforthehungrypantry.org









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Saturday, May 15, 2021 9 a.m. till noon

DROP OFF AT ST. ISIDORE CHURCH 18201 23 Mile Rd., Macomb

COMMUNITY WIDE FOOD DRIVE

Benefitting the following pantries: St. Peter Lutheran Church - Macomb St. Isidore Catholic Church Immanuel Lutheran Church Trinity Lutheran Church - Utica

Proudly sponsored by: The Macomb Charitable Foundation *Questions: (586) 232-3473*

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME! SPECIFICALLY HOPING FOR:

Boxed Cereal Pancake Mix & Syrup Breakfast Bars Canned Tuna Canned Chicken Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit Boxed Rice (flavored or not) Baby Diapers, Wipes, Food Boxed or Bagged Potatoes Pasta & Pasta Sauce Shelf Stable Juice

Dessert Mixes Peanut Butter Jelly Applesauce Canned Stew, Soup, Chili Gift Cards for Fresh Fruit/Meat

The Green Thumb weeding group is looking for a few volunteers to help weed around the church and school this summer. The schedule is from May to October. You would be responsible for weeding once a month. It takes about two hours each time, which you do at your own schedule. Great for volunteer hours as a family. If interested, please contact Bob Kogelmann at (586) 781-6637.

Luke Project 52 Clinic- Donations of sample size or regular size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotions, soap, deodorant, dental floss, toothpaste, etc. are being accepted for Luke Project 52 Clinic. Please deposit them into the appropriate drawer in the church coat room. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Schwark (586) 524-9328

Lutheran World Relief - Donations are being taken for BABY CARE KITS for Lutheran World Relief. They are in need of lightweight cotton t-shirts, long or short-sleeve gowns or sleepers, receiving blankets or crocheted or knitted blankets made with lightweight yarn, cloth diapers, jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with or without hoods; socks, hand towels, bath-size bars of soap in original wrapper, diaper pins or large safety pins. Gowns, rompers and top/pant sets can be substituted for sleepers. Please deposit them in the LWR tub in the church coat room. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Schwark, St. Peter LWML Rep. at (586) 524-9328. Thank you!



We need your help to provide meals to the Homeless in Macomb County through MCREST. Our church is

responsible for all the meals for 30 homeless women and children the week of June 13-20, 2021.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP! Our program this year will be the same that we did last year. COVID requires these women and children stay housed in a hotel for their protection. We will be assembling meals in our Fellowship Hall and delivering them each day.

DON'T WAIT- go to St. Peter MCREST Sign Up Genius by clicking <u>here</u> and following the instructions.

Any thoughts, questions or concerns can be sent to either: Rhonda Fiebelkorn (rhondaf85@hotmail.com) or: Michele Jones(blueskye@tir.com).

Thank you in advance for any and everything you are led to help with as we plan for our week of service to the homeless. May God continue to richly bless you and your family; as we walk together in serving those in Macomb County who are less fortunate than we are.

In His service,

Michele Jones, Rhonda Fiebelkorn, and Dave Bratkowski

St. Peter Outreach Board

ST. PETER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

This scholarship has been established to give financial assistance to young men and women of our congregation who are preparing to enter into the work of our Lord. To be eligible for this aid, the applicant must be a communicant member of St. Peter Lutheran Church and a full -time student in one of our LCMS colleges or seminaries. The student must be in a pastoral, deaconess, lay ministry, parochial teacher or director of Christian education program. If you are eligible for this aid, applications are in the church office. The deadline for applying is June 15, 2021.

We continue to collect magazines for the Advantage Living Center in Armada. The collection box is in the coat room. Our elderly friends there sincerely appreciate the magazines. **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.



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.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARISH HEALTH TEAM

What wonderful opportunities we have had to worship in person at St. Peter during this Easter season! It is a joy to be surrounded by fellow believers as we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection and know that it promises us eternal life.

We just want to remind everyone that as COVID-19 cases continue to plague us, it is SO important to continue wearing masks, practice physical distancing, and use good hand hygiene. Each of these practices respects our own health and honors the health of others. We long for and pray for the day when this will all end. In the meantime, thank you for honoring your neighbors in the body of Christ!

Your Parish Nurses – Anita Glaser, Paula Hoegemeyer and Jennifer Rohrborn

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

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Florence Ameloot, a contribution has been given to: <u>Buildings and Grounds</u> by Bill and Merlene Thompson

In loving memory of Jill DeLadurantaye, a contribution has been given to: <u>Missions</u> by Eben Briggs, Neal and Paula Hoegemeyer, Richard and Joy Liechty, Byron and Dawn Miller, Jim Moschel and family, Jerry and Janet Stange,

In loving memory of Donna Hay, a contribution has been given to: <u>School Ministry</u> by the 5th and 6th Grade teachers at St. Peter

In loving memory of Brenda Koch, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Don and Gloria Koch

In loving memory of Joseph Manzella, a contribution has been given to: <u>Buildings and Grounds</u> by Wayne and Marie Niemann

In loving memory of Virginia Mellar, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Michael and Linda Baroli, Dean and Lynn Endlich, Terry and Connie Firestine, Joyce Gozdor, Neal and Paula Hoegemeyer, Bryan and Dawn Miller, Ron and Geri Milliron, Sue Rosteck, Frieda Schluessler, Terry and Jeanette Yonka

In loving memory of Barbara Meissner, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Terry and Jeanette Yonka <u>Moving Forward</u> by Byron and Dawn Miller.

In loving memory of Harold Rosso's 94th birthday, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Dorothy Rosso *In loving memory of Pat Rosso,* a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by May Schramm

In loving memory of Leo Skiorski, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Rosemarie Salinger

In loving memory of Russ Weber, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Nancy Penny

In loving memory of Jan Weig, a contribution has been given to: <u>Moving Forward</u> by May Schramm

In loving memory of William Williford, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Dustin and Rachel Delpier <u>Moving Forward</u> by Jerry and Janet Stange

Thank Offerings

In celebration of her 94th *birthday,* a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Dorothy Rosso

In celebration of Stan's birthday, a contribution has been given to: <u>Moving Forward</u> by Stan and Marion Krakowski

In celebration of Brynley Poley's 6th birthday, a contribution has been given to:

Moving Forward by Shelly Penzien

Connection



Women In The Word Wednesday Bible Study

We will meet Wednesday, May 5 and May 12. 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall - Enter Door 1

We will not be meeting during the summer months. Hopefully, we will see you in September. May you be blessed with a restful and peaceful summer.

Karen Gluski gludog2003@yahoo.com or (586) 207-6201.

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

JUST BE PATIENT! How many times have we been told that or perhaps said it ourselves? It's hard to wait, but that's exactly what we are asked to do in this current pandemic. Things were "looking up" for the resumption of GriefShare and Stephen Ministry meetings and training, but with the surge in new cases, we must be—guess what?—patient. So please "stay tuned" for in-person GriefShare gatherings and for Stephen Ministry training. And look forward to Divorce Care and DC4K, which is Divorce Care for Kids, coming this fall. In the meantime, on -line GriefShare is available as are one-on-one Stephen Ministers. Contact Linda Dunklau at (586)247-5329 for encouragement and for details.

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.*

Upcoming Events:

St. Peter Macomb Annual Golf Outing

Friday, July 30 at 10 a.m.

For more information, please contact: Roxanne Thatcher (586) 615-5700 to reserve your spot or to sponsor a hole. Call Lisa Ventimiglio (586) 405-9272 to donate a prize.

Education



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)





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.



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

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

I am very eager to re-start our Sunday School classes this fall. I am praying for our prior staff to return to their assigned classes; however life circumstances revolve around some teachers return. Please contact the church office or me if you would be interested in teaching or being an assistant/helper in a Sunday School class.

Included in our Sunday School program is our "Special Needs Class." This is a class set up to teach and assist children that need more one on care and attention in order for them to understand the love of Jesus and His Word. We are in need of helpers as well in this classroom. Please contact me or Deb Lowry (586) 781-9296 Ext. 131 if you would be willing to help.

The blessings received by working in our Sunday School Ministry are infinite. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

May our loving Lord Jesus bless us, watch over us, keeping us well and from all harm and danger.

Yours in Christ,

Pat Losey, Sunday School Superintendent

(586) 786-0499

Keep your faith and the faith of your family growing!

Here are dozens of great devotions, ideas, Bibles and other resources. (Viewing Keynotes online? Click the links below, or visit the Sunday School page on our website.)



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.

In March of 1989, when Pastor Gary Beck was one of our Pastors here at St. Peter, he put an article into the Keynotes that we feel is worth repeating. Following is the article in its entirety.

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." --- Psalm 118:24

"Last week I read a poem in the "Dear Abby" column of the Detroit News which I would like to share with you in case you did not read it. This poem was written by a 14 year old boy from Connecticut, Jason Lehman.

PRESENT TENSE

It was Spring, but it was Summer I wanted, the warm days, and the great outdoors. It was Summer, but it was Fall I wanted, the colorful leaves, and the cool, dry air. It was Fall, but it was Winter I wanted, the beautiful snow, and the joy of the holiday season, It was Winter, but it was Spring I wanted, the warmth, and the blossoming of nature.

I was a child, but it was adulthood I wanted, the freedom, and the respect. I was 20, but it was 30 I wanted, to be mature, and sophisticated. I was middle-aged, but it was 20 I wanted, the youth, and the free spirit. I was retired, but it was middle age I wanted, the presence of mind, without limitations.

> My life was over, but I never got what I wanted.

This poem speaks volumes. So many people go through life never content. They continue to dwell on the past or live for the future, but do not enjoy the present moment, and that is why we need to take Psalm 118:24 to heart each day: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Each day of life is a gift from God. Let us make the most of it.

God has given us reason to rejoice and be glad each day of our lives because he has made us to be His children and has given us eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior. This month we will be commemorating and celebrating our Lord's death and resurrection. Since Christ lives, we who trust in Him will live eternally also. What a tremendous reason to rejoice each day of our lives!

We can cherish memories of the past and plan for the future, but let us also enjoy the present moment, each day that God gives us."

Pastor Gary Beck

St. Peter Life Team

May Focus: Children With Special Needs

There are many traits that make each of us different from one another. Every person is a unique creation of God and has his/her own gifts and talents. The way we treat children with special needs should be no different than the way we treat others who are different than us in other ways.

How can we interact with children who have special needs?

*Show the child the same respect you wish for yourself. Accept each child for who he/she is...a person loved and valued by God.

*Offer, but do not force, your assistance. Allow them to do things for themselves.

*Speak naturally and talk directly to the child. Do not speak through others. Look directly at the child to whom you are speaking. Be genuine and honest with him/her.

*Invite the children to share their talents and gifts by participating in church and social activities. Think of ways to modify activities so the children with special needs can participate.

*Talk with the children, even though they may not be able to respond verbally.

*Be patient. Offer encouragement and acceptance. Learning about a child's special needs will help you relax and better understand his/her strengths and limitations.

*Remember that children with special needs have likes and dislikes, wants and needs, just like you do.

*Always remember, God created these unique children and, if given a chance, we can learn a lot from them.

[Information from articles published in materials from Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. and LWML Quarterly, Fall 1985]

In his book The Power of the Powerless, Christopher de Vinck writes about his brother, Oliver, who was born with irreversible brain/nerve damage. "His eyes could not see; his ears could not hear; his limbs could not move; his mind could not learn, yet he blessed those around him with his presence...Oliver was the catalyst for good in others, stirring them to love and compassion...Oliver still remains the most hopeless human being I ever met, and yet he was one of the most powerful human beings I ever met."

Pray ...

...more people would volunteer to assist with the Sunday School class for children with special needs

...that St Peter would be a place where children with special needs and their families would be welcomed and encouraged to participate in the life and activities of the congregation

...that people who have a passion FOR LIFE [protecting and defending the lives of the unborn, the elderly in nursing homes, those with special needs] would prayerfully consider joining St Peter's Life Team. Contact Connie Davis if interested at (586) 949-9261.

Pat Losey, our Sunday School Superintendent, is eager to restart our Sunday School classes this Fall. Our Sunday School was very pleased to begin our "Special Needs Sunday School Class" in the Fall of 2018. They meet every Sunday at the regular Sunday School hour from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Helpers are needed during this hour to assist each student. If you are interested in volunteering for this class, please contact either of the names below. Parents interested in enrolling your child in this class, please contact Pat Losey at (586) 786-0499 or Deb Lowry at (586) 781-9296 Ext. 131.



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Mrs. Sandra LaPerriere

Assistant Principal

Mr. Jason von der Lage

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Mr. Tim Leinberger Principal



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



Rev. Craig Meyer Pastor Emeritus



Mrs. Deborah Lowry Preschool Director



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 **June Keynotes** must be submitted <u>before 4 p.m. on May 15</u>. **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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Worship Service Times:

Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Traditional
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional
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!

St. Peter Lutheran Church and School is a member congregation of The LCMS.