

As many of you know, I like animated movies. I like ones that entertain and have a message. One such movie is **Luca**. The movie is about two boy sea monsters, Umberto and Luca, who are tired of their life below the water and want to live on land. Interestingly, when the sea monsters are on land they look like humans, but just apply water and they turn into sea monsters.

The two boys go through most of the movie trying to convince the people of a village that they are normal humans. This is key because the seaside village hates sea monsters and wants to kill them. One character, Massimo, who is a giant of a man, hates sea monsters. He also happens to be the father of Giulia, who Umberto and Luca befriend. Massimo takes in Umberto and Luca thinking they are lost boys and even takes them out on his fishing boat.

All is going well until one day when Umberto and Luca are caught in a rain storm. Their true identities become visible to the whole town. In the scene, the villagers gather around the two sea monsters with the intent of killing them. Giulia yells out that they are not monsters. The question is asked, "Who are they then?" At that point, something very touching happens. Massimo, who is obviously bigger than any one else in the village, picks up a harpoon and says, "I know who they are!" You think, "Oh no is Massimo turning on the very two he has helped throughout the movie?" Massimo says something that reminds me of someone else. Massimo states, "This is Umberto and Luca." Now that everyone in the village knows the boys' true identity, Massimo doesn't care. They are still his friends. Sound familiar?

1 John 3:1 - "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" And, that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

The world may look at us as different, but to God you are His child. That is all that is important. You belong to the God who created everything, is more powerful than anyone, and loves you more than anything else.



**God bless you,
Pastor Mark Arendell**

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Worship



"Come to Me"

Our theme for the 2021-22 church and school year is Come to Me. Starting in August, and throughout the year, we will focus on how God calls us to Him.

Worship Services

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



Robert's Music Spotlight

This month, I wanted to share with you the song Providence (Broke My Chains) by Citipointe Worship. During my prayer time, I had some worship music playing in the background, and this song came on. The bridge caught my attention and I started to use the words as my prayer. *"Jesus be glorified. Your ways are higher than mine. Washed away every stain, Lord. No greater love than the blood, Lord."* It's so easy in our times with God to let our mind drift or take over the conversations with "stuff." This month as you spend time with God, try to use worship music, be it this song or another, to shut your brain off and find a moment with God where He can speak to you.

Robert W. Costa
Dir. Of Modern Worship

Service

Hope for the Hungry Food Pantry

We received \$6,080 in Meijer gift cards from the most recent Simply Give program. These cards are used to purchase food that we don't receive as regular donations. Praise God! Thank you to any St. Peter folks who went out and purchased cards.

We are delivering food monthly to two at-need complexes in New Haven:

Bramblewood in New Haven—a senior citizen complex with limited transportation and mobility, 12 apartments.

Perry Acres—low income housing complex in New Haven on Gratiot many with children and also transportation issues, 13 apartments with up to 4 residents per apartment. This is a new complex we are including in our ministry and the first delivery will be in August.

We pack and deliver food to these complexes once per month. We bring frozen meats, produce, breads and non-perishable foods.

Stephens Ministers are accompanying the men on these deliveries to speak to, pray with, and minister to any residents who wish. We are also giving out Portals of Prayer to anyone who wants a copy.

Looking towards fall, and once restrictions are lifted, we are planning to move to indoor food distribution again. This requires more people for the actual distribution, as our guests receive their regular boxes, produce, and frozen items, but also have access to a room where they can choose food and another room with clothing and household items.

We are also considering starting our monthly dinner again. This requires volunteers to cook, serve, and clean up. We traditionally did this the first Thursday evening of every month. We have a full kitchen available with commercial size ovens for preparation.

Pantry distribution volunteers needed:

Thursday, August 5 from 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday, August 19 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Truck unloading volunteers needed:

Wednesday, August 4 & 18 from 9:45-10:30 a.m.

We currently need:

- **BOXES!** This is a serious need as we will be packing all our own boxes starting in August vs getting prepacked boxes from the Macomb Food Program. We can ONLY use boxes around printer paper size, any others are too small to be useful or too big to be able to be moved. Any boxes we can't use need to be broken down, which fills our dumpster. So, PLEASE no boxes that we can't use!
- Volunteers to pack boxes, help distribute, be "personal shoppers" once we open up (accompany each guest with boxes while they select items from the "store") unload trucks from deliveries, pick up from donation sites, help with apartment deliveries, loading trucks, and potentially helping with the upcoming dinner.
- Food items always needed: Jelly, snacks, granola bars, fruit snacks, beverages, oatmeal, pasta sauces, boxed dinners, dessert mixes (like cookie pouches and brownie mixes), toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo and soap.

Prayers for God to continue to guide us in all we do and help us to identify and help more families!

Karen Foust
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The Green Thumb weeding group is looking for a few volunteers to help weed around the church and school. The schedule continues through 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.



St. Peter will be collecting **NEW backpacks, NEW socks, and school supplies** for children ages 4-18 on behalf of Macomb Charitable Foundation beginning Sunday, August 1 through Monday, August 16. One of the many ways that MCF serves the nearly 1600 homeless children of Macomb County is supplying new school bags for the children at their annual Shop with the Sherriff event. Each child will receive a new book bag, as well as school supplies, and other necessities. Please consider blessing one of these children with these items. A collection container will be placed in the crossroads hallway, as well as outside of Door #1, beginning Sunday, August 1. Thank you so much. God's Blessings! Questions, contact Jackie at (586) 786-1977 or Lois at (586) 770-3002.

Donations are now being taken for **SCHOOL KITS** for Lutheran World Relief. Following items needed are:

- 70-80 sheet notebooks
- Wide or college-ruled (no loose-leaf paper)
- #2 unsharpened pencils
- Blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Erasers
- 12-inch rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- Drawstring backpack-style cloth bags—approximately 14"x17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Please deposit items into the bin in the church coat room. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Schwark (586) 524-9328. Thank you!

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.

Continue saving used eyeglasses for **MOST MINISTRIES** and cancelled postage stamps for **LWML** and **STAMPS FOR THE WOUNDED**. Thank you to those who have been faithfully donating them in the past. These items can be deposited in one of the drawers in the coat room which are marked accordingly. Blessings, Joyce Schwark, St. Peter LWML Rep. Questions: Call (586) 524-9328.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY has not been able to serve funeral luncheons to our church family for the past year due to COVID. However, we are resuming this ministry in August. Our luncheons may not look the same as they once did, but be assured, they will be prepared and served with all the love and support for the members of St. Peter just as we have in the past. If you feel that you would like to serve in this way, please contact Vickie Wangelin (586) 749-3325. You do not need to be a member of our Women's Ministry – new faces are always welcome.

We're Hiring!

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.

EXTENDED CARE (MORNING AND AFTERNOON) - St. Peter is hiring Extended Care workers for mornings and afternoons during the 2021-2022 school year. Shifts are Monday through Friday, before and after the school day. If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to Mrs. Deb Lowry at dlowry@splcs.net.



St. Peter Quilters will begin meeting on September 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in sewing/quilting and would like to help, please call Mary Ann

Demetrakeas at (586) 854-0548. You can assemble quilt squares at home, or put quilts together at St. Peter as a team – all help is needed.

Always needed are large pieces of cotton fabrics (any solid colors or prints), and sheets (full size best) and light weight blankets or flannel sheets (for backings). Materials can be dropped off by calling the church office (586) 781-3434.

HELP WANTED:

The church office needs volunteers to replace We Care Cards, Prayer Cards and Welcome Envelopes in the church pews. This is a weekly position! Timing is up to you. It could be a good job for the family, possibly right after school. This also can be a shared job - possibly a few people each week, or one person (family) once a month. We are currently covered thru September, but beginning in October we **NEED HELP!** Please contact me at the church office (586) 781-3434, for questions, or to sign up. Blessings, Frieda

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.



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

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Barbara Bachman, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Stu and Mary Arends, Don and Marty Smith

In loving memory of Karen Beneson, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Matt and Lindsay Beneson

In loving memory of George Clark, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Dorothy Schwark

In loving memory of Helen Hatter, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Roy and Karen Fagg

In loving memory of Michael Krause, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Loren Wagner

In loving memory of Donna Kukuk, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Jerry and Linda Grunewald, Nancy Kling, Richard and Gail Kukuk, Joseph and Jeanne Langlois, Wilma Wangelin

Giving Tree by Kathleen Reinhardt
Moving Forward by Robert Hurttgam, Stan and Marion Krakowski, Mark Kraatz and Family, Jim Schwark

In loving memory of Violet Nichols, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Roy and Karen Fagg

In loving memory of Linda Schwarb, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Kathy Krause, Jim Schwark

In loving memory of Bill Schwark, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Dorothy Rosso

In loving memory of Brenda Schwark, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Jerry and Sharon Blake, Maxine Hartsig, Dorothy Rosso

In loving memory of Elwood Schwark, a contribution has been given to:
Buildings and Grounds by Bill and Merlene Thompson
Debt Reduction by Stan and Marion Krakowski

Thank Offerings

In celebration of Wayne Oehmke's 80th birthday, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Shelly Penzien, Jim Schwark, Mark and Linda Schwark and Family, Roy and Joyce Schwark and Family

In celebration of the baptism of Hanna Rose Thomas, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Edward and Cathy Thomas

For blessings received, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Dustin Schwark, Mark and Linda Schwark

Connection



Women In The Word Wednesday Bible Study

Our Wednesday Woman In The Word Bible Study will return on September 15, 2021, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Books will be available... Looking forward to being together again.

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(586) 207-6201

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

COMING SOON In person GriefShare is coming on September 21. You can register on line by entering "GriefShare" and looking for the St. Peter location. OR you can just contact Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329 or the church office who will connect you with Linda. That same evening, we will launch DivorceCare and DC4K which is a ministry to help kids navigate the break-up of their family. Registration at the DivorceCare site or with Linda would be helpful. Something new is the addition of a fellowship meal. As all participants enter through Door #28 (church offices) they will be able to enjoy a light supper and a time to chat, catch-up, and encourage each other. Serving will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the video and "class time" will begin at 6:45 p.m. Eating together is not a requirement, but we certainly encourage everyone to take advantage of this chance to meet and share. If you have any questions or just want more information, give Linda Dunklau a call at (586) 247-5329.

Euchre & Pinochle—If you are interested in playing cards, this group is for you! They meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Fellowship Hall (Kitchen side). The first meeting will be September 7. You can enter through Door #1 or Door #29. Please be at the church by 11:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. After a brief meeting and lunch, the games begin!! Cost is \$1.00.

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:

Stay Healthy Exercise Class at St. Peter – beginning Monday, September 13 – 9 -10 a.m.

Are you feeling tired, stiff or just not yourself? We have the answer. Join other men and women in a morning of exercise and motivation. People of all ages are welcome and can benefit. Shannon, our instructor, tailors the class to the audience. We work on our hearts, minds, and souls, as we stretch, lift weights, and raise our heart rate slowly through low impact, easy to follow movements. Grab water, weights (2 to 5 pounds), and a mat, and join us each Monday morning. We will help you feel better from your head to your toes! Classes are \$5/session on a drop-in basis and are held in the church narthex. Enter through Door #1. Contact Paula for more information hoegemeyer@att.net or (586) 322-2319

Mel Ott Lutheran Night at Jimmy John's Field—August 20

For more information please use the link below for the event flier or visit our website stpetermacomb.com

[Click Here: Lutheran Night Info](#)

Blood Pressure Screening at St. Peter – beginning Sunday, September 12 – 9-11 a.m.

High blood pressure is often silent and can cause significant health problems when not controlled. The Parish Health Team will resume blood pressure screening on the second Sunday of each month between the 8 and 9:30 worship services. Please note: we will now be located in the Brides Room behind the sanctuary. Stop by for this important health check!

Christian Yoga Class at St. Peter – beginning Thursday, September 9 – 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Come join us for a faith filled gentle yoga experience. Becky will guide us through prayerful meditation, stretching, and postures, embracing our mind, body, and spirit that God has given to us. All ages are welcome. Bring a yoga mat, water, and a joyful spirit for this class that will meet every Thursday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church narthex. The cost is \$10/session drop in. Enter through Door #1. Contact Paula for more information hoegemeyer@att.net or (586) 322- 2319

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Any questions please contact: Jason von der Lage
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Jr. High (7th & 8th Grade)	Sr. High (9th-12th Grade)	Young Adults (College +)
Wednesdays at His Rock 6-7 p.m.	Sundays at His Rock 4-5:30 p.m.	Wednesdays at His Rock 7:15 p.m.

Education

Sunday School

Sunday School is a children's ministry offered here at St. Peter for children three years of age (must be potty trained) through 6th grade. Each Sunday morning during the school year from 9:30-10:30 a.m. the children are invited and encouraged to attend the class of their age/grade level.

Dedicated Sunday School teachers lead the class with a Bible story, songs, and activities. Every class has at least one helper to assist the teacher throughout the hour.

Additionally, the Sunday School will:

- Lead a Christmas Service
- Sing at a church service
- Sponsor "Money for Missions" charity drive



We will continue our "Special Needs Ministry" this year by providing an adult aide to sit beside their student in their respective classroom. Parents, if you have a child that you feel could benefit by this ministry please contact Deb Lowry at (586) 781-9296 Ext. 131, or Pat Losey at (586) 786-0499. This ministry includes children 3 years of age through to the sixth grade.

"Rally Day", Sunday, September 12 is fast approaching. We will be having an ice cream social in the Crossroads from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The entire family is welcome and this is a great opportunity to meet our Sunday School teachers and helpers.

The following Sunday, September 19, all students will meet in their respective classrooms.

Parents are encouraged to pre-register their children on-line at StPeterMacomb.com by Sunday, September 5. Please visit our church website, StPeterMacomb.com to register your child/children.

At the time of this writing (July 15) I am still in need of teachers for our 3yr., 4 yr. old and 4th grade classes. Perhaps you are the one God is calling to fill one of these positions. Please call me, I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding our Sunday School. God Bless you!

We look forward to a blessed Sunday School year, with God guiding us the whole way and working through our staff to keep our students in His Word.

Yours in Christ,

Pat Losey, Sunday School Superintendent



Accepting Applications!

For the 2021-2022 School Year

Preschool - 8th Grade

Apply at stpetermacomb.com



St. Peter Life Team

August Focus: Euthanasia & the Value of Life

The Life Team of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Macomb, MI, exists to educate, encourage, and empower the members of our congregation to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. This is our mission statement and defines how we encourage St. Peter members to approach life issues. The focus of this month's article is euthanasia, or the practice of physician assisted suicide. There is an alarming legislative trend throughout Europe which is now spreading throughout western countries as well. "Germany has death-on-demand after its highest court ruled that committing suicide – for whatever reason – is a constitutional right and that having assistance is an ancillary aspect of that right" (www.nationalreview.com/corner/Portugal-falls-to-euthanasia-consciousness/). Although this may seem radical to many, it points to the need for us all to be vigilant in preventing this culture of death from further taking root in this country. Like any issue, one should look 'beneath the surface' to ask what is really being debated here. I would suggest it boils down to the question "What gives someone value?" Many people would define one's value based on their contribution to society. After all isn't that how the world works – in academia and the workplace? However, God's word tells us something much different. Our value comes from the fact we were all created in His image and redeemed by the saving work of Christ on the cross in our stead.

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." Psalm 24:1-2

"For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living." Romans 14: 7-9

A change in our life circumstances which could impact our perceived value to society does not change these biblical truths. Our value in God's eyes is never diminished. Nor does a change in our life circumstances change our God-given purpose.

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:36-39

When we view life issues such as euthanasia through this Christian worldview and arm ourselves with 'the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God as Ephesians 6:17 tells us, we can more effectively and confidently combat the culture of death in our world.

If you have a passion for life, we would love for you to join our team. Please prayerfully consider it. The Life Team is pleased to announce that through the generous donations of the St. Peter community we collected 8676 diapers during the Diaper Drive for Compassion Pregnancy Center. Thank you so much for your generosity in partnering with this important ministry which assists mothers and fathers right here in Macomb County to make life affirming decisions. Please also consider joining us on October 3 from 2-3 p.m. for the Life Chain event to let our community know that St. Peter is a church that boldly stands FOR LIFE.

Pray ...

... for all individuals to recognize their value based on the fact we were all created in God's image and redeemed by the blood of Christ.

... for God's people to speak boldly against the injustices of euthanasia throughout the world and to pray fervently for our legislators to recognize the need to protect the vulnerable.

... that all Christians would become gospel motivated voices For Life, sharing the love of Christ and speaking God's truth with confidence and grace.



Rev. Mark Arendell
Interim Sr. Pastor



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Pastor Emeritus



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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 **September Keynotes** must be submitted before 4 p.m. on August 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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Please visit **StPeterMacomb.com** to see other
opportunities to worship through Sunday School,
Bible studies, small groups and more!

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