ST. PETER MACOMB

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

Senior Pastor Vacancy Update

We have recently received additional names from the District Office for our Senior Pastor Call list. Those Pastors were contacted by Circuit Visitor, Pastor Paul Burrow, to see if they were able to prayerfully consider a Call to serve as Senior Pastor at St. Peter. The Call Committee is actively reviewing information provided on those Pastors who responded affirmatively and are also reviewing online services at their current churches as we seek to find potential matches for us at St. Peter.

As always, we ask that you please continue to pray for the Call Committee as well as Pastor Arendell, Pastor Meyer and the entire ministry team as we wait for God's provision.

"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen." - Romans 11:36

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of us.

God's continued Blessings,

Bruce Brendle, Congregation President Wayne Oehmke, 1st Vice President Michael Smith, Chairman, Board of Elders

A Devotion from Pastor Arendell

I like to have music playing while I'm composing a devotion or sermon. Any number of times during the day, someone will walk into my office wanting to talk. They are met with raised hand telling them to stop and wait until I can turn the music down. For me, the music helps me to center my thoughts on what I am working on.

Sometimes I watch music videos to get an idea of what the song writers were thinking when they wrote them. In one video, the camera was centered on a pair of cymbals. Their surfaces were marked with dents of various sizes from the numerous drumstick hits. The cymbals looked like they should have been replaced a few years back. Towards the edge of one of the cymbals, there was a huge dent. It was so large it actually distorted the shape of the whole cymbal. As the video played, I watched as a drumstick was poised above that cymbal. When the drumstick was brought down, I expected to hear a thud. However, what I heard was the wonderful, reverberated, metallic sound.

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Worship

It got me thinking about how we react to life. There are times when we see our own dents and think we can never make a beautiful sound again. We see the mistakes and hardships we have gone through and give up. They have left scars and dents that we can see and feel. We consider these marks from the past as reasons that God could not use us.

Whenever I get into one of those "woe is me" moods, I am reminded of Jesus and the woman at the well. The woman was scarred by her past, but what did Jesus do? Jesus let her know she could have Living Water, and He was the one who came into the world to save people. We get the woman's reaction to what Jesus said in John 5:28 -29 - Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" She left the water jar behind which was the reason she went in the first place. Her life had been changed. Jesus came to her and gave her a purpose. The woman spread the word about Jesus.

To Jesus, the dent and scars of the past are just that. He can and will use you to tell other people that they are loved no matter what they have been through. God uses those of us with dents to remind people that Jesus made sure those dents are not permanent. There will come day when none of us will feel the scars of the past. Jesus made sure of that and will use you to tell others about that day, dents and all. By telling others about Jesus, you make a joyful noise!

God bless.

Pastor Mark Arendell





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



Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I want you to check out the song, "The Lord's Prayer" by Citipointe Worship. I have recently been studying with some friends the concept of "the Kingdom of God." When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how they should pray, we get The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. In the King James Version of the Bible, the prayer says, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." The Bible says in Genesis 2:7 that man was formed of the dust from the ground. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are inviting His Kingdom to dwell in us having been formed from that same earth. As Christians, sometimes we focus too much on trying to do things to get to heaven, when God is telling us to bring heaven to earth and make a difference right where we are. As you listen to The Lord's Prayer set to a melody, I hope this gives you a greater appreciation of what Jesus was challenging us to do.

Robert W. Costa, Director Of Modern Worship

Service

Macomb Charitable Foundation Assists Macomb County Children in Poverty



The Macomb Charitable Foundation helps children living at or below poverty level in Macomb County. Their goal is to alleviate the suffering of children and their families by providing financial assistance for items to meet their basic needs.

MCF President, Shelly Penzien, and her family have been a part of St. Peter for many years. After being confirmed at Immanuel, she and her family transferred to St. Peter. Having founding-family great grandparents, her (late) husband, Jerry, and their children have been lifelong members.

Macomb Charitable's roots go back to Shelly's days working at an elementary school. Seeing students without winter clothes, she gathered some of her family members to help collect coats for those children.

Every year after, now heading into her 39th year of aiding children at Christmas, she's had more family members and additional volunteers assisting with the program.

Today, the foundation is solely run by non-paid volunteers.



"We [also] became a nonprofit several years ago, which has really helped by having community-wide help," said Penzien.

Macomb Charitable now provides for 500 children and their families.

"When a child has to get ready in the bathroom of a McDonald's – it's a huge help for someone to pay for a hotel room [for them]," Penzien said. "Our reach is big, and we feel like we are making a huge difference."



St. Peter has a rich history of supporting the Christmas gift collecting program. For more than 25 years, St. Peter (Preschool – 8^{th} Grade classes) has been adopting families at Christmas time which has greatly assisted this foundation.

While their primary collections are done at a few specific times throughout the year, MCF is able to provide vouchers for laundry, money for hotel rooms and emergency shelters, food, diapers, cars for working moms, and more. This year they were even able to provide a mobile home for a family.

MCF has many popular events to help raise donations. Tickets to this year's dinner and silent auction, Starry, Starry Night, sold out in an hour and a half! Their next upcoming event is a Trivia Night on October 15.

If you're interested in volunteering, donating, sponsoring events or sponsoring a child at Christmas, you can visit the Macomb Charitable Foundation's website (https://www.macombcharitablefoundation.org), check out their Facebook, call (586) 232-3473 or send an email to macombcharitable@comcast.net.



Hope for the Hungry Food Pantry

Distribution dates: October 7 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. October 21 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers will be packing and moving boxes to the distribution area, packing up the frozen foods we will be distributing, and then delivering the food to the families.

<u>Unpacking deliveries:</u> October 6 from 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. October 20 from 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers will be unloading donations from Macomb Food Bank, sorting and putting those items away on shelves and in freezers.

Boxes need to be packed to distribute both to our families and to the apartments we deliver food to monthly. This is a great opportunity for the youth. Dates and times are flexible.

Like to shop? We supplement our regular food deliveries by shopping at our favorite Meijer at 23 and Gratiot. Some items we don't receive but like to provide our families with are: snacks, crackers, beverages, etc. We utilize our Meijer food-only gift cards to purchase these items. We will provide you with a list and how many of each item, along with the gift cards. You may purchase the items and then meet back at the pantry to unload and put these items away. This is an ongoing opportunity.

Thank you to the Macomb Food Program for their generous gift of 500 boxes. We always need boxes, so please keep saving printer paper-sized boxes for us!

We will be receiving turkeys to distribute in November to our families. We will make up boxes to provide each family a complete turkey dinner with all the sides and dessert. Anyone who is interested in organizing and/or helping with this project, please contact me.

We continue to provide monthly food to 25 apartments in New Haven, both low income and seniors. Food is packaged and delivered the first Saturday of every month. Contact me if you are interested in helping with this portion of our ministry.

We continue to be blessed! Thank you to the members of St. Peter for their faithful support. All honor and glory to our great Lord!

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

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.

If you would like to donate to our "Going Green" fund to support the installation of more efficient lighting on our campus, please use the tab on the Giving page at stpetermacomb.com. 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.



Please mark your calendar for Peacemakers International's Annual October Outreach Ministry Event on Saturday, October 16.

The event is held outside, onsite at Peacemakers International, on Chene Street, in Detroit.

We will be providing: Christian music offered by some of our Praise Team members, ministering to those in attendance alongside the Peacemakers Team, serving a hot meal to all in attendance, and this year, handing out only a few, limited clothing items.

We are **ONLY** accepting the following clothing donations:

1) New or gently used/clean winter coats in men's and women's sizes

2) New or gently used/clean winter type/warm boots in men's and women's sizes

3) New packages of underwear in men's and women's sizes

4) <u>New</u> packages of socks (cold weather type) in men's and women's sizes

5) <u>New</u> winter stocking hats and winter gloves.

Please use the sign-up link to enter your donation and/or sign up if you are planning to attend with us. This will help our meal team. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa9ae2ca3fc1-chene</u>

In an abundance of caution, all participants in this event are strongly recommended to wear masks, travel with your family group and social distance as much as possible.

Beginning on October 1, all donations should be dropped off into the enclosed container, under the awning, outside the church entrance Door #1.

All donations must be to the church by Wednesday, October 13.

Thank you in advance for every and anything you are doing to help us minister to the homeless community that we will serve at Peacemakers International! Please continue to join us in praying for our Peacemakers International Outreach Event.

Feel free to contact Rhonda with any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns.

May God continue to richly bless all of us as we seek to serve those who are less fortunate.

Peace in Christ to you and your family,

Rhonda Fiebelkorn (586) 925-2203 rhondaf85@hotmail.com

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 contact Mrs. Deb Lowry at <u>dlowry@splcs.net</u>.

Quilters meet on Wednesday mornings 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. Meal Care Partners Needed: Are you looking for a new way to serve your fellow members of the Body of Christ? Do you need a project that does not require a huge time commitment? Do you feel blessed to be a blessing? St. Peter has a group of dedicated people who prepare an occasional meal for a person or family going through a short-term difficult time due to illness, grief, or another stressful situation. We are currently looking to add to our list of persons willing serve in this manner. A Care Calendar is utilized to schedule these meals. You would be asked to prepare the meal and deliver it to the family on a one-time basis. For more information, please contact Paula Hoegemeyer at (586) 322-2319 or hoegemeyer@att.net.

<u>Adult Choir News:</u> Music has played an important role in the worship services of the Lutheran Church dating back to the time of Martin Luther and the Reformation. Martin Luther said, "Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Whether you have sung in a choir for years or have limited or no experience, all are welcome. Please consider using your voice to sing praises to our God. Simply show up for the rehearsal on Thursday or contact Terry Fiebelkorn at (586) 949-5857. If you are unsure about joining, attend a rehearsal to see what it is about – no long-term commitment necessary.

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 Jen Borowski, a contribution has been given to: <u>Moving Forward</u> by Shelly Penzien

In loving memory of Tyler Cacavas, a contribution has been given to: Church Ministry by Andrew Harris

In loving memory of Donna Dromowicz, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Keith and Marilynn Dromowicz

In loving memory of Stan Gozdor, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by David and Darla Bratkowski

> In loving memory of Armand and Ursula Lombardi, a contribution has been given to: Church Ministry by Lisa Ichimura

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

In loving memory of Bea Stark, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Michael and Pam Jagoda, Joyce Kraatz, Paul Kreger, Eldon Kukuk, Kathleen Reinhardt, Frieda Schluessler <u>Moving Forward</u> by Wayne and Marie Niemann, Diane Penzien, Jim Schwark

Thank Offerings

In celebration of Paula Hoegemeyer's 80th Birthday, a contribution has been given to: <u>Church Ministry</u> by Neal and Paula, Gary and Mary Mueller, Lynn and Helen Genter

In celebration of Don and Gloria Koch's 67th wedding anniversary, a contribution has been given to: Church Ministry by Stuart and Mary Arends In celebration of Stan and Marion Krakowski's 58th wedding anniversary, a contribution has been given to: <u>Moving Forward</u> by Stan and Marion

In celebration of Wayne Oehmke's 80th Birthday, a contribution has been given to: Church Ministry by Brian and Tracy Teodecki

Thank You...

Thank you for the many cards, calls, and offers of food and help while I was hospitalized. Pastor Arendell's calls and many prayers were so appreciated. I am truly blessed to be part of the St. Peter family. *Sincerely, Bill Wetzel*

We, *the family of Beatrice Stark*, want to say thank you to all those who sent cards and made memorial contributions in her memory.

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.



Connection



Women In The Word Wednesday Bible Study

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Large Conference Room - Enter Door #28

New Study - "Joy," a Study of Philippians

By Deb Burma...Books are available

Contact: Karen Gluski at (586) 207-6201

or gludog2003@yahoo.com

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

CONTINUING TO CARE - GriefShare, Divorce Care, and Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) continue to be offered here at St. Peter. These events of death and divorce are all too common, and while we probably never hope for one or properly prepare for one, they are a reality in our fallen world. While all of these ministries have started, you may join at any time. It may be that you thought you were handling your situation but then realize that you could use some support. So, please consider joining a group; Divorce Care and DC4K meet every Tuesday evening starting with a light meal served from 6:15 to 6:45. GriefShare is also offered at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday morning. Questions may be directed to the Church Office or to Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329.

THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP – October 21 – NOON.

We are excited to inform you that the NEW "Third Thursday Worship Fellowship" event is happening monthly at St. Peter Macomb. The next worship service is October 21, beginning at Noon. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for the communion service followed by a special luncheon and fellowship time. You can enter through Door #1 (South side) or Door #29 (Main church entrance). Handicapped parking is available.

Wheelchairs are available, if needed. We ask that you RSVP no later than Monday, October 18, to the Church Office (586) 781-3434. See you there. *Member Care Team*

ACTS IN ACTION

Ever wanted to take a complete look at a Book of the Bible without feeling rushed? You now have that opportunity. The Sunday morning Adult Bible Class will study a small portion of the Book of Acts each week. See what life was like for the early Christians. Because each of the lessons will cover a separate topic or two, please come even if vou are not able to attend every week. The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Library.

October is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

Continue to pray for our pastors and their families.

Together we can encourage, uplift and support our pastors.

Occasionally send them a note of thanks or thoughtful gift – make their day!

Be kind, be supportive, and be thankful for our pastors.

Everyone can show their appreciation in some small way.

Remember our Pastors everyday but especially in

Ladies, mark your calendars to attend the Annual Evergreen Zone Fall Mini Retreat which will be hosted by our St. Peter Women's Ministry on <u>Saturday, October 16</u>. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Retreat will follow at approximately 9:30 a.m. Our in-gathering this year will be collecting bottles and cans which go to "Neighbors United" - an organization that helps kids with cancer, firemen and veterans. There will be a container on site to deposit them. Or if you prefer, Macomb Foster Closet needs new twin sheets, which you can bring instead. Please wear a hat or

headband that is decorated in some way, preferably with **purple**, as that is the LWML color. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be furnished with soups purchased from Motown Soup Ministries and made by our Women's Ministry. Motown Soup started in 2004 by Dan Karlin, Director of Social Ministries at Trinity, Utica who has a heart for the less advantaged. All ladies are invited to retreat for a morning of inspiration, fun and fellowship. Bring along a friend or family member. You'll be glad you did!

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). 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.

Upcoming Events:

Trunk or Treat — Sunday, October 24 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the North Parking Lot. To register your trunk, go to our website stpetermacomb.com

American Red Cross Blood Drive – Sunday, November 7 – Mark your

calendars



Stay Healthy Exercise Class

Are you feeling tired, stiff or just not yourself? We have the answer. Join some spiritual 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

Blood Pressure Screening –

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 are now located in the Brides Room next to the Fellowship Hall. Stop by for this important health check! 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! 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.

FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

St. Peter, in conjunction with Rite-Aid Pharmacy, is hosting a "drive through" flu vaccination clinic after worship on Saturday, October 16 from 7 - 8 p.m. and on Sunday, October 17 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the south portico at Door #12. A downloadable screening form is available on stpetermacomb.com. It will be helpful to fill that out ahead of time for each member of your family. We will also have forms available on-site. Be sure to fill out your medical insurance number on the form or bring your insurance card with you. Hi-dose vaccine for people over 65 and pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine will also be available.

As we continue to deal with COVID-19 variants, it is more important than ever to be protected against influenza. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccination every season. Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, including older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at a higher risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. The flu vaccine viruses are attenuated (weakened), and therefore cannot cause flu illness.

Please contact Paula at (586) 322-2319 or hoegemeyer@att.net for more information.

Christian Yoga Class

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 hoegemever@att.net or (586) 322-2319.

Education

Our Sunday School is up and running once again. I am grateful for the teachers and helpers that have come forward to dedicate and devote their time to teaching and helping us make Sunday School possible.

"Rally Day" was September 12. Our Sunday School staff hosted an ice cream social. It was an exciting and busy morning. Parents and students were able to meet their teachers and helpers while also enjoying sundaes, activities and crafts.

Classes started on, September 19. Parents of children 3 yrs. (must be potty trained) through 6th. grade are still encouraged to register their children before classes start on Sundays before 9:30 a.m. The list of grades, teachers, and classrooms are posted outside the Sunday School office (next to the School Library).

Our Special Needs Ministry continues and is also for children 3 yrs. - 6th grade. Parents, if you have a child that you feel could benefit from this ministry, please contact Diana Champagne at (586) 215-2221.

Sunday

School

We are looking forward to a blessed year teaching the love of Jesus to all of our students and will continue to pursue the vision at St. Peter: Worship, Service, Connection and Education.

God's Blessings,

Yours in Christ,

Pat Losey, Sunday School Superintendent

From the Board of Education

St. Peter day school and preschool is in session. Our teachers and students are in full swing with lots of learning and educational activities happening on a daily basis. We continue to monitor the community in regards to the pandemic and we are following the guidelines set forth by the Macomb County Health Department.

On a great note, we hosted our first ever Fun Run on Friday, September 24. All of our students and even some faculty participated in the event that took place. Unfortunately, due to the rain, we had to move to the parking lot, but that did not stop the fun. The day was beautiful, our students were able to get in some exercise, and fun was had by all!

Life Team

October Focus: WHEN did you become a person?

Was it when you were conceived? Was it when you became recognizable on an ultrasound? Was it when you became viable-the time that you could live outside the womb? Was it when you were desired by your mom? Or was it when you were born?

The Bible helps us answer those questions! In Luke 1, when Mary greets Elizabeth, Elizabeth's baby leaped in her womb (verse 41). The Greek word for baby in that text is "brephos." In Luke 2, after Jesus is born, an angel announces to the shepherds "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger (verse 12). The Greek word used for the baby Jesus is "brephos." So, in the language the Bible was written, John in Elizabeth's womb and Jesus lying in a manger are each called "baby." And we all know that a "baby" is a person!

Psalm 139 (verses 13, 16) says, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Your eyes saw my unformed body." David is saying that he was a person before he even became recognizable! And it was God who created him-not his mother's desire to have him born! In Psalm 51:5, David states that he was sinful from the time of his conception. Only a person can be sinful-a clump of cells in a womb can't be called sinful!

So, if you agree with the Bible that you became a person at conception, then what do you do about all the other persons who don't believe that a person becomes a person at conception? They believe that abortion is a woman's right. If she doesn't want the baby, then she can have it removed legally here in the USA. The pregnant woman may have been sexually assaulted; she may feel she is too young to be a mother; she may fear that she'll be unable to raise the child by herself; she might believe that she can't afford to raise a child at this particular time in her life, etc. What are you and I doing to help a woman who finds herself in an unplanned pregnancy? How can we help her to keep her unborn baby? How can we help both mom and baby see that they are both loved? God is the creator of both!

[Some of the insights above were taken from a new book <u>PRO(every)LIFE</u> by Pastor Mike Novotny, Copyright 2021- Time of Grace Ministry]

10-Second Pro-Life Apologist:

*If something is growing, isn't it alive?

*If it has human parents, isn't it human?

*And living humans like you and me are valuable, aren't they?

Pray ...

...that every life is valued from the moment of conception until death.

...that we find ways to help those who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies.

...that we find ways to support our Compassion Pregnancy Center on Gratiot in Clinton Twp. North of 16 Mile Rd.

For Life Team questions, comments or concerns, please contact Connie at cedavis5@comcast.net.



Rev. Mark Arendell Interim Sr. Pastor

Mrs. Sandra LaPerriere

Assistant Principal

Mr. Jason von der Lage

Director of Student Ministry



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 **November Keynotes** must be submitted <u>before 4 p.m. on October 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.