

Senior Pastor Vacancy Update

Our last update was posted on StPeterMacomb.com and was given in person at the July Voters' meeting. We highly encourage everyone to attend these meetings in order to participate in the leadership of your Church and School.

Unfortunately, Pastor Wenzelburger informed us that he has decided to continue in his Call at St. John Grand Haven. He indicated the decision was very difficult because the Call to St. Peter was so attractive. His visits to St. Peter were very positive and he enjoyed meeting so many people. In the end, both he and his wife, Shelley, felt like God was calling him to remain at St. John.

Although this was not the outcome many of us have been praying for, we truly want God's will to be done both at St. Peter and at St. John and, therefore, need to move forward knowing that He is in charge and will provide. *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."* - Romans 8:28

We submitted a request for a new Call list to the District office the same week that Pastor Wenzelburger declined the Call, and we're expecting to receive the list in the next couple of weeks. Based upon the time it took to work through the first list, we anticipate reporting to the Voters just before Thanksgiving.

During this time, 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.

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

Update On Sanctuary Screens

The Board of Elders is currently in the process of working with our Modern Worship Director to get quotes for improving our Sanctuary screens.

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Worship

Come As You Are

I am new to the whole idea of choosing a theme for a Church and School year. So, I felt a little lost when I was asked, "Pastor what's the theme for next year?" I was happy when one of the teachers suggested this year's theme to be "Come to Me." I thought that was great because Jesus chose us to be God's children. He wants us to be with Him so He can bless our lives. What has always amazed me is that God actually is asking me to come to Him.

Do you know what the difference is between a man wearing rags and riding a tricycle and a man wearing expensive clothes and riding a bicycle? The difference is a tire. Now of course, that can be taken two ways. When we look at people, what do we judge them by, or what do we judge ourselves by? Is it by the way they look? Is it by what we think they can do?

God looks at people differently. *Matthew 4:18 - As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.* They were at work and wearing their work clothes. If you're working a job that involves manual labor, you're not wearing your best clothes. What they were wearing was probably well worn. There were a few holes and rips, some that were hastily repaired. They were constantly handling fish so their clothes had to carry the odor of fish. From years of handling nets, their strong hands were calloused and scarred from nets cutting into them and missed cuts with a knife. The faces of these men carried with them years of being out in the sun, wind, and rough weather of the seas. The weather adds years to a person's appearance. Even their hair was evidence of years of being exposed to the weather. From the constant sun, wind, and salt spray, their hair was dry and brittle. They were hard working men who spent their lives outdoors. Not being of noble birth or gifted with an advanced education, these were men who depended on their ability to know where fish were and be able to haul heavy nets into a boat. They depended on muscle power as much as brains. These are not a group of men you would expect to lead a life changing revelation. Yet, that is what they did. Not on their own, they had a whole lot of help. *Matthew 4:19 - "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed Him.*

Jesus changed their lives. They went from facing storms on the seas to walking into the storms of people lives. Those men chosen by Jesus went from lives spent looking after their own needs to a life feeding other people the Good News of Jesus. Jesus told them, "follow me" and they did. Their lives were never the same. Jesus taught them and filled their lives so they could fill others. Jesus told you, my friends, "follow me." He has called you to come follow Him.

You may look in the mirror and see all of your short comings. I know I have. But there are times, like right now, when I think, "God who am I to be pastor at such a large church with an amazing school full of people waiting to hear about Jesus?" Then I realize, as I hope you do, Jesus said come follow me. Jesus who died on the cross and rose from the grave to clean my soul has called you and I. Think, Jesus has called you "Come follow Me." Let's go! God is out front, let's follow him. He's got this! *God bless you, Pastor Mark Arendell*

Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I want you to check out the song, "Rest on Us" by Maverick City Music. When you first listen to this song, it might seem very simple in its content and melody. But as you start to break down some of the deeper content this song has to offer, you realize how rich and beautiful it really is. One message this song encourages us to embrace is the fact that God is everywhere at all times. (Jeremiah 23:23-24) Sometimes I think we fall into a trap where we think we have to go to a specific location to meet with God. While I am not at all belittling the importance of coming together in church (Psalm 34:3), we can meet with God right where we are. You simply need to acknowledge the fact that He is always right where you are. When we enter into His presence with that expectancy and recognize that He is already there, we can truly have an opportunity to experience God in a powerful way. *Robert W. Costa, Director Of Modern Worship*



Service

Hope for the Hungry Food Pantry

September volunteer opportunities

Unloading orders:

September 1 and 15 at 9:45 a.m.

Helping with distributions:

September 2 from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

September 16 from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Packing for apartment distributions:

September 11 at 9 a.m.

We need volunteers to come in every month and pack boxes of non perishables. This is a great opportunity for scouts and students needing community service hours.

We added a second apartment complex in New Haven in August, bringing our total number of apartments that we deliver food to once a month to 28. Residents are thrilled to receive this blessing. We have had Stephen Ministers accompany the delivery men so we can minister to residents as well! What an opportunity to provide to them food and prayers!

Hope for the Hungry is forming a Board of Directors. Anyone interested in serving on this board can contact Karen Foust (586) 491-0652.

The Voice paper had a wonderful article covering the pantry's apartment delivery program. The Meijer Simply Give program provided more than \$6,000 in Meijer gift cards, recently. God is good!

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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.

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!



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 the annual "Peacemakers International October Outreach Ministry Event."

Date: Saturday, October 16

The event is held onsite at Peacemakers International, on Chene Street, in Detroit. We will be ministering to the homeless community in that area.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks as we continue to plan for this event.

Thank you in advance for your prayers, and any type of support you will give us, as we seek to serve and minister to those who are less fortunate than we are.

If you have any questions, suggestions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Peace in Christ to you and your family,

Rhonda Fiebelkorn

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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 through September. 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.

College Scholarship Fund Applicant 2021-2022

- Brandon Bettcher - 3rd year, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis - vicarage at St. Paul, Boca Raton, FL

Women's Ministry September Welcome Back Gathering

Open to all the wonderful ladies attending St. Peter! Times are changing and so is the Women's Ministry. Join us for our welcome back gathering, which includes lunch, at our new time from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 9 in the Fellowship Hall. Future monthly gatherings will continue to be on the second Thursday of the month. You can refresh yourself by meeting old friends and new, as well as joyfully serving our ministry. This month's project is pillowcase dresses for the LWML. Please bring any size, used or new, clean pillowcases and fabric scissors, if you have them. Many hands make light work, and the need is great. Also, please remember to bring your mite boxes. If you have the morning free, come see what we are all about. All ages are 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 contact Mrs. Deb Lowry at dlowry@splcs.net.



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

Adult Choir News:

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 Music Room of the school with the first rehearsal of the season being September 9. 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. Singing in the choir counts toward service hours for the school.

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 Brian Campbell, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Bill and Dianne Wetzel
Moving Forward by Jim Schwark

In loving memory of Donna Kukuk, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Raylene Arft and family, Duane and Ruthann Bettcher, Frances Black, Rod Bock, Bob and Marilyn Clore, Jack and Bev Conner, Norman and Ruth Eschenberg, Rachelle Fowler, Edward Gallagher, Sherry Gavin, Roy and Lois Geer, Gary and Rhonda Glefke, Betty Grader, Lois Hale, Bruce and Evelyn Haley, Robert and Lori Herbert, Frank and Suzanne Hollewa, John and Pat Hurttgam, Jerry and Donna Jackson, Mike and Pam Jagoda, Bob and Judy Juengel, Ruth Klein, Ronald and Beth Kling, Tracy Kowalski, Harold Kreger, Paul Kreger, Don and Dorthea Kurek, Sr., Russ and Janet Lewis, Mike Lutz, Kurt Marcath, Phyllis Marcath, Ralph and Evelyn Marcath, Tamara McRae and Family, Milton and Evelyn Miller, Guy and Deborah Milton, Russ Montney, Wayne and Virginia Oehmke, Diane Penzien, Michelle Penzien, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rang, Joseph and Michelle Riccobono, Philip and Joyce Rice, Paula and Dennis Schramm, Nelson and Barbara Schramm, May Schramm, Doug and Heidi Schwark, Mark and Linda Schwark, Gary and Rita Stark, Ed and Marilyn Stricker, Barry and Vickie Wangelin, Bob and Kris Walter, Brian and Julie Wright
Moving Forward by Bob and Sue Schwark
Women's Ministry by Paul and Karen Bowers

In loving memory of Jackie Kukuk, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Tim and Linda Klein, Nancy Kling, John Lembke, May Schramm, and Kathleen Systemann

Thank Offerings

In celebration of Wayne Oehmke's 80th birthday, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Bob and Sue Schwark
For blessings received, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Mark and Linda Schwark
In celebration of the baptism of Brooks Gulecki, a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by his parents, Eric and Kaleigh

Thank You...

The quilting group would like to thank all of those who donated material, sheets or money. We are very grateful. *Mary Ann Demetrakeas*

THANK YOU! Wow! We had such a wonderful response to the bookbag, school supplies and sock drive for the homeless children of Macomb County who are served by Macomb Charitable Foundation. Thank you so much for your support and generosity. You are such a blessing to these children. To God be the glory.

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

September 15, 2021 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.**

GriefShare is going to be meeting in-person starting September 21, Tuesday evenings. A light meal will be served from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. Then the group will assemble for the meeting. The meal time will allow for fellowship and sharing, but if you prefer, come just for the meeting. You may register on-line with GriefShare or you may just call Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329 or go to stpetermacomb.com and then church and then Serve, Learn and Grow. From there you will be directed to GriefShare.

It has been a difficult year-and-a-half, and if you suffered the loss of a family member or good friend during those months, please prayerfully consider joining this Christian and confidential support group. If you have questions or want more information, call Linda. May God bless you with His peace and His presence.

If the Tuesday evening GriefShare doesn't fit your schedule, we are offering the group also on Thursday morning at 10:30 starting September 23. As noted in the above article you may register through GriefShare, calling Linda Dunklau, or on the St. Peter website.

ACTS IN ACTION

Ever wanted to take a complete look at a Book of the Bible without feeling rushed? You now have that opportunity. Beginning September 19, 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 you are not able to attend every week. The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the library.

**Stay Healthy Exercise Class –
beginning Monday, September 13
– 9 a.m. - 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.

**Blood Pressure Screening –
beginning Sunday, September 12
– 9 a.m. - 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 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.***

Divorce Care and DC4K A new ministry is starting here at St. Peter, Divorce Care and DC4K. Divorce Care for Kids will commence on Tuesday, September 21. We will start with an optional light meal served in the Large Conference Room from 6:15 p.m. until 6:45 p.m., and then the groups will meet. Divorce Care offers a chance to heal and move forward after a divorce, but you may also attend if divorce is a possibility but not yet a certainty. You may register in advance at the Divorce Care website or at stpetermacomb.com, In the Know. If you have a question, call Anne Westphal at (248) 909-4230.

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.

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

Education

Sunday School



You're Invited!

Sunday School Rally Day!

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Please join us for a "Free Ice Cream Social" in the Crossroads and the chance to meet the teachers and helpers. Stop in any time between 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (no classes that day). It's for the entire family! Students may be registered at these times. OR: Please visit our church website <http://www.StPeterMacomb.com> click on church, then click on Serve, Learn and Grow. Find Sunday School and scroll down to the Registration Form.

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

Sunday School is run from Sept. 12 (Rally Day) through May 15 on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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.

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

Blessings to All!

Pat Losey, *Sunday School Superintendent*

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From the Board of Education

St. Peter day school is back in session. The doors opened on August 25, 2021 to 424 students! We are blessed to have approximately 75 more students for the 2021-22 school year; this is up from last year, and many families are new to St. Peter. Due to the increase in student body, our staff has grown as well (see below). We currently have three sections of both Kindergarten and first grades.

Preschool will be back in session beginning September 13.

We are all looking forward to a happy and productive school year!

We have been blessed with several new staff members this year! Help us welcome them to the St. Peter staff, and read more about them on the next page!

Welcome New Staff!

Mrs. Roseanna PeLong — 1st Grade

Hello! My name is Roseanna PeLong, but I go by Rose. I am so excited to be starting at St. Peter as a first-grade teacher! I will be moving to Macomb Twp. very soon from Waterford. I began my education career at the University of Michigan in Flint, earning a Bachelor of Arts with majors in German, History, and English and a minor in French. I was a stay-at-home mom for a few years before I began working as a preschool assistant at Good Shepherd Lutheran school in Lake Orion. It was my time as an assistant where I discovered a love of working with young children. A few years ago, I went back to school and earned a master's in early childhood education from the University of Michigan-Flint and a second master at Oakland University. My second master is in elementary education. I have also finished most of the Colloquy program through Concordia University. I completed my student teaching at Webb Elementary in Hazel Park, during the pandemic. I am married with five children, only one is still at home and will be attending St. Peter in the fall. I enjoy reading, baking, and crafting in my spare time. My husband, son, and I love to travel whenever we get a chance. Our favorite place to go is St. Thomas. We also enjoy camping in Michigan and have recently returned from a trip to St. Ignace and Mackinac Island. I am looking forward to getting to know the area and especially getting to know the children in my care and watch them grow in their faith in Jesus.



Mrs. Kelly Teltow — 3rd Grade



My name is Kelly Teltow, and I am a proud member of St. Peter. My family has been members since my oldest son began Kindergarten in 2016, and now all three of our boys are students at St. Peter! I am thrilled to be the newest member of the staff as I take on third grade! My undergraduate degree in Elementary Education is from Grand Valley State University, and my Master's was recently completed through the American College of Education. I have taught in third grade and first grade, and have subbed in most other grade levels. I took several years off of teaching to raise our family and I'm so thrilled to be back doing what I love in our "second home." My family and I reside in Macomb with our dog, Ollie. We love camping, being with friends and family, and filling our time with all the sports! I cannot wait to share my love of Jesus and learning with all of my new students!

Miss Meghan Wiley — 4th Grade

Hello! My name is Meghan Wiley. I grew up in Port Huron, Michigan, and attended Trinity Lutheran School in Port Huron while growing up. After graduating from high school, I worked at Trinity Lutheran for 9 years while attending St. Clair County Community College and Oakland University. I graduated from OU with a BS in Elementary Education. After college, I worked at St. Edward on-the-Lake School for 4 years and taught third grade. I'm so excited to now be at St. Peter! It is going to be a great year. As for what I like to do outside of school - I love to spend time with my dog, Finnicks, read, write, work out and dance, watch movies and TV shows, and spend time with loved ones.



Mrs. Nichole Harrison — 5th Grade

Hello, my name is Nichole Harrison. I grew up in a small town that was close to Portland, Oregon. I went to George Fox University starting in 2014 and graduated in 2018. This small university gave me the opportunity to play basketball, a sport I loved at a competitive level, and gave me a great educational background. The university taught me many lessons in compassion for children, the value of building relationships, and building my confidence in myself. After graduating I started my career as a teacher. In my spare time, I love to be active and be outside. I find it refreshing and uplifting when you are able to be outside during all seasons. One of my favorite hobbies is hiking. Living in Oregon for most of my life, I was blessed to live about two hours from the beaches, mountains, and trails, specifically created to hike. I also enjoy kayaking, running, and skiing. I am an avid reader, a huge board game fan, an excellent home chef, and have recently taken up gardening. This summer I made a few life changes. My first was getting married on June 19. Secondly, I moved across the United States to Michigan. Lastly, my husband was installed as the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in New Baltimore.



Mrs. Adele King — Preschool Paraprofessional

Hello! My name is Adele King, and I am honored to join the staff at St. Peter Lutheran Macomb as a Preschool Assistant for the 2021-2022 school year. My husband (Kurt) and I are members of St. Peter, and our daughters (Claudia and Amelia) attend the Day School. I love to laugh, especially at myself, and in my free time, I enjoy dancing and karate.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pichette — Preschool Paraprofessional

My name is Elizabeth Pichette. I am excited to begin my first year as a preschool assistant. My background is in Human Resource Development but I have always wanted to work in a classroom. My husband, Anthony, and I have three children, two of which attend St. Peter. Benjamin is five (kindergarten), Joshua is three (preschool) and Emma is ten months old. Back in 2006, I graduated from Lutheran High North it is very rewarding to be back in a Lutheran school. In my spare time, I enjoy being with family, praying, baking, and doing anything outdoors. I am so excited to see what God has in store for this school year.



Mrs. Deb Knutson — Preschool Paraprofessional

My name is Deb Knutson. I have 2 daughters, Isabel (4th) and Scarlett (2nd), both are students here at St. Peter. My stepdaughter, Courtney, graduated from LHN in 2014, and is currently in OU's Nursing Program. My husband, Matt, and I have been married for 11 years and have been members of St. Peter for 8 years. I have been a substitute teacher in both the preschool, for the past 3 years, and in the day school, for 1 year. I love working with children and I am very excited to join Mrs. Audet's preschool class this year!

Life Team

September Focus: The Gift of Children With Disabilities

Over the years, I have learned to appreciate more and more the unconditional love and self-sacrifice of parents who are raising children with disabilities. Some people in our culture believe that if a person doesn't have a college education, or doesn't have letters of several degrees behind their name, they really don't have anything to offer our society. This is just wrong thinking! So often the opposite is true. Angela Schwindt says, "While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." Those with disabilities can teach us so much. I've personally experienced this in our extended family.

Haley's Mom, our cousin's daughter, writes: "When Haley was born we were told that she would never sit, stand, walk, or communicate with us. Not only once, but twice. She learned to sit, stand, walk, and communicate. SHE SHOWED THEM THEY WERE WRONG!! Autism has taken so much away from her. However, Haley has overcome many obstacles in her life and amazes me each and every day. She gives us so much joy and happiness every day. She has been learning how to spell letter by letter and is 'killing' it. (Haley with letter board in photo) She is able to communicate with me and has such a way with words. I am beyond thankful that we were introduced to S2C (Spell to Communicate) so that she can express her thoughts and knowledge and not live in silence anymore. During a lesson read to her on words, Haley was asked what is one of the longest words in the English language? Haley spelled 'antidisestablishmentarianism'! Haley listens to everything happening around her and understands so much more than we think she does. Never underestimate those that are different because they are just like you and me. They know what you are saying and are smarter than you think. Always presume competence. Be kind to those who are different than you...accept them, help them, include them. They have feelings too. A little kindness can change someone's life. I asked Haley if you could share her story and she spelled, 'Ask her to tell others that she is spelling right now, that it's important to let others know they can too'."



How incredible that this young girl, who has overcome such extreme obstacles, brings such joy into her world and is an encourager to others.

Pray ...

...for parents of children with disabilities...that God would grant them wisdom and patience in raising their children.

...that St Peter would be a place that welcomes and includes those who are disabled.

...for our Sunday School teachers and helpers who include children with disabilities in their classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 18 - Speaking the Truth in Love on Life Issues -- St. Luke Clinton Twp.
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. No cost. Lunch provided. RSVP to Lauren Schaidt (586) 214-3116.

Sunday, October 3 – St. Peter Macomb, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. -- Life Chain

Please prayerfully consider participating in this annual event of silent prayer...witnessing to our community that St Peter is a church that believes life is valued from conception to death.

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.

The History of the St. Peter Ladies Aid and Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The Ladies Aid of St. Peter was organized in February of 1926. Over the years, the ladies have faithfully fulfilled the objective set at the first meeting 95 years ago which is to support and further the welfare of our Congregation and the Church at large. To provide Christian fellowship among the women of our society.

The Michigan District LWML was organized in 1944. Our St. Peter group was organized 67 years ago in October of 1954. The mission statement of LWML is: "to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world."

In 1999, the Ladies Aid and LWML groups merged forming one organization renaming it "Women's Ministry". This group of ladies continues to serve this congregation and the world in various ways. The projects include supporting our missionaries and seminarians, sending notes to our college students, packing cheer boxes for our shut-ins, visiting the nursing home, providing funeral luncheons, the care and upkeep of the Altar, collecting Mites for missions, making quilts, baby care kits, school kits and wellness kits for the poorest of the poor, raising funds through pie sales and cookie walks and using the proceeds to enhance our buildings as well as provide services that might not otherwise be available and so much more!

The Women's Ministry 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."

As we will begin a new Kick-off meeting September 9, we encourage every lady to join us in fun and fellowship. *See page 4 for details.*



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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 **October Keynotes** must be submitted before 4 p.m. on September 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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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!

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