

New Senior Pastor

We are very pleased to announce that Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger has accepted the Call issued by the St. Peter voters on Sunday, October 10 to be our Senior Pastor. An installation date will be announced soon. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Kurt, his wife, Shelley, and family to St. Peter.

As a reminder, here is some information on Pastor Kurt. After serving as a science teacher in Lutheran schools for 14 years, Pastor Kurt attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to become a pastor. He then served at Beautiful Savior in Milwaukee, WI, and Divine Redeemer in Hartland, WI, before accepting the Call to serve as Senior Pastor at St. John's Grand Haven, in 2017. Pastor Kurt and his wife, Shelley, have been blessed with two children, Garrett and Jana, along with a wonderful daughter-in-law, Hannah, a grandson, Luke, and a granddaughter, Ella. Besides being a husband, father and grandfather, Pastor Kurt loves to fish, golf and cheer on the St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers.



"Through our congregation and school, the Lord continues to remind me of the importance of developing and growing relationships. It's through these everyday relationships that we have the opportunity to live out who we are and Who it is that we've been chosen to follow - our Lord, Jesus."

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 2:3-5

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

We also want to thank Pastor Arendell for his exemplary service as Interim Senior Pastor as well as Pastor Meyer for his additional work. Please keep St. John Grand Haven in your prayers as they now seek to fill their Senior Pastor position.

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."
- Jeremiah 3:15

To God be the Glory!

Bruce Brendle, Congregation President

Wayne Oehmke, 1st Vice President

Michael Smith, Chairman, Board of Elders

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Stewardship Drive – 2022

“Unlock the Door – Finances – the Stewardship of Giving from the Heart.”

Stewardship tithing is something that our members strive to do annually. During November, we encourage our members to prayerfully consider their regular intentional giving to support the mission and vision of St. Peter in the coming New Year. Everyone should give, not out of responsibility, but with a grateful heart for all God has done for him or her.

This year, members will be able to pledge on-line and/or in person. The formal presentation of giving intentions during worship service will be the weekend of Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21. To pledge online go to www.St.PeterMacomb.com and click the following three (3) buttons: Church, In the Know and the name of this year's campaign, “Unlock the Door – Finances – the Stewardship of Giving from the Heart.” There you will find a form to help you enter your desired regular intentional giving for 2022, a 1-Year Pledge. Once submitted, the Finance Office will receive notification and your stewardship tithe will be recorded into the Church database. To make on-line payments, you can follow the

“Link” provided at the bottom of the form and/or click on the “Giving” tab. When setting up on-line payments for your “General Operating (Tithe)” and/or “Less Debt, More Love (Debt Reduction),” be sure to read the steps listed. If new, create a profile and indicate donation frequency and start date. Your profile is always amendable and the Finance Office is available to help if you want assistance and/or encounter any issues. Don't hesitate to call!

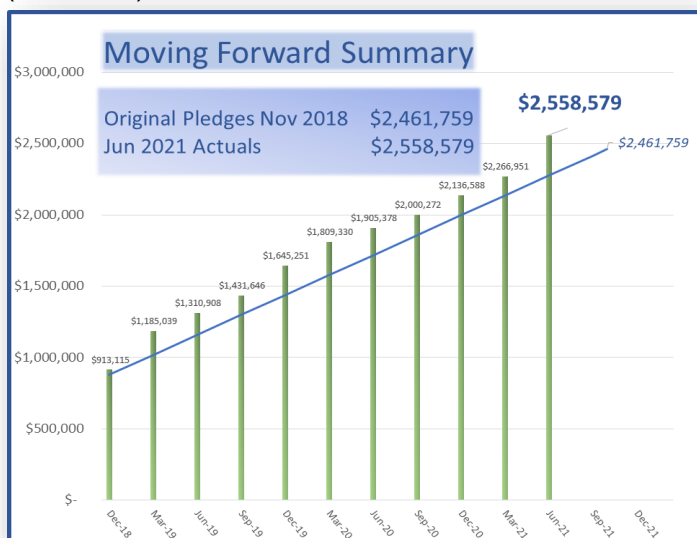
If you are not filling out a pledge card on-line, we will have them available in the Church Office or in the Narthex area of the Church. You can place the form in an offering plate or bring/mail to the Church Office. For your convenience, there is a DROP BOX located on the brick wall just outside the Church Office entrance (Door #28).

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.

In December, the office will be closed on Friday, December 24, Monday, December 27, and Friday, December 31. The office will be open on Thursday, December 30, to receive year-end charitable contributions. Contributions received or postmarked by Friday, December 31, will be applied to your 2021 financial statement. If you give on-line, it takes several days for these transactions to clear and actually hit St. Peter's bank account. If a contributor wants their ACH or credit card donation posted in 2021, they must appear on St. Peter's bank statement by December 31 (not after).

Should you have any questions, please contact Diane Hernden.



IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES!

2022 offering envelopes have been renumbered! Please be sure that you pick up your “new” envelopes in the Narthex area around mid-November. Please, DO NOT USE old envelopes as your number may not be the same as it was previously and your donations could potentially be posted to the wrong individual/family.

For questions, please contact Diane Hernden, Business Mgr. (586) 781-3434 or dhernden@splcs.net.

Worship

Since October was Pastor appreciation month, I thought it might be a good idea to let you what I am thinking about on Sunday morning. Right before the service starts I stand in the entrance to the church next to the baptism font. Standing there alone, I take survey of what is happening in front of me. This is my favorite time of day! This is what gets me out of bed at 5:30 a.m. five days a week.

The sights and the sounds send joy through my soul. Hearing the greetings, voices, and laughter are some of my favorite sounds. It is a sound that signals the day I have been waiting for all week.

Seeing the smiles on the faces of the people who I have become friends and have shared life with, my soul soars. I can't help the smile that comes across my face as I think how blessed I am to do what I do.

The noise in the room grows and so does my joy. I can get lost in all the voices and faces. But, in the back of my mind, I am saying I can't wait. I'm like a kid on Christmas morning waiting to be told it is ok, you can open the presents now.

When Terry or Ed ring the bells or Robert points to his watch, a surge of nervous excitement goes through me. I think to myself, "yes this is it, let's go." I approach the altar and thank God that He chose me to serve Him at St. Peter. As I turn to say good morning, I am filled with joy thinking how awesome is this.

This is a snap shot of what I feel before every service here at St. Peter. For all of you, my friends, I will let God's Word speak for how I feel about serving here at St. Peter.

Philippians 1:2-6 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

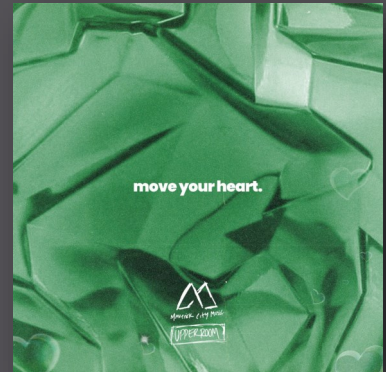
**God bless,
Pastor Mark Arendell**

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

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 118:1)
This month I want you to check out the song, "I Thank God" by Maverick City. Far too many times, when we turn to God, we approach Him with only requests. While this is perfectly normal, and our heavenly Father is happy we turn to Him instead of other things, how often do we circle back to thank Him? Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and this wonderful reminder to be thankful is rushed by to get to Black Friday (which is really Thursday) and Cyber Monday all in preparation for Christmas. I challenge you throughout November to pause, appreciate the blessings you have and thank Him. It is so import to turn to Him in thanksgiving. Try using Psalm 100 and this song in your daily devotion to kick start hearts of gratitude this holiday season.

Robert W. Costa, Director Of
Modern Worship

Service

Hope for the Hungry Food Pantry

Distribution Dates:

November 4 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

November 18 from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Unpacking Deliveries:

November 3 and 17 from 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Ways You Can Serve:

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 youth. Times and days are flexible.

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

We will 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 be making up boxes to provide each family a complete turkey dinner and 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 27 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 also need occasional help in unloading bulk orders from Meijer. These dates and times vary.

We are looking for volunteers who might want to help with the Panera Friday night donation deliveries. This could be picking up from either of the stores we partner with, helping to sort and put away those items, or having access to the pantry building and receiving and putting away those donations. Please contact me if this is something you might be interested in.

H4TH has a new Board of Directors:

Gail Hernalsteen
Rhonda Fiebelkorn
Marge Clancy
JoAnn Wilkins
RoseAnn Budnick
Brian Baker
Karen Foust
Carol Poterek

Several times a month volunteer opportunities, praise reports, etc. are sent out to all on the pantry mailing list. Please contact me at the email below to be added.

Blessings continue to be abundant on our food pantry. 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

Christmas Gifts for Nursing Home Residents Women's Ministry will be collecting gifts for the residents at the Advantage Living Center in Armada. It's a wonderful way to share the love of Jesus and a sure way to make someone's Christmas just a little more special! This year they are asking for general gifts for men and women. Please wrap them and leave them in the Church Office or by the Sunday morning desk on or before December 6. You can sign the gift tag or card with your name and also St. Peter Lutheran Church. Please label the gifts with the contents so the Activities Director will know how to distribute them.

Suggested gift ideas are: flannel pajama bottoms, cozy socks, diabetic socks (Debby's Dollar usually has them), devotional books, Christmas or Country CDs, light catchers, large print word search books, adult coloring books, Christmas throws, music boxes, calendars, body spray or body lotion, and men's toiletries. Please no food or candy. They also like lap blankets.

Christmas Caroling at the nursing home in Armada is tentatively set for Friday, December 17. However, participation will depend on COVID restrictions at that time. More information will be available in the December Keynotes.

Thank you all in advance for participating in this wonderful ministry! If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Wangelin at (586) 749-3325.

Christmas Decorating Our holiday calendars fill up fast so please save Saturday morning, December 11, at 9:00 a.m. to help decorate the sanctuary and put up the outdoor nativity. With some good music, some good laughter, and many willing hands, the work is made light and we will be done by 10:30 or so. The Christmas trees in the narthex will be decorated earlier that week. Any questions, please contact Vickie Wangelin (586) 749-3325. (Take down will be on January 8, 2022)

Board of Trustees and Altar Guild

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.

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.

ST. PETER RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Peter is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, November 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Please note that our blood drive site has moved. We now will be located in the gym on the south side of St. Peter. Enter via Door #14

The American Red Cross and St. Peter continue to follow current COVID safety protocols including social distancing and face masks for all donors, volunteers, and Red Cross workers. Blood is desperately needed in these post-pandemic times. We ask you to prayerfully consider signing up by contacting redcrossblood.org or Paula Hoegemeyer - (586) 322-2319 - hoegemeyer@att.net.

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.

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!



Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Pat Gohdes, a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Donna Eplett, Don and Marilyn Gearhart, Anna Jarrod, Ruth Klein, Sue Rosteck, Wilma Wangelin, James and Mary Wank
Giving Tree by Bill and Dianne Wetzel

In loving memory of Deron Gluski, a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Duane and Ruthann Bettcher,
Moving Forward by Diane Penzien, Jerry and Janet Stange

In loving memory of Gordon Logan, a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Roy and Joyce Schwark

In loving memory of Bea Stark, a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Leonard and Diane Bertrand, Rachelle Blake, Lorraine Bock, Donna Eplett, Gary and Rhonda Glefke, Ronald and Lucille Glefke, Bruce and Evelyn Haley, Ardell Hauss, Robert and Lori Herbert, Brian Hurttienne, Lester and Donna Jackson, Ruth Klein, Nancy Kling, Judith Kukuk, Donald and Dorothea Kurek, Mark and Carolyn Malaski, Ralph and Evelyn Marcath, Nancy McCleary, Tamara McRae, Milton and Evelyn Miller, Noreen Mullen, Rosanne Penzien, Shelly Penzien, Nancy Reinhardt, Keith and Sallie Rengert, Nelson and Barbara Schramm, Roy and Joyce Schwark, Glen and Deborah Stark, Madonna Stark, Thomas and Karen Treppa, Wilma Wangelin, Ken and Barbara Zalewski,

Moving Forward by Duane and Ruthann Bettcher, Rod Bock, Stan and Marion Krakowski, Lorraine Rosso, Mark and Linda Schwark, Jerry and Janet Stange

In Loving memory of Elmer Stark, a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Duane and Ruthann Bettcher

Moving Forward by Joyce Kraatz, Shelly Penzien, Nelson and Barbara Schramm, Mark and Linda Schwark, Jerry and Janet Stange

Thank Offerings

In celebration of Christopher and Carrie Bennett's wedding, a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Roy and Joyce Schwark

In appreciation of blessings received, a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Stuart and Mary Arends

In celebration of Hank and Kim Stallmann's 28th wedding anniversary on October 8, a contribution has been given to:

Moving Forward by Hank and Kim

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.



Thank You...

Greetings from South Florida!

Thank you for your support of my seminary education over vicarage. It is such a blessing to my wife, Taylor, and I. We just got married in June and have begun our vicarage at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Boca Raton, Florida. It has already been a great experience! I have been blessed with so many opportunities, such as preaching, helping teach 8th grade religion, and helping with chapel. I even had the chance to dress as Noah for preschool religion which I will definitely always remember! Speaking of preschool, Taylor is now serving as the 3 year old preschool aide which has been a great blessing to us!



The members of St. Paul have been so generous and have shown us many of the great things to do in South Florida. We feel truly blessed by this vicarage and your support makes it all possible. May God bless you always and again thank you for your love, prayers, and support!

In Christ,

Brandon and Taylor Bettcher

THANK YOU!! The Quilts and Kits are on their way to areas where they are the most needed. We thank everyone who donated items for the kits and quilts and helped make and assemble them this year. We especially want to thank Bob Kogelmann for delivering them. The total number of items sent this year: 101 School Kits, 77 Wellness Kits, 74 Baby Layette Kits and 200 Quilts! This year we sent 100 of the quilts to Chene Street. All of this could not have been possible without your help. Give God the glory!
Joyce Schwark

Many thanks to Rite-Aid Pharmacy and pharmacist Patty Gergics for another successful flu vaccination clinic at St. Peter on October 16/17. Sixty-six people took advantage of the drive through opportunity after worship hours.

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. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. If you have not been vaccinated, consult with your physician or local pharmacist for information.

Your Parish Nurse Team - Paula, Jennifer, Anita

Dear St. Peter Church & School Families,

We are ever so grateful and thankful to all of you, for your prayers, support, cards and remembrance gifts regarding the sudden death of our son, Deron, Lily's dad. We have been blessed by the love of Christ through all of you. *Rich, Karen & Lily Gluski*

Connection



Women In The Word Wednesday Bible Study

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

Large Conference Room - Enter Door #28

No Wednesday Bible Study—11/24

“Joy,” a Study of Philippians

By Deb Burma...Books are available

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

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 you are not able to attend every week. The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Library.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!? You might be thinking, “Yeah, right.” If you have recently gone through a divorce or if you have lost a loved one—and maybe not so recently but possibly in years past—you may actually be dreading the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. How can you celebrate when you’re dealing with a relationship that is broken by death or by divorce? There is help, and it is practical, easy-to-implement help. St. Peter will be sponsoring two separate events, Surviving the Holidays (GriefShare) and Surviving the Holidays (Divorce Care) on Sunday, November 14, and again on Sunday, December 12. The presentations will begin at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to come and glean some relevant help by watching a time-tested video. You will also be given a take-home book to aid you in not just surviving, but even thriving during the upcoming festivities. Enter through the Church Office Door #28. Feel free to invite friends and family members to join you as you approach what could be a difficult time of year. May you truly find joy and peace in the upcoming days.

GriefShare – Our GriefShare support group continues to meet on Tuesday evening at 6:45 with an identical presentation Thursday morning (but not Thanksgiving Day) at 10:30. You may join this group at any time; come whenever you are ready to reach out to walk with others also experiencing grief. Enter through the Church Office Door #28. Call Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329 if you want more information.

Divorce Care – On-going support is available with our Divorce Care and DC4K (Divorce Care for Kids) ministries. This group is open to new members at any time. They meet in the Church Office wing (Door #28) on Tuesday evenings at 6:45. Anne Westphal may be reached at (248) 909-4230 if you have a question.

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.

Advent By Candlelight

Ladies – time to prepare for our annual Advent by Candlelight at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30.

Sign up to host a table by contacting Lisa Ventimiglio lventimiglio@splcs.net. (No cost, free will offering.)

Hostesses decorate a table and invite 7 guests (friends, neighbors, family) to fill their tables. Join us for music, nourishment, fellowship, and a message from our guest speaker, Alicia Winget from Grace Lutheran in Romeo. Please contact Lisa with any questions. This is a great event to kick off the Advent Season!

Blood Pressure Screening –

PLEASE NOTE: Blood Pressure Screening is cancelled for the month of November. It will resume on Sunday, December 12 between services. The Parish Health Team does blood pressure screenings **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.*** For questions, please call Carol Poterek at (586) 566-3785.

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.

ST. PETER WOMEN'S MINISTRY NOVEMBER INVITATION

To: All St. Peter Women
From: Women's Ministry Board
When: November 4, 2021 (first Thursday!)
Time: 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Devotions & Music by: J. Schwark and J. Gozdor

Refreshment Committee: R. Bettcher, J. Juengel, M. Niemann

Activities & Discussion points:

- Pack Shut-in Cheer Boxes – please bring approximately 40 prepackaged foods, snacks, etc.
- Plan to sign up for December Cookie Walk Event – set-up, selling, or cleanup after services.
- Discuss December event – Advent by Candlelight which is scheduled for November 30.

PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE FINANCE OFFICE

On December 31, Doni Vogt will be retiring. Did you know that she has devoted 24 years of faithful service to St. Peter? The Finance Office is transitioning some of its responsibilities to Maria Morelli, former Preschool Finance Secretary and to an outside CPA firm. Please congratulate Doni on this new chapter in her life. Be sure to stop by the office with your farewell wishes as she embarks on this new life's journey.

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

Education

Our Sunday School continues with 11 teachers and 10 helpers assisting the teachers and students. I am very thankful for this volunteer staff that is dedicated and devoted to our Sunday School.

We have started to work on our Christmas Service which will be presented on Sunday, December 12, at the 9:30 a.m. service. The title of our service this year is "Sound the bells! The Savior is Born!"

It takes a lot of team effort for our teachers, helpers and students to do a great job.

Parents of Sunday School students, please be sure your child(ren) is in regular attendance throughout the next several weeks to prepare for this special service.

God's blessings & yours in Christ,

Pat Losey

Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday School



Keep your faith and the faith of your family growing!

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

[Ages: Baby - Toddler](#)

[Ages: 10-12](#)

[Ages: Preschool](#)

[Ages: 12-14](#)

[Ages: 5-8](#)

[Ages: 14-18](#)

[Ages: 8-10](#)

Additional resources for adult devotions and online Bible studies are available on the [Resources page](#) of our website.

HISTORY CORNER



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

Attending St. Peter Lutheran School in the 1950's

Many of the elderly St. Peter members also went to elementary school at St. Peter. Here are some memories from students of the 1950's. It was a little different from school today.

Classes at St. Peter were held in the two upstairs rooms in the building that is now called His Rock. One classroom was for grades 1-3, and one for grades 4-8. There was a boys' and girls' cloak room where coats and lunches were kept. Sometimes a class would go in one of them together to practice multiplication tables as a group. Each row of desks was a separate grade. Eighth grade sat by the windows. After school, some students cleaned the chalk erasers by beating them on the outside walls.

On the first day of pheasant hunting season, Teacher Kaiser would put his stuffed pheasant out on the playground to fool hunters. Sometimes he also let us listen to the Detroit Tiger ball games on the radio. Since Teacher Kaiser was the church organist, we practiced our handwriting by copying hymns from the chalk board. We also sang those hymns for funerals in church. A class would go to the front of the room and take turns reading, reciting Memory Work, doing math problems or diagramming sentences. In the spring, we'd go looking for wildflowers.

In the winter, we would go skating or sliding on the ice in the ditch. In warm weather, there were always lunchtime baseball games, games of Red Rover, jump rope, or Square Dancing in the basement by the eighth graders (and hope you didn't get caught).

Since St. Peter didn't have a school library then, every other Friday the county Book Mobile would come and we'd get to sign out books and trade them. In warm weather, the ice cream truck would also stop on Friday afternoons. Yum!

The basement had a kitchen where many banquets were prepared. The smells coming up from the food were mouth-watering. A smell and taste we didn't like was from bleach put in the drinking water. Confirmation class was held in the basement with the pastor. There also was a furnace room that some students visited for a lesson in behavior. Everyone also took turns sweeping the classroom floors after school.

There was no phone in the school, so if you had to call home, it was from Teacher Kaiser's house. All school children were in the Christmas program on Christmas Eve. On the way out of church, every child received a bag of peanuts and an orange.

Several times a year, there would be a school newspaper drive where newspapers would be dropped off at school and loaded onto one of the farmers' big trucks. They would drive the papers to Detroit and sell them to help pay for school supplies.

Ironically, it was the time that the polio vaccine was discovered, and all students received it at school in a sugar cube. Those were the days!

Article submitted by Historical Committee member, Joyce Schwark.

Life Team

November Focus: What Do You Think?

There are some disturbing ideas currently being promoted in our culture by people of influence, such as educators, politicians, scientists, entertainers, etc. As Christians, followers of Christ, it is our responsibility to 1) know what is being promoted as truth and 2) know what God says about these frightening ideas. What do you think about these statements and how would you respond to someone who confronts you with these ideas?

**** A Hollywood actress and TV hostess has stated it's her right as a Christian parent to have her grandchild killed in an abortion if her daughter is raped. [www.lifenews.com/2021/09/08] God says in Deuteronomy 5:17: - *"You shall not kill."* and in Psalm 82:4 - *"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."***

****Some say a person is created by desire. If the time isn't right, if the desire isn't there, then a human being isn't there. That isn't a person. Not until his/her mother wants it to be so. [Pro (every) Life by Mike Novotny]**

In Jeremiah 1:5 God says – ***"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you."*** Before our bodies were knit together in our mother's womb, God knew us as a person and had purpose and meaning for our life.

****There are at least five biological sexes and 52 genders. [https://www.mvorganizing.org/what-are-the-5-biological-sexes/]**

God says in Genesis 1:27- ***"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."***

****The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) fights for stronger laws to protect animals. Their ad on TV states: I won't stand by while they suffer. This is a good thing, for God created the animals and has made us stewards of all He created. Genesis 1:28 says, *"God said to them (Adam and Eve)...have dominion over every living thing that moves upon the earth."* However, in our nation unborn children are not protected. It is legal to abort them up to the moment of birth, and there is no protection for children who survive an abortion procedure. They are left to die. Do we love and value animals more than human children, more than 2,300 of whom are killed every day in the United States alone. [www.lifeissues.org/abortionstats]**

To whom do we listen? Whose ideas do we support? The world's truth which is whatever you want it to be, or God's truth which is what scripture says? Let us not be silent on these issues.

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Pray ...

...that as Christians we recognize and speak out against the dangerous and deceitful ideas promoted by Satan

...that our words and actions reflect God's truth

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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.

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Please submit articles without formatting in a Word document. Thank you!



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