

From Gloria to Alleluia

And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Luke 24:5-6a

I have a confession to make. As your new Senior Pastor, I couldn't help but think about what it is that I could share that would make a good first impression. So, after much thought and deliberation, here's what I came up with.

I used to work in a cemetery.

How's that for an attempt at making a good first impression? At least it's a good conversation starter, depending on what you consider to be a "good" conversation starter.

It's true, though. For six summers during high school and college, I worked 40 hours a week in a large cemetery cutting grass, weed-eating, trimming shrubs, hauling brush, and (my favorite) cleaning tombstones; and during the course of those six summers, never once did any of the local "residents" bother me.

Never once did I have an encounter with anyone who was buried there. Not once did anyone in that cemetery get in the way of my work, and not once did I ever see a grave suddenly become vacated and empty. What I quickly discovered is that, if you can get past all of the scary cemetery scenes that we find in stories, movies, or books, cemeteries are actually quite peaceful. The reason is simple. Contrary to at least one popular television series, dead people don't come to life.

Now, I realize that I probably didn't need to point this out, as harsh it sounds, but if I were to go and visit the graves of my mom and dad, I know that their bodies are still going to be where we placed them. That's just the way things have worked since Abel was killed by his brother, Cain, and it's the way it appeared it would remain until that day when grace burst forth.

That's exactly what the women discovered on that first Easter morning. What was once considered a cold hard fact about how things work here on earth had now been completely shattered and upended by the same Jesus whose birth we just celebrated.

That's why the season of Christmas and Epiphany remain as important as ever. With the arrival of our Savior, Jesus, and Him revealing Himself as the One who has conquered sin and death, the grave no longer has the final say and everything has been turned upside down.

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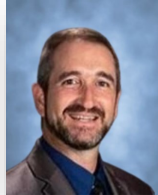
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The temporal has been made eternal, and a new hope rises out of the depths of despair and grief with the words of those angels who may have very well been a part of the heavenly host who proclaimed the birth of Jesus. “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

When grace was ushered in by way of Jesus, even cemeteries would never again be seen as the final resting place for any of those whom Christ has claimed; because, when grace was ushered in through the One born to us in Bethlehem, the glorious song of heaven announcing the arrival of our Savior was destined to blend itself with the shouts of Alleluia!

As we continue to celebrate the arrival of our Savior, Jesus, may the Holy Spirit now move us to not only sing and live out our songs of “Gloria”, but also our songs of “Alleluia”—because the two always go hand in hand.



A blessed New Year and new life in Christ to all of you!

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger



Beginning the weekend of January 15/16, Pastor Kurt will lead us through the “BEING” Challenge based on the Red Letter Challenge. Using Pastor Zach Zehnder’s book titled the “Being Challenge,” we will focus on five keystone habits of Jesus, which are the “Being Challenge” targets -- Commit to Community, Study Scripture, Prioritize Prayer, Seek Solitude and Choose Church. This series will explore these five habits and how they not only informed the life of Jesus, but also, how they can help shape our lives.

Plan to join us as we kick off a “Being Challenge” sermon series and watch for a possible upcoming Bible Study opportunity in order to discover the importance of BEING in God’s presence while living in the restored relationship that He has given us.

January Voters Meeting: The Nominations Committee will be accepting names for potential candidates for office at the January 23, Voters meeting. Voting members may submit nominations for President, Treasurer, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary and two Members-at-Large, as well as for all boards - Christian Growth, Christian Outreach, Education, Elders, Finance, Student Ministry, and Trustees. Due to term limits we expect there to be needs for most of the boards. If you have an interest in serving, are a communicant member of the congregation and are 18 years of age or over, you may self-nominate at the meeting. A short nomination form will be available at the meeting.

Dear Faithful Stewards,

This year, we renumbered offering envelopes. Some members use their offering envelopes to contribute to the church and school through the offering plate. Some give electronically. If your tithes and offerings are associated with a 2021 envelope, please be sure the donation reflects the 2022 number. This may require you to check your Bill Pay or ACH payment information. Using “old” envelopes could potentially mean your contributions could be posted to the wrong individual or family unit.

Recently, 2022 envelopes were displayed in the Narthex area of the church. If you did not see and/or pick up your envelopes or you desire a box be assigned to you, please contact the Church Secretary, Frieda Schluessler. We will work to see that your inquiry is addressed.

*With kind regards and all good wishes for the New Year,
The Finance Office*

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

Worship

A Devotion from Pastor Arendell

It was a long day. So many things came my way that I could not keep them all straight. From the small to the large, they were never ending. By 5:00 p.m. I had enough and I threw up my white flag and went home. On my drive home, I replayed the day. There is a problem when you do that. It only makes matters worse. You end up right where you started with no answers. Reaching my driveway, I still had not reduced my blood pressure.

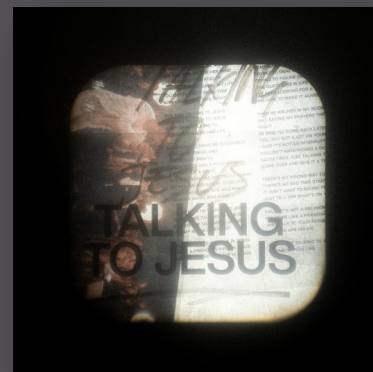
I opened the front door praying for a little peace. I'm sure some of you know exactly what I am talking about, when the work day doesn't end even when you go through the front door of your home. I walked through the doorway still carrying a heavy load. As I took my coat off, I felt like I stepped into a different world. The sound of a blue and gold Macaw saying, "hello" started the change. On the TV, a YouTube video was playing. It was a song that reminded me that we are surrounded with miracles. I could hear Cherrie singing along. Then, there was a smell coming from the kitchen that made my stomach growl. That was it! I asked myself what was I so worked up for. In less than one minute, I was reminded of all that is important.

God loves me and has blessed me continually with a life blessed beyond measure. I have a warm home to sleep in. Pets that let me know they are glad to see me. A wife who has always been there for me and loves Jesus. Yes, she knows how to cook! I am provided with all the important things and more. I know I'm saved by what Jesus did for me, but God has given me that and so much more. The way my life has turned out I can only say it is a miracle.

Lamentations 3:22-24 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

Out of his mercy, love, and grace, God continues to provide for me. I am one of His children! I pray God reminds you today that you belong to Him.

The Lord be with you,
Pastor Mark Arendell



Robert's Music Spotlight

Happy New Year! I pray you had a very Merry Christmas and enjoyed great times with family and friends. As we start 2022, I want to issue you a challenge as I spotlight the song "Talking to Jesus" by Elevation Worship & Maverick City. I was fortunate to be raised in a Christian home with a praying family. The influences I had growing up have cultivated a strong devotion of prayer in my life, and to be honest, I don't know if I would be here if it wasn't for the times I set aside to talk to God daily. The power of prayer is so amazing, and making this a priority in your life is important. (Philippians 4:6-7 and Ephesians 6:18) I encourage you to set aside time with God every day this year, both privately and with your loved ones. (James 5:16) As you do so, my prayer is that you start to see, not only changes in your life and relationship with God, but also changes in the lives of those around you.

Robert W. Costa
Director Of Modern Worship

Service



HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY
PANTRY
hopeforthehungrypantry.org

December was an amazing month for Hope for the Hungry Pantry. We were able to serve so many in our community with food, Christmas cookies, personal care items, toys and Night Night Bundles for the children. We touched more than 120 families!

A huge thank you to the 50+ volunteers who helped bake, sort, pack, deliver and distribute food this month. A special shout out to Mrs. Brendle's KinderBridge class, Girl Scout Troop 77176 and families, Stephen Ministry, Men's Ministry and families, Anchor Bay Angels 13U Girls Softball team, and Macomb Orthodontics! What a beautiful way to celebrate the birth of Christ.



January 2022 is a busy month, and many volunteers are needed! Please visit hopeforthehungrypantry.org for more information on the dates below.

Truck unloading: January 5 and 19 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Food distribution: January 6 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and
January 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Kroger Food Drive: Saturday, January 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. We have three stores located at 21 Mile Rd. & Card Rd., 26 Mile Rd. & Van Dyke, and 26 Mile Rd. & Romeo Plank. For this event to be successful, a lot of volunteers are required! At least six to eight volunteers are needed at each store every hour to cover both entrances and hand out fliers, drivers to go pick up food and bring back to the pantry, and other volunteers are needed to unload and sort. Please consider this for a family or group project to kick off 2022! We will be indoors. Past drives have brought in more than 75 shopping carts of food to the pantry! This is a great opportunity for scouts and sports groups, or for NOAH and community service hours. Please contact us ASAP if you are able to help with this very important food drive.



Opportunities are always available for families, groups or individuals to come in to pack the boxes we distribute. This is another way to serve. Days and hours are very flexible. To volunteer, donate or for more information, contact Karen Foust below.



All blessings, honor, and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Karen Foust-Chairperson
Hope for the Hungry
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ST. PETER WOMEN'S MINISTRY JANUARY 2022 INVITATION

To: All St. Peter Women (Also a great morning to bring along a helper!)

From: Women's Ministry Board

When: January 13

Time: 9:30 a.m. (in the Fellowship Hall)

Devotions by: Gloria Koch

Refreshment Committee: Marion Krakowski, Karen Bowers, Phyllis Stade

Activity: Making fleece baby blankets for needy newborn babies, which are donated to Compassion Pregnancy. Please bring two yards of preferably two different patterns of fleece for each blanket made. Scissors required.

Discussion Points: Volunteer needed for February Devotions.

Remember to bring your Mite Boxes. We're also in need of Mite counters.

There will be no evening meeting.

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!



Lutheran World Relief: We are again beginning the year collecting the following items for the LWR Wellness Kits:

- Bath size bars of soap
- Bath size towels (new or gently used)
- Adult tooth brushes
- Combs
- Metal nail clippers

If you wish to donate any of these items, you may deposit them into the bin marked Lutheran World Relief in the Church Coat Room off of the Narthex.

Note: Please continue collecting used postage stamps, lotions, soaps, shampoos, etc. These are deposited into the appropriate drawers in the Church Coat Room. These items are sent to "Stamps for Warriors," "Gifts for all God's Children," and "Turning Point."

If you have questions regarding any of the information, please contact Joyce Schwark, St. Peter LWML Rep. at (586) 524-9328. Thank you!

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 to 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.

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...

The St. Peter Macomb Christmas Cookie Walk was a huge success and the Installation reception was well attended and received! Thank you so much to everyone who baked, purchased those wonderful treats, and volunteered time at either event. You are appreciated and we are truly blessed, especially in these challenging times, with a congregation who is willing to come together on a grand scale to support the Women's Ministry. May the Lord continue to bless everyone with a joy-filled Christmas and a peaceful New Year! *Your Women's Ministry Executive Board*

We would like to thank the kind person who left a generous gift card on our desks. It was an unexpected surprise and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much. *Blessings, Rosemary & Frieda*

THANK YOU to everyone who helped put up the Christmas decorations and outdoor nativity! And a big THANK YOU to Hessel's Greenhouse for donating the beautiful large wreaths! Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m. - what goes up must come down and we sincerely appreciate everyone's help. *Trustees and Altar Guild*

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Arlene Friedli, a
contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Janet and Lou Ann Friedli

In loving memory of Jack Friedli, a
contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Janet and Lou Ann Friedli

In loving memory of John Friedli, a
contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Janet and Lou Ann Friedli

In loving memory of Tom Friedli, a
contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Janet and Lou Ann Friedli

In loving memory of Michael Hammer, a
contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Theodore Morand

In loving memory of Dale Jenuwine, a
contribution has been given to:

Buildings and Grounds by Earl and Karen Heldt,
Wayne and Marie Niemann, Bill and
Merlene Thompson

In loving memory of Tammy Kebbe, a
contribution has been given to:

Buildings and Grounds by Bill and
Merlene Thompson

In loving memory of Mary Ann Lesnau, a
contribution has been given to:

Buildings and Grounds by Bob and Judy
Juengel

Church Ministry by Kathy Krause, Shelly
Penzien, Frieda Schluessler

Moving Forward by Nelson and Barb Schramm,
Jerry and Janet Stange

In loving memory of Linda Schwarb, a
contribution has been given to:

Buildings and Grounds by Bill and
Merlene Thompson

In loving memory of Theresa Virgin, a
contribution has been given to:

Moving Forward by Scott and Lisa Higley

Thank Offerings

In celebration of Ruthann Bettcher's birthday, a
contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Duane Bettcher

In celebration of Marion Krakowski's birthday, a
contribution has been given to:

Moving Forward by Stan and Marion Krakowski

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS PLACED AT THE ALTAR



In Thankfulness for blessings received:

- Paul & Karen Bowers
- Chris & Patti Cartledge
- Ed & Linda Dunklau
- Terry & Rhonda Fiebelkorn
- Jim & Sue Koss
- Dean & Lois Kratz
- Grandma Donna Miller
- Earl & Diane Nork
- Wilma Wangelin
- Jeff & Kristin Zielinski

In Honor of:

- Rosemary Weidner from the Oehmke grandchildren
- Abby, Katy & Samantha (granddaughters) by Kathy Krause

In memory of:

- Vern & Jean Weidner by Mike & Rosemary Weidner
- Melbern & Elvina Montgomery by David & Judy Woodruff
- Alvin & James McClelland by Wayne & Virginia Oehmke
- Fred & Johanna Stange and Joa & Beatrice Penzien by Jerry & Janet Stange
- Kimberly Miller, Our parents-The Vicks & The Murrays by Gregg & Yvonne Murray
- John & Barbara Wegner by Lynne & Patricia Wegner
- Roy Bock by Tony & Lois Bellhorn
- Roman Rogala by Todd, Renae, Brittany, Damian, Taylor & Alexis Ladson
- Gerald & Shirley Boeling and Ralph & Waldtraut Venen by Larry & Robin Boeling
- Roy Bock by Jim & Sue Koss
- Joe Vitale & Dave Safford by Sammy & Carole Vitale
- Albert & Charlotte Esch, Beverly Esch & Jeffrey Esch by William Esch & family
- Bill & Brenda Schwark by Robin Schwark & family
- Mary Oehmke, Oscar & Lucille Oehmke, Paul & Myrtle Ahrens by the Oehmke, Gottschalk and Carlin families
- Roy Wangelin, Frank & Gladys Kogelmann & Shirley Kogelmann by Barry & Vickie Wangelin
- Milt Kraatz & August & Gertrude Kukuk by Mike & Louanne Rang
- Milt Kraatz & August & Gertrude Kukuk by Joyce Kraatz
- Mike Krause by Kathy Krause

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

In memory of:

- Art & Elsie Schwark, Rachel Schwark, Elery Kapenga, & Bill & Brenda Schwark by Jim Schwark
- Norman & Helen Niemann & Ken & Jessie Thompson by Bill & Merlene Thompson
- Norman & Helen Niemann, Pearl Niemann & Wilbur & Lorraine Heldt by Wayne & Marie Niemann



Connection



Women In The Word Wednesday Bible Study

Join us as we begin the New Year in His Word.

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

Every Wednesday, beginning January 5.

Large Conference Room—Enter Door #28.

Each Week, we study a new lesson from, “Joy,” by Deb Burma—a study about Philippians.

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.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

We're back....

Starting Wednesday January 19 at 6:00 p.m. for all Jr. High and Sr. High students.

We will dive into GOOD THINGS...



GOOD THINGS: A SERIES about CHRISTMAS.

Christmas simply summed up as wow... There's a lot for us to look at — sometimes impatiently. But you know the saying, “good things come to those who wait?” It's true for Christmas now, but it was true also on the very first Christmas as well. You see, the day Jesus came to earth wasn't a sudden surprise. It was the first step in a long-awaited plan. In this series, we'll hear the Christmas story from the perspective of the prophets in the Old Testament,

who foretold and then waited for the good things God had in store. Christmas is a reminder of what the prophets proclaimed: that **God has always had a plan**, that **Jesus completes God's plan**, that **God's plans bring joy**, and that **God's plans require sacrifice**.

I can't wait to see you Wednesday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact Jason at jvonderlage@splcs.net.

CARING MINISTRY A new year might be beginning, but the pain and the problems of 2021 have perhaps followed you right into 2022. If you want some support and perspective in dealing with the reality of loss, new sessions of GriefShare, Divorce Care, and DC4K (Divorce Care for Kids) will begin on Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Office Wing of the Church. An additional GriefShare gathering will be available on Thursday mornings, starting January 20 at 10:30. Registration for GriefShare, Divorce Care, and DC4K is appreciated but not required. For more information contact Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329.

Blood Pressure Screening at St. Peter – January 16

High blood pressure is often silent and can cause significant health problems when not controlled. The Parish Health Team conducts blood pressure screening monthly between the 8 and 9:30 worship services. Please note that the next screening will be **Sunday, January 16**. We are located in the Brides Room behind the sanctuary. Stop by for this important health check!

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.

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.

Christian Yoga Class—Resumes January 6

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.

Stay Healthy Exercise Class—Resumes January 3

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.

Education

Sunday School

Our entire Sunday School, teachers, helpers and students enjoyed presenting, "Sound The Bells! The Savior Is Born!" at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on December 12. We all worked very hard as a team during these most trying times but proved "God is so good." He got us through even though we had one half of the students we had in 2020.

Parents and guardians of children at St. Peter, please remember we have a Christ-centered ministry here with a very devoted and dedicated staff ready and willing to teach your children the love of Jesus. If you have your child registered in our Sunday School, please continue to bring them to Sunday School this coming New Year, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We have recessed for Christmas break, we will be back in our classrooms Sunday, January 9. New students are always welcome.

God's Blessings for a most blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Pat Losey
Sunday School Superintendent



 St. Peter Macomb

2022-2023 OPEN HOUSE

Preschool - 8th Grade

Sunday, January 23
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more information:

(586) 781-9296 ext. 118

Register at
stpetermacomb.com



Meet Our Staff: First Grade

Ms. Michelle Peterson
First Grade Teacher

My name is Michelle Peterson. This is my third year teaching first grade at St. Peter Lutheran School. I have previously taught kindergarten and first grade for a total of 14 years of teaching experience.

My undergraduate degree in Elementary Education is from Concordia University in Ann Arbor and includes the Lutheran Teacher Diploma. I have a graduate degree in Teaching Reading and Language Arts from Oakland University, Rochester.

I reside in Auburn Hills, Michigan. My son, Noah, and my daughter, Grace, both attend Michigan State University. I have two rescue dogs, Mitzi and Mia. I love to hike, bike, travel and enjoy just about anything outdoors.

I love sharing God's love with my first graders here at St. Peter!



Mrs. Penny Pfeiffer
First Grade Teacher

Hello! My name is Penny Pfeiffer. I have been teaching in a Lutheran School for more than 20 years. I graduated from Concordia Ann Arbor with a Lutheran Elementary Education Degree and minors in mathematics and science. Since then, I have served at St. Paul, Aurora, IL; St. Luke, Clinton Township; St. Peter Macomb, in their Preschool; and presently, serving my third year in First Grade. With each year and experience, I consider it a blessing to be able to share the love of Jesus and the love of learning with my students. Along with teaching, I have served in the areas of teaching Sunday School, teacher and director of Vacation Bible School, Midweek school of Religion, leading Bible studies, singing in the choir, and playing handbells.

My husband, Michael, and I became members of St. Peter in 1999. We have 3 grown children, Julianna, Samuel, and David, all who have attended and graduated from St. Peter. I enjoy gardening, doing outside activities, and love spending time with family and friends.

One of my favorite Bible verses is "*Be content, for God says, never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.*" Hebrews 13:5



Mrs. Rose PeLong
First Grade Teacher

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 Masters in Early Childhood Education from the University of Michigan-Flint and a second Masters at Oakland University. My second Masters 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.

Life Team

January Focus: Lutherans For Life



The mission of Lutherans For Life is to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Calling All for Life Supporters!

LFL is excited to announce a brand new multigenerational online and in-person opportunity: Life Week 2022: **God Chose You.**

Plan to join us each day from Sunday, January 16, through Saturday, January 22, to learn about, share, and build excitement For Life in your home, church, school, and community! Each themed day will explore a distinct aspect of life ministry through local activities, fact sheets, and interviews. Top off the week in person or online with mountaintop experiences like the March for Life and Y4Life in Washington, D.C. Watch for more news on our Facebook page and **lutheransforlife.org**!

Did you know.....

The Pro-Life Movement Has a New Pro-Life Flag! In July, the Pro-Life Flag Project revealed the winning design: a mother's hands circled around a baby's footprints with two pink and blue stripes over a white background. Brazilian graphic designer Nanda Gasperini, of Sao Paulo, designed the winning flag. According to organizers, the white background on the flag represents non-violence and the innocence of the unborn child, while the baby's feet are based on the iconic Precious Feet pin, a symbol of the pro-life movement for decades. The pink hands surrounding the feet represent the pregnant mother protecting her child, and the heart between the baby's feet symbolizes the pro-life movement's love for both mother and child. The stripes emphasize that two distinct human lives are present in a pregnancy. They also form an equal sign, symbolizing human rights and equality for every human being. Organizers sought to create a recognizable flag similar to what other movements have done. (Micaiah Bilger, LifeNews.com, 7/26/21)



Life Sunday 2022 theme is based on John 15:16 –

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”

Our Baby Bottle Drive will run for the whole month of February. The bottles will be available in the back of the Sanctuary. Money donated will go to support Lutherans for Life - Living Arms, Luke 52, and Abigale ministries!

For Life Team questions, comments or concerns, please contact Carol at carolpoterek@gmail.com.



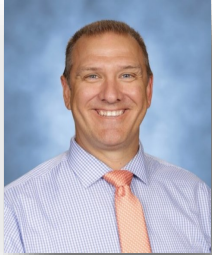
Rev. Kurt Wenzelburger
Senior Pastor



Rev. Mark Arendell
Associate Pastor



Rev. Craig Meyer
Pastor Emeritus



Mr. Tim Leinberger
Principal



Mrs. Sandra LaPerriere
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Deborah Lowry
Preschool Director



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



Mr. Jason von der Lage
Director of Student Ministry



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 **February Keynotes** must be submitted before 4 p.m. on January 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

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