

Blessed Assurance

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Romans 13:11

In my early years as a pastor, I remember asking my 8th grade confirmation students a question that, admittedly, might sound a bit brash and forward. “If today was your last day here on earth, would you go to heaven?” As you might suspect, there was a little bit of silence (and maybe a little bit of terror in their eyes). After a short time, though, one student nodded, and then another responded with a “Yes.”

Now, if you know me, then you probably understand that I didn’t just leave it at that. I couldn’t leave it at that. I wanted to know why. In fact, I pressed on by saying, “Look, I know that from what I see, you’re all like me...a sinner. You’re imperfect, you’ve rebelled against God, and you’ve probably ignored the fact that you too are called to live out your faith and make Jesus known to those around us. What makes you say that you would go to heaven after all that?” (The pressure was on!)

It was interesting, because this time they responded more quickly – and a little more boldly. One said, “Because of Jesus.” Another student began to explain what Christ had done to rid them of their sins. Clearly, those 8th grade confirmation students had no problem reminding me that their salvation – our salvation – had absolutely nothing to do with our deeds or accomplishments, but rather it had everything to do with what Christ accomplished for us through His life, death, and resurrection.

I admit that I loved the way they responded, especially after being pressed by their own pastor. But I didn’t stop asking questions at that point because I had one more that happens to be a question of utmost importance for every child of God. “What are you going to do with this truth? What are you going to do with the blessed assurance of salvation that you’ve received in Christ Jesus?”

Now...I have to ask for a bit of mercy and forgiveness from those of you who are reading this, because what I’m about to say has all to do with something I have felt for years.

What I’ve observed for years is that many Christians like to talk about what should be done, but very few are willing to act. I realize that we are all created in unique fashion with different gifts, but what I’ve grown to understand is that many people would rather have someone else do the work of the Church. This continues to become more and more evident in the Church at large as we witness an overall decline in membership, and it’s also evident through the ongoing complacency that continues to set in. It seems that many Christians would rather keep to themselves and maintain the status quo than strive to act and move forward – which is another reason that Lent becomes so important to us as God’s children.

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For one, Lent is a season of humility and penitence; but it's also a season of new beginnings. Yes, Lent is a time when we humbly remember and observe the single most important event that has changed who we are in the eyes of God – the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. In fact, Lent offers yet another opportunity to remember that we, who were once hell-bound sinners, are now heaven-bound saints all because of Jesus and what He accomplished on our behalf. And, because of these great truths, not only have we been redeemed, restored, and renewed, but we have also been reassigned.

Before the arrival of Christ, mankind was assigned one task – keep the law. Yet, for those who sought to please God, life was a constant struggle and a losing battle under the law. But, as St. Paul has proclaimed, we now live under the law of Christ – a new law that is interwoven and enveloped by His love. Yes...this is a law that no longer condemns; rather it saves! And one thing I've discovered is that, living under the law of Christ does not teach men and women to look inwardly, it leads them to focus outwardly.

This is why we, as people who have been brought into a renewed relationship with God, ask that the Holy Spirit would give us eyes to see those in our families and in our community that simply cannot answer where they will go if today is their last day on earth. Our purpose is to bring them the truth of who Jesus is and what He has done for them so that they too can live with the absolute assurance that comes through His mercy, love, and grace.

No doubt, it's nothing short of amazing that a person like me and people like us can confess the same as those confirmation students – that our salvation has been freely given through the blood of Jesus. But we have to ask ourselves, "What are we going to do with this awesome truth of salvation? What are we going to do with the blessed assurance that we've been given?" Because...for the sake of our family members, friends, and the members of our community and world who have yet to hear this saving Gospel truth, there is another question that we have to ask ourselves: "How much time do we have to get the Word out?"

It is my prayer that, during this Lenten season, you contemplate and rejoice in what Christ has accomplished for you. Yes...even during this season of penitence and humility, don't forget to rejoice in the truth that you have been redeemed, restored, renewed, and reassigned to glorify God by making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ.



**Saved to serve,
Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	MODERN WORSHIP	LIVESTREAM
Saturday - 6 p.m. Sunday - 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.	Sunday - 11 a.m.	Sunday - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Worship

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 2

MID-WEEK SERVICES:

WEDNESDAYS - MARCH 9 - APRIL 6
3:30 P.M. (TRADITIONAL), 7:00 P.M. (MODERN)
3:30 P.M. - LIVESTREAM

MARCH 2 - LHN CHOIR SINGING AT 3:30 P.M.

MARCH 9 - 5/6 GRADE CHOIR SINGING AT 3:30 P.M.

MARCH 16 - 1ST GRADE CHOIR SINGING AT 3:30 P.M.

MARCH 23 - ADVANCED BAND PLAYING AT 3:30 P.M.

MARCH 30 - 2ND GRADE CHOIR SINGING AT 3:30 P.M.

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Lenten Sermon Series



What Kind of King Is This?

Our Lenten Sermon Series for this year will be built around the question “What Kind of King Is This?” where we will focus on our Savior, Jesus, from the point of view of Matthew’s Gospel.

Please plan to join us on weekends and for our midweek services; and join us for the return of our midweek Lenten dinners hosted by various groups within our congregation.

Upcoming Holy Week Services :

JOIN US FOR EASTER WORSHIP IN PERSON OR ONLINE!

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | Easter Sunday

3:30 & 7 p.m.	1 & 7 p.m.	6, 8 & 9:30 a.m. (Traditional)
3:30 p.m. Livestream	1 p.m. Livestream	11 a.m. (Modern)
		9:30 & 11 a.m. Livestream



DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC CALL COMMITTEE REPORT

When the Moving Forward campaign was launched, the congregation was promised that when its debt was reduced the first staff position to be added would be a Director of Traditional Music. The call committee is at work to fulfill that promise.

The call committee members are Robin Boeling, Matt Brown, Ed Dunklau, Terry Fiebelkorn, Joyce Gozdor, Julie Kowalke, and Vickie Wangelin. Pastor Arendell was a non-voting committee member when the committee was originally formed. When Pastor Wenzelburger became the Senior Pastor he joined the committee in place of Pastor Arendell.

At the end of September, in response to a request from St. Peter, the Michigan District sent a list of thirteen names of candidates eligible to be called as a Director of Traditional Music. Members of St. Peter submitted two names for consideration. Some of those fifteen individuals asked that they be removed from consideration. Another of the individuals on the Michigan District list has just accepted a call so will no longer be considered.

For each of the remaining candidates on the Michigan District list, committee members have examined the Commissioned Minister Information Form filled out by each candidate. Committee members have also used online resources to watch worship services where the candidates are currently serving.

The committee has developed a job description, decided which candidates it wishes to Zoom interview, has established a list of questions for those interviews, and has made initial contact with those individuals.

The committee knows that this process is in God's hands and asks the congregation to continue to be in prayer as they ask God to lead them in their efforts.

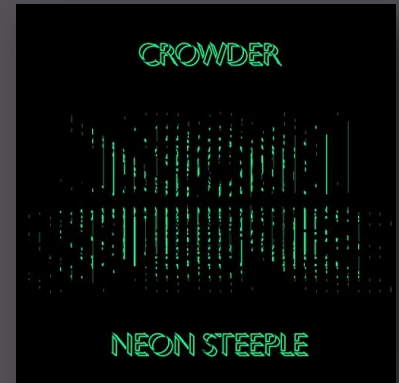
I have made too many hospital visits to count and I do not remember all of them. However, one visit sticks in my mind. It changed the way I think about what is impossible. I knew this woman for almost five years. In spite of her 70 plus years, she was full of life and spirit. That is why the telephone call I received one winter morning came as a shock. The woman's daughter was calling and at first, I could not understand her. She was crying and had trouble getting the words out. Finally, I heard "mom is in ICU and they don't think she has long." When you hear those words as a pastor that means grab your coat and your pocket agenda and get moving. You have a visit to make.

When I got to the hospital room, it was clear the situation was not good. My friend had tubes running in and out of her, as well as, wires everywhere. She was hooked up to a bank of equipment and monitors. Everything was being monitored. I knew this was not a good sign. The family surrounded her bed with tears running down their cheeks. I knew this was going to be a very sad visit. The daughter who called me turned to me and said, "The doctors say she only has days to live. She had some infection and everything is shutting down..." The daughter was saying something else I do not remember as I reached for my pocket agenda containing a host of services for almost every occasion. I found the one I used every time I make one of these visits. The service is called "Condemnation of the Dying." In the service, sins are forgiven and the eternal life we have as believers of Jesus is the main topic. As I finished the service, the words of one of my oldest professors at Seminary echoed in my head, "Remember, always pray for God to heal. God can do anything!" Well that is what I did! I prayed for God to heal her and said, "We leave her in Your hands God, knowing she is one of Your children ... Amen." I closed with the Benediction and let her loved ones know that if they needed anything, I would be there, just call. I left there sure of what I would be told when they called again.

Almost a week later, to the day, the daughter called and I thought for sure I knew what she was going to say. Therefore, as soon as she said hello, I said, "I am sorry," and she said, "No, no, no, mom is now at an assisted living facility and she would like to see you." Wow, I learned that you never know what God will do! Moreover, there is nothing He cannot do!

In Luke 18:27 – Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." I learned to pray for the impossible because nothing is impossible for God!

God Bless you,
Pastor Mark



Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you a song that is very fitting during the Lenten season. The song "Come as You Are" by David Crowder reminds us that, while we may all be broken and sinful people, we can come boldly to the throne of grace and lay down our burdens at His feet. (Hebrews 4:16) As we recognize that we are nothing more than people formed out of the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7), we can still come to Him with contrite hearts and receive His grace. All of us have sinned and not lived up to the glory of God (Romans 3:23), but we can fall in His arms and allow Him to heal our brokenness.

Robert W. Costa
Director Of Modern
Worship

Service

LENTEN SUPPERS

Lenten Suppers will be served in the Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Since 1990, profits from St. Peter Lenten Suppers have been given to our Seminary Fund. It is truly a blessing from God to have so many dedicated men from our congregation choose to become pastors. We had supported Edward Steeh, Chris Davis, Ron Roland, Tom Osterndorf, Bill Wangelin, Joshua Davis, Kyle Krueger, Gabe Kasper, Nathan Spaulding, Kyle Wangelin, Ben Spaulding, and Matthew Lorenz. We are currently supporting Brandon Bettcher who is on vicarage this year at St. Paul, Boca Raton, Florida. Brandon is the son of Mike and Dawn Bettcher and the grandson of Duane and Ruthann Bettcher. Praise God that these men have dedicated their lives to His service. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

LENTEN SUPPER SCHEDULE

March 2 - Taco Salad - *Sponsored by the Elders*

March 9 - Hot Dogs and Mac & Cheese - *Sponsored by the Preschool*

March 16 - Swedish Meatballs and Noodles - *Sponsored by the Christian Growth Board*

March 23 - Chili - *Sponsored by the Trustees & Finance*

March 30 - Sloppy Joes - *Sponsored by the Women's Ministry*

April 6 - Nothing scheduled at this time – please check the bulletin for updates.

All meals come with the fixings – salad, bread/rolls, coffee, lemonade and of course, delicious desserts!

The suppers are Free Will Offering. If you cannot attend, please consider giving a donation to the Seminary Fund. This can be done at the church office. Please make all checks payable to St. Peter Scholarship Fund and put Seminary Fund in the memo. THANK YOU for your support and THANK YOU to all those who prepare and serve the suppers!

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!

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.



Ways you can help Hope for the Hungry Pantry in 2022

- Meijer's at 23 Mile and Gratiot is sponsoring Hope for the Hungry Pantry with their **Simply Give** program. For every \$10 card purchased, Meijer MATCHES your donation with an additional \$10. **On March 5th and 26th they DOUBLE their match making your \$10 donation \$30!** Simply take a card from the end caps or display rack, pay for them at any register and the cards are electronically tracked for our pantry. This program is only at 23 Mile Road and Gratiot Meijer store. The program runs through April 2.
- If you're an online shopper with Amazon, you can continue to shop all the great selections and values while supporting Hope for the Hungry Pantry. For every eligible product purchased, **AmazonSmile** will donate to us! To sign up on a web browser, just visit smile.amazon.com, sign in with the same account credentials you use for Amazon.com, select your charity-**Hope for the Hungry Pantry-Ray, MI** and start shopping! To sign up using the Amazon app on your mobile phone, navigate to the main menu (=), tap on Settings, and then select "AmazonSmile", select your charity-**Hope for the Hungry Pantry-Ray, MI** and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app. To learn more, please visit smile.amazon.com/onthego.
- Any St Peter members who are Thrivent members can help support your pantry in two ways:
 - **Thrivent Choice Dollars** can be directed to Hope for the Hungry Pantry; as a registered charity.
 - **Action Grant** is available to every Thrivent member. Its value can be up to \$250 which can be used for charitable giving. Simply go to their website, login, and search for action teams. Complete the online application and submit. You will receive an email affirmation within 48 hours. A VISA card and a kit will arrive within 2 weeks. You than buy the items you wish to donate to the pantry using the VISA card such as personal care products, paper products or cleaning supplies. If you have any questions or need help, you can email or call Karen (Wiegand) Foust.



March 2022 is a busy month, and many volunteers are needed!

- **Truck unloading:** March 2 and 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Food distribution:** March 3 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and March 17 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Opportunities** are always available for families, groups, or individuals to pack the boxes we distribute. This is another way to serve, and days and hours are very flexible. To volunteer, donate or for more information, please contact Karen Foust below.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and talents in February. Each and every one are truly a blessing. A special thanks to Brian Baker and his team of volunteers who delivers food to two apartment complexes the first Saturday of each month and St. Peter's Stephen Ministry who serve those residents. If you are interested in volunteering for Saturday deliveries, please contact Karen below.

For more information, please visit hopeforthehungrypantry.org for updates.

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FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN St. Peter Macomb is seeking applicants for a full-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 is a must. The right person is able to work 8 hours – Monday through Friday. 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.

The Quilting ladies are in need of various items to be used in the making quilts for LWR and Chene Street. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please deposit them into the Quilting Box in the Church Coat Room: used or new blankets, used quilts, cotton and flannel sheets, and pieces of cotton material. Also, if you are a Thrivent member or know of someone who is, you are able to request a Grant from Thrivent to benefit the quilting ladies. Each member is eligible to request up to two Grants twice a year. These Grants would help purchase fabric that is needed for the backing on the quilts.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the items or exactly how to request a Grant, please contact Mary

Ann Demetreaikas at (586) 854-0548. Thank you!

HAVE A HEART – GIVE BLOOD

St. Peter is hosting an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Sunday, March 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Please Note: The location has been moved to Kaiser Hall. Enter through the Door #12 portico on the southeast side of the campus. Masks are required for donors and staff.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 pints.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is Type O.
- Sickle cell patients can require frequent blood transfusions throughout their lives.
- More than 1.6 million people were diagnosed with cancer last year. Many of them will need blood.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.
- A number of our own St. Peter members have been recipients of blood, thanks to blood drives like ours.

Please prayerfully consider signing up by contacting www.redcrossblood.org or Paula Hoegemeyer at (586) 322-2319 or hoegemeyer@att.net. 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.

School Extended Care: We are in desperate need of workers and subs for our after-school extended care program. Please contact Deb Lowry dlowry@splcs.net if you are interested.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: We are currently looking for substitute teachers. Having a BA degree is a must. Background or experience in Education would be helpful but is not required. You must also complete a background check. If you are interested, please contact our Principal, Mr. Tim Leinberger, at tleinberger@splcs.net or our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Sandra LaPerriere, at slaperriere@splcs.net.

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Joan Ferguson, a

contribution has been given to:

Moving Forward by Bill and Diane Wetzel

In loving memory of Rich Gluski, a

contribution has been given to:

Buildings and Grounds by Wayne and Marie Niemann

Church Ministry by Nancy Aman, Duane and Ruthann Bettcher, Donald and Barbara Cook, Dean and Lynn Endlich, Roy and Karen Fagg, Frieda Schluessler, Marv and Pat Warnez, Terry and Jeanette Yonka

Moving Forward by Ed and Linda Dunklau, Shelly Fowler, Neal and Paula Hoegemeyer, Don and Gloria Koch, Shelly Penzien, Jim Schwark, Al and Virginia Weatherly
School Ministry by Constance Buckley, Warren and Lynette Kindt, Carl and Carol Schiller, Bill and Diane Wetzel

In loving memory of Annette Konupek, a

contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Katherine Amberg, The Beck Agency, Duane and Ruthann Bettcher, Chris and Ruth Curtice, Richard and Marie Grice, Jay and Kae Hartford, Robert Konupek, John and Gail McArthur, David and Connie Myny, Frieda Schluessler, Fred and Lillian Schreiber, Brian and Debra Tweedie, Lawrence and Linda Voit, David Wojcik
Moving Forward by Paulette Lean, Larry and Linda Smith

In loving memory of Evelyn Marcath, a

contribution has been given to:

Buildings and Grounds by Wayne and Marie Niemann

Church Ministry by Duane and Ruthann Bettcher, Lorraine Bock, Eldon Kukuk, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt, Terry and Jeanette Yonka

Moving Forward by Ed and Linda Dunklau, Diane Penzien, Kathleen Reinhardt, Jim Schwark

In loving memory of Chuck Moschel, a

contribution has been given to:

Moving Forward by Bob and Dolores Kroll

In loving memory of Lori Palm, a

contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Shelly Penzien

In loving memory of Eunice Rogerson, a

contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Robert and Joan Alexander, John Auletto, Andre Duffie, Dean and Lynn Endlich, Patricia Grove, Susan Istalo, Dennis and Shirley Orosz, Rob and Charlene Recobs & Family, Christopher and Lori Reiber, Ed and Kathleen Sauve, William Rogerson

In loving memory of Martha Ann

Schoenberg, a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Donna Miller, Maurine Miller, Mary Moschel, The Padula Family, Margaret Pelaso Jennifer Prosek, Frieda Schuessler, Marv and Pat Warnez
Women's Ministry by Cheryl Schoenberg, Doug and Becky Schoenberg, Dan, Andrea and Joan Tisch

Thank You...

Dear St. Peter Community.

Our Lord sends His blessings to all of us in many different ways. Thanking our Lord for the blessings we received through Him from all of you. We thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, condolences, remembrance gifts, and your presence at Richard's Memorial Service.

The Family of Richard Gluski

A huge thank you to those of you who prayed, sent cards or messaged/called me before and after my heart surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Meyer for his home visit. What a blessing all of you are! The surgery was successful and now I am on the road to a full recovery. God is good! And He always will be!

God's blessings,
Lois Bellhorn

Connection



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.

Divorce Care and DC4K If you have struggled through divorce, and if perhaps, the struggle is continuing, please think about coming to Divorce Care on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the Office Wing, accessed through Door #28. There is also a group available for kids, Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K). More information is available from Anne Westphal at (248) 909-4230.

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.

Women In The Word Wednesday Bible Study

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

Every Wednesday

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 (586) 207-6201 or gludog2003@yahoo.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY Perhaps you've wondered, "What's this stuff about asking for a Stephen Minister?" Stephen Ministers are trained lay people from our St. Peter family. They are trained to listen confidentially to whatever might be troubling you or weighing on your mind. Then they will join you in prayer for the situation you are facing. The "problem" you are dealing with might be life-changing like an impending divorce or the loss of employment, or it might be as transient as adjusting to a young person going off to college. No issue is too big or too small to share with a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are NOT trained counselors, but they are really good, compassionate listeners, and they can partner with you for a month or for a year. If this sounds like a ministry you might want to take advantage of, contact Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329, and she can connect you to a Stephen Minister.

GRIEFSHARE Death was never part of God's plan for His perfectly created world, but in our fallen world it is definitely a reality. GriefShare is a ministry designed to walk with you "From Mourning to Joy." Each session involves a professionally done video and then a chance to share as much or as little as you wish. You also will be given a book with a daily Scripture and a chance for reflection. Two identical sessions are offered weekly, Tuesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday morning at 10:30, both in the Large Conference Room. There is no time-line for grief, nor is there a right or a wrong way to grieve. This ministry is centered on the certain hope of heaven because of the death and resurrection of Jesus. If you are looking for someone to walk beside you on the grief journey and if you think you could benefit from sharing your experience with other compassionate people, please do join us. For more information you can call Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329.

Christian Yoga: 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 meets 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.

It's Not Too Late for Exercise! Stay Healthy: 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 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.** 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MARCH INVITATION

To: All St. Peter Women

From: Women's Ministry Board

When: March 10 (second Thursday)

Time: 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Devotions by: Nancy Aman

Refreshments: Captain – Nancy Dodson, Helpers – Phyllis Stade and Joyce Schwark

Activity: Pastor Wenzelburger will be attending as our guest. Think of a question you would like to ask him and write it on a piece of paper and bring it to the meeting.

Remember to bring your Mite Boxes. Mites are due in to Michigan District for this Biennium by April 28. So let's give Nancy time to get them sent in. We are always in need of mite counters after the meeting!

The Spring Rally on April 9 at Our Redeemer, Washington, will take the place of the April meeting.

May 5 - Women's Ministry Evening Retreat at Sycamore Hills – Tickets go on sale March 13.

Women's Ministry – Evening Retreat!

Thursday, May 5

Featured Speakers:
Reverend Robert &
Debbie Kasper

"Take Heart, Daughter"

Sycamore Hills Golf
Club— Doors open at
6:00 p.m.

Tickets go on sale March
13. \$35.00 includes
dinner. Get your group
together!

Questions: Julie Wright:
(586) 344-1931 or Shelly
Penzien (586) 855-4067

Education

Sunday School



On February 27 we begin our charity drive, “Money for Missions,” through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. The mission project chosen this year is supporting, “Continuing What Luther Began.”

By partnering with LHF, our mission offerings will provide Bible storybooks and catechisms for children in countries like India, China and Peru. Every \$5.00 we gather gives a child his or her own book about Jesus. We pray the Holy Spirit works through our students throughout March, April and May to bring generous mission offerings that provide God’s Word to the children in other countries.

On March 6, at the 9:30 a.m. service, we look forward to hearing the 2nd-6th graders singing “Jesus Knows.” On March 13, the 3-year-old class - 1st grade will be singing “Let Me Learn of Jesus” at the 9:30 a.m. service.

Our Sunday School supports our mission at St. Peter to “Glorify God by making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ!”

Yours in Christ,

Pat Losey
Sunday School Superintendent

Life Team

March Focus: Special Education Ministry

We are happy to continue to provide our friends ages 3 years through 6th grade, who receive special education support in school, access to Sunday school!

This program was started a couple years ago and has evolved into an all-inclusive special education ministry. Children who receive special education services in school or who may just need some extra support to participate are welcomed to attend Sunday school at St. Peter! Children will be placed in their age/grade appropriate classroom with the help of a support person as needed.

Sunday school runs from September to May every year. You still have time to join this year! We want all of God’s children to learn and grow in His Word!!

If you are interested or know someone that could benefit from this program, please contact:

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Mark 10:14b – Let the little children to come to me, do not hinder them for of such is the kingdom of God.

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

Meet Our Staff: Third Grade

Mrs. Janis McGrath
Third Grade Teacher

My name is Janis McGrath. My husband and I got married in 2002. I have my undergraduate degrees from Oakland University and Concordia Ann Arbor. My Masters degree in Reading is from Saginaw Valley State University. I'm in my 18th year teaching, 15th year teaching third grade. My husband, John, and I have 4 children: JJ, Maggie, Ian, and Emma. JJ works in Washington D.C., Maggie is a senior at LHN, Ian is a freshman at LHN, and Emma is in 7th Grade. I love to spend time with my family, reading, or playing with our dogs: a Golden Retriever, Bailey, and a Black Labrador, Stella, and our three cats: Gonzo, Rizzo, and Riley.



Mrs. Kelly Teltow
Third Grade Teacher

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 Masters 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 students!



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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.

This article was written by St. Peter former Pastor Calvin L. Harm during LENT in 1972.

I REMEMBER THE SAVIOR'S DEATH

Lent is that season of the church year when the Christian church spends time at the foot of the cross. Contrary to the thinking of many, Lent is not a morbid time – a season when Christians sob over the death of Christ. Granted, there are penitential themes for this season. However, it is a time of deep joy too. Repentance over my sins which in reality caused His death; and joy over the forgiveness which He obtained through His suffering, death, and resurrection. Unless I am involved – until I see in Christ's death my death and in His resurrection my rising – Lent will have little or no meaning for me.

When we were little we used to play let's pretend. None of us are yet too old to play it again. Basically, that is what we Pastors are doing as we draw up this year's program for the Lenten pulpit. We are choosing little known persons who stood at the cross and will preach our sermons in the first person. We will pretend to be that person.

The faith of those believers who stood around the Christ is the faith which we confess today. They too were born of the Spirit – they too were sons of God. True, they did not have the Nicene Creed or the Augsburg Confession. They did not find themselves in different denominations. But these things make a difference only in the vocabulary; they do not change the man who believes.

It is good for us to recognize this human sameness. In spite of all that has happened between their time and ours, humanity remains the same. We are those for whom Christ died. We are those who hope in Jesus.

So our Lenten preaching program will not be an attempt to explain Bartimaeus, Nicodemus or the little boy who was blessed by Jesus. They need no explanation. Our pulpit program is an attempt to set the men, women, and children of today into the Passion Story where they fit. If you find yourself or your friends there at the Cross, you will understand the reason for our preaching. If you do not, then go to where we leave off. Study the Christ and the people around the cross. You too, were there!

So I give you this invitation to worship each week with us throughout the Lenten Season. May you find yourself among those who say: "I remember the Savior's Death."

In His Blessed Name,

Calvin L. Harm

Submitted by: Joyce Schwark –Historical committee member

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY BETTY J. YOUNGBLOOD

Budget Update: The Business Office continues to work on a new system of accounting and reporting activities. The outsourcing of some activities to the accounting firm of Robert Costa, Jr., is making good progress. Other changes such as merging the Preschool with the Day School and moving individual bank accounts under the St. Peter umbrella will give us more complete information in our monthly reports.

A brief summary of income and expenses, as of December 31, 2021, follows:

- Our Church and School are doing well. You may recall that the Voters adopted a deficit budget of \$153,380 for the current fiscal year. For July-December 2021, this equates to \$76,690. However, at the end of December, there was no deficit and our net income totaled \$446,037.
- **Total Church Income** was \$1,215,582, compared to \$1,228,603 for the same six-month period of last year. This is a decrease of 1.1% or \$13,021.
- **Day School Tuition** and miscellaneous income totaled \$1,507,089, compared to \$684,479 last year. This is an increase of 120.2% or \$822,610. These numbers do not include the Pre-School.
- **Church Expenses** totaled \$639,524, compared to \$906,263 last year. This is a decrease of 29.4% or \$266,739.
- **School Expenses** totaled \$1,055,618, compared to \$858,032 last year. This is an increase of 23.0% or \$197,586. Expenses include salaries, benefits, and related educational items for the Day School.
- **Preschool Tuition** and miscellaneous income totaled \$275,465 this year.
- **Preschool Expenses** totaled \$164,680 this year. Expenses include salaries, benefits, and related educational items. We are not reporting comparisons to last year due to different accounting systems prior to merging the Pre-School with the Day School at the beginning of the current fiscal year.

Update on the Mortgage and the Moving Forward Campaign: As of January 31, 2022, the Church Extension Fund loan balance was \$1,696,022. As of November 30, 2018, when the Moving Forward Campaign was getting underway, the mortgage balance was \$4,753,915. The current reduction to \$1,696,022 is a decrease of \$3,057,893 or 64.3%!

The reduction in the mortgage also means a reduction in the monthly mortgage payment. Effective last July, our monthly payment was reduced from \$36,000 to \$11,603. Next month, this report will

For Treasurer's report questions, comments or concerns, please contact Betty at bettyjyoungblood@yahoo.com.



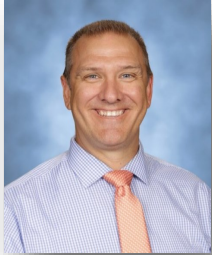
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Director of Student Ministry



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 **April Keynotes** must be submitted before 4 p.m. on March 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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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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opportunities to worship through Sunday School,
Bible studies, small groups and more!

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