

May is a big month for the Christian Church because it happens to be the month that almost always includes the celebration of our Lord's Ascension. Unfortunately, the celebration of Jesus' Ascension appears to have gotten lost in the shuffle. What was once considered a celebration that ranked among the big three (Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost), is no longer viewed as it once was.

It's a sad truth because, when it comes to our Lord's Ascension, we are reminded of the Words that He shared with His disciples. Do you remember Jesus' words?

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

We call this the Great Commission but, as has happened to the celebration of Jesus' Ascension, it all too often becomes the great **omission** when we (and so many others) allow our focus to be diverted and distracted by so many other things.

That's why I think this is a great time for all of us to hear a question that I was challenged with several years back at a conference that I attended. That said...I have to warn you because it's a question that is a bit confrontational and it can cause some uneasiness. But, if you're beginning to get to know me then you know I'm going to ask it anyway because I think it's worth asking.

"Who will be in heaven because God placed YOU here on earth?"

I admit that I really didn't like the way the question was worded when I first heard it. After all, *people* don't save souls; **JESUS** saves souls. We also know that saving faith comes through the work of the Holy Spirit, not by the works of you or me. And, yet, while these things are true, none of us can get around the fact that the Holy Spirit continues to use people like us to actively respond to Jesus' command to bring His saving and life-changing message to those around us. He has chosen **us** to be the Body of Christ on earth, and His Body (the Church) is all about Jesus' Great Commission to go, make, baptize, and teach more disciples. So...

"Who will be in heaven because God placed YOU here on earth?"

It's a great question that should always remain at the very core of who we are and what we're all about at St. Peter Lutheran Church & School. In fact, this question is one that helps keep the focus on our true "mission" – the mission that we've been called to be a part of as followers of the risen, victorious, and ascended Lord Jesus.

So, again...***"Who will be in heaven someday because God placed YOU (His mission-driven child) into their life?"***

As forgiven and redeemed children of God in Christ Jesus – chosen and claimed by the Holy Spirit to be vital and effective parts of His ever-moving Body, I pray that this becomes a question that drives us here at St. Peter to make Jesus known throughout the Macomb community...and to the ends of the earth.

**A blessed Ascension to all of you!
Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger**



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Sermon Series: Warning Lights



Warning lights are all around us. They're in our cars, our homes, and we'll even find them in planes. And the point of these warning lights? To **warn** us! While obviously stated, it's true. Warning lights are there to tell us that something isn't right while giving us direction during times of uncertainty and potential turbulence.

The same is true in life. When it comes to life as we know it, we can probably agree that there are plenty of warning signs. Whether they're warning us of impending uncertainties or they're the result of emotional, physical, economic, or spiritual turbulence, life's warning signs often serve to remind us of how little control we have. So...what do we do when the warning lights glare during times of turbulence and uncertainty? We once again turn to God and His Word!

Join us in the month of May for our upcoming "Warning Lights" sermon series where we will dive into God's Word to see how His people responded during times of turbulence, while exploring how we are called to do the same by Praying, Remembering, Seeking, and Following.

Call Committee Update: St. Peter has issued a call to Mr. Charles Russell of Grace Lutheran in Little Rock, Arkansas to be our Director of Traditional Music. Please keep Charles and his wife, Anna, in your prayers as they seek God's will.

Upcoming Special Services:

Confirmation Services

Saturday, May 14, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Ascension day

Thursday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.

Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you a song that just came out called "Same God" by Elevation Worship. It's no secret that we have done and really enjoyed a fair bit of Elevation Worship's Music, and this song is no exception. Sometimes when we read the Bible it is easy to separate ourselves from the stories we are reading. Feelings of hopelessness that our situation may somehow be different and that God's intervention may seem so far away can plague our mind with doubt. However, we serve a God who is the same yesterday, now and forever. (Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8) It's His faithfulness we are standing on and can rest assured He heard His children then and He hears them now! So take heart, continue to serve our risen King, because even though in this world you will have trouble, He has overcome the world. (John 16:33)



Robert W. Costa, *Director Of Modern Worship*

Service

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

Please use the link below to access a list of candidates for election prepared by the Nominating Committee, or go to stpetermacomb.com, click on Church and then click on In The Know.

[Click Here for Candidate List](#)

Sunday Coffee & Doughnuts

Volunteers If you are interested in helping with the Sunday Coffee & Doughnuts before or after worship services, please sign up at stpetermacomb.com!

For questions, please contact Lisa Ventimiglio at lventimiglio@splcs.net.

GIVING TREE SPRING 2022

The St. Peter Giving Tree is budding this spring with a special project designed to protect the historical value of the parsonage property.

This Giving Tree initiative allows St. Peter groups and members the opportunity to contribute over-and-above regular intentional giving to a designated goal. Currently, the spring focus is the replacement of all the original 1927 windows of the church parsonage with installation slated for September 2022! The projected cost is approximately \$20,000. The Women's Ministry has generously voted to initiate the project with a gift of \$5,000.00!

Because the need is critical, please join the Women's Ministry in financially supporting this worthwhile goal! A gift of any denomination is accepted through the Giving Tree Envelopes that may be obtained and returned at the Church/School Office or the Sunday reception desk. The Board of Trustees and the Women's Ministry are excitedly grateful for any contributions collected for this window replacement project!

*The Board of Trustees
and the Women's Ministry*



Help Needed! Outdoor Nativity Restoration Women's Ministry is asking for help from our congregation. The church nativity set is in dire need of restoration. We are looking for individuals or a company that can manage this project. It would be a great summer Eagle Scout or community/church service project that will help preserve our beautiful set for years to come. Professional cost estimates are also welcome. We are hoping to have this project complete before this Christmas season. If you are interested, please contact Darla Bratkowski at (810) 252-1530 or lighthousemich@gmail.com. Thank you and God Bless!

The St. Peter College Scholarship Fund This fund has been established to help St. Peter students who plan to attend LCMS colleges for the 2022-23 school year as they prepare to go into full-time church work. High school seniors and current college students may apply in the Church Office. Please read the guidelines carefully. All applications are due by June 15.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE If you've been reading Keynotes for the last few months, you know that Stephen Ministry and GriefShare have been offered to people faced with a crisis or with the death of a loved one. But have you thought about how you might serve such people? Training is readily and easily available for both ministries. GriefShare training can be accomplished in a few hours by watching a couple of well done videos and going through key points in a leaders' guide. Stephen Ministry is more extensive and involves eight sessions of ninety minutes each. If you are being led to facilitate in either ministry, please call Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329 for more information.

USPS Food Drive, Saturday, May 14

This is our BIGGEST Food Drive of the year! We'll receive close to 6000 pounds of food that needs multiple pick-ups from the New Baltimore Post Office and dropped off at Hope for the Hungry Pantry. If you have a pick-up truck or SUV, we need you. Other volunteers are needed to sort canned goods and stock shelves. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success! Please consider volunteering between Noon to 7:00 p.m. You can sign up for a couple of hours or all day. Youth are welcome but will need adult supervision. Contact me for available times and more details.



Please mark these additional dates in May...we would appreciate you help!

- **Truck unloading:** May 4 and 18 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Food distribution:** May 5 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and May 19 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **Apartment Deliveries:** May 7 help is needed to pack and deliver food to two local apartment complexes. Stephen Ministry accompanies the delivery for residents that would like to talk or pray. This is ongoing for the first Saturday of each month.
- **Packing Boxes** we distribute are always available for families, groups, or individuals. Each Monday and Wednesday 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. are currently available but arrangements must be made in advance.

Other Ways you can help

- **Amazon:** 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 with no additional cost to you! 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.

- **Thrivent:** 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 two weeks. You can donate the VISA card and items such as personal care products, office supplies, paper products or cleaning supplies can be purchased. If you have any questions or need help, you can email or call me.

All the volunteers who donated their time, talents and sometimes their muscles are truly a blessing! Through them, Hope for the Hungry Pantry provides food to over 100 families each month. To volunteer, donate or for more information, please contact me or visit hopeforthehungrypantry.org for updates.

Yours in Christ,
Karen Foust-Chairperson
(586) 491-0652
karenwiegand@gmail.com



QUILTING GROUP NOTICE

The Quilting ladies are in need of various items to be used in making the quilts for LWR, Chene Street, and Ukraine. If you are able to donate any items such as used or new blankets, used quilts, cotton and flannel sheets, pieces of cotton material, etc., please deposit them in the Quilting Box in the Church Coat Room.

Also, if you are a Thrivent member or know of someone who is, you are eligible to request a Grant from Thrivent twice a year which can be used to help purchase supplies for the quilts.

If you would like to give a memorial or thank offering and have it be designated for the Quilters Fund please make the check out to "St. Peter Women's Ministry" with a notation on the check "Quilters Fund." You can either drop it off at the church office front desk or give it directly to Women's Ministry Treasurer, Nancy Dodson. Online giving to the Quilters Fund is not available.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please contact Mary Ann Demetrakeas at (586) 854-0548 or talk to any of the Women's Ministry Board.

God Bless you for your help with this mission of service to our community and abroad!

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. 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.

DONATIONS FOR BABY CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

They are in need of:

- Lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Long or short-sleeve gowns or sleepers (Gowns, rompers and top/pant sets can be substituted for sleepers)
- Receiving blankets
- Crocheted or knitted blankets made with lightweight yarn
- Cloth diapers
- Jackets
- Sweaters
- Sweatshirts (with or without hoods)
- Socks
- Hand towels
- Bath-size bars of soap (in original wrapper)

Please deposit them in the LWR tub in the Church Coat Room. Questions, please contact Joyce Schwark, St. Peter LWML Rep. at (586) 524-9328. Thank you!

ALL YEAR LONG DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR GIFTS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN: Following are some examples of what is needed: sample or regular size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotions, soap, deodorant, dental floss, toothpaste, etc. You may deposit them into the appropriate drawers in the Church Coat Room. Questions: Contact Joyce Schwark (586) 524-9328.

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.

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Ruth Eschenberg, a contribution has been given to:
The Giving Tree by Duane and Ruthann Bettcher

In loving memory of Evelyn Marcath, a contribution has been given to:
Buildings and Grounds by Arlene Dittman, Gary and Lynelle Johnson, Wayne and Marie Niemann, Shelly Penzien, Wayne and Sharon Sawitzky, Jim and Anne Tietz, Paul and Diane Wright

Church Ministry by Kathy Badertscher, Ron and Susan Glefke, Betty Grader, Loraine Hengesbach, Bob and Judy Juengel, Ruth Klein, Ron and Beth Kling, Joyce Kraatz, Dave Kukuk and Family, Delores Lerash, Phyllis Marcath, Tammy McRae and Family, Tim and Jeanne Reiter, Robert and Corrine Schraffenberger, Mark and Linda Schwark, Gerald and Patricia Spriet, Gary and Phyllis Stade, Gary and Rita Stark, Roger and Chris Stecker, Lee and Chris Turner

Moving Forward by Mike and Dawn Bettcher, Irene Blancke, Rod Bock, Earl and Gayle Brooks, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cadieux, Richard and Donna DeVriendt, Karen Gluski and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kreger, George and Cathy McNabb, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Rodgers

Women's Ministry by Andy and Sue Eskelinen, Carl Giese, Jason and Adrienne Marcath, Karen Pelier, Cliff Stade, Mike and Veda Wood

In loving memory of Larry Miller, a contribution has been given to:
School Ministry by Mike, Hope and Aaron Watson

In loving memory of Dave Prieskorn, a contribution has been given to:
School Ministry by Mark and Susan Sawitzky, Mickey Sawitzky, Michael Watson and family

Thank Offerings

In thankfulness and celebration of their 35th Wedding Anniversary on March 14, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Mark and Linda Schwark

In thankfulness and celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary on April 6, a contribution has been given to:
Women's Ministry Quilters by Al and Virginia Weatherly

In thankfulness and celebration of Stan Krakowski's birthday on March 29, a contribution has been given to:
Moving Forward by Stan and Marion Krakowski

In thankfulness and celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary on April 29, a contribution has been given to:
The Giving Tree (Window Fund) by Duane and Ruthann Bettcher

DID YOU KNOW that you can remember a special occasion or loved one by purchasing flowers for the front of church? Maybe it's a birthday, anniversary, baptism, wedding, or just a special day to honor someone.

Please sign up in the Church Office. It's easy to do and it will be noted in the weekly bulletin. The cost is \$25. Checks made payable to: *St. Peter Women's Ministry.*

Questions? Please call the Church Office.



Connection



NEW CYCLE TO BEGIN The loss of a family member or a good friend does not “take off” the summer. Knowing that a season of mourning transcends the seasons of the year, GriefShare will commence for yet another thirteen-week cycle on Tuesday, May 17. We will gather in the Large Conference Room accessed through the door to the Church Office, and we will meet for consecutive Tuesdays through August 9, each evening from 6:30 until 8:00. I know that summer commitments can be difficult, but you are welcomed to join us when it works into your schedule. Missing a session or more does not impact the effectiveness of this ministry. We would be privileged to walk beside you as you journey from mourning to joy. If you have a question or a concern or if you just wonder what this group is about, please call Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329.

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.

Our Bible Study will continue through May 4. We will recess for the summer and return in September. God’s blessings and thanks to all of you for a great year.

A special thank you to Anne Westphal and Paula Hoegemeyer for their dedication and leadership with our studies.

Contact Karen Gluski (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.

St. Peter has a Care Team that is in place to address the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of its members and friends. Made up of the Pastors, Stephen Leaders, Parish Nurses, Administrative and Lay Leaders, the Care Team meets weekly to assess and address needs identified via prayer requests, phone calls or emails to the Church Office, and personal contacts. Our Pastors continue to make visits as requested and available, but there is also a team of commissioned laymen who make home visits to administer Holy Communion on a regular basis to those unable to attend worship. It is our goal to show the love of Jesus by providing care such as visits, cards, phone calls, short term meal provision, and other help as identified. If you or someone you know is in need of care, please contact Pastor Mark Arendell at (313) 969-4075 marendell@splcs.net or Frieda in the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 fschluessler@splcs.net.

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.

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. **Last class is May 23. See you in the Fall!**

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. **Last class is May 19. See you in the Fall!**

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Throughout their child's younger years, St. Peter wants to help families take steps in spiritual growth through a combination of classes, retreats, seminars, and blessing events.

- **Baptism**
- **Bible blessing**
- **Mother/Daughter & Father/Son retreats**
- **Faith-based parenting classes**
- **Communion**
- **Parent/student seminars**

Watch for more information and dates coming soon!

MAY WOMEN'S MINISTRY INVITATION EVENING RETREAT

To: All Ladies

From: Women's Ministry Board

When: Thursday, May 5

Place: Sycamore Hills Golf Club

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Speakers: Rev. Dr. Robert & Debbie Kasper – "Take Heart, Daughter"

Tickets: \$35.00 (includes dinner)

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

This replaces the May Women's Ministry meeting.

Hope to see you there for a relaxing evening retreat!

Women's Ministry Board

Education

Sunday School



Our Sunday School classes are winding down for this portion of the year as of May 15. We will resume Sunday School, Rally Day this fall, September 11, 2022.

“Money for Missions,” is going well. We will continue to collect offerings until May 15. All donations are greatly appreciated.

On May 17 we look forward to our Teacher Appreciation Dinner and final meeting until fall. I wish to thank our dedicated teachers and helpers for their devoted time, love for God in serving the children of St. Peter. I pray they will all return this fall.

Our Sunday School seeks members of our church who love children and would like to teach the Word of God to them. Teaching experience is not necessary. Please contact the Church Office or the Sunday School Superintendent if you are interested in our Sunday School Ministry.

I wish to thank the parents and students for their participation and support throughout our Sunday School. May the love for learning God’s Word direct our faithful followers back this fall to continue our Sunday School Ministry.

We pray for our loving Lord to watch over us this summer, giving us time to enjoy the beautiful warm weather, healthy days and safe travels.

God’s Blessings,
Pat Losey
Sunday School Superintendent



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Meet Our Staff: Fifth Grade

Mrs. Virginia Ellsworth

Fifth Grade Teacher

My name is Virginia Ellsworth. I am a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and earned a Master's Degree in education from Marygrove College. I taught sixth grade homeroom and middle school science for 13 years at St. Peter Lutheran in Richmond, MI. I then transferred to St. Peter, Macomb, where I taught fourth grade for four years and am currently teaching fifth grade. I love working with the kids and seeing the light bulb click when students master an especially tricky concept. I also love being able to share the love of Jesus with my students each day and the forgiveness He offers.



My husband, Joe and I have three daughters who attend St. Peter. We have two cats and a bunny at this time, but there's always a possibility that a new pet may be added to the mix. I enjoy reading mystery novels in my spare time. I also enjoy running, walking or any form of exercise.

Mrs. Nichole Harrison

Fifth Grade Teacher

Hello, my name is Nichole Harrison. I grew up in a small town that was close to Portland, Oregon. I went to George Fox University starting in 2014 and graduated in 2018. This small university gave me the opportunity to play basketball, a sport I loved at a competitive level, and gave me a great educational background. The university taught me many lessons in compassion for children, the value of building relationships, and building my confidence in myself. After graduating I started my career as a teacher.



In my spare time, I love to be active and be outside. I find it refreshing and uplifting when you are able to be outside during all seasons. One of my favorite hobbies is hiking. Living in Oregon for most of my life, I was blessed to live about two hours from the beaches, mountains, and trails, specifically created to hike. I also enjoy kayaking, running, and skiing. I am an avid reader, a huge board game fan, an excellent home chef, and have recently taken up gardening. This summer I made a few life changes. My first was getting married on June 19. Secondly, I moved across the United States to Michigan. Lastly, my husband was installed as the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in New Baltimore.

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.

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.

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.

“LOOKING BACK”

The following letter was found in the Cornerstone of the original St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Macomb, Michigan.

This part is to be put in the box for the next generation so they will know how the St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church was founded. A few families came from Mecklenburg, Germany to this country to make a new start. We all joined the church in Waldenburg as we found the teaching and belief of the Word of God was the same as it was in Germany. It was a long way to Waldenburg so we decided to build our own church.

The congregation was organized and the church was called the St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church. Officers elected were: Trustees: Johann Schwark, Michael Nicol and Joachim Starck. Elders: Joachim Schwark, Carl Schoof and Christian Brass. It was decided to start building the Church on May 29. The Building Committee: T. Wiese, J. Krugar, J. L. Schwarch, J. Engelbrecht, W. Wangelin, J. Harder, Fr. Witt, J. Hinz and W. Schwarck. On the second Pentecost Day the Cornerstone was laid with church service and prayer as it read in Ephesians 2:20 *“And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.”*

Let us take home what we have heard today in the sermon and do what we have promised. That is to live up to the teaching of St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church. We hope that the next generation will follow in our belief, and with the help of God, go through life by reading their Bible and believe in it, pray and trust in the Lord as we are all sinners. Let us remember that Jesus Christ died for us on the cross so that we might live. Let it be Jesus today and tomorrow and forever. Let this be our and your belief at all times with God’s help.

We will lay a hymn book in the box that we used in church by singing some lovely hymns, the Augsburg Confession, the Conrad Dietrichscke Catechism and Luther’s Small Catechism. In school we received our learning from those books and we hope that you dear followers will teach the Word of God forever.

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

May 29, 1882 the St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church Macomb, Macomb County, Michigan

This was translated from the German language by Mrs. Louis Schoof.

Submitted by: Joyce Schwark –Historical Committee member

Life Team

May Focus: Right to Life

Friends and members of St. Peter,

Below is an excerpt from the Right to Life Macomb County North and Northwest Spring 2022 Issue #8 newsletter.

“A petition sponsored by Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, and Michigan Voice for a ballot proposal named “Reproductive Freedom for All” will soon be circulating in your community. This poorly worded petition will attempt to permanently enshrine abortion into our Michigan constitution.”

This amendment would affect these existing laws:

- Ban on tax-funded abortions
- Ban on partial abortion
- Required parental consent for children seeking abortions
- Ban on school employees helping children have abortions
- Screening for women being coerced to have abortions
- Licensing and health and safety requirements for abortion facilities
- Informed consent requirement for women seeking abortions
- 24-hour waiting period for abortion
- Requirement that only doctors perform abortion
- Born alive infant protection act
- Michigan’s original 1846 and revised 1931 abortion ban
- Ban on human cloning
- Increased penalties for abortions after viability
- Requirements that women be offered the chance to see an ultrasound before the abortion
- Prenatal protection act that punishes criminals for harming the child before birth along with their mother
- Conscience protections for doctors and nurses who object to performing abortions
- Reporting requirements on abortion statistics and complications
- Michigan surrogate parenting act and a ban on commercialized surrogacy
- Would force elective abortions to be treated the same as childbirth

For more information, go to www.rtl.org or www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org where you can also help financially or volunteer.

Upcoming local informational meeting:

Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Romeo District Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington Twp.
To reserve your seats, contact Mary by email at northmacombrtl@gmail.com or (586) 210-6819.

RTL North Macomb County - www.lifeisapeach.org

RTL Northwest Macomb County - www.facebook.com/RightToLifeMacombCountyNorthwest

Diaper Drive: We will be collection diapers from Mother’s Day (May 8) to Father’s Day (June 19). Sizes five and six are especially needed! Diapers may be dropped off in the Church Coat Room.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY BETTY J. YOUNGBLOOD

BUDGET UPDATE: Following is a summary of income and expenses, as of February 28, 2022. This information is compared to the same eight-month period of the prior fiscal year (July 2020 through February 2021).

Church Income stands at \$1,569,891, compared to \$1,603,990 last year. This is a decrease of 2.1% or \$34,099.

Church Expenses now total \$828,382, compared to \$1,297,691. This is a decrease of 36.2% or \$469,309.

Day School Income (tuition and miscellaneous income) now totals \$1,227,188, compared to \$774,248 last year. This is an increase of 58.5% or \$452,940.

Day School Expenses (salaries, benefits, and expenses) now total \$1,379,681, compared to \$1,088,854 last year. This is an increase of 26.7% or \$290,827.

Preschool Tuition now totals \$232,537 while miscellaneous income totals \$131,061, for total income of \$363,597. Miscellaneous income includes a one-time non-budgeted Michigan grant for payroll in the amount of \$127,990.65. We are not reporting income comparisons to last year due to different accounting systems prior to merging the Preschool with the Day School at the beginning of the current fiscal year.

Preschool Expenses now total \$220,251. Expenses include salaries, benefits, and related educational items. As with income, we are not reporting expense comparisons to last year due to different accounting systems.

2022-2023 BUDGET APPROVAL: The Voters approved a proposed spending guide for 2022-2023 at a meeting on Sunday, April 24, 2022. The spending guide includes total estimated income of \$4,576,100 and total estimated expenses of \$4,770,412.

Though this budget includes a projected deficit, it is probable that some areas will not require all earmarked funding. In three of the past four fiscal years, we have approved deficits but actually achieved surpluses. We expect this also to occur at the end of the current fiscal year.

The approved spending guide for 2022-23 includes two new ministry positions—a Director of Traditional Music and an Associate Pastor for Discipleship. We also project one additional second grade teacher (for a total of three classes) and one and a half custodial positions (currently vacant). In addition, projected spending includes a wage increase for hourly workers and modest cost-of-living increases for full-time staff.

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



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ST. PETER'S VALUES

Our Mission Statement:

To glorify God by
making and growing
disciples of Jesus
Christ

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the
name of the Father, of
the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, teaching them to
observe all that I have
commanded you. And
behold, I am with you
always, to the end of age.

Articles for **June Keynotes** must be submitted before 4 p.m. on May 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!



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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