

The Fire Within

“They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” Acts 2:3-4

Several years back, I did a little research on how often the word “fire” is used in the Bible and, as you might expect, there are a number of passages where the word “fire” simply refers to the same kind of fire that we often think of. On the other hand, there are a number of other passages where the word “fire” is connected to God’s wrath and judgment often being used to describe what would happen to those who were enemies of God.

That’s why it’s amazing to consider what Christmas, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost have done. As we now hit our “Season of Pentecost stride”, we are reminded that “fire” is no longer connected to God’s wrath and judgment. Instead it is now tied to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. Which means that, in light of Jesus’ redemptive work, our eyes and hearts are redirected to see that, when God is moving, “fire” can be a pretty awesome thing.

Remember the burning bush or the pillar of fire that led the Israelites? Or the tongues of fire on the Day of Pentecost? We really don’t have to read too far in the book of Acts to discover that fire is now something new and good for Christ-followers -- pointing to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit who ignites within our hearts a flame of faith that gives eternal light and life.

This, by the way, is the fire that I pray burns brightly within all our hearts here at St. Peter, especially since this is the fire that illuminates the world with the glowing love and joy of Christ – even though we know the enemy would love to extinguish the flame of hope and joy in order to replace it with the kind of fire that seeks that leads to destruction.

Sadly, we’ve seen how this can play out among God’s people where the fire of Pentecost begins to grow dim. For reasons that can sometimes allude our understanding, the flame that drives the overall mission of the Church, at times, appears to grow smaller and smaller. Most often, it’s the world, our sinful flesh, and even the enemy himself who do the greatest work in an attempt to extinguish the flame but, whether it has to do with the choices we make or those things that are completely out of our control, how often does the flame of faith grow weak – allowing Satan more opportunities to attempt to stamp it out altogether?

I know you don’t expect (or possibly even want) to hear this from your pastor, but it happens to me, as well. In fact, I think I struggle most when I see the “unholy three” (the world, our flesh, and the Devil) going after my own family members. While I certainly understand that my family is not immune to the attacks of the enemy, it still hurts and can become quite wearing when it becomes so personal; and, honestly, it can even leave pastors to feel as broken as ever.

But, even in the midst of brokenness, there’s a fire that still burns. It’s a fire that I pray serves as a constant reminder that, even in the midst of our brokenness (some days more than others), Satan does not get to have the final say. As another pastor once reminded me, God always has one more move, because the same God of Pentecost is still alive and well, and His Holy Spirit leads us to cling to Christ with a hope that keeps on burning.

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A song that seems to have a way of popping up in my life at the right time is one that has all to do with what this is all about. While I can't play it for you (and I'm pretty sure you wouldn't want me attempting to sing it for you), I'd like to share its words. The reason? Because they are words of truth and hope that only the burning fire of the Holy Spirit can lead us to cling to...during good times, broken times, and in every season in our lives.

**I Have this Hope
by Tenth Avenue North**

As I walk this great unknown
Questions come and questions go
Was there purpose for the pain?
Did I cry these tears in vain?

I don't want to live in fear
I want to trust that You are near
Trust Your grace can be seen
In both triumph and tragedy

I have this hope
In the depth of my soul
In the flood or the fire
You're with me and You won't let go

But sometimes my faith feels thin
Like the night will never end
Will You catch every tear
Or will You just leave me here?

But I have this hope
In the depth of my soul
In the flood or the fire
You're with me and You won't let go

Yes, I have this hope
In the depth of my soul
In the flood or the fire
You're with me and You won't let go

So, whatever happens I will not be afraid
Cause You are closer than this breath that I take
You calm the storm when I hear You call my name
I still believe that one day I'll see Your face

I have this hope
In the depth of my soul
In the flood or the fire
You're with me and You won't let go

*Songwriters: Jason Ingram / Michael Donehey / Jeff Owen
I Have This Hope lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC, Fun Attic Music, LLC*

May the Holy Spirit constantly remind you and all of us alike that Jesus has not only covered us with His love and grace (which is more than enough to keep the fire burning), but that He still rules the day just as He rules our hearts and our lives.

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

Worship

Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you the song "Always Been Jesus" by Alexander Pappas. As many of my articles have started, this song came on while my music was on shuffle and made me pause.

One of the many things I love about the Bible is how the writings throughout the Old Testament foreshadow what is to come and point directly to Jesus. In fact, Jesus references texts found in the Old Testament many times that point to His coming. (Luke 4:16-21 pointing to Isaiah 61:1-2; Matthew 11:3-6 pointing to Isaiah 35:5-6 and 61:1; Matthew 22:41-45 pointing to Psalm 110:1; John 8:56-58 pointing to Genesis 22:8. I could go on.) I love how the words of this song remind us, "It's not just the red letters that speak. You're in the whole thing."

From the Old Testament to the New Testament we have the privilege of reading the Bible with a perspective that the inspired writers never had. We get to see God's hand and plan at work throughout thousands of years in ways our minds could never even conceive. It brings me comfort to know that even when I can't see His plan in my life, His plans are so much bigger than the moment I am living in right now. He is so great. He can use our fears, insecurities, deficiencies, and challenges in ways that we could never understand to accomplish His purpose.

I hope that in some way this brings you the same comfort it brings me. We serve a great God whose ways are higher than anything I can even begin to fathom. (Isaiah 55:9)

Robert W. Costa
Director of Modern Worship



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	MODERN WORSHIP	LIVESTREAM
Saturday - 6:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.	Sunday - 11:00 a.m.	Sunday - 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Service

Building Together

RAISED SO FAR:

\$2,457,118.51

\$11.5M

\$9M

\$7M

\$5M

\$3M

\$1M

**As of
6/25/26*

Backpacks and School Supplies Collection for MCF



Once again, we are collecting NEW backpacks AND school supplies (for ages 4-18) for Macomb Charitable Foundation. MCF helps homeless children and children living at or below poverty level in Macomb County. We want these children to have a good start to their school year and one less thing to worry about.

From July 18 – August 9 you can drop off your donations in the bins in the North Fellowship Hall. We are specifically looking for the following NEW items:

- Backpacks
- Washable markers
- Pocket folders
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- #2 pencils
- Glue sticks
- 70-sheet spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- Blunt scissors
- Dry-erase markers (black – EXPO brand)

Thank you, in advance, for your support of MCF! For questions, contact Lois Bellhorn at (586) 770-3002.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me.’” Matt. 25:40

We are collecting the following items for the **Wellness Kits for Lutheran World Relief** now through September:

- 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 LWR in the Church Coat Room off of the Narthex.

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



We Need Your Help! Volunteers NEEDED for Worship Services – Screens/Livestream

Please consider volunteering to help with our Sunday worship services at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and/or 11:00 a.m. Volunteers must be 18 or older unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. This is a big part of our worship services, so punctuality and commitment are very important.

Screens: For 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 (Traditional), we need volunteers to click through our service slides (screens). It is just a PowerPoint presentation, so no “tech” skills required. For 11:00 a.m. (Modern), it is slightly more advanced, but very similar. Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Training is provided for both opportunities! Once comfortable, you may be put in the rotation as many or as few times as you would like.

Livestream: Some tech skills preferred but not required. For 9:30 (Traditional), training will be provided. For 11:00 a.m. (Modern), it is slightly more advanced, but very similar. Training is provided. Once comfortable, you may be put in the rotation as many or as few times as you would like.

These opportunities may be used for service hours. If interested or for questions, please contact Allison Costa at acosta@splcs.net.

More ways to help us Build Together!

Some of our St. Peter families have offered a percentage of their businesses’ sales to go to our Building Together expansion fund. If you would like to join our list, please reach out to our Church Office or Finance Department at (586) 781-3434.

- **Air-Tite Replacement Co Inc.** – Air-Tite Replacement Co Inc. (Window and Door Sales and Custom Installation) will donate 10% of the contract price to the building campaign for St. Peter church members and school families. Non-member contracts referred by church or school families will receive a 5% donation. Phone: (586) AIR-TITE (247-8483) airtitereplacement.com
- **Hauss-Modetz Funeral Home, Macomb and Tiffany-Young & Hauss Funeral Home – Armada** will donate 10% of the service charge to the Building Together Campaign for St. Peter Church and School families. Non-Members that are referred by church families will receive a donation of 5% of the service charge. Macomb – (586) 263-3100 Armada – (586) 784-9123 haussmodetz@gmail.com
- **Smith & Sarconi PLC** will donate 10% of the price of any estate plan purchased by St. Peter Church and School families to the Building Together Campaign. 13900 Lakeside Circle, Suite 203, Sterling Heights, MI 48313, (586) 884-5420, jsarconi@s2attorneys.com
- **Beninati Hot Tubs - Clinton Twp.** will donate 10% of contract price for any hot tub, Swim Spa or Cold Plunge and 5% of the contract price for any indoor or outdoor sauna purchased by St. Peter Church and School families. Please text or call Jacob for more info (810) 357-4192.
- **Michigan Wash & Seal** will donate 10% of the total price for any services purchased by St. Peter Church and School families. Non-members who have been referred by St. Peter families will also receive a 10% donation towards the building campaign. Services include commercial/residential power washing, window cleaning, concrete and paver sealing, joint sealing & gutter cleaning. Please call David Schwark for more info (586) 709-5041. Website: miwashandseal.com

WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP FUNDRAISER

FIVE GUYS FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, July 7, join us for a burger and fries at Five Guys! Stop in at their **Shelby Twp. (8284 26 Mile Rd.)** location from **4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** and mention you're with St. Peter Lutheran. 20% of your bill will be donated back to our church and school!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Harvest Fest Movie Night is back! We are very excited to bring this Movie Night tradition back again to our St. Peter community! Save the Date- Friday, September 25! Our PTL will begin their committee planning in July. To join in the fun, please email our PTL at PTL@splcs.net.

BJ's Fundraiser Tuesday, August 4, from 3:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at BJ's (14455 Lakeside Circle Sterling Heights, MI 48313) dine in, take-out, or order curbside and our 8th Grade Class will earn 20% back from all food and soft drink sales to put towards their Washington D.C. trip expenses. Flyers/ online code required and will be available at stpetermacomb.com or at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.



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A SWEET WAY TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

JOIN US FOR A
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FUNDRAISER!**



TUESDAY, JULY 21ST

ALL DAY!



RITA'S OF STERLING HEIGHTS MI
44809 Hayes Road
Sterling Heights MI 48313

Enjoy delicious **Italian Ice**
and **Custard** while supporting
St. Peter Lutheran Macomb!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL! ❤️

Worship Team Musicians: Are you a musician and would like to use your gifts and talents to help our team lead St. Peter's congregation in worship?

We are specifically looking for:

- Drums
- Bass
- Keyboard
- Guitar

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Robert at rcosta@splcs.net. Thank you!

**Adults and high school/college students are welcome to join our team! These serving opportunities may also be used for NOAH or service hours.*

CEF – How you can help! Many thanks to the Church Extension Fund (CEF) for helping us in so many ways! Earn up to 4.16% APY and help St. Peter as well with as little as a \$500 Fixed or Variable Rate Note.



Chene Street Outreach Event: Saturday, October 17, is the date for this year's Chene Street Annual October Outreach Event held at Peacemakers on Chene Street in Detroit.

Our October Outreach Event is to assist Peacemakers in their October outreach ministry, by sharing the love of God, feeding the participants a hot meal, and handing out some winter clothing to homeless men and women in the Chene Street area of Detroit.

This year we will ONLY BE COLLECTING:

- Adult men's and women's NEW AND/OR CLEAN, GENTLY USED WINTER: COATS, BOOTS, HATS AND GLOVES
- Adult men's and women's NEW packages of underwear and socks
- *We will not be accepting any donations of other types of clothing or shoes.*
- We are also looking for Thrivent members who have any available Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift cards. *(Please contact Rhonda for specific requests needed before applying for a gift card.)*

****Donations WILL NOT be accepted until October 1.**

Thank you for your support, continued prayers, and encouragement for this worthwhile outreach program.

Our support given to Peacemakers helps them continue their ministry to the homeless men and women in Detroit.

God bless each of us as we continue to minister to those around us who are struggling and less fortunate than we all are.

I am also searching for someone to share the "leadership position" with me this year. 2026 is my last year to lead this ministry. 2027 will need someone to be the head leader. Please consider filling this position.

For more information or any questions, please contact Rhonda at rhondaf85@hotmail.com.

A graphic with a light beige background. At the top left is a small green leafy branch. The title "Altar Guild Volunteers" is in a large, dark blue serif font. Below it, in a smaller dark blue serif font, is the text: "The Altar Guild's Sunday Communion Crew is seeking additional volunteers, especially for the summer months. Members serve for a month by cleaning and putting away the communion ware following the 11:00 a.m. service on the first, third, and fifth Sundays. Attendance at the service is not required. Volunteers simply arrive around 12:00 p.m. Please contact Nanette for additional information." To the left of this text is a simple line drawing of a chalice and a loaf of bread. To the right is a small green leafy branch. At the bottom right, in a dark blue serif font, is the contact information: "Contact: Nanette Mapes (586) 243-1394 lighthouses.mi.nem@gmail.com".

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Life Team

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Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of John Gingrich, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** and the **General fund** by Stuart & Mary Arends, Duane & Ruthann Bettcher, and Wayne & Marie Niemann

In loving memory of Dolores Larash, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Kathleen Reinhardt

In loving memory of Barbara Schmidt, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by John & Janine Knippenberg & Ellen Thoe

In loving memory of Ron Arthurton, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** the **Seminary & College Fund** by Jerry & Janet Stange and Wayne & Marie Niemann

In loving memory of Bill Wetzel, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Kathy Krause and Duane & Ruthann Bettcher

In loving memory of Eldon Kukuk, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund**, and the **Debt Reduction Fund** by Barbara & Tamara Schramm, Tamara McRae, Brian & Julie Wright, Roy & Joyce Schwark, Rita & Gary Stark, Ronnie & Cathy Prieskorn, Shelly Penzien, Deborah Milton, Milt Miller, Ruth Klein, Mark Kraatz, Rhonda & Gary Glefke, Betty Grader, Charles & Grace Wolf, Russ Monthey, and Tracy Kowalski

In loving memory of Donna Eplett, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Charles & Grace Wolf

In loving memory of Edwin "Skip" Robertson, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** and the **General Fund** by Jim Schwark, Mark & Lynnette Boxman, Kathleen Reinhardt, Karen Webb, Cynthia Hall, Charles & Grace Wolf, and Don & Cynthia King

In loving memory of Sherrie Antozewski, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Charles & Grace Wolf

In loving memory of Richard Meier, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Charles & Grace Wolf

In loving memory of Barbara Schmidt, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Charles & Grace Wolf

In loving memory of Dorothy Rosso, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Charles & Grace Wolf

Thank Offerings

For Blessings Received, a contribution has been given to: the **Debt Reduction fund** by The Stay Healthy Exercise Class.

For Blessings Received, a contribution has been given to: the **Music & Organ fund** by Julie Desrosler & Anna Macri.

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.

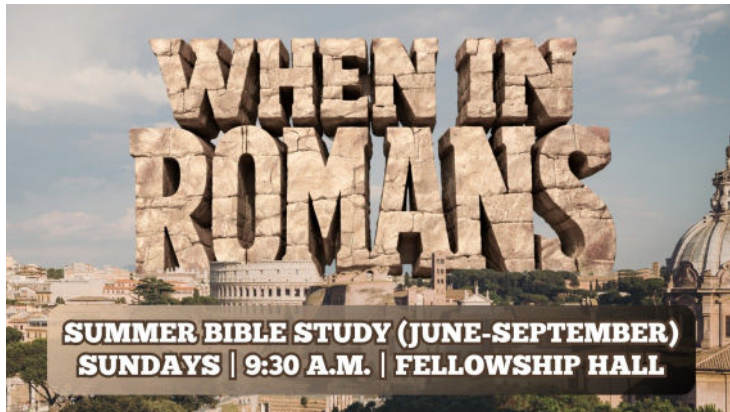
Please sign up in the Church Office. The cost is \$25. Checks made payable to: *St. Peter Women's Ministry.*

Questions? Please call the Church Office.

Connection

For more information about all current and upcoming Bible studies and small groups, please visit stpetermacomb.com.

Bible Studies:



Romans Bible Study Throughout the summer, you are invited to attend this pastor-led Sunday morning Bible study at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our pastors will be going through the book of Romans as we simultaneously discuss this book during our summer worship sermon series.

Tuesdays Together Bible Study "Lord I Want to Know You" A Study on the Names of God—this study meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at His Rock

Wednesday Women In the Word Bible Study will not meet the month of July or August. Our Bible study will return on September 16. Have a blessed summer. Karen Gluski (586) 207-6201 or gludog2003@yahoo.com.

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 meet 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.*** Questions? Contact Carol Poterek at (586) 566-3785.

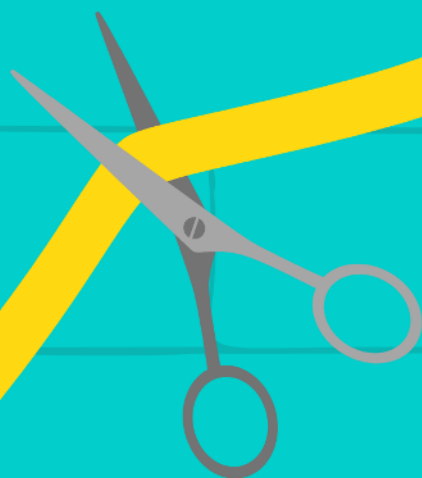
Upcoming Office Hours

OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED:

- FRIDAY, JULY 3
- MONDAY, JULY 6
- FRIDAY, JULY 10, 17, 24, & 31

GriefShare will continue during the month of July. We will not be meeting on July 5 so we can honor the Independence Day holiday. We meet in the small conference room at 1:30 p.m. Please enter into the Church Office through Door #28.

If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or Darcel Bennett at (586) 255-7090. You may also review the website at griefshare.org.



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11:00 A.M. IMMEDIATELY
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RIBBON CUTTING AND
BUILDING DEDICATION
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16.**

VOTERS' MEETING

JULY 26, 2026

12:30 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL



ST. PETER MACOMB

An adventure you'll fall for!



New friends 🌿 Amazing experiments 🌿 Creative games
Super-fun snacks 🌿 Surprising adventures 🌿 Incredible music

Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Save these Dates: July 13th - July 17th
Each day's fun happens from: 9:00am - 12:00pm
For more information call: 586-781-5567
Register online here: www.ourredeemer-lcms.org

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IN HIS PRESENCE

Go - Make - Share
Matthew 28:19-20



Lodging, meals, and gratuities at the Grand Hotel

\$397
per person based on quad occupancy and room selection.

Speakers
Rev. Greg Finke | Rev. Dr. Ryan Tinetti

Entertainment
Tanner Olson

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Lutheran Adult Gathering | Mackinac Island, Mich.
October 9-11, 2026

www.michigandistrict.org/lag26

Cost: \$50/person plus lodging
Deadline to register is September 10, 2026



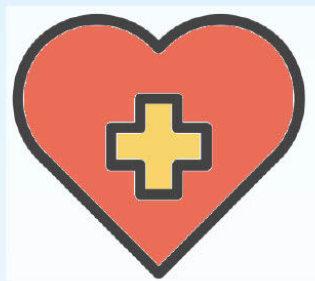
Men's Ministry Monthly Men's Gatherings are held the 3rd Monday of each month. We meet at the Hamlin Pub (Van Dyke and 25 Mile) at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to join us for a time of "Connection and Conversation." Questions? Contact Pastor Ken at kwise@splcs.net or (586) 871-4891.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Although there are no summer Women's Ministry meetings, MITES are still collected during these months. You can drop them into the large Mite box on the Welcome Center and they will be counted and sent in to District.

Thank you, Women's Ministry



Christian Singles Survey

We are looking at creating a singles ministry for the Lutheran (LCMS) Church in the Metro-Detroit area. Christians of other denominations are welcome, but we will primarily focus on the LCMS. The goal of this ministry is to give a safe place for people to meet one another. This survey helps us best serve you. Please leave name and contact information if you would like to help out or be notified of events.



<https://forms.gle/Q9uDg78oAyQC8JJw8>



Quilters The quilting group is always in need of clean sheets, cotton and flannel along with any new material. They meet on Monday mornings (**beginning September 14**) at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (north). All women are welcome to join! They also will have packets of quilts squares available for anyone that would like to sew from home. Any cotton material is always welcome (clean cotton/flannel sheets any size or 4yards of new material). Donations can be dropped off in the Coat Room in the Narthex and packs of quilt squares to sew are available there. Please call Bonnie Williams with any questions (248) 790-2664.

St. Peter Boosters

GOLF

Outing

GREYSTONE
GOLF CLUB & BANQUET CENTER

2026



THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

9:00 A.M. – SHOTGUN START

67500 Mound Rd.

Washington, MI 48095

INCLUDES:

- Special Drinks
- Beef & Chicken Dinner
- Contests & Prizes



\$175 per player

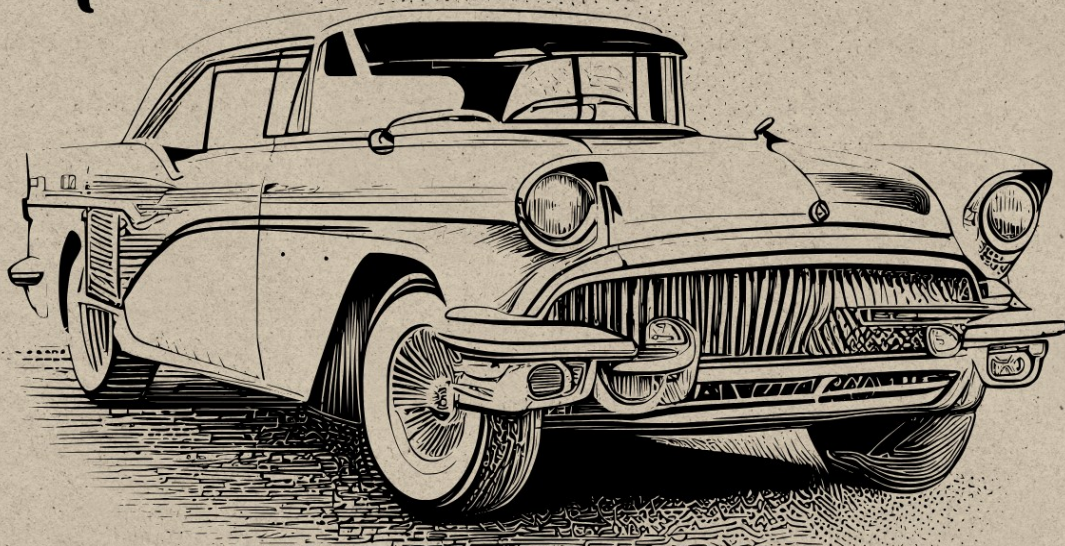
CALL OR TEXT FOR DETAILS

Jacob Beninati
(810) 357-4192

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ST. PETER MACOMB

Holy Smokes Car Show



Rev up your engines and cruise on over to the most anticipated car show of the year! Whether you're a car enthusiast, a collector, or just someone who appreciates the beauty of finely crafted automobiles, this event is for you. At The Holy Smokes Car Show, we're igniting passion and purpose through pristine automobiles. We aim to engage our community, building stronger bonds over the shared love of cool cars. Join us as we celebrate faith, fellowship, and fantastic rides!

📍 Corner of 24 Mile Rd. & Romeo Plank

For more information and to register your vehicle

🌐 www.stpetermacomb.com

📞 586-781-3434

Lisa Ventimiglio

SEE YOU THERE!

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AUGUST 2026

10AM - 3PM

Camp Arcadia • 3046 Oak St. Arcadia, MI 49613 • (231) 889-4361
 Cost \$310 • \$125 deposit at registration • www.camp-arcadia.com/register



All contributions collected at this retreat will be sent to LHM in support its mission to bring Christ to the Nations – and the Nations to the Church.

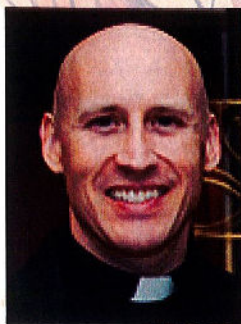


80th LLL Men's Retreat

September 10-13, 2026

"Live to Tell About It"

1 Peter 3:15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.



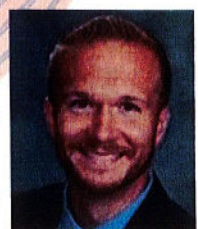
Retreat Speaker

Rev. Dr. Michael W. Zeigler
 Speaker of The Lutheran Hour



Retreat Chaplain
 Pastor Martin Measel
 Christ Lutheran Church,
 Stevensville, MI

Retreat Chaplain
 Pastor Bill Wangelin
 Our Savior Lutheran Church,
 Lansing, MI



Spiritual Growth + Fellowship + Relaxation + Recreation



Annual Golf Outing
 Annual Softball Game
 Pickleball Tournament
 Euchre Tournament
 Annual Talent Show



Education



STUDENT MINISTRY

Angela Schepmann
aschepmann@splcs.net
(586) 615-4186

July 2026



A HUGE THANK YOU!!!!

THANK YOU so much to everyone who donated to our envelope fundraiser to the MI District Gathering! We raised almost \$2400 for our gathering this month! Thank you for your generosity!

Morning-Meet Up

Our once a month breakfast gathering is on pause for the summer. Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors who made this time together so special!

SUMMER *Socials*

We've officially kicked off our Summer Social season!

Watch for dates and times on Facebook or the Band app.

Mission: ~~im~~POSSIBLE

JULY 20-22
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

TOP SECRET

Open to all incoming 6th through 8th graders!
3 days of devotions, service projects, games and so much more!
Lunch provided!

Sign up with the QR code:



Incoming 6th Graders-
You are invited to our Summer Socials!
Join us this summer for fun, games, and food!



MI District Gathering June 28-July 1. Keep our 12 youth and 4 chaperones in your prayers!

Life Team

This month's Life Team article focuses on end of life issues. Below is an excerpt from Lutherans for Life and the stance taken on brain death and organ donation:

WHEREAS, Sometimes organ donation factors into end of life decisions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life affirms that the concept of "brain death" as the sole determinant of death comes from outside of the Bible, and that the use of "brain death" as the criterion to remove vital organs is likely to cause death prematurely, and this is contrary to the express will and Word of God in the Fifth Commandment (Exodus 20:13); and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life affirms complete cessation of cardiopulmonary function as the Scriptural determinant of physical death and thus opposes using "brain death" as the sole criterion for removing vital organs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life encourages Lutherans who wish to be organ donors to indicate so on their Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care paperwork, and to specify in writing that they wish their medical teams to use the Scriptural criterion of cardiopulmonary failure to determine that their physical lives are ended; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life assures those who regret having allowed loved ones or other neighbors to be declared dead on the basis of the "brain death" criterion that there is forgiveness in Jesus' blood shed at Calvary, and encourages them to seek the comfort of Pastoral Absolution.

ADOPTED 10 OCTOBER, 2023

For Life Team questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Carol at (586) 321-9500 or carolpoterek@gmail.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 **August Keynotes** must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on July 15.

Please submit all articles for consideration by email to Allison Costa at acosta@splcs.net.

All submissions should include your contact information. Please submit articles without formatting (table, text boxes, etc.) 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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