

UnAshamedly Well

And (Jesus) said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." Luke 17:19

"Be well." That's what came out of my mouth as I was dropping something off at my son's office. "Be well." It's not that it's an unusual way to say goodbye or that it's somehow uncommon or odd, it's just that I don't know if I've ever used those words (at least not often). But, because I believe that things do come from the subconscious, I eventually figured out where it came from.

A couple of days earlier, I was in Wisconsin for a golf outing where I had the chance to see some friends that I hadn't seen for a while; and, before I headed back to Michigan, I got to join a number of them in an early morning men's Bible study that I used to be a part of when I served there. Led by another former pastor of that congregation, the focus was on Luke 17:11-19 – the account of Jesus healing the ten lepers.

As we were reading the account and diving into a deeper focus on what God's unmerited grace is really all about, we turned to the words of Jesus in verse 19: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

As you might suspect, the conversation brought to light questions like: "What happened to the other nine lepers who didn't return to give thanks to Jesus?" or "Why would a Samaritan go to a priest when he would still be a Samaritan (albeit healed) and, therefore, still be considered unclean by the Priests of Israel?" (If you knew this group of men, you'd be surprised by how quickly things can turn from having fun by giving each other a hard time to diving into the deeper, more challenging questions.) That's also when we found ourselves discussing what it meant to be made "well," which allowed my brother in Ministry to share what the word "well" can mean in the original languages.

In Greek, the word "well" actually comes from a term that means "saved," "rescued," "delivered," "kept safe," or, as we begin to put these together, to be "made whole." Which means that, when Jesus says the man has been made "well", it becomes a wellspring of healing that can only come from God – just like the faith the Samaritan leper exhibited could only come from God.

To be made well again also means that the Samaritan leper not only didn't have to be concerned with the physical disease that had banished him from his family and society, but that he no longer had to be concerned about an identity as an unclean outsider because he had been healed and made whole by Jesus in a way that grants new life and salvation. That's a game changer, and it's a life-changer.

I pray that you take hold of the truth that, through His life, death, and resurrection for you and me, Jesus has done the same for us – cleansing us from what once tried to mar us, threaten us, and drag us down eternally.

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In fact, because Jesus has gone so far to even remove our sin, guilt, and shame, we have every opportunity to now go and “show ourselves” to this world. Not to draw attention to ourselves, but to tell others about the One who has made us “well” and is still making others “well.”

So...as you revel in the truth that you have been healed, saved, rescued, delivered, kept safe, and made unashamedly whole again by the same Jesus who healed those lepers, BE WELL and LIVE WELL while unashamedly sharing the wellness that comes from Jesus.

Be Well!

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

2026-2027 Theme – “UnAshamed”

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” Romans 1:16-17



Traditional Music Director Update: A call has been made to Tetsuya Sugita to be our next Director of Traditional Music. Tetsuya has acknowledged the call. Please keep Tetsuya and his family in your prayers as he now has two calls—his call to his current church, Bethel Lutheran in Bryan, TX, and St. Peter Lutheran - Macomb.

Robert's Music Spotlight

This month, I wanted to share with you the song “There Is One” by Sovereign Grace Music. This was sent to me, and while I was not familiar with this group, this song had a strong and straight forward Gospel message that caught my attention. I feel as though sometimes we don't appreciate the gravity of what Christ did for us. We know the message, we hear it often, but do we ever pause to live in the reality that there is only One who paid the price for our salvation? This song points to Jesus over and over again. In our worship, we need to proclaim the Name that is above every other name. (Acts 4:12, Colossians 1:15-20 and Philippians 2:9-11) If you use this song in your personal worship time, really reflect on the fact that Christ loved you so much that He, and He alone, paved a way for you to be with Him.

Robert W. Costa

Director of Modern Worship



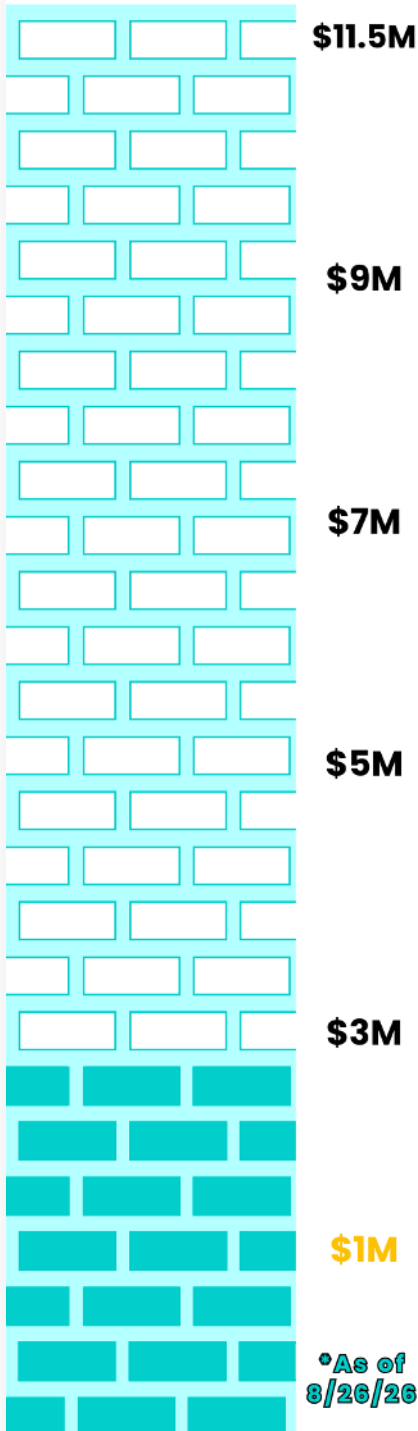
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	MODERN WORSHIP	LIVESTREAM
Saturday - 6:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.	Sunday - 11:00 a.m.	Sunday - 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Service

Building Together

RAISED SO FAR:

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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.

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



The following information was taken from the MOST Ministries Newsletter.

Reflection From a First-Time Team Member

By Darla Bratkowski MOST Team, Belize VBS (2024)

I had always been interested in doing mission work outside of the church, but until last year, I really didn't seriously consider doing it due to my hectic life. I am a full-time caregiver for my disabled mom, so planning to be away from her was a major undertaking. But, after spending time with folks (including my husband and son) who had gone for an eyeglass clinic the year before, I knew I had to try. Miraculously I was able to get family and staff to cover my overnights and daytime hours. Amazingly, God wanted me to be a part of this because helpers were willing and able to fill in for me! A mission trip like this was a first for me. I'd never been to Central America, never been part of VBS, and didn't really know most of the folks I was traveling with, which put me outside of my comfort zone! I went on this journey thinking we were just doing four days of Sunday school, but it was so much more! The experience was way beyond what we had prepared for! So many surprises. First, it was hot & humid. We canvassed neighborhoods for three days, encouraging folks to send their children and grandchildren to come to the new church. I loved doing this! It was so awesome to minister to so many of those we spoke with. Plus, we were so warmly welcomed because they wanted to hear the word of God! Next, we had prepared for children who were probably a little older than what we had shown up.



Read more at [mostministries.org/reflection from a first time team member](https://mostministries.org/reflection-from-a-first-time-team-member).

WHY MISSION WITH MOST?

Many of our mission locations are built on long-standing partnerships with local churches and communities, creating meaningful opportunities to serve where God is already at work.

For 37 years, MOST Ministries has been connecting volunteers with meaningful opportunities to serve around the world, and more than 270,000 lives have been impacted through the love of Jesus.

MOST Ministries serves alongside trusted local churches and ministry partners. We're one of only 28 North American organizations accredited by Mission Excellence. That accreditation reflects our commitment to:

- God-centered ministry
- Qualified leadership
- Strong administration
- Best practices in short-term missions

We believe that serving well begins with preparing well.

Learn more about MOST Ministries at mostministries.org.

Interested in joining our St. Peter Mission Team? Contact Darla at lighthousemich@gmail.com or call our Church Office at (586) 781-3434.

Mission Team Update This past July, our Mission Team headed to Guatemala to serve the community by sharing the love of Jesus and assisting with those in need of eyeglasses. Here is a special message from the team:



First and foremost, we'd like to thank all the people who contributed prayers, money, and other support for our mission trip well before we boarded the plane. We served 311 people and gave out 437 pairs of glasses as some people needed two pairs for near and far sighted issues. How amazing it is to experience someone seeing clearly for the first time in years, or ever! Some of the glasses went to school children who will finally be able to see the board! The look of gratitude in their eyes was not just meant for us, but for the entire St. Peter body who made this trip possible. Thank you again for your incredible support. We thank God for this opportunity to share His love by helping those in need.



CEF Ministry Partner Bonus Grant This is an amazing grant that CEF is offering to church and school families. Church Extension Fund, CEF, is offering St. Peter a \$125 Bonus Partner Grant for each St. Peter church or school family that opens a new CEF investment of \$1,000 or more with a term of 24-60 months. This grant runs through June 30, 2027. The best way to open is to call their office at 1 (800) 242-3944 and speak to Sandy. We are blessed to have CEF as a partner! This could be a wonderful bonus for St. Peter. Please help spread the word!

<https://churchextensionfund.com/grants>

<https://churchextensionfund.com/rates>

St. Peter Choirs Music has played an important role in the worship services of the Lutheran Church dating back to the time of Martin Luther and the Reformation. Martin Luther said, "Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

Adult Handbell Choir: Ringing in a Handbell Choir is a unique team effort and is very rewarding. The ability to read music is a plus but not necessary. Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will begin on September 8 in the Sanctuary.

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir is open to high school students and above and rehearses on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Music Room with the first rehearsal of the season being September 10 in the school music room. Whether you have sung in a choir for years or have limited or no experience, all are welcome. Please consider using your voice to sing praises to our God. Simply show up for the rehearsal on Thursday. If you are unsure about joining, attend a rehearsal to see what it is about – no long-term commitment necessary.

Men's Choir: The Men's Choir typically sings for one Sunday per month. Rehearsals are on Sunday morning when singing before the 8:00 a.m. service (7:20 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.). Also open for high school students.

Please contact Terry Fiebelkorn at tradmusic@splcs.net for more information or to indicate your desire to be a part of the Music Ministry at St. Peter.

Chene Street Outreach Event Saturday, October 17, is the date for this year's Chene Street Annual October Outreach Event held at Peacemakers International on Chene Street in Detroit. Our October Outreach Event is to assist Peacemakers outreach ministry to homeless men and women. We will be sharing the love of God by assisting the staff, feeding the participants a hot meal, handing out winter coats, boots, hats, gloves, new underwear, new socks, personal hygiene items, and a Bible.

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
- NEW packages of Underwear and Socks
- full-size deodorants
- full-size bars of soap



We WILL NOT accept any donations of any other types of clothing, shoes, or blankets.

Donations WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED Thursday, October 1 - Wednesday, October 14. Clothing sorting takes place Wednesday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Narthex.

Use the QR code to sign up to volunteer for the October 14 sorting of all donated items and/or the October 17 outreach event. We are also still searching for someone to be the Head Leader for the 2027 Chene Street Ministry Program.

Thank you for your support, continued prayers, and encouragement for this worthwhile Ministry Outreach program. Our support given to Peacemakers helps them continue their ministry to the homeless men and women in Detroit. Thank you in advance for anything you are able to provide for this Outreach Ministry Program. God bless each of us as we continue to minister to those around us who are struggling and less fortunate than we all are. For more information or any questions, please contact Rhonda at Rhondaf85@hotmail.com.

School Fundraisers & Events:



September Restaurant Night Buddy's Pizza On Thursday, September 3, Buddy's Pizza located on Hayes Rd. will donate 20% back to our 8th Grade Class Trip. Stop in between 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. and mention St. Peter Macomb!

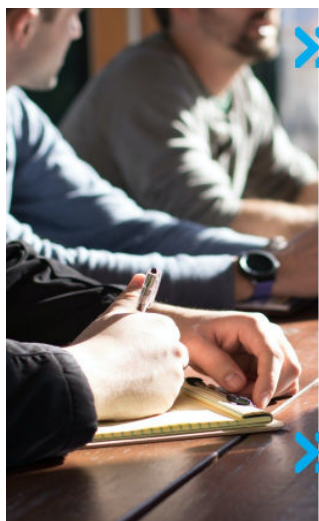
Harvest Fest Movie Night is back again! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us Friday, September 25, for an evening of fellowship, fun, and nostalgia at Harvest Fest! Activities begin at 5:00 p.m. with "Honey, I Shrunk The Kids" showing at 7:00 p.m. Purchase your Harvest Fest tickets before September 23 and see our flyer for more details!



8th Grade Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner Tickets Spaghetti Dinner is happening Friday, September 25, from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall before the movie. All proceeds support the 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. The dinner menu includes salad, pasta with alfredo and marinara, rolls, dessert and beverages. Adult tickets are \$15 per person, student (PreK- 8th grade) \$8 per person. Please buy tickets in advance. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For questions, please email spdc2627@gmail.com.



PTL Restaurant Night—P.F. Chang's Join us on Monday, September 29, from 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. for our September PTL restaurant night! Stop by the Clinton Twp., Rochester, or Troy locations (yes, all three are participating!), mention St. Peter Lutheran Macomb to your server and 10% of all sales will be donated back to St. Peter! Can't dine in? Order online or in the app! Order directly through pfchangs.com and enter code **D2D26** in the "additional details" field at checkout under "if participating in a Dine to Donate event."



NEW MEMBER CLASS

BEGINS
OCTOBER 20

7:00 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

TO REGISTER,
PLEASE GO TO
STPETERMACOMB.COM

Thank You...

Thank You, Church Family! ✍

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who donated book bags and school supplies for the **Macomb Charitable Foundation!** Your generosity and kindness will help local children start the school year feeling prepared, confident, and excited to learn.

We are so grateful for everyone who gave, whether you donated a backpack, school supplies, or simply helped spread the word. Your support is a wonderful example of how, together, we can make a difference in the lives of children in our community.

Thank you for helping us fill backpacks and hearts with hope! ♥ 📖

We are blessed to have such a caring and generous church family! May God bless you!!

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Kathy Irvine, a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund** by Gary & Phyllis Stade, Barbara Schramm, Jerry & Janet Stange, Bob & Judy Juengel, and Wayne & Marie Niemann.

In loving memory of Earl Brooks, a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund** by Jim Schwark.

In loving memory of Keem Costandi, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Jim Schwark and Duane & Ruthann Bettcher.

In loving memory of Bill Wetzel, a contribution has been given to the **General Fund** by Robert & Rhonda Carson.

Thank Offerings

In honor of Mark Schwark's 70th birthday, a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund** by Linda Schwark & family.

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:

Tuesdays Together Bible Study begins again on Tuesday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m. We would love to have you join us as we read through how it all began from creation to the time of Joseph in the book of Genesis. We will be meeting in the Large Conference Room which is located by entering through office Door #27.

New Sunday Bible Study Begins September 13 You are invited to join the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, September 13 as we begin our study of the Gospel of John. The Word Became Flesh is the central purpose as stated by John himself: "[This is] written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." (20:31)

Wednesday Women In the Word Bible Study beginning September 16, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Enter Door #27 (Church Office door). We will study "Be Still & Know," by Deb Burma. God's promises found in Psalm 46. A study of Rest, Refuge, Strength, Help and Hope. Books are available. (Each week is a new study in the book). For further information, please contact Karen Gluski at (586) 207-6201 or gludog203@yahoo.com.

Foundations: Parables Led by Chris Oberly. Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. (Large Conference Room)

Men's Bible Breakfast Led by Erv Aufdemberge. Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. (Country Inn Restaurant – 23 Mile and Romeo Plank) Come join a small group of men as we wander our way through the books of the Bible. This is a weekly 50 to 60 minute time for study and discussion. We take turns around the table reading passages and then discuss the reading in a group setting. After closing you may stay, have breakfast, and enjoy fellowship with each other.



A Cord of Three Strands Marriage Ministry would like to invite you to our fall Date Nights. You can choose to come to one, or join us for all three if you want! These Date Nights are intentionally created for a space to spend quality time with our spouse and meet other Christian couples at the same time. We hope that you will join us! Go to stpetermacomb.com or scan the QR code to register. For questions about any of these events, please contact Lisa at misslisacompton@gmail.com.



DON'T GIVE THE ENEMY A SEAT AT YOUR TABLE

IT'S TIME TO WIN THE BATTLE OF YOUR MIND . . .

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Women's Bible Study Discover how to break free from the chains of negative thinking, build emotional resilience, and experience true biblical freedom from unhealthy thoughts and emotions. What thoughts are sitting at your table?

The Enemy is constantly seeking to fill your mind with destructive and harmful thoughts—whether of fear, insecurity, anxiety, shame, temptation, envy. It's all too easy for Satan to manipulate his way into a seat at the table intended for only you and Jesus, and to try making himself at home in your mind, trapping you in cycles of discouragement and emotional exhaustion. It's an ongoing battle, but one you can win!

This 7-week study will have you walking with the Good Shepherd through Psalm 23. This study offers you fellowship and accountability with other women in a large and small group setting. You don't want to miss it!

Classes begin at His Rock on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. OR Thursday, October 1, at 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call/text Susan Meyer at (586) 255-5773. To sign up and pay for your book (\$16), please scan the QR code or go to stpetermacomb.com/church/



GriefShare The GriefShare facilitators will begin the next 13-week session on September 13. If you are mourning the loss of a dear loved one consider joining us. Also, if you know someone who may benefit from GriefShare, please mention this ministry to them. It is amazing to watch the healing process begin. We meet on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. in the Small Conference Room. It is best to park on the Romeo Plank side of the church and enter into the Church Office through Door #27. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or Darcel Bennett at (586) 255-7090. You may also visit griefshare.org for additional information.

"THE CHARGE"

MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 25-27

A WEEKEND OF ENCOURAGEMENT, EQUIPPING,
CONVERSATION, CONNECTION, FOOD AND FUN.

"The Charge" Men's Ministry Retreat Friday, September 25 - Sunday, September 27. *(A Saturday only option is available.)* Join men from St. Peter, Immanuel, Trinity - Utica, and Shepherd's Gate for a weekend of encouragement, teaching, connection, conversation, smoked BBQ (Woot! Woot!) fun, prayer, and worship. The retreat will take place at Michigan Christian Youth Camp (MCYC) in Attica, MI. Our Keynote Speaker is Pastor

Justin Krupsky from Trinity - Utica. He also serves as a U.S. Army chaplain. Join us as we recharge and charge forward with Christ. For details (cost, schedule, what to bring, etc.) and to register, go to stpetermacomb.com. If you have questions, or if cost is an obstacle, call or text Pastor Ken Wise at (586) 871-4891. **REGISTRATION OPEN!**



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.

DivorceCare St. Peter Macomb offers DivorceCare support for people walking through this painful experience. DivorceCare is a 13-week program offering topical videos, a workbook, and solid help as you face each challenge. Our next session begins on Tuesday, September 15, in the Small Conference Room. We meet from 6:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m. To register or for more information, visit Divorcecare.org or contact the Church Office.

Parish Health News

If you are interested in joining the parish nurse team please contact Paula Hoegemeyer.

HEALTHY LIVING OPPORTUNITIES for Fall 2026—Come and join us!

Stay Healthy Exercise 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. Deb, 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 a.m.-10:00 a.m. beginning September 14.** 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. Park in the north parking lot and enter through **Door #27 - Church Office** on the northeast side of the church. Contact Paula for more information hoegemeyer@att.net or (586) 322-2319.

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 will meet every **Thursday from 4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. beginning September 10** in the Church Narthex. The cost is \$10/session drop in. Enter through **Door #1** on the southeast side of the church. Contact Paula for more information hoegemeyer@att.net or (586) 322-2319.



St. Peter Macomb
**CHURCH & SCHOOL
PICNIC AND OPEN HOUSE!**
Sunday, September 13
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
(following 11:00 a.m. worship)
Join us for food, fun, & fellowship!
Questions or for more information, go to
stpetermacomb.com or contact Liz at (586) 623-7100.



Sunday School registration is now taking place. All children 3 years old through Grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday School for Bible lessons, songs, and activities. Rally Day is Sun., September 13, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Crossroads. Classes start Sunday, September 20, from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. in assigned classrooms. Click on the QR code to register your child(ren) today!



Sunday School

3 year olds - Grade 6
Rally Day: September 13
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
In the Crossroads

Register Now!




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

Premier Sponsor
 Church Extension Fund

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 starting September 21. We meet at the Hamlin Pub (Van Dyke and 25 Mile Rd.) 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.

September Women's Ministry Invitation

When: Thursday, September 10
 9:30 a.m. – Fellowship and refreshments
 10:00 a.m. – Ice Breaker – "Find Someone Who ..."
 10:30 a.m. – Meeting

Where: Fellowship Hall (south end)

We hope you can join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship (and a bit of business, too)! We're kicking off the new year with an ice breaker as a fun means of learning a little more about each other. We will also be discussing LWML Sunday, the Fall Pie & Bake Sale, and the LWML Fall Mini Retreat (which St. Peter Macomb is hosting).

We always welcome new faces! Hope you can join us!

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. at His Rock. 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

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.

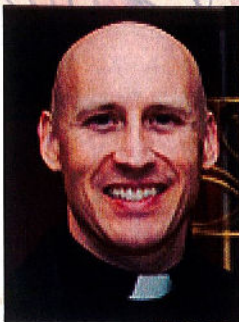


80th LLL Men's Retreat

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.



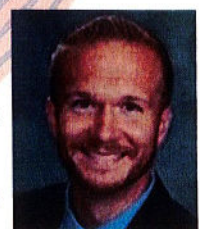
Retreat Speaker

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



Retreat Chaplain
 Pastor Martin Measel
 Christ Lutheran Church,
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LUTHERAN HERITAGE TOUR

12 DAY TOUR - MAY 13-24, 2027



You are invited to explore the world of Martin Luther on our Lutheran-themed trip to Germany, hosted by Julie Wright and her husband, Bryan, both long-time members of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Macomb. As we prepare to celebrate our congregation's 150th birthday, let's go visit the home of our ancestors. You will see the locations where our Lutheran church was born. You will also see some of the most beautiful sights of Germany. Everyone is welcome!

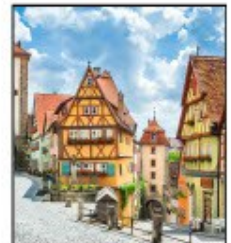
Highlights include:

- City tour of Berlin
- Luther-themed tour of Wittenberg
- Luther's birth and death homes
- Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt
- Wartburg Castle
- Rhine Cruise
- Medieval Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber
- Sausage lunch in Nuremberg
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Linderhof Palace
- Fun finale in Munich



The tour price is \$4,999 + air, based on a minimum of 20 travelers, double occupancy. Single supplement is \$720

For more details, scan the QR code or visit the tour webpage
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LUTHERAN HERITAGE TOUR ITINERARY

Key: IF = In Flight Meals, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: Thursday, May 13, 2027: Depart

We will depart from the USA. Group flights can be arranged. **(IF)**

Day 2: Friday, May 14, 2027: Arrival in Berlin

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, we will transfer to the centrally located hotel. In the afternoon, we will have a boat ride through Berlin, beginning at the Berlin Cathedral. Afterward, we will explore the historic Nikolai Quarter, before returning to our hotel for our evening meal. **(IF/D)**

Day 3: Saturday, May 15, 2027: Berlin, Wittenberg

We will start our Reformation Tour with a panoramic sightseeing tour of the reunified German capital, highlighting the Reichstag (parliament building), the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the refurbished city center, and Gendarmenmarkt. We will also see Alexanderplatz, the famous boulevard "Unter den Linden," and the Berlin Cathedral. After time for lunch, we will continue to Lutherstadt-Wittenberg and check into our hotel. After the optional English-language service with the Wittenberg English Ministry, we will dine in our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 4: Sunday, May 16, 2027: Wittenberg

We will have a free morning to attend a church service or have leisure time. After lunch, we will take a tour of Lutherstadt Wittenberg. It was here in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church (Schlosskirche). We will visit St. Mary's Church, the Lutherhalle, (if it's reopened), and Castle Church. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 5: Monday, May 17, 2027: Eisleben, Erfurt

In Eisleben, we will see where Luther was born and also where he died. In the afternoon, we will continue on to Erfurt and dine in a traditional restaurant. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, May 18, 2027: Erfurt

This morning, we will have a walking tour including St. Mary's Cathedral, Church of St. Severus, and the famous Merchant's Bridge. We will also tour the Augustinian Monastery, where Luther became a monk on May 17, 1505. The rest of the day will be at leisure. **(B)**

Day 7: Wednesday, May 19, 2027: Eisenach, Rhine

We will tour the Wartburg and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just eleven weeks. We will have some free time in Eisenach to visit the Bach House or Luther House before we drive down to our hotel in the Rhine region. We will have a special dinner with wine tasting. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Thursday, May 20, 2027: Rhine Cruise, Rothenburg

What better way to start the day than with a Rhine cruise! We will board the boat and sail past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley Rock to St. Goar. We will continue on to medieval Rothenburg, where we will have leisure time to walk around the walls and explore the town. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Friday, May 21, 2027: Nuremberg, Ettal

We will have a traditional Nuremberg sausage lunch in the Old Town. St. Lorenz is one of Nuremberg's largest Protestant churches. It was almost completely destroyed during World War II, but was fully restored just seven years after the war ended. Thankfully, the people in Nuremberg had stored artwork, including stained-glass windows, in an underground art bunker to protect it. We will continue our journey to Ettal, a charming village in the foothills of the Alps. We will dine in our hotel at Ettal Monastery. **(B/L/D)**

Day 10: Saturday, May 22, 2027: Neuschwanstein, Linderhof, Ettal

After a leisurely breakfast, we will tour the magnificent fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle, the inspiration for the Disney Palace. King Ludwig II of Bavaria built this castle in the 19th century, and it is now one of the most visited tourist destinations in Europe. We will also visit Linderhof Palace and Gardens before returning to Ettal. **(B/D)**

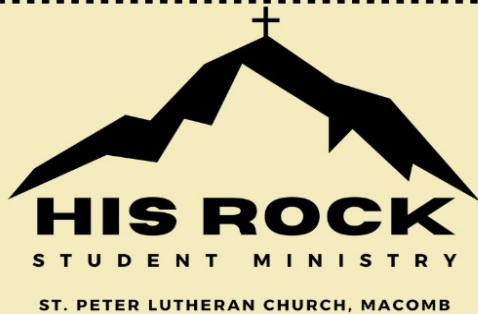
Day 11: Sunday, May 23, 2027: Munich

On arrival in Munich, we will have a walking tour of the city, including the Olympic Village, Nymphenburg Palace, Munich Cathedral, the elegant Maximilianstrasse, and the Glockenspiel. We'll end the tour with dinner in the famous Hofbräuhaus. **(B/D)**

Day 12: Monday, May 24, 2027: Return

We will transfer to Munich Airport for our flights back to the USA. **(B)**

Education



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THIS SUMMER...

It was a great summer with the MI District Sr. High Gathering on Mackinac in June! We had a great time growing in faith while having fun! Thank you to everyone who supported us to get there!



In July, our Summer Impact program was awesome! 28 Jr. High Youth took on Mission: Impossible with Bible Study, games, food, and service events.



We met up 3 times for our summer socials! Thank you so much to our hosts, the Pronsatis, VanOverbekes, and Sarconis, for providing wonderful time of food and fellowship!

SPRING HILL

Watch for more information and sign up for our winter retreat at Spring Hill camp!

Important Dates:

September 10:

6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.
First Morning Meetup Breakfast at His Rock

September 13:

12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
His Rock Open House with lawn games and snow cones!

September 20:

First Official Recharge!

Jr. High 6th-8th Grade
from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sr. High from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Life Team

This month's Life Team article focuses on sexual purity.

The following is a devotional from Portals of Prayer, November 15, 2025 titled "Keeping Pure":

Changing norms of morality are not a revolution; they are a rebellion against God's plan for marriage, a disobedience of the Sixth Commandment. When God declared, "You shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14), He set a permanent standard, intending that the closest form of human intimacy be reserved for a man and a woman united in marriage. The world today would say that any attempt to lead a "sexually pure and decent life," as the Small Catechism explains in the explanation of the Sixth Commandment, is not only hopelessly old-fashioned but also realistically impossible.

The psalmist asks, "How can a young man keep his way pure?" and then answers, "By guarding it according to Your word" (Psalm 119:9). Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. When we sin against the body, we sin against the Lord. Just as we would never think of using a communion chalice to catch oil draining from an automobile, so we should shudder at the thought of desecrating our body. Yet, because we are bought with the price of Christ's own blood, we have both forgiveness for past transgressions and strength to resist future temptations. Empowered by the Gospel, we can rebel against the World's standards and live according to His.

For Life Team questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Carol at (586) 321-9500 or carolpoterek@gmail.com.

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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.

By 1972, it was time to start the second phase of St. Peter's building plan that began in 1962 with the new school. Like our current building project, the 1972 plan involved building in more than one location. On the east side of the school would be a church with seating for 430, a lounge, and offices. On the west side of the school, a gymnasium with restrooms and locker rooms, a kitchen designed to serve 700 people, and a large classroom. Roy Wangelin was the Building Chairman and James Stark had the role of Campaign Chairman. The builder chosen for the project was Case Construction of Flint and the Architect was G.E. Associates of Flint. The cost of the project was about \$474,000. At the time, the congregation had a membership of 783 souls.

The kickoff for the project was a banquet held on May 15, 1972, in Immanuel's gymnasium with a dinner prepared by Immanuel's Ladies Aid. This was followed by a fundraising campaign. The groundbreaking took place on August 13, 1972, with the two oldest members, George Rang and Emma Penzien, turning over the first shovelfuls. On May 20, 1973, the first cornerstone was laid for the gymnasium side with another special service on June 10, 1973 for the church cornerstone.

With much ceremony, the church and gymnasium dedication took place on October 21, 1973. The congregation marched from the old church to the new during the 10:00 a.m. service. There was an additional praise service held at 3:00 p.m. An Open House service was held at 8:00 p.m. for several evenings that week.

The church built in 1973, which is now Kaiser Hall, was a turning point for St. Peter with all services and activities taking place on the northwest corner. It wasn't long before another school addition was needed as the congregation grew. The white church was demolished and the red school was repurposed several times over the years. St. Peter has truly been blessed. To God be all the glory.

Submitted by Shelly Fowler.





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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 **October Keynotes** must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on September 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

Please visit **StPeterMacomb.com** to see other opportunities to worship through Sunday School, Bible studies, small groups and more!

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