

ST. PETER MACOMB

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Our mission is to glorify God by making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

KEYNOTES

October 2026

Every October we are reminded again of how our church body started. Each year on October 31 (or the last Sunday in October), we celebrate another year since the reformation when Martin Luther called out the Catholic church for straying from scripture and nailed 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. One of these points being an emphasis on returning to scripture and getting it into the common language of the people instead of it remaining in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. Luther's point was that every man, woman, and child should know God's Word and read it. That is still something we, and every other LCMS church, still emphasize to this day. We are better when we are in God's Word reading it, either alone or together, and ideally both.

Psalm 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Matthew 4:4 *People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

Isaiah 40:8 *The grass withers and flowers fade, but the word of our God stays forever.*

These are just a few of the many verses that encourage us to be in God's Word regularly. I don't think anyone has a problem with the idea of reading their Bible. The problem comes in when we have to make time for it, or when we get to things that we do not understand. Or even yet, when we aren't even sure how to read our Bible? As in, what is important? What do I look for?

I know a pastor, who went to school with my brother, that wrote a book to help with those questions as we try to read our Bibles more. Its called "10 Questions to ask every time you read the Bible" by Andrew Jones. While I will not just give you a book report, I do really recommend this book to people of all ages who want to grow in their ability to read the Bible and understand what things to ask about to help them know more. Each question on its own is great, and he has a chapter for each one that helps to dive deeper. I'll just give you the list of the questions to give you a teaser:

1. Who is the enemy?
2. How is the enemy defeated?
3. Whose point of view am I taking?
4. Who are you, Lord?
5. Where are we?
6. How did we get here?
7. What happens next?
8. What have I experienced that connects to this?
9. What am I feeling?
10. Where have I heard this before?

These questions help us to dive deeper into scripture and see just how living and active God's Word is today in our lives. This coming Reformation Day lets us do what we always do and give thanks for what has gone before us with the faithful generations who read and knew their scriptures that shaped what we know today. Let us seek to grow and be that faithful generation for those who come after us, until Jesus returns again in Glory. That way on that day He will say of you, "well done my good and faithful servant."

God's Blessings to you and your family!

Pastor Dante Pronsati

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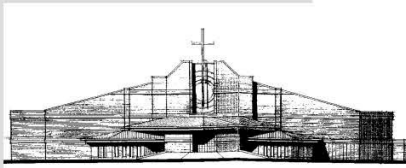
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September 8, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace to you from Jesus!

Since the time Shelley and I arrived back in November, 2021, we have been blessed to be a part of this wonderful faith-family that we call St. Peter. Likewise, we have been amazed at what God continues to do through you as His people as He moves us forward in faith with a focus on glorifying Him as we make and grow disciples of Jesus. A lot has happened in the past five years, and it's evidence of God's goodness and grace, for which I give thanks to Jesus.

Recently, I had an opportunity to share some updates with our lay leadership; and, as a part of our discussion, I was also able to share what the future looks like regarding my role as Senior Pastor. The best part of the conversation is that the future remains bright for our congregation and school; but, as I told them, I believe my time as Senior Pastor is winding down.

Because this is the reality that I'm facing, and because (as I shared when I first received the Call to St. Peter in May, 2021) I still believe that St. Peter Lutheran Church and School needs (and deserves) a Senior Pastor who has sustainable energy. I've realized in the past year or so that between the demands of this role and life itself, my energy is not as sustainable as it once was. Couple this with the fact that I've felt from the beginning that it would be wise to begin planning for the next Senior Pastor at the five-year mark of my ministry here, and we arrive to the purpose of this letter.

At the end of August, 2027, I would like to enter into retirement or, at the very least, begin to step back to allow another pastor to lead this congregation. I believe we are in a good place for someone else to bring a fresh level of energy, along with a fresh vision, so that we can continue to serve as a vibrant and active part of the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

As I shared with the leadership team, I'm more than willing to be an active part of the transition process; and should the process extend beyond August, 2027, I have no intent of abandoning my Call. Now is the time, though, to transition our current pastoral Call process from that of seeking an Associate Pastor to asking God to lead us to someone who can encourage and lead us as the new Senior Pastor.

Please know that Shelley and I love you and we thank God for all of you, but we want what is best for this congregation and, even more-so, we pray that everything we plan and do is a part of God's ongoing mission and vision. In fact, this has been our prayer throughout my 36+ years of ministry.

God's blessings to each of you as Shelley and I now ask for your prayers so that we are able to keep the focus and finish well for Jesus.

Saved to serve!

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

Rev. Kurt Wenzelburger
Senior Pastor

Rev. Dante Pronati
Associate Pastor

Rev. Craig Meyer
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Ken Wise
Pastor Emeritus

Sandra LaPerriere
Principal

Steve Ameal
Assistant Principal

Robyn Adams
Preschool Director

Robert Costa
*Contemporary Music and
Communications Director*

Tracy Elvidge
Business Manager

Timothy D. Leinberger
*Operations/Project
Management*

*Our mission at St. Peter
is to glorify God by
making and growing disciples
of Jesus Christ.*

Worship

Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you the song "Worthy Of It All" by CeCe Winans featuring Elevation Worship.

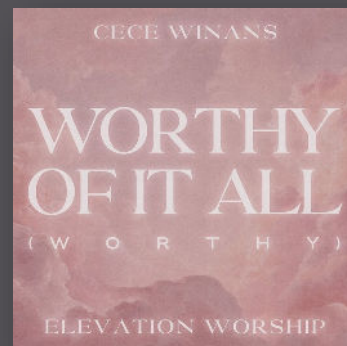
In one of the opening lines it says, "The elders cast their crowns before the Lamb of God and sing You're worthy of it all." This is referencing Revelation 4:9-11.

I was at a Bible study recently where this portion of scripture was talked about and the person leading said, "I have done nothing worthy of a crown, but if I had, how amazing would it be to lay it at the feet of Jesus because He alone is worthy."

We sometimes forget that everything comes from the Lord and belongs to Him—financially, our time and talents, and most assuredly our worship.

As you enter worship, remember we praise Him not because of what He has done for us, but simply because He is worthy of it all.

Robert W. Costa
Director of Modern Worship



Upcoming:

- **October 4** - Life Chain Sunday
- **October 4** - LWML Sunday
- **October 25** - Reformation Sunday
- **November 1** - All Saints Sunday

For additional information about any of upcoming services and events, please contact our Church Office at (586) 781-3434, or go to stpetermacomb.com.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY KEN WINK

Update on Building Together Campaign

First off, the Finance Team wants to say thank you for your generosity. The Building Together Campaign has been a success so far, and the new facilities are amazing. Glory be to God! 12 new classrooms, the new Gym, and the updated sound equipment are all being used.

Just as a reminder, our fiscal year-to-date accounting goes from July 1 to June 30 each year. Through August 31, St. Peter Church and School has a deficit of -\$156,581. That data shows only two months of the fiscal year, so we're hopeful that the numbers will improve soon since many families go on vacation during the summer and may not be as consistent with their weekly giving.

Tax Law Updates

The Finance Committee would like to raise awareness about new tax legislation passed last year and additional giving opportunities:

- a. If you're over the age of 70 ½ and own a retirement account, in many cases you have to make a withdrawal each year, called a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). A lot of people don't realize that you can donate your Required Minimum Distribution or additional IRA money (Qualified Charitable Distribution - QCD), up to \$111,000 per person per year. This would avoid IRS tax! Just remember that the funds have to go directly from your IRA to the Church to qualify, so please call if you have any questions.
- b. There is a new \$2,000 tax deductible donation option even if you don't itemize on your tax return.**
- c. Church members can donate Stock tax free in many cases (please speak with your tax advisor)

For Treasurer's report questions, comments or concerns, please contact Ken at wink.ken@gmail.com.

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>

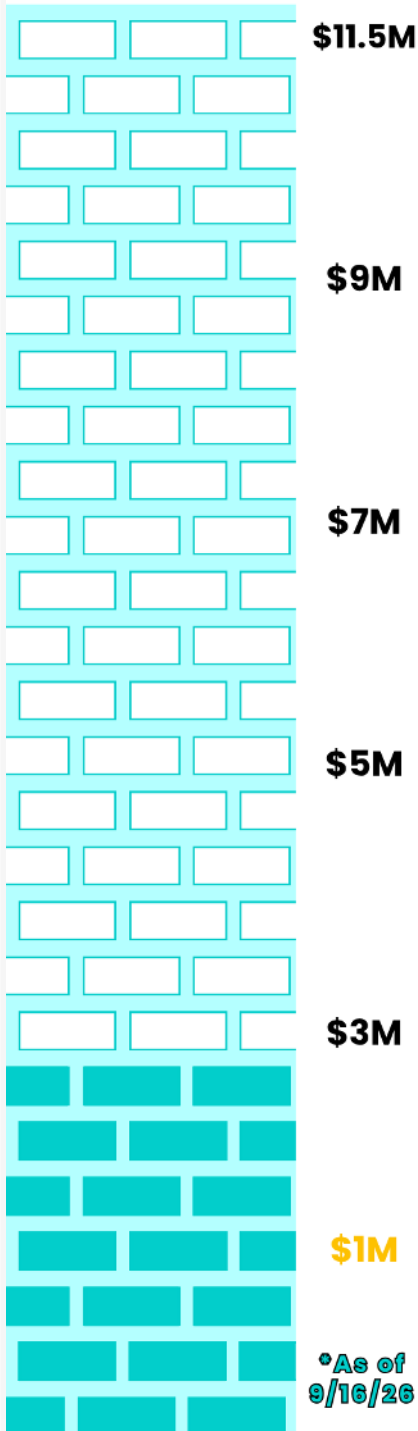
CEF – How you can help! Many thanks to the Church Extension Fund (CEF) for helping us in so many ways! Earn up to 4.16% APY and help St. Peter as well with as little as a \$500 Fixed or Variable Rate Note.

Service

Building Together

RAISED SO FAR:

\$2,543,414.11



"Where can I find more serving opportunities?"

- Check out our Serve, Learn, & Grow and In The Know pages at stpetermacomb.com.
- Check out our weekly bulletins (available at worship services and online).
- Follow our social media pages: Facebook & Instagram (@stpetermacomb).
- Join our Facebook group: St. Peter Plugged In.



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

Chene Street Outreach Event Saturday, October 17, is the date for this year's Chene Street Annual October Outreach Ministry Event held at Peacemakers International on Chene Street in Detroit. Our October Ministry Outreach Event is to assist Peacemakers with their Outreach Ministry to the homeless men and women in the Chene Street area of Detroit. We will be sharing the love of God while assisting the staff, feeding the participants a hot meal, handing out donated items and a Bible.

This year we will ONLY BE COLLECTING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S NEW AND/OR CLEAN, GENTLY USED WINTER:

- COATS
- BOOTS
- HATS
- GLOVES
- NEW packages of underwear and socks

****We WILL NOT be accepting donations of: any other types of clothing, shoes, or blankets.**

Donations WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED Thursday, October 1 - Wednesday, October 14 in the Fellowship Hall on the labeled tables.

OTHER ITEMS we are asking for:

- full-size containers of deodorant
- full-size bars of soap

Donations of these items would be greatly appreciated, and may be turned in after October 1. Wednesday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Narthex is the date for the sorting of all donated items.

Please consider signing up to volunteer for the October 14 sorting of all donated items OR the October 17 Outreach Ministry event. The QR code will take you to the SignUpGenius for information concerning these two dates.



We are also currently still searching for someone to be the Head Leader for the 2027 Chene Street Ministry Outreach 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:

Red Robin 8TH GRADE
GOURMET BURGERS AND MORE RESTAURANT
NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
11:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.
15780 HALL RD., CLINTON TWP., MI 48038

MENTION YOU ARE WITH ST. PETER MACOMB AND THEY WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD SALES BACK TO OUR 8TH GRADE D.C. TRIP. FLIERS AVAILABLE AT STPETERMACOMB.COM OR AT THE WELCOME CENTER IN THE NARTHEX.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US! CANDY, DJ, DONUTS, CIDER AND MORE!!

CHRISTIAN APPROPRIATE TRUNKS & COSTUMES PLEASE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

A cartoon illustration of the open trunk of a dark-colored car. The trunk is filled with several pumpkins of different sizes, some with carved faces. There are also autumn-themed decorations like leaves and small lights. A small white cross is visible on the inside of the trunk lid.

St. Peter College Scholarship Fund

The St. Peter College Scholarship Fund is pleased to present a total of \$6,000 to each of our synodical college students for the 2026-27 school year. The total amount of \$18,000 includes \$8,000 from the Myron Luchtman Endowment Fund and \$10,000 from the St. Peter College Scholarship Endowment and distribution funds. Our synodical students this year are:

- Clara Brown – Freshman, Concordia University, Chicago, IL
- Mackenzie Schepmann – Junior, Concordia University, Seward, NE
- Gabe Murray – Junior, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN

Your contributions, thank offerings, memorials and estate plans given to this fund, make it possible for these students to continue their preparation for full-time church work. Please remember to pray for them as they prepare to do God's work.

Thank you, Dianne Wetzell

Are you a Kroger Shopper? Kroger shoppers who are enrolled in the Community Rewards program can help groups at St. Peter Macomb by linking their Plus Card Rewards to a specific organization. Currently, there are two groups benefiting from this program: **St. Peter Lutheran SCRIP** and **St. Peter Lutheran Student Ministry**. Please consider helping one of these groups grow their ministry by following the steps below. You can enroll via the Kroger website or app.



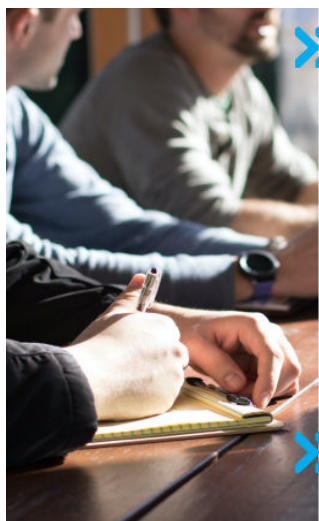
Kroger Website Enrollment:

1. Log in to your Kroger account online at <https://www.kroger.com/>.
2. Select Sign In from the top right corner. Enter your user name and password.
3. Once logged in, select "My Account" from the drop down menu under your name found at the top right corner.
4. From the left side menu, select "Community Rewards."
5. If you are not enrolled in Community Rewards, use the search to find an organization. (If you would like to change the organization or unenroll, you can also do it here).
6. Select your choice of organization: **St. Peter Lutheran SCRIP (SF539)** OR **St. Peter Lutheran Student Ministry**.

Kroger App:

1. Open your Kroger app
2. Click on the  (person icon) in the top left corner.
3. Click Payments & Resources.
4. Click Community Rewards.
5. Click on Search for Organization.
6. Use the search bar to find **St. Peter Lutheran SCRIP (SF539)** OR **St. Peter Lutheran Student Ministry** and select it.
7. Click Enroll.

**You must be a Kroger customer enrolled in their Plus Card Reward Program. You can open a Kroger Account online or ask at your local Kroger store service desk.*



NEW MEMBER CLASS

BEGINS
OCTOBER 20

7:00 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

TO REGISTER,
PLEASE GO TO
STPETERMACOMB.COM

Thank Offerings

In honor of Stan & Marion Krakowski's 63rd wedding anniversary, a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund** by Stan & Marion Krakowski.

In honor of Aaron Harm & Katie Bowden's wedding, a contribution has been given to: **Church Ministry Fund** by John & Dianne Dau.

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Dorothy Meyer, a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund** and the **Missions/Outreach Fund**: Susan Glaser, Larry & Hope Reed, Milt Miller, and Pat Warnez.

In loving memory of Linda Diegel, a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund**, the **Church Ministry Fund**, and the **Missions/Outreach Fund** by: Shelly Penzien, Susan Glaser, Fred Koenig, Paul Misch, and Wayne & Marie Niemann.

In loving memory of Keem Costandi, a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund** and the **Music/Organ Fund** by Fred & Lillian Schreiber, Karen Gluski, Mary Fortuna, Fred Koenig, and Terry & Jeanette Yonka.

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 Meets Tuesdays 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.

Gospel of John Bible Study You are invited to join the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall as 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 Be led by the Spirit, Nourished by the Word, and Supportive of one another. Join The Wednesday Women In The Word Bible Study 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. North Fellowship Hall. Enter Door #27 (Church Office). Study book "Be Still and Know," by Deb Burma. A Study of Rest and Refuge based on Psalm 46. God is with us through all of our storms. Books are available. Questions? Contact Karen Gluski at (586) 207-6201 or gludog2003@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.

Foundations: Baptism Led by Charlie & Grace Wolf. Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. (Administrative Conference Room) starting October 18

Moms (& Women) In Prayer Moms...and women! Join us each week as we pray for our children, schools, and community. Groups meet Mondays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Zoom), Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. (His Rock), and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Zoom). Please contact Kelly Chirco (kellychirco@comcast.net) for more information.

DON'T GIVE THE ENEMY A SEAT AT YOUR TABLE

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

LOUIE GIGLIO

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 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 take place at His Rock on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. OR Thursdays 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/



DATE NIGHT

A Cord of Three Strands

GAME SHOW

AT BATTLE ROOMS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
8:15 P.M. - 9:45 P.M.
\$90/COUPLE
750 W BIG BEAVER RD. TROY 48084

USE THE QR CODE OR GO TO STPETERMACOMB.COM TO REGISTER! QUESTIONS? CONTACT LISA COMPTON AT MISSLISACOMPTON@GMAIL.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.



HARMONY & HOPE
 DEMENTIA WELLNESS MINISTRY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
 9:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

- Practical Resources
- Local Support Connections
- Spiritual Care
- 2 Keynote sessions with Dr. Ben Mast, PhD, ABPP

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH
 18201 23 Mile Rd. Macomb, MI 48042

CO-HOSTED BY
 St. Isidore & St. Therese of Lisieux Health Ministries



REGISTRATION REQUIRED
 Registration Deadline: 9/30
stisidore.church/harmony-and-hope

GriefShare The current 13-week session continues each Sunday in October. Just a reminder, its never too late to join a GriefShare session. We meet in the Small Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. Please enter through Door #27. If you have questions please contact the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or Darcel Bennett at (586) 255-7090. You can also review griefshare.org for additional information. Please share this information with someone you know who is hurting. This ministry is very helpful with the healing process.

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. Sessions take place on Tuesdays 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.

THIRD THURSDAY WORSHIP If you are experiencing any issues that inhibit your attendance at weekend worship services, please consider a special opportunity to worship at our Third Thursday offering, scheduled for the third Thursday of every month. This service allows for easy access and limited standing, and it offers a chance to celebrate Holy Communion with your family of believers at St. Peter. After a brief worship service, a meal is served so that you can enjoy some delicious food while fellowshiping with old and new friends. This service will next be held on October 15 at 12:00 noon. Enter through Door #1, and the service is held in the nearby Fellowship Hall. You and any caregivers are welcomed to attend.



"ROOTED IN CHRIST"

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML)
EVERGREEN ZONE FALL RETREAT
Saturday, October 24, 2026
St. Peter Lutheran Church
 17051 24 Mile Road
 Macomb, Michigan 48042
 (Enter at Door #1 off South Parking Lot)



GIFTS OF LOVE Bring any size diapers for Luke Project and Compassion Pregnancy Center	9:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast	SERVANT EVENT We will make fleece baby blankets for Macomb Charitable. Please bring a pair of scissors.
	9:30 a.m.	Opening Devotion -Pastor Mike Phillips Speaker -Jen Kozakowski Luke Project 52 Clinic - Flint	
		Business Meeting	
		Servant Event	

Quilters The quilting group is always in need of clean sheets, cotton and flannel along with any new material. They meet on Monday mornings 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 4 yards 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.

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 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.

October Women's Ministry Invitation

When: Thursday, October 8

- 9:30 a.m. – Fellowship and refreshments
- 10:00 a.m. – Speaker: Shelly Penzien of Macomb Charitable Foundation
- 10:30 a.m. – Meeting

Where: Fellowship Hall (south end)

All ladies are invited to join us! This month we have Shelly Penzien, President of Macomb Charitable Foundation, joining us to speak on the needs of the homeless children in Macomb County. We will be collecting rolls of toilet paper to give to MCF. If you are so willing to donate, please bring some rolls to the October 8 meeting.

We will also be discussing the Pie/Bake Sale coming up on October 10 & 11. We can always use more baked goods! All proceeds will go to the Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT). Also, on Saturday, October 24, we will be hosting the LWML Fall Mini Retreat at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you at one or all of these events!

Parish Health News

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

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.** 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.** 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.

Vaccinations As we continue to deal with COVID-19 variants and the rise of other preventable childhood illnesses, it is more important than ever to be protected by vaccination. Consult your physician for the recommended vaccination schedule for all members of your family.

Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccination every season. Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, including older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at a higher risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. The flu vaccine viruses are attenuated (weakened) and therefore cannot cause flu illness.

St. Peter will not be hosting a Flu Vaccination Clinic this year, but our Parish Health Team recommends that you schedule an appointment with your physician or local pharmacy.

1 Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit..."

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

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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)**

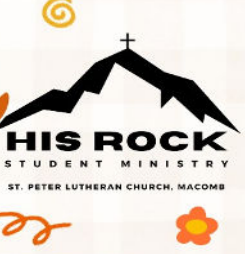
Education

The 2026-27 Sunday School year is now underway! It's not too late to register your child(ren) for Sunday School. It is for children 3-years-old (must be potty trained) through 6th grade. We meet from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. each Sunday throughout the school year in various classrooms. A sign will be posted in the crossroads to direct you to your child's classroom. You can register your child with the teacher or see me in the Sunday School office Sunday mornings (across from the Music Room and next to the library). For questions, contact Lois Bellhorn, Interim Sunday School Superintendent at (586) 770-3002.



October

STUDENT MINISTRY



PARENT HELP!

We are so excited to be growing in our weekly numbers! This is where we value parent's help! We would love two parents a week to help out at our Junior High time from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. NO TEACHING involved, just helping with snacks, clean up, and just having a few extra set of hands.

Thanks for being part of our journey!

STOCK THE ROCK!
Amazon wish list-
Check out our Amazon List to support Student Ministries.



SPRING HILL WINTER RETREAT

Time to get signed up for our annual Winter Retreat at Spring Hill Camp. It's a powerful weekend with speakers, live music, worship, tournaments, tubing, ice skating, indoor pool, indoor gym and ropes course, crafts, and more! This is open to all 6th through 12th graders. Parents can chaperone as well.

FEBRUARY 26-28
Cost: Student- \$205
Chaperone- \$179
Includes: 5 Meals, housing, transportation to and from camp. There are a few activities that are extra. We will also stop for dinner on the way to camp.



Use this qr code to get signed up.
Payment collected later.

Important Dates

- OCT. 4** **Recharge!**
Junior High 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Senior High 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- OCT. 8** **Morning Meet Up**
6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.
Hot breakfast and Jesus!
- OCT. 11** **Recharge!**
Junior High 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Senior High 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- OCT. 18** **Recharge!-Flannels and Flapjacks**
Junior High 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Senior High 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- OCT. 25** **SR HIGH GLOW NIGHT**
7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Watch for more details
No Junior High Gathering

BAND APP

We will be utilizing the Band App more this year. It has an up-to-date calendar of events, forms, and a direct way to contact leaders. Your student can download it too!

Don't have the Band App yet?
Join us here:



Other ways to stay connected:
Facebook: St Peter Student Ministries
Instagram: stpeterstudentministries
Email: aschepmann@splcs.net



SPRING HILL 2026

THANK YOUS!!!

- 🍁 Thank you to the Tobey family for lending outdoor games for our open house!
- 👤 To all of our parent volunteers in the month of September

Thank you to both PTL and Boosters for your donations to Student Ministries!

Life Team

We exist to educate, encourage, and empower our congregation to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life.

Inspiration Story: Armless but Capable

Daniel's parents were asked if they should "let him go."

The moment I was born, there was silence in the delivery room. Immediately, the doctor pivoted to my dad held me up and asked, "Do you want us to let him go?"

Without pause, my dad's response was quick and clear. "Do whatever you can do to bring him back to life." The doctor then rushed me into an adjoining room and immediately attempted to revive me. A couple of minutes later, he walked back into the delivery room with a kicking, crying, armless baby boy.



Fast forward 38 years, and a lot has happened in my life since that integral moment. I learned to eat, write, clothe myself and even use a computer – all with my feet. Trusted in Jesus as my Savior and Lord at age 15. Graduated high school with honors. Graduated college with a double major. Married my wife, Heather, and had two amazing kids. I am now entering into my twenty-second year of ministry.

Across all these years, God has been remarkably kind to me; all of it started when my dad chose life for me. In saying yes to life, my dad was willingly embracing both the good and difficulties of raising a son with a disability. His choice in that moment was one that was reflective of Godly and sacrificial love.

I have a deep passion for people to know how much God loves them. The world looks at people with special needs, and they see a life full of hindrances; they see a life not worth living. But what does Jesus see? He sees God's power and purpose put on display.

Every single person is made in God's image to reflect His glory and dominion through all the earth. God does not make any accidental image-bearers. There's not a disability or birth defect that can tarnish that.

Source: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/pro-life/inspirational-stories-seelife-2/>



Our Life Team will stand in support of life at our Life Chain on October 4 at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to stand with them, please arrive by 12:50 p.m. in the south parking lot.

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 1978, 210 students were enrolled at St. Peter, and the old 1926 school was being used for classrooms again. 24 additional students were enrolled in one year and more classrooms were needed. In October of 1978, a building committee was formed and lead by August Kogelman. The new addition would be about 10,000 square feet on the north side and would have 6 additional classrooms with a library, furnace room, storage, and restrooms. Dunn Construction Engineering out of Port Huron was hired at a cost of \$438,000. Fund raising, pledges and financing through Church Extension split the cost.



The groundbreaking took place on December 2, 1979, with Pastor Calvin Harm, Pastor Paul Foust, and officers of the congregation participating in the ceremony. Earl Schwark turned the shovel for his son, Earl Harold Schwark II, who was the youngest member of the congregation. On June 8, 1980, the cornerstone was laid. Once again, the pastor and church officers took place in the ceremony.

The new Education Addition was ready for the 1980-1981 school year. The dedication took place on September 7, 1980. The ceremony started in the church and walked in procession to the addition entrance for the Rite of Dedication, speeches, prayers, and blessings. The Dedication speaker was Rev. Dr. Paul A. Zimmerman, President of Concordia College, River Forest.

The 1980 addition marked another milestone at St. Peter. For the first time, each grade had a separate classroom. Today, that addition is being used for three kindergarten and three first grade classrooms, the counselor's room and the nurse's office. St. Peter has truly been blessed. To God be all the glory.

Submitted by Shelly Fowler.

UPDATE: The two old candelabras, which were in storage have found a new home at St. Andrews in Memphis, Michigan with Rev. Ron Roland. Joyce Schwark coordinated the effort with Pastor Roland who was excited to receive them.



Rev. Kurt Wenzelburger
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*Modern Worship &
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Mrs. Sandra LaPerriere
Principal



Mr. Steve Ameal
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Robyn Adams
Early Childhood Director

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