

“I Am A Church Member”

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

I loved “church” as a kid...and I still do. Of course, when I was younger, I wasn’t always thinking about worship or Sunday school. No, for me, “church” also had to do with social aspects like hanging out with my friends. That’s why, if anything was going on at all at “church” (a fish dinner, a breakfast, a meeting, the rummage sale, or the big basketball tournament), I was there...because...well...my parents were always there. This also means that I have a lot of stories to tell about some of the things my friends and I did when we were at “church” (but I think I’ll keep those to myself).

I suppose that if we asked someone what “church” means to them, it might be interesting to hear their thoughts. Perspectives and views would vary. I can also imagine that, if we asked someone to describe what “church” is supposed to mean, we’d likely hear just as many perspectives and views.

That being said, God’s perspective is clear, especially when it comes to what He wants “church” to be. In fact, when we dive into His Word, we discover that the Greek word that is often translated for “church” appears to mean something completely different than how we often describe it. *Ecclesia* (the Greek word for “church”) – is more rightly defined as an “assembly/gathering of people for a specific purpose.” Does this include worship and fellowship? Absolutely! But...there’s more. (Which is why I’m writing this article. ☺)

When we look at the New Testament Church (the early Christ-followers), we witness a gathering of people who were a part of a movement. They worshiped, prayed, and broke bread, just as they took care of one another while taking care of others. But, make no mistake that they were also called to take seriously the Great Commission of Jesus to go and *be (live as)* disciple-makers. These saved and redeemed people were active servants of Christ who actively served others.

It makes sense when you think about it, because this *movement* was a direct result of the ever-moving Holy Spirit who still works in and through His *ecclesia*...which leads me to ask:

- Are we still an active part of this ever-moving *ecclesia*?
- As “members” of God’s ever-moving *ecclesia*, how then can we live this out in our lives in Christ?

Beginning the weekend of September 11 (Rally Day Weekend), we’re going to explore what it means to be a Biblical “member” of God’s ever-moving *ecclesia* through a four-week sermon series based on Thom S. Rainer’s book, “I Am A Church Member: Discovering the Attitude that Makes the Difference.” As we prepare, your family will have an opportunity to receive a free copy of this book in the weeks prior to the start of this series so that you can read through it ahead of time, or at least get a head start. Likewise, **we encourage you to attend one of our congregation-wide Bible Studies offered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning the week of September 11.**

And the reason for doing this? Because now is as good a time as any for us as members of St. Peter to dive into the Biblical perspective of Church membership and to, once again, explore what it really means to be a living, breathing, and active member of Christ’s ever-moving *ecclesia* (Church) while exploring why God has placed you here at St. Peter Macomb.

There is a reason that you are here. You are important to His body (the Church) and this congregation. And, just so you know, I’m thankful that He has placed you here; and I look forward to all of us taking hold of the truth that it is a privilege to be in this together.



I give thanks for all of you!
Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

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“Why Do Christians Sing?”

“Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.” *Psalm 95:1*

Greetings in Christ!

Thank you all so much for the warm welcome to St. Peter. Anna and I are so appreciative for the time and help that so many people gave to helping us unload our moving truck, and we have greatly enjoyed the visits we have had with many of you! I am excited to begin my service in the Lord among you.

When we come to worship, why do we sing? What are we singing about and to whom are we singing? When we gather for special occasions, whether a birthday party or a wedding reception, music and song are without a doubt part of the celebration. This remains true when we, the people of God, gather for worship. Dr. Carl Schalk, former professor of music at Concordia-River Forest, answers the question of what we sing about and who we are singing to: “Whenever Christians gather to worship and praise God, we sing songs – songs of confidence and faith, songs of confession and contrition, songs of exile and rebirth, songs of sin and salvation.” These songs sing glory to God for rescuing His people, and proclaim the central action of God in Jesus Christ.

Music has the power to move our hearts and minds. While it would be possible to have worship without song, it is difficult for us to imagine worship without music. Martin Luther wrote: “God has made our hearts and spirits happy through His dear Son...He who believes this sincerely and earnestly cannot help but be happy; he must cheerfully sing.” In his essay “Concerning Music,” Luther also stated: “I am not pleased with those who, like all the fanatics, despise music. Music is a gift of God, not of men. After theology, I accord to music the highest place and the greatest honor.”

How do we sing and make music in praise of God? Music holds a vital role in the worship life here at St. Peter. It is present as we participate in the service and sing hymns and songs that so wonderfully proclaim the marvelous work our Lord has done through Christ Jesus. We are blessed in this church and school with musicians: choirs, praise team, handbells, instrumentalists and others, to further enrich our worship life with their songs of praise. The presence of congregational song at St. Peter unites us in common praise and prayer, where our individual voices are joined with others and the saints who have gone before us. Through singing, all are brought together in praising God, regardless of background or age. Music takes a variety of forms at St. Peter, but all are part of the one heavenly song.

As we go forward together, think of the reasons *why* we sing, *who* we are singing to, and *how* we sing. May we always raise our voices in “shouts of thanksgiving” to God and His work in Christ Jesus, true God and true man!

“Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for Your gifts through all our days. Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing.” LSB 795

In His Service,
Charlie Russell, *Director of Traditional Music*



Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you, “Speak The Name” by Church of the City. I was listening to my Spotify suggestions when this song started to play. While every song we do in worship points to Jesus and what He has done for us through His sacrifice, what I love about this song is the focus on speaking the name of Jesus. There is great power in declaring the name of Jesus over our lives, in our problems, and in our worship. (Acts 4:12, Luke 10:17 and Col. 3:17) When we come together corporately, and with our whole heart, declare the name that is above every other name, we are confessing that He is Lord of Lords over our lives. (Philippians 2:9-11) When we worship, do so with everything in you because there is no one greater, so never hold back or be afraid to Speak The Name!

Robert W. Costa
Director Of Modern Worship

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

Service

URGENT NEED We recently lost our cleaning person and are praying someone is looking for a small part-time job. This person would be responsible for cleaning the Pantry twice a month for five to seven hours (total monthly hours). These hours and days are very flexible. Duties include sweeping/mopping prep rooms and hallways, vacuuming and mopping foyers, cleaning glass doors, bathrooms, and sinks. Other duties may be required as needed. If you are interested, please contact Karen Foust at (586) 491-0652 or karenwiegand@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - School is back in session and fall sports are in full swing. It's a perfect time for community hours!

- **Truck Unloading:** August 30 and September 14 from 9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Volunteers may be asked to help empty a pick-up truck or SUV, date boxes and put items on shelves.
- **Food Distribution:** September 1 from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and September 15 from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Volunteers may be asked to prepare produce boxes, bag frozen items, help load cars and clean areas.
- **Apartment Deliveries:** September 3 help is needed to pack and delivery food to two local apartment complexes. Stephen Ministry accompanies the delivery for residents that would like to talk or pray. This is an ongoing event the first Saturday of each month.
- **Packing Boxes** is always available for families, teams, groups, or individuals. Most Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. are currently available, but arrangements must be made in advance.



OTHER WAYS TO HELP

- **Amazon:** If you're an online shopper with Amazon, you can continue to shop all the great selections and values while supporting Hope for the Hungry Pantry. For every eligible product purchased, **AmazonSmile** will donate to us with no additional cost to you! For more information visit our website, under [Volunteer](#) or [AmazonSmile](#)
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars and Action Grants:** Any St. Peter members, who are Thrivent members, can help support our pantry with Thrivent Choice Dollars and Action Grants. If you have any questions or need help, you can email or call me.



To all the volunteers who donated their time, talents and sometimes muscles...you truly are a blessing! If you would like to volunteer, donate or need more information, please contact me or visit hopeforthehungrypantry.org.

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

Coming Soon—Opportunities to Serve!

September 17-18 you'll have the opportunity to sign up for ONE (or more) volunteer opportunities. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins!

Fall Road Cleanup (Macomb County Adopt-a-Road)

We are going to start up Adopt-a-Road cleanup again this coming school year. St. Peter sponsors three miles of road for Macomb County – Romeo Plank from 25 to 23 Mile and 24 Mile between Romeo Plank and Hayes. The Adopt-a-Road program requests that we clean the roads twice a year. This coming school year we are going to go with the third Saturday in September and the third Saturday in April, September 17 and April 15. We are going to stick with either the second or third weekend of September/April (depending on Easter) to try to keep the program on schedule. Please consider helping! The more people we have, the less time it takes to clean up the roads. We provide the orange bags and vests for the workers. Noah hours available! We will meet in the south parking lot by the Preschool entrance at 9:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Robin & Larry Boeling at boeling@att.net or call: (248) 842-3051.

Donations for School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Items needed:

- 70-80 sheet notebooks, wide or college ruled (no loose-leaf paper)
- #2 unsharpened pencils
- Blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Erasers
- 12-inch rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- Drawstring backpack-style cloth bags approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Please deposit items into the LWR bin in the Church Coat Room. Questions: Contact Joyce Schwark (586) 524-9328. Thank you!

The Quilting ladies are in need of various items to be used in the making of the tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Chene Street. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please deposit them into the quilting box in the Church Coat Room: used or new blankets, used quilts, cotton and flannel sheets, and pieces of cotton material. Also, if you are a Thrivent member or know of someone who is, you are able to request a grant from Thrivent to benefit the quilting ladies. Each member is eligible to request two grants per year. These grants would help purchase fabric that is needed for the backing on the quilts. If you would like to give a memorial or thank offering and have it be designated for the Quilters Fund, please make the check out to "St. Peter Women's Ministry" with a notation on the check "Quilters Fund". You can either drop it off at the Church Office front desk or give it directly to Women's Ministry Treasurer, Nancy Dodson. Any online giving to the Quilters Fund is not available.

If you have any questions regarding the items or exactly how to request a grant, please contact Mary Ann Demetreakeas at (586) 854-0548 or talk to any of the Women's Ministry Board.

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

Donations for Gifts For All God's Children—following are some examples of what is needed:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotions
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Dental floss
- Toothpaste

You may deposit them into the appropriate drawers in the Church Coat Room. Questions: Contact Joyce Schwark at (586) 524-9328.

Please mark your calendar for our annual **Peacemakers October Outreach Ministry Event** held at Peacemakers International on Chene Street in Detroit. This event will take place on Saturday, October 15 with the sorting of the donated items taking place in the evening of Wednesday, October 12. Please begin saving **only** men's and women's fall/winter type clothing, coats, boots, hats, and gloves. We will also be collecting packages of **new** underwear and socks in men's and women's sizes. We will begin accepting donations the first part of October. The drop-off site is to be determined. If you are a Thrivent member and still have gift cards to designate toward ministries here at St. Peter please contact Rhonda. These extra funds are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for all of your donations, support and prayers for this worthwhile outreach event to the homeless men and women in Detroit. If you are interested in helping on October 12 or October 15, or if you have any other questions concerning this worthwhile outreach event, please contact Rhonda Fiebelkorn (586) 925-2203. May God continue to richly bless all of us as we help and serve those around us who are less fortunate than we are.

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Pastor and Olga Harm,
a contribution has been given to:

The Giving Tree (Parsonage Windows)

by Jon and Ruth Harm

In loving memory of Ron Harm,

a contribution has been given to:

Moving Forward by Carol Harm and Family

In loving memory of Joann Johnson,

a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Doris Drake, Tina Melfi

The Giving Tree by Laura Bartnek-Walton

In loving memory of Ray McKinley,

a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry by Alvin and Julie Strauchman,
Robert and Bobbie Walraven, Bill and
Dianne Wetzel

School Ministry, by Ken and Diane Ganapini

Stephen Ministry by Roy and Karen Fagg

The Giving Tree (Parsonage Windows)

by Jim Schwark, Al and Virginia Weatherly

In loving memory of Judi Schepmann,

a contribution has been given to:

School Ministry by Gil Schepmann

In loving memory of Evelyn Yonka,

a contribution has been given to:

The Giving Tree (Parsonage Windows)

by Bruce and Evelyn Haley, the Yonka Family

Thank Offerings

In thanksgiving and celebration of their 55th

Wedding Anniversary on August 25,

a contribution has been given to:

Church Ministry, Moving Forward, the
Endowment Fund, The Giving Tree (Parsonage
Windows)

by Bill and Dianne Wetzel

In thanksgiving and celebration of Bill's

birthday, a contribution has been given to:

The Endowment Fund

by Bill and Dianne Wetzel

Thank You...

With humble gratitude, *The Macomb Charitable Foundation* would like to thank all those who contributed to our back to school event by donating backpacks and school supplies for the many homeless and poverty level children in Macomb County. It is our hope that these children will arrive to school on the first day with a sense of pride and dignity having the necessary items to begin the new school year. Thank you for blessing them.

I express my thanks and gratitude to all who supported and participated in the Music Ministry at St. Peter these past twelve plus years while we did not have a Director of Traditional Music. It is so good to now have Mr. Charles Russell in that role.

Thank you to those who have participated in the Adult Choir, Festival Choir, Men's Choir, Adult Handbells, Wind Ensemble, School Choirs, School Handbell Choirs, and School Bands.

Thank you to those who have directed the various music groups: Robin Boeling, Mary Arends, Molly Rohde, Jodi Gahlau, Shari Hohnstadt, Joyce Gozdor, Erv Aufdemberge, Dean Kratz, Jared Brown, and Chris Napier.

Thank you to those who played the organ for worship and other services, Erv Aufdemberge, Ed Dunklau, Lori Stolzenfeld and the late Janice Schwark.

I especially thank Robin Boeling for her excellent accompanying of the various choirs on the piano.

Together, we worked to keep the rich musical heritage of the Lutheran Church at St. Peter Lutheran Church and School alive and moving forward. May God continue to richly bless His gift of music to the Church and those who use their talents in the Music Ministry.

Terry Fiebelkorn

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

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

Questions? Please call the Church Office.

Connection



Bible Study: Revelation - Words to the Wise
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. - Oct. 12 - Nov. 16
Led by Pastor Craig Meyer

"He who has an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the churches." In the opening chapters of Revelation, Jesus speaks the words to the seven churches of Asia Minor. "He who has an ear let him hear", is like saying "a word of the wise." To be "wise" is to receive, believe, and live the wisdom of God as spoken in all of Scripture, and more specifically in John's letter of Revelation. In this study, we will explore the Revelation that God gave to John. In the Revelation that God gave to John, God gives His perfect wisdom on life in this world from Jesus' ascension to His second coming and the creation of the new heaven and new earth. He proclaims His victory over Satan, sin and death, and explains why things are the way they are and what is yet to come.

It's Coming! On the weekend of September 10-11, we will begin a four-week journey as we return to the Biblical meaning of church membership. Using Thom S. Rainer's book, "**I Am A Church Member**" based on 1 Corinthians 12, a sermon series and Bible Study series will be offered in order to explore six Biblical principles

that have all to do with the Biblical definition of Church "membership." Membership is viewed in different ways; and in our post-modern culture, it often includes an attitude about "What's in it for me?" But, with Rainer's help, we will look into what God's Word has to say about membership and how it all starts with the Holy Spirit. A copy of "I Am A Church Member" is available for each family prior to the beginning of this series. (That's right! If you come to worship, you will get free stuff!) For now, though, please pray that God would open our hearts and minds to receive what He has to say on the topic of membership. And please know that we are thankful that He has placed you to be a Biblical member of this congregation.



I Am A Church Member Bible Study:

Sundays, September 11 - October 2 at 9:30 a.m. or

Wednesdays, September 14 - October 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Women In The Word Bible Study will begin on September 14. Ladies, mark your calendar for September 14 and join us as we study God's Word together. Each Wednesday we study a new lesson and meet 9.30 - 11:00 a.m. - Large Conference Room (Enter Door 28) - "Joy," by Deb Burma - Books are available. Contact 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.*** For questions, please call Carol Poterek at (586) 566-3785.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY - Everyone is welcome to join us on the fourth Thursday of each month as we gather at the Village Rehabilitation and Care Center in Armada to sing and have a short worship service with the residents there. We also walk across the parking lot to do the same with the residents at the assisted living center. We currently have a few St. Peter members there who really enjoy our visits. We meet at 2:00 p.m. Please call Vickie Wangelin (586) 749-3325 if you have any questions or would like to carpool. Just a smile and sharing the love of Jesus brings so much joy to our elderly friends.

76TH LLL Men's Retreat At Camp Arcadia

September 8 - 11

Registration now open!

www.camp-arcadia.com/register

Calling All Women! The Annual Women's Fall Retreat, entitled "Come Away My Beloved; A Heart Set Deep In God" will take place the weekend of November 11-13. To find out more information and register, please go online to: morningstarministries.net/events. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend a weekend away being encouraged as women of faith to refocus our attention on Christ, and our personal relationship with Him. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Rhonda Fiebelkorn (586) 925-2203.

September Women's Ministry Invitation

To: All Ladies

When: September 8

Place/Time: Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Devotions by: Nancy Aman

Brunch Committee: Captain: Virginia Oehmke
Helpers: Evie Haley, Carol Poterek

Mite Box counters: Ruth Klein, Marion Sandven, Joyce Schwark

Activity: Representative from Chene Street

Sign up for our Fall Pie/Bake Sale and Ushers and Readers for LWML Sunday, October 2.

Please remember to bring your mite boxes!

Women's Ministry Board

DivorceCare and DC4K If you have struggled through a divorce or separation in your marriage or know someone who has, please consider joining us for DivorceCare on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the Adm. Conference Room in the Church Office, accessed through Door #28. Meetings will begin on September 20, and this fall term will continue for thirteen weeks until December 13. Each week provides a different and stand-alone topic of care and concern for those who have been or are in the midst of a divorce or separation. Topics include Deep Hurt, Road to Recovery, Anger, Grief and Depression, Loneliness, Fears and Anxiety, Family and Friends, Financial and Legal Issues, Conflict, Forgiveness, Your Former Spouse, Single Living, and Brighter Days. Each topic includes a video, workbook, and time for discussion. Also available is DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) for children ages 5-12 whose families are in a separation or divorce situation. Sessions mirror that of the adults but are geared for the needs and concerns of the children in a divorce. Like the DivorceCare sessions, each is a stand-alone session with video and workbook. Children learn how to navigate the struggles of divorce and separation and come out healthy. For more information, please contact Anne Westphal at (248) 909-4230, or by email at awestphal56@hotmail.com.

Stay Healthy Exercise – beginning Monday, September 12 Are you feeling tired, stiff or just not yourself? We have the answer. Join some spiritual men and women in a morning of exercise and motivation. People of all ages are welcome and can benefit. Shannon, our instructor, tailors the class to the audience. We work on our hearts, minds, and souls as we stretch, lift weights, and raise our heart rate slowly through low impact, easy to follow movements. Grab water, weights (2 to 5 pounds), and a mat, and join us each Monday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. We will help you feel better from your head to your toes! Classes are \$5/session on a drop-in basis and are held in the Church Narthex. Enter through Door #1 on the southeast side of the church. Contact Paula for more information, hoegemeyer@att.net or (586) 322-2319.

Christian Yoga – beginning Thursday, September 8 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 4:30-5:30 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.

Upcoming New Member classes :

- Tuesdays (7:00-8:30 p.m.) from Oct. 18 - Nov. 29
(New Member Sunday – Sun., December 4)

Registration is available online at stpetermacomb.com (Click Church > New Here > Become A Member). Questions, please contact Frieda in the Church Office at (586) 781-3434.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) CELEBRATES 80 YEARS! 2022

The LWML organization was founded in 1942. The original purpose of the LWML was to develop greater mission consciousness among women and to gather funds for mission projects for which no adequate provision was made in the LCMS budget. "Missionary" meant the individual member, who was to "win and hold souls for Christ the Master, visit the sick and shut-ins, relieve the needy, and cultivate the spirit of sisterly good cheer and fellowship".

Mite boxes were selected for collecting funds. Those contributions have supported Christian outreach in 42 countries on five continents. They have provided chapels and mission headquarters; hospitals and medicine, Bibles and magazines, schools and equipment, jeeps and radio transceivers, missionary housing and Bible translation centers, airplanes and videos and the list could go on and on. But the LWML goes far beyond the millions raised for mission. Its benefits can be seen in faith deepened through Bible studies, in the befriending of career missionaries, in blankets and kits which our ladies make and clothing gathered for the impoverished, in food shared with the hungry, and, above all, in the friendships nurtured and the lives changed by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

If Christ has laid it on your heart to become a part of this organization, please consider attending the Evergreen Zone LWML FALL MINI RETREAT held at Immanuel, Macomb on Saturday, October 22 at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary. If you are not a member, you can still collect MITES which go toward our various grants which were voted on at the LWML Michigan District Convention in July. Mite boxes are available in the Narthex on top of the Welcome Center.

LWML Sunday has not been celebrated at St. Peter for the past two years because of COVID. This year we will be celebrating LWML Sunday on October 2!

If you have any questions please contact:

Your St. Peter LWML Representative, Joyce Schwark (586) 524-9328

ST. PETER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The St. Peter College Scholarship Fund is pleased to present a total of \$4150 to each of our synodical students for the 2022-23 school year which includes \$6000 from the Myron Luchtman Endowment Fund. Our synodical students this year are:

- Brandon Bettcher - Final year - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- Jason von der Lage - First year - Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
- Anastasia Brown - Freshman - Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI

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 keep them in your prayers as they prepare to do God's work.

Each of our seminary students will also receive \$1400 from the Seminary Fund. Your donations and the Lenten Soup Suppers make this possible.

Blood Pressure Screening at St. Peter – Second Sunday of Every Month

High blood pressure is often silent and can cause significant health problems when not controlled. The Parish Health Team conducts blood pressure screening monthly between the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. worship services. Please note that the next screening will be Sunday, September 11. We are located in the Brides Room behind the Sanctuary. Stop by for this important health check!

The last summer session of **GriefShare** was held on August 9. This session started with an ice cream social! Everyone enjoyed their sundae prior to the start of the session. After the video, most attendees shared a photo or two of their loved one and some precious memories. There was a lot of laughter and also some tears. The love that was shared was priceless. **The next session of GriefShare will begin on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. and a morning session starting Thursday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m.** If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, please consider attending one of these sessions. The videos, workbook, discussion and sharing all helps with the grief healing process. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Church Office.

Confirmation Orientation Meetings –
September 11 at 12:30 p.m. and
September 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Education

All are invited to:
St. Peter Sunday School Rally Day
Sunday, September 11

**Sunday
School**



Please join us for a “Free Ice Cream Social” in the Crossroads. All will be able to meet the Sunday School superintendent, teachers, and helpers. Stop in any time between 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Enjoy an ice cream sundae; ask any questions regarding our program; students may be registered at these times as well.

Or, please visit stpetermacomb.com until September 4 to register your child/children.

Sunday School runs from September 11 (Rally Day) through May 14, 2023 on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

We will continue our Special Needs Ministry this year by providing an adult aide to sit beside their student in their respective classrooms. Parents, if you have a child that you feel could benefit by this ministry, please contact Diana Champagne at (586) 215-2221.

We look forward to a great Sunday School year, with God guiding us the whole way, working through our staff keeping our students in His word.

God’s Blessings to all!

Pat Losey

Sunday School Superintendent

(586) 786-0499, pg.losey@yahoo.com

HIGH SCHOOL (9TH-12TH GRADERS)
RECHARGE

EVERY SUNDAY
3:00-5:00 P.M.
AT HIS ROCK

*KICK OFF
SEPTEMBER 11TH
WITH ICE CREAM!*

- BIBLE STUDY
- GAMES AND FUN!
- SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE
OR AT STPETERMACOMB.COM

GET RECHARGED IN GOD'S WORD EVERY WEEK!

HISTORY CORNER



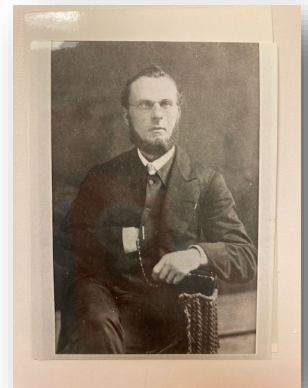
It is important to remember that St. Peter History is not meant to show how great St. Peter is, but how amazing God is as He works through His Word and Sacraments among us. History is His story. Our History is a Ministry that proclaims His great deeds to future generations.

Reverend Oscar Wuest

Resident Pastor of St. Peter Macomb from 1887-1900

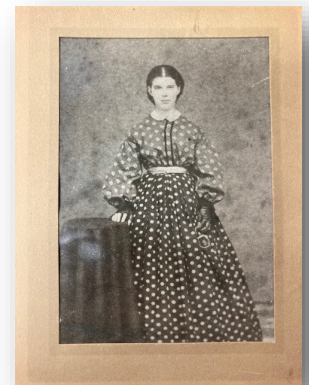
Rev. Wuest of Woodland, Wisconsin, was called as the first resident pastor of St. Peter Macomb in 1887. He had been born in Germany in 1838 and immigrated to the United States in 1854. He was installed on January 16, 1887, and served at St. Peter for 13 years.

The first parsonage was built for Rev. Wuest and his family of nine. Wife, Mary Ann, children, Anna, Benno, Ida, Georgine, Charles, William and Martin. They stayed with Carl Hintz and his family until the construction was completed in the fall of 1887. The parsonage was built on the southwest corner of Romeo Plank and French Road (now called 24 Mile Road) at the cost of \$1,000. It was built on a stone foundation provided by the farmers and was heated with several wood stoves. The wooden school house that was located on that corner was picked up and moved across the road on a stone sled and placed next to the church.



It was under Pastor Wuest's leadership that St. Peter joined the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in 1889. St. Peter's school did not have a teacher at that time, so Pastor Wuest taught all eight grades as well as performing his pastoral duties. In 1895, St. Peter's membership reached a high of 625 souls which remained a record until 1960.

Included are pictures of Pastor Wuest and his wife Mary Ann. A daughter Ida Frederica Wilhelmine was born 1877 and passed away September 4, 1891, at age 14. Another daughter, Georgine Charlotte was born in 1880 and died September 1, 1891, at age 11. Both daughters died of Diphtheria. Ida's funeral was officiated by Pastor Boeling of Immanuel, and Ida's funeral was officiated by Pastor Claus. Both were buried the day they died in St. Peter Cemetery in Section A to the south of the center driveway.



Pastor Wuest delivered his farewell address on September 20, 1900.

So, now you know the rest of the story!

Submitted by St. Peter Historical Committee

Life Team

September Focus: Bioethics and Embryonic Stem Cell Research

With the current debate raging about stem cell research, Christians would do well to educate themselves on the topic and its ramifications. To cure disease and alleviate suffering are noble pursuits, and the Bible clearly supports the battle against physical ills. A major feature of Jesus' ministry was His healing (Matthew 4:23-24), and one of the New Testament writers, Luke, was a physician (Colossians 4:14). Stem cell research has shown great promise in the fairly new field of regenerative medicine, and many groups are actively pursuing new ways of harvesting stem cells and testing the cells' plasticity—the ability to form a wide variety of mature cell types.

The most important question concerning stem cell research is not “Is it legal?” or “Is it cost-efficient?” but “Is it right?” The true issue is what is God's will? Before we can answer the ethical/moral question, we must distinguish between the two types of stem cells: adult stem cells and embryonic stem cells.

Research on adult stem cells has been going on for decades and has proven that there are therapeutic effects in treating cancer, autoimmune diseases, leukemia, and heart disease. Adult stem cells are obtained from living bone marrow, blood, brain tissue, skin, and body fat. Other sources rich in adult stem cells are umbilical-cord blood and the placenta.

Embryonic stem cells, as their name suggests, are derived from human embryos. In order to harvest embryonic stem cells, an embryo must be destroyed. Central to the debate, then, is our view of the human embryo. The biblical teaching is that human existence begins at conception (Psalms 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:4-5). The international consensus of embryologists agrees with Scripture in that life begins at fertilization. At the moment of conception, the embryo is 100 percent human, with all 46 human chromosomes and a fully functioning, unique genetic code. Size and location do not determine humanity.

Because research on embryonic stem cells requires the destruction of a living human being, it is against God's will. No amount of promised “benefit” to society or to medical knowledge can justify the killing of a human for spare parts. The end does not justify the means. It is never ethical—in fact, it is morally reprehensible—to mark people for death in order to conduct utilitarian experiments on their body parts.

In contrast, research on adult stem cells does not require the loss of life. Adult stem cells have versatility and a proven track record, and they lack the moral difficulties of embryonic stem cells. Therefore, we believe that research on adult stem cells is a legitimate field of study, well within the will of God.

Psalms 139:13 ESV – For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb

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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 p.m. on September 15.
Please submit all articles for consideration by email to Allison Tebay - atebay@splcs.net.
All submissions should include your contact information. Please submit articles without
formatting (in a table, text boxes, etc.) in a Word document. Thank you!



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Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Traditional
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Traditional
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