

Stand Up!

Have you noticed how something new can jump out at you when reading the Bible. That happened to me in an early morning men's Bible Study several years back. We were going through the Book of Acts and, that morning, we were in the 7th chapter reading through the account of the stoning of Stephen.

Now, I've read through this particular section of the Bible a number of times over the years but, as we were reading, one word suddenly grabbed by attention – the word “***standing***.”

*“When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus **standing** at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see heaven open and the Son of Man **standing** at the right hand of God.’”*

Acts 7:54-56

Like I said, I've read this description of Stephen's last moments here on earth many times before, but this was the first time that I noticed that, tucked away in this passage, is the fact that Jesus is **standing** at the right hand of God.

I think it threw me off because we're so used to reading, hearing, and saying that the Lord is now **seated** at the right hand of God...which is often the way Scripture speaks. The risen and ascended Lord Jesus is usually depicted as being **seated** in the position of authority, power, and might; and, yet, in this passage Stephen sees our ascended Lord **standing**...which brought to mind a question: “Why, at this moment, did Stephen see the Lord **standing** and not seated as we often read?” Nowhere else in the New Testament do we hear of Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

It's an interesting picture, isn't it? Jesus rising up from His rightful seat just before His servant, Stephen, breathes his last breath here on earth. But...why? Why is Jesus standing?

There are varying opinions when it comes to this question. Some believe that the description of Jesus **standing** has no significant meaning and that this was simply another way of wording things. Others have suggested that Stephen sees the Lord **standing** because Jesus had not yet been seated on the heavenly throne. Still...others (like me) suggest that there's more going on than we realize.

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Could it be that the Lord was getting up from His seat in order to meet Stephen with open and outstretched arms? Or could Jesus have been standing as a witness – offering testimony on behalf of Stephen. As one commentator wrote: “Stephen has been confessing Christ before men, and now he sees Christ confessing His servant before God.” (F.F. Bruce) Makes sense, since witnesses of any kind would stand, not sit.

These possibilities are all legitimate and worthy of discussion, and there’s no doubt that this would be a great topic for further study. That being said...what I can tell you for certain is this: While the real reason Stephen sees Jesus **standing** is not made completely clear, I do know that it was on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at approximately 7:00 a.m. that (after all these years) I saw the risen and ascended Lord Jesus **standing** in this passage for the first time in my life; and, because of this, I’m all the more assured that I, along with you, will once again see Him **standing** when we enter Paradise.

In the meantime, I think it’s only right and fitting for all of us to stand up as His children. As those who have been baptized into the same Triune God who has revealed Himself to us in the same Jesus Christ who lived, died, rose, and ascended to His rightful throne for us...it’s time to once again stand up and testify to Who it is that truly reigns on His heavenly throne. ***Stand up for Jesus***...until that time when we see Him at His throne and fall to our knees in worship and praise.

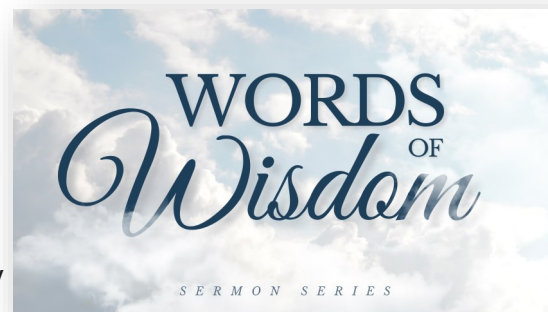
All glory, honor, and praise be to our risen Savior, Jesus – the King of kings and Lord of lords!



Pastor Wenzelburger

Upcoming Sermon Series:

We have exciting news regarding the new sermon series we have coming up in the near future. We’re having a six-week sermon series where we get to hear “words of wisdom” shared by our “senior” pastors, meaning our pastors who are entering their senior years. Pastor Meyer, Pastor Arendell, and Pastor Wise will share some things that they could’ve used when they were younger.



With age comes wisdom, and when we look to God’s Word for wisdom, there are great things that are shared about age. It says in Psalm 71, “Even when I’m old and gray you do not forsake me, God, till I declare your power to the next generation. Your might to all who are to come declaring the power of God, declaring the truth of God to the next generation.”

We pray that God blesses Pastor Arendell, Pastor Meyer, and Pastor Wise as they share words of wisdom with us, and we pray that God opens our hearts to receive His Word.

Worship

A Walk through the Service: Part 3

Greetings in Christ and Happy Easter!

This month, we will be concluding our walk through the Divine Service. Why spend three months of *Keynotes* articles doing so? As I shared the last few months, our speaking and singing the Service is one of the clearest ways we abide in God's Word throughout our lives. Every time we gather to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament in the Service, heaven comes to us! Having ended last month's article with the Sermon, we continue towards the Service of the Sacrament.

Offering and Offertory (Psalm 116:12-14, 17, 19) – We have freely received and now freely give! Just as we respond to God's Word with thanksgiving, we now may respond by returning to the Lord a portion of what we have. As the offering is brought forward, we sing the Offertory, which is another sacrifice (offering) of praise.

Prayer of the Church (1 Timothy 2:1-6; James 5:16) – As God's children, it is our responsibility to pray for ourselves, for one another and for the world.

Service of the Sacrament – This is the celebration of Holy Communion, which was instituted by Christ. In the Lord's Supper, those who are instructed in the faith come to the altar to receive Christ's very body and blood in, with and under the visible elements of wine and bread. In this Supper we are united with Christ and are given His forgiveness, life and salvation. We are likewise united with Christians throughout the world and the saints in heaven.

Preface and Proper Preface (2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 136) – This is an ancient dialogue between the Pastor and congregation, first recorded in A.D. 220. At the close of the Proper Preface, the Pastor says "Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven. . .," which reminds us that when we worship we also join with the angels and saints in heaven in their continuing worship of the Lamb.

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Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you the song, "Another One" by Elevation Worship. I know that I have shared quite a few songs from Elevation Worship as of late, but as a worship team, they have been writing and releasing very timely corporate worship songs. This latest release walks through many tenants of our faith while reminding us that Jesus is not done working miracles in our everyday lives. (Philippians 1:6) The bridge of this song speaks of the many miracles God has performed, from creation to an empty grave, while also making a declaration of faith that another miracle is on the way. While the miracle of what Christ did through His death, burial, and resurrection is already enough, I truly believe that He is our provider and working right now. Not only can He work in whatever you may be facing right now, we also have the added promise that, one day, He is coming to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. (Hebrews 9:28) Having just celebrated Easter, I encourage you to stand strong in your faith, knowing that another miracle is on the way! Amen!

Robert W. Costa, *Director Of Modern Worship*



Sanctus (“Holy, Holy, Holy”) (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) – “Sanctus” means “holy.” We use these words from Isaiah 6 to proclaim that heaven has come to earth, that the division between the two is gone, and that all participate in the heavenly chorus. Singing “hosanna in the highest,” we also worship Christ who comes to us in the Lord’s Supper.

Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) – The Lord’s Prayer was given to us to pray by Jesus Himself. As His children, we call upon Him as we prepare to encounter Him in His Supper.

Words of Institution (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25) – The Pastor speaks these words to consecrate, or set apart the bread and wine. God’s Word accomplishes here exactly what it says, which is that Christ delivers His true body and blood for our forgiveness.

Pax Domini (The Peace) (John 20:19-21) – Just as Christ said to the disciples on the first Easter, the Pastor speaks on His behalf “The peace of the Lord be with you always.” The peace that passes all understanding is here present in the body and blood of Christ for our benefit.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) (John 1:29) – In the presence of Christ, we sing “Lamb of God.” Using the words of John the Baptist, we cry out and sing the praise of the Lamb who has washed us clean.

Post-Communion Cantic (Luke 2:29-32; Psalm 118) – After the distribution of the Sacrament, we sing the Nunc Dimittis, the song which Simeon sang in thanksgiving for having seen the Lord before he died, as recorded in Luke 2. Having received and seen Christ in the Sacrament, we join Simeon in this song. In the other option, “Thank the Lord,” we give thanks to God for strengthening us through the gift of His body and blood.

Post-Communion Collect (Psalm 118; Psalm 136) – Having received God’s gifts, we thank Him and ask that these gifts would strengthen us in body and soul and carry us into our lives as we take up our vocations anew.

Benediction (Numbers 6:22-27) – In Numbers 6, God gave Aaron His name to use as a blessing. Just as we began the service with God’s name, we depart in His name, fed and nourished, and with His peace.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

In His Service,
Charlie Russell, Director of Traditional Music

Upcoming at Our Worship Services:

- May 2 - National Day of Prayer
- May 4 & 5 - Confirmation services
- May 9 - Ascension Day service
- May 19 - New members received (11:00 a.m. service)

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

HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY PRAISE REPORT

A special thank you to the Life of Purpose Church Youth Group for all their hard work. They were such a great help at the distribution in March and so much appreciated!



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE PANTRY

Meijer's SimplyGive Campaign

Each year, Meijer's *Simply Give* program provides support to Hope for The Hungry Pantry. Their goal is to help partners feed the growing number of hungry families in the communities they serve. This year's campaign kicked off Sunday, March 31, and will continue through Saturday, June 29, at the Chesterfield Township store located at 27255 23 Mile Road. Customers can purchase \$10 pledge cards which are matched dollar for dollar by Meijer. Cards are conveniently located by the check-out. **Double Match Day is Saturday, June 15.** For every \$10 *Simply Give* card purchased on the Double Match Day, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. Please mark your calendar and thank you for your continued support of this program!

USPS Food Drive

The Postal Carriers Food Drive is Saturday, May 11. This is our biggest food drive for the year. Volunteers are needed 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to pick up food from the post office, date check cans, sort and put food on shelves. Please mark your calendar and visit our [SignUpGenius](#) to select a volunteer time slot.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to volunteer for any of these dates, please visit [SignUpGenius](#).

- **Truck Unloading:** Wednesday, April 3 and April 17 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Food Distribution:** Thursday, April 4 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and April 18 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:** April 6 - help is needed to pack and deliver food to two local apartment complexes.
- **Packing Boxes** is always available for families, teams, groups, or individuals. Most Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. are currently available.

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



Sound Equipment For Sale: Older sound equipment at His Rock (the youth house) is available for purchase. This includes soundboards, passive speakers, stage lighting, bass amp, power amp/amp mixer, and even some rack mounted compressors. If you are interested in any of this equipment, please contact Robert Costa, Director of Modern Worship at rcosta@splcs.net or (586) 433-1609.

LWML: We are again beginning the year collecting the following items for the Wellness Kits for Lutheran World Relief:

- 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 Lutheran World Relief in the Church Coat Room off of the Narthex.

Note: Also continue collecting used postage stamps, lotions, soaps, shampoos, etc. These are also deposited into the appropriate drawers in the Church Coat Room. These items are sent to "Stamps for Wounded Warriors" and Samaritan's Purse (Shoebox Ministry).

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

The **Green Thumb weeding group** is looking for volunteers to help weed around the church and school this summer. The schedule is from May to October. You would be responsible for weeding once a month. It takes about one hour each time, which you do at your own schedule. Great for volunteer hours as a family. If interested, please contact Bob Kogelmann at (586) 781-6637 or cell (586) 246-9236.

Spring Road Clean Up will be on Saturday, April 27. We will meet in the south parking lot by the preschool entrance at 9:00 a.m. and pick up trash/garbage along Romeo Plank between 23 and 25 Mile, and along 24 Mile between Romeo Plank and Hayes. Please consider helping - the more people we have, the easier it will be to finish all three miles. Bags and vests will be provided - boots and gloves are recommended. Questions? Email Robin Boeling at boeling@att.net or robinbo@splcs.net.

Going Green (Lighting Project) - This month for Earth & Arbor Day, our day school students have the opportunity to order earth cookies & bagels to contribute to our fund for more energy efficient lighting. The students will also be receiving flower seed packets to take home and plant. If you would like to contribute to our Going Green project, please go to stpetermacomb.com > Giving. Thank you for your support!

The Christian Growth Board needs your help! We need volunteers to help clean up the doughnuts and coffee after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sundays. (Approximate time is 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.) If you can spare some time to keep this service rolling, we would appreciate your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094BADAE2DA1FA7-44641920-sunday/118641298#/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Christian Growth Board members:

Liz Kukuk
(586) 623-7100
Lizboik@yahoo.com

Lisa Ventimiglio
(586) 405-9272
lventimiglio@splcs.net

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Henry Hinchman,
a contribution has been given to:
Buildings and Grounds by Bob Johnson

Debt Reduction by Ron and Marilyn Rutz

The Endowment Fund by Jim and Sue
Kaiser, Jim and Cindy Moschel,
Mary Lou Moschel

Missions and Outreach by Charles and
Lori Johnson

In loving memory of Steven D. Reed,
a contribution has been given to:
40-Day Challenge by Larry and Hope Reed

In loving memory of Lorraine Rosso,
a contribution has been given to:
Church Ministry by Milt Miller, Keith Rosso
The Endowment Fund by Jim and Cindy
Moschel, Mary Lou Moschel

Giving Tree by Ruth Klein

Music Ministry by Jim Schwark

Women's Ministry by Nancy Aman

In loving memory of Karen Stark, a
contribution has been given to:
Music Ministry by Jim Schwark

Thank Offerings

*For blessings received for Stan's
successful recovery,* a contribution has
been given to:
Debt Reduction by Stan and
Marion Krakowski

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 three groups benefiting from this program: Hope For The Hungry Pantry, St. Peter Lutheran Raise Right (formerly SCRIP), and St. Peter Student Ministry. Please consider helping one of these groups grow their ministry by following the steps at stpetermacomb.com. You can choose to enroll online or through the phone app.

Thank You...

To my St. Peter Family,

I wish to thank all for the prayers, well wishes and lovely cards with notes of healing I received throughout my time of healing.

With much appreciation!

God's Blessings to all,
Pat Losey

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



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

Women in the Word Wednesday Bible Study

Ladies, please join us from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. each Wednesday in April... 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

Large Conference Room
Enter Door #28 - Church Office door.

We will be completing Chapter 8 on the study "Waiting," by Sharla Fritz.

Contact Karen Gluski at (586) 207-6201 or gludog2003@yahoo.com.

Bible Studies:

Sundays (9:30 a.m.):

- "Foundations: Prayer" led by Chris Oberly
- "Myth or Faith?" led by Charlie Wolf (Administrative Conference Room)
- "Book of Matthew" led by Terry Davis (Fellowship Hall, North) An in-depth Bible study of the first book of the New Testament.
- Youth Bible Study, ages 7th - 12th grade, led by Joel and Angela Schepmann (Library)
- Sunday School, ages 3 yr. old - 6th grade

**"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."
Colossians 4:2**

Moms in Prayer - Moms...and women! Come and 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 in-person from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at His Rock (doors open at 8:00 a.m.) and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Zoom). Please contact Kelly Chirco or Nicki Wargo (nwargo@splcs.net) for more information.



NEW - SALT (Seasoned Adults Living Triumphantly) Bible Study - "You Will Get Through This," beginning April 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. Ages 55 and older.

Monthly Men's Gathering: Hey St. Peter men! Join us on Mondays, April 15 and May 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hamlin Pub (25 & Van Dyke) for our first "Men's Gathering." Take a breather. Have a beverage. Connect with others. The purpose of our Men's Gathering is simply to provide space for men here at St. Peter to connect with other men and to build a greater sense of community. Come for 5 minutes or stay all night. Old guys - young guys. It's just "guys being dudes." Questions? Contact Pastor Ken Wise at kwise@splcs.net or (586) 871-4891.

We are excited to announce the **Women's Spring Bible Study – War Room**. Prayer is a powerful weapon. This study focuses on prayer. There will be a Movie Night to see the film that originated the Bible Study. The dates are Tuesday, April 2 (6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.) & Thursday, April 4 (12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.). The study begins Monday, April 8 (6:45 p.m.) and Thursday April 11 (12:30-2:30 p.m.) and it will end on May 9. We will meet for the movie and the study at His Rock! The cost of the book is \$10. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Meyer (586) 255-5773 or Lisa Compton (586) 709-7699.

Interested in becoming a church member at St. Peter Macomb? Our next New Member class begins April 2! Register at stpetermacomb.com.

GriefShare - The present 13-week session wraps up on Tuesday, April 2, and Thursday, April 4. As a reminder, you may join GriefShare anytime during the session. We will begin the next 13-week session on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m. We will not meet the week of July 4. We meet in the Large Conference Room off the Church Office. Please enter through Door #28. It is best to park on the Romeo Plank side of the church.

We will be hosting **Loss of a Spouse** on April 28. This two-hour presentation has been warmly received by those who have attended. Much like GriefShare, Loss of a Spouse features a video, discussion and a wonderful book for you to keep. Many of those who have attended appreciate the discussion with those who have also lost their spouse. The discussion is very beneficial for the healing process to begin. Also the workbook offers practical advice for common experiences for those who are grieving. Please consider joining us at 2:00 p.m. for this meaningful presentation. We also meet in the Large Conference Room for this session.

If you or someone you know are grieving the loss of someone dear please join us for GriefShare and/or Loss of a Spouse. For more information, please contact the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or Darcel Bennett at (586) 255-7090. You may also register and find additional information at griefshare.org.

Stephen Ministry ALLELUIA! Easter has come, and now we can proclaim “Alleluia!” But maybe in your unique position, you don’t feel that you’re in an “alleluia mood.” If things in your life are out of balance—maybe relationships, finances, work, mood—and you just want someone to talk to and someone to listen to you, think about taking advantage of St. Peter’s Stephen Ministry. You will be paired with a trained, confidential listener. Stephen Ministers are not counselors, but they are great Christian brothers and sisters who are “there for you.” If you’d like more information, you can call the Church Office or Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329.

The St. Peter College Scholarship Fund: This fund has been established to help students who are attending one of our synodical colleges to become full-time church workers. High school seniors and current college students may apply in the Church Office. Please read the guidelines carefully. This scholarship is separate from any that are given by the college or other groups. The deadline to apply is **June 15**.

Women’s Ministry Retreat

Connecting the Dots: The Biblical Culture of Israel and Ours

Presented by Rev. Dr. Chad Yeshayahu Foster

Thursday, May 2

Sycamore Hills (48787 North Ave, Macomb)

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

\$40.00 per ticket

Hosted by: St. Peter Lutheran Church Macomb
Women’s Ministry

Tickets available at the Church Office (make checks to Women’s Ministry), in the Crossroads after all services on April 7 & 14, or by calling Julie Wright at (586) 344-1931 or Shelly Penzien at (586) 855-4067.

April Women’s Ministry Invitation

Thurs., April 11 in the Fellowship Hall (south)

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship and brunch

10:30 a.m. – Meeting begins

Activity: Life Saving Training (including CPR)

Devotions: Vickie Wangelin

Brunch Committee: Captain – Val Dembeck Helpers – Pat

Czaiczynski, Gwynn Oberly, Rita Stark

Mite Counters: Ruthann Bettcher, Marie Niemann, Joyce Schwark

Don’t forget your mite boxes! See you there!

Historic Trinity Women’s Retreat: “Do These Shoes Go With This Stress?” Leaning on Jesus to lead us from stressed to blessed - April 13, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Historic Trinity (1345 Gratiot Ave. Detroit, MI 48207). More information at www.historictrinity.org/events/2024-womens-retreat/.

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.



Scuba VBS is coming to St. Peter from July 15-18. We are so excited to dive into friendship with God! This ministry is successful due to the outpouring of time and talents of our many volunteers, and we are looking for you again this summer! Volunteers must be entering high school for the 2024-2025 school year through adults. Please follow the link below for more information and to register. Register now to volunteer! **Child registration opens April 8.** Contact Amy Sarconi with any questions at vbs@splcs.net. Thank you! <https://vbspro.events/p/72bc3a>

Michigan District Special Friends Camp Apply now to attend the 2024 Michigan District Special Friends Camp for adult individuals (age 18 and older) with cognitive disabilities. Special Friends, each with their own unique set of abilities and challenges, will attend Camp Copneconic in Fenton for a week at camp, July 15-19. The camp's mission is to share Jesus, our most special friend; provide experiences to participants outside of their normal schedules; and give caregivers a break from daily responsibilities. For more information and to apply, visit michigandistrict.org/sfc24.

Detroit Lutheran Singers In Concert

Scary. Howling. Crying in sorrow. Withering away. Sound like a fun concert? Come and hear how trees clap their hands. How lions and lambs live together. How you will leave with joy.

- Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. - St. Paul's Presbyterian Church - Livonia
- Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m. - St. Philip's Episcopal Church - Rochester
- Saturday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. - St. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church - Detroit
- Sunday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m. - Our Shepherd Lutheran Church - Birmingham

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students over 12. They may be purchased online at www.detroitlutheransingers.com or at the door. Contact: Norma Sander (248) 895-0018

Day Trip to Turkeyville, Cornwell's Dinner Theater in Marshall, MI, to see the musical "Oklahoma" on Tuesday, May 7, at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$95 per person which includes: motor coach transportation, a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings, the show and all tips. Contact Alison Werner (a member of Trinity Lutheran in Utica) (586) 599-8066 for full information. Deadline to register is April 2.

You have heard of and seen Knights of Columbus, Eagles, Kiwanis and Moose Clubs, but did you know that there is a Lutheran based Fraternal Organization? More than likely your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles were a part of a Lutheran Fraternities organization and there is still one around for you to be a part of.

The Lutheran Fraternities of America #57 is a fraternal organization that has been in existence since 1923.

We are a Lutheran Society seeking Christian men, woman and families who would like to gather for fun and fellowship. We provide opportunities for Christians to connect and engage with each other in a variety of merry making opportunities. **Keep an eye out for information on our upcoming May fellowship activity.** We hope that you will come to one of our fellowship events, get to know us, and help us keep this great Christian organization alive and well for another 100+ years. The LFA #57 Hall is located at 16140 Aurora Ave., Eastpointe, MI 48021, just east of Gratiot between 9 Mile and Stephens. The monthly meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and include a light meal. The LFA Hall is also available for hosting your next event. Visit us at www.lfa57.com or call (586) 779-2810.



EVERGREEN ZONE SPRING RALLY

Saturday, April 27
Enter at Door #28

9:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Opening Devotion— Pastor Mark Arendell

- Speaker from MOST Ministries
- Business Meeting
- In-gathering – bring items for Baby Care Kits

Greeting Cards will be available for a free will offering which will go toward Mite Grants.

Items Included in a Baby Care Kit for Lutheran World Relief

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without Feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn between 36" and 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat-fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include baby cap
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two or three bath-sized bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapper—no mini or hotel size bars
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Education

Sunday School



Our Sunday School has been very busy each week learning New Testament lessons about how Jesus healed people and led them to believe and trust in Him as their Savior.

We also continue with our collecting, "Money For Missions!" This year we have chosen, "Bible Books for Kids in South Africa!" Every \$5.00 we collect will purchase a Bible book written in these children's language. We are so pleased and thankful for Miss Kowalke's class along with Mr. Murray's 7th grade classes from our day school to have taken on the opportunity to support our mission. Their goal is to reach \$240.00. That means 48 students in West Africa will receive a Bible book written in their language. May God bless these teachers and students for their support, all is so appreciated. We will continue collecting donations for this mission until Sunday School comes to an end May 12.

On April 21, our entire Sunday School gathers in Kaiser Hall to "Meet the Pastor!" This year we will meet with Pastor Craig Meyer. He is Pastor Emeritus to our St. Peter church family and will share his past experiences and current duties as being one of our Pastors. We always look forward to this favorite event learning and growing in God's Word.

Our Sunday School always accepts new students and runs on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Please contact Pat Losey at (586) 786-0499 for any questions.

God's Blessings to all!

Yours in Christ,
Pat Losey
Sunday School Superintendent

Life Team

LSEM – Meeting the Needs of All our Learners

Since 1873, Lutheran Special Education Ministries (formerly Lutheran School for the Deaf) has been actively seeking new ways to reach, serve, and support children with various learning needs. LSEM and its network of educators provides schools with the resources needed to create a customized approach to learning. This allows students to receive the academic training they need in a school setting where the love of Jesus can be shared. Our team currently services students in 107 different schools across 13 states and internationally in Hanoi, Vietnam.

At St. Peter Macomb, three teachers provide direct teaching in areas of math, spelling, reading, and written language. We also manage the plans of students who are best served in the classroom full-time, but with some accommodations to help them be successful. Additionally, we act as liaisons with Utica Community Schools to help facilitate testing of students who may need a referral for special education. In addition, our Book Bunch program provides students in grades K-3 with extra support in reading. This year, we service over 70 students in one way or another, grades K-8.

It is our honor and privilege to serve our students at St. Peter Macomb and share the love of Jesus with them through our ministry. We are thankful for the partnership and support of St. Peter Macomb Church and School as we meet the needs of all of our learners.

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If you would like more information from any of our wonderful LSEM teachers, please feel free to reach out to any of them at their emails above.

For Life Team questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Carol at carolpoterek@gmail.com.
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STUDENT MINISTRIES *Angela Schepmann, Student Ministry Assistant*

Service Event: Student Ministry is collecting the following hygiene items for Macomb Charitable Foundation. We have tables at the back of the Narthex and a bin at His Rock. We are collecting items until April 17, and then we will be putting together bags for the kids! Thank you for your support.

Student Ministry & Kindergarten

are collecting *NEW* full-size hygiene products for the Macomb Charitable Foundation.

Items may be dropped off in a bin at His Rock or on the table in the Narthex by **April 17**.

No opened or travel-size products please!

Items needed:

- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Dental floss
- Deodorant
- Facewash
- Chapstick
- Feminine hygiene products
- Body/hand lotion
- Shaving cream & razors
- Brushes & combs
- Etc.

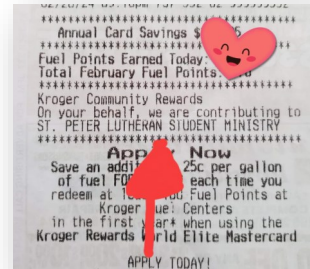
The Macomb Charitable Foundation is an all volunteer 501 (c) 3 organization designed to assist homeless children in our community. All donations will be freely dispersed to Macomb County homeless and poverty level children.

THANK YOU to Sarah Novodoff for helping out on Sunday, March 10! We appreciate you giving up your afternoon to be with our kids! Thank you for your help!

THANK YOU to all of our families for joining us at our Not Lucky, But BLESSED family event. We had a great day!

SUNDAY RECHARGE: APRIL 7 - CEREAL FINAL FOUR! Earlier in March, the kids voted for their favorite cereals. Games and fun around the FINAL FOUR and a winner will be announced!! Watch the bulletin for more upcoming events.

Did you know..? You can choose St. Peter Student Ministry for your **Kroger Community Rewards** and a portion of your purchase will go to support Student Ministries!



Stay Connected: Follow us on Facebook - St. Peter Student Ministries (We are at 97 members. Can we get to 100 members?) Get direct messages so you know what is going on with Student Ministry: <https://www.remind.com/join/bhkbh9a>



COMING THIS SUMMER: Extreme Scuba!-July 15-18, Junior High (entering 6th-8th grades) To make this awesome Bible adventure work, we NEED VOLUNTEERS! This program is made up of games, worship time, small groups and off-site servant events. We need adult volunteers who love Jesus and love Junior High Youth. Small group training will take place before the event.

Please contact Angela at (586) 615-4186 or at aschepmann@splcs.net with any questions or if you are interested in volunteering! Please consider working with our youth.

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.

For this Easter season we reprint a note from Pastor Knoll that was first printed in the *Across the Miles* newsletter of April, 3, 1944. This newsletter was sent to all St. Peter servicemen during WW II by the Walther League, our teenager and young adults' group. The Walther League was the first established group at St. Peter in 1925 and was instrumental in raising funds for our church needs and many charitable organizations. Some members of the WW II era Walther League and WW II soldiers are still with us! Thank you to all of them. Our Youth Group continues to this day and our service men and women are served by our Military Ministry.

Pastor Knoll's Easter message of 1944:

Christianity bases its hope and faith on one single fact, the greatest miracle of the ages, Christ's resurrection. If it is true that Christ rose, then all other facts of Scripture are true. If Christ is not risen, then the other facts matter very little. The fact that Christ rose is unique and distinctive of Christianity. Our Christian religion stands only if Christ rose from the dead.

This is Paul's argument when he tells us: "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

If Christ is not risen, then we have no Gospel. Then Paul was, and all those who preach this Gospel today are, false witnesses, telling lies. But do you think that Paul would have fought the lions at Ephesus if he had not believed that Christ had risen from the grave and that therefore his own resurrection to life everlasting was assured? If Christ had not risen, then certainly he would have been a fool to endure so many hardships and persecutions and even to suffer a martyr's death.

If Christ is not risen, our faith is vain, that glorious faith which assures us of the forgiveness of all our sins. Sin is real and sin spells disaster. Sin sends us into the depths of hell. If Christ is not risen, then this sin problem is still ours; for then our sins are unforgiven and we are eternally lost.

Truly, the outlook would be dismal and dark and gloomy. However, Paul makes the triumphant assertion: "But now is Christ risen from the dead." That fills every believer with joy and gives him the blessed assurance that his sin is forgiven and that he shall live eternally.

That this Easter joy may be and remain yours, is the ardent prayer and wish of

Your pastor,

O. H. Knoll

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Miller and Joyce Schwark, Historical Committee members



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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 **May Keynotes** must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on April 15.
Please submit all articles for consideration by email to Allison Tebay at atebay@splcs.net.
All submissions should include your contact information. Please submit articles without formatting (table, text boxes, etc.) in a Word document. Thank you!



Worship Service Times:

Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Traditional
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Traditional
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Modern

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