

### Embracing the Slow Pace of Summer's End

As the long days of summer begin to shorten and the first hints of autumn creep into the evening breeze, we find ourselves standing at a starting point. Maybe as a result of my life always being attached to a school calendar, I have always viewed the year that way, even though it doesn't follow our yearly calendar or church calendar. The slow rhythms of summer—meandering mornings, late sunsets, time with family and creation—begin to give way to the structured cadence of the fall and winter seasons. School schedules return, church programs relaunch, calendars fill, and the pace quickens. It doesn't matter if we want it to or not, many things ramp up.

But before we rush headlong into all that awaits, the end of summer offers us a unique and sacred invitation in our schedules: to pause, to breathe, and to embrace Sabbath.

The concept of Sabbath is woven throughout Scripture, not as a burdensome rule, but as a divine gift. It is God's reminder to stop striving, and instead to rest in Him, and to be renewed in His presence. Sabbath rest is not just about ceasing work; it is about intentionally creating space for God to meet us in stillness. In Exodus 20, God commands the Sabbath. But in Mark 2:27, Jesus reminds us: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

What would it look like to receive this gift intentionally as summer draws to a close?

Maybe it means taking a quiet walk in nature, thanking God for the beauty that still blooms. Perhaps it's sitting on the porch in the fading light, praying or reading a psalm. Maybe it's a day spent without screens, simply enjoying one another's company. Maybe it is a get away with the kids to a place where you can focus on each other and God. Whatever form it takes, Sabbath is less about a checklist and more about an orientation of the heart—toward rest, renewal, and relationship with the One who made us. Giving us time to reflect on how good He has been to us.

As we prepare for the seasons ahead—filled with ministry, activity, and purpose—let us not neglect this moment to rest in God's peace. Let this be a time of sacred slowing, of listening, and of letting the Spirit fill us anew.

May the close of summer not be something we race through, but rather a space we embrace—gratefully, prayerfully, and with open hands.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Dante Pronsati

# Worship

## “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5

Greetings in Christ!

On the weekend of August 9/10, we will be singing the second hymn written by Martin Luther, “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” (LSB 556). The oldest surviving source of this hymn is from 1524, though it was likely written a year earlier; note that this hymn pre-dates Luther’s “A Mighty Fortress” by at least four years!

The Gospel is at the forefront of the Reformation. The Gospel shows God the Father’s grace to us in sending His Son to bear our sins on the cross, making us right (justified) with the Father. This doctrine of justification, is often referred to by Lutherans as the “doctrine on which the Church falls or stands.” Thus, it was important for Luther that the music proclaimed by the Church should clearly speak about justification. The original title to “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” shows this: “A Christian hymn by Doctor Martin Luther, setting forth the indescribable grace of God and the true faith.”

The ten stanzas of this hymn (which we will sing in two parts; 1-5 at the opening of service, 6-10 at the close), beautifully proclaim how we are justified in Christ. Stanza 1 sets the theme by proclaiming Easter joy – God has done great things for us, which cost the Savior dearly. In Stanzas 2-3, we revert to first-person language, acknowledging that we are born sinful and can do nothing to save ourselves – this is the Law proclaimed in its full severity. Then, in Stanzas 4-6, the Gospel is proclaimed in all its sweetness – that the Father has seen our condition and turned His heart toward us in sending His Son, His “dearest treasure,” to take on our flesh to slay bitter death and the forces of evil for our salvation.

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## Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you the song, “The Joy” by The Belonging Co. Sometimes, we need a worship song that lifts our spirits and helps us reflect on the many blessings God has given us. Each day is a gift from the Lord, and if we keep our eyes open, we can see His hand at work in every area of our lives. This song reminds us that He is more than enough, faithful to His promises, and strong when we are weak. In our weakest moments, He is worthy of all our praise, because He is our strength (Psalm 34:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:18). As we move further into summer don’t forget to find joy in the moments we share in His presence because the joy of the Lord is our strength. (Nehemiah 8:10)

Robert W. Costa, *Director of Modern Worship*

In Stanza 7, we sing of the “joyous exchange” between the Bride (the Church) and the Bridegroom (Christ). Our sin is laid on Him, and His righteousness is laid on us. Stanza 8 continues by “describing the cost of Christ’s own blood, proclaiming that His victory has swallowed up death forever.”

Finally, in Stanzas 9-10, the Holy Spirit is pointed towards as the teacher who will lead Christians to know the truth and to grant us comfort. The “final word” left with us is to guard ourselves against what the world would have us learn, and to take joy in this Gospel treasure, which the world seeks to destroy.

“Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the victory won, What price our ransom cost Him!” (LSB 556, stanza 1)

In His Service,  
Charlie Russell, Director of Traditional Music

Upcoming at our services:

- **Sunday, August 24** - Teacher Installations
- **Sunday, September 7** - Rally Day/Kick-Off 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](http://stpetermacomb.com).*



**Ushers Wanted** We are looking for volunteers (age 18+) to help with ushering at our Saturday evening and Sunday Traditional services (8:00 & 9:30 a.m.) If you are interested, please reach out to Paul Misch at [pauldmisch@gmail.com](mailto:pauldmisch@gmail.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.

# Service

*Building Together*

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**\*As of  
7/23/25**

**BACKPACK COLLECTION:** Once again St. Peter will be collecting NEW backpacks for children receiving assistance from Macomb Charitable Foundation. We are looking for backpacks for boys and girls ages 4-17. These backpacks will be distributed to the children at the Shop with a Sheriff event sponsored by MCF. We are collecting now through Sunday, August 10. A collection bin is located in the crossroads. Thank you so much for being a blessing to these children.

**Women's Ministry** is collecting humanitarian items such as:

- hotel size lotions
- shampoos
- conditioners
- dental floss
- toothbrushes
- mouthwash

Any of these items can be dropped into the LWR bin in the Church Coat Room. We also collect used eyeglasses for MOST MINISTRIES and cancelled postage stamps for WOUNDED WARRIORS all year long. They can be deposited into the appropriate drawers in the Church Coat Room.

Thank you for your support with these much needed ministries.  
Joyce Schwark/St. Peter LWML Rep. (586) 524-9328

**Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits** We will be collecting items for the Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits from now through September. Most needed items are:

- cloth diapers
- receiving blankets
- cotton t-shirts
- long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers
- sweaters or sweatshirts with or without a hood

If you are able to donate any of the above items, they can be deposited into the LWR bin in the church coat room. Many of these Kits are being sent to flood and hurricane victims in the U.S. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Questions: contact Joyce Schwark, St. Peter Lutheran Women in Mission Rep. (586) 524-9328

**Save the Date:** Saturday, October 18, for our annual October Outreach Event at Peacemakers International on Chene Street in Detroit. More information will be coming in future Keynotes.

# Memorial Offerings

***In loving memory of Lorraine Bock,***  
a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by: Ruth & Chris Curtice,  
and Rick & Carol Stathakis

***In loving memory of Al Dopp,***  
a contribution has been given to the **New Building fund** by: Wayne & Marie Niemann

***In loving memory of Gertrude Clark,***  
a contribution has been given to the **New Building fund** by: Stanley & Marion  
Krakowski, Wilma Wangelin, Donna  
Lambert, and Paula & Thomas Krawczyk

***In loving memory of Judy Essig,***  
a contribution has been given to the **New Building fund** by Wilma Wangelin

## Thank You...

*Panim.* The Hebrew word for “face” is Panim, the “im” ending indicating plural, so Faces. In scripture Panim of God is often referenced, the faces of God.

I have had the honor and been blessed to see the Panim of God in you after my surgery and during my recovery this summer. God has privileged me with seeing the Panim of God in all of you.

The Panim of God was visible through you in meals lovingly prepared and delivered; in cards written and sent; in emails and texts and phone calls; in visits and rides provided, in laundry done and errands run. In being here with me for my safety and in emptying my trash. Most importantly, in your fervent and continuous prayers on my behalf for successful surgery and now complete recovery. I thank you for all you have done on my behalf and all you continue to do. I am deeply loved and blessed, and I am grateful that you have used your gifts and talents to be the Panim of God for me.

May God continue to bless you, and may you always be willing to be the Panim of God at St. Peter and to the world.

Anne Westphal

Dear St. Peter Lutheran Church and School,

The MCREST Leadership Team wants to say: “Thank You to everyone!” Our program this year was such an overwhelming success because of all your faithful prayers, the 80+ volunteers, and your overwhelming amount of donations. Your efforts and partnership with our team allowed us to host the 50 MCREST women and children during the week of June 22-29! Every day that week, God blessed our ministry in many overwhelming, beautiful, and amazing ways. Thank you for listening to the gentle guiding of the Holy Spirit which gave us the ability to host and serve!

The dates for our 2026 hosting program will be June 21 -28. We are publishing these dates in advance, for everyone to consider joining our leadership team as we now begin preparations for the 2026 program. Please contact Rhonda if you have any questions regarding this opportunity to minister and serve those who are less fortunate than we are.

Many hands working together makes for lighter work! Please continue to pray and support, as often as possible, this worthwhile MCREST ministry. Thank you and may God continue to richly bless you and your family! Have a blessed and peaceful day!

In Matthew 25:40 Jesus is speaking and instructing us, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.”

In His service,  
Rhonda Fiebelkorn and the  
2025 MCREST Leadership Team

**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](http://stpetermacomb.com).***

## Bible Studies:



**Psalms for Summer** Led by Pastors Meyer, Wise, Wenzelburger, Arendell, and Pronsati. Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**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) and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Zoom). Please contact Kelly Chirco ([kellychirco@comcast.net](mailto:kellychirco@comcast.net)) or Nicki Wargo ([nwargo@splcs.net](mailto:nwargo@splcs.net)) for more information.

**Wednesday Women In The Word Bible Study** will not meet in August. Our Bible study will return on September 10. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Enter Door #1. We will continue with "Measured By Grace," by Sharla Fritz, Chapter 7—A Study on Peter: Dynamic Denier. For further info, contact Karen Gluski (586) 207-6201 or [gludog2003@yahoo.com](mailto:gludog2003@yahoo.com).

## 7th & 8th Grade 2025/2026 Confirmation

If your child is entering 7th grade or above (at St. Peter or another school) and has not yet been confirmed, please complete and submit the form available at [stpetermacomb.com](http://stpetermacomb.com) or scan the QR code. Please mark your calendar for the required Confirmation Informational meeting: August 24 at 12:30 p.m. or August 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



**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.

### More ways to help us Build Together!

Some of our St. Peter families have offered for 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. (586) AIR-TITE

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** “Summer time and the livin’ is easy...” but maybe not. Life may not be easy for you right now. If you’re facing a tough situation or if life in general just seems to be spinning out of control, perhaps all you need is a listening ear and someone to bounce ideas off of. That’s what Stephen Ministers are for. If you want someone to really listen to you, get in touch with a Stephen Minister. You can call the Church Office or contact Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329 to be connected to a confidential brother or sister in Christ.

**GriefShare** If you or someone you know is suffering the loss of a dear loved one, please consider joining us for the Biblically based GriefShare sessions. The 13-week sessions help you understand your grief and pain and lead you through the healing process. Our current 13-week session will be ending the first week of August. The next session will begin in early September. We will meet in the north side of the Fellowship Hall. Please enter through Door #1 right near the Fellowship Hall. For additional information, you may contact the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or Darcel Bennett at (586) 255-7090. You may also review the website at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

### DivorceCare and DC4K

As September approaches, we are once again honored and blessed to be able to offer DivorceCare for people who are going through separation or divorce. This is a powerful program written specifically to help people heal and find hope in a very difficult time in their life’s journey.

DivorceCare is a 13-week program using Godly principles in video, discussion, and workbook that addresses topics designed to help people heal and feel the love of our Savior throughout our time together. Each week provides a different and stand-alone topic of care and concern. 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.

If you are going through a separation or divorce, please prayerfully consider joining us for DivorceCare. If you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce, please pray for them and encourage them to join us. We meet on **Tuesday evenings from 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.** in the Administrative Conference Room beginning on **September 16** and finishing on **December 17**.

Also available is DC4K, a program designed to help children of separation and divorce from ages 5 - 12. It mirrors the adult program in topics but is designed to help children navigate this journey and heal. Currently, we need a leader to assist with this important ministry. If you feel God’s calling to help children heal, and especially if you have been through a divorce in your own life, please prayerfully consider joining us. If you have questions regarding the program, please contact Anne Westphal at [awestphal56@hotmail.com](mailto:awestphal56@hotmail.com) or by phone at (248) 909-4230.

To enroll for DivorceCare please visit [DivorceCare.org](http://DivorceCare.org) and search churches for St. Peter Macomb. For any questions please contact Anne Westphal.

## **STAY TUNED FOR EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES IN SEPTEMBER**

**Come and join us!**

### **Stay Healthy Exercise**

Join some spiritual men and women in a morning of exercise and motivation. People of all ages are welcome and can benefit. Deb, our instructor, tailors the class to the audience. We work on our hearts, minds, and souls as we stretch, lift weights, and raise our heart rate slowly through low impact, easy to follow movements. Grab water, weights (2 to 5 pounds), and a mat, and join us each **Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. beginning September 8.** 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](mailto:hoegemeyer@att.net) or (586) 322-2319.

### **Christian Yoga**

Come join us for a faith filled gentle yoga experience. Becky will guide us through prayerful meditation, stretching, and postures, embracing our mind, body, and spirit that God has given to us. All ages are welcome! Bring a yoga mat, water, and a joyful spirit for this class that will meet every **Thursday from 4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. beginning September 4.** The cost is \$10/session drop in. Classes 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](mailto:hoegemeyer@att.net) or (586) 322-2319.

### **St. Peter College Ministry** *Parents: Do you have a child going off to college?*

Please send us their contact information so we can stay in touch with them!

We will send them the monthly Keynotes, personal words of encouragement and sometimes humorous uplifting thoughts or items to make their day a little brighter and to keep them connected to St. Peter through the Word and prayer.

We begin mailings sometime after Labor Day. If you know of anyone else who would be interested, please share this information. Last year we communicated with over 40 students. We would love to increase that number this year!

If you are interested, please contact the Church Office or complete and submit this form: <https://forms.gle/S8qhJJf5TpcvbDB47>



## **PTL August Restaurant Night Fundraiser:**

**August Restaurant Night** Our PTL's August Restaurant Night Fundraiser is at Blake's Tasting Room in Armada on Monday, August 25, from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Present your flyer (available at [stpetermacomb.com](http://stpetermacomb.com)) and 15% of sales will go back to St. Peter. This fundraiser is dine-in only, so be sure to reserve your table!





**Is your Facebook account truly secure?** On Sunday, August 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, join us for a free, hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to keep your Facebook account secure, step by step. Whether you're managing a personal profile, group, page, or business account, this session is designed to walk you through important security settings and help you feel more confident online.



## FACEBOOK SECURITY WORKSHOP

*Is your Facebook account truly secure?*

**Sunday, August 17**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**


*Scan to sign up!*



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## ROAD CLEAN UP

**SATURDAY, AUG. 23**  
**8:30 A.M.**



**Road Cleanup Saturday, August 23!** Please come and help us clean up Romeo Plank and 24 Mile Roads on August 23. We'll meet in the south parking lot by the preschool entrance at 8:30 a.m. to get started. Bags and vests will be provided. Boots and gloves are suggested. The more people, the quicker we are done. We are usually done by 11:00 a.m. A new coordinator is needed for next year. The Boelings will no longer be scheduling the Adopt-a-Road road cleanup for St. Peter. Clean up is twice a year and only during the spring and summer. If you are interested, please let the Church Office know. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Robin Boeling: robinbo@splcs.net or (248) 842-3051. Thank you.



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## Pitch with Purpose: Charity Softball Game

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 2:00 PM**  
**Immanuel - Lower Ball Field**



Teams representing Macomb Foster Closet and Gifts for All God's Children will go head-to-head on the softball field, and you can be part of this fun-filled event! Whether player or fan, you have an opportunity to impact the outcome of the game.



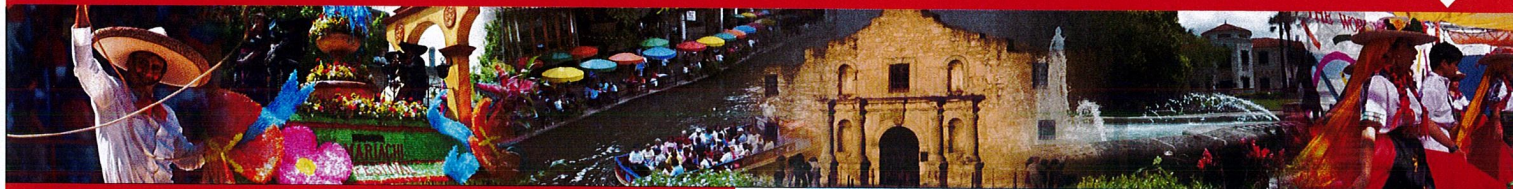
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**Day 1:** Depart your group's location in a spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach, enjoying the great scenery along the way. Then, settle into a comfortable en route hotel for a good night's rest.

**Day 2:** After a Continental Breakfast, head to the Spurlock Museum at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Later in the day, enjoy Dinner and check into your en route hotel.

**Day 3:** Today you'll enjoy a Continental Breakfast, then make a stop at the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock -- Arkansas' leading cultural institution. Later that day, after a relaxing Dinner, you'll check into your en route hotel.

**Day 4:** Today after Continental Breakfast, you'll continue towards beautiful San Antonio, TX -- Home of the Alamo! Later that day, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your San Antonio area hotel for a 4-night stay.

**Day 5:** After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, your adventure begins with a GUIDED TOUR OF SAN ANTONIO. The tour includes visits to San Fernando Cathedral, the King William Historical District, and El Mercado, an area patterned after an authentic Mexican market. This afternoon, with a guide, you will enjoy a visit to the enchanting Japanese Tea Garden, a beloved jewel in San Antonio's cultural landscape. Then, you'll enjoy a relaxing Dinner, then head to the famous RIVER WALK for a SCENIC CRUISE!

**Day 6:** Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before departing to meet your guide and head for Fredericksburg, "Jewel of the Texas Hill Country." Start with a visit to the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR, including the George Bush Gallery. Here, visitors become quickly engaged in the personal stories of Americans from all branches of the military involved in the Pacific Theatre of World War II. Then, depart for the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park where you will go on a narrated driving TOUR OF THE LBJ RANCH. This evening, enjoy a lovely Dinner complete with entertainment.

**Day 7:** Start the day with a Continental Breakfast. Afterwards, depart for a visit to the SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK. Experience the "Queen of the Missions" - Mission San Jose, established in 1720. Later, go to the IMAX Theatre at San Antonio Rivercenter to see "ALAMO ... The Price of Freedom." Then, stand where history took place when you visit the buildings and grounds of the ALAMO - "The Shrine of Liberty." This evening, you will relax and enjoy Dinner.

**Day 8:** Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your hotel before leaving for the Magnolia Market at the Silos in Waco, TX. Later that day, after a relaxing Dinner, you'll check into your en route hotel.

**Day 9:** After Continental Breakfast, head for Little Rock, AR, former home of President Bill Clinton, for a visit to the William J. Clinton Presidential Library. The library contains nearly 2 million photographs and over 75,000 museum artifacts. That night, enjoy Dinner and check into your en route hotel.

**Day 10:** Today, you'll enjoy a Continental Breakfast, then visit the Sikeston Depot Museum, in Sikeston, MO, a museum of local history and culture built inside a historic train depot. Tonight, rest in your en route hotel.

**Day 11:** Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

### ADD SOME PEACE OF MIND TO YOUR TRIP...

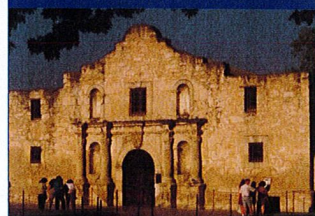
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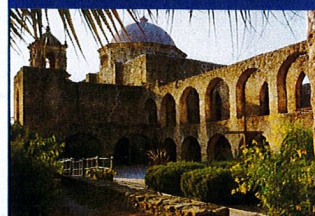
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# Education

## **STUDENT MINISTRIES** *Angela Schepmann, Student Ministry Assistant*

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It has been a busy summer so far! We have had two Summer Social gatherings! Thank you to the Pronsatis and VanOverbekes for hosting. Two more Summer Socials in August! The Winks host August 6 and the Novodoffs on August 13!

THE SUMMIT-Jr High VBS Experience was an amazing week of learning that we can always trust in God! We hosted 25 6th-8th graders and spent time in the Word and having fun, too! We supported local charities throughout the week, as well. We made cards for kids receiving backpacks/supplies for Macomb Charitable Foundation. Thrivent donated money for our kids to buy food/paper products for Samaritan House. Each kid learned how to budget and spend \$15 at Meijer! They did a great job shopping as they were able to donate \$924 worth of items to Samaritan House. We visited them on Wednesday and brought them our donations and had a chance to learn how they operate. After we got back, we sold popcorn and popsicles in the rain to make money for Elli's House in Detroit. We raised \$366 for them with our sale.

On Thursday, we packed snack bags for Elli's House and had Lynne from their Case Management Team tell the kids how they help women on the streets of Detroit. We presented them with our bags and gift of money. Since we had some popcorn left, we sold it again and raised another \$101! Thank you to Thrivent who also donated the money to purchase the popcorn and popsicles.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped make everything possible. Our group leaders were Cindy Brown, Bernadette VanOverbeke, and Pastor Dante! Thank you to Mei-Ling Thomas who ran around all over the place for us! Thank you Cindy and Mei-Ling who also helped with decorations and making our space feel like the Alaskan wilderness. Thank you to Nicole Wink who donated decorations for us to use. Thank you to our parent volunteers who drove to our service events—Nicole Wink, Christina Bentley, Janel Reiter, Erin Savela, Bethany Blanchard! WHAT A WEEK!

As I write this, we are hours away from flying to the National Youth Gathering in NOLA! Thank you to our amazing volunteers who are giving up their time to be with our group and help out at the Gathering! Look for more information on how everything went in the September Keynotes.

FALL KICK-OFF scheduled for Sunday September 14, at His Rock!

### **UPCOMING SUMMER SOCIALS:**

- August 6 - The Wink's, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bring your swimsuits for fun in the pool!
- August 13 - The Novodoff's, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. More pool-time fun!

# Kindergarten Signing Day!

St. Peter School families, please join us Tuesday, August 26, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our 3rd annual Kindergarten Signing Day!

- ☒ Sign your child's letter of intent
- ☒ Meet the kindergarten staff & your child's teacher
- ☒ Great photo opportunities and activities for the students to meet future classmates
- ☒ Enjoy popsicles and light refreshments
- ☒ Learn how to get involved!



## Life Team

The subject of this month's Life Team article is stem cell research. To help clarify the LCMS stance on this issue, the following statement was adopted on July 17, 2007, by the 63rd Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod:

HOUSTON — In an overwhelmingly favorable vote, delegates to the 63rd Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod adopted Resolution 6-02 supporting adult stem-cell research that does not involve the destruction of human life.

Noting that stem cells have potential to treat diseases such as multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, sickle-cell anemia, stroke, Parkinson's disease, and others, the resolution received "yes" votes from 96.6 percent of the delegates.

The resolution states opposition to embryonic stem-cell research that destroys human life and has not yet shown success for treatment of diseases in humans. It further urges LCMS members to give public witness against the destruction of human life with embryonic stem-cell research and to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."

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

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## ST. PETER'S VALUES

### **Our Mission Statement:**

To glorify God by making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ

### **Matthew 28:19-20**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age.

Articles for **September Keynotes** must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on August 15.  
**Please submit all articles for consideration by email** to Allison Costa at [atebay@splcs.net](mailto: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!



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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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