

### Words Matter

*<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:10-11*

Words matter. They absolutely do. That's why, how we choose to use words absolutely matters, too. We discover this in our relationships with others, and we discover this in our communications. Yes, words matter....which means that PREPOSITIONS MATTER.

When it comes to sentence structure and its parts of speech, prepositions serve as connector words that show a relationship between nouns (or pronouns) and other words within a sentence. They also serve as indicators when it comes to location, time, or direction. And, in case you were wondering, there are all kinds of prepositions out there. While they're often unassuming and can be found hiding in just about every thought and sentence, they usually go unrecognized until we realize that we are lacking important details.

No doubt, words matter – including the prepositions within God's Word. If you take a look at what Paul shares in 1 Corinthians 3:10, the word “*upon*” becomes a big player among the words that he shares when writing to the Corinthians and us alike, and it's a word that has all to do with this year's theme—Building Together.

Nearly 150 years ago (in 1877), God began laying a foundation here on the corner of Romeo Plank and 24 Mile Roads that we now call St. Peter Lutheran Church & School; and that foundation continues to have all to do with His life-changing and life-saving Word. Since then, He has led us to build “*upon*” that foundation in a manner that makes clear that words matter – especially the wonderful truth of His Word.

This is why we continue to build “*with*” Him and His Word, while we build one another “*up*” through Word and Sacrament ministry. Likewise, we build “*for*” the purpose of encouraging others to receive the gifts that He gives through His promises as we build “*toward*” the goal of making sure that many others know and follow Jesus – the One who is our sure foundation.

As we get set to kick off the 2025-26 year for our Sunday School, Confirmation, and our Day School (among the many other ministry related activities and opportunities), may we be found faithfully Building “*upon*” Christ “*with*” the Holy Spirit leading us on all “*for*” the purpose of encouraging and building others as we move forward in faith “*toward*” the heavenly goal that Christ has won and set before for us.

Building “*upon*”... “*with*”... “*up*”... “*for*”...and “*toward*”... is what Building Together is all about.

All for His glory!

Pastor Wenzelburger

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# Worship

## **“Depart in Peace”**

**“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:29-32**

Greetings in Christ!

If you come to a traditional worship service here at St. Peter, there are some things you may notice that do not change from week to week. On occasion, the wording or music may change, but the structure of the service remains basically the same. The structure of the Divine Service follows the ancient order used by the Christian Church for the last 2,000 years. For example, if you go to Mass at a Roman Catholic church or a service at an Episcopalian congregation, you will likely notice that we follow a very similar, though not identical order.

One of the most beautiful things about this order of worship is that God’s gifts are at the center. Most of the text comes directly from Scripture, and is weaved together in a pattern of God’s grace coming to us in Word and Sacrament. As we receive these free gifts, we respond with thanksgiving.

A clear point where this happens within the service is after we receive Communion. Usually, after the communion dismissal, we sing either “Thank the Lord” (Setting One) or the Nunc Dimittis/Song of Simeon (Settings Three and Four). This follows the Old Testament pattern, where psalms were composed and sung for times of thanksgiving. “Thank the Lord” is a newer addition to the Lutheran service from the 1970s, and is an expression praise for God’s gifts along with an instruction to tell the world about His grace.

The Nunc Dimittis/Song of Simeon is sung in most liturgical churches, but only the Lutheran tradition places it after Communion. The words come to us from Luke 2:29-32, where the Jewish believer Simeon encounters Jesus at the temple. God gave a promise to Simeon that he would not see death until he saw the Messiah with his own eyes, and as Simeon sees Jesus, he asks God that he would be able to depart earthly life in peace. Like Simeon, we sing this song for the same reason after receiving Communion. We acknowledge that we have encountered Christ truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. With our own eyes, we see the salvation that God has given us through this Sacrament. In these words, we pray to the Lord that we may depart from the service in peace, being assured of our salvation in Him.

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## **Robert’s Music Spotlight**

This month I wanted to share with you the song “Don’t Fight Alone” by Jon Reddick. This song reminds me of the story in 2 Kings where Elisha’s servant was afraid after seeing the enemy army surrounding them, and Elisha prayed for God to open His servant’s eyes. God answered, and the servant saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire, the heavenly host, protecting them. (2 Kings 6:17) God has proved it time and time again that even when I am in the middle of a battle, though I might not see Him working in that moment, looking back I have seen His hand at work in it all. I hope this song blesses you and no matter what you may be facing right now, know that you don’t fight alone. He is with you and will never leave you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6, Joshua 1:5, Hebrews 13:5)

Robert W. Costa, *Director of Modern Worship*

We have different musical versions of this song which we use, but one that is perhaps most familiar to longtime Lutherans is the one sung in Setting Three (which was also the Page 15 service in *The Lutheran Hymnal*). This version is especially meaningful to me, as well. While the Nunc Dimittis is sung during the Communion service, it is also encouraged to be used during evening services as well as during the order for the commendation of the dying. As my grandmother was in her last few weeks under hospice care five years ago, we as a family would regularly hold this service in her room; my stepfather, a Lutheran pastor, would also commune her during this time. During this time, my grandmother was mostly asleep. After she communed, as we began singing the Nunc Dimittis, we all could see her mouthing the words with us, even though she was mostly asleep. While she was not always aware of what was happening, she had taken these words to heart from attending worship all throughout her 87 years. She was able to say with confidence these words of comfort that the Lord gave to her, and to all of us.

This experience is a comfort and reminder to me of the importance of worship. God promises to come to us in worship with His gifts, which is why we come to service. As we speak the words that He has given to us in Scripture each week, these words are placed upon our hearts and remain with us throughout our lives. Taking these words to heart and knowing that God has justified us through His grace, we may sing and pray with Simeon: Lord, let your servant depart in peace!

In His Service,

Charlie Russell, Director of Traditional Music

### Upcoming:

- **Sunday, September 7** - Rally Day/Kick-Off Sunday
- **Sunday, September 7** - Multiple Bible Studies resume, *see p. 7 for details*
- **Sunday, September 7** - Sunday School Rally Day, 9:30 a.m., Crossroads
- **Sunday, September 7** - Church & School Picnic following 11:00 a.m. service
- **Sunday, September 14** - Sunday School begins, 9:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 24** - See You At The Pole (Chapel)

*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).*

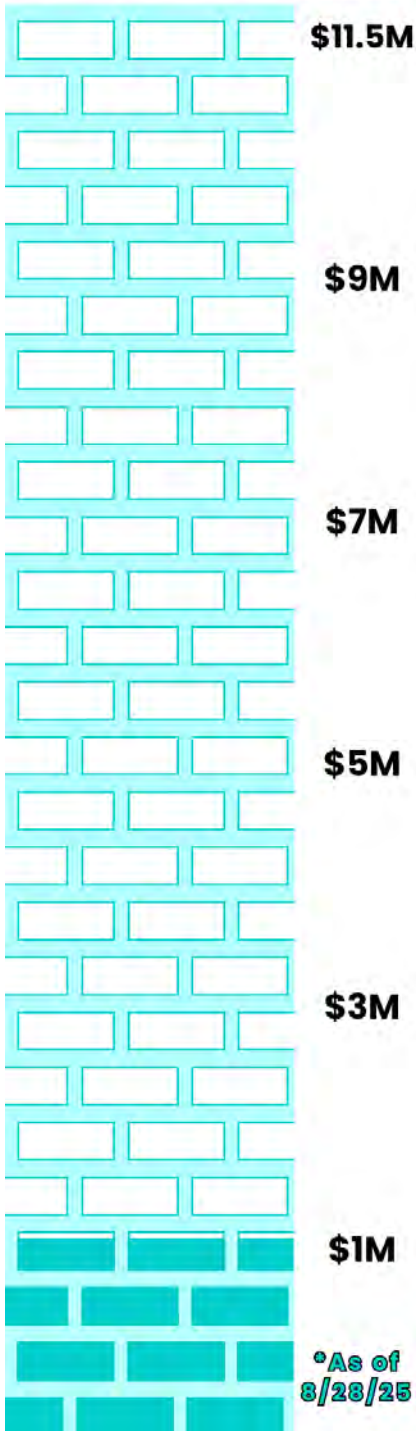
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	MODERN WORSHIP	LIVESTREAM
Saturday - 6:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.	Sunday - 11:00 a.m.	Sunday - 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

# Service

*Building Together*

RAISED SO FAR:

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**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

## "Where can I find more serving opportunities?"

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





**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, October 18, is the date for this year's Chene Street October Outreach Event at Peacemakers International in Detroit. Please mark your calendar to join us and be a part of this wonderful outreach opportunity.

We will be sharing the love of Jesus, donated clothing, and a hot meal to the homeless men and women who attend.

Items needed for the October 18 Outreach:

- ONLY men and women sizes of warm, fall and winter clothing
- Women's underwear (any size) and socks
- Men's ONLY boxer briefs style underwear (any size) and socks
- Sweatshirts and sweatpants in any adult size.
- Warm winter coats, boots, hats, and gloves
- We are also looking for a large trailer to haul everything to Peacemakers for the Outreach Event.

Wednesday, October 1, we will begin accepting donations of clothing. Wednesday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m. we will begin sorting all of the collected clothing items in the Narthex.

May God continue to richly bless us as we prepare to bless men and women, who are much less fortunate than we are.

Thank you!

In His service,

Contact Rhonda Fiebelkorn (586-925-2203) or (rhondaf85@hotmail.com) for more information.

### 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
- **Hauss-Modetz Funeral Home, Macomb and Tiffany-Young & Hauss Funeral Home – Armada** will donate 10% of the service charge to the Building Together Campaign for St. Peter Church and School families. Non-Members that are referred by church families will receive a donation of 5% of the service charge. Macomb – (586) 263-3100 Armada – (586) 784-9123 haussmodetz@gmail.com



**Coffee & Doughnuts** Please help us start up our Sunday morning coffee and doughnut fellowship starting September 18! We need volunteers each Sunday to keep it running throughout the school year. Duties include: cleaning up the coffee pots, putting them away, and taking home (or giving away) leftover doughnuts. NOAH and confirmation hours available. Please sign up using the QR code. Any questions, please ask the Christian Growth Board or call Liz Kukuk (586) 623-7100.

# Memorial Offerings

*In loving memory of Charles Moschel,*  
a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Mary Lou Moschel

*In loving memory of Larry Finkel,*  
a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Marvin & Patricia Warnez

*In loving memory of Helen Niemann,*  
a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Bill & Marlene Thompson

*In loving memory of Janice Sheridan,*  
a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Tracie Gillespie and Shelly Penzien

*In loving memory of Gertrude Clark,*  
a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by May Schramm

# Thank Offerings

*For the 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of MaryLou Moschel,* a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Jim & Cindy Moschel

*For the Birthday of Nancy Aman,* a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Stanley & Marion Krakowski

*For the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Lloyd & Suanne Lassiter,* a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund** by Lloyd & Susanne Lassiter

*For the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Charles & Grace Wolf,* a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund** by Jim & Sue Kaiser

*For the Baptism of Nicholas Tebay,* a contribution has been given to: **New Building Fund** by Dave & Alexandra Tebay

# Thank You...

Thank you so much for your amazing generosity. We were able to collect over 200 backpacks for Macomb Charitable Foundation. What an incredible blessing for the children!

**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.**



**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.

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



**Quilters** The quilting group is always in need of clean sheets, cotton and flannel along with any new material. They meet on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (north) and start September 8. They also have packets of quilts squares available for anyone that would like to sew from home. Donations can be dropped off in the Coat Room in the Narthex and packs of quilt squares to sew are available there. Please call Bonnie Williams with any questions (248) 790-2664.

# Connection

***For more information  
about all current and  
upcoming Bible studies  
and small groups, please  
visit [stpetermacomb.com](http://stpetermacomb.com).***

## Bible Studies:

**God's Word for Today Bible Study** You are invited to attend the new Sunday morning Bible study that begins September 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is about the church and about the fellowship of believers who make up the church. It is about us, for by faith we are the church in our time and place. We, by God's grace, are part of God's family – a family united in Christ and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

**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 returns September 10, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall—plenty of parking (Handicap near Door #1 or Preschool Parking Lot). Enter Door #1. Looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces. For further information, please contact: Karen Gluski at (586) 207-6201 or [gludog2003@yahoo.com](mailto:gludog2003@yahoo.com).

**Foundations: Miracles** Led by Chris Oberly. Sunday mornings, beginning September 7, 9:30 a.m. (Art Room—Formerly Lg. Conference Room)

**Myth or Faith: Part 2** Led by Charlie & Grace Wolf. Sunday mornings, beginning September 7, 9:30 a.m. (Administrative Conference Room)

**S.A.L.T.** (Seasoned Adults Living Triumphantly), led by Pastor Arendell, is a Bible study for those ages 55+ on Tuesdays, beginning September 9, at 10:30 a.m. The S.A.L.T. group engages in Bible studies and other events throughout the year.

**Sunday School** St. Peter SONdays. Cool! Kids 3 years (potty-trained) - 6th grade (including additional support for kids with special needs) learn more about Jesus...the SON of God...our Savior! Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Questions about St. Peter SONdays (Sunday School)? Please contact Mrs. Nicki Wargo at [nwargo@splcs.net](mailto:nwargo@splcs.net). Sunday School Rally Day—September 7.

**Men's Bible Breakfast** Led by Erv Aufdemberge. Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. (Country Inn Restaurant - 23 Mile and Romeo Plank)





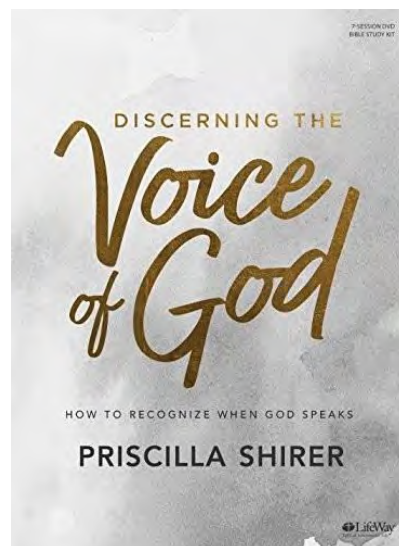
## Women's Bible Study: DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD!

Has hearing from God seemed challenging to you? Do you struggle to know if it really is His voice you hear? This study will invite you to a more intimate relationship with Him, one that can make hearing Him - His will, His heart, and His voice - your ongoing experience. Discover how you can listen with greater confidence, clarity, and discernment.

Join us for a 7-month, bi-weekly (every other week), in-person Bible Study. This video and book study offers you a fellowship and accountability with other women in a large and small group setting. We look forward to growing together while each of us grows closer in our walk with Jesus. Come as you are with expectant hearts to watch and experience all God has for us during this 7-month study,

Classes begin at His Rock on **Tuesday 9/16 at 6:30 p.m.** OR **Thursday 9/18 at 12:15 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please call/text Susan Meyer (586) 255-5773 or Lisa Compton (586) 709-7699. To sign up and pay for your book (\$25), please go to [stpetermacomb.com](http://stpetermacomb.com).



**The Charge Men's Conference** Let's go men! A weekend men's conference is being planned from Friday evening, October 10, through Sunday morning, October 12, at Michigan Christian Youth Camp in Attica, MI. Men from St. Peter, Immanuel and Trinity, Utica are gathering for a weekend of encouragement, equipping, conversation, connection, food and fun. Each church will be presenting a topic to help us "man up" as we follow Jesus more fully and become better spiritual leaders. Please, join us and let's CHARGE UP and CHARGE FORWARD with Christ.

Details about cost, how to register, etc. will be coming soon. Call or text a member of our planning team if you have any questions.

Pastor Ken: (586) 871-4891  
Dominic Torres: (586) 242-3994  
James Compton: (586) 259-3846  
Ron Michalski: (586) 350-3774



**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.



**GriefShare** The next 13-week schedule for GriefShare begins on Tuesday evening, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday morning, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. We are now meeting in the North Fellowship Hall. Please enter through Door #1. There is a small parking area near this door or you may park in the Preschool/South parking lot. There will be two GriefShare signs to direct you to Door #1 and the parking area. If you or a loved one are grieving the loss of a loved one please consider attending GriefShare. All of the facilitators would love to walk with you on your journey from mourning to joy. If you have any questions please contact the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or Darcel Bennett at (586) 255-7090. You may also visit the GriefShare web site at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) for additional information.

### September Women's Ministry Invitation

When: Thurs., September 11  
9:30 a.m. – Fellowship and refreshments  
10:00 a.m. – Meeting begins

Where: Fellowship Hall (south end)

Activity: Presentation by Darla Bratkowski on the South Africa Eyeglass Mission Trip

It's time for us to reconnect once again after the summer break! Come and hear from Darla about the many experiences that the team from the South Africa Eyeglass Mission Trip had this past July. There are many stories to be shared! We'll also have the new Activity Booklets ready for 2025-26. All women are invited! Hope to see you then!

**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 6:45 p.m. in the Art Room (formerly Large Conference Room) in the Office, accessed through Door #28. Meetings begin on September 16, and this fall term will continue for thirteen weeks until December 9. Each week provides a different and stand-alone topic of care and concern for those who have been or are divorced or separated. 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. To register or for more information please go to [DivorceCare.org](http://DivorceCare.org) and search for St. Peter Macomb or contact Anne Westphal at [awestphal56@hotmail.com](mailto:awestphal56@hotmail.com) or by phone (248) 909-4230.



*St. Peter Macomb*  
**CHURCH &  
SCHOOL PICNIC**

**Sunday, September 7**  
**12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
(following 11:00 a.m. worship)

**Join us for food, fun, & fellowship!**

**Questions or for more information, go to**  
**[stpetermacomb.com](http://stpetermacomb.com) or contact Liz at (586) 623-7100.**





PTL PRESENTS  
2025 HARVEST FEST

# MOVIE NIGHT

5:30 P.M. | 09.26 | 8:00 P.M.

"HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON"  
LIVE ACTION 2025 FILM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.  
SHOWTIME AT 6:30 P.M.

*Fellowship — Movie Concessions —  
Cider Slushies — Dessert Food Trucks —  
& More!*

MOVIE NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON CAMPUS- OUTDOORS.  
SOUTH PARKING LOT. MOVIE WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FIELD  
FACING 24 MILE, NEAR DOOR 14.  
GRAB A BLANKET OR CHAIRS AND ENJOY A FALL MOVIE  
NIGHT WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Get your tickets here!



## Christian Grandparenting Today!

We have formed a new multi-congregational ministry for grandparents. Our mission is to mobilize grandparents throughout the world to commit to pray daily for their grandchildren and their grandchildren's parents. Be one of a million praying grandparents.

- CGT FREE Continental Breakfast
- Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 9-10:30am
- Fellowship Hall, Trinity Utica
- Video speaker, Larry Fowler-practical application ideas, helpful handouts
- Register with the QR code or in person, or call Dave Sheldon at 586-731-4490 (ext. 162)

TRINITY UTICA CHURCH  
45160 VANDYKE AVE.  
UTICA, MI 48317



**Men's Ministry** Monthly Men's Gatherings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month starting September 15. We will meet at the Hamlin Pub (Van Dyke and 25 mile) at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to join us for a time of "Connection and Conversation." Questions? Contact Pastor Ken at [kwise@splcs.net](mailto:kwise@splcs.net) or (586) 871-4891.

# SAVE THE DATE! ST. PETER GOLF OUTING

HOSTED BY ST. PETER BOOSTERS



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  
1:30 P.M. SHOTGUN START  
SYCAMORE HILLS GOLF CLUB



## From the Parish Health Team:

### **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.

### **FLU VACCINATION CLINIC – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

St. Peter, in conjunction with CVS Pharmacy, is hosting a flu vaccination clinic on Sunday, October 5 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: St. Peter Kaiser Hall – Enter Door #12

Scan the QR code or go to [stpetermacomb.com](http://stpetermacomb.com) to register.



Bring your insurance card or voucher when you come. Limited walk-ins are also welcome.

As we continue to deal with COVID-19 variants, it is more important than ever to be protected against influenza. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccination every season. Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, including older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at a higher risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. The flu vaccine viruses are attenuated (weakened), and therefore cannot cause flu illness.

Please contact Paula at (586) 322-2319 or [hoegemeyer@att.net](mailto:hoegemeyer@att.net) for more information.



# SALT PRESENTS

## San Antonio, TX



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- ◆ 10 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the San Antonio area
- ◆ 18 meals: 10 breakfasts and 8 dinners
- ◆ Guided Tour of San Antonio
- ◆ Cruise at San Antonio's famous River Walk District
- ◆ Visit to the famous ALAMO and IMAX Theater presentation: "ALAMO...The Price of Freedom"
- ◆ Visit to the San Antonio Missions
- ◆ Tour of the LBJ Ranch

and much more

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## 11 Days 10 Nights

\*PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

(Fri - Mon)  
Jan 30 - Feb 9  
2026

## Departure: Macomb, MI @ 8 am

**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!

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# Education

## Life Team

The subject of this month's Life Team article is sexual purity.

"Chastity is a positive and proactive choice rather than a negative and reactive choice. Chastity is a positive way champions choose to live life both inside and outside of marriage. Chastity is not just a positive choice of champions who are single. It is the positive choice of champions who are married as well, as they choose to be faithful to their spouses."

Rev. Dr. James I Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life

LCMS Understanding of Chastity:

- **Not mere abstinence:**  
Chastity is not simply about avoiding sexual activity, but about how we think about and use our bodies, particularly the sexual aspect, in a way that aligns with God's will.
- **Embracing God's design:**  
It involves acknowledging that sexuality is an essential part of our human identity, and honoring God's creation by using our sexuality responsibly and in a way that reflects God's purpose.
- **A Virtue for All:**  
Chastity isn't limited to young people or the unmarried, but a virtue that applies to all individuals, regardless of marital status.
- **Marriage and Chastity:**  
Within the context of marriage, chastity extends to fidelity and loyalty to one's spouse.
- **Biblical Perspective:**  
The LCMS draws upon biblical principles to uphold the sanctity of sexuality and the importance of chastity in living a life that pleases God.

**New!** The Life Team is offering a devotion for Christian moms in the midst of grief after miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. This devotion, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made – a Life Worth Grieving*, is from Elizabeth E. Warren who was recently at the Lutherans for Life exhibit at the LWML convention in Omaha in June of this year. You can get your copy at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex or in the information rack in the Church Office.



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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# 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.*

## ST. PETER'S HANDBELL HISTORY

1977 – Handbell Fund was established by Geo. Roggatz with plans to teach grade 5-8.

1981 – 2 octaves of Malmark handbells were purchased along with equipment for storage and use. 25 handbells with range from G below middle C to G above middle C.

1983 – The Royal Ringers, directed by Mary Arends, played at Pastor Wentzel's Installation service. School ringers expanded to 2 groups. An adult handbell group was established and directed by Valerie Beck.

1984 – 3rd octave of handbells was purchased. Ruth Gohm co-directed children's groups.

1985 – Mallets were purchased in memory of Jan Rashid's father, Norman Schott.

1987 – Erv Aufdemberge became Minister of Music and directed children's groups.

1994 – A set of 37 chimes were purchased. Mary Arends directed adult ringers.

1997 – 4th octave of handbells was purchased.

2000 – Irene Beethe became Music Director and directed handbell choirs.

2006 – Mark Schultz directed the handbell groups.

2007 – Jodi Gahlau began directing three groups of children's handbell choirs and continues to this day. Shari Hohnstadt directed adult ringers.

2017 – Additional handbells and chimes were purchased in memory of Mary Oehmke.

2019 – Joyce Gozdor restarted the adult handbell choir.

2021 – Seven handbells were purchased in memory of Stan Gozdor and Virginia Mellar (Joyce's husband and sister)

2024 – Charlie Russell took over the direction of the adult handbell choir.

2025 – Current complement of handbells consists of 5 octaves (C3-C8, 60 bells), and over 3 octaves of chimes as well as equipment needed to enhance handbell performances. Three groups of 5th to 8th graders make up the school choirs and the adult choir consists of 12-13 ringers.

***St Peter is truly blessed to have this inspiring music ministry.***



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*Senior Pastor*



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*Associate Pastor*



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*Early Childhood Director*

## ST. PETER'S VALUES

### **Our Mission Statement:**

To glorify God by making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ

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

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

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



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## Worship Service Times:

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

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

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