

Treasure of Jesus

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3 (NIV)

TREASURE OF JESUS

Lyrics: Steven Curtis Chapman

*What can I do
How can I live
To show my world
The Treasure of Jesus?*

*What will I take
What could I give
So they can know
The Treasure He is?*

*If I can sing
Let my songs be full of His glory.
If I can speak
Let all my words be full of His grace.
And if I should live or die
Let me be found pursuing this prize*

*—
The One that alone satisfies –
The Treasure of Jesus.*

It doesn't sound like a typical Thanksgiving passage, does it? In fact, this passage from Paul's letter to the Colossians doesn't appear to mention a single thing about giving thanks, nor does it appear to mention anything about the earthly blessings we've received. Or does it?

As you may know, throughout the course of the year we set aside "seasons" in order to focus on God's redemptive work for us in Christ; and, year after year, Thanksgiving is added to the mix – falling near the end of one Church year calendar while ushering in the beginning of another. What most people may not realize is that, because Thanksgiving is a "national" holiday (celebrated by Americans), it's never been considered a part of our liturgical Church year.

It's not that the universal Church is anti-Thanksgiving; rather, the Church year is focused on the redemptive work of Christ and therefore takes us on a journey that begins with our Lord's first Advent. This, then, ultimately leads us to the cross, empty tomb, and right on into the season of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). Simply put...the Church year is about God's plan of salvation revealed in and through Christ Jesus.

I have to admit that I love the fact that, as American Christians, we have added Thanksgiving to our worship calendar where, year after year, our celebration falls at the culmination of one journey with Christ and the beginning of yet another. Perfectly positioned at a point where we celebrate the Kingship and anticipated return of our Lord (His

second Advent) and the beginning of yet another year with the incarnation of Christ (His first Advent), Thanksgiving helps to keep our focus on the Treasure that Jesus is and the treasures He gives.

After all, the Treasure of Christ includes the treasure of forgiveness, the treasure of mercy, and therefore the treasure of salvation for people like us (who were once considered fallen, hopeless, and destined for eternal despair)...and Thanksgiving (whether or not you think it should be a part of the liturgical Church year) is perfectly placed to remind us of all that we have to be truly thankful for – including the new lives we've been given in and through the Treasure of our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

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Which brings us back to that passage from Paul's letter to the Colossians. Because of the new lives we've been given through the treasures found and received in Jesus, we now live for the purpose of encouraging one another and those around us so that they too *"may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, **Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**"*

It's my prayer that this Thanksgiving is a blessed one for all of you. I also pray that, as we live our lives in this ongoing season of the Holy Spirit, He will lead you to not only give thanks for the treasures given by our heavenly Father and revealed in and through His Son, our Savior. Likewise, I pray that the Holy Spirit leads you to share these treasures with those around you...especially ***the treasure of Jesus.***

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger

Pastor Call Update

Call Update for Third Full-Time Pastor: We are excited to have Pastor Nick Schram come to visit us and continue the interview process November 2 & 3 so we can learn more about him and his wife, and they can learn more about St. Peter. Pastor Schram will also be at the 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. church services that weekend.

Upcoming:

- November 26** - Thanksgiving Eve Worship - 7:00 p.m.
- December 3, 10, 17 (Student led)** - Advent Worship - 3:30 p.m. (Traditional), 7:00 p.m. (Modern)
- December 24** - Christmas Eve - 11:00 a.m. (Modern), 1:00 p.m. (Traditional), 3:00 p.m. (Modern - candlelight), 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. (Traditional - candlelight)
- December 25** - Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m.
- December 31** - New Year's Eve - 6:00 p.m.

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

"Have You Heard?"

- Have you heard...*that this year our theme for Advent and Christmas is titled "Have You Heard?"
- Have you heard...*that the season of Advent is just around the corner and begins the weekend of November 29?
- Have you heard...*that Pastor Pronsati and Pastor Wenzelburger will be interviewing one another during our first two midweek Wednesdays on December 3 and December 10?
- Have you heard...*that our day school Christmas programs will be held on Wednesday, December 17?
- Have you heard...*that we would love to see all of you join us as we hear the wonderful message of Jesus' arrival as our Messiah and King?

As the seasons of Advent and Christmas quickly approach, we look forward to celebrating the news we have heard – that Christ has come to rescue us and bring us true and everlasting grace, mercy, and peace.

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.

Worship

Now Thank We All Our God

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy! Psalm 107:21-22

Greetings in Christ!

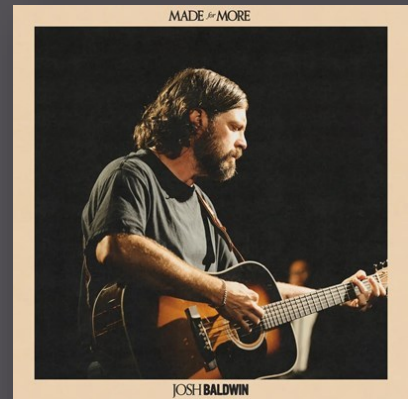
One of the beloved hymns of the Lutheran tradition that we sing at Thanksgiving is LSB 895 “Now Thank We All Our God.” It is based on a passage in the apocryphal book of Ecclesiasticus (50:22), which is a part of the Apocrypha- 14 books of writings produced in the 400 years between the Old Testament and the New Testament. While we do not hold these books on the level of Scripture, Lutherans have used the writings for instruction and devotion for ages. Luther is quoted as writing: “These books are not held equal to the Scriptures, but are useful and good to read.” The passage of Ecclesiasticus 50:22 reads, “And now bless the God of all, who in every way does great things; who exalts our days from birth and deals with us according to His mercy. May He give us gladness of heart and grant that peace may be in our days in Israel, as in the days of old. May He entrust to us His mercy! And let Him deliver us in our days!”

Martin Rinckart, born in 1586, is the author of this hymn. He served as archdeacon in his hometown of Eilenburg, Germany, and his pastoral service coincided with the Thirty Years’ War (1618-48). During this time, a plague struck, resulting in the death of 8,000 residents including Rinckart’s wife, Christine. That year, he officiated over 4,000 funerals and had to take on the duties of two other Lutheran parishes in Eilenburg. Following this plague, severe famine struck. Rinckart organized assistance and even purchased grain for the hungry out of his own funds. Through the many burdens he and his family faced, Rinckart never lost his faith and trust in God. He wore a signet ring inscribed with a single word- MVSICA. Rinckart was also a musician and Lutheran cantor, so it is no surprise that he wore a ring with the word “musica” engraved on it. Yet, this word also was explained by Rinckart as abbreviating the sentence “my trust is in Christ alone” (in German). His hymn “Now Thank We All Our God” displays this unwavering trust in God.

“Now Thank We All Our God” was first published in 1636, and was written as a mealtime prayer. A handwritten manuscript which Rinckart gave to his children in 1630 actually survived until the nineteenth century, but has been lost. Ultimately, it became a well-known hymn and has been incorporated into hymnals of numerous other church bodies.

As we approach another national day of Thanksgiving, we do so with joyful hearts, as God is merciful to us and will guide us and free us from “all ills in this world and the next.”

In His Service,
Charlie Russell, Director of Traditional Music



Robert’s Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you the song “Thank You Jesus” by Josh Baldwin. We are about to enter the holiday season which is both my favorite and most stressful time of the year. I think many of you can probably relate to that statement. It’s a time of faith, family, and thankfulness, but also poses challenges at the same time. One of the ways I would like to encourage you to combat those challenges is with a heart of thanksgiving for the Good Shepherd who found and saved us. (John 10:11-18) It’s only because of what He did that we can be called a friend of God and that is something we need to celebrate together. As we wrap up 2025, remember when things get difficult that no matter what we can enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise to thank Him for the countless blessings He has already given us. (Psalm 100:4) Remember to take time to stop and say, “Thank You, Jesus!”

Robert W. Costa, *Director of Modern Worship*

2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE



ST. PETER MACOMB
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

"EACH ONE MUST GIVE AS HE HAS DECIDED
IN HIS HEART, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER
COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL
GIVER." 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

As we approach a new year, we have a renewed opportunity to show gratitude to God through our giving. Please prayerfully consider your annual regular giving intentions as we head into 2026.

*Please note, this pledge is for 2026 annual regular giving for the general well-being of the church. It does not include any specific campaigns or itemized offerings. If you are interested in designating funds for an end-of-year gift, please visit our online giving page or contact the Church Office at (586) 781-3434.

Online Giving (recurring or one-time online donations) can be set up by going to StPeterMacomb.com and clicking on the "Giving" tab, or by scanning the QR code below with your mobile phone.



Setting up online giving is not the same as returning a pledge card. Please turn in this pledge card even if you have set up recurring online giving. Return completed pledge cards to the "treasure chest" box in the Narthex or in the Church Office by **December 1, 2025**.

NAME(S):

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

SIGNATURE(S):

I/WE WILL PLEDGE THE FOLLOWING
TOTAL AMOUNT TO ST. PETER
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN 2026 FOR THE
ONGOING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH:

\$

☐

WEEKLY

☐

MONTHLY

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QUARTERLY

☐

ANNUALLY

I INTEND TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN OTHER WAYS IN
2026 (PLEASE LIST ANY/ALL THAT APPLY):

I/WE UNDERSTAND WE CAN CHANGE/UPDATE THIS PLEDGE ANYTIME BY CONTACTING
THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (586) 781-3434.

Service

Building Together

RAISED SO FAR:

\$1,145,722.12

\$11.5M

\$9M

\$7M

\$5M

\$3M

\$1M

***As of
10/22/25**

Have you made a pledge?

If you haven't made a pledge to our Building Together project, it's not too late! Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or at stpetermacomb.com. Thank you for your support!

Questions? Contact us:

- ✉ churchoffice@splcs.net
- ☎ (586) 781-3434

stpetermacomb.com/church/building



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

"Where can I find more serving opportunities?"

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



GIFTS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



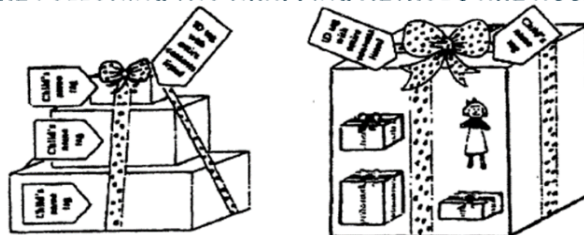
Gifts are due back by
Sunday, November 30, 2025



HERE IS HOW TO SPONSOR:

- **PICK UP** a child's tag from the Gifts For All God's Children display table located near the Church Welcome Center. You can also reach out to the Outreach Committee to sponsor a child.
- **PURCHASE** a minimum of 5 requested gifts from their colored tag & **CHECK MARK** those purchased on their sheet. Gender and requested sizes are provided.
- **REMOVE** all store price tags & UPC barcodes before wrapping.
- **WRAP** all packages or use gift bags & **ATTACH** a gift tag labeled with your child's ID code to **EACH** individual package in case one gets separated in transport. **THEIR ID CODE IS LOCATED UNDER THEIR CHURCH ID AT THE VERY TOP OF THEIR COLORED TAG. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.**
- **SECURE** this gift tag in a plastic baggie & **ATTACH** to the stack of wrapped packages. (it will be removed before delivery)
- **RETURN** wrapped, labeled gifts to the church on or before **Sunday, November 30**. They can be brought before any church service and placed in front of the Cry Room or during Church Office hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING TWO WRAPPING METHODS ARE ACCEPTABLE:



Ribbon labeled gifts together securely OR place wrapped gifts into large wrapped box.

We gladly accept Walmart gift cards of any amount to sponsor children not chosen. Please drop them off to the church office labeled "GFAGC Gift Card" by Sunday, November 30.

CHURCHES SUPPORTED

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CROSSBRIDGE PRESCHOOL

PAN DE VIDA HISPANIC CHURCH

We ask that at least 5 gifts are purchased for each child using their gift ideas and personal sizes. Please feel free to go over the minimum as you are the **ONLY** sponsor for the child this Christmas.

The Christian Outreach Board thanks you for your generous heart and willingness to share God's blessings this Christmas with children in need.

Please contact Lisa Ventimiglio (586) 405-9272
or Bethany Blanchard (586) 764-9515 with any questions.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Would you like to place an order for a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone or just for blessings received? Poinsettias from Hessel's Greenhouse will be used to decorate our chancel and may be picked up after the Christmas Day service. The cost is \$17 and must be paid for when ordered. Please make checks payable to Women's Ministry. Order forms are available in the Church Office or on the Welcome Desk. They must be turned into the Church Office by Monday, December 1. Contact Vickie Wangelin at (586) 749-3325 if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. to help us decorate our sanctuary for Christmas and put up the outdoor nativity. With some willing hands, laughter, and music, the work is made light and we're usually done around 10:30. We especially need men to help with the heavier jobs. Please call or text Vickie Wangelin, Altar Guild (586) 749-3325 or Chris May, Trustee Chairman (586) 942-7929 if you can help. What goes up must come down so we will be putting it all away on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The ladies will decorate the theme Christmas trees in the Narthex on Monday, December 1. Please contact Vickie if you can help. We sincerely appreciate everyone that is willing to give a helping hand as it adds so much to our Christmas celebration as we worship our newborn King!

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

St. Peter Mission Team 2026 Christmas Dearborn Ham & Motown Soup Fundraiser!

Blessings to all! Our St. Peter Mission Team will be serving on a mission trip in 2026! The destination is to be determined this month, so stay tuned for the details!



Our team needs your support to make this happen. This year we will be hosting a Christmas ham & soup fundraiser with our partners, the Dearborn Ham Company and Motown Soup! There will be several different types of hams, kielbasas, & other tasty items, as well as an assortment of soups, including boxed sets—which make great gifts! We are especially thrilled to partner with Motown because they are a charitable organization that donates proceeds back to the community. So, any purchase from them will help them and us!

The sale will start Saturday, November 15, and go through Sunday, December 7, in the Crossroads between services. Distribution is planned for the weekend of December 19 between services. More information will be posted in the bulletins and at the services as we get closer to the sale dates.

If you have questions, please contact Darla Bratkowski - email: lighthousemich@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your past and future support. It is truly a blessing to be able to serve others in God's name and we couldn't do it without you. Amen!

Memorial Offerings

In loving memory of Dennis Carpenter,
a contribution has been given to:
Seminary & College fund and New Building Fund by: Jim & Cindy Moschel,
Mary Lou Moschel, Ed & Linda Dunklau,
Wayne & Marie Niemann, and Bob &
Judy Juengel

In loving memory of Dolores Marosan,
a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund and to Grief Share** by:
Ruth & Chris Curtice, and the Women in
the Word Bible study

Thank Offerings

For the Baptism of Everly Laskowski, a
contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by: Shelly Penzien

For Blessings Received, a contribution
has been given to: **New Building fund**
by: Mark & Linda Schwark

*For the 32nd Wedding Anniversary of
Hank & Kim Stallmann,* a contribution
has been given to: **Debt Reduction Fund**
by: Hank Stallmann

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.



Thank You...

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and prayed for me during my recent hospital stay.

I felt truly blessed by your kindness. I also want to thank Pastor Mark for his visits, prayers, and giving me communion. I pray that God will continue to strengthen me every day.

Sincerely,
Bill Wetzel

On behalf of the entire Women's Ministry, we would like to thank EVERYONE who made donations to help send 60 Baby Care Kits, 145 Health and Wellness Kits, and 200 Quilts to Lutheran World Relief this year. Whether it was towels, toothbrushes, nail clippers, combs, cloth diapers sleepers, Thrivent cards, fabric, cutting or sewing, etc., it is truly appreciated. The boxes were sent on October 13 for boxcar loading to various areas of the U.S. and the world. Your generosity is overwhelming.

We will begin collecting items for the kits again in January for next year's shipment. However, if you have any items on hand that you would like to donate before then, you can always drop them into the LWR tub in the Church Coat Room. Fabric, blankets, sheets, etc. are always welcome and can also be put into the Coat Room.

We would also like to thank Bob Kogelman for delivering the boxes again this year. Thanks to all and God's Blessings!

Joyce Schwark, St. Peter LWML Rep.
and Bonnie Williams, Quilting Coordinator

Thank You—Chene Street Outreach Event

Dear St. Peter Lutheran Church and School,

Thank you all for being the wonderful blessing you are to us, the team members, on the October Outreach Ministry Event to Peacemakers International on Chene Street in Detroit.

On Wednesday, 10/15, we were totally overwhelmed and encouraged by the outpouring of support and helping hands for the clothes sorting Narthex. There were about 65 people in attendance! This number included about 20 confirmation students! These numbers were amazing to us!



Then, on Saturday, 10/18, the outreach event to 100 homeless men and women took place at Peacemakers International on Chene Street. There, with the help of another 20+ people from St. Peter in attendance, we were able to feed, pass out donated clothing, hygiene items, and Bibles, befriend, and be a part of a worship service to those in attendance! It was heartwarming and very moving to feel your support for this ministry outreach to the homeless men and women in Detroit.

Overall, between the Wednesday and Saturday events, there were close to 85 people from St. Peter Lutheran Church and School who joined us for our church's yearly ministry October Outreach Event at Peacemakers International on Chene Street in Detroit!

This in itself is amazing and truly a blessing from God!

Whether you joined us by praying, shopping, purchasing items, donating new and/or gently used items, securing a Thrivent gift card, volunteering, baking, encouraging or attending, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for blessing us by your involvement!

The outpouring of support from everyone, and the leading of the Holy Spirit in each one of our hearts, was totally amazing, overwhelming, and appreciated by our team, and the Peacemakers staff.

We are so thankful to God for His goodness and blessings to us, and to you, members of St. Peter, for all of your continued support and availability!

We look forward to seeing all of you again, next October!

God is moving among us as we reach out to those around us who are less fortunate than we are.

As they say at Peacemakers, "Teamwork makes the dream work!"

May God continue to richly bless you and your family as you continue to be a blessing to others.

Peace, love, and joy in Jesus!

In His service,

St. Peter Lutheran October Outreach Ministry Team

Connection

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

Bible Studies:



God's Word for Today Bible Study You are invited to attend this Sunday morning Bible study 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) or Nicki Wargo (nwargo@splcs.net) for more information.

Wednesday Women In The Word Welcome, ladies! Join us each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please enter through Door # 28. November Meeting Dates: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19. We are NOT meeting 11/26 - Thanksgiving Week. We will be completing the last chapter in our study book, "Measured By Grace," How God Defines Success...Paul: Powerful Persecutor. We will begin a new study book in January 2026. Thank you and a Blessed Thanksgiving! Karen Gluski (586) 207-6201, gludog2003@yahoo.com

Foundations: Miracles Led by Chris Oberly. Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. (Room 29)

Creation/New Creation Led by Charlie & Grace Wolf. Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. (Administrative Conference Room) Beginning October 5.

S.A.L.T. (Seasoned Adults Living Triumphantly) is a Bible study for those ages 55+ on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please enter through Door # 28. 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.



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

STEPHEN MINISTRY If you are confronted with a tangled situation and want to talk, maybe even vent, and certainly be heard, please consider enlisting the help of a confidential Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers have had extensive instruction in being listeners— people who really do listen and who reflect and empathize. Contact the Church Office or Linda Dunklau at (586) 247-5329 for more information or to be partnered with a brother or sister in Christ.

November Women's Ministry Invitation

GriefShare continues to meet in November on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. except for the week of Thanksgiving. If you are struggling with the loss of a dear loved one please consider joining GriefShare. Each session is independent of the other sessions so it is not too late to join us. The facilitators would love to help you on your healing journey from mourning to joy. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. It's best to park near and enter Door #28.

GriefShare facilitators will also be leading a session titled **Surviving the Holidays** on November 16 in the Fellowship Hall (Door #28). Getting through the upcoming holidays may be very difficult and this session, complete with a video, book and discussion, will help you with the difficult months ahead. This Sunday session begins at 2:00 p.m. and lasts about an hour and a half to two hours.

If you have any questions about GriefShare or Surviving the Holidays, please contact the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or Darcel Bennett at (586) 255-7090. You may also check out the website griefshare.org for additional information.

When: Thursday, November 13

9:30 a.m. – Fellowship and refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Meeting begins

Where: Fellowship Hall (south end) *Please enter through Door #28.*

Activity: Making "Blessing Boxes" for the St. Peter Shut-ins

Come and join us for another month of fun and fellowship. This month we will be assembling "Blessing Boxes" for the shut-ins that the Care Team visits regularly, and we will have Christmas cards available to be sent to the St. Peter widows/widowers.

We will also have sign-up sheets for ...

- Caroling at The Orchards of Armada on December 11
- Helping with the Cookie Walk on December 13 & 14
- The Ladies Aid/Women's Ministry's 100th Anniversary Luncheon on February 12, 2026

There is no meeting in December, so be sure to come in November to see what you can be a part of!

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.

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). Please enter through Door # 28. 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.

Men's Ministry Monthly Men's Gatherings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month. 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 or (586) 871-4891.

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.** 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 #28. Contact Paula for more information hoegemeyer@att.net or (586) 322-2319.

Christian Yoga

Come join us for a faith filled gentle yoga experience. Becky will guide us through prayerful meditation, stretching, and postures, embracing our mind, body, and spirit that God has given to us. All ages are welcome! Bring a yoga mat, water, and a joyful spirit for this class that will meet every **Thursday from 4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.** The cost is \$10/session drop in. Classes are held in the Church Narthex. Enter through Door #28. Contact Paula for more information hoegemeyer@att.net or (586) 322-2319.

Advent by Candlelight – Exciting Update!

We are thrilled to announce that this year's Advent by Candlelight will be held offsite—giving us the opportunity to welcome even more attendees and deepen our time of fellowship!

Date & Time: December 2 (time will be announced soon)

New Location: Sycamore Hills

Cost: \$20 per person (includes a plated dinner and beverages)

You'll still be able to decorate and host your own tables, and the best part? Clean up will be a breeze—linens and cleanup are included!

The evening will feature:

- Worship music
- A dynamic guest speaker
- Vendors to browse before and after the event

We're especially excited that our table hosts will be able to fully participate in the evening—enjoying dinner and worship alongside their guests.

Stay tuned for sign-up information coming soon. We can't wait to see you all there for this special night!

Member Spotlight: Celebrating Our Church Members



St. Peter Member, Kathy Krause was given the "Outstanding Service Award" from CEF this year. Pictured is Kathy receiving the award with St. Peter member, Rod S. Barodte presenting!



Congratulations to St. Peter member, Milt Miller who was featured in Outdoor Life Magazine. Read more here: <https://www.outdoorlife.com/hunting/older-michigan-hunter-tags-black-bear/>

Education

NOVEMBER 2025

ST. PETER MACOMB

STUDENT MINISTRY MONTHLY UPDATE

STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL 6TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

* **Flannels & Flapjacks**

November 2, 2025

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at His Rock. Wear your best FLANNEL, eat FLAPJACKS and bring your FRIENDS!

* **Sunday Recharge**

November 9, 2025

Regular Recharge gathering at His Rock from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. All are welcome!

* **Sunday Recharge**

November 16, 2025

Regular Recharge gathering at His Rock from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. All are welcome!

* **Nacho Average Thanksgiving Party**

November 23, 2025

3rd Annual NACHO AVERAGE THANKSGIVING PARTY! 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at His Rock!

* **No Recharge Gathering**

November 30, 2025

Enjoy Thanksgiving break!



Coming soon!

SpringHill Winter Retreat 2026

February 13-15, 2026 join us for tubing, broomball, open gym, crafts, paintball, worship and small groups, and so much more! Student cost is \$199/Chaperone \$175. \$100 deposit due by November 14. (There may be a small cost for transportation depending on how many students join us!) Use the QR code to sign up!



Register Here!

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ST. PETER STUDENT
MINISTRY

Welcome! Please join us to
stay connected!

Scan this QR code to join!

November Morning Meet Up!

MORNING MEET UP! Thursday, November 20, from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m. at HIS ROCK! Hot and cold breakfast items. See our amazing chefs at work! Come for breakfast, stay for devotions and prayer.



Life Team

Hope and Love for Baby and Mother:

Luke 52 Project Clinic and Selah's Red Tent

“And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” – Matthew 22:39

Recently, the St. Peter Life Team learned about two compassionate non-profit organizations, Luke 52 Project Clinic and Selah's Red Tent Initiative, through the eyes of a volunteer, Jen Kosakowski, who is also a member of our congregation. The Luke 52 Project Clinic, located in Flint, Michigan, is an all-volunteer Christian organization dedicated to helping pregnant women in need as they approach the birth of their child up until their child is 1 year old. This clinic provides medical assistance, material resources, food, prenatal and postpartum care, and companionship during the birth process. This free clinic partners with many other resources to build a community of support for the new mom and her baby, while showing the love of Jesus.

Selah's Red Tent Initiative in Flint also helps single moms by providing prenatal and postpartum doula support, similar to an extended hospital stay, and birth education classes in a loving environment. Community resources are provided to the new mother and baby free of charge.

Volunteers, private donations and prayers help keep these ministries going! Please pray for them and for all the mothers and babies they assist.

For more information about Luke 52 Project, visit www.newlukeprenatal.org, The Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint | (810) 252-0464 | Free Prenatal Care. To learn more about Selah's Red Tent, go to www.selahsredtent.org, Selah's Red Tent - A safe resting place for moms with newborns.

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

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HISTORY CORNER



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

Happy Thanksgiving. Many thanks to all the beautiful choirs that have blessed our services over the years.



CHURCH CHOIR UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF C. KAISER
Standing next to Mr. Kaiser are (first row) Edith Schmidt, Esther Kreger, Marion Schwark, Arlene Maroth, Bernice Redhake, (second row) Wilma Wangelin, Marie Kaiser, Evelyn Miller, Norma Schwark, Sharon Rachow, Judith Kreger, (third row) Ruth Bregge, June Carabell, Edna Schwark, Ruth Rachow, Martha Beyerlein (not in picture).

1957 Church
Choir in balcony



1962 Church
Choir at School
Dedication



JUNIOR CHOIR

1967 Junior Choir



SENIOR CHOIR

1967 Senior Choir



1973 Senior Choir



STRING AND VOICE CHOIR

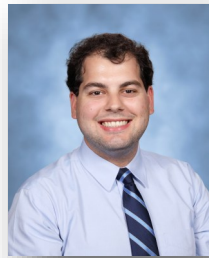
1973 String and
Voice Choir



Rev. Kurt Wenzelburger
Senior Pastor



Rev. Dante Pronsati
Associate Pastor



Mr. Charles Russell
Traditional Worship Director



Mr. Robert W. Costa
Modern Worship & Communications Director



Mrs. Angela Schepmann
Student Ministry Assistant



Mrs. Nicki Wargo
School Ministry & Sunday School Director



Mrs. Sandra LaPerriere
Principal



Mr. Steve Ameal
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Robyn Adams
Early Childhood Director

ST. PETER'S VALUES

Our Mission Statement:

To glorify God by making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ

Matthew 28:19-20

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

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



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Worship Service Times:

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

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

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