

May 10th is a big day. The reason? It's Mother's Day – the day we set aside to give thanks to God for the women He's placed in our lives to serve as our moms. I realize Mother's Day may not have the same meaning for everyone due to our personal experiences and relationships, but I think we can all agree that the role of a mother is vital, and we see this throughout the Bible.

That's why, for me personally, I continue to thank God for the woman He chose to raise me. I thank Him first and foremost for the faith He gave her – the faith which she, in turn, made known to my brother, sister, and me; and I now often thank Him for the fact that she was no push-over. (She couldn't be when raising the three of us.)

Because of this, ten years ago I decided to ask my mom if she would be willing to write a short devotion on what it means to be a Godly mother, and she graciously agreed to do so. So...while I know she is enjoying being in the presence of Jesus in Paradise, I thought I'd let the woman who raised me do the talking this month. I pray it is a blessing to you as I believe it reveals the heart of a mother who, first and foremost, loved her Lord.

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### A MOTHER'S DAY DEVOTION

**Barbara J. Wenzelburger**

**May 2016**

**“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” ~ Prov. 22:6 (NIV)**

As Mother's Day approaches, I am reminded of how young I was when God blessed me with children. How could I possibly have known what to do for a child 24 hours a day, every day? I wondered. Would I be able to clothe them and supply necessary nourishment for them? It was then that I began to appreciate and have increased respect for my own mother who was even younger than I when raising me.

Looking back over many years of mothering, I thank God for having placed me in a home with Christian parents and an extended family who knew the importance of bringing up a child according to God's will as written in His Holy Word. Because of the Christian training and role models in my life, I knew my children were very special, not because I gave birth to them, but because they were children of the Heavenly King. I was the tool the King chose to help nourish and guide them, and He had been preparing me for this task for many years.

There are many examples of Godly mothers in the Bible. For example, there is Hannah, a mother who when praying desperately for a child honors the promise she made to God by placing her very young son into God's hands in the temple (1 Sam. 1:26-28); and there is Mary, the mother of Jesus, just a very young girl who raised our beloved Savior and then knelt at His feet when He was in extreme pain and she could do nothing to help Him (John 19:25-26). Eunice and Lois, the mother and grandmother of Timothy, picked up the slack and taught Timothy of God's love (2 Tim. 1:5) when he had no father willing to do so (Acts 16:1). A Godly mother is one who joyfully loves God and is empowered by the Holy Spirit as she raises His child or children so they, too, know this great joy.

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Although not a perfect mother, with the King beside me, I was given the opportunity to bring my children to Christ's family through Baptism, to make Him part of their everyday lives through my actions, to speak openly of Him in all situations, and to pray with them on a daily basis. I was privileged to tell them of God's love. This, I found, was even more important than things like bathing or dressing them properly; because this is the spiritual nourishment that would lead them to receive the goal superior to all earthly goals: that of Eternal Life.

Since motherhood is a never-ending privilege, as my 93-year-old mother tells me she prays for me daily, I continue to pray for each of my children every day, even now, as they, too, pray for their children and grandchildren. The trusting prayer of this earthly mother is that her chicks never be separated from their Heavenly Father.

**PRAYER: Heavenly Father, as we set aside a day to honor mothers, we thank you for the Godly mothers who know the one thing needful and nourish their children accordingly. May all mothers be blessed with Your special love. In Jesus' name, we come before You.**

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Amen! My prayer is that you look to the same God that my own mom relied upon throughout her life, while passing on to your children and grandchildren the greatest gift that can be given – the gift of eternal life that we have in Jesus Christ.

A Blessed Mother's Day,  
Pastor Wenzelburger

Upcoming:

- **May 2** - Confirmation Service - 2:00 p.m.
- **May 3** - Confirmation Service - 1:30 p.m.
- **May 7** - National Day of Prayer Service - 1:00 p.m.
- **May 14** - Ascension Day Service - 7:00 p.m.
- **May 17** - Voters' Meeting - 12:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
- **May 25** - Church & School Offices Closed - Memorial Day
- **May 30-31** - Retiring Staff Recognition
- **June 4** - 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony - 6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary
- **June 5** - K-8th Grade Closing 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.

# Worship

## Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Greetings in Christ!

The Day of Pentecost (May 24), fifty days after Easter, is a major festival in the church year, on which we recall the day that the Holy Spirit came to the apostles, giving them the ability to declare the works of God in other languages. Scripture tells us that they were able to speak fluently and were understood by many native speakers of these languages. Appropriately, Pentecost is often called the “birthday” of the Christian Church! One of the hymns we sing on Pentecost is one that comes to us from the Reformation period, “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” (LSB 497). Like many other hymns of the period, Martin Luther crafted this hymn from one that was already in existence: an 11th-century Latin verse for Pentecost. It had been translated into German and was popular in Luther’s day. He eventually compiled the version we sing today by using the original German verse (Stanza 1) and adding two additional stanzas (2 and 3). The tune we sing is even based on the original melody from before Luther. The hymn’s first full appearance was in the first Lutheran hymnal, published in 1524.

Appropriately for a Pentecost hymn, it is based on the work of the third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Jonathan Swett, a Lutheran musician serving in Illinois, writes of the following connections between this hymn and Luther’s meaning to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed in the Small Catechism:

*I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.*

**“With all Your graces now outpoured on each believer’s mind and heart” (Stanza 1)**

*In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.*

**“Let none but Christ our master be that we in living faith abide, in Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.” (Stanza 2)**

*In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.*

**“From every error keep us free” (Stanza 2)**

*On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.*

**“That bravely here we may contend, through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.” (Stanza 3)**

In His Service,

Charlie Russell, Director of Traditional Music



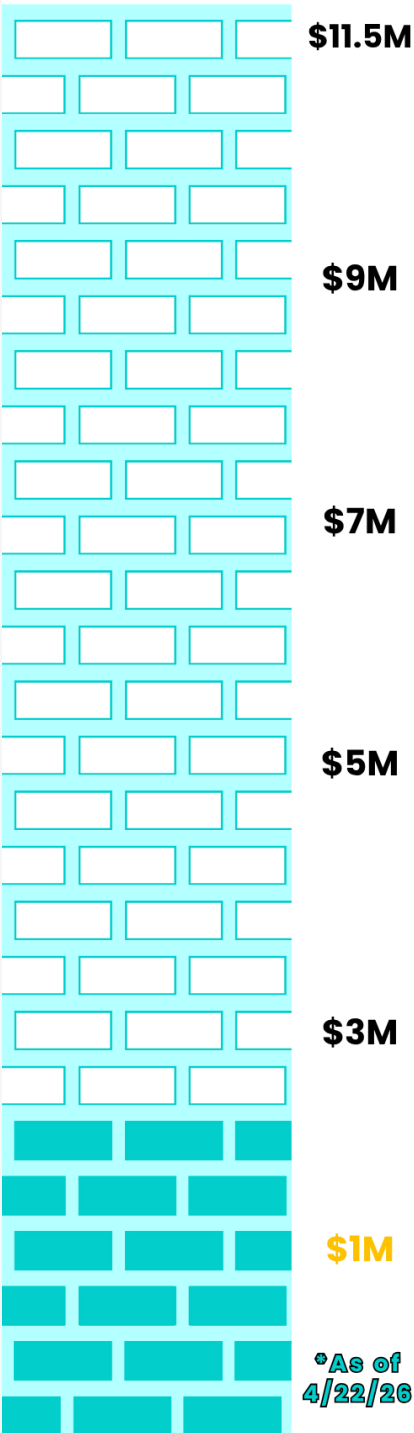
## Robert's Music Spotlight

This month I wanted to share with you the song, “Christ Be Magnified” by Cody Carnes. I have grown to appreciate his writing style. It is very heartfelt and poetic while remaining worship friendly. We are just on the other side of our Easter celebration—an entire season that reminds us of what Christ has done. So, what are we going to do now with the time that He has given us? We were created to be a reflection of Him. (Genesis 1:27 and Ephesians 4:24) This song is a declaration that, with the knowledge of what Christ did, we need to magnify Him in our lives. We must share the gospel, that we just spent weeks reflecting on, and show how God has changed our lives with a world that desperately needs Him. (John 20:21 and Acts 20:24)

Robert W. Costa, *Director of Modern Worship*

# Service

*Building Together*  
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## 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](http://stpetermacomb.com). Thank you for your support!

**Questions? Contact us:**

- ✉ [churchoffice@splcs.net](mailto:churchoffice@splcs.net)
- ☎ (586) 781-3434

[stpetermacomb.com/church/building](http://stpetermacomb.com/church/building)

Church Extension Fund

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**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.

**The Green Thumb Group** is looking for a few volunteers who would be interested in keeping our campus looking beautiful by weeding the garden beds throughout the growing season. You would be responsible for weeding your assigned area about once a month from May through October. High school students needing to fill volunteer hours can grab a couple friends and earn hours in a flexible schedule. Confirmation students are also welcome to volunteer with a parent. For more information or to sign up, contact Virginia Ellsworth at (586) 260-5429 or [vellsworth@splcs.net](mailto:vellsworth@splcs.net).

**Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits** We are again beginning to assemble Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to donate any of the following items, they can be deposited into the LWR tub in the Church Coat Room.

- Receiving blankets
- Cloth diapers
- Sleepers
- T-shirts
- Hand towels
- Socks
- Bars of Ivory soap
- Baby sweaters or sweatshirts (with or without hoods)

These items can be new or lightly used.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Schwark, St. Peter LWML Rep. (586) 524-9328.

**MCREST Hosting Program Update!** We are very thankful to God, and excited to report this wonderful news: the planning for this year's MCREST Hosting Program is moving forward! Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the continuation of this important Outreach ministry to the homeless women and children in the MCREST program.

We are very thankful to the 13 people who attended the recent MCREST informational meeting. From this meeting we have secured the needed Leadership positions for the hosting program. A SignUpGenius for the needed volunteer positions is below. In order to have a successful hosting program, these positions will need to be filled.

Also, your support through all of the donation items will help us as we serve those who are less fortunate than we are! Thank you, from all of our Leadership Team, for your prayers, encouragement, donations and support in any and every way!

May God continue to richly bless you and your family now and always!

In Christ's service,  
2026 MCREST Leadership Team



Scan here to  
volunteer!

### More ways to help us Build Together!

Some of our St. Peter families have offered 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. Phone: (586) AIR-TITE (247-8483) [airtitereplacement.com](http://airtitereplacement.com)
- **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](mailto:haussmodetz@gmail.com)
- **Smith & Sarconi PLC** will donate 10% of the price of any estate plan purchased by St. Peter Church and School families to the Building Together Campaign. 13900 Lakeside Circle, Suite 203, Sterling Heights, MI 48313, (586) 884-5420, [jsarconi@s2attorneys.com](mailto:jsarconi@s2attorneys.com)
- **Beninati Hot Tubs - Clinton Twp.** will donate 10% of contract price for any hot tub, Swim Spa or Cold Plunge and 5% of the contract price for any indoor or outdoor sauna purchased by St. Peter Church and School families. Please text or call Jacob for more info (810) 357-4192.
- **Michigan Wash & Seal** will donate 10% of the total price for any services purchased by St. Peter Church and School families. Non-members who have been referred by St. Peter families will also receive a 10% donation towards the building campaign. Services include commercial/residential power washing, window cleaning, concrete and paver sealing, joint sealing & gutter cleaning. Please call David Schwark for more info (586) 709-5041. Website: [miwashandseal.com](http://miwashandseal.com)

# Memorial Offerings

*In loving memory of Bob Filar*, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Mark & Linda Schwark

*In loving memory of Ralph Marcath*, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Jim Schwark

*In loving memory of Corrine*, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Jim Schwark

*In loving memory of Richard Meier*, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Jim Schwark

*In loving memory of Eldon Kukuk*, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Jim Schwark

*In loving memory of David Dembeck*, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Jim Schwark

*In loving memory of Rebecca Sell*, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Brian & Lisa Merriman

*In loving memory of Bill Rocker*, a contribution has been given to: **New Building fund** by Stan & Marion Krakowski

*In loving memory of Donna Eplett*, contributions have been given to: **New Building fund** by William & Jill Becker, Jim Schwark, and Bill & Dianne Wetzel

*In loving memory of Barbara Schmidt*, contributions have been given to: the **New Building fund** and the **Church Ministry Fund** by Bob & Kay May, Albert Swanson, Remy Lazaga, Steve & Janeen Dosca, Michael & Shelly Valliere, Brian & Mary, Dewayne & Dawn M., Barb & Steve, Kim Wood & Gilbert S., Lawrence & Sharon Schafer, Marlene Blum, the Jordan Family, and Lauren Asaro

*In loving memory of Marvin Warnez*, contributions have been given to: **New Building fund**, the **Church Ministry Fund**, the **Music & Organ fund**, and the **Missions & Outreach fund** by the St. Peter Adult Choir, the St. Peter Life Team, Stan & Marion Krakowski, Frieda Schluessler, Jim & Cindy Moschel, Mary Moschel, Neal & Paula Hoegemeyer, Jerry & Janet Stange, Tony & Lois Bellhorn, Dob & Beverly Fritz, Dunne & Ruthann Bettcher, Shelly Penzien, Bill & Merlene Thompson, Barbara Schramm, Bob & Judy Juengel, Larry & Annette Tilney, Janet & Richard Wilson, Mary & Andrew Jeffers, Stuart & Mary Arends, Wayne & Marie Niemann, Martha & Kay Nicholson, Karen Gluski, Robin Boeling, Ronald & Marilyn Rutz, Leroy Lambert, Donald & Kathleen Marcath, Joyce Miceli, Joan Pochert, May Schramm, Larry & Hope Reed, Roy & Joyce Schwark, Rita & Gary Stark, Dennis & Linda Toth, Robert & Deborah Withee, David & Lisa Nicholson, Milt Miller, Donald & Cynthia King, Greg & Marlene Kehoe, Robert & Lori Herbert, Mark & Renee Finkel, Bill & Diane Wetzel, Daniel & Robin Nicholson, Raymond & Patricia Czaiczynski, Dennis Clark, Mark & Linda Schwark, Jim Schwark, and Susan & Jeffrey Grunwald

# Thank Offerings

*For Blessings Received*, a contribution has been given to: the **Debt Reduction Fund** and the **Church Ministry Fund** by David & Janice Zimmerman, and Dennis & Paula Schramm

*For Blessings Received, and In Honor of Stan Krakowski's 92nd birthday*, a contribution has been given to: **Debt Reduction Fund** by Marion Krakowski

# Thank You...

To my St. Peter Pastors and friends, I want to thank everyone for your kind thoughts, your cards, texts, emails, and especially your ongoing prayers during the past 3 months of challenging health issues. While they have been difficult, your thoughtfulness during this time has made me know and better understand the wisdom of God and His healing power. Thank you, prayer warriors at St. Peter. Joyce Gozdor

**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.**



## Sanctuary Easter Flowers were purchased by:

- ⊗ **Robin Boeling:** In Loving Memory of: Larry Boeling, Shirley and Gerald Boeling, Ralph and Waldfraut Venen, Ralph Venen
- ⊗ **Paul & Karen Bowers:** In Thankfulness for Blessings Received
- ⊗ **Chris & Patti Cartledge:** In Loving Memory of: Joseph and Grace Cartledge, Heinz and Ramona Schweiger
- ⊗ **William Esch and Family:** In Loving Memory of: Beverly Esch and Jeffrey Esch
- ⊗ **Terry & Rhonda Fiebelkorn:** In Thankfulness for Blessings Received
- ⊗ **Susan Glaser:** In Loving Memory of: Melissa DeBlarerem, Gary Glaser, Sr.
- ⊗ **Earl & Karen Heldt:** In Loving Memory of: Norman and Helen Niemann, Pearl Niemann, Wilbur and Loraine Heldt
- ⊗ **Lori A. Herbert:** In Loving Memory of: Larry and Judy Kukuk
- ⊗ **Neal & Paula Hoegemeyer:** In Honor of: Lois Bellhorn, Woman of the Year
- ⊗ **Dembeck, Kienman, Winnigham, & Vendebergle Families:** In Loving Memory of: David Dembeck
- ⊗ **Mel & Nancy Dodson and Family:** In Loving Memory of: Our son Todd M. Dodson
- ⊗ **Ed & Linda Dunklau:** In Thankfulness for Blessings Received
- ⊗ **Robert Johnson and Family:** In Loving Memory of: Joann Johnson
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- ⊗ **The King Family:** In Thankfulness for Blessings Received
- ⊗ **Mr. & Mrs. James Koss:** In Loving Memory of: Roy and Lorraine Bock, In Thankfulness for Blessings Received
- ⊗ **Kathy Krause:** In Loving Memory of: Mike Krause, In Honor of: Abby, Katy, and Samantha
- ⊗ **The Ladson Family:** In Loving Memory of: Charlie Kirk, Roman Rogala
- ⊗ **Lloyd & Sue Lassiter:** In Thankfulness for Blessings Received
- ⊗ **Nanette Mapes:** In Honor of: Harper and Olivia Jedrek
- ⊗ **Virginia Oehmke:** In Loving Memory of: Alvin and James McClelland
- ⊗ **The Oehmke, Gottschalk, Carlin, and Miller Families:** In Loving Memory of: Mary Oehmke, Russ Gottschalk, Oscar and Lucille Oehmke, Paul and Myrtle Ahrens
- ⊗ **Shelly Penzien:** In Loving Memory of: Jerry Penzien
- ⊗ **Barbara Schramm:** In Loving Memory of: Nelson Schramm
- ⊗ **Dennis & Paula Schramm:** In Loving Memory of: Martin and Esther Schramm
- ⊗ **Brent & Sarah Smith:** In Loving Memory of: Our Sons Brent Jr. and Trevor Smith
- ⊗ **Jerry & Janet Stange:** In Loving Memory of: Our parents
- ⊗ **Tom & Sue Varcie:** In Loving Memory of: Judy Varcie
- ⊗ **Roger & Linda Waller:** In Loving Memory of: Louis and Dorothy Jordan, James and Ocella Waller
- ⊗ **Pat Warnez:** In Loving Memory of: Marv Warnez, Roy Nicholson
- ⊗ **Virgina Weatherly:** In Loving Memory of: Al Weatherly
- ⊗ **Bill & Dianne Wetzel:** In Thankfulness for Blessings Received

# 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 this pastor-led Sunday morning Bible study at 9:30 a.m. in the 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** Wednesday Women In the Word Bible Study's last meeting date is May 6. We will NOT meet after May 6 - June, July or August. We will return in September (date to be determined). Thanking our Lord for Anne Westphal for her faithfulness and Biblical knowledge in leading our Bible study this past year. Our Lord truly blessed us with Anne. Thanking all of the beautiful women who attended our study and graciously enhanced our knowledge in the Word as well. To God be the Glory. Karen Gluski (586) 207-6201, [gludog2003@yahoo.com](mailto:gludog2003@yahoo.com)

**Foundations: Parables** 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)

**Tuesdays Together Bible Study** We would love to have you join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a pastor-led Bible Class. We are currently working our way through the Gospel of Matthew. The apostle Matthew writes his gospel to proclaim to the world that its promised Savior has come. Pointing to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, Matthew proclaims the universality of Jesus' love.

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

**GriefShare** The next 13-week GriefShare session begins on May 3. If you are suffering immense grief after the passing of a dear loved one please consider joining us. If you know someone who is suffering, share this information with them. GriefShare is a worldwide ministry. Through videos, discussion, and a workbook, the healing can begin. We meet on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Small Conference Room. Please enter through Door #28 into the Church Office. If you have any questions please contact the Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or Darcel Bennett at (586) 255-7090. You can also check out [griefshare.com](http://griefshare.com).

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 Matthew 28:19-20



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 Deadline to register is September 10, 2026




**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.** Questions? Contact Carol Poterek at (586) 566-3785.

**Men's Ministry** Monthly Men's Gatherings are held the 3rd Monday of each month. We 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.

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 INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP!

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2026 Spring Gala. **It was the largest and most successful gala event to date raising \$132,655 for St Peter Lutheran Church & School!** Praise be to God for His continued blessings!

Whether you were a sponsor, donated an item, volunteered, bid on auction items, or attended the event, we can't thank you enough for the overwhelming response. This year's gala saw the largest number of sponsors, community partners, & participants. We also held our first ever school tuition giveaway! Please help us patronize our sponsors to show our appreciation for their generosity.

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Plans have already started for next year's gala. If you would like to volunteer in any way (big or small) please contact the committee at [stpetergala@splcs.net](mailto:stpetergala@splcs.net). We are asking families to complete a short survey to help us make it even better by providing your input. Thank you!

**Survey:** <https://form.jotform.com/260763046698064>

**2026 Gala Photo Gallery:** [https://gallery.jbiphotography.com/stpetermacomb\\_gala/](https://gallery.jbiphotography.com/stpetermacomb_gala/)

**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). All women are welcome to join! Please enter through Door #28. They also have packets of quilts squares available for anyone that would like to sew from home. Any cotton material is always welcome (clean cotton/flannel sheets any size or 4yards of new material). 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.

**THE ST. PETER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** This fund has been established to help students who plan to become full-time church workers by attending one of our LCMS colleges. High school seniors and current college students may apply in the Church Office. Please read the guidelines carefully. All applications must be submitted by June 1.

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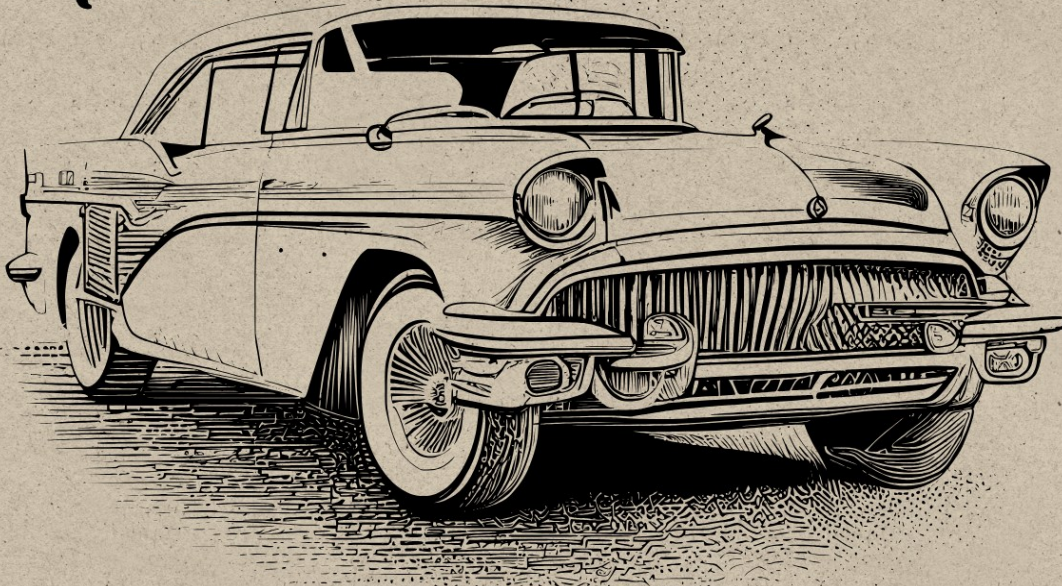
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📞 **586-781-3434**

**Lisa Ventimiglio**

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**AUGUST 2026**

**10AM - 3PM**

St. Peter Macomb Women's Ministry  
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Spring Retreat...



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Presented by  
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“In a world that celebrates hustle and self-sacrifice, Sacred Rest is an invitation to pause, without guilt. This retreat seminar offers a gentle, life-giving space to exhale, be cared for, and reconnect with the rest your soul has been craving. Together, we'll explore what it means to embrace rest as holy, necessary, and deeply restorative, not something you earn, but something you're worthy of right now. Come as you are—tired, hopeful, stretched thin and leave renewed, seen, and reminded that you were never meant to carry it all alone”

**THURSDAY  
MAY 7, 2026**

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All contributions collected at this retreat will be sent to LHM in support its mission to bring Christ to the Nations – and the Nations to the Church.

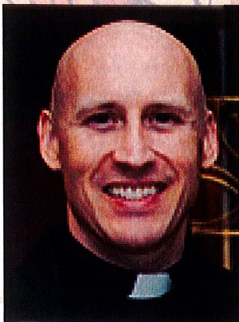


# 80th LLL Men's Retreat

## September 10-13, 2026

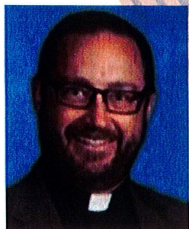
### "Live to Tell About It"

1 Peter 3:15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.



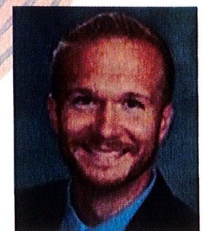
## Retreat Speaker

Rev. Dr. Michael W. Zeigler  
 Speaker of The Lutheran Hour



Retreat Chaplain  
 Pastor Martin Measel  
 Christ Lutheran Church,  
 Stevensville, MI

Retreat Chaplain  
 Pastor Bill Wangelin  
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Spiritual Growth + Fellowship + Relaxation + Recreation



Annual Golf Outing  
 Annual Softball Game  
 Pickleball Tournament  
 Euchre Tournament  
 Annual Talent Show



# Education

## Student Ministry

12 youth and 4 adults are attending the Senior High MI District Youth Gathering on Mackinac Island at the end of June. To help with the cost of the event, we are raising money with the easiest Fundraiser ever! Visit our Envelope Board in the Crossroads. Pick up an envelope with a number on it and make a donation in that amount (or more if you would like!)

The cost per participant is \$599 which does not include transportation to get there. We really appreciate your support.



**COMING UP IN MAY:** MAY IS A BUSY MONTH! In case you were not aware, schedules are CRAZY this month! Confirmation, concerts, Mother's day, Memorial Day, and of course Graduation! Because of SO MANY events, our schedule looks very different.

### 01 DINNER AND A MOVIE

7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

The animated flick 'The Garfield Movie' and of course...Lasagna!

### 14 MORNING MEET-UP

6:30 a.m.–7:30 a.m.

Last Morning Meet-Up for this school year!

### 17 RECHARGE

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Special guest leader Pastor Dante!

Watch for more updates if we can add an event!

### JR HIGH GATHERING

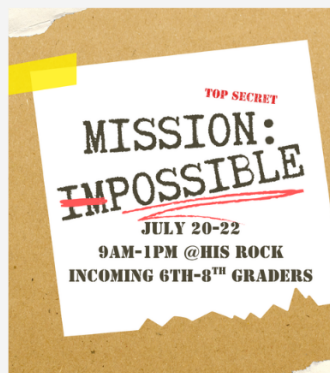
July 20–22 at His Rock

Mission: #MPOSSIBLE Matthew 28:19–20

ALL incoming 6th–8<sup>th</sup> Graders invited!

Use the QR code to sign up.

Devotions, games, servant events and more! A t-shirt, lunch, and snacks will be provided. We are also looking a few adult volunteers!



### SUMMER SOCIALS ARE BACK!



# Life Team

National Foster Care Month is observed throughout May 2026 to raise awareness about the experiences of children in the foster care system and to honor caregivers. The initiative highlights the need for permanent homes, supports foster parents, and recognizes professionals and mentors who help youth.



## Key Aspects of Foster Care Month 2026:

- Purpose: To celebrate foster parents, family members, and volunteers while recruiting new families and supporting children in out-of-home care.
- National Focus: While observed throughout May, specific events, such as National Foster Care Day on May 5, 2026, help amplify the message.
- Key Issues: The month highlights the need for support for over 343,000 children in U.S. foster care, including addressing educational challenges and the over 20,000 youth who age out annually.
- Get Involved: Individuals can support the cause by volunteering, mentoring, or becoming foster parents to help children in their communities.

Here in Michigan, there is an organization called Love for a Child. Love for a Child began with a simple but powerful truth: every child deserves to be seen, celebrated, and deeply loved, especially those who feel forgotten.

Founded in 2012, our faith-centered nonprofit exists to walk alongside Michigan's foster children, youth, and families—many of whom have endured trauma, abuse, abandonment, or neglect. We meet them in their moment of need, not with quick fixes, but with presence, purpose, and a promise to stay.

If you would like more information about Love for a Child Foster Care or possibly volunteering opportunities, please visit their website at: [Loveforachild.org](https://www.loveforachild.org).



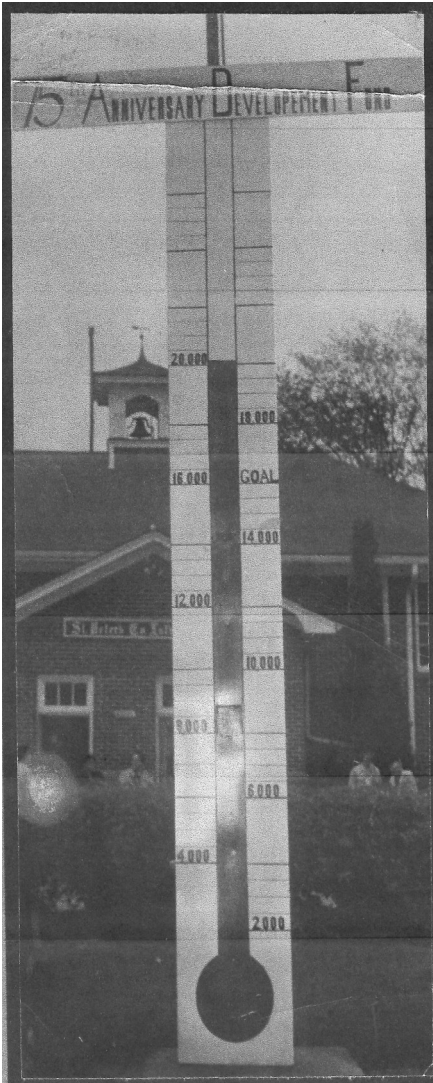
For Life Team questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Carol at (586) 321-9500 or [carolpoterek@gmail.com](mailto:carolpoterek@gmail.com).

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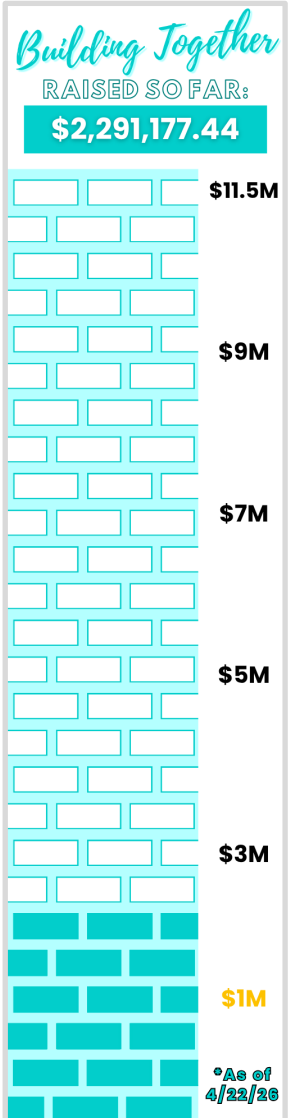
*It is important to remember that St. Peter History is not meant to show how great St. Peter is, but how amazing God is as He works through His Word and Sacraments among us. History is His story. Our History is a Ministry that proclaims His great deeds to future generations.*



In 1957, the congregation decided to have a 75th Anniversary Development Fund to raise money to purchase nearly 14 acres of land on the northwest corner of 24 Mile and Romeo Plank roads and to remodel the 75-year-old white church.

Earl Rachow made a huge wooden thermometer which was put on the front lawn of the red brick schoolhouse. Earl's wife, Ruth, painted it as funds accumulated until it reached the goal of \$20,000.

In just two weeks, the 350 members of St. Peter were able to meet their goal. \$2,000 was used that year for a "face lift" and a new roof for the church. In 1960, \$13,537 was used to purchase 13.537 acres of land to build a larger four room school. The remaining funds were used for future needs.



Nearly 70 years later, 2026 marks the end

of the first year of a three-year Building Together \$11.5 million campaign. Again, we are keeping track with a brick style "thermometer" that is updated in the Sunday bulletin. It is certainly a more ambitious amount of money and building project. And once again, funds are divided between the church and school. Twelve new classrooms and a gymnasium make up the main project for the school. The church sound system and organ will receive upgrades. We are truly blessed at St. Peter to continue to glorify Him by making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

*Respectfully submitted by Dawn Miller.*



**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 **June Keynotes** must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on May 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](http://StPeterMacomb.com) to see other opportunities to worship through Sunday School, Bible studies, small groups and more!

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