

The Messenger

Glory Be to Jesus

Here we are on the doorsteps of July. A school year has come and gone without incident. Children and families have been loved and served. Many activities have come and gone, Trunk or Treat, Christmas programs, January Jubilee, Chili Cook-off, New Life Festival and now VBS, to name a few. Our congregation has done a lot, and not for ourselves only, but also for the community. God is using St. Peter to touch peoples lives, Glory be to Jesus.

Even as July comes we have much to celebrate. Yes our independence is important as a nation, but our dependence is what we celebrate most prominently as Christians.

As Christians we knew that we were slaves to sin. Because of sin we were eternally separated from God. Yet God in love did not want us to be eternally enslaved to death forever. So Jesus went to fight for us. And just like the revolutionaries that fought for our nations freedom, a freedom hard fought, and won by the blood and sacrifice of lives, so our savior fought and died to win our freedom. Glory be to Jesus.

As Americans we celebrate our freedom with gatherings, food, picnics, and fireworks, many fireworks. We live out our freedom, our independence with self-determination, and with a maverick sense of, "Don't Tread on Me".

Yet do we truly celebrate the freedom Jesus won for us? Do we shoot off even a bottle rocket in honor? And how do we live out our lives freed from death and hell?

Saint Peter writes, "Live as people, who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but live as servants of God."¹ Peter 2:16 You see, Jesus wants us not to live in independence but in dependence and service.

It would be a mistake to think of our freedom as a license to care only about and live for ourselves. That is what the World has always done since Adam and Eve first declared their independence from God. It was their own selfish independent will that wanted to be like God. That is sin. St Paul says it this way, "But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?" Galatians 4:9

Jesus in his fight for us in his battle for our freedom, "though he was in the form of God, did not count equality to God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."^{Phillipians 2:6-8} This truth is also expressed later in Galatians 5, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

Jesus without a question has won the greatest battle of freedom of all eternity, but the freedom He won for us is not to independence, but a restored dependence on God. And the freedom he won is not to do what we want, as all the World slavishly chases after, but freedom to be able to serve others. Glory be to Jesus.

As we come to this July let us honor our country and those who established it, but I ask you to celebrate our Dependence day. My we always celebrate what Jesus fast for and won for us. May we not depart from church in July, but to depend on God and go to church where ever we may be. And as we look forward to the opportunities this fall may we band together to serve one another and our community. May we come together for the camp out, the Mint Festival, with floats, the parade, and parking duties. May we gather around food with other congregations at the Hog Roast, as well as serving in the soup kitchen and food pantry. Use your freedom in Jesus as an opportunity to serve one another.

Live Dependent on Jesus
Glory Be To Jesus,
Pastor Nuttmann

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Principal's Page

INDEPENDENCE DAY We celebrate our independence as a nation and are truly grateful for all those who fought to gain our independence. We also give thanks to God for all of the blessings that we have as a nation and as citizens of this nation.

With time, our children will also desire to declare their independence. This is good and normal, however, as the adults we need to help guide them down the path to independence. This will help to prevent a revolutionary war within our families. How do we as parent and school help our children on the path to independence? We provide them with opportunities to assume responsibility but remain available to assist and comfort when they fail. We know that each child is different and therefore the path to independence will be unique for each child.

Adults also need to deal with independence. Satan attempts to lead us to believe that we need to declare our independence from God and His laws. He would have us believe that we would be better off free from the restrictions and boundaries that God has set. Adam and Eve listened to Satan – how did that work out? The good news is that like the true Father that He is, He continues to stand ready to accept us back into His family when we attempt to declare our independence.

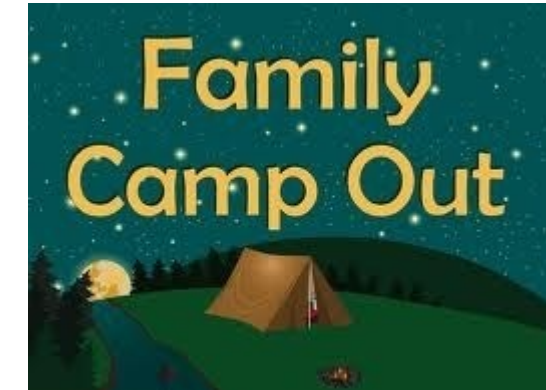
As we celebrate the 4th of July and our independence, I would invite you to focus upon DEPENDENCE DAY – this is every day of our lives because without the blessings of our God we would perish. Without God's blessing, we would not have our independence, we continue to depend on Him for everything that we have including our independence.

His Servant,
Paul Weismantel, Principal





ST. PETER LUTHERAN CAMP OUT...Mark your calendar for our Sleepy Hollow Park camping trip set for July 26-July 28. If you have any questions, please contact church office at 989-224-3178.



Greeters: It's nice to be greeted when entering church each Sunday. Thanks to those who continue to serve in this capacity. We're always looking for new faces, warm handshakes or hugs. Please let me know if you'd like to be put on the Greeter schedule. Sandy Lockwood

Sandy Lockwood
Sandywood Gardens
(517) 669-8813

| 2018 GREETER SCHEDULE | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | July 2018 | |
| 07/01/18 | Bill Caruss & Rollie Kloeckner | Theresa & Charlie Silm |
| 07/08/18 | Lorna & Keith Kirschenbauer | Bonnie & Roger Gregory |
| 07/15/18 | Jeanette & Bruce Mehney | Norma & Bruce Fitzpatrick |
| 07/22/18 | Ilene Gibson & Marion Koeppen | Michelle & Tom Gorby |
| 07/29/18 | Diane & Frank Hart | Kathy & Bruce Bond |
| | August 2018 | |
| 08/05/18 | Judy & Dave Bengel | Jean & Roger Heathman |
| 08/12/18 | Chris & Mark Grennell | Ann & Dick Stout |
| 08/19/18 | Mary Ann & Larry Grennell | Diane & SaraThurston |
| 08/26/18 | Janell & Bob Barber | Albert Smith & Shirley Hayes |
| | September 2018 | |
| 09/02/18 | Shirley & Lyle Huguelet | Ann & Louie Shellito |
| 09/09/18 | Judy & Barry Boettger | Debbie & Holden Schrader |
| 09/16/18 | Connie & Dale Martens | Jackie & Mark Zamarron |
| 09/23/18 | Lori & Taylor Klein | Carleen Eaton & Marilyn Richmond |
| 09/30/18 | Sandy & Gary Lenneman | Laurie & Earl Flegler |



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7/2/18 School Board Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 7/3/18 Elder Meeting 7:00pm (Library)
- 7/4/18 Office Closed (Independence Day)
- 7/5/18 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 7/6/18 Over 50's 6:30pm (Gym)
- 7/10/18 Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 7/11/18 Gods Gardeners 9:00am
- Bible Study 6:00pm
- 7/15/18 Newsletter deadline
- Tom Dunseth (leading both worship services)
- 7/18/18 Bible Study 6:00pm
- 7/23/18 Organist Meeting 9:30am
- 7/25/18 Bible Study 6:00pm
- 7/26/18 Migrant Fiesta (watch for more information)
- 7/26-7/28/18 Sleepy Hollow St. Peter camping trip
- 7/29/18 Mites Sunday
- Voters Meeting (immediately after late service)

*Migrant School (June 25th-August 2nd)

*Pastor Nuttmann on vacation July 9th-July 22nd

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of

- Ron Schrader \$20
- Orvest Davis \$105
- Janice Auten \$185
- Lewis Kramer \$10

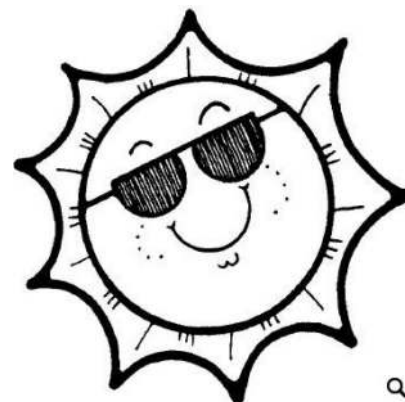


Shut In Visit List Weekly Visits

| Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 |
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| Bill & Sherri VanBeelen | Mel Sehlke | | Ken Mohnke |
| | Lois Sillman | | Ethel Flegler |
| | Shirley Edwards | | Gordon Schrader |



Have a
Great
Summer!





*“Laying the Foundation to Build on the Rock of Christ.
Study the Word, Seek the Lost, and to Serve our Neighbors”*

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesdays: Bible Study 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sundays: Worship Services 8:00am & 10:30am
Bible Study 9:15am



If you need help finding LCMS congregations this summer, go to your smart phones App Store and search for LCMS. Install the app. When it is installed, just open the app and tap, 'Find a Church'. It will give you, your present location, 'with a person in an arrow', and all nearby congregations 'marked with across on a square'.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call Liz in the church office (989) 224-3178 during office hours. If in the evening or weekend, please call Pam Mohr (989) 292-1686.



SCRIP cards can be purchased on Sundays during Bible Study from Pam Mohr. Orders can be dropped in the black Scrip box outside the office any time. Please contact Ann Shellito at 517-626-2302 with any questions.

Walking with St. Peter A Community Exercise Opportunity

St. Peter Lutheran School is open for those wishing to walk for exercise from 8:45 – 9:45am Monday through Friday.
(Not available if school is closed or cancelled due to inclement weather or holidays)

Michigan LWML Convention

Janet Lyon and Kathy Bond will be representing St. Peter at the convention as delegates on July 20-22 in Port Huron. One of the “Ingathering Gifts From the Hearts” are gift cards from Walmart for St. Louis and Ft Wayne Seminarians. The Ladies Aid thought in order for our congregation to participate we will have door collections on June 10th & 17th. With that collection we will purchase Walmart cards from our St. Peter Script. Thank you all in advance.

GOD’S GARDENERS

You've probably noticed by now that God's Gardeners have been busy beavers. Deb & Dan, Diane & Frank, Judy & Barry, Jackie & Mark, Jean & Roger, Janet, Harold, Larry and John weeded, planted, transplanted, moved rocks, trimmed bushes and spread bark. Don't the gardens look great? Thank you Lord!! A special thanks to John for picking up the bark, Howe's Greenhouse for annuals and Donna Grounds for donating perennials. Wednesday, July 11th is the next tentative date planned to amend the soil and replace the shrubs in front of the preschool. Perhaps we'll also spread a little more bark. No experience necessary, we can always use new people. Thanks again for all the willing workers, you are appreciated! Sandy



Christian Education

I want to thank the members who have volunteered to help out with VBS. With the date change there were many more challenges. God certainly blessed our VBS this year!

Bible Class: Wednesday night bible class is looking at the catechism and comparing the new edition with the book we used when we were confirmed. This is a great refresher class for what we learned in confirmation.

NEEDED- We are searching for a Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School teachers to lead our young children on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please let Penny Elton, the Christian Education Coordinator, know. We are still looking for people to lead the Sunday School program during the Summer months.

Sue Yelden



Pastor Nuttmann will be on vacation July 9th-July 22nd. Keep Pastor and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they enjoy this time together.

MIGRANT SCHOOL PROGRAM FOOD DONATION

We Need Your Help!!

The Migrant School Program will run from Monday, June 25th through Thursday, August 2nd.

We are asking that when you go grocery shopping for the next 5 weeks (**June 3rd – July 1st**) to buy some food to help out with the Migrant School Program.

Suggested Items: Flour, Sugar, Crisco, Black or Pinto Beans (Dried or Canned), Bags of Dried Whole Chilies, Dried Herbs and Spices (Cilantro or Parsley), Oil (Vegetable or Canola), Canned Tomatoes, Canned Corn, Tajin (Mexican Seasoning), Bags of Dried Whole Chilies.

You can bring the food to the back of the Church and place it in our Food Pantry container. We also have Food Pantry bags there that you can take use, for your future donation items.

An extra component has been added this year: Rummage Items for the Migrant Families. **The Dates for Collection are: June 24th – July 8th.** We will collect them in the entrance to the school.

The **kids and parents** will **GREATLY APPRECIATE** any of the above Food and Rummage items you can give!!

Thanks for Your Support!

Al & Renee Schmitzer



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| Ryan West | 517-977-5078 | westpropertyservices@live.com |
| Ken Bond | 989-640-2380 | kbbenji88@yahoo.com |



ATTENTION: It is our desire to keep our military roll up to date. If you are aware of ANY member of the congregation that is not on one of our plaques and has served our country, we would like to know. Please give this information to Judy Boettger or drop it off at the church office ASAP.

Thank you for your help!



We would like to thank everyone who prayed for Orvest, myself and our family for many months. Also for the cards, visits, calls and especially for Pastor giving us communion and reading the Bible.

Prayers
Virginia Davis & Family

ST JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH VBS... "Mega Sports Camp" will take place July 15th-20th, from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Join us for music, snacks, bible lessons, and SPORTS!



We will have guest speaker leading worship services on July 15th. Tom Dunseth from The Ephphatha Mission Society. Welcome Tom to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

THANK YOU to all who assisted in some way with VBS snacks! Hopefully, the list that follows encompasses all of you, but please forgive me if I omitted anyone. I AM truly grateful to all who helped in some way!

Food donations

Karen B.
Laurie Flegler
Ann Shellito
Geri Jastram
Jean Bennett
Sarah Sills
Lori Eaton
Gary Lenneman
Marian Koeppen
Jessi Bond
Ann Stout
Pam & Larry Mohr

Money donations

John Ingleright
Jim Mehney
Sandy Lockwood
Steve Bashore
Lori Klein
Kendra McNamara
Rob Lyon

Kitchen helpers

Carleen Eaton
Amy Martens
Pat Martens
Judy Bengel
Albert Smith
Diane Thurston
Janet Lyon



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Gratefully, Shirley Huguelet

SUMMER PRAYER



Creator of all thank you for Summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun & increased daylight
Thank you for the beauty I can see around me & for the opportunity to be outside & enjoy your creation.
Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my family & friends & for the more casual Summer season.

Draw me closer to You this Summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence & light my path with Your word & counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and thirst for You.

Amen.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH HOG ROAST

Our annual Hog Roast will be hosted by St. Peter Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 18th. We will be inviting other Lutheran congregations in the area. Please invite your family and friends for a fun filled afternoon. More details to follow.



Charlene Kennedy, DVM



MINT FESTIVAL

St. Peter Lutheran Church and School is planning to have a float in the Mint Festival Parade on Saturday, August 11th. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate the planning and creating of the float. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with this event. If you have any questions, please contact me at 989-224-7106. Charlene Kennedy, DVM



Thank You

Dear Jan, Pastor and Stewardship Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church!

Yesterday we received the letter from Jan giving us the wonderful news of your intentions to financially support our Mission! Thank you SO much for the commitment. We are honored to not only serve our fellow "aliens within our gates" with you side by side, but now also have your support with a quarterly donation . . . such a blessing to our work. Grateful for the joy of our partnership to serve Jesus with all of you.

Brooke, Sam, and Kids - Latino Mission Society



VOTERS MEETING on Sunday, July 29th immediately after late service!

Outside Sources of Income for our Church and School

Coke Rewards: Please save caps and labels from boxes of Coke products. They have a 12 or 14 code inside the boxes or caps. The caps are worth 5 cents, 12 pack worth 15 cents and 24 packs worth 30 cents.

Aunt Millies Bread Wrappers: We can earn 5 cents for each qualifying UPC that has the School Spirit logo attached to the UPC. **During the months of August, September and October they will pay 10 cents a label.**

Box Tops for Education: Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for the school. Please turn in the box tops every few months.

Thrivent Dollars for Choice.

Thrivent Matching Funds.

Signing up for a Kroger Card.

Shoparoo: Taking pictures of receipts turns into money.

Pepsi Points. I have a person who wants to trade Pepsi points for Coke points. They are inside the 12 or 24 packs and instead of items we can get cash.

Meijer has a Tomra ReAct Program, it is a loyalty program for recycling that gives you 1 point for each container you return through a participating Tomra Reverse Vending machine. We can earn gift cards when you turn in your bottle slip, hold on to the other part of the receipt and turn it in to me and I will start an account for the church/school.

Meijer 42
8400 Gratiot Rd
Saginaw, MI 48603

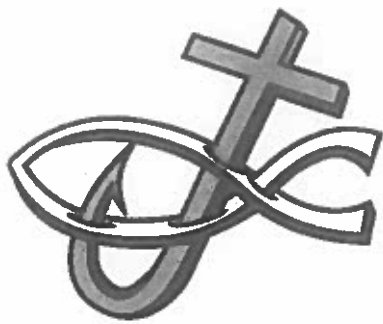


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YARD SIGN ORDER FORM

St. Peter Lutheran School has openings for students in grades K-5th for the 2018-2019 school year.

Please help us get the word out to your neighbors, friends, family and all passersby with a yard sign.

Cost: \$12.00 each

ALL ORDERS DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN July 11, 2018

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