

The Messenger

GOD DESERVES A FIRE WORKS CELEBRATION!

In the month of July it is very likely that many will observe a fireworks display somewhere. You and your family may have a tradition of always seeing a certain display in a certain place. With joy and excitement look forward to that special occasion. And make a memory with your family.

Many of you have also expressed your appreciation to me of our time together. God has done great work as we have shared these last months together and my prayer is that this time has laid a foundation of great things God has yet to reveal. You're blessed. I'm blessed. (If I could I would arrange a fireworks display).

There is One person who certainly deserves a fireworks display; that the Lord God himself. Because of His great love for us we are redeemed, loved, cared for and adopted into His family. We can rejoice at being able to live in the overwhelming love of the Father, never really fully comprehending it fully. THANK YOU GOD. Ooooooh. Aaaaah!

The freedoms we have as God's children are all gifts to us. All the Lord requires of us is to be His Light; to be His message to the world around us so others also can know what the God of heaven is like. Blessings on all that you do from this day forward.

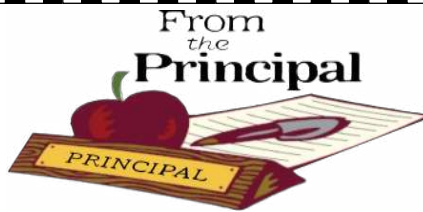
You are blessed
I am blessed
Pastor Randy

P.S. May I express my thankfulness to all of you for your gracious acknowledgements of my time here with you. You will truly be our St. Peter's family in Michigan. Thank you on behalf of my whole family. The Glander's.

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CELEBRATION

When we think of July, the first thing that comes into our mind is the 4th of July with all of the celebrations and family activities. Throughout the history of God's people there have been celebrations of God's wondrous acts in the lives of His people. We think of the deliverance from Egypt, the dedication of the temple, and many other events.

We as God's people at St. Peter have also had good reason to celebrate. We are in a year of celebrating 150 years of God's mercy and blessings on our congregation. We remember how despite the many challenges that we have faced, we continue to be amazed how when we turn in faith and trust to God, he also delivers us and gives us His support.

We can celebrate another great year of providing His children with an education that will not only prepare them for a productive life as citizens of this world, but also provides them with a firm foundation for their spiritual life and for an eternity with their Savior. We can celebrate the answer to our prayers for faithful teachers for the next years. Lisa Smith and Corrine Fletcher will continue to care for the youngest of His children in our preschool. We can celebrate that our preschool has reached its maximum enrollment and has begun a waiting list. We can celebrate the great blessing of having Ann Stout available to serve this year as a very long-term substitute. She not only has provided this service; she has consented to continue to support our school music program with her gifts and talents. Betsy Rowe will continue to provide an excellent Christian education to our older students and help to provide stability to our school. Kim Ellis has consented to return to us as our lower grade teacher and will again bless us with her gifts and talents to care for our younger students.

We also celebrate God's answer to our call for a pastor with the blessing of our new pastor, Rev. Timothy Bayer. He will provide our students with worship in our chapel services and will also be a great help and support to the others on the staff as he leads our spiritual life as a school.

REJOICE – CELEBRATE – WE ARE TRULY BLESSED

His Servant,

Paul Weismantel, Principal



Dear friends I'm back home after my accident, more treatments yet!
Thank you for all of your cards and prayers. God bless you all.

Virginia Davis



Thank you to The Kroger Produce Team Cindy, Evelyn and Kim!
Thank you for donating items for St. Peter VBS.

Rex Mohnke



Thank you Pastor Randy for your time here at St. Peter Lutheran Church. You have left an imprint that will last forever, from playing hide-n-seek at Chapel which the students still talk about to this day, to your famous words "I'm Blessed". Most of all I would like to thank you for being there for me, to guide me whenever I needed you. You will be so missed at St. Peter and we hope that you will visit whenever you can. Thank you for being a wonderful Pastor and reminding us that we are Blessed! I wish you much happiness on wherever God's path leads you.

In His Name
Liz

We
Appreciate
You,
Pastor



I have not stopped
giving thanks for you,
remembering you in
my prayers.

Ephes. 1:16



Thank you to everyone who helped unload the rental truck at the parsonage!
Many hands definitely made lighter work!



Welcome Home Pastor Tim, Kristin, Andrew, Linley and Isaac

Grateful
Thankful
Blessed

Please save your receipts when you buy General Mills products. They are changing how Boxtops are being turned in now. (See insert)



Thank you to all the volunteers for making VBS such a success! Plans are already on the way for next year VBS and we cannot wait to share in His word and the fun and friendships we make at VBS. Keep watch in the bulletins and newsletters for more updates on the conclusion of the Amazing Race VBS. Wishing everyone a fantastic summer!

Sally



CHURCH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday-Thursday 8:00am-2:00pm
Friday-Office closed

MINT FESTIVAL PARKING SIGN UP... If you would like to help please see the sign-up sheets in the back of the church. Proceeds go to help St. Peter! Any questions, please contact Dick Stout 517-282-2859.

GREETERS.....Thanks for your smiling faces, warm handshakes and maybe a hug or two. Praise God for you! If you are unable to greet the date scheduled, please switch with someone else and let Liz in the church office know so she can print the correct information in the weekly announcements. Please let me know if you have questions.

Sandy Lockwood

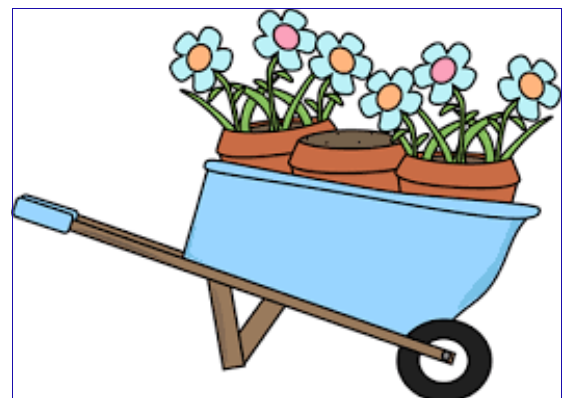
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| 2019 GREETER SCHEDULE | |
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| | July 2019 |
| 07/07/19 | Olga & Ralph Matteson |
| 07/14/19 | Renee & Al Schmitzer |
| 07/21/19 | Jean & Roger Heathman |
| 07/28/19 | Karen & John Burgess |
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| | August 2019 |
| 08/04/19 | Carleen Eaton & Marilyn Richmond |
| 08/11/19 | Albert Smith & Shirley Hayes |
| 08/18/19 | Lorna & Keith Kirschenbauer |
| 08/25/19 | Laurie & Earl Flegler |
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| | September 2019 |
| 09/01/19 | Diane & Frank Hart |
| 09/08/19 | Mary Ann & Larry Grennell |
| 09/15/19 | Hartner Family |
| 09/22/19 | Jan & Don Maynard |
| 09/29/19 | Diane & Sara Thurston |



God's Gardeners...thanks to all the willing hands who have been helping in the gardens. Everything looks so nice. Thanks, too, to Janet for the plantings in front of the Preschool and Sally and Kim at Howe's for donating annuals planted throughout the gardens. Praise God for all of you.

Blessings, Sandy

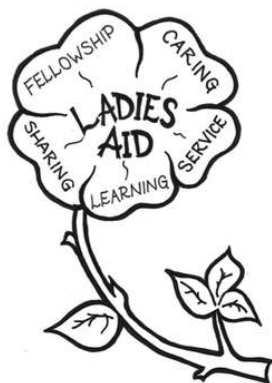
Sandy Lockwood
Sandywood Gardens
(517) 669-8813



SCRIP Pam Mohr will be selling scrip and Sandy Lenneman will be collecting and mailing in the Box tops. Please continue to save Boxtops, Coke points, and Aunt Millie's bread ups.

Thanks,
Pam

God is
good
All the
time
All the
time
God is
good



LADIES AID NEWS

The ladies continue working in our ladies aid room every Thursday morning on quilts and other projects. We would like to see more ladies! So if you would like to come on Thursday at 9:00am, there are many things to do and such wonderful fellowship. Many hands make work light, it really isn't work though; its ways of serving our Lord.

With much appreciation, I'd like to thank Barry & Judy Boettger, Frank & Diane Hart, Jackie & Mark Zamarron, Harold Anderson, John Burgess, Debbie Besemer, Janet Lyon, Sandy Lockwood, Roger & Jean Heathman, Al & Renee Schmitzer and Ryan West for all their efforts making the parsonage ready for Pastor Bayer and his family.

God Bless You All
Dan Besemer



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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.



St. Peter 150 Anniversary: "Built on the Rock - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow"

Please mark your calendars for this special service, and others planned during our 150 anniversary year: Special service set for October 13 with Pastor Jeffrey Heimsoth that includes a catered dinner.

Updates on these special services will be included in the Sunday bulletin and upcoming newsletters. Also, remember to look for "Past Memories of St. Peter's 150 Years" each week in the Sunday bulletin as we celebrate 150 years of being "Built on the Rock" Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."



YOUTH BOARD

Youth ministry at St. Peter is back! As part of God's plan, we are beginning to engage our youth once again in faith, fellowship and fun!

The age group of kids are 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Our goal is to build this ministry from the ground up, as our youth need to witness together the love of God in their lives, and the opportunity to share that love with others that they can identify, bond and grow with in their personal faith walk together!

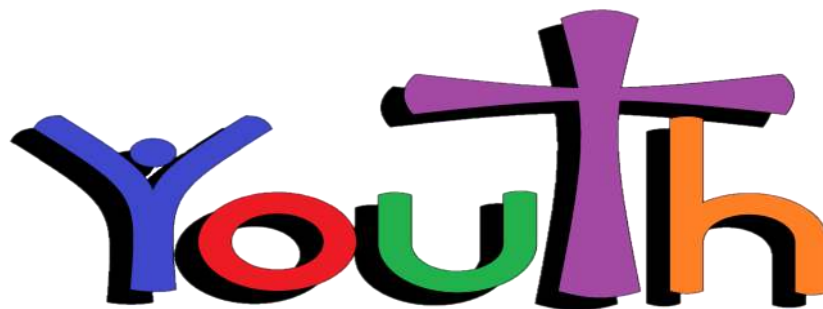
Our first youth activity was June 21, 22 at St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, which hosted a Christian Rock Concert. On Friday, five of our kids were there (called Servant's Way), as volunteers to set-up for the weekend concert, followed by dinner and a private band performance just for them from one of the headline bands there to perform! On Saturday, three of our kids were there (called Faith Fest 2019), to work and observe the entire day of music and mobs of people! A SPECIAL thank you goes out to the Watson family for their loyal participation and support!

We want to reach out to any within the above age group to join us within the community...not just our youth at St. Peter. To that end, we have contacted our local Lutheran churches from St. Johns, DeWitt and Fowler to be a part of our youth group (thus, we will be referring to as the "Youth Board" in the future). We have received a "thumbs up" from each of the other churches above. We desire to not only have other kids join us, but that their parents will have involvement also.

As we know and expect, this ministry will take time and coordination to accomplish where God is leading us. All we can ask for is your prayers and participation if called upon in the future.

Blessings,

Dick Stout
Youth Board Coordinator



MIGRANT SCHOOL FAMILIES FOOD DONATION

We Need Your Help!!

Migrant School Program will run from: June 24th- August 8th.

We are asking you, when you go Grocery shopping for the next 5 weeks (June 9th – July 14th) to buy some food to help out with the Migrant School Families.

Suggested Migrant Family Food Items are: 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. Place it in our Food Pantry container. We also have Food Pantry bags in the container. You can take them to 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 23rd – July 14th).** **We will be collecting them in the: Entrance to the School.**

Some interesting facts about the Migrant Program:

We have the opportunity of Hosting a Migrant School Program for: English as a Second Language for Children.

The children enrolled in this government-funded program are children of Migrant Workers who are now in our area OR any “permanent” residents who have been in the country for 3 years or less.

The State of Michigan is renting the School Facilities for: The Migrant Program classes during the month of July. They are bringing in State employed staff to teach the children. They will learn: English and Math. They will also have some Fun with Art and PE.

The **Kids and Parents** will **GREATLY APPRECIATE** any of the above Food and Rummage items you can give!! **Thanks for Your Support !**

Al & Renee

SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

July 20th - (Saturday)

We will be having our Soup Kitchen at:

Christ Lutheran Church (now St. Luke)

122 S. Pennsylvania Ave. (opposite corner of Sparrow Hospital)

Lansing, MI.

This is a Great Opportunity to help people in need.

They are Very Appreciative!

- We would like you to arrive @ 9:15 a.m.
- We will need people to put up tables and chairs, set the place settings on the tables in the dining room, people to prepare the planned meal of the day.
- If you work in the kitchen, you will need to wear a ball cap or hair net.
- As people sit down, we will also need servers to serve the food on the plates & people to take their meal, beverage, salad, and dessert to their tables as they sit down.
- They enjoy a Wonderful meal.
- Then we clean-up, and generally we will be done around 2:00 p.m.

We would really like to See You There!!

If you would like to Help or have any questions, please call Al & Renee @ 989-224-8663. Thanks!





*“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: Chapel 9:00am
Bible Study 6:00pm-7:00pm
(Mid Week Worship Service 7:00pm) temporarily discontinued

Sundays: Worship Services 10:00am
Bible Study 8:45am
Sunday School 9:00am



Shut-In Visit List Weekly Visits

Shirley Edwards
Ethel Flegler
Bill & Cindy Horman
Tom Johnson
Ken Mohnke

Sheila Ordway
Gordon Schrader
Mel Sehlke
Charlie Silm
John Sillman

Lois Sillman
Albert Smith
Bill & Sherri VanBeelen



Check out our website!
www.stpeterriley.org

Be sure to check our website for event or service updates and cancellations. Also on our website you are able to download the monthly newsletter and calendar. We are continuously updating and making changes to the website so if you have not logged on the website lately check it out see what's new.

Here's What's Happening!

- 7/1/19 School Board Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 7/2/19 Elders Meeting 7:00pm (Library)
- 7/5/19 Over 50's Group 6:30pm (Gym)
- 7/8/19 Heart Sisters 9:00am (Meet at Swaney's)
- 7/9/19 Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 7/11/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 7/14/19 VBS PowerPoint presentation at 10:00am service
- 7/15/19 Newsletter deadline
Brooke Orozco camp out 7/15-7/19 @St. Peter grounds
- 7/16/19 4H Meeting 7:00pm-8:30pm (Gym)
- 7/18/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 7/20/19 Soup Kitchen @St.Luke - arrive at 9:15am done around 2:00pm
- 7/22/19 Heart Sisters 9:00am (Meet at Swaney's)
- 7/25/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 7/28/19 Voters Meeting (immediately after church)

*Migrant School (June 24th-August 8th)

MEMORIALS

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