

The Messenger

Growing in Grace and Knowledge

We are at the start of a new school year. As St. Peter Lutheran Church and School, what is the purpose of our school? As a school, academic excellence, personal development of students, and a loving community are some of the things that define us, and for these we are thankful and will continue to strive. But as a school of St. Peter Lutheran church, we have an even greater cause. We are defined by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our main mission as a school is to raise up children in the grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior. This is a big task. Thankfully, God has not left us wondering how to accomplish this task—He has given a clear way to do this, a way in which He promises that He will be present by His Spirit to work and sustain faith unto salvation. In other words, when it comes to the chief mission of our school, namely, raising children in the knowledge of the Lord, God has given us both the lesson plan and the teacher! The lesson plan is the Word and the Sacraments, and the teacher is the Holy Spirit. “Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given” (Augsburg Confession V). The Spirit, through these means, works faith in the crucified and risen Son of God, for whose sake our sins are freely forgiven. Here is where the connection between church and a Christian school is inseparable, since the gifts of Word and Sacrament are found in the church by way of the ministry instituted by Christ. In fact, we define church as “the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered” (AC VII).

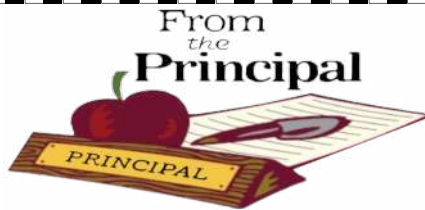
As St. Peter Lutheran Church and School, we know our mission and we know how to accomplish it. We teach our children the Word of God at home and at school and bring them to church, where the lesson plan and the Teacher are provided not only for our children, but for each of us, that we all may *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.* (2 Peter 3:18).

Pastor Bayer

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AUTUMN – FALL

The new school year has begun, and the routines are becoming well established. That is one of the great things about being in school – there are routines and there is a sense of security that comes with routines and predictability.

The good news is that here at St. Peter we of course have routines that provide predictability and security for our students. We also have the added blessing of the routines of morning devotions, religion classes and chapel. These may be routines and yet they provide a security and certainty far above that provided by other routines. They assure us and our students of the certainty of our salvation and the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We may not be able to predict the future weather, but we can predict our future – a life in eternity with our Savior.

Autumn is a wonderful time with the crisp air the ripening fruit and the harvest. We see the beauty of God's creation in the changing colors in the leaves. The good news is that with all the change that we see at this time of the year there is one thing that doesn't change – our God and His unchanging love and care for us.

We as a school are excited to have Pastor Bayer and his family as a part of our school. Pastor's involvement not only in chapel services, but in our daily lives as a school family is a great source of joy and strength for us. We also are thrilled to have Kim Ellis return to the classroom at St. Peter. With Betsy Rowe continuing in our upper grades, and Lisa Smith and Corrine Fletcher continuing in our wonderful preschool we again have the stability and a great loving Christian environment. We would invite and urge you to stop in and visit at any time, to join our school family for worship in chapel, and to continue to support us with your prayers. If you know of children and families who need this kind of support and stability invite them to contact us, we will welcome new students even after the school year has begun.

Finally, thank you for your faithful support of the mission of our church and school. During this anniversary year we are reminded of our many blessings. You as members are also one of those great blessings.

His Servant,

Paul Weismantel, Principal

THANK YOU

The Migrant Program Food & Rummage items were given out to 9 families. This was at the July 18th Mexican Fiesta dinner. It really brought the Migrant kids and their parents together for an evening of Celebration.

We want to **THANK** everyone in the Congregation who gave food or donations of money toward food and Rummage Items.

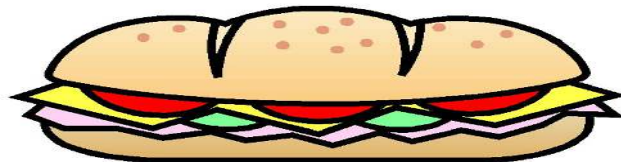
The families are: **VERY THANKFUL** and **VERY APPRECIATIVE !!**

Confirmation Kickoff!

If your child or someone you know is going into 5th grade or above, and has not yet been confirmed, now is the time for confirmation classes! Confirmation Kickoff will be Sunday, September 15, at 6 pm in the school gym. Students and their parents are invited to attend. We will discuss the class, schedule, and other details and register students for the class. I look forward to seeing you there!

-Pastor Bayer

ANNOUNCEMENT: Ladies Aid will be having a Sub-Sale for the Michigan-Michigan State Football Game on November 16th, watch for information.



**LIFE SIZE GAME DAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019
5:30PM-9:00PM
ST. PETER FELLOWSHIP HALL
WE WILL BE PLAYING "SCRABBLE"**



Mint Festival – Parking Lot Partners

It was a beautiful summer day on August 10th in St. Johns, Michigan! And, on that day, for the 4th year in a row, our congregation served the church and the local community by handling parking responsibilities, to include taking parking fees, directing traffic, and welcoming people with a “hi” and a “smile” to many, many families and friends from the surrounding areas!

In doing so, we not only received a positive “thank you” from the Mint Festival Leadership Committee, but also will receive payment from our collective (no pun intended) services which will go handsomely into our church’s General Fund!

We would like to thank the following church members for their loyalty and participation covering a twelve hour time slot from 8:00 a.m. thru 8:00 p.m. as follows in no specific order:

Lori/Taylor Klein	Jeremy Heimsoth/Abi/Family
Laurie/Earl Flegler	Becky/Bob Watson/Family
Al/Renee Schmitzer (double shift)	Charlie/Teresa Silm
Tom/Jess Bond	Sandy Lockwood/Kathy Calpepper
Carl/Geri Jastram	Larry Mohr/ Sandy Lenneman
Judy/Barry Boettger	John Ingleright/Larry Mohr (Larry – double shift)
Lori/Bob Eaton	Roger/Jean Heathman
	Harold Anderson/Paul Weismantel

We were so efficient, friendly and experienced in our jobs, that we have already been invited back to work the parking duties again next year! Thanks again, to all!!

Blessings,
Dick Stout, Rod Hayes



Thank you to everyone who served in any way for St. Peter's part in the Mint Festival parade from the families who donated candy to all who helped decorate the float and walked in the parade. Thanks to Ryan West for the use of his trailer and Ken Bond for pulling the float in the parade. Thank you to Sue Hayes for doing a Thrivent Action Plan to purchase Reminder Bands to pass out with St. Peter's website on the bands. Check out St. Peter's website to view pictures from the parade. We are so blessed to have such wonderful volunteers to help on this event.

Charlene Kennedy, DVM

CHRISTIAN NIGHT – LANSING LUGNUTS

Wow! What an event! For the past several years, our church has participated in this annual event as it brings fellow Christians in faith, fellowship and food/drink enjoyment together to "hang out" and watch some minor league baseball together!

If I told you the score would end up 19 to 1 in our home teams favor, well ...the largest margin of victory in Lansing Lugnuts franchise history!!

We not only witnessed a terrific ballgame, in very comfortable weather, but also were given the opportunity to cheer on our new pastor as he was introduced with other local clergy before the game on the ball diamond itself!

In addition, several of our eligible youth ministry kids and their families were invited and attended to be a part of this very enjoyable evening for all!

Thanks to the 40 adults and children who signed up and were part of this very memorable night!

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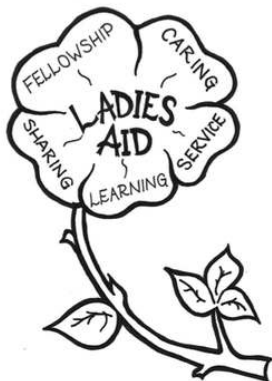
Dick Stout



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

2019 GREETER SCHEDULE		
	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	
	October 2019	
10/06/19	Chris & Mark Grennell	
10/13/19	Bob Barber & Lyle Auten	
10/20/19	Sandy Lockwood & Bill Caruss	
10/27/19	Debbie Schrader & Ann Shellito	
	November 2019	
11/03/19	Theresa & Charlie Silm	
11/10/19	Bonnie & Roger Gregory	
11/17/19	Lori & Taylor Klein	
11/24/19	Judy & Barry Boettger	
11/27/19	Diane & Frank Hart	Thanksgiving Eve



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.

SOUP KITCHEN

September 14th - (Saturday)

We will be having our Soup Kitchen at:

**St. Lukes Church (opposite corner of Sparrow Hospital)
122 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Lansing, MI.**

This is a Great Opportunity to help people in need in the Lansing Community. They are Very Appreciative.

- * **We would need you to arrive @ 9:15 a.m.**
- * **We 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 a hair net.**
- * **As people sit down, we will also need people to dish up and to serve them their individual meal, beverage, salad, and dessert.**
- * **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!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are having a kickoff to start Sunday school on Sunday, September 15th. Sunday school is for Preschool through 6th grade. We would love to have your children and friends attend. We are also thinking about a nursery during this time. If anyone would like to assist or help teach we would love to have you. We would like to get 2 more teachers. Contact Sally Pontius (517) 204-7991 or Shirley Huguelet at (517) 582-1612 if you would like to help or have any questions. Thank you and we will see you all on the 15th!



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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."





HEIFER INTERNATIONAL GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES
St. Peter Lutheran Church

For serving the Lord through faith efforts and exercising your gifts and donations to end hunger and poverty. This congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agriculturally sound training to help families become self-reliant.

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done."

PROVERBS 19:17

Pierre A. Ferrari
 Heifer President & CEO

Presented this
 10th day of July, 2019





*“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

Bible Study: 6:00pm (Library)

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



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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, bulletin 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.



- 9/2/19 Office Closed / No School (Labor Day)
9/3/19 Elders Meeting 7:00pm (Library)
9/4/19 Bible Study 6:00pm (Library)
9/5/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
Ladies Aid Meeting 12:00pm (Library)
9/6/19 Over 50's Group 6:30pm (Gym)
9/8/19 Rev. Joe McCalley presiding (Pastor Bayer out of town)
Happy Grandparents Day
9/9/19 Heart Sisters 9:00am (Swaneys)
School Board Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
1st day of Preschool
9/10/19 Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
9/11/19 Bible Study 6:00pm (Library)
9/13/19 Life Size Game Night "Scrabble" 5:30pm-9:00pm (Gym)
9/15/19 Sunday School starting back-up
Confirmation Kick-off 6:00pm (Gym)
9/16/19 PTL Meeting 4:00pm (Library)
Gala Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
9/17/19 4H Meeting 7:00pm-8:30pm (Gym)
9/18/19 150th Committee Meeting 10:00am (Office)
Blood Drive 1:00-6:00pm (Gym)
Bible Study 6:00pm (Library)
9/19/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
9/23/19 Heart Sisters 9:00am (Swaneys)
9/25/19 Bible Study 6:00pm (Library)

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of

John Richmond \$25
Vineta Hilt \$20



*Marilyn Sampson Kloeckner, Clemens & Marcella Kloeckner, Sherry Stearns,
Henry C & Doretta Witt, Robert & Shirley Sampson \$900*

In Honor of

Our great-grandparents Carl & Frederike (Witt) Sehlke, who were the first marriage at St. Peter Lutheran Church on April 11, 1890. They taught their family to have faith in Christ's love and helped to build the community we continue to cherish today.

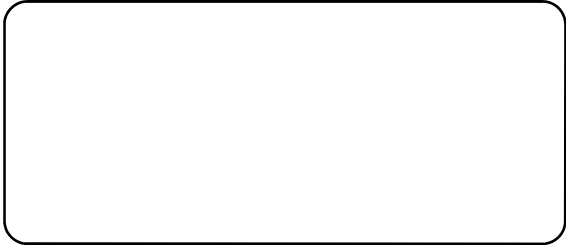
(\$1,000 in celebration of St. Peter 150th Anniversary)

Given by: Barry Flegler, Suzanne (Sillman) Bourdon, William Flegler, John Sillman, Brenda Flegler, Deborah (Horman) Pytlowanji, Earlene Flegler (Schaub), William Horman, Earl Flegler Jr., Rita (Horman) Jenks

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