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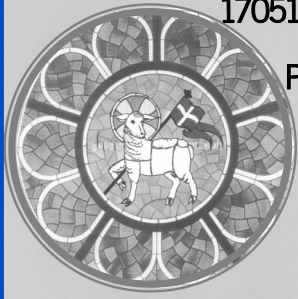
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# KeyNotes

October 2011

## PASTORS' LETTER

St. Peter Members and Friends!

Greetings in the Lord... by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our October Keynotes looks a little different. Take note of the new format by areas: Church, School, Student Ministries, Upcoming Events, Community, and Memorials & Thank Yous.

We hope this arrangement will convey more quickly and conveniently the range of ministry activities and opportunities we have at St. Peter. We also pray that you will find it easier to become involved in the vital work we are doing together through our congregation and in our community.

Thanks for a great start to our new church and school year. As we introduced our theme, "By the Spirit's Power, Abounding in Hope," we've launched Bible Classes, Sunday School, Wednesdays in the Word, Men's and Women's Studies, leadership meetings, and a host of other weekend and weekly events. Our Day School is well underway and moving forward with the Christian education of almost 600 children. Local community schools are carrying out their important roles of educating our children and preparing the next generation for citizenship and responsible vocations.

Thanks to our teachers—called, professional, and volunteer. Thanks to our leaders and workers—you give so much to make our future bright. And thanks to you, members and friends of St. Peter, for our partnership in the Gospel and our ministry. God's blessings as we serve the Lord this fall!

## PASTORAL CALL PROCESS

Thanks to everyone for participating in our four weekend surveys. We're grateful for your help as we move forward in the call process.

The president of our congregation, John Fitzpatrick, has appointed two co-chairs of our Call Committee. (In July, the Voters' Assembly authorized the formation of a Call Committee.) Wayne Oehmke, past chairman of the Board of Elders and current 1<sup>st</sup> vice president of St. Peter, joins past president and current Elder Russ Weber in the task of leading the congregation and Call Committee through this important work. Both men have years of faithfully serving the Lord and His Church in leadership roles. In the weeks ahead, Wayne and Russ, in conjunction with John Fitzpatrick and Elder Chairman Dan Hohnstadt, will select members of the Call Committee and lay out for the congregation the next steps—including reviewing pastoral position descriptions, affirming our model of pastoral ministry, and opening up the process of nominations for a third pastor.

The plan is to have a clear, defined sequence of steps to present to the **Voters' Assembly on October 23**. At that meeting, members and friends of St. Peter will hear an in-depth overview of the Call Committee and its work, and have opportunity to ask questions. In the future, congregation members will be able to submit names of potential candidates for the position.

Watch our monthly Keynotes for more information on the Call Committee and next steps.

## CARE TEAM SUMMIT

On September 10, over 30 leaders of our congregation met at His Rock to learn about and explore new ways of working together to care for St. Peter members and friends and our community. The morning gathering included time in worship, study of God's Word, and open and small-group discussion on how to plan, coordinate, and carry out our caring ministry. Many powerful ideas and directions emerged! Thanks be to God! Thanks also to all who participated. We appreciate your time and energy in preparing a comprehensive program for our ministry. Watch for details in your mailboxes...

## What's Ahead?

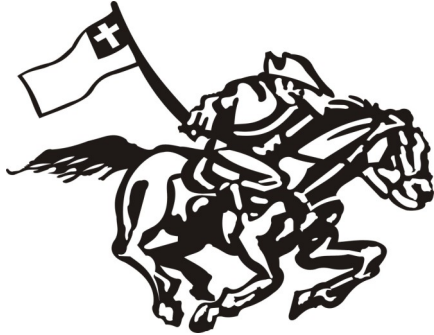
**October 9**... Special Guest preacher Rev. Roosevelt Gray, Sunday morning services only!

**October 23**... Voters' Assembly, 2 p.m., Sanctuary.



## St. Peter Lutheran School News

**What It Means to Be a St. Peter Patriot** – Our Wednesday announcements after each chapel service will focus on this theme throughout the year, with an emphasis on being **Responsible**, **Respectful**, and **Reliable**. Please look for and encourage behavior from our young people that reflects these important values.



St. Peter Patriots are...

RESPONSIBLE

RESPECTFUL

RELIABLE

### PTL Fun Fair & Spaghetti Supper

Come out and join us for food, games, and fun on Friday, September 30th from 3-8 p.m. This is sure to be a great time!

**AED Training for School Staff**—On Oct. 4th, students at St. Peter will have a half day, but the teachers will not. The teachers will spend the afternoon in professional development. Part of this will be training in the use of our two AEDs. Thanks to our Parish Nurse, Paula Hoegemeyer, for providing this training.

### PRESCHOOL NEWS:

There are still a few openings in some of our preschool classes—for information please contact Char Hohnstadt @ 586-781-9296 Ext. 131. Also, please join the Preschool Staff at Fun Fair for “A DISNEY ADVENTURE.” Hope to see you there!



**Do you know where our AEDs are?** We currently have two such life-saving devices in our facility: one at the nursery entrance and one outside the gymnasium.

*Though we hope to never have to use our AEDs, knowing where they are located could help save a life!*

**3rd Annual Patriot Walk**—This year’s Patriot Walk, held on Sept. 9th, was a great success! We did this year’s walk along with students and staff from Lutheran High School North. It was a blessing to be together in the bleachers at the LHN stadium with our partners in ministry. Proceeds from this year go to LHN alumnus Davin Dumar who was recently injured during military service in Afghanistan. There was significant media coverage. Special thanks go to our Athletic Boosters for all of their hard work in planning this special day!

**Magazine Sale**—Our 7th and 8th grade students will be selling magazines to raise money for their 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Please support them if you are able.

**PTL Meeting** will be on October 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room.



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Get In The Word  
7/8th grade Bible study  
Tuesday nights @ HIS Rock  
6:30—8:00 p.m.

High School Bible study  
Wednesday nights @ HIS Rock  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Parents & High School  
Sunday morning in Room 10  
9:30-10:30 a.m.



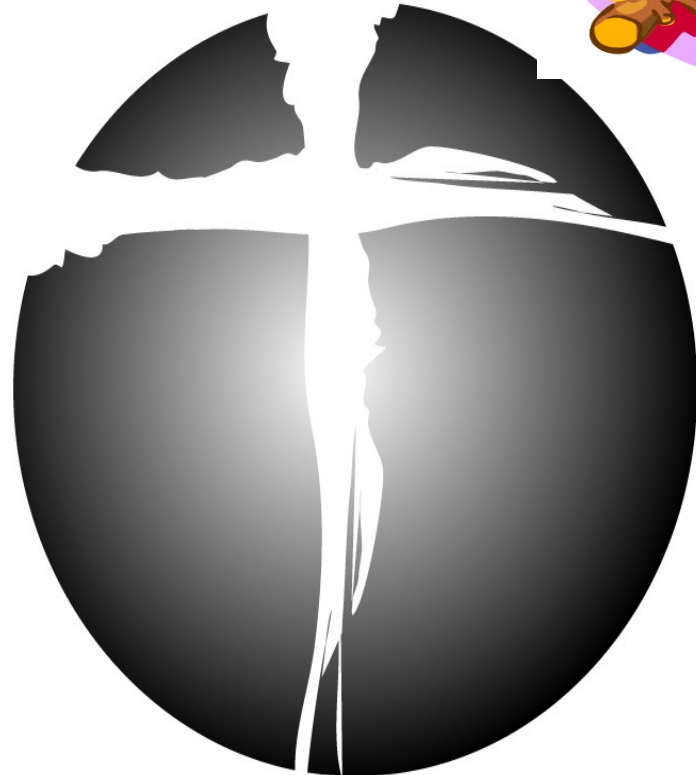
## Bonfire Celebration

5/6th grade students we are heading out to Eric Stallmann's house on Friday night, October 28th. Everything is happening from 6:30 -9:00 p.m. We will provide the food and the fun. You can provide the ... well, yourself!



## St. Peter Lutheran Student Ministry

586-992-9816  
bchapman@splcs.net



Catch us on Facebook at  
St. Peter Lutheran Student  
Ministry



October 12th—High School students sorting clothes for Chene Street  
October 15th—Serving @ Chene Street (open to our whole congregation)  
October 26th—High School “Trick or Treat with A Twist” neighborhood canvassing  
October 31st—7/8th grade “Trick or Treat With A Twist” can food collection for the food pantry

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPPETS:** The Sunday School year got off to a great start on Rally Day, with 118 children in attendance! We will continue to take new enrollees throughout the year, so if you haven't yet registered your child for Sunday School, please consider doing so. You can register with your child's teacher in the classroom. Keep in mind that there are Bible class offerings for the parents during the same hour. If you have questions, please call Lois Bellhorn (586.726.1646).

**CONSTANT CONTACT:** St. Peter now has an email "newsletter" for our members and friends. If you have not signed up for "Constant Contact," take a moment to sign up in the Crossroads. All we need is your email address, and you will be connected to our monthly e-letter. Or visit our Website ([splcs.com](http://splcs.com)) for more information.

**DRIVERS NEEDED:** The first Monday of each month, drivers are needed to transport our elderly to and from our First Monday Fellowship Service. Our next service is Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and each first Mon. of the month. Please contact the church office if you can help.

**WORLD RELIEF QUILT TIME AGAIN:** Have some free time for spirited fellowship and working toward a wonderful ministry??? Join us Wednesdays in the lounge by Kaiser Hall. No experience required. First session Wed., Oct. 5, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Should this not fit in your schedule, please consider helping by sewing much needed quilt tops at home. (Kits in the Crossroads in a basket.) Or assist by helping acquire needed materials for quilt tops, linings and backing. Questions? Rose Reh, 586.781.9597 or Brenda Schwark, 586.949.2751.

**OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH:** October is St. Peter's month to collect food and other needed supplies for those in our community. Your donations will go to our food pantry here at St. Peter and to Samaritan House. The need in our local community continues to rise and recently donations have declined. In your mailbox, you will find a flyer detailing what items are needed and where to place your donated items. We will be dividing the donations based on the needs of each food pantry. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please contact Lisa Higley from the Christian Care Board with any questions ([slhigley@comcast.net](mailto:slhigley@comcast.net) or 586.726.9699).

**THRIVENT ELECTION DAY AT BLAKES:** Sat., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10-3 p.m. is Elections and Family Day at Blake Farms Cider Mill for Thrivent members and their families. Chapter members will elect chapter leaders and spend the day at Blake Farms Cider Mill, 17985 Armada Center Rd, Armada. First 250 attendees **only pay \$5/** person (includes train rides, hay rides, haunted village, barnyard funland, pumpkin jump balloon, kid games, prizes, cider, donuts, hotdog or nachos, sweet corn, petting farm cornstalk maze and more). Event sponsored by local Thrivent North Macomb Chapter 30009. Questions? Judie Schafer 586.435.1735.

**2011 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:** We are again selling these books in the church office! The cost is \$25 with the proceeds going to the New Office Wing Fund.

**PARISH NURSE CORNER—OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND BE SERVED:** One of the gifts of being members of the Body of Christ at St. Peter is the opportunity to care for one another as we celebrate our redemption through Jesus. Christian care comes as we take advantage of opportunities to serve others and as we accept service that is offered. Below are a number of ways you can participate in Christian care:

1. Help with a meal or two for members who have experienced recent illness or surgery. Contact Christel or Paula to participate.
2. We have started a Diabetic Self Management Network group that meets monthly. Contact Christel or Paula for more information on meeting times.
3. We are looking for medical personnel who can assist with blood pressure screening which takes place on the second Sunday of each month between services. Contact Christel or Paula.

4. Parish Nurses are sponsoring a "Stay Healthy Exercise Class". Join us Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Kaiser Lounge for a low impact, strength building, balance enhancing class. Bring hand weights (2-5 lbs.), a mat, water and \$2 each week. Please call the St. Peter church office or email Susan at [SKaiser@splcs.net](mailto:SKaiser@splcs.net) to let us know you plan to attend.

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*The Parish Health Team conducts blood pressure screenings on the second Sunday of each month in the Brides/Ushers Room in the back of the sanctuary. Stop to see us!*  
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**First Aid Response Box is located in the Welcome Center at the back of the sanctuary and the AEDs (Defibrillators) are located next to the nursery behind the sanctuary and left of the gym doors on the south end of the building.**

For more information or to request a visit or phone call, please contact:

Paula Hoegemeyer RN, Parish Nurse  
 586.731.7942 or [hoegemeyer@att.net](mailto:hoegemeyer@att.net)

Christel Goetsch RN, Parish Nurse  
 586.677.9042 or [christelg12@aol.com](mailto:christelg12@aol.com)

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12*

**BACK TO EXERCISING:** Our Parish Nurses are sponsoring a "Stay Healthy Exercise Class". Join us Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Kaiser Lounge for a low impact, strength building, balance enhancing class. We strengthen and stretch nearly every muscle in our bodies with easy to follow movements that won't hurt your joints. Improving balance helps prevent falls. Take that next step to improving your overall health, bring

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hand weights (2-5 lbs.), a mat, water and \$2 each week. Please call the St. Peter church office or email Susan at [SKaiser@splcs.net](mailto:SKaiser@splcs.net) to let us know you plan to attend. Bring a friend—we'll see you there Monday mornings.

**TO THOSE WHO USE THE NURSERY:** In order to have snacks available for the children we care for, we ask that those families who utilize the nursery donate some snacks and low sugar drinks/juice if possible. Suggested snacks include: pretzels, crackers (including Goldfish), vanilla wafers, juice such as apple, orange or fruit punch.

The nursery children could also benefit from unwanted toys that you may have. Along with others, we are specifically looking for a play shopping cart and a toy baby umbrella stroller. Because we now have the nursery in 2 different locations to accommodate all day kindergarten, we also need a changing table to use in the new location (Old Church Office by Preschool).

We appreciate your patience while we have been updating and rearranging for afternoon kindergarten to be in the nursery. Sunday nursery is again operational. If you would like to volunteer to help out for a Sunday, please contact Shannon Aho at 586.275.2066 or stop in the nursery to sign up for a Sunday on the calendar I have there. Worship can be challenging for families with young children but if each such family volunteers to serve in the nursery for a Sunday a month or so, we can all enjoy worship the majority of the time.

**SCRIP NEWS:** Scrip continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month (October 9<sup>th</sup>). Look for a Scrip table in the Crossroads between services – I usually have Meijer, Randazzo's, Vince & Joe's, Nino Salvaggio's, The Coney Grille, Shields and Kohl's on hand (as well as some gas cards and pharmacy cards). Orders placed on Sunday will be available the following Sunday in the Church Office. Questions? Call Robin: 248. 693.3051 or email: [rboeling@yahoo.com](mailto:rboeling@yahoo.com). Don't forget to enroll (or reenroll) your Kroger Bonus Card if you haven't already done so. We just received our first statement for this year with a check for over \$2,800!

**COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES:** Don't forget to give those student addresses to the church office A.S.A.P., even if they are the same as last year. Thanks so much.

**YOUR NEIGHBORS NEED YOUR HELP:** October is St. Peter's month for helping our community with food donations. We pray you will help us this month with food and toiletry donations for our St. Peter Food Pantry and Samaritan House. Food pantries in our community are really struggling to support the increased need in our community. Samaritan House has had a 40% increase in requests for food just since last

year! Watch for more information in the weekly bulletin insert on how you can be a blessing to others in October by donating vital food supplies to these wonderful ministries. *Your Christian Care Board*

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Your heart speaks louder than your words... visit your Fall Blood Drive!

- Donating blood for the ARC costs about one hour of time.
- An adult body has an average of 10-12 units of blood.
- One unit of blood can be separated into several components.
- Red blood cells are needed for blood transfusions in anemic patients.
- Platelets are vital for leukemia and cancer patients.
- Accident victims can sometimes use up to 50 units of blood.
- Critically short supplies of all blood types occur during the winter months.

In just a few short weeks, you will have an opportunity to decrease critical blood shortages in our community! How can you prepare for this? First, begin increasing portions of proteins in your diet, including iron-rich foods, and seasonal fruits and veggies. Secondly, plan to visit the computer West Wing on Sunday, November 20 from 0730-1330. Thirdly, invite a neighbor, friend or relative, and share this opportunity to overcome blood shortages during the holidays. Call Jeanette at 781.4563 to make your appointments; your registration determines the number of nurses present at the drive.

**ME, A PASTOR? A DEACONESS?** Now is the time to discuss this question and your future. Rev. Andrew Yeager of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN will be at Faith Lutheran Church, Troy, MI on Wednesday, September 21, 4-7 p.m. Reservations helpful: 260.452.2178 or 260.449.0047 or email him at: [yeagerat@ctsfiw.edu](mailto:yeagerat@ctsfiw.edu). Rev. Bill Wrede from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will also be available at Concordia University (4090 Geddes Rd, Ann Arbor) on Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 29 (11 a.m.—5 p.m.) and 30 (10 a.m.—2 p.m.) If possible, call for an appointment: 734.995.7384.

**LWML PRAYER DAY:** St. Peter will be hosting the annual LWML Evergreen Zone Prayer Day Service on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Room 6. All ladies are invited to attend! Please join us for a wonderful morning with breakfast, fun and fellowship. We will be putting together gift baskets for LCFS which include "Birthday in Box" and "Family Care Baskets". Please consider bringing along an item or two for the baskets. Items to include: cake mixes, frosting, party plates/napkins/hats, small toys or cleaning supplies and paper products. **Please Note:** due to the Prayer Service the Women's Ministry will **NOT** meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday this month!

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**ROAD CLEANUP:** High School students who need NOAH hours (bring your forms so we can fill them out for you), 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students and anyone else who has the time and energy to help us – join us on **Saturday, October 22 at 9 a.m.** in the South Parking Lot by Kaiser Hall. We will be cleaning up our section of Romeo Plank (23 – 25 mile) and 24 Mile (Romeo Plank to Hayes). We had enough people last time to have 4 per section – we were done by 11:00. Bring your work gloves and wear boots (we don't know what kind of weather we will have). If it's raining, we will reschedule. Questions? Call Robin or Larry Boeling: 248.693.3051 or email: [boeling@att.net](mailto:boeling@att.net).

**“CHENE STREET”—PEACEMAKERS INTERNATIONAL OCTOBERFEST OUTREACH:** Please give an afternoon of your time reaching out and serving God's children that our less fortunate than most. Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Peacemakers International is putting on their biggest outreach of the year. Reaching out to the local community to spread the good news of Christ our Savior. We have the opportunity to feed, clothe, sing, worship and witness to many who do not know that Jesus is their Savior.

We are in need of clothes of all kind, but specifically looking for: Winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, winter boots & winter clothing. There is a great need for **NEW SOCKS AND UNDERGARMENTS.**

**Baked goods for desert can be left at the St. Peter Kitchen by Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Clothes may be dropped off at the Crossroads where Chene Street will be clearly posted. If you have any questions regarding the clothing drive, please contact Rhonda Fiebelkorn 586.949.5857.

Octoberfest begins by meeting at the Youth House at 10 a.m. to drive to Chene Street. Corporate prayer begins at noon on Chene Street. Clothing distribution is between 1 & 3 p.m.; the food will be served between 3 & 5 p.m.

Please sign up in the church office. For students, this is a great way to log 7 Noah Hours. Please feel free to contact: Jim Andrzejewski 248.561.2546, Lisa Andrzejewski 586.612.8797 or email at: [jljema@hotmail.com](mailto:jljema@hotmail.com)  
God's Blessings!

**ATTENTION ALL EUCHRE PLAYERS :** Please join us for fun and fellowship on October 29<sup>th</sup> at Cracklewood Golf Course for a Euchre Tournament to help support St. Peter's 2012 eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and euchre will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available starting October 1. You may purchase tickets for \$10 in advance, or at the door on Saturday, October 29 for \$15. They are available through the church office. For more information or to help in some way you may contact Nanette Moschel (586.412.1382 or [eejo124@hotmail.com](mailto:eejo124@hotmail.com))

or Penny Pfeiffer (586.263.7680 or [pen-ny@thepfeiffers.org](mailto:pen-ny@thepfeiffers.org)).

**SECOND STORY USED BOOK SALE:** This annual sale here at St. Peter to benefit the Macomb Charitable Foundation, helping needy families in Macomb County, is set for November 9-13 as follows:

Wednesday - 11/9 Times: 5pm - 9 pm

**PRICES DOUBLED FOR FIRST CHOICE ON WEDNESDAY!**

Thursday - 11/10 Times: 9am - 9pm

Friday - 11/11 Times: 9am - 5pm

Saturday - 11/12 Times: 9am - 3pm

Sunday - 11/13 Times: 9am - 1pm

**FILL A BAG FOR \$5.00 ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY!**

SALE ENTRANCE - DOOR 12

BOOK DROP OFF ENTRANCE - DOOR 25

Accepting donations of used adult & children's books.

Soft or hard cover. **NO** Encyclopedias.

CD's, DVD's, puzzles & games also accepted.

Please drop during business hours (8-4).

For more info call Bill or Dianne Wetzel at 586-484-6369

**ST. PETER JOB SEEKERS:** After much prayer, thought and discussion with my St. Peter's Job Seekers Network co-worker, Sue Lilly, we have come to the decision that we will no longer be holding regular job seekers network meetings. We will still both make ourselves available to lend assistance where we can with reviewing resumes, sharing job opportunities, and providing resource information. We will consider scheduling a meeting should a need arise to address a particular topic of interest. It has been a blessing to be able to help the unemployed, and we will continue to do what we can.  
Thanks.  
Mary Lemon

**ABITIBI PAPER RECYCLING:** Please remember to bring your newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office and school papers to the green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever bin located in our south parking lot. Not only is this a wonderful Environmental Stewardship program, we also earn money for the paper that is collected, and the more recyclable paper donated by the community, the more funds we can raise! So tell your neighbors and friends to bring theirs or offer to bring it for them. Together we can be good environmental stewards and raise needed funds at the same time. Results: Aug.—\$267.01.

## COMMUNITY

**‘FOCUS ON LIFE’ DINNER:** You are cordially invited to the Macomb County Affiliates of Right to Life ‘Focus on Life’ Dinner on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Sterling Inn. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. **Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life, is the speaker.** Tickets: \$40 through Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, \$50

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after Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Info. & reservations, 586.774.6050.

**NURSE MANAGER OPENING:** Compassion Pregnancy Center, in Clinton Township, MI, has an opening for a Nurse Manager. For this part-time position without health insurance or retirement, we are looking for a dynamic disciple of Christ with a strong commitment to the sanctity of all human life. Requirements: licensed nurse in Mich. with experience in a wide variety of clinical functions including planning, performing direct and indirect nursing interventions along with possessing strong interpersonal and management skills. The Nurse Manager will be trained to perform limited obstetrical ultra-sounds. Experience in Ob/Gyn nursing is a strong plus. For more information, email [joellem@compassionpregnancy.org](mailto:joellem@compassionpregnancy.org) before Oct. 7.

**SIDEWALK PROPHETS IN CONCERT:** The Dove Award Winning SIDEWALK PROPHETS ([www.SidewalkProphets.com](http://www.SidewalkProphets.com)) are coming to Troy, MI, **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church – Worship Center. The SIDEWALK PROPHETS were **selected by the Dove Award Committee as the “Best New Artists”**. Their latest three released songs “The Words I Would Say”, “You Can Have Me” and “Just Might Change Your Life” have been in the top five recordings on the Christian Music Charts for the past weeks. SIDEWALK PROPHETS has played before over 500,000 people this year alone. Funds from this concert will be distributed to two local charities: Gifts for all God’s Children and St. Paul Community Lutheran Church, a Mission-Ministry to the inner city of Pontiac, providing food and hot meals, clothing and blankets, personal hygiene plus Bibles and Bible studies, while at the same time offering them hope and encouragement through unconditional love through His gift of grace and forgiveness ([www.splccp.org](http://www.splccp.org)). **Tickets for the concert are \$17 and available through [www.GiftsForAllGodsChildren.org](http://www.GiftsForAllGodsChildren.org).**

**SOCIAL SECURITY WORKSHOP:** Enjoy an evening out at the Aspen Restaurant on Hall Rd. Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (registration begins at 6 p.m.), and learn the basics of social security including how to read your social security statement, estimating your benefits, how social security fits into your overall retirement income picture, and additional steps that may be necessary to reach your retirement saving goals. Dinner is provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Please RSVP by October 24<sup>th</sup> to Jerry Kulczycki 248.822.7700 x104, [jerry.kulczycki@thrivent.com](mailto:jerry.kulczycki@thrivent.com) or Aaron Wilks 586.726.8899 x118, [aaron.wilks@thrivent.com](mailto:aaron.wilks@thrivent.com). There is no cost to attend, but seating is limited so reserve your place today.

**LUTHERAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE AUXILIARY:** Our first meeting of the season will be held at First Lutheran Church of Algonac on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. The day will begin at Noon with “Lunch is Served” for a \$5.00 donation. We will be

working on the cross table favors for the convention. Convention registration information will be available, plus lots more. We will also be collecting items for the Birthday box. All are welcome.

**ATTENTION LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NORTH ALUMNI:** Plan now to attend Lutheran North’s homecoming football game Fri, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. Check in at the alumni tent before the game and then plan to stop by the cafeteria after the game to walk the old hallways, catch up with other Mustangs and perhaps a teacher or two. Throw that letter jacket on one more time! Be sure to bring your children for the Mustang Stampede event during the game. Immediately after the football game, we’ll take a group alumni picture at the south goal post. If you have questions contact John Brandt: [JBrandt@lhsa.com](mailto:JBrandt@lhsa.com)

**RUMMAGE SALE AT IMMANUEL, MACOMB:** Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22, Immanuel at Romeo Plank and 21 Mile, will hold a rummage sale, bake sale and boutique. Normal hours (with no entrance fee) are Fri. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to noon. Early Bird entrance from 9-10 a.m. on Friday is \$1. Saturday you can fill a bag for \$2. Refreshments are available.

**GRIEF GROUP:** Need someone to help you through this time of grieving? Losing a loved one is not easy and people handle it differently. But having someone walk along side of you that has been or is going through it even now, can be very helpful. Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home offers sessions that are both educational and supportive. They are facilitated by trained grief Counselors. “Walk with Me” grief group is structured to help the bereaved find and implement their new beginning.

The group meets at Trinity Family Counseling Center, 45052 Deshon, Utica, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. To get information or register (schedule below): 586.731.2411 or 586.254.3663. Fall: Sept 27, Oct 11, 25, Nov 8, 22

**LUTHERAN HERITAGE TOUR 2012:** Pastor Bill and Kristin Wangelin of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Jenison, MI, are leading a Lutherlands tour to Germany, June 27-July 7, 2012, visiting the places where Martin Luther lived and worked, as well as the Lutheran congregation in Dresden. The tour also includes historic Berlin, enchanting Neuschwanstein Castle, and festive Munich, along with other famous highlights of Germany. The cost per person is \$3,389 before October 31<sup>st</sup>. For a complete itinerary, Pastor Wangelin (616.662.3671 or [pastorww@holycross-jenison.org](http://pastorww@holycross-jenison.org)).

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER LUTHERAN HOUR SPEAKERS:**

09/18, 10/02, 09 - Rev. Gregory Seltz  
09/25, 10/16, 23, 30 - Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

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## THANK YOU/ MEMORIALS

Thank you to the 45 individuals who visited the August 10<sup>th</sup> blood drive. A grand total of 38 units were collected from your generous donations. The ARC thanks you for a successful drive! The next drive will be November (See some details on page 5).

We'd like to express our sincere thanks to Pastor Wagener and Pastor Baye for your visits to Joa while he was homebound, in the nursing home, and in the hospital. We enjoyed your visits tremendously. Thank you to all our friends and relatives for your cards, visits and expressions of sympathy. Your outpouring of love was overwhelming and the family appreciated it tremendously. Thank you, Pastor Matt, for the appropo reflections. We are truly blessed by our St. Peter family and so grateful to know we will all be reunited one day in heaven.

*The Family of Joa Penzien*

Dear Members and Friends at St. Peter,

I am about to start my final year of seminary! I had a great year serving as vicar at Woodbury Lutheran in Woodbury, MN. I learned a lot and was blessed to make new friends and serve alongside some wonderful people.

Although we were sad to leave Woodbury, Melissa and I are excited for this year in St. Louis. She will be working at CRAVE coffeehouse in St. Louis. CRAVE is a coffee shop that is also a church so she is very excited for this unique opportunity to serve and share her faith. I am excited for the school year. I have a good set of classes lined up this quarter and I am ready to hit the books for one last year. In addition to my schoolwork, I am working at an inner-city church in St. Louis and mentoring a group of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys. I am also in charge of contemporary worship for the chapel at Seminary. It will be a busy year, but a good one and I am excited to see what God will do.

As Melissa and I look to the future we wrestle with what sort of ministry God may call us to. As of right now, it seems that we are being called to plant a new church. When, where, and what it will look like is what we will spend much of this year exploring. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's plan for our future ministry.

I am excited to receive a call, graduate, and finally be ordained as a pastor in the LCMS. My plan is to be ordained at St. Peter this coming summer. You are my home church and have been so supportive not only over the last 8 years, but for most of my life and so I look forward to being able to share this day with the family of St. Peter.

Finally, thank you so much for your incredible generosity. Wow! It is such a blessing to have such great support from our brothers and sisters back home at St. Peter. Seminary is not cheap and it is so great to see God provide for Melissa and I through the gifts of His people. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. It is a long journey to become a pastor and you have been with us every step of the way and for that we are very thankful.

Our prayers are with you as you search for a new senior pastor and as you continue to serve God and His people in Macomb. God's blessings be with you!

Grace & Peace, *Gabe & Melissa Kasper*

Dear Friends at St. Peter,

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls and cards during these past several months of recovery. Your well wishes were greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Pastors Wagener, Kasper and Baye for their many visits and calls. All of these warm wishes were very comforting.

Yours in Christ, *JoAnn Johnson*

## SPECIAL GIFTS TO OUR MINISTRY

**\*THANK OFFERINGS:** IN HONOR OF:

**Blessings Received** to the Food Pantry by Nancy Penny.

**\*MEMORIALS:** IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**Joanne Bittern Miller** to the Organ Fund by Don & Gloria Koch.

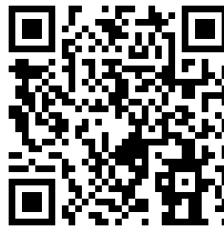
**June Patterson** to the New Office Wing Fund by Jim & Susan Kaiser, Howard & Frieda Schuessler, and Jim Schwark.

**Ray Penney** to the New Office Wing Fund by Nancy Penny.

**Joa Penzien** to the Food Pantry by Marv & Pat Warnez; to the General Fund by Eleanor Shoobridge; to Lutheran Bible Translators—Kaiser Fund by Ralph & Marie Kaiser and Harold & Rose Reh; to Lutherans for Life by Rev. Ron & Karen Roland; and to the New Office Wing Fund by Jim & Susan Kaiser, Howard & Frieda Schuessler, Bob & Sue Schwark, and Jim Schwark.

**Trevor Smith** to the Trevor Smith Memorial Fund by Richard & Margaret Bigham, Rhonda Casadonte, Gary & Gwen Manley, Dick & Sharon McLaughlin, Ronald & Barbara Printz, John & Yvonne Quandt, Kelly Richardson, the Schwank family, Brent & Sarah Smith, Janet Wallace, and Harlan & Verna Worden.

**Michael Stathakis** to the Food Pantry by Marv & Pat Warnez.



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**VOTERS' MEETING FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

October 23, 2011 – Sunday, 2 p.m.

**DEADLINE for November KeyNotes:**  
please get any articles to the Church office by  
**October 16<sup>th</sup>.**