

LEAD WITH LOVE

New Principal: Our Principal, Terry Davis, is retiring at the end of this school year. A Call Committee is currently working on calling a new Principal for the day school. Your prayers for God's will to be apparent throughout the process are encouraged.

Welcome to God's Family, Preparing for Your Child's Baptism...

When: **First Sundays** of the Month, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Music Room May 2, and June 6.

Tuesdays following the First Sunday, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m., in Music Room. May 4, and June 8.

Evergreen Zone Spring Rally will be held at St. John Rochester on Saturday, April 24, 2010 beginning with registration at 8:30 and breakfast at 9:00am. Pastor Gregory Lorenz will be the featured Speaker. All ladies are welcome to attend. If you need more information please contact Joyce Schwark 586-749-3514.

A Retirement Reception: Pastor Wayne Wentzel of Faith, Grand Blanc, formerly of St. Peter, Macomb is retiring. The reception will be held Sunday, May 30, noon until 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy LaFontaine at clafontaine@faithgb.org or Sue Hooper at shooper@faithgb.org or 810.694.9351.

The Macomb Charitable Foundation, our Mission of the Month for April, is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 charity that helps homeless and poverty stricken CHILDREN in Macomb County. It is run entirely by volunteers and relies on the financial gifts of community supporters. The charity is designed to improve the lives of these children by supplying adequate clothing, housing, food and school supplies. When possible, these families are mentored and offered spiritual and emotional support. Many of the families that Macomb Charitable provides for visit the food pantry here at St. Peter each month for supplemental food. During this month, as we highlight what this charity does, they have asked that donations of toilet paper, deodorant and bar soap be given to the food pantry as a thank you for the service our pantry provides. Additional information about this charity and how it helps the over 700 HOMELESS CHILDREN in our community can be picked up after church at the table in the narthex area. For more information, please call 586-232-3473 or visit their website macombcharitablefoundation.org.

CONFIRMANDS! Pick up your robes in the Church Office!

SIT FOR WORSHIP

Help! For The Hurried Life:

- ✓ Participate in worship all weekends, Today through May 9.
- ✓ Pick up your Devotional Booklet on the narthex tables.
If you prefer, visit our Web site: www.splcs.com, and download the Devotional Booklet and Study Guide under **HELP!**
- ✓ Participate in a Bible Study: Sunday morning, or during the week.
- ✓ Challenge at least one or two friends or neighbors to make a commitment to five weeks of HELP! Browse our narthex tables today.

Today's Devotional:

¹⁷*The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.*

Marine Corp recruit depot, graduation day, hundreds of young men standing at attention with solemn faces. All waiting for the words they desire to hear: "Today you are no longer recruits, you have been found to have conducted yourselves in a manner worthy of the title, United States Marine."

Consider for a moment these young men. What did they accomplish? They accomplished several weeks of boot camp, mile upon endless mile of physical training, the never ending sound of the drill instructor screaming at them, telling them they won't make it. Now consider our lives today. How does it differ from these young men? We all face trials—maybe a boss or fellow employee we don't see eye to eye with, the world around us screaming about what we "need" and how we should spend our time. When you consider it, there are many similarities. However, one glaring difference exists. The recruits *earned* the title of "Marine." We have earned nothing. Our title "Child of God" was given to us freely through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and in our baptism.

In Philippians 1:27, Paul admonishes us to "conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ." In other words, our conduct is to reflect the Gospel and its message of salvation. People are to know we are Christians by our love. The saving grace of Christ is to be reflected in our lives. When the world sees us or hears about us, they will know we stand firm in our spirit.

We won't accomplish everything we want to get done. We won't always choose what is best. Our lives will be hurried, but we can calm ourselves by God's plan, and conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Join us each week for *HELP!*

WALK IN HIS WORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL starts again today, 9:30 a.m.

HELP! For the Hurried Life! In the Library Join Mr. Davis as we explore the riches of Philippians 2. We meet each week until May 2.

LifeLight on Sundays

Faculty Lounge... Charlie Wolf, leader
Room 8... Chris Oberly, leader

8th / 7th Grade Confirmation: in Kaiser Hall and Kaiser Lounge.

Confirmands: Don't forget our three special classes:
TODAY, April 25, and May 2, Sunday mornings only.

Financial Peace University... meets Sundays, 6 p.m., in Room 6.

Philippians for this week:

³*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.* ⁴*Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

⁵*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...*

—Paul to the Philippians (2:3-5)

Wednesdays in the Word

JEREMIAH CLASS is again studying the prophet's message from the Lord on Wednesdays, 7 p.m., in the Library.

BIBLE 101, an 8-week overview of understanding, knowing, and applying God's Word, continues in Room 6 at 7 p.m. This week's topic: "Understanding the Bible." We explore how to read the Word—God's Word in human words. If you miss a session, check out our Web site, under "Bible 101." Classes run until May 26.

SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE: Dates? July 26 – 29, 2010.
Destination? Jerusalem. Details? Pick up a flyer and Registration form.

Youth: Tuesday (7/8th grade) & Wednesday (high school) night Bible study starts back up on April 13th & 14th respectively. It all starts at 7:00 p.m. at HIS Rock.

High School Girls we are going to have a retreat just for you in May. A chance to just be together, have fun, and grow. Check out the April Cliffnotes online or our Facebook page for more information.

FOLLOW TO SERVE

St. Peter Lutheran School accepting students: Please encourage applications through the school office or online at www.splcs.com.

St. Peter Lutheran Preschool is now accepting applications for enrollment into the 2010/2011 school year classes. Applications are available in the church or school office. If you have any questions, please call Char Hohnstadt at 781-9296, ext 131.

St. Peter Elections for 2010-12 on May 22: Know someone who has an interest or a gift to serve? Consider nominating him or her to serve as an elected Church Officer, Board Chairperson or Board Member. There are many opportunities to serve St Peter Lutheran Church and School through these positions. Nomination forms are available in the church and school office now! Nominations must be turned in to the church office on or before April 26, 2010. If you have questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Nominating Committee (listed on the form).

Euchre Tournament: Support our 7th graders as they raise money for their 8th grade class trip. A euchre tournament will be held Sat., May 1st at Crackelwood Golf Course. Prizes for top finishers and a cash bar. Contact Cheryl Grobelny at cgrobelny@lhasa.com, (586) 781-9151 X 154, or Chris Pini at rcpini@juno.com, (810)798-8474, for \$10 pre-sale tickets (\$15 at the door). Or buy tickets after services in the Crossroads.

Scholarship Applications: All high school, college and seminary students who plan on attending synodical schools (2010-2011 school year) to enter full-time church work, may pick up College Scholarship Fund Applications in the Church Office, or you may download the application from the St. Peter website. The deadline for applying is June 15th.

Reminder Concerning New Church Directory: You received a half sheet in your mailbox concerning ordering a directory if you will not receive one free. If you were unable to have your picture taken, and/or would like an additional copy for a family member, you can order using that form. The form and your \$10 must be turned in to the church office by Monday, April 19.

Correction: There will not be a Germack Nut sale in May due to confirmation weekend, the sale will take place this fall. Look for the Armed Forces Day tribute on the weekend of May 15th. Keep our men and women in the military in your prayers.