

LEAD WITH LOVE

New Pastor for St. Peter... At Call Day service at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, candidate Matthew Baye was called to and placed at our congregation! Thanks be to God! We look forward to welcoming Matthew and his family into our midst. Joshua Davis was called to and placed at Faith, Hastings, NE. Gabe Kasper was placed as vicar at Woodbury Lutheran, Woodbury, MN. Seminarian Kyle Krueger will receive his first call through Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. May God be with and bless these servants!

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 TODAY, and June 6.

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

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.

Budget Balanced for 2010 – 2011! For the first time in recent memory St. Peter Planning Council presented, and voters approved, a balanced budget for our next fiscal year. Though the process was difficult and at times painful, including staff pay cuts and benefit reductions, we thank God for His guidance and strength. We will continue to monitor our income and expenditures. If additional measures are required, they will be easier to deal with from a position of a balanced budget vs. a deficit budget. Hopefully as the economy improves and contributions to St. Peter increase, we will be able to restore some of the painful cuts our dedicated staff has endured.

New Missions Display Case: You may have noticed something new next to our member mailboxes. This new display case is our Missions Awareness Center and funding for the display case came from the new Missions Awareness Committee, paid for in part by the "Muffins for Missions" event several weeks ago. Our thanks to Rich Alanskas for his construction of the case. Keep an eye on the display case for news about mission activity, including local, national and international events and how we are or can be involved.

Next New Member Class: Friday and Saturday, July 30/31st.

SIT FOR WORSHIP

Help! For The Hurried Life:

✓ It's our fourth week of our series... and today's message: "Calm in the Storm..." even when I want to quit.

If you have not yet checked out our Web site, please download a copy of our devotions and the study guide for Philippians.

Today's Devotional: Pattern Your Life

Philippians 3:17-18 ¹⁷Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

In these verses, Paul speaks to the church about how to focus and "pattern" our lives. Paul uses his own life as the pattern to follow.

Paul wanted his life to be Christ-like. Thankfully we need not search for a new pattern for how to live--Christ modeled the life we are to lead, and Paul emulated Christ's example. Paul further directs us to "join with others" in following his example. Using the analogy of geese, we are to help each other along, staying in the path so that no one has to find his own way. We are to encourage each other, lifting up those who are hurt or tired.

Paul had the courage and confidence to hold his life's pattern up to scrutiny - an example to follow. Are we that confident? Do our decisions and life patterns reflect our proclamation that we are followers of Christ, i.e., Christians? To be encouraged and strengthened Paul tells us to stick with others who endeavor to follow the "patterns" of the Christian life.

Jesus has secured our eternal life with God through His pardon for our sins. As we trust Him by the power of God's Holy Spirit, we are setting a pattern for our children and generations yet to come.

For Reflection and Prayer: Ask yourself, what kind of followers would new Christians become if they imitated me?

Lord, thank You for giving me clear examples and patterns of how You want me to live my life. Give me the strength and humility to follow those who are more mature in their walk with You than I am. In my following, let me become a humble leader to those who falter in their walk with You. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.

Youth: High School Girls retreat coming... If you have questions, please feel free to contact Bo (586-992-9816 or bchapman@splcs.com).

Ascension Day Worship: Thursday, May 13, 7 p.m.
Confirmation Class Communion... Pictures and Reception after service.

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WALK IN HIS WORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL this Sunday and next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

NO Children's, Youth, and Adult Sunday morning class on the weekends of May 16 (Confirmation), May 23 (Pentecost), or May 30 (Memorial Day). Summer Adult/Youth class begins June 6th!

HELP! For the Hurried Life! In the Library Join Bob Hoch as we explore the riches of Philippians 4. Today, May 2, is our last class.

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 last special class: TODAY.

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

Philippians for this week:

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

— Paul to the

Philippians (4:8-9)

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: "Maturing with the Bible." We explore how to apply and grow spiritually through God's Word. 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 on the narthex and Crossroads tables. Adults and youth: please pick up a volunteer form and sign up to be one of our leaders and helpers.

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.

FOLLOW TO SERVE

St. Peter Lutheran School and Preschool are accepting students:

Please encourage applications through the school office or online at www.splcs.com. If you have any questions about Preschool, please call Char Hohnstadt at 781-9296, ext 131.

St. Peter Leader Elections 2010-12, Sunday, May 23, 2 p.m.

Compassion Pregnancy Center is now recycling the following:

Cell phones	I Pods	Inkjet cartridges	consoles
GPS devices	Laptops	Laser cartridges	
	PDA's	Digital Cameras	
	DVD's	Video games &	

Put these in either the CPC box or drawer in the Crossroads. Or drop them off at CPC, 37540 S. Gratiot, Suite 100, Clinton Twp. Phone: 586.783.9650. For information: compassionpregnancy.org

Habitat for Humanity is our featured ministry for the month of May. Habitat is a non-profit Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness. Habitat was founded in the belief that every man, woman, and child should have a decent, affordable place to live where they may dwell in dignity and safety. We as a church and school body will be supporting Habitat through the sale of 2 x 4's and volunteering to actually help build a home. Our dates are Saturdays, June 19, July 24, and August 21.

Youth: Summer mission trips participants (and parents) we will be meeting on **Wednesday night, May 12th**, to go over all trip information. You should also be receiving a letter and forms this week with specifics on the meeting times.

In Appreciation: As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, Abigayle Ministries invites St. Peter to an Open House on Sunday, May 16, from 2:00 –4:00 p.m. In appreciation of your continued support of our mothers, please be our guests for refreshments and take a tour of our residence facility and resource center. Location: 12313 Nineteen Mile Road in Sterling Heights, on the property of St. Matthias Catholic Church. Call for more information at 586-323-1411.

National Day of Prayer, May 6th: Weather-permitting, St. Peter Lutheran School will gather at the flag pole at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 6, to pray for our country and its leaders. Parents are welcome to join us. Also, you are invited to join us for a brief opening prayer service before Board meetings, Thursday, 7 p.m., in the sanctuary.