

St. Peter Youth Ministry

What's the importance of a good foundation? The answer is EVERYTHING. Without a proper foundation, everything that is placed upon it becomes compromised. That is one of the reasons why we are so blessed to have the sure and steady love and promises of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, as our foundation. He is the hope, trust, and salvation that we build upon knowing that He never wavers or changes.

With that secure foundation as our base, St. Peter Lutheran Church has begun to build and continues to build upon this foundation through the guidance of our Lord and Savior.

Through His direction, we strive to live out the Great Commission by being salt and light in a very dark and tasteless world. We desire for our homes, our community, and the world at large to know the good news of salvation. Or, as our vision for St. Peter Lutheran Church so beautifully says, we want to be a congregation that is **"Sharing the heart of the Savior in the heart of Macomb."**

So, how does that translate into our student ministry? Very easily! Building upon our strong foundation and understanding the overall vision of St. Peter, God has placed upon my heart four areas that I consider the mission for our students and our families.

The Heart Of A Servant (John 13:12-17, 1 Peter 4:7-11)

We desire to be a ministry that is passionate about living out our faith through our service to others.

A Heart For The Lost (Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 10:14-15)

We desire to be a ministry that is passionate about reaching out to those who are spiritually lost; the unbelievers, those who have walked away, and those who are seriously struggling in their faith life.

A Heart For The Savior (2 Timothy 3:16)

We desire to be a ministry that is passionate about providing opportunities for people to grow spiritually.

A Heart For God's Family (Ephesians 2:19-22)

We desire to be a ministry that is passionate about providing a place of refuge, encouragement, and strengthening for our students and their families.

Adult Involvement

It is critical for a student ministry to have a vision, direction, and purpose that is instep with the will and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Along with these foundational elements there has to be the faithful involvement of God's people for the ministry to fully flourish. In today's church, there is a vital need for adults to use their God given gifts and talents to impact the multitude of young people that are all around us.

But, for too long and too often, adult involvement has happened and hasn't happened because of all the wrong reasons.

"I'm too old."

"What if they make me teach?"

"I'll feel guilty if I don't help."

"Once I'm in, they'll never let me out."

"My kids don't want me there."

And the list goes on, but it misses the core element of adult involvement. Our thought process should be, "Is God calling me?" And, if God is calling me, will I be faithful to that calling and get involved. It may be a giant challenge and/or change for people, but let me guarantee you that it will impact your life in a powerful way.

If God is calling you to be involved with our students, get involved! Here's how:

- (1) Pray about it and make sure this is really where God wants you.
- (2) Call Bo (586-677-1283). He will talk with you about where you feel God directing you and how you can best get involved. He would love to hear about the passion within your heart and would love to pray with you about your decision.
- (3) Get ready to enter a wonderful and challenging new world.

Student Involvement

Something special is beginning to happen within the St. Peter Student Ministry. God is moving hearts and minds, as well as, opening new and exciting doors here in Macomb, Michigan. He has placed a vision before us, opened up a world of new possibilities, and has blessed our students with the gifts to impact the world around us. It is happening right here, right now.

I want to invite all of our students to come and take part of this new chapter in the life of the St. Peter Student Ministry. Whether you are new comer, an old timer, or someone right there in between, there is no better time than now to get involved. We want you come and be a part of the great things that God is doing!!!

Come and worship with us on Sunday morning
(8:00 & 11:00 ~ traditional worship in the new sanctuary /
10:45 ~ amplified worship in Kaiser Hall)

Come join us for a time of spiritual growth during the Sunday Bible hour
(9:30 in Room #10)

Come and refuel on Wednesday nights
as we gather around a piece of pizza,
an ice cold pop, good friends, and God's Word
(7:30 @ HIS Rock)

Come and be a part of the vision of serving others
(From our church to our community to the world around us)

Come ...

I know there are a ton of activities vying for your time and attention, but etch out that special time each week for spiritual growth and involvement. It will be a time you cherish over and over again because you will be in the midst of where God is moving.