



ST PETER'S

— LUTHERAN CHURCH —

may newsletter

***WE ARE A BEACON OF THE COMMUNITY, EQUIPPING, EMPOWERING AND SHARING THE
HOPE AND LOVE OF JESUS.***



LIFE WITH GOD

Starts in May!

“LIFE WITH GOD” This is what we at St. Peters Lutheran (SPL) call the class for those who are interested in refreshing their walk or finding out more about WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE ABOUT. Some people have also called this “the new member class.” At SPL we encourage seekers as well as long time attenders to enroll in this class when the opportunity arises.

Classes are usually 10 sessions and go for 60 minutes. The next class time has now been scheduled to begin May 4th. So now you can be part of a wonderful exciting journey.

WHEN: SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

WHERE: LOWER LEVEL OF CHURCH

If you're interested, please let us know by either calling or emailing.

309-699-5411

secretary@stpeters-epil.org



Having a Thrivent Product or insurance policy qualifies us to use Choice Dollars and Action Teams for ministries here at SPL. An action team provides you with \$250 seed money to use on your Outreach/Ministry.

The use of these products are a blessing to our church.

DISCOVERING S.H.A.P.E. (EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER)

MAY 18TH 12 NOON - MARK YOU CALENDARS!

Since I have been your Pastor I have seen and experienced some incredible examples of brothers and sisters using their God-given abilities and talents to serve God and each other. St. Peters is loaded with gifted disciples of the Lord. I believe God has called us to use them just as he reminds us in His parable of the Talents in the Bible. He promises blessings to those who use what He has given to them.

The ministry that each individual person does is, and should be determined by his/her make up. What God created us to be determines what He intends for us to do! The purpose we were created for becomes evident when we discover, and understand the kind of people we are, and this is the secret to knowing God's will for our lives.

God is consistent in His plan for each of our lives. He would not give us inborn talents and spiritual gifts, and all sorts of life experiences and then not use them! By reviewing and studying these factors, we can discover the ministry God has for us...the unique ways God intends for us to serve Him. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING. LUNCH PROVIDED!

The focus of this CHURCH WIDE EMPHASIS, that is also part of your MINISTRY CLARITY PROCESS, will be on the Five Personal Factors that have been combined to shape the 'real' you. So what are the 'Five Personal Factors?'

They are your S.H.A.P.E. and in each part of shape you will be answering a question about who you are.

Spiritual Gifts

What am I gifted to do?

"I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that." 1 Corinthians 7:7

Heart

What do I love to do?

"For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish His purpose..." Revelation 17:17a

"For it is God who works in you, inspiring both the will and the deed, for His own chosen purpose." Philippians 2:13

Abilities

What natural talents and skills do I have?

“There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” 1 Corinthians 12:6

“I (God) have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge, and with all kinds of skills.” Exodus 31:3

“Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.” 2 Corinthians 3:5

Personality

Where does my personality best suit me to serve?

“For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them?” 1 Corinthians 2:11a

Experiences

What experiences have I had?

1. Spiritual
 - *“There has been enough time for you to be teachers, but you still need to be taught...you are without any experience in the matter of right and wrong.” Hebrews 5:12-13*
2. Painful
 - *“God helps us in our troubles, so we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:4*
3. Educational
 - *“Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life, guard it well.” Proverbs 4:13*
4. Ministry
 - *“Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel...” 2 Corinthians 9:13*

By identifying the specific traits you possess in each of these areas, the ministry God has for you will become clearer than ever.

Goals: Discovering S.H.A.P.E. will be one of the most significant journeys in our walk with Jesus Christ. Throughout this journey we will strive to:

1. Discover our unique S.H.A.P.E.s for ministry and commit to developing and using our God-given gifts and abilities in serving God and others through my church.
2. Select and serve in the ministry of SPL that best expresses what God made me to be.



Beacon

□ Light Prayers



*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
Romans 12:12*



Hope is not seeing the light, but enduring the darkness until the light comes



For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness. Ps 18:28

As a Beacon to the community, St. Peter's Lutheran Church shines the Light of God to our community. This is a request to join in an endeavor to seek Prayer support for our efforts in dedicated times of prayer throughout the week, just as the Beacon shines its light at certain times of the day.

A Beacon often shines at Dawn and at Dusk. Please prayerfully consider if you could dedicate time in a day each week to pray for the needs of this church. Spending dedicated time alone with God in purposeful prayer for this church along with your own personal needs can become very special to you.

Sign up on bulletin board if you are willing to try this.

LIGHTHOUSE – BEACON QUOTES

Hope is not seeing the light, but enduring the darkness until the light comes.

Hope is the beacon that guides lost ships back to the shore.

A lighthouse secures every soul lost at sea.

No storm or night can snuff out a lighthouse's eternal glow.

“May the light from this Beacon be a testament to undying faith.” In a lighthouse (Beacon?), the eternal light is a testament to undying faith.

Scripture

“If it had not been the Lord who was on our side ... then the flood would have swept us away...our help is in the name of the Lord...” Psalm 124 Selected.

‘Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find. knock, and it will be opened to you.” “Matt 7:7

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Come and join us for fun and fellowship on Thurs. May 22nd at 6pm.

Win a plant, enjoy snacks and fellowship. Everyone is Welcome, bring a friend.

All the food, plants and door prizes are provided because we applied for Action teams. Great outreach for SPL.

Sign-up on bulletin board.

ALTAR FLOWERS

MAY 5 - PAM VINNEDGE

MAY 11 - BETH UNDERWOOD & SANDRA RAGON

MAY 18 - CADE SAMMIS

MAY 25 - SUSAN SWEAZY



Mother's Day Diaper Shower

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life will be sponsoring our annual diaper shower on Mother's Day, May 11th. The purpose is to collect as many disposable diapers and wipes as possible for infants and toddlers (especially sizes 4, 5, and 6), as well as adult protective underwear for seniors. These will be distributed to local, charitable, life-affirming organizations. There is a playpen set up in the gallery for donations.

Check the bulletin board on ideas for Thrivent Action teams or for more information call the office.

MEN OF SPL

"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD"

"MEN OF ACTION"

The men of SPL are encouraged to come together for fellowship and equipping ourselves to be the men after God's own heart. The **second Saturday of every month**, we will gather at **8:00 AM**. As iron sharpens iron we will pursue building up one another, learn from various speakers, serve where God calls us and grow.

Breakfast will be provided.... Join us!



Pairs & Spares meet together to engage God and one another.

The next breakfast is the first MONDAY of every month at 8:30am at the Main Street Family Restaurant in Creve Coeur.

We have volunteers for J.A.M. (Jesus & Me) time helpers during the sermon/message portion of our Worship Services to watch over children. The children should return to their families after JAM to continue worship.

May 4th Renee

May 11th Olivia

May 18th Pam N.

May 25th Jim K.



**Tuesday morning Bible Study at 10:00am lower level. Class resumes on May 6th.
Topic TBA.**

Sunday, Adult (Life with God) & Youth Sunday School at 9:30am

St. Peter's has a prayer chain group. If you would like to be placed on the list to keep updated on needed prayers, please notify the office by phone or email. Please share prayer requests with members who are not on the Prayer Chain.

The email is splprayerwarriors@gmail.com. or notify

Beth Underwood at 309-202-9909

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY!

Lauren Tranchitella is now stateside, she is Debbie Inman's granddaughter.



Worship in the park in June. Watch for more information soon!

May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 8-Traditional Worship 9:30-Sunday School 9:30- Life with God class 1045-Praise & Worship	5 8:30 Pairs & Spares	6 10-Bible Study 1pm small group 6pm-Finance 7pm-Elders	7 10am-small Group	8 9am-small group Noon-Kiwanis	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 8-Men's Bible Study 6pm Pastor small group
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25 8-Traditional Worship 9:30-Sunday School 9:30-Life with God 1045-Praise & Worship	26 Memorial Day! Office closed	27 10-Bible Study 1pm small group 630pm Church Council	28 10am-small group	29 9am-small group	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 6pm Pastor small group

Church Classified----2025

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(pick up-no delivery)

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