



# ST PETER'S

— LUTHERAN CHURCH —



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



Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a Dad. Dad, is a son's first hero, a daughter's first love. Rose O'Kelly wrote: "Your Dad is the man who does all the heavy shoveling for your sand castle, and then tells you you've done a wonderful job."

This month we celebrate Father's Day. I want to go on record saying that Dad's are critical to the raising of sons and daughters. I don't need to have that verified by Government studies. The Lord God knows that neither fathers nor mothers are handed an owner's manual or a quick start guide when they first become parents. They usually model what they learned from their parents. God provides priorities as what we are to say and what we are to do.

He instructed his O.T. people too: "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds, tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talk about them when you sit down at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up...."

With those words God was letting his fathers and mothers know that no matter what they say or don't say, no matter what they give their children, they must first and foremost give them His word. Toys will not fill the spiritual hole in a child's heart.

God wants and expects Christian fathers to be the prime protectors, the first line of defense for the children placed in their care. Fathers are to leave their children a legacy of love. They are to provide a safe haven in a world that would destroy the child's self worth and self esteem.

Satan knows this is God's desire, which is why Satan so often makes Christian father's his first and foremost targets. The forces of darkness bring their best and most effective weapons against Christian fathers. Seduction and sin, complacency or passivity, self absorption will all lead to discord, disharmony and insecurity. If Satan can stop a father from giving his children attention and a structured frame work for right and wrong behavior, then you have chaos, and anarchy that will spread to all of culture.

It is important that we pray daily..."deliver us from the evil one."

Norman Wright in his book "A Dad-Shaped Hole in My Heart" notes that Jairus, an official at the synagogue, came to Jesus with a desperate plea for his daughter, who was deathly ill. Wright reminds us that daughters were not highly valued in Jairus's day (the same problem exists today in China, Tibet and India.) By seeking out Jesus he was exposing himself to ridicule for going to so much trouble over an insignificant girl. God wants us to know that his love is available for those who have been wounded by an absent or passive father. Our Father in Heaven is like Jairus...he goes all out for his sons and daughters.

Many daughters and sons do feel abandoned and forgotten by their fathers. Whether their fathers are simply emotionally absent or are physically absent due to divorce, or death. An emptiness is left in the heart where a father's love should be.

There is only one perfect father: Our Father in heaven. And it is important to know that He has never stopped being YOUR heavenly Father. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He will constantly guide, and discipline you in love. His desire is for you to be a man or woman after His own heart. And perhaps the greatest testimony of His love and commitment to all of us is that His desire is to live with us for all time in the eternal kingdom. Now, I know that our earthly fathers are not perfect but you can help your son or daughter have self-esteem, security, personal value found in the grace of Jesus and displayed through you.

To my faithful and loving family,

Monica and I are very thankful for our St. Peters family who reached out with phone calls, texts, emails and cards with love and support at the passing of my mother. I can only begin to express how our hearts were especially touched by the five members who made the drive to attend and offer additional comfort and hugs.

My mom was very special and now she is in the arms of Jesus – at peace – and so are we.

Again, thank you. It is at times like these that demonstrate why St. Peters is so special.

May each of you always shine the love and the light of Jesus.

Abiding with Jesus

Pastor Brian

## LIFE WITH GOD

“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.

WHEN: SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM (No class on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> )

WHERE: LOWER LEVEL OF CHURCH



**Having a Thrivent Product or insurance policy qualifies us to COLLECT Choice Dollars and Action Teams FUNDS 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.**



*Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. All men are invited to a cookout at Bradford park. Please invite your sons, fathers, brothers, neighbors and friends. BYOB!*



**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, between services (9:20-10:30am) to discuss general ministry topics, ministry board members and future ministry plans.  
No Sunday School**

## Dollar for Missions

The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repainting at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The church and student center building serves as an outpost of the Gospel to the 60,000 students annually at the University of Illinois. Portions of the brick and concrete structure are showing their age and are in need of repair. This project will fund targeted work at repairing and repainting sections of the building exterior, so that the Lord's Word and Sacraments can continue to be given out for many decades to come! Feel free to check out the video at <https://youtu.be/n3BqVeNC0tg> or find more information on our website <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>.

**The St. Peter's Life team would like to Thank the Congregation for their participation in the diaper and wipes Mother's Day Drive. We are overwhelmed with your donations. We received 602 Diapers, 1736 Wipes, 120 pull ups, and multiple cans of formula. All Donations were taken to the Destiny for Women Care Center in Peoria. Thank you for your participation.**

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

*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." 1 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.



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□ 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.**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

**JUNE 1-SUSAN SWEAZY**

**JUNE 8-MARLENE MILLER**

**JUNE 15-MARY LOU NIMMO**

**JUNE 22-LINDA PIERCY (PARK WORSHIP)**

**JUNE 29-BOB KNOCK**

## *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.*

*June 8-Renee R.*

*June 15-Olivia S.*

*June 22-Pam N.*

*June 29-Jim K.*





**Tuesday morning Bible Study at 10:00am lower level. Letters of Paul.  
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](mailto: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.



**No 8am Worship or Sunday School**

**Sunday, June 22 at 10am**

We will enjoy a picnic lunch after the service. Please bring a side dish to share and your own utensils.

Bring family and friends.

**Fried Chicken and bottled water will be provided.**

## Church Classified----2025

### **Magnusson Construction**

Mastic: Replacement Windows & Siding  
Adam Magnusson, E. Peoria, Il. (309) 694-7831

### **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

Alexandria Lamprecht (309) 439-9169  
112 State St. Ste. 2C, Peoria, Il. 61602

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### **Ron's Carpets**

Sales & Service. Free Estimates  
John Vollrath (309) 674-3338  
1003 NE Adams, Peoria, Il.

### **Monica Pape (217) 714-6259**

[pianoteacher.MP@gmail.com](mailto:pianoteacher.MP@gmail.com)  
Piano lessons in my home.

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### **Energy Savings**

AAA Insulation, Don Meyer (309) 698-0062

### **Becca Ferro-Salon 125**

125 N Parkway Dr. Pekin, Il.  
(309) 863-0560

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### **Tippy Creek**

Raw (local) Honey and Honey Infused soap  
Pam Nelson (309) 370-7271  
Rob Preston (309) 657-5692 or TippyCreek.com

### **Cindy Miller, Crafts**

Handmade Embroidery and Crochet items  
(309) 472-2161

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### **Genie in a Bottle Cleaning Service**

Leslie Cody (309) 645-8701  
Trish Woodward (309) 660-3656

### **Scott Roberts (309) 642-0874**

Need firewood? Call me.  
(pick up-no delivery)

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# June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8-Traditional Worship 9:30- Life with God class 1045-Praise & Worship	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 Pairs &amp; Spares</b>	<b>3</b> 10-Bible Study 1pm Genesis 6pm-Finance 7pm-Elders	<b>4</b> 10am small group	<b>5</b> 9am-small group	<b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b> 6pm Pastor small group
<b>8</b> 8-Traditional Worship 9:30- Life with God class 1045-Praise & Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10-Bible Study 1pm Genesis	<b>11</b> 10am small group	<b>12</b> 9am-small group	<b>13</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>14</b> 8-Men's Bible Study 6pm Pastor small group
<b>15</b> 8-Traditional Worship 9:30- Life with God class 1045-Praise & Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10-Bible Study 1pm Genesis	<b>18</b> 10am small group	<b>19</b> 9am-small group	<b>20</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>21</b> 6pm Pastor small group
<b>22</b> Single Service at the park 10-Worship in the park	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10-Bible Study 1pm Genesis 630pm Church Council	<b>25</b> 10am small group	<b>26</b> 9am-small group	<b>27</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>28</b> 5pm Men's cookout at Bradford park 6pm Pastor small group
<b>29</b> 8-Traditional Worship 920-Congregational Mtg 1045-Praise & Worship	<b>30</b>					

