

September 27, 2019

St. Peter Lutheran School Hemlock, MI



*This is a picture of our 2019-2020 students and teachers taken on Wednesday, September 25, after chapel. Thank you to Mr. Heinlein for the taking this aerial picture with his drone.*

## Calendar of Events

Sept. 29: 1:00pm St. Peter Annual Golf Outing at Valley View

Sept. 30: 4:30pm Home Volleyball vs Immanuel, BC

Oct. 1: 4:30pm Home Soccer vs St. Paul

Oct. 2: 8:05am Chapel: Pastor Hagenow

Oct. 2: 4:30pm Home Vball vs St. Paul

Oct. 3: 4:30pm Away Soccer @ Peace

Oct. 4: 8:45-11:55am 5th-8th Grades Swimming Field Trip

Oct. 7: No Bussing

Oct. 7: 4:30pm Away Vball @ Bethlehem

Oct. 7: Home Soccer vs Faith

Oct. 8: 4:30pm Away Soccer @ Immanuel, Frankentrost

[More Upcoming Events](#)

## Nurturing the Faith



**In Our Prayers:** This week we will be praying for these St. Peter alumni who graduated from our school: *Brandon Hilbrandt*, class of 2014; *Brandon Wichman*, class of 2011; *Brendan McDonald*, class of 2017 and *Breyden Bauer*, class of 2019.

**Devotion of the Week:** *Keys of the Kingdom* Bible verse: Genesis 1:31, "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." This is one of the verses that our kindergarten class learns this year, but it is the foundation of our young, created world. Our students will learn about how our heavenly Father created everything in six days and rested on the seventh. This will be something that is opposite of what the world teaches and what is seen and heard in movies, television, newspapers, magazines, and social media. We are all constantly bombarded by messages of a world that is millions of years old, how man evolved from monkeys, how all living things have come from one cell, and the list goes on. We live in a world that rejects creation, but we are thankful that we are able to teach this truth to our students every day. We can be bold when we speak the words of our creeds, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." May God continue to strengthen us and our children as we read, mark, learn, memorize, and inwardly digest His Word daily so that we may remain firmly Anchored in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Dear Friends in Christ:** Thank you for the warm welcome you have given me during my first two weeks here at St. Peter. I have enjoyed meeting many wonderful new people, and I thank you for the many cards and well wishes you have shared with me. The Lord has blessed St. Peter richly for the past 140 years, and I look forward to serving here and being part of the exciting future that awaits us in the years to come. - *Mr. Brian Heinlein*



## Quote of the Week

**"Dear Students, You made my retirement a memorable occasion by each making a special square in the quilt. Thank you for making me feel so blessed. I will cherish the quilt always. God's blessings."**

-*Comment from Mrs. Karen Earley in a thank you note that she wrote to our students.*

## Playground Update

**Your Input Is Requested:** As we continue to move forward with our plans for our new playground, we would like to have your input and the input of your children! This past week, *Mr. Tim Sheffer* from Penchura visited to discuss some of the options that we have. He gave us several locations where they have built playgrounds in the area. His company did the playground at the Freeland SportsZone, Freeland Elementary, Freeland Learning Center, and at the Hemlock K.C. Elementary School. If you have the opportunity to visit any of these locations and give your input and suggestions, we would really appreciate it. You may contact *Mr. Hagenow* with your comments. Thanks for your help!



## Your Help Is Needed

*Carrie Seaman* is one of the people who cleans our school each evening. She fell into some difficult times, mainly because her apartment in our community had a plumbing flood and subsequent structural collapse which forced her and her family out of the apartment. As a result, there have been very



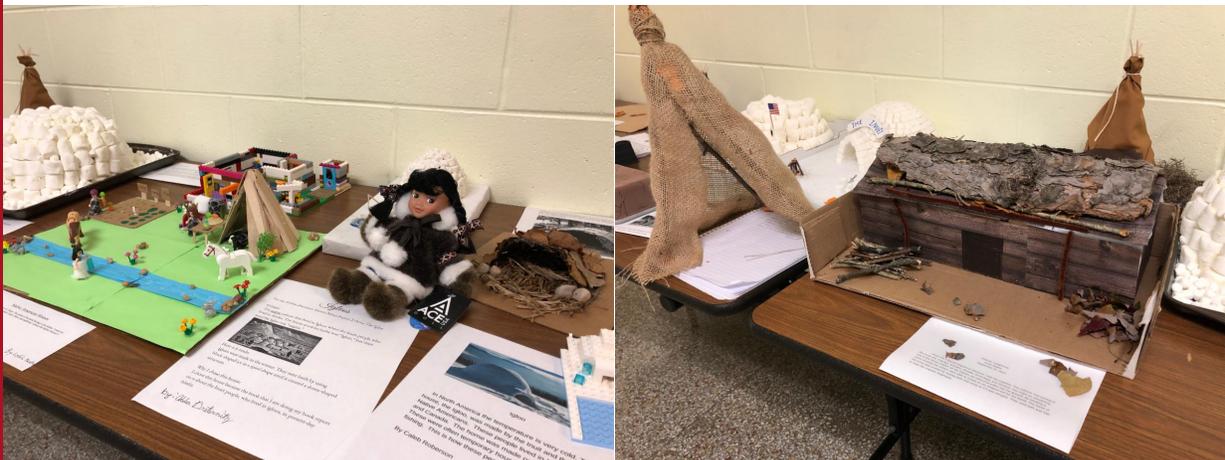
abnormal living expenses over the short term. *Carrie* had recently moved here from out of state to help care for her dad, so she and her kids lived with him in that apartment. Through St. Peter and some other contact, one of our families has come to know her and her family over the last few months and hoped we (our St. Peter family) could help get them back on their feet. *The Seamans* have a new apartment all set to go but need the security deposit, as well as a bed and sofa, perhaps some other furniture. She has also been referred to Zion's "God's Helping Hands" program, too. *If you are willing and able to contribute, we will be accepting donations in the office for the next few weeks.* Thank you for your consideration and support!

## In the Classroom



**Check These Out:** Third and fourth grade students were given an assignment to write about a visible part of themselves. It was adapted from the book *The Best Part of Me* by Wendy Ewald. The focus however was on the words of Psalms 139:14, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." Their insightful poems with black and white pictures are posted outside the third and fourth grade room.

**Native American Models:** While studying Native American cultures, the fifth and sixth graders discovered there were different kinds of houses built to suit each lifestyle. Students were able to make a model, write a paragraph about it, and present it to their classmates.



**Mega Monster Cell Dissection:** The 7th-8th graders dissected a model plant cell this week which was made of spaghetti (endoplasmic reticulum), peas (chloroplasts), two layers of plastic wrap (cell membrane), egg and egg yolk (nucleus and nucleolus), grapes (mitochondria), plastic grocery bag (cell wall), gelatin (cytoplasm), and rice (ribosomes).



**Music with Sticks:** *Mr. Heinlein* was teaching the 3rd-4th graders how to read music by using sticks. The

students were really enjoying tapping, scraping, and stomping as they were learning the different ways to play music.



## What's Your Story



I am currently taking a class through Delta College called Math and Science Manufacturing Experience (MSME). As part of the class, I had the opportunity to spend a week long internship at a local manufacturing plant. I was assigned to Fullerton Tool, and spent July 29-August 2 working with numerous people at both of their plants in Saginaw to learn the many different aspects of a manufacturing company. I was able to meet with people in customer service, shipping and receiving, production, maintenance, quality, coating and media hone, marketing, engineering, quoting, IT, web development, and members of their leadership team. It was a great experience and I learned many new things that I will be able to share with my students.

As part of the Delta class, I have to implement a project in the area of math or science with my students. The project that I chose was to have the students create their own manufacturing company which would raise money for our chapel offering project, the Garuna Foundation. This project is giving students real life applications as students had to fill out job applications, go through the interview process, take on the responsibility of a particular job while working together as a team, and to produce a quality product to sell in order to support a Christian organization. There is also a direct connection with what they are studying in life science. We are learning about the cell and how the parts of a cell work like a manufacturing company. Each organelle in a cell is similar to each part of a manufacturing business.

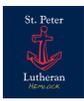
The 7th-8th graders are about in the middle of this manufacturing project and here is what they have come up with so far:

- The name of their company is Woodland Works. They will be selling hand crafted ornaments.
- A logo, motto, mission statement, and goals have been created. This will be shared in their flyer.
- The raw materials that were donated have been inventoried.
- They are researching the best way to decorate the ornaments.
- They are filling out time cards to be "paid" for their jobs; the finance department has created checks for their monthly "payments" as well.
- Order forms, flyers, and other marketing information are being created.
- They will be working with a local business to decorate their product.
- They are working as a team, like what I experienced at Fullerton Tool.

There will be more information coming soon from the students, but I am hoping you can help. Once they start to advertise the sale of these ornaments, I am hoping you will be able to support them by ordering one or more. This has been and continues to be a great learning experience, and the money raised will go towards our first quarter chapel project. Woodland Works Ornaments will be on sale soon!

-Story submitted by *Mr. Eric Hagenow*, 7th-8th grade science teacher

*We are always looking for additional stories to share. [Please click here to send us your story to be published in the Panther Press.](#)*



**Extra Theme Shirts:** Did you miss ordering a theme shirt for yourself or your child in our online store? If so, we have extras! Shirts are on sale in the office for \$11. We plan to open the online store next month.

**Golf Outing:** The annual St. Peter Karl & Betty Mueller Golf Scramble is this Sunday, September 29. Registration is at 12 noon with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. The price for golf, cart, food—a fabulous chicken dinner—and prizes is still \$60/person. Get a team together and call Valley View Farms Golf Club at 781.1248 to sign up. Questions or have a door prize to donate? Call *Mike Wardin*, 989.860.9791. Thank you for your support. All proceeds go directly back to the church.

**No Bussing on Oct. 7:** There is no bussing to or from school on this day as Hemlock Schools have the day off.

**Free Tickets:** If you are interested in attending Saginaw Spirit home hockey games, please contact the school office to receive free tickets. We have received "Any Game, Any Time Tickets" courtesy of Saginaw Control & Engineering. If you do get any of these free tickets, we would appreciate it if you would send them a thank you for giving us these free tickets. We are thankful to Saginaw Control & Engineering for sponsoring our school and providing us these free tickets.



**Attachment:** Going home with your child today is the October calendar/menu.

**Sample Size Toiletries Collection:** If you happen to be traveling, please consider donating extra little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and soap for the Alaska mission trip. These items are much needed in the village. Any extra items will be donated to the Hospital Hospitality House in Saginaw. If you have any questions, contact *Ms. Kaylee Dilleree* at [kmdiller2302@gmail.com](mailto:kmdiller2302@gmail.com) or 989.395.3432 Thank you.

**Apple Pies:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9 to purchase these delicious, made-from-scratch apple pies. Ready to bake or freeze, these pies are great to have on hand for the holidays or any time you want to serve a tasty dessert. They even make great gifts at just \$10.00 each. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex of our church or you can call or text *Sheila @* 989.860.3927 for both ordering pies or helping on sale day to peel apples and assemble pies. Deadline for ordering pies is Sunday, November 3. All orders will need to be picked up on Saturday, November 9 between 9:00am-Noon.



**Child Care Over Christmas Break:** Please note that during our Christmas break (December 23-January 3), our child care center (including toddler care) will only be open on January 2-3. Child care will be closed December 23-January 1.

**Congratulations Evan, Cassandra and Summer:** Alumni *Evan Starke*, *Cassandra Ross* and *Summer Little* (St. Peter Class of 2015) are on the Homecoming Court at VLHS. They will be recognized tonight during halftime of the Charger football game along with their parents, *Mr. & Mrs. Eric Starke*, *Mr. & Mrs. Christian Ross* and *Mr. & Mrs. Dave Little*. Congratulations *Evan*, *Cassandra* and *Summer!*



## Bright Arrow Phone/Text Blast System

**Texting Change:** We use Bright Arrow to communicate school closings, important announcements, and other information to parents. Most of our communication with this system is phone calls. We do have the option of sending out texts, but we have been limited with the size of texts. We now have the option to use a short code to send the text and here are the reasons why (these were given by Bright Arrow):

- Due to the FCC removing wireless phone companies' SPAM-blocking restrictions,



short code is the only practical way to have a reliable delivery of text messages: The number of texts using long code (10-digit originating number) that are entirely blocked is increasing quickly.

- A short code number is not subject to the carriers' SPAM blocking mechanisms, allowing you to communicate critical and time sensitive information without barriers.
- All texts come from 87569, ensuring that short code texts are easy to recognize and remember, making it simple for recipients to immediately know that the text came from you.
- With short code, you are able to send unlimited length text messages.

In order for us to utilize this, you will have to opt in to receive these longer text messages when sent. This weekend, you may receive a text that will be something like this: "St. Peter Lutheran School would like to continue sending you text messages using the number 87569. To receive these messages, please reply 'YES'." If you have any questions, please contact *Mr. Eric Hagenow*.

## Athletics



**B-Team Volleyball Tournament:** Our B-Girls Volleyball Team will participate in the Faith, Bay City tournament on Saturday, October 12. Tournament details will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

**Volleyball Results:** Our girls volleyball teams traveled to Bay City on Monday. The B-team was able to pull out a big win over the Wildcats. The A-team had a competitive game but lost their match. On Wednesday, it was the Panthers vs. the Panthers as we hosted Peace. The B-team had some great volleys in their match as they defeated the other Panther team. The A-team had a very close first game against Peace and came within two points of winning that first game, but they let their lead slip and lost the game and the match. On Thursday, the girls finished their week on a high note competing in their third matches of the week. They traveled to Midland Christian where both teams won all three games and won their matches! Congratulations girls. Go Panthers!

**Soccer Team:** Our soccer team had another tough game against the Chargers on Tuesday. Despite the loss, our young team continues to compete in every game.

**Basketball Shirts:** Hemlock Basketball t-shirts are for sale in *Mr. Neumeyer's* classroom (*Mr. Neumeyer* is the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at HHS). They are \$10 each and are available in sizes youth medium to adult extra-large. Just stop by *Mr. Neumeyer's* room before or after school if you'd like to purchase one.



## PTL Information

**PTL Sawdust Days Float:** Thank you to this year's float committee for all their time and effort: *Mrs. Liat Marlow, Mr. Barry Marlow, Mr. Gary Hahn, Mrs. Pam Hales, Ms. Sue Breternitz, and Ms. Lois Parsell*. The float was a great representation of St. Peter and this year's theme: "Anchored in Christ". There was a wonderful turnout of students, teachers and parents who walked along with the float.



**Save the Date:** On March 5, 2020, the PTL will host several assemblies for our students and parents on internet safety. Our K-4 and 5-8 students will each have a presentation on that Thursday



afternoon. Parents are encouraged to attend the presentation of ProtectYoungEyes on March 5 starting at 6:00pm. This is a topic that will benefit all of our students and parents!

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### ATTACHMENT LINKS

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#### WORSHIP TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday Morning at 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:15am  
Sunday Mornings

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