

# Welcome from St. Peter's



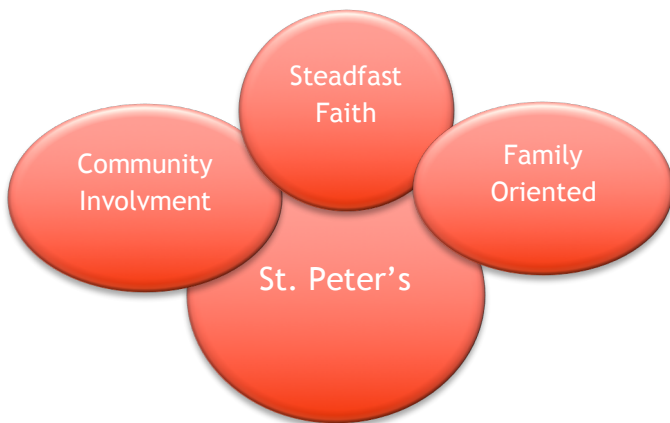
**Is God calling you for a change? Do you have a passion for rural ministry? Do you enjoy life at a slower pace, taking in the beauty of God's creation? If so, Senior Pastor at St. Peter's Arenzville may be the job for you!**

- ◇ St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located in Arenzville, IL. We are approximately 8 miles south of Beardstown, 40 miles west of Springfield, 70 miles east of Quincy and 100 miles north of St. Louis, Mo. We are a well-established, rural, multi-generational church with approximately 180 members and average 40-50 in attendance each Sunday.
- ◇ St. Peter's is a close-knit congregation who prides themselves on their strong faith, community involvement and family-oriented atmosphere.
- ◇ St. Peter's worships together each Sunday morning at 10am with Sunday school at 9am prior to the church services. We host a traditional service and Holy Communion is celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. We have after service fellowship two Sundays a month.





- ◇ Our men's group is very active within the community helping to serve those in need through monetary giving, outreach and our local food pantry. They also are in charge of tending to the farm ground the church owns and helping with large maintenance/upkeep projects around the church and parsonage.
- ◇ Children and youth are engaged in Sunday School, confirmation and VBS. We would love to see these areas of our church grow
- ◇ Arenzville and the surrounding areas not only boast lush farmland but also top ranked hunting for turkey, dove, pheasant and white -tailed deer. There are also several parks that offer trails to hike, lakes to fish and places to camp. If the outdoors is not your cup of tea we are within an hour of Springfield, Quincy and an hour and a half of St. Louis and Champaign. So, if you enjoy sports, concerts, plays and shopping, don't fret, these aren't too far away.



- ◇ While we were members of the ELCA our pulpit had remained vacant for the last 4 years. It has been filled intermittently with interim pastors but as of recently this demand has been met by members of our congregation who have stepped in to fill this void. By doing so they have helped to keep the faith strong within our congregation even leading to the growth of the church through several new members despite being without a pastor.
- ◇ We are searching for a pastor who will help us transition into a state of growth, reaching out into the local communities to help provide the message to those who need to hear it most while also helping the current members of our congregation to grow their faith, obedience and personal relationships with Christ. We hope this would be done through weekly sermons, Bible studies and community outreach.
- ◇ We would prefer an LCMC certified pastor or one who is theologically compatible with the traditional teachings and priorities of Lutheranism.
- ◇ To apply, please email your cover letter, resume and references to [wes.hendricker@higherplain.com](mailto:wes.hendricker@higherplain.com)