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City of Saint Peter Recreation & Leisure Services Department

2026 Winter Brochure

January–April 2026 Classes & Activities
REGISTRATION BEGINS IMMEDIATELY!

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Youth General Interest

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SCHOLARSHIPS

■ *It is the goal of Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services to offer programs and activities residing in Saint Peter looking to participate, regardless of financial status. Youth Scholarships: Youth ages 17 and under must be City of Saint Peter Residents. $75 maximum amount per individual or up to $150 per family per calendar year. Adult Scholarships: Adults ages 18 and older must be City of Saint Peter Residents. Max of $75 per calendar year. Adults are to pay 50% of programs or activity. Excludes leagues and special events. Scholarship applications are available at the Recreation and Leisure Services Office between 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday. Please stop by the Recreation and Leisure Services Office or call 507-934-0667 for more information.*

● *Saint Peter Community & Family Education has youth scholarships for families who may find that the full registration fee for an activity is a hardship. To be eligible for a youth scholarship, an individual must have a financial need and reside in the Saint Peter School District or participate in the open enrollment option for the district. To receive a scholarship application, call 934-3048 ext. 7002 or stop by the office in room 207 of the Community Center.*

Connecting Kids is an organization funded by the Greater Mankato Area United Way and works closely with community partners who offer a variety of programs to provide direct services to families of eligible children and youth so that they will have the opportunity to participate, regardless of financial barriers. For information about scholarships visit connectingkidsmankato@gmail.com or call 507-207-3042.



Children's Weekend Food Program

During the school year, this program serves K-6 students with child-friendly, nutritious, non-perishable food items for breakfast, lunch and snacks for most non-school days. Register your child by contacting the school social workers - South 934-2754 x. 3024, North 934-3260 x. 4036, and Middle School 934-4210 x. 5024.

Teen Pantry

During the school year, teens can sign up with a school counselor to participate in the Teen Pantry. Weekly food bags may be picked up at the counselor's office.

Both of these programs are affiliated with St. Peter Area Food Shelf and Saint Peter Public Schools.

Saints Overtime

After school care for kids in Overtime!

Saints Overtime (OT) is an afterschool program for grades K-5 at both North and South Elementary.

Overtime is after-school care where kids can be kids! We plan for social downtime at the end of the school day with a wide variety of toys, arts & crafts, games, recreational activities, and more to keep your kids entertained and having fun!

Online enrollment is available at our Community Education website https://stpeterschools.reg.eleyo.com/. View the Saints Overtime page and click "Enroll now." For more information, call 507.934.3048 x. 7005

Registration Information

Saint Peter Recreation & Leisure Services Staff:

John W. Stutzman, Department Director
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Web	www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation

Saint Peter Recreation & Leisure Services

Registration:

Online	www.saintpetermn.gov
In person	Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Mail	Recreation and Leisure Services 600 S. Fifth St., Suite 200 St. Peter, MN 56082

Registration & Refund Information

1. **Paid registrations for Community Ed are due at least one week prior to the start of the class.**
2. **Community and Family Education Refunds:** Full refunds will be given when Community and Family Education has to cancel an activity due to low enrollment. Refunds, less a $3 fee, will be given if a person withdraws from a program prior to the registration deadline. Refunds will not be granted if a request to withdraw from the program is made after the registration deadline has occurred.
3. **Recreation Department Refunds:** Full refunds will be given when the Recreation Department has to cancel an activity. Refunds, minus a $3 fee, will be given if a person withdraws from a program. Refunds will not be granted if a program cancellation is made after the program has begun.
4. **U-Care is accepted for Community & Family Education classes (only).** Proof of coverage is required. Class payments vary based on your coverage. Please contact 934-3048 x. 7002 for more information.
5. **Adults with disabilities** are invited to take part in the classes and activities of this brochure. With a ten-day notice, we will make every effort to provide everything necessary for an enjoyable experience. To find out more, please contact Community & Family Education (934-3048 x. 7002) or Recreation and Leisure Services (934-0667).
6. **Photography/Video Policy:**Photographs and videos of participants and visitors may be taken at Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Department and Saint Peter Community and Family Education programs and activities. These images are used to promote programs in brochures and on social media.If you prefer that you or your child (ren) not be photographed during a program, please provide written notice at the time of registration. Forms are available at the respective offices. For non-registered activities or visits to our facilities, notify the photographer if you wish to opt out.

Please note: any opinions or viewpoints that are discussed during a class, event, or activity are directly from the instructor or event organizer and may not represent the philosophy or viewpoints of Saint Peter Community & Family Education or St. Peter Recreation and Leisure Services.

Saint Peter Community & Family Education

934-3048 ext. 7002 – stpeterschools.reg.eleyo.com
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How to register:

In person	Saint Peter Community Center, 600 S. Fifth St., Suite 207
Online	stpeterschools.reg.eleyo.com
Phone	(507) 934-3048 x. 7002

Office Hours:

Mon.–Thu., 8 a.m.–4 p.m.; Fri., 8 a.m.–Noon

Our office will be closed on:
Jan. 1-2, 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 20, Apr. 3, 6
(Online registration is available 24/7)

Follow us on Facebook at: StPeterCommunityEd

Facility Information and Hours *Saint Peter Community Center 600 S. Fifth St., Suite 200*

Community Center Hours

Monday –Friday	6 a.m.–9 p.m.
Saturdays	8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sundays	12 p.m.–6 p.m.

The Saint Peter Community Center offers a variety of amenities including meeting room space, gymnasium, walking track, community room, and more. Visit www.saintpetermn.gov/community-center for more information.

Picnic shelter reservations

Shelters are available at Gorman Park, Gault Park, and Lions Shelter at Roy T. Lindenberg Memorial Pool. Plan ahead and reserve a picnic shelter for your gathering. Forms are available at the Recreation and Leisure Services Office, 600 S. 5th St., Ste. 200. Call 934-0667 or email jenh@saintpetermn.gov with questions. Online reservations begin January 2, 2026. In person reservations begin Monday, January 5, 2026 at 8a.m.

5-Hour rental $60 Res., $70 Non–Res., (tax not included) Hours 10 a.m.–3 p.m. or 4 p.m.–9 p.m.
All Day rental $100 Res., $120 Non–Res., (tax not included) Hours 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

Minnesota Square Park Pavilion is also available to rent. Contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Office for a reservation 507-934-0667 or jenh@saintpetermn.gov

5-Hour rental $100 Res., $125 Non–Res., (tax not included) Hours 10 a.m.–3 p.m. or 4 p.m.–9 p.m.
All Day rental $175 Res., $225 Non–Res., (tax not included) Hours 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

Park Alcohol Permits

Permits are available for alcohol consumption in the parks. To receive a permit, complete a park alcohol permit form. Forms are available at the Recreation and Leisure Services Office, SPCC, 600 S. 5th St., Ste. 200. Call 934-0667 or email jenh@saintpetermn.gov with questions.

Advertise in the Community Center Gym!

Reach thousands of visitors each year by placing your business or organization's ad in the Saint Peter Community Center Gym! Annual advertising space is available for just $425/year (plus a one-time estimated $350 sign production fee). This is a great opportunity to promote your services to a wide local audience in a welcoming, high-traffic environment. For more information or to reserve your space, contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Office at 507-934-0667.

Community Associations/Organizations for Winter 2026

Boy Scouts		**info@twinvalleybsa.org**
Bulldog Youth Hockey		**board@bulldoghockey.org**
Girl Scouts		**girlscouts@girlscoutsrv.org**
Girls Fastpitch	**Kriss Hyland**	**www.stpeterfastpitch.com**
St. Peter Basketball	**Andy Vanderlinden**	**stpeterbasketball@gmail.com**
St. Peter Soccer	**Aaron Nienow**	**president@saintpetersoccer.org**
St. Peter Volleyball	**Cassandra Efta**	**spvajo@gmail.com**
St. Peter Wrestling	**Alex Mercado**	**saintpeteryouthwrestling.com**
St. Peter Youth Baseball	**Jodi Nixon**	**stpeterbaseball.com**

DRAMA

Drama Kids INTERNATIONAL

● **Drama Kids Developmental Drama Program**
Grades K-1. Provides young children with acting, performing, and public speaking classes designed to develop clear speech, fluent delivery and pleasing social skills. Drama Kids highly trained teachers motivate and inspire the students to become articulate communicators through enthusiastic participation in a wide range of acting classes and creative activities including speech, creative movement, improvisation, public speaking, and a special year-end performance.
Drama Kids Staff
Wed., Sep. 3 – May 6, 2:55-3:45 p.m., South Elementary TBD
Register at https://dramakids.com/mankato-st-peter-new-ulm-mn/classes/

● **Drama Kids Upper Primary Children's Theater Classes**
Grades 2-4. Students participate in a wide range of creative activities including speech, dramatic movement, improvisation, snippets and scene starters. At the end of each year, they utilize all the skills acquired in our acting workshops to perform a short, scripted production for parents and friends. In a fun-filled atmosphere, our children's theater classes aim to give young people ongoing confidence, self-esteem and skill in verbal communication.
Drama Kids Staff
Wed., Sep. 3 – May 6, 3-3:50 p.m., North Elementary TBD
Register at https://dramakids.com/mankato-st-peter-new-ulm-mn/classes/

● **DKI Acting Academy**
Grades 5-8. Acting classes for tweens/teens who want to expand their skills in acting, public speaking, and performing. As students participate in our drama enrichment program and stage actual performances, they build confidence and learn to think more creatively. That foundation can have a dramatic impact on academic, personal, and professional success! Regular class activities include speech training, mini scripts (in pairs or threes), monologues, small group improvisations, character analysis, auditioning skill development, and production techniques.
Drama Kids Staff
Wed., Sep. 3 – May 6, 3-4:30 p.m., Middle School TBD
Register at https://dramakids.com/mankato-st-peter-new-ulm-mn/classes/

ART



ART WITH MRS. NYHAMMER

● **Clay Coil Hearts**
For children in grades K & 1. Get ready to get creative with clay! In this hands-on after-school class, students will learn how to make charming clay coil hearts using simple hand-building techniques. We'll explore how to roll coils, shape them into unique designs, and build sturdy, decorative heart forms. Min. 5, max. 20.
Tue., Jan. 27, 3-4 p.m., South Elementary Art Room, Register by Jan. 19, $15. *Please note that this class is only for grades K & 1. The art projects are designed to be age-appropriate and engaging for this age group.*

● **Serene Winter Landscapes**
For children in grades K & 1. Celebrate the season through art! In this after-school class, students will learn to create peaceful, imaginative winter landscapes using a variety of media, including watercolor, pastel, and collage. We'll explore techniques for drawing snowy scenes, adding depth and atmosphere, and using color to capture the quiet beauty of winter. Min. 5, max. 20.
Mon., Feb. 23, 3-4 p.m., South Elementary Art Room, Register by Feb. 16, $10. *Please note that this class is only for grades K & 1. The art projects are designed to be age-appropriate and engaging for this age group.*

● **Sculpted with Love: Clay Rose Hearts**
For children in grades 2-4. Join us for a creative clay adventure as we sculpt beautiful rose hearts made of clay! In this hands-on after-school class, students will learn simple hand-building techniques to form roses and shape them into charming heart designs. We'll explore how to roll, pinch, and layer clay petals to create realistic or whimsical flowers, then assemble them into a heart that's full of texture and personality. Min. 5, Max. 24
Mon., Feb. 2, 3-4:30 p.m., North Elementary Art Room, Register by Jan. 26, $15. *Please note that this class is only for students in grades 2-4. The art projects are designed to be age-appropriate and engaging for this age group.*

● **Whimsical Winter Trees**
For children in grades 2-4. Join us for a magical after-school art adventure as we create whimsical winter trees! In this class, students will explore color, texture, and imaginative design to bring snowy forests to life on paper. Using mixed media materials, we'll experiment with playful patterns, bold shapes, and creative techniques to give each tree its own unique personality. Min. 5, Max. 24
Mon., Feb. 9, 3-4:30 p.m., North Elementary Art Room, Register by Feb. 2, $10. *Please note that this class is only for students in grades 2-4. The art projects are designed to be age-appropriate and engaging for this age group.*

● **Monet Waterlilies**
For children in grades 2-4. Dive into a colorful world of creativity as we explore mixed media waterlilies! In this after-school art class, students will learn how to combine materials such as watercolor, oil pastels, collage papers, and textured tools to create vibrant waterlily scenes inspired by nature. Min. 5, Max. 24
Mon., Mar. 16, 3-4:30 p.m., North Elementary Art Room, Register by Mar. 9, $10. *Please note that this class is only for students in grades 2-4. The art projects are designed to be age-appropriate and engaging for this age group.*

COOKING

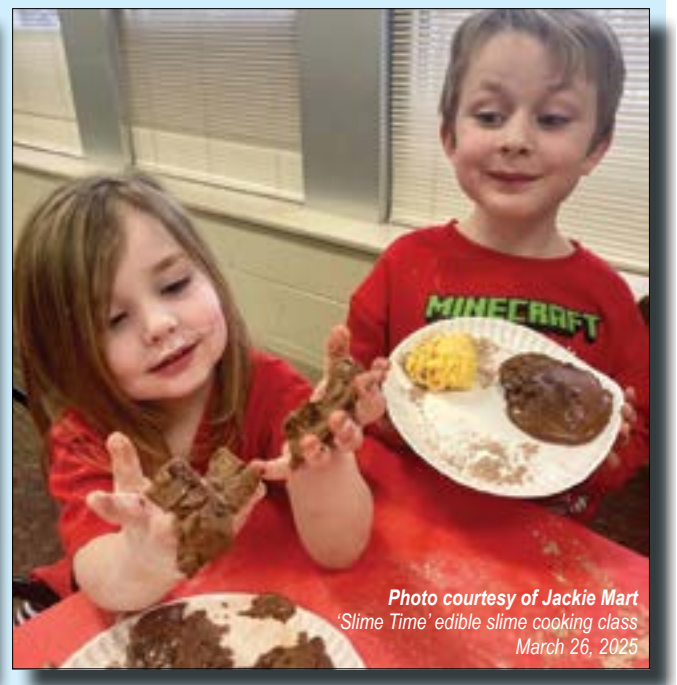


Photo courtesy of Jackie Mart
'Slime Time' edible slime cooking class
March 26, 2025

● **Divine Dips** *(Children's cooking class, 1 hour)*
Grades K-6. Dips can take anything from ordinary to extraordinary! Whether you want to mask the taste of those veggies or experiment with some new flavors, this class is for you! All supplies are included. On the Menu: Marshmallow Fruit Dip, Dill Pickle Dip, Pizza Hummus. Min. 6, max. 12.
Jackie Mart
Wed., Feb. 4, 4-5 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Register by Jan. 26, $32

● **Pass the Popcorn Please** *(Children's cooking class, 1 hour)*
Grades K-6. Movie night isn't complete without popcorn and other sweet and salty treats! These recipes will be in high demand any day of the week! All supplies are included. On the Menu: Nacho Cheese Popcorn, Unicorn Popcorn, Ranch Popcorn. Min. 6, max. 12.
Jackie Mart
Mon., Mar. 23, 4-5 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Register by Mar. 16, $32

● **Prized Pancakes** *(Children's cooking class, 1 hour)*
Grades K-6. Pancakes are wonderful for breakfast, snack or even as a dessert! In this class we will be making a variety of light and fluffy creations you kids will love that are anything but the classic pancake! All supplies are included. On the Menu: Fruity Pancake Tacos, Pancake Sausage and Egg Sliders. Min. 6, max. 12.
Jackie Mart
Wed., Apr. 22, 4-5 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Register by Apr. 13, $32

STEAM / STEM

Tech Academy
By Computer Explorers

Tech Academy offers at-home VIRTUAL workshops for Winter 2026!
Home technical requirements for ALL classes:

- Computer: PC [Windows 10 or later] or Mac [OSX] with at least 2GHz processor and 4GB RAM
  Chromebooks, tablets and phones typically DO NOT work
- Internet: Broadband internet
- Webcam, microphone and speakers
- Zoom installed on computer
- Students should be comfortable using PC, mouse, and keyboard

● **Video Game Design**
Grades 4–8. Learn how to develop your own game! Students will create a maze using Construct 3, a visual coding platform that teaches students the basics and structure of programming. Basic computer skills are required. *Additional technical requirements: Construct Website, Construct account (sign-up info will be provided before class).*
Sat., Feb. 7, 9 a.m.–12 noon, Register by Jan. 26, $55 per student

● **Intro to AI Coding**
Grades 3–6. We will introduce kids to the fundamentals of coding and artificial intelligence through Scratch; a visual programming language designed for young learners. Campers engage in hands-on projects and collaborative activities that build foundational coding skills while exploring how AI works in fun and creative ways. *Additional technical requirements: Scratch Website, Scratch account (sign-up info will be provided before class).*
Sat., Feb. 28, 9–11 a.m., Register by Feb. 17, $40 per student

Call Saint Peter Community & Family Education at 934-3048 ext. 7002 to register, or sign up online at stpeterschools.reg.eleyo.com.

MUSIC



● **Private Piano Lessons with Noah W.**
Ages 6–Adult. Noah Wilson holds a degree in Piano Performance from MSU Mankato. Although he is a classical performance major, he has also served as the pianist for the Jazz ensemble and combo at his school and has performed a diverse range of genres and styles. His work has earned high praise from critics and reviewers as well as directors and employers. **Private piano lessons are available Monday and Wednesday afternoons/evenings beginning in January (schedule TBD). Call 507-934-3048 ext. 7003 to inquire about the schedule and to book a lesson time.** Thirty-minute lessons, $24/lesson, scheduled month-to-month. Forty-five-minute lessons are also available at the rate of $33/lesson.

Southern Minnesota School of Music

Southern Minnesota School of Music is pleased to offer a variety of private music lessons in Saint Peter. Lessons are held at Saint Peter Community Center or Saint Peter High School.

INSTRUCTORS & LESSONS for WINTER-SPRING 2026



Grace Kunkel
Piano



Chris Walchuk
Guitar & Ukelele



Erica Swanson
Violin & Viola



Michelle Sedivy
Voice

Find instructor and program info and register directly with Southern Minnesota School of Music at southernmnsom.com.

Families are encouraged to apply for a Connecting Kids scholarship toward the cost of lessons. Families can also apply for a scholarship through Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. Click 'Scholarship Opportunities' on the SMSOM home page.

30, 45, or 60-minute sessions on any of the following instruments:
violin, viola, guitar, piano, voice, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, saxophone, flute, clarinet, drums

LESSON RATES:

Semester I	Week of August 31st – January 11th	17 lessons

**Due to the drive to St. Peter, 20-minute lessons have been discontinued to make teaching more sustainable for instructors.*

30 min:	$140 per month via ACH or $700 for Semester I in full
45 min:	$187 per month via ACH or $935 for Semester I in full
60 min:	$221 per month via ACH or $1105 for Semester I in full

Payment can be made in full for a 10% discount, OR monthly via ACH on the 3rd of the month. Register for lessons at our website (https://www.mankatosom.com/) and select St. Peter Community Education as your lesson location choice.



● Private Lessons - Percussion

For all ages and abilities. Do you want to improve your percussion skills? Are you interested in learning techniques for drum set, marimba, hand drums, and marching percussion? Then this is for you!! A long-time GDBC member and instructor since 1999, Justin Tollefson brings extensive teaching experience from the Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band (where he taught for 12 years) and various programs across Minnesota and globally. He holds a B.A. in Percussion Performance from MNSU-Mankato and has earned credits toward a Master of Arts in Teaching. **Please bring your sticks, mallets, practice pad, and metronome to your lessons.** Call (507) 934-3048 x. 7003 to inquire about lesson days/times.
30-minute lessons in person (5-8 PM), SPHS Band Room, Music Practice Rm. 4
Sess. 1: Mondays, Jan. 12 - Mar. 2 (skip 1/19 & 2/16; 6 weeks) Register by Jan. 5, 30-minute lessons, $75
Sess. 2: Mondays, Mar. 16 - Apr. 27 (skip 4/6; 6 weeks) Register by Mar. 9, 30-minute lessons, $75





■ Early Release Days

K & up. Early out days are stressful. Send your kiddos to the Saint Peter Community Center and Recreation Staff will keep them busy until the end of the normal school day! Register online or with the Recreation Office. South Elementary students can be transported on Bus #1. Max 30 participants.
Fri., Jan. 16 – MN DNR Presentation
Fri., Mar. 6 – Tori's Precious Pets
Thu., Apr. 2 – TBD
Fri., May 8 – Exploration Recreation and Library on the Loose
1–3 p.m., Library Meeting Room, $5 per day

■ Dance Piece and Performance

Ages 10 and up. We're looking for 3-5 kids to participate in a dance piece for a Composition 2 final at Gustavus Adolphus College. Participants will learn, and have a chance to help create, a 2-3 minute dance. All children, regardless of ability or experience, are invited to participate.
Tuesdays 3:30-4:30, January 13 – February 17
Performance is Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Kresge Dance Studio at Gustavus Adolphus College

■ Tiny Tot Time

Ages 0–12. This is a free open play time for families. No registration required. Self-led activities. Clean/dry shoes please.
Sat., Mar. 7 – Soccer
Sat., Mar. 14 – Basketball and Floor Hockey
Sat., Mar. 21 – Fitness/Tumbling
Sat., Mar. 28 – Volleyball and Pickleball
9–11a.m., SPCC Gym, Free

■ Child & Baby-Sitting Safety (CABS)

Grades 4 and up. The Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) program from the American Safety and Health Institute provides everything you need to know for safe and successful babysitting. The YouTube "vlogger" style presentation of the video brings a youthful and high-energy spirit to the program content along with handouts, demonstrations, and additional resources. At the end of class, the students will receive their certification card along with instructions to access a digital copy of the Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) Student book. From getting started with your business, to collaborating with parents and children, to key safety, caregiving, and first aid tips, CABS will help set you up for babysitting success. Students must be present for the entire class and complete achievement of the core learning objectives to receive certification valid for two years. Students attend this class independently and should come prepared with a notebook and pen.. Min. 8.
Fri., Mar. 20, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., SPCC Rm. 300, $35

■ Home Alone

Grades 2 and up. Is your child ready for the independence of being home alone? Parents need to be sure their children have the skills and maturity to handle the responsibility safely. Whether it is for an hour after school or several hours a day during the summer, being trusted to be home alone can be a positive experience for a child who is mature and well prepared. This class for children will address several topics relating to being "Home Alone" including age guidelines, safe habits, house rules, after school routines, phone calls and door knocks, dog emergencies, personal safety, handling the unexpected, gun safety, severe weather, fire safety, intruders, and first aid tips. Students attend this class independently and should come prepared with a notebook and pen. Parents are encouraged to review the take home information and discuss it with their child. Min. 8.
Fri., Mar. 20, 12:30–2:30 p.m., SPCC Rm. 300, $15

■ Creative Play Place

Ages 0–6. Need to switch up your routine with the kids? Want the kids to have a play date with others? Maybe you need a space for your kid's birthday party? Check out Creative Play Place! It's a great place for kids to play, imagine and create their own fun! Visit www.saintpetermn.gov/creative-play-place for more information. Saint Peter Community Center Room 127. No registration required. Cost to play is free. Birthday party – there is a rental fee. Contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Office 507-934-0667. Friday morning is gym time in Room #310A and classroom Room #127.

Hours	**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9–11 a.m.**
	Tuesday and Thursday 5–7 p.m.

***Storytime in the Library: Wednesdays 10:30a.m.**

Special Events

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■ Family Open Gym
This time is reserved for families with young children to play basketball, soccer, jump rope and other activities in the gym. Second Friday of the month, 6–8p.m.
Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8

■ Parent's Night Out!
Ages 3 and up.
Date night? Laundry night? Nap time? Whatever you choose to do just know Recreation Staff will tire your kids out by providing fun activities for the evening! A snack and beverage will be included. Activities will be in Room 219 and throughout the Community Center. Please register ahead of time online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office for each night separately. Children must be toilet trained to attend.
Fridays, 6–9 p.m., $9 per child, $5 for each additional child, SPCC Rm. 219
Jan. 2 & 16, Feb. 6 & 20, Mar. 6 & 20, and Apr. 17

■ Parent's Day Out
Ages 3 and up. Recreation Staff will keep the kids busy for a few hours while you work a half day, do some shopping or have some much-needed quiet time! Register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office. Children must be toilet trained.
Non School Days, 1–5p, Saint Peter Community Center #310B, $16 per child, $12 per each additional child.
Mon., Jan. 19, Mon., Feb. 16

■ Morning Madness
Ages 3 and up. Recreation Staff will keep the kids busy for a few hours while you work a half day, do some shopping or have some much-needed quiet time! Register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office. Children must be toilet trained.
Non School Days, 8–12p, Saint Peter Community Center #310B, $16 per child, $12 per each additional child
Mon., Jan. 26, Fri., Feb. 13, Fri., Mar. 20, Mon., Apr. 6, Fri., Apr. 24

■ MN Nice Night
Adult Fun. Bon Fire. Skating. Music. Snowshoeing. Yard games. An adult evening at the ice rink! Warming House will be open as well. No registration required.
Fri., Feb. 6, 6–9 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park Ice Rinks

■ Snow Day in the Park
Family Fun. Frisbee golf in the snow?! Yes please! We will have snowshoes you can try, bon fire, music, and fun for the whole family!
Sat., Feb. 7, 10–1 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park Ice Rinks

■ Raptor Center!
Family Fun. A bald eagle will grace us with his presence! Please enter the gymnasium quietly!
Fri., Feb. 13, 1:30–2:15 p.m., Saint Peter Community Center Gym, Free.



■ Daddy Daughter Dance – Rhinestone Rodeo
All ages. There will be games, activities, dancing and of course, snacks! Please register online or with the Recreation Office.
Sat., Mar. 7, 6–8 p.m., SPCC, $25 per couple, at the door $30 per couple, $5 per additional person

■ Bag Sale & Food Drive
All ages. Join us on this non-school day, for a Bag Sale Book Fair! Bring a non-perishable food item and a bag. Fill up your bag with new and gently used books to enjoy! There will be books for children and adults.
Mon., Mar. 30, 8:30–12p.m., SPCC Room #219, Free

■ Pool Party!
Ages preschool – 5th Grade. On this non-school drop your kids off at the Indoor Pool for an afternoon of swimming! Please provide your child (ren) with a life jacket. Register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office.
Mon., Mar. 30, 1–3 p.m., Saint Peter Middle School Pool, $7 per child

■ Bounce Party!
All ages. We will have bounce houses in the gym and other fun activities on this non-school day! Please have an adult supervising your kid (s) at all times.
Fri., Apr. 3, 1–4p, Saint Peter Community Center Gym

■ Family Karaoke Night!
All ages. Laddie will be here with over 10,000 song options for families to enjoy an evening of karaoke! No registration required. Free and open to the public.
Fri., Apr. 24, 6–8p, Saint Peter Public Library Children's Area

■ Pop up parties!
All ages 0–14. The Recreation and Leisure Services Department will have pop up events, weather depending, this winter! Watch our Facebook page for more information! Events may include sledding, skating, snowshoeing, snowmen building!
Saint Peter Parks, Free

■ Non School Days
January 1 – Community Center Closed
January 2 – Open Gym Basketball 2–5p
January 19 – Parents Day Out, Open Gym Basketball 2–5p
January 26 – Peace Day Crafts: Library, Morning Madness
February 13 – Morning Madness, Raptor Center @ 1:30p
February 16 – Parents Day Out
March 20 – Morning Madness
March 30 – Bag Sale for the Food Shelf, Pool Party
April 3 – Bounce Party
April 6 – Morning Madness
April 24 – Morning Madness

■ Save the Date! Summer Kickoff
A community gathering for everyone to enjoy the start of summer. Community vendors! Bounce houses! Music! Food Trucks! Door prizes! Activities! Music!
Mon., Jun. 8, 5:30–7:30p.m., Minnesota Square Park

Youth Sports

■ eSports Gaming
School aged. Don't have the capability to do this from home? Come to the library during open eSports gaming time to play a variety of games online! All equipment is provided. This is a supervised open play for kids 8 and older.
*No eSports Monday, January 19, February 16
Mon. and Wed. 3:30–5p.m., Saint Peter Public Library Meeting Room, Free.
****Last day of eSports is Wed., May 27, 2026.**

■ Indoor Soccer Camp
Ages 4–8. Learn the basics, have fun and play some games with friends. Please register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office.
Sun., Mar. 8–29, Saint Peter Middle School Gym, $40.
Ages 4–5: 3–4 p.m.
Ages 6–8: 4:15–5:15 p.m.

■ Martial Arts
Ages 7 and up. Classes will begin with stretching/warmups. Followed by training in the techniques and principles of the Bu Ryu Do System. Wrapping up with self-defense applications of these techniques. Classes open to Beginners. Register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office.
Mon. and Wed., Jan. 7–Mar. 30, 6:30–8p.m., Saint Peter Community Center #310A, $45.

■ Youth Pickleball Clinic
The gym is reserved for youth ages 8–16 who do not know how to play or are just learning the game of pickleball. There will be folks there to answer any questions you have and teach you some basics! Register online or with the Recreation Office. Saint Peter Community Center Gym. $3 per player.
February 27, 6–7:30p.m.
April 24, 6–7:30p.m.

■ Jr. Jammers Basketball
Grades K–2. Boys and Girls. Practice will start with fundamentals and then move into games of 3v3 game on lowered hoops. Led by Coach Keating. Register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office.
Sat., Mar. 7–28, 8:30–9:30a.m., Saint Peter High School Gym, $60

■ Youth Pickleball
All ages. The gym will be set up for youth pickleball after school. Equipment is provided. Please have dry shoes before entering the gym. No registration required.
Wed., Mar. and Apr., 3:30–5p.m., Saint Peter Community Center Gym, Free

■ Youth Flag Football
Grades K–4. We just can't kick the habit of loving this game! Gustavus football players will provide a supportive environment for participants to learn new skills, exercise and be part of a team. Youth Football emphasizes skill development and sportsmanship. Teams will practice each night and end with a short game. Register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office. Each player will receive a team t-shirt and mouth guard.
Mon., Apr. 6–27, $25, 6:30–7: 30p.m., Scholarship America

■ Skateboarding Lessons
All ages. Whether you are an absolute beginner or an advance skater, you will learn how to improve your skateboarding with skateboarding instructor Andrew Slocum. Andrew will meet you where your skill level is at and develop your abilities from there. Register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office.
Wed., Apr. 22 & 29, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park Skatepark, $50 per lesson. Max of 6 per day.

■ Open Gym at Saint Peter Community Center Gym

Open Gym is intended for individual public use and not for organized group activities, outings, or structured events.

- Check the City Website for a monthly calendar to be posted
- Contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Office for potential updates/ cancellations.
- Free
- **Open gym policies:**
  - Clean non-marking gym shoes are required.
  - Courteous behavior towards staff and other program participants is expected.
  - Fighting, arguing and profanity will not be tolerated.
  - Gym users may not loiter in or around the facility during open gym.
  - Failure to follow these expectations may be cause for immediate dismissal from the facility.

Call the Recreation and Leisure Services Office, 934-0667 for information about cancellations and closings.

SAINT PETER YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS

■ **St. Peter Baseball Association (SPBA)**
Ages 7U–9U. Youth summer baseball 2026 registration will be posted on our website on with registration open January–February 13, 2026. saintpeterbaseball.com

■ **St. Peter Soccer Club**:
We are a non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing a positive, safe, and fun soccer experience for the youth of St. Peter and the surrounding communities. Register online: www.saintpetersoccer.org. Questions contact the President president@saintpetersoccer.org
Spring/Summer Registration opens January 1, 2026

■ **Girl Scouts of Saint Peter Area**
ALL girls in grades K–12. As Girl Scouts, members discover the fun, friendship, and power of working together! Being a part of Girl Scouts helps individuals develop their full potential. They relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect, develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision making. They contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others. Girl Scouts grow courageous and strong through a wide variety of enriching experiences, such as field trips, skill-building sports clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships.
Register anytime at girlscoutsrv.org/join or contact girlscouts@girlscoutsrv.org, or area Troop Leader/SUM, Sarah Chambers at chambers.sarah@gmail.com for more information.

■ **Cub Scout Pack 58**
Boys and girls entering Grades K–5 for 2025–2026 school year. Cub Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of young boys and girls (kindergarten through fifth grade) and their families. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. Family involvement is an essential part of the program, and parents are encouraged to play an active role. Cub Scouting helps parents make the most of the time they have to impact the lives of their children. Meetings are 3 Tuesdays a month at 6:30 PM at First Lutheran Church in St. Peter.
Register anytime at https://beascout.scouting.org/. For more information, contact pack58leader@gmail.com.

ECFE
Early Childhood Family Education

Saint Peter Early Childhood Center
100 Lincoln Drive Suite 219B
(North entrance of St. Peter Middle School, Door V)



ECFE
Class Offerings Winter/Spring 2026

Toddlers (9-24 months)
This class is perfect for active toddlers who are curious, energetic, and eager to explore the world around them. It also offers a valuable opportunity for parents to connect, share ideas, and discuss the joys and challenges of raising young children.
Thursdays, Jan. 29–May 7, 8:30–9:45 a.m.

Multi-aged (0-5) class at Gustavus Arboretum
Join Ms. Nancy at the Arboretum for a fun-filled class where little ones can discover the wonders of nature! Through captivating stories, songs, and hands-on activities, children will learn about the natural world around them. This class combines outdoor exploration with engaging activities that spark curiosity and foster a love of nature.
Thursday, May 21, 5:30-7 p.m.

Separating ECFE Classes
These classes are designed to foster children's listening skills, movement, communication, and curiosity through engaging circle time, as well as individual and group activities. In the second half of each class, parents will join a discussion led by a licensed parent educator, covering valuable parenting topics and providing a supportive community experience. Min. 4, max. 8.

Multi Age (0-5)
Sess 1: Mon., Feb. 2 –May 11, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
Sess 2: Wed., Jan. 28 –May 6, 8:30–10 a.m.

2s and 3s
Tues., Jan. 27 –May 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

ECFE Fees

Fees for all Joy of Parenting classes and sibling care are based on a family's yearly gross income. Payments are confidential. Consider the sliding fee and choose what your family can afford. No Saint Peter School District resident will be denied participation due to inability to pay. Call 934-4211 with questions.

Family's Yearly Gross Income	Winter Session Fee
$0–$20,000	$8
$20,000–$30,000	$22
$30,000–$40,000	$30
$40,000–$50,000	$39
$50,000–$60,000	$63
$60,000 +	$88
Non-resident	$108

If you are eligible for UCare, you may use your UCare card to pay.
(Non-resident availability confirmed Jan. 8)

Saint Peter Early Childhood Center

To Register or for more information:

- **In person:**
  Saint Peter Early Childhood Center or Community Center, Suite 207
- **By phone:**
  507-934-3048, Ext. 7003
  or 507-934-4211, Ext. 2018
- **Online 24/7:**
  stpeterschools.reg.eleyo.com

Aquatics

● = Community & Family Education | 934.3048 ext. 7002 | stpeterschools.reg.eleyo.com
■ = Saint Peter Recreation & Leisure Services | 934-0667 | saintpetermn.gov



American Red Cross Swim Lessons
- All classes are held at the Saint Peter Public School and Community Pool (100 Lincoln Drive)
- To register – www.stpeterschools.reg.eleyo.com, (507) 934-3048 x. 7003, or Community & Family Education Office in Community Center Room 207.

Sess. 1: Evenings, Tue. & Thu., Jan. 6–29 (Register by Jan. 5)
Sess. 2: Mornings, Sat., Jan. 10–Feb. 28
Sess. 3: Evenings, Tue. & Thu., Mar. 10–Apr. 7 (skip 4/2) (Register by Mar. 2)
Sess. 4: Mornings, Sat., Mar. 14–May 16 (skip 4/3 & 4/25) (Register by Mar. 2)

● Water Babies/Aqua Tots
Age 6 mos.–4 yrs. Parent/Child Class. Introduction of basic skills and safety topics. Basic skills include kicking, bubble blowing, underwater exploration, bobbing, floating, and combined arm and leg actions. Children must wear a swim diaper or plastic pants with their swimsuits. A caregiver (age 18 or older) is required to be in the water with each child. Min. 4, max. 10. 8 lessons, $37.
Sess. 3: 6:00–6:30 p.m.
Sess. 4: 9:00-9:30 a.m.

● Preschool 1
Age 4-5 yrs. Helps children feel comfortable and enjoy the water safely. Learn water adjustment, breath control, submerging, and buoyancy on front and back with support (No parent in water with child.) Min. 4, max. 8. 8 lessons, $40 (ratio of instructor to child 1:5).
Sess. 1: 6–6:30 p.m.
Sess. 2: 9:45–10:15 a.m.
Sess. 4: 10:30–11:00 a.m.

● Preschool 2
Age 4-5 yrs. Builds on the skills learned in Preschool 1 and teaches fundamental skills such as floating and basic locomotion. Additional skills introduced include finning, treading, and bobbing. (No parent in water with child.) Min. 4, max. 8. 8 lessons, $40 (ratio of instructor to child 1:5).
Sess. 3: 6:00–6:30 p.m.

● Level 1
Age 6 yrs. Introduction to Water Skills. Learn front and back supported and independent floating/kicking, alternating arm action, water safety rules, and use of a life jacket. Min. 4, max. 8. 8 lessons, $50.
Sess. 3: 6:40–7:15 p.m.
Sess. 4: 9:45–10:20 a.m.

● Level 2
Age 6 yrs. and up. Fundamental Aquatic Skills. Learn submerging, front and back glide, jellyfish and back float, treading, and swim on front and back 15 feet. Level 1 pre-requisite. Min. 4, max. 8. 8 lessons, $50.
Sess. 1: 6:40–7:15 p.m.
Sess. 2: 9:45–10:20 a.m.
Sess. 4: 10:30–11:05 a.m.

● Level 3
Stroke Development. Learn to jump into deep water–kneeling dive, rotary breathing–survival float, tread water, front crawl, elementary backstroke, flutter, dolphin, and scissors kick. Level 2 pre-requisite. Min. 4, max. 10. 8 lessons, $50.
Sess. 2: 10:30–11:10 a.m.
Sess. 3: 6:40–7:20 p.m.
Sess. 4: 9:00–9:40 a.m.

● Level 4
Stroke Improvement. Learn standing dives, swim underwater, survival swimming, open turn, front and back crawl, butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, and sidestroke. Level 3 pre-requisite. Min. 4, max. 10. 8 lessons, $50.
Sess. 1: 6:40–7:20 p.m.

● Level 5
Stroke Refinement. Learn shallow dive, surface dives, flip turn, front and back crawl, butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, sidestroke, and sculling. Level 4 pre-requisite. Min. 4, max. 10. 8 lessons, $50.
Sess. 2: 10:30–11:10 a.m.

● Private Lessons
$70, Three 30 min. lessons per child. One on one private lessons must be arranged through Community and Family Education, call 934-3048 to register.

● Semiprivate Lessons
$100/pair, Three 30 min. lessons for two children at the same level. Semi-private lessons with a ratio of one instructor to two students. Lessons must be arranged through Community and Family Education. Call 934-3048 to register.

● Lifeguard Training
For ages 15 years old and up, or during the course of the class. Learn all the skills required for being a lifeguard. Classes must be successfully completed, and none may be missed. This class has an online component and will be a blended learning course. Participants will be responsible for viewing 10 hours of online instruction and videos through the Red Cross website (available only through Internet Explorer). Students will be certified for 3 years upon successful completion of the rescue skills test, a CPR skills test, and a written test. Students with valid certificates are eligible to apply for open positions at area pools. If you successfully passed the Junior Lifeguarding course, you may be eligible for a full scholarship for this course. Min. 6, max. 14
Nicole Ruhland
Sat. & Sun., Jan. 24, 25, Feb. 7, 8, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., $140, Register by Jan. 12

● Water Safety Instruction
For ages 16 years old and up, or during the course of the class. This class has an online component and will be a blended learning course. Participants will be responsible for viewing 10 hours of online instruction and videos through the Red Cross website (available only through Internet Explorer). A sound background in all six swimming strokes is required. Classes must be successfully completed and none may be missed. A 7-point written test and a performance test will be given. Candidates will perform several teaching presentations to the class. Certification will be granted only upon successful completion of the course. Students with valid certificates are eligible to apply for open positions at area pools. Min. 6, max. 14.
Nicole Ruhland
Sat. & Sun., Feb. 21, 22, Mar., 7, 8, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., $136, Register by Feb. 9.

ADULTS

● Early Morning Lap Swim/Water Walking
Mon., Wed., & Fri., Jan. 5–May 13, 5:45–7:15 a.m., $4 per time or $68 for a 20-punch ticket
No swimming - Jan. 19, Feb.16, Mar. 20, Apr. 3, 6,

● Evening Lap Swim/Water Walking
Tue. & Thu., Jan. 6–May 14, 7:15-9:15 p.m., $4 per time or $68 for 20 punch ticket

● Afternoon Aqua Fit (Water Aerobics)
Get a great cardiovascular workout in the water! Elevate your heart rate in the training zone without stress to your joints. Appropriate for all levels of fitness. Min. 6, max. 25.
Joy Kelley
Mon. & Wed., 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Drop-in rate is $8/person per class.
Sess. 1: Jan. 5–26, (skip 1/19) 6 classes, $36
Sess. 2: Feb. 2–23 (skip 2/16) 6 classes.
Register by Jan. 26, $36
Sess. 3: Mar. 2–25, 8 classes.
Register by Feb. 23, $48
Sess. 4: Apr. 1–29 (skip 4/6) 8 classes.
Register by Mar. 30, $48



● PADI Open Water Scuba Diving
For proficient swimmers who are 10 years and up. Did you dream of exploring underwater worlds as a kid? Now's your chance to make it a reality! Join this introductory scuba diving class, featuring classroom instruction and an underwater dive at the Middle School Pool. Dive in and discover a whole new world! Before the class, you will view a 4-hour DVD at home. (DVD may be picked up from Community Education the week of Mar. 10. Students 10-13 years old can also take the class if their parent/guardian is a registered participant. This course is eligible for college credit. Contact the instructor for more information at (507) 848-5496 or tomrodgers1521@gmail.com. (Open water certification is an additional charge and may be arranged later.) Bring a sack lunch. Min. 4, max. 8.
Tom Rodgers, PADI Certified Scuba Instructor
Sun., Mar. 15, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Saint Peter Middle School and Community Pool. Register by Mar. 9. $275 (fee includes use of scuba equipment).

FAMILY

● Saturday Open Swim
Work out independently or bring the family for some fun in the water.
Nov. 1–May 9, 1–3 p.m.) $4 per swimmer, pay lifeguard at the pool.
No swimming - Jan. 3, Apr. 4
- Please note that children 9 and under must be accompanied in the water by a caregiver age 18+.

● Girls Swim Days
Join us for an afternoon of fun in the pool just for girls and women. The first 30 minutes will be a large group lesson, followed by 90 minutes of open swimming. This is an opportunity for women and girls to have exclusive use of the pool. Swim under the guidance of an all-female staff of lifeguards and swim instructors. Sundays, Jan. 11, Feb. 1, Apr. 12, & May 3, 1–3 p.m. $4 per swimmer, pay lifeguard at the pool.
- Please note that girls age 9 and under must be accompanied in the water by a caregiver age 18+.

FACILITY USE

Pool Weather Cancellation/Closing Policy: The pool follows the same policy as ISD 508 regarding closings and cancellations. Call the Community Education Weather Information Line: 934-3048 x 411.

● Pool Rentals
Reserve the pool for a birthday party or any group activity. Call Community Education at 934-3048.

The pool is available for rental on:
Fridays at 6–9 p.m., Saturdays at 4–9 p.m., and Sundays at 12–8 p.m.
- Make your reservation at least 2 weeks in advance.
- Please note that children 9 and under must be accompanied in the water by a caregiver age 18+.
- Rental cancellations made less than 7 days before the rental date will not be refunded.

RENTAL FEES PER HOUR

1–25 swimmers	$75 Res./$95 Non-Res.	2 lifeguards
26–50 swimmers	$105 Res./$125 Non-Res.	3 lifeguards
51–75 swimmers	$140 Res./$160 Non-Res.	4 lifeguards
76–100 swimmers	$175 Res./$195 Non-Res.	5 lifeguards

DIABETES PREVENTION

● **I CAN Prevent Diabetes!**
Individuals and Communities Acting Now to Prevent Diabetes
Trained lifestyle coaches will help you learn how to create a healthier lifestyle and prevent diabetes in this diabetes prevention program. Classes are held weekly for 16 weeks and then monthly for 8 months. Class size is limited, call today!
Jen Donkin, RD, CDCES
Mondays, starting February 2, 6:00 pm
Helen White Conference Center (River's Edge Campus), $99 (with incentives offered for regular participation), call Jen at 507-934-7694 to register. Learn more about the program by attending an informational meeting on Mon., Jan. 19, at 6:00 p.m.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

● **Pediatric Caregiver Support Group**
Caregiving is hard work, especially when a child has individual differences and unique abilities. Caring for a child with a disability can leave you feeling burnt out, exhausted, and lonely. Pediatric Caregiver Support Group hopes to leave you feeling supported by caregivers experiencing similar struggles and providing resources you didn't know were available. The Caregiver Support Group is led by its participants, and topics vary each month based on the group's needs.
Hosted by Dr. Sam Olsen (occupational therapist) of Persist Therapy
Third Tuesday of each month at the Community Center, 7:30-8:30 pm. FREE. No registration is required. SPCC Rm 217.

POSITIVE THINKING

● **5 Powerful Techniques to Embrace Positive Thinking**
Positive thinking is about navigating life's obstacle course with confidence and grace—spotting the silver lining in others, celebrating your own uniqueness, and adding that extra sprinkle of positivity to every challenge you face. Through fun, interactive group discussions, you'll discover how negative self-talk can hold you back—and more importantly, how to turn those thoughts around. You'll learn powerful, practical techniques to reframe your mindset, replace negativity with self-belief, and boost your confidence to new heights. This program is specially designed for students in grades 5–12, helping them build resilience, confidence, and a positive outlook during some of the most important years of growth. Through engaging activities and real-life examples, students learn how to handle challenges with optimism, strengthen self-esteem, and develop lifelong tools for emotional well-being. Please bring paper and a pen. Min. 2, max. 10.
Heather Behr, Positive Mindset Coach
Grade 5-8: Jan. 26- Jan. 30 (5 days), 3:30–4:30 p.m., SPCC Rm. 104, Register by Jan. 19, $115.
Grade 9-12: March. 9 - Mar. 13 (5 days), 5:00–6:00 p.m., SPCC Rm. 104, Register by Mar. 2, $115.
ADULTS
Sess. 1: Wed., Jan. 21 - Mar. 4 (7 weeks) 5:00–6:00 p.m., SPCC Rm. 104, Register by Jan. 12, $115.
Sess. 2: Wed., Mar. 18 - Apr. 29 (7 weeks) 5:00–6:00 p.m., SPCC Rm. 104, Register by Mar. 9, $115

SCUBA DIVING

● **See PADI SCUBA lessons on PAGE 7**

YOGA

● **Beginning/Gentle Hatha Yoga**
Strengthen your body and calm your mind with yoga! This class is ideal for beginners of all fitness levels and teaches the health benefits of all the basic yoga poses. In this 60-minute gentle yoga class, strength, mobility, flexibility, balance and breath work will be the main focal points. This class is ideal for you if you are new to yoga or have been away and need a refresher. Yoga mats provided, wear comfortable clothing. ***stpeteryoga112@gmail.com*** Min. 8, no max.
Tressa Bushaw, St. Peter Yoga Studio (112 Grace. St.)
Wednesdays at 6–7 p.m. 6 week sessions, $48.
Sess 1: Jan. 14 – Feb. 18, Register by Jan. 12
Sess 2: Feb. 25 – Apr. 1, Register by Feb. 23
Sess 3: Apr. 8 – May 13, Register by Mar. 9

● **All-Levels Flow Yoga**
A flowing yoga class that will strengthen, heal and detoxify the body and mind. This creatively sequenced vinyasa class consists of poses that are linked to breath leaving you feeling refreshed and strong. Previous yoga experience not required. ***stpeteryoga112@gmail.com*** Min. 8, no max.
Tressa Bushaw, St. Peter Yoga Studio (112 Grace. St.)
Mondays, 5:30–6:30 p.m. 6 week sessions, $48.
Sess 1: Jan. 19 – Feb. 23, Register by Jan. 12
Sess 2: Mar. 2 – Apr. 6, Register by Feb. 23
Sess 3: Apr. 13 – May 18, Register by Apr. 6

DANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY

● **All That Jazz Dance for Adults**
Adults- 18+. Want to get groovy? From New Orleans to funk to Latin, jazz music has many different influences and flavors. In this class, dancers will explore basic, groovy movements in different styles of jazz. Beginners are welcome. Bring clean indoor shoes, like workout or tennis shoes, and wear something comfortable. Be ready to move and groove!
Molly Kay Stoltz
Tue., Jan. 20 - Mar. 24 (10 weeks), 6:30-7:30 p.m., SPCC Rm. 310A (third floor, off the walking track). Register by Jan. 12, $168.

● **Choreography Club for Adults**
Adults- 18+. Learning dance choreography is a fantastic way to exercise your brain, stay active, have fun, and meet new people! Choreography will be jazz-based but may incorporate other dance styles, and will be at a beginner level. Students are also welcome to sign up for the jazz class held right before the club. Doing both is a great way to warm up, practice, or learn steps before working on choreography. Students may be offered opportunities to perform the choreography in public, but are not obligated to do so as part of the club. Min. 5, max 15
Molly Kay Stoltz
Tue., Jan. 20 - Mar. 24 (10 weeks), 7:30-8 p.m., SPCC Rm. 310A (third floor, off the walking track). Register by Jan. 12, $72 (Scholarships are available; please inquire at the time of registration.)

PICKLEBALL

■ **Pickleball**
Max of 32 players per night – registration opens at 8a.m. two days prior to open Pickleball time. Purchase a punch card online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office. No walk-ins. Punch cards are $35 for 20 punches. Daily rate is $3 per player. All equipment provided.
- **Evening Pickleball: Sun., 4–6p.m. and Wed., 6–8 p.m.**
  *No Pickleball Sunday, March 29 and Sunday, April 5.
- **Daytime Pickleball: Mon., Wed., and Fri., 11:15–1:15p.m.**
  *No Pickleball Friday, February 13, April 3

■ **Adult Pickleball Clinic**
The gym is reserved for folks who do not know how to play or are just learning the game of pickleball. Register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office. Saint Peter Community Center Gym. $3 per player. 6–7:30p.m.
Fridays, January 30, March 27, May 22

OPEN GYM

■ **Adult Open Gym**
Ages 18 and up. The gym is reserved for adults to stay active! Basketballs provided. One Pickleball net will be set up with equipment provided. Volleyballs available for peppering or wall drills.
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30–8a.m., Saint Peter Community Center Gym, Free

SNOWSHOE RENTAL

■ **Snowshoes for Rent!**
Bundle up, get outside, and experience the season! Enjoy the winter by taking a snowshoe stroll through the woods. The Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Department provides adult and youth size snowshoes for rent. ***Please call 934-0667 for more information.***
RENTAL FEES *(tax not included)*:
$5 per pair per day, $10 per pair for the weekend
Adult and youth sizes are available. Please call ahead for larger groups, otherwise first come first serve.

FITNESS FOR EVERY BODY

Ages 14 and up. Register online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office. Childcare programming provided during Morning Blend and Active Together. Contact kaylac@saintpetermn.gov to coordinate.
Monthly Fee: $40, $45 with morning childcare due by the 5th of the month and unlimited class access
Punch Card Fee: $60 for 10 classes
Daily Drop In Fee: $10 per class

■ **Morning Blend**
A collaboration of all classes incorporated in to one fun morning workout! Workout at your own pace.
Mon., Tue., Thu. and Fri., 8:30–9:30a.m., SPCC #310A

■ **Active Together**
The focus of this class is building and maintaining athletic abilities. You can expect 45 minutes of various strength training, core work, light cardio, and flexibility exercises. The goal is to assist all participants in becoming confident in their physical capabilities.
Mon., Tue., Thu. and Fri., 10–10:45a.m., SPCC #310A

■ **Fit in 45**
A 45-minute class that combines light cardio with functional strength training and core exercises to improve your overall fitness level. A variety of exercise routines, equipment and bodyweight movements are used to help you increase endurance, strength and balance. All fitness levels ARE welcome!
Tue. and Thu., 5:15–6p.m., SPCC #310A

■ **Stretch and Sculpt**
This yoga inspired class offers flowing movements, connection to the breath, balance work, standing postures and back bends to build strength, and periods of time to stretch and lengthen muscle to build your flexibility. Modifications are offered throughout the practice to meet all levels. Leave this class feeling strong, more flexible, and relaxed.
Wed., 4:30–5:30/45p.m., SPCC #310A

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

■ **Adult Dodgeball**
This is a 5 v 5 co-ed league. Register your team online or with the Recreation and Leisure Services Office. 6 weeks of league and a single elimination tournament to follow on April 20.
Mon., Mar. 9–Apr. 20, 6:30p, 7:30p, 8:30p, Saint Peter Community Center Gym, $85 per team

■ **Adult Coed Sand Volleyball League**
Sunday Funday for adults! League plays on the sand volleyball courts at Veterans Memorial Park. This is a non-officiated league.
Sundays, 4:30–8:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park. If you are a new team, call 934-0667 or e-mail kaylac@saintpetermn.gov at the Recreation and Leisure Services Office to request more information.
Sponsor Fee: $85, Team Fee: $85
Approximate start date: May 3, Double Elimination Tournament: July 26, 9 a.m.

■ **Adult Softball League**
Our adult softball league is a fun but competitive league with a great group of players from around the area. If you are a new team, call 934-0667 or e-mail kaylac@saintpetermn.gov at the Recreation and Leisure Services Office to request softball information/registration materials.
Men's League–Mondays Approximate start date: May 4
Co-ed League–Thursdays Approximate start date: May 7
Double Elimination Tournament to follow end of regular season games.
Sponsor Fee: $325
Team Fee: $300

■ **Community Center Walking Track**

The walking track is free and open to anyone during regular business hours. Strollers, walkers and wheelchairs are welcome on the track. Please have clean walking shoes! 13.5 laps equal one mile.

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Area Adult Learning Cooperative
Nate Warden, Coordinator
Classes are offered Jan. 5- June 18, SPCC Rm. 210. All classes are FREE.

Pre-registration is preferred before starting any class. Call (507) 665-4626 to schedule a visit or for more information.

ABE / GED / Diploma*
Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., & Fri. 9–12:00 noon.
Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., 3:30–7 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
* Diploma students must pre-register by calling 507-665-4626. Classes are free.

English Language Classes
Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., & Fri. 9–12:00 noon.
Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., 3:30–7 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

ONLINE CLASS

Child Development
This course will help students explore the principles of early child development and early childhood career options, as well as provide health and safety information. Content will include early childhood developmental milestones, health, and safety. Students will get an opportunity to explore early childhood careers through lecture, discussion, and guest speakers. In-house certificates will be awarded to students who complete the class.

Students will also complete First Aid/CPR/BBP certification. This will be offered in person at local sites as a follow up to child development.
Mondays, Feb. 2 - Mar. 9, 5:30 - 8:30 pm
SPRING. Pre-registration is preferred before the class starts—call (507) 665-4626 to schedule a visit or for more information.

GUSTAVUS EVENTS

Events at Gustavus Adolphus College
Community members are welcome to campus and to attend Gustavus events.

February
Gustavus Wind Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestra—February 21
February Theatre Production, Mary Zimmerman's The Secret in the Wings— February 19-22
MAYDAY! Peace Conference—February 25 from 3:30 - 5pm

March
Gustavus Wind Orchestra Home Concert—March 14
Gustavus Symphony Orchestra and Choirs—March 18
Winter Jazz Showcase—March 21
Chapel Choir and Lucia Singers—March 28
Spring Dance Concert —March 27-29

April
Spring Jazz Showcase—April 12
Gustavus Wind Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestra—April 18
Gustavus Wind Orchestra Spring Concert—April 18
Handbells Concert—April 19
April Theatre Production—April 23-26

Tips and highlights for visiting campus:
Gustavus events calendar - gustavus.edu/events
Parking - Visitor lots are open any time. Non-visitor lots are open for parking after 5 p.m. on weekdays and any time on weekends. No overnight parking without a permit.
A campus map may be found at gustavus.edu/maps
The Book Mark is the College store that carries apparel, office supplies, and gifts.
The Market Place is the award-winning College dining service and is open for community members to enjoy a snack or meal.
The Arboretum has over 2.5 miles of trails and is open every day, year round.

HOME MAINTENANCE

● **First-Time Homeowner Maintenance 101**
New to homeownership? Join Rose Rustman, former Arrow Hardware Store Manager, for this hands-on, stress-free class where you'll learn the essentials to keep your home running smoothly. From changing furnace filters and testing smoke detectors to clearing vents and tackling other key maintenance tasks, you'll leave feeling confident—and ready to take care of your new place. Free and friendly for all first-time homeowners! Min. 4, Max. 20.
Tue., Jan. 20, 7 PM, SPCC Rm. 219, Register by Jan. 15, FREE!

HOME OWNERSHIP

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA Housing Partnership

● **Make it Happen: Your Roadmap to Affordable Homeownership**
Dreaming of owning a home? Learn the steps to become mortgage-ready and explore how Community Land Trust (CLT) homes and Down Payment Assistance programs make ownership more affordable. This 2-hour workshop covers budgeting, credit, financing, and local CLT housing opportunities - plus how to get started with FREE pre-purchase counseling. Take the first step toward owning your house! Min. 5, max. 50.
Ali Joens & Mary Grack, Southwest MN Housing Partnership
Sess. 1: Mon., Jan. 26, 6-8 PM, SPCC Rm. 217, Register by Jan. 19, FREE.
Sess. 2: Thu., Feb. 26, 6-8 PM, SPCC Rm. 217, Register by Feb. 23, FREE.
Sess. 3: Thu., Mar. 26, 6-8 PM, SPCC Rm. 217, Register by Mar. 23, FREE.

● **FREE Community Land Trust Orientation Session** – *Virtual Class*
Learn how a Community Land Trust (CLT) makes homeownership more affordable for families and keeps it that way for the future. This class explains how CLTs separate the land from the home to create lasting stability, benefit homeowners, and strengthen neighborhoods. Whether you're ready to buy or exploring options, get a clear, welcoming introduction to affordable homeownership through a CLT. Min. 5, max. 50.
Elizabeth Hawn, Southwest MN Housing Partnership
Register directly with SWMHP via the QR Code:
Sess. 1: Tue., Jan. 20, 10-10:30 AM, FREE.
Sess. 2: Tue., Feb. 3, 5:30-6 PM, FREE.
Sess. 3: Tue., Feb. 17, 10-10:30 AM, FREE.
Sess. 4: Tue., Mar. 3, 5:30-6 PM, FREE.
Sess. 5: Tue., Mar. 17, 10-10:30 AM, FREE.
Sess. 6: Tue., Apr. 7, 5:30-6 PM, FREE.

● **Realizing the American Dream** – *Virtual Class*
Ready to buy a home? This HUD-approved homebuyer education class is held virtually. Learn every step of the process—from budgeting and credit to financing, inspections, and closing. Explore down payment assistance programs and gain the knowledge and confidence to become a successful, informed homeowner! Course certificate provided upon completion.
Elizabeth Hawn, Southwest MN Housing Partnership
Register directly with SWMHP via the QR Code: Enter "SPCE in question #7 to sign up for FREE (this is a $20 value).
Tuesday & Thursday Virtual Classes
Sess. 1: Jan. 13 & 15, 5:30-9 PM
Sess. 2: Feb. 10 & 12, 5:30-9 PM
Sess. 3: Mar. 10 & 12, 5:30-9 PM
Sess. 4: Apr. 14 & 16, 5:30-9 PM

NATURE & OUTDOORS



● **Turn your backyard into a bustling haven for beautiful birds**
Whether you're a beginner looking to attract new visitors or an experienced feeder seeking fresh ideas, this fun and relaxed session is perfect for you! Connect with fellow enthusiasts, share your best tips, discover new ways to attract a wider variety of birds, and see more color and activity right outside your window. Min. 4, max 25
Elaine Welin
Sat., March 28, 10 - 11:30 AM, SPCC Rm. 219, Register by Mar. 23, $8


Heart Nebula
photo by Mike Lynch

● **Minnesota Starwatch Program with WCCO's Mike Lynch**
Discover the cosmos over St. Peter! Use some of Minnesota's largest mobile telescopes for stunning close-up views of Jupiter, Venus, and star clusters. New, light pollution-proof astronomical cameras will display live, vibrant images of distant galaxies and nebulae. Learn to recognize constellations (Big Bear, Orion, Gemini) and their fascinating myths. A complimentary handout package includes star maps, charts, and a practical guide to buying your own telescope. Mike Lynch is a retired WCCO Radio meteorologist and has been hosting star parties and teaching astronomy classes for over 50 years. He also writes a weekly stargazing column for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and is the author of the book "Stars, a Month-by-Month Tour of the Constellations." It'll be available for purchase at the program. Select Mike Lynch celestial photos, and super cool glow-in-the-dark star shirts will also be available for sale. This program is best suited for adults and children ages 8 and up. An adult must accompany children. Bring a lawn chair to make yourself comfy! Class will be held rain or shine. Min. 20, max. 50.
Fri., Apr. 17, 8–10 p.m., SPHS Commons Area, Register by Apr. 13, $15 per person, $45 per Household

COOKING


Sushi Bob's California Rolls


Sushi Bob

● **Sushi 101**
For Adults. Sushi does not mean raw fish/seafood. Become your own Sushi Chef and impress your family and friends. Sushi Bob will teach you the techniques for preparing healthy and inexpensive MAKI ZUZSHI (Sushi Rolls). In this hands-on class, you will prepare and eat a California Roll, a Cucumber Roll, and a FAT Roll. Preparation, food safety, knife skills, and etiquette will be covered. Min. 5, max. 10
Sushi Bob, Robert Peterson
Sess. 1: Wed., Jan. 14, 6 - 8 PM, SPCC Room 219, Register by Jan. 12, $26
Sess. 2: Wed., Feb. 11, 6 - 8 PM, SPCC Room 219, Register by Feb. 2, $26
Sess. 3: Wed., Mar. 11, 6 - 8 PM, SPCC Room 219, Register by Mar. 2, $26
Sess. 4: Wed., Apr. 8, 6 - 8 PM, SPCC Room 219, Register by Mar. 30, $26

● **Rich & Creamy Homemade Ice Cream (No Eggs, No Cooking, No Machine!)**
Adults. Cool off with a scoop of pure homemade goodness! You'll learn how to make rich, creamy ice cream using just a few simple ingredients—no eggs, no cooking, and no ice cream maker required. We'll whip up three irresistible varieties: classic Vanilla Bean, crowd-pleasing Cookies & Cream, and tangy-sweet Key Lime Pie. Bring your sweet tooth and get ready to chill, mix, and taste your way to frozen perfection! Min. 3, max. 8.
Alena Webster
Thu., Apr. 30, 7-8:30 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Register by Apr. 20, $22

CRAFTING

● **Wire Bound Notebooks**
Ages 14 to Adult. We'll be making 2 notebooks that you can keep in your purse or on your desk. You can use them as an address book or doodle book or whatever your heart desires. One is 4" x 5" and can be personalized (depending on paper choices) and have small designs stamped on the corners of the inside pages as well. The other is 3" x 4" and has lined index cards on the inside. You will be applying scrapbook papers to chipboard for the covers. Instructor will have the machine to punch the holes and add wire binding to create one-of-a-kind personal notebooks. Min. 4, max. 10.
Laura Maki
Sat., Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., SPCC Rm. 102, Register by Jan. 26, $19 class registration + $6 supply fee payable to instructor at class

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Saint Peter
Visit artscentersp.org for more information.

WRITING

● **The Artist's Way with Laura Sonnek**
Must be 18+ for writers, performers, and visual artists seeking to build creative muscle. In this twelve-week session, participants will receive a used copy of Julia Cameron's The Artist's Way, "an indispensable book for anyone following the spiritual path to higher creativity." Each class meeting will include discussion facilitated by visual artist and educator Laura Sonnek, the opportunity to report on goals and progress, and reading/writing assignments for the following week. Min. 7, Max. 12.
Mon., Jan. 26-April 27, (12 classes in 14 weeks, off weeks TBD at first class.)6-7 p.m., at the Arts Center, $60. Advanced registration required.

● **Using Creative Maps to Revise Work with Heidi Newbauer**
Must be 18+. For writers at all levels. Creative maps can aid our writing process in multiple ways. In this class, participants will create maps of both place and metaphor, then learn how to "crack open" their drafts with journal practices and exercises. Participants will create three maps and one new piece of writing, and will learn new resources and exercises to keep the writing fire lit. Min. 3, Max. 9.
Sess 1: Tue., Feb. 3 - 24, (4 classes), 2-4 p.m., Register by Jan. 26, $80.
Sess 2: Tue., Mar. 17- Apr. 7. (4 classes), 6-8 p.m., Register by Mar. $80.

● **Advanced Writing Workshop with Nicole Helget: Rural Voices and Landscapes**
For experienced writers 21+ seeking to deepen their craft through the lens of rural life and landscapes. This workshop focuses on refining narrative voice, enhancing stylistic range, complicating ideas, themes, and issues, and developing authentic storytelling that honors the complexities of rural experiences. Participants will meet twice a month to engage in craft discussions and exercises and in peer critiques, following a guided roundtable workshop model. Each participant will have an opportunity to submit, workshop, and receive feedback on up to 50 total pages. NOTE: This workshop takes place in the instructor's home in rural St. Peter. Contact Ann at 507-351-6521 for additional details on location and accessibility.
Mon., Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 9, 23, Apr. 6, & 27, (8 classes), 6-8 p.m., The final class meeting is a reading at the Arts Center, open to the public. Register by Jan. 8, $280.

FIBER

● **Basic Machine Sewing with Whitney Dirks**
Must be 18+. Own a sewing machine but afraid to use it? Haven't touched one since high school? This 6-session course will familiarize you with all the machine basics. You'll go home with a simple, completed project and the confidence to start sewing on your own. All materials and tools will be provided. Min. 2, max. 4
Wed., Mar. 11-Apr. 15 (6 classes), 5-7 p.m., Register by Mar. 2, $120.

● **Introduction to Crochet & Amigurumi with Lindsay Sweeney**
Must be 18+. Learn the basics of crochet and of amigurumi, the art of crocheting toys and 3D stuffed objects. Participants will learn the fundamentals of crochet, including how to read a crochet pattern, and will create a small toy as a final project. Work time will be included in class so participants can ask questions and solve problems with the instructor's guidance. All materials and tools will be provided. Min. 2, max. 6
Mon., Feb. 2- Mar. 2 (5 class meetings), 6 - 8 p.m., Register by Jan. 26, $95.

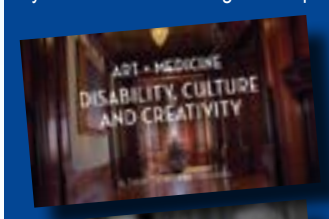
CLAY

● **Spray Glaze Techniques for Potters with AJ Aburto**
Must be 18+. For intermediate and experienced potters. Learn basic techniques and best practices for creating stunning effects with sprayed-on glaze. Bring up to four bisque-fired pieces you're comfortable using as experiments to explore different patterns and finishes. Min. 2, max. 4
Sun., Apr. 5 (instruction and glazing) 2- 4 p.m., & Apr. 26, 2-3 p.m. (collecting work and discussing results) (2 classes) Register by Mar. 30, $60.

● **Watercolor Painting with Michael Callahan**
Must be 18+. Discover the joy and versatility of watercolor painting. In this beginner-friendly class, participants will get acquainted with fundamental tools and techniques, create several original works of art, and relish mistakes as opportunities to learn and experiment. Min. 2, max. 6.
Tue., Feb. 17- Apr. 21 (8 class meetings in 10 weeks, includes two weather-related cancellations), 6-8 p.m. Register by Feb. 9, $160

Viewers Like Us Club

The Documentary Film Series is now the Viewers Like Us Club! Join Twin Cities PBS, Nicollet County Historical Society, and Community & Family Education to watch PBS programs and discuss Minnesota history, food, and culture! The Viewers Like Us Club is a free and thoughtfully curated program designed to bring adults together around meaningful media. It's like a traditional book club but swaps out the latest best-selling novel with award-winning programs from our local PBS station. Each film includes a guided group discussion led by local facilitators designed to spark conversation, encourage reflection, and foster community connection.



Art + Medicine: Disability, Culture, & Creativity
Artists and healthcare clinicians create alternative perspectives on disability through disability, stores, and performances, and redefine what we perceive as normal. Hosted by artist and storyteller Kevin Kling, Professor Jessica Horvath Williams, PhD, and Dr. Tsegaensh Selameab. Created in collaboration with the Art of Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Running time: 60 minutes.
Thu., Feb. 5, 2 PM, Treaty Site History Center, FREE



Hope in the Struggle
This film is a reflection on the life of freedom fighter and civic leader Dr. Josie Johnson, who fought for fair housing, education, and civil rights. Hear in her own words how her experiences turned her to activism, what action looks like, and how the next generation is taking up the mantle. The struggle for justice and equality continues, but there is hope in the struggle. Running time: 60 minutes.
Thu., Mar. 5, 2 PM, Treaty Site History Center, FREE



Broadcast Wars
There was a time when people would stop what they were doing and watch the local evening news. Twin Cities PBS' Broadcast Wars, co-produced by Cathy Wurzer, takes us back a half-century to the era when ratings battles were fierce, women and people of color were making their presence known, technology was rapidly evolving, and local TV news was as vital as it was entertaining. Running time: 90 minutes.
Thu., Apr. 2, 2 PM, Treaty Site History Center, FREE

WRITING

LeeAnne Krusemark is an author, speaker, business owner, Chamber of Commerce Past President, and guest instructor at more than 200 colleges and other institutions from Maine to Hawaii, as well as an adjunct online professor of publishing through Ed2Go at more than 2,000 facilities worldwide, including Harvard.

● **Write Your Life Story**
Adults. You don't need to be famous to have a legacy to leave behind. Create an inspirational autobiography for family, friends, and others. Learn how to recall vivid memories, analyze events and people that shaped who you are, and bring your story to life. Your handout, included in the class fee, will have an outline to help you organize and write your memoir step-by-step. Printing and publishing options will also be discussed. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.
Sat., Mar. 28, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Register by Mar. 23 to attend online via Zoom, $40

● **Content Creation for Cash: Social Media Writing that Works**
Adults. Harness the power of social media to grow your audience and boost your brand—one post at a time. This dynamic class dives deep into crafting scroll-stopping content tailored for each platform, from Instagram reels to Twitter threads. Learn how to write engaging captions, spark viral shares, and use storytelling to build authentic connections that keep followers coming back. You'll also discover savvy strategies to turn likes and comments into real income by monetizing your social presence like a pro. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.
Wed., Mar. 18, 6–8 p.m. Register by Mar. 9 to attend online via Zoom, $30

● **Speak Up, Stand Out: Public Speaking for Beginners**
Adults. Terrified of public speaking? You're not alone—and this beginner-friendly class will help you ditch the nerves and find your voice. Whether you're presenting at work, reading your writing aloud, or giving a speech at a special event, you'll learn the fundamentals of confident, clear communication. We'll cover how to organize your thoughts, speak with clarity and purpose, manage anxiety, and connect with your audience. Through low-pressure activities and practical tips, you'll leave feeling ready to speak up and stand out—no podium panic required. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.
Sun., Mar. 29, 11 AM–1 PM. Register by Mar. 23 to attend online via Zoom, $40

MUSIC



● **Saint Peter Community Choir**
Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Founded in January 2025, the Saint Peter Community Choir has grown into an ensemble of almost sixty voices in less than a year! We sing a variety of secular music, including folk, popular, Broadway/movie, and contemporary choral music. St. Peter Community Choir is not currently open for general enrollment, but we are actively seeking bass and tenor voices! Please contact Community and Family Education (507) 934-3048 x. 1 to be connected with Emily Bruflat, the Artistic Director, to set up a time for an informal audition and conversation about the schedule and commitments. It should take about 10 minutes. ***We are also recruiting an audience: join us for our spring performances in 2026!***

Southern Minnesota School of Music
Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps Since 1927
See page 4 for details on SMNSOM music & Govenaires percussion lessons

VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY

Virtual Technology Classes by Social Club Made Simple
Instructor Nickie Welsh makes learning technology easy and fun! Her goal is to help adults utilize technology to improve their lives positively. Each class is recorded, so if you cannot attend on the class date, you can still enroll and watch it at your own convenience. Nickie is also available to answer any questions via email.

● **Practical ChatGPT Training for Everyone**
Have you been curious about what ChatGPT is exactly and how it may affect you? Learn what you need to know about ChatGPT powered by Artificial Intelligence in this fun and engaging class! You will understand how it works exactly and why it's taking the world by storm. You'll also learn practical everyday uses for ChatGPT in the workforce and at home. Don't get left behind in today's tech savvy world, and attend this upcoming training!
Sess. 1: Tue., Jan. 13, Noon - 1 p.m. Register by Jan. 9 to attend online via Zoom, $25. Class is also available later as a video recording
Sess. 2: Tue., Mar. 17, Noon - 1 p.m. Register by Mar. 9 to attend online via Zoom, $25. Class is also available later as a video recording.
Sess. 3: Tue., May 12, Noon - 1 p.m. Register by May 4 to attend online via Zoom, $25. Class is also available later as a video recording.

● **Fast-Track to Social Media Marketing for Business**
Driving new customer traffic to your website and promoting your business is imperative in today's technology world. Don't let your skillset or company get left behind by missing the key social media rules you need to know! Learn how to craft a simple but effective social media marketing strategy, listen directly to customers, and implement tips to grow your business while staying organized without technology overwhelm.
Sess. 1: Tue., Feb. 10, Noon - 1 p.m. Register by Feb. 2 to attend online via Zoom, $25. Class is also available later as a video recording.
Sess. 2: Thu., May 14, Noon - 1 p.m. Register by May 11 to attend online via Zoom, $25. Class is also available later as a video recording.

● **Phone Photo Rescue Workshop for Beginners (NEW!)**
When was the last time you actually LOOKED at your photos instead of just taking more? If your camera roll is a mess of screenshots, duplicates, and 10,000 pictures you can't find when you need them… this workshop is your intervention. One hour to declutter your phone, organize your memories, learn how to make photo books, and actually protect the pictures that matter most. Plus I'll show you the maintenance habits that keep things manageable going forward. No tech experience required. Just show up ready to rescue those memories!
Sess. 1: Thu., Mar. 5, Noon - 1 p.m. Register by Mar. 2 to attend online via Zoom, $25. Class is also available later as a video recording.
Sess. 2: Thu., May 21, Noon - 1 p.m. Register by May 18 to attend online via Zoom, $25. Class is also available later as a video recording.

IN-PERSON TECHNOLOGY



CLICK AND CONNECT: Tech for Seniors with Elaine Welin

Scholarships are provided on behalf of a St. Peter Public Library donation. Please inquire with Community Education at the time of registration.

● **Navigating Your Smartphone**
Tired of feeling confused by your phone? This practical, step-by-step course is designed to eliminate frustration and maximize your device's incredible capabilities. Learn how to effortlessly:
Customize Your Device: Master settings to make your phone truly yours.
Communicate with Ease: Confidently handle calls, texts, and email.
Capture & Share Memories: Unlock your camera's potential to take, edit, and share photos.
Get Organized: Use apps like Maps, Calendar, and Notes to simplify your daily life.
Bring your smartphone and charging cable. Min. 4, max. 12.
Wed. & Fri., Jan. 21, 23, 28 & 30, 10-11:30 AM, Library Mtg Rm, Register by Jan. 15, $13

● **Tablets 101 - The Basics and Beyond**
Ready to get the most out of your tablet? Whether you just opened the box or have been using it for a while, this friendly, hands-on class is designed just for you! We'll start with the easy fundamentals—like adjusting the brightness and changing your screen settings—and quickly move into the fun stuff:
Stay Connected: Learn how to send and receive emails and video chat with family and friends.
Enjoy Entertainment: Discover how to read the latest news, listen to your favorite music, and find fun, engaging games to play.
Capture Memories: Learn how to take, edit, and save photos on your device.
Safe Surfing: Get smart tips for using the internet comfortably and safely.
Bring your tablet and charging cable. Min. 4, max. 12.
Wed. & Fri., Feb. 4, 6, 11, & 13, 10-11:30 AM, Library Mtg Rm, Register by Jan. 26, $13

● **Social Media for Seniors: Facebook**
Ready to join the conversation? Facebook is a great tool for staying connected, and we'll show you how easy it is! This friendly, introductory class is focused on helping you bridge the distance and catch up with the people who matter most. You'll learn how to:
Follow Family: See photos, videos, and daily updates from your family, friends, and former colleagues.
Share Your Life: Easily post your photos and videos for friends and family to enjoy.
Reconnect with History: Learn how to search for and find long-lost friends, fellow veterans, and former classmates!
Speak the Language: Learn all the Facebook lingo (like "liking" and "sharing").
Note: If you are brand new to Facebook, please have your email address and its password handy. ***Bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone.*** If you have a Facebook account, have it ready to go on your device. Min. 4, max 15.
Wed. & Fri., Feb. 25, 27, Mar. 4, 6, 11 & 13, 10-11:30 AM, Library Mtg Rm, Register by Feb. 16, $15

● **Explore Some Great Features of Google**
Do you use Gmail? Then you already have access to a suite of incredible, free tools! This friendly, hands-on workshop helps you unlock the full potential of your Google account to simplify your life. We'll show you practical skills using features like:
Google Calendar: Effortlessly keep track of appointments and share events.
Google Maps: Plan trips and find directions easily.
Docs & Sheets: Simple ways to create lists, letters, and budgets online.
Plus, learn about Translate and Forms for better communication and organization.
Note: ***You need a Gmail account for this class. Bring your laptop, tablet or smartphone.*** Min. 4, max 15.
Wed. & Fri., Mar. 18, 20, 25 & 27, 10-11:30 AM, Library Mtg Rm, Register by Mar. 9, $13

● **Pinterest 101: Your Digital Idea Scrapbook!**
Ready for the ultimate online idea organizer? Pinterest is a beautiful, easy way to save all your favorite things in one place—like a personal digital bulletin board! In this fun, visual class, you'll learn:
The Basics: What Pinterest is and how to use it.
Creative Vision: Enhance your projects, hobbies, and creative ideas.
Easy Organization: Effortlessly save and organize your favorite recipes and collections on personalized "boards."
Bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Min. 4, max 20.
Thu., Feb. 12, 10-11:30 AM, SPCC Rm. 219, Register by Feb. 9, $8

Senior Activities & Services

Gabriela Roemhildt, Assistant Recreation Program Supervisor
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Saint Peter Community Center, Rm. 219
http://www.saintpetermn.gov/senior-center

BI-MONTHLY SAINT PETER SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Published 5 times a year, this publication is full of up-to-date information and newly added programs. If you would like to receive this free newsletter by mail or e-mail please call the Recreation office 934-0667. The newsletter is also available on-line at www.saintpetermn.gov/senior-center.

Please note that the Senior Center cancels all programs on snow days.

All activities are subject to cancellation or rescheduling. Please follow the City of Saint Peter on Facebook or online at www.saintpetermn.gov/senior-center for up-to-date information.

ENGAGE – CONNECT – LEARN

All activities are subject to cancellation

■ **Better Communication, Better Living!**
Join Personal Hearing Care for an engaging presentation on improving communication and connection — even beyond hearing aids. Learn practical strategies, easy listening techniques, and auditory training tips to make conversations more enjoyable and less stressful. Whether you wear hearing aids or just want to hear and communicate better, this session will offer valuable insights and tools to help you stay connected.
Amanda Bohn, AuD, Owner/Audiologist of Personal Hearing Care
Thu., Jan. 22, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 217

■ **State of the City: City Administrator Todd Prafke**
Hear the latest information from your City Administrator. Bring your questions!
Todd Prafke, City Administrator, City of Saint Peter
Mon., Feb. 2, 11 a.m., SPPC Rm. 217, Free

■ **Let's Talk About Caregiving**
This interactive session offers an opportunity to understand the value of caregiving, discuss its benefits and challenges, and receive information on resources available to Minnesota residents. Knowledge about resources and support is critical in enabling people to remain healthy and safe at home.
Ashley Hagen, Program Developer, MNRAAA
Thu., Feb. 12, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 217

■ **Gotta Go, Gotta Know: Evidence-Based Bladder Wellness with a Urologist**
Join us for a friendly and informative session focused on bladder health and urinary issues in older adults. We'll cover why bladder changes occur with age, practical steps to manage symptoms, and today's most effective treatment options. Our goal is to provide clear, supportive guidance to help you stay comfortable, confident, and active. Questions are welcome in this relaxed, judgment-free environment.
Dr. Christy Godwin, Mayo Clinic Health System Specialty Clinic
Mon., Feb. 23, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 217

■ **Lunch and Learn: Last Mans Club Monthly Meeting**
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
The Last Mans Club has grown in numbers since its inception in 2011. Learn about their mission, the annual golf tournament (sold out since September!) and how you can get involved. Chicken and wild rice soup, bread and dessert will be served. (No Maximum).
Hosted by Last Mans Club, Vietnam War Era, St. Peter Area
Mon., Mar. 16, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free, Registration required with a suggested $5 donation



■ **National Vietnam War Veterans Day with Guest Speaker**
On March 29, Americans come together to commemorate the service and sacrifices made by the nearly 3 million service members who served in Vietnam. Join this annual Saint Peter program by recognizing Vietnam Veterans!
Sun., Mar 29, 5 p.m., Saint Peter Community Center Gym, Free



■ **Senior Expo: Smart. Healthy. Happy.**
Stop by the Community Center for the annual Senior Expo and explore ideas to leading a smart, healthy and happy life! Live music, Raptor Center booth, information, vendor swag, snacks and more will be available. Collection of used eyeglasses and hearing aids, unused or expired prescriptions, retired American flags and non-perishable food items or cash donations for the Saint Peter food shelf.
Thu., Apr. 16, 1—4 p.m., Saint Peter Community Center, Free

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■ **Lincoln Assassination: A Fragile Time**
When John Wilkes Booth assassinated Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War was ending and emotions were high. Killing the President was just part of Booth's plan. Join us to explore this fragile time in our history and the plot that very nearly succeeded in toppling the government.
David Jones, Historical Presenter
Tue., Feb. 10, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 217, Free

■ **The Raptor Center Returns**
As top-of-the-food-chain predators, raptors are our lens into the health of the shared environment. Join us for a special presentation of raptors and an American Bald Eagle!
University of Minnesota Raptor Center
Fri., Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m., SPCC Gym, Free

■ **Religion Programs with Dr. Sarah Ruble**

The Problem of Evil and Suffering in Religious Thought
Evil and suffering have always been realities for human life, but since the nineteenth-century, more and more people have also thought of them as problems for God. Why would a good God allow evil and suffering? Does the existence of evil and suffering demonstrate that there is no God? In this course, we will look at some ways religious thinkers have responded to these challenges and consider why their answer may or may not be compelling.
Sarah Ruble, Professor of Religion, Gustavus Adolphus College
Thu., Feb. 19, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free

Evangelical: A Contested Term in U.S. Religion
The term "evangelical" is a familiar part of the religious and political landscapes in the United States. Both churches and voting blocs can be described as evangelical. But many religious historians have reservations about the word, wondering if it now means too many different things. In this course, we will look at where the term comes from, how it is used today, and what it may or may not tell us about the U.S. religious landscape.
Sarah Ruble, Professor of Religion, Gustavus Adolphus College
Thu., Mar. 19, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free

■ **T. Eugene Thompson Murder Case**
On March 6, 1963, Mrs. Harry Nelson was in her kitchen in St. Paul. At 9:00AM the doorbell rang. Nelson answered the door to see a woman covered in blood and in a bathrobe holding her throat. So began the most famous murder trial in St. Paul and possibly Minnesota. The woman was Carol Thompson married to prominent St. Paul attorney T. Eugene Thompson. The investigation led to a conspiracy on the part of T. Eugene to arrange for the murder of Carol. This presentation discusses the investigation and trial of Thompson.
Presented by James Fleming, Chief Public Defender for the Fifth Judicial District and Second Judicial District, Retired
Thu., Mar. 5, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 217, Free

■ **Prohibition: A Grand Misadventure**
In 1920, the U.S. entered a period during which the manufacture, sale and transport of intoxicating beverages was prohibited. As it turned out, the U.S. also entered a period of lawlessness and corruption, unequaled in its history.
Many Prohibition supporters felt the passage of the 18th Amendment would bring about law and order and restore the family. However, numerous unintended consequences make this period one of the most fascinating misadventures of all time.
David Jones, Historical Presenter
Mon., Mar. 9, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 217, Free

History Comes Alive!
An Afternoon of Minnesota History with Historical Presenter Arn Kind!



■ **The Northfield Bank Raid: Minnesotans Foil the James/Younger Gang**
In late August, early September, one of the most notorious outlaw gangs in history rode into Minnesota intent on robbing a number of prosperous banks in the southern part of the state. The core of the gang was made up of Jesse and Frank James, along with the three Younger brothers; Cole, Jim and Bob. They greatly underestimated the ardor and the resolve of the people of Minnesota.
Wed., Jan. 14, 2:00 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free

■ **The U.S.S. Ward at Pearl Harbor: Minnesotans Fire the First Shot of the Pacific War**
Less than a year before America entered into the Second World War, a bunch of young Minnesotans joined the U.S. Navy. After their training, these men were shipped off to serve their country. These Minnesotans proved to be excellent sailors who were proud to serve on the destroyer U.S.S. Ward stationed in Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. They kept the vessel ship-shape and proved themselves to able sea-men. When the crew of the U.S.S. Ward spotted a submarine trying to sneak in to the harbor entrance on December 7, 1941, the events that followed and the way the crew of the Ward reacted to them would earn all of them a place in the history books.
Wed., Apr. 8, 2 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free



■ **Soul Drums**
Soul Drums is a musical journey that explores music and instruments based in West African and Caribbean music traditions, including Afro-Cuban and Afro-Latin Jazz and more! The journey then continues to include American Soul music. Audiences get to hear & dance to Soul Grooves from around the world! Dr. Berry is an award-winning composer, performing artist, percussionist, and educator. Soul Drums, which often features instrumentalists with rich musical backgrounds is a concept he developed to be both interactive and a great listening experience for audiences of all ages!
Dr. Timothy Berry, Educator, Composer, and Performing Artist
Wed., Mar. 4, 2 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free

THE GREAT COURSES®

Online Learning at the SPCC!

■ **Warping Reality: Inside the Psychology of Cults**
Many of us have a deeply personal drive to seek inner fulfillment. We want to grow as individuals, explore our own potential, and make an important and lasting contribution to the world. It's easy to run into groups that promise to help us along the way, and some of these groups are sincere. When a group, or even a charismatic individual, promises to help us meet our goals but then corrupts our good intentions for their own gain—when they exploit people in an organized fashion—that's when you may have become a member of a cult. And it can happen much more easily than you might think. Three, 30-minutes sessions per Friday will be shown.
Wind Goodfriend, PhD Professor, Buena Vista University, The Great Courses
Fridays, Jan. 9 through 30, 10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., SPCC Rm. 217, Free

■ **Unsung Heroes of World War II: Europe**
World War II is one of the most harrowing and impactful events in human history. Our imaginations may be captured by the sweeping military battles, but the story of war is the story of humans, everyday people trying to do their bit in a world falling apart around them. Men and women of courage and conscience helped change the course of history. Unsung Heroes of World War II: Europe is your chance to meet these and other everyday heroes who have never been given the credit they deserved. Three, 30-minutes sessions per Friday will be shown.
Lynn Olson, Historian and best-selling author, The Great Courses
Fridays, Feb. 6 through 27, 10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., SPCC Rm. 217, Free

■ **Great American Bestsellers: The Books That Shaped America**
Best-selling books have played a critical role in influencing the tastes and purchasing habits of American readers for more than 100 years. But there is more to America's great best-selling books than the sales figures they rake in. American bestsellers also offer us ways to appreciate and understand particular periods of American culture. These lectures are your opportunity to see our nation's best-selling books as more than just popular forms of entertainment that have managed to make their authors lots of money, but as stunning microcosms of American cultural history.
Peter Conn, PhD Professor, University of Pennsylvania, The Great Courses
Fridays, Mar. 6 through 27, 10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., SPCC Rm. 217, Free

Senior Activities & Services

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Weekly Activities @ the Senior Center
Mon. Men's Cards, 1 p.m., SPCC Rm. 104
Tue. Bridge, 1:30 p.m.
Thu. Men's Cards, 1 p.m., SPCC Rm. 104 (no cards 1/1)
Fri. Pfeffer, 1:30 p.m. (No cards 4/3)

Senior Fitness
A health and fitness program designed to help older adults be more active, enjoy a better quality of life and have fun. All fitness levels welcome. Donna Haala, Certified Enhance Fitness Instructor.
Please register online or at the Recreation Office. Virtual session not available on days when the Recreation Office is closed.
Mon., Wed., Fri., 10—11 a.m., SPCC Gym and available virtually, $30
Sess. 1: Jan. 12 – Feb. 13 (no virtual 1/19)
Sess. 2: Feb. 16 – Mar. 20 (no virtual 2/16)
Sess. 3: Mar. 23 – Apr. 24

Educational Opportunities at Gustavus
Members of the local community, that live no more than 25 miles from campus, are invited to take part in the Community Audit Program, which enables persons who are not currently secondary students or degree seeking college and university students to audit up to two courses. The cost per class is $100 plus fees, and instructor permission is required. Call the Office of the Registrar at 507-933-7495.

Day Trips with Mankato Community Education
Day trips are offered as part of a partnership with Mankato Community Education and the City of Saint Peter. All day trips are coordinated by Mankato Community Education (MCE) and registration is done strictly through MCE over the phone, 507-387-5501, or online. Pickup in Saint Peter is from the Saint Peter Community Center off Washington Ave. A staff member from MCE or the City of Saint Peter is on each trip to ensure each patron is accounted for and departure times are monitored. Various trips, days, times and costs!
Scan the QR code for a full list of all upcoming trips!

Walking Track
The Walking Track is open whenever the building is open.



Ewenique Quilters Display
Enjoy unique quilts designed and created by the local quilt guild! View the quilts in the glass case outside Room 219, displays change monthly. For information about Ewenique Quilters, contact Nancy Helgeson at helgeson20@msn.com.

Nicollet County Loan Closet
The Loan Closet provides a public service for people needing personal care equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, bath benches, crutches, canes, commodes, and smaller pieces. Users must be a resident of or own property or land in Nicollet County. Equipment is loaned on a short-term basis not to exceed 6 months. Interested in learning more? Call 507-934-8559.

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MOVIE MONDAYS

Recent and noteworthy movies
at the Saint Peter Community Center!

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 1 p.m.
SPCC Rm. 217, FREE

All films are closed captioning for hearing impaired and ESL.
Movies shown September – May only.

Mon., Feb. 2 **The Holdovers (2023)**
An instructor at a New England prep school remains on campus during Christmas break to babysit a handful of students with nowhere to go. He soon forms an unlikely bond with a brainy but damaged troublemaker, and with the school's head cook, a woman who just lost a son in the Vietnam War.

Mon., Feb. 16 **No Movie**
Office closed in recognition of President's Day

Mon., Mar. 2 **Here (2024)**
Multiple generations of couples and families inhabit the same home over the course of a century.

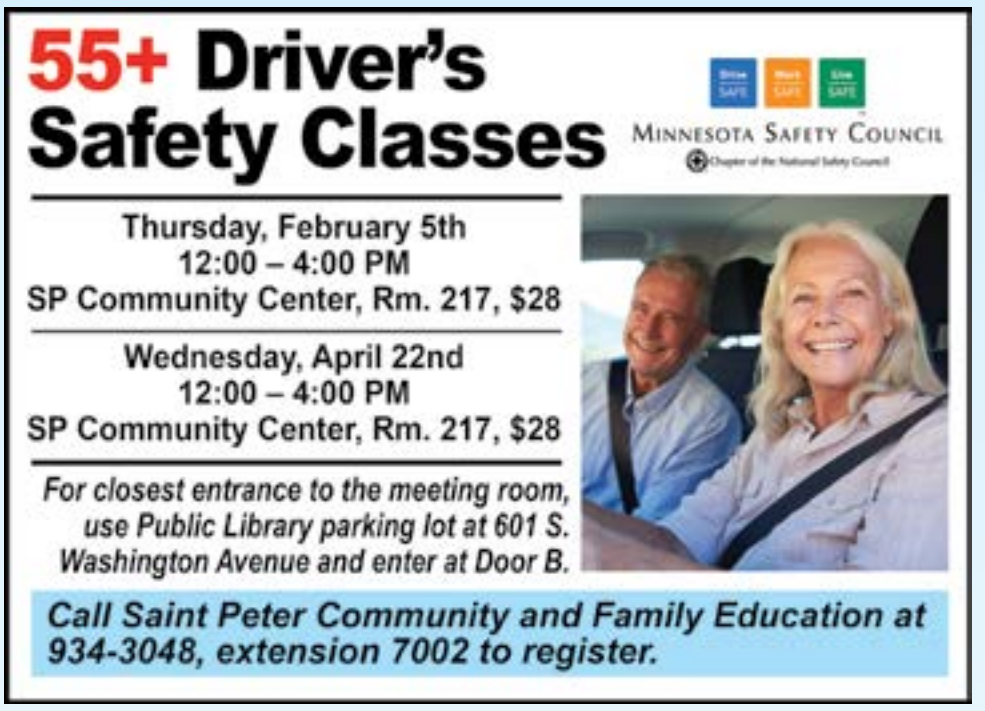
Mon., Mar. 16 **Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story (2024)**
Reeve's rise to becoming a film star, follows with a near-fatal horse-riding accident in 1995 that left him paralyzed from the neck down. After which he became an activist for spinal cord injury treatments and disability rights.

Mon., Apr. 6 **A Complete Unknown (2024)**
In the early 1960s, 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. Forming his most intimate relationships during his rise to fame, he grows restless with the folk movement, making a controversial choice that reverberates worldwide.

Mon., Apr. 20 **Wicked (2024)**
Misunderstood because of her green skin, a young woman named Elphaba forges an unlikely but profound friendship with Glinda, a student with an unflinching desire for popularity. Following an encounter with the Wizard of Oz, their relationship soon reaches a crossroad as their lives begin to take very different paths.

Mon., May 4 **Wicked: For Good (2025)**
Now demonized as the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba lives in exile in the Ozian forest, while Glinda resides at the palace in Emerald City, reveling in the perks of fame and popularity. As an angry mob rises against the Wicked Witch, she'll need to reunite with Glinda to transform herself, and all of Oz, for good.





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LIBRARY MISSION & VISION

The Saint Peter Public Library welcomes all people and fosters a safe environment to connect, learn, discover, and grow. We envision the Saint Peter Public Library as a place where all people can gather and are welcome. We imagine our library as a place to create opportunities for lifelong learning which will strengthen our community. All library programs are free for everyone.

PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL AGE/FAMILY

Storytime
Toddlers/Preschool. Storytime and movement, songs, puppets, crafts, writing and play! You'll get a little bit of everything at Wednesday Storytimes. Check the library calendar for the storytime theme of the week. All storytimes follow the public-school calendar. Storytime schedule subject to change or cancellation.
Wed., 10:30 a.m., SPPL, Free

1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Ages 0-6. This program encourages families to read 1,000 books with their children before they enter kindergarten. Kids who start later will still have time to complete the program before Kindergarten. Prizes will be given for every 100 books read, plus a certificate and prize at the end of the program! This self-paced program begins when you sign up! Pick up a purple folder at the library, complete with tracking sheets, instructions, and stickers during open hours.



Glow Bingo
Families of all ages. When the winter nights are dark, we play glow-in-the-dark bingo! Join us in the Library meeting room for bingo, prizes and snacks! Wear white or neon if you want to glow! This program is made possible by the Friends of the St. Peter Library. Registration required due to space.
Thu., Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m., SPPL Mtg. Rm., Free, Registration Required

We Love our Teeth! Storytime Guest
Toddlers/Preschool. Join storytime dad Dr. Clause, for this special storytime to celebrate Dental Health Month!
Wed., Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m., SPPL, Free

Lunar New Year Celebration
All Ages. The Chinese New Year, or the Lunar New Year, is today! Stop by to learn about this celebration, figure out your Chinese zodiac, participate in crafts, and eat some tasty snacks. No registration required
Tue., Feb. 17, 4-6 p.m., SPPL, Free

An Evening with Kate DiCamillo
All Ages. Join us at the Performing Arts Center to hear from beloved Minnesota author Kate DiCamillo! This event is made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Foundation and the Friends of the Saint Peter Public Library.
Wed., Feb. 25, 6:00 p.m., St. Peter High School, Performing Arts Center, Free

Mini Golf in the Library
All Ages. The High School Teen Advisory Board is hosting mini golf in the library! Play a round of golf that moves around our bookshelves. No registration required. More details coming soon – check the library website and social media.
Sat. Apr. 18, SPPL, Free

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SCHOOL'S OUT LIBRARY EVENTS

Peace Day Activities
School Age. On this day off from school, join us in the library and visit different stations that promote kindness in our world. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Mon., Jan., 26, 1-3 p.m. SPPL, Free

Tori's Precious Pets
All ages. With a great variety of child-friendly animals, Tori will present an exciting and educational program regarding her animals' habitats, care, eating habits and much more. Attendees at this program will have the opportunity to interact with these animals and maybe even feed them. This program is made possible by the Friends of the St. Peter Library.
Fri., Mar. 6, 1:30 p.m., SPPL, Free

Book Sale for the Food Shelf
All Ages – Kids, Big Kids & Adults. Bag the Books, Feed the Need! Bring a non-perishable food item and a bag, and join us on this no-school day, for a Bag Sale Book Fair in room #219! Fill up your bag with new and gently used books to enjoy!
Mon., Mar 30, 8:30–12 p.m., SPCC Rm #219, Free

TEEN LIBRARY EVENTS

2026 Vision Board Night
Ages 10 & up. The High School Teen Advisory Board invites you to envision and plan out your New Year's Goals through pictures and collages!
Thu., Jan. 15, 4-6 p.m., SPPL, Free

Taste Test: Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, & Mountain Dew Types!
Ages 10 & up. We know you loved taste testing Oreos with us, so come try out different Pepsi Products! Dr. Pepper, Strawberries & Cream, Blackberry, Baja Blast, Code Red, and more!
Mon., Jan. 26, 2-3 p.m., SPPL, Free

Super Smash Bros Competition
Ages 10 & up. Join us to show off your gaming skills by participating in our Super Smash Bros Competition. This event is hosted by the Middle School Teen Advisory Board. Sign up ahead of time or at the door. Check the library or our website for more.
Tue. Feb. 3, 5-6 p.m., SPPL, Free, Registration recommended but not required

Glow in the Dark Art
Ages 9-13. Create with glow-in-the-dark paint in a black-light space! Sign up online or in person at the library.
Fri., Feb. 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m., SPPL, Free, Registration Required

Just Dance Competition
Ages 10 & up. If you like to boogie, Just Dance style, then compete in our Just Dance Competition! Sign up ahead of time or at the door. Check the library or our website for more!
Mon. Mar. 23, 5–7 p.m. SPPL, Free, Registration recommended but not required

Corsage Creation
Grades 11 & 12. Make the perfect prom accessory all by yourself at the library! Sign-up required.
Fri., Apr., 24, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., SPPL, Free, Registration Required

Taste Test: Doritos and Cheetos Flavors
Ages 10 & up. There are so many tasty Doritos and Cheetos flavors out there – if you haven't tried them all, then try them with us!
Fri., Apr. 24, 2-3 p.m., SPPL, Free

Teen Tuesdays
Ages 12 & up. Create casual crafts with us in the teen area of the public library! Crafts are drop in and supplies provided until they run out. Check out what we are making on the library website or at your school media centers. Bring friends and create together! No registration required.
Every other Tuesday of the month, 3-5 p.m.
Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, Mar. 10 & 24, Apr. 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, SPPL, Free

K-Drama Club
Ages 13 & up. Love watching K-Dramas and listening to K-Pop? Or want to get into it? Then join us at the library for K-Drama club! We will meet twice a month to watch an episode of a K-Drama, chat about K-Pop, and discuss our K-Drama-like book we are reading.
Every other Tuesday of the month, 4-5 p.m.
Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3, Mar. 3 & 17, Apr. 14 & 28, May 12, SPPL, Free

Pokémon Club
Ages 8-14. If you love Pokémon, we have a place for you! Join us the 2nd Monday of the Month to play Pokémon (or learn to play if you are new to it) and chat about all things Pokémon!
The 2nd Monday of the month, 3:30-5pm
Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, SPPL, Free

Summer VolunTeens
Ages 12 & up. It's time to start preparing for summer! Apply to be a library VolunTeen and help out with programs, events, library book check-in, shelving, and much more! Applications open February 1 and close March 16. Those chosen to be VolunTeens will have two or three training days prior to summer volunteering.
Applications Due Mon., Mar. 16, SPPL, Free

ADULT LIBRARY EVENTS

The Winter Voyage: Winter Reading 2026
Adults and Teens. Explore literary worlds by branching out into new genres you may not have tried reading before! Here's how it works: We give you a list of 10 challenge categories. You'll have until the end of February to read a book from at least 2 of those categories (that's just one book a month!). For more information on the Winter Reading Program, visit **www.saintpetermn.gov/Library**
Jan.–Feb., SPPL, Free

Vintage Social Media: Letter Writing Workshop
Young Adults and Adults. InCoWriMo is the short name for **International Correspondence Writing Month**, otherwise known as February. Let's get ready with Joel Moline as he starts us on a Letter Writing Adventure! This Letter Writing Workshop is a comprehensive guide to the art of snail mail. The workshop covers the basics of connecting with a pen pal, highlights the benefits of meeting new people through letter writing, learning about different cultures, and connecting with others who share similar interests. Learn about resources for letter writers, and take away practical advice on writing your first letter, including what to talk about and what to avoid. Join us as we embark on creating vintage social media! Registration not required, but helpful.
Thu., Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. SPPL Mtg. Rm., Free



Puzzle Palooza Competition
Young Adults and Adults. Do you have a passion for jigsaw puzzles? Are you someone who thrives on a little friendly competition? Gather your team of 2-4 people, and race against the clock and other teams to complete the same 500-piece puzzle in just two hours. The fastest team will win an exciting prize, but even if you don't come in first place, there will be plenty of fun to be had! Please note that only team members are allowed to participate, so get ready to bond over puzzle-solving with your friends or family.
Thu., Mar. 12, 6-8 p.m., Registration Required, SPPL, Free

Library Book Club
Adults. Welcome, bookworms! Get ready for engaging discussions, thought-provoking reads and maybe even some themed snacks and activities. Staff will rotate each month with a different book, genre or theme starting with Margot in January. Copies of the book will be put on hold for you and held behind the desk for pick-up. Watch social media and the library e-newsletter for updates and how to join. Happy Reading!

Movie Mondays
Adults. Enjoy recent and noteworthy movies at the Saint Peter Community Center! A collaboration of the Saint Peter Public Library and Senior Center. See Senior Activities for more info on movies shown.
All films are closed captioned for the hearing-impaired and ESL learners. Movies shown through May.
1st and 3rd Mondays of the month starting in February (no movie on holidays) at 1 p.m.
SPCC Rm. 217, Free

Virtual Author Events
These events are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant provided by the Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. The events are held in coordination with Library Speakers Bureau and presented by the Saint Peter Public Library. Events are archived and can be viewed on our website below.
Register for upcoming author events: https://libraryc.org/saintpeterlibrary, Free

Digital Branch and Services of the Library
Find all links on our website: **https://www.saintpetermn.gov/Library**.The Saint Peter Library offers a variety of digital and streaming options including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMusic, movies and more with your library card. The digital branch is always open - 24 hours a day, every day! Have your library card handy to check out items right from the comfort of your own home!

STAY CONNECTED

Need a Library Card?
Stop in at the library, or start here: https://www.saintpetermn.gov/Library-Card-Privileges

Library Newsletter and Current Events
Visit the library webpage at www.saintpetermn.gov/library and click on the Newsletter link under Quick Clicks to see what's happening at the library! If you'd like to sign up to receive a copy of the monthly newsletter, use the QR code to sign up.

Friends of the St. Peter Library
Friends are people who love the St. Peter Public Library! Our mission is to advocate for the use and growth of library resources while promoting community literacy. Help us keep the St. Peter Public Library an active and vital part of our greater community. It's easy to become a Friend of the Library. Stop by or call the library for more details!

Library Hours

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Friday	***9 a.m.–5 p.m.***
Saturday	***9 a.m.–1 p.m.***
Sundays/Holidays	***Closed***

*Library closed **Thu., Jan. 1 and Fri., Jan. 2, for** New Year's Day*
*Library closed **Mon., Jan. 19,** in observance of MLK Day*
*Library closed **Mon., Feb. 16,** in observance of Presidents' Day*
*Library closed **Mon., May 25,** in observance of Memorial Day*

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School Readiness (Preschool)

OPEN HOUSE

for 2026-2027 Registrations



The Saint Peter School Readiness Program will be hosting an open house for families that are interested in getting more information about the preschool programs being offered in the fall of 2026. Applications for the program will be available and teachers will be on hand to answer questions about the classes offered.

Thursday, February 12, 5–6:30 p.m.

Early Childhood Center, 100 Lincoln Drive

(Broadway Entrance, no registration required.)

An Evening with

KATE DICAMILLO

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 | 6 P.M.

SAINT PETER HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING | FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



ECFE Vehicle Fair

FREE, no registration required. Bring your whole family! Come to look at, climb on, and even sit in a fire truck, police car, school bus, ambulance and more! Pizza, fruit & pop will be available to purchase at the concession stand.

Thu., Apr. 30, 5:30–7 p.m. (Rain date May 7)
Saint Peter Early Childhood Center
Located at 100 Lincoln Dr., Broadway Entrance
Watch for more information to come.

Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

SAINT PETER

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07 MARCH | 6-8 PM

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2026

Women Celebrating Women

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WOMEN SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

St. Peter Area
Women Celebrating Women
21st Annual Banquet

Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Jackson Campus Center
Gustavus Adolphus College

5:30 p.m. Social / 6:30 p.m. Dinner / $30
If you wish to purchase a table for a party of six, the cost is $200.

Deadline to purchase tickets is March 16. Register by phone at (507) 934-3048 ext. 7002, online at stpeterschools.reg.eleyo.com, or at the Community & Family Education office in Suite 207 of the Saint Peter Community Center.

Scan the QR to "Like" our Facebook page and get program updates.

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2026 SAINT PETER SENIOR EXPO

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

SAINT PETER COMMUNITY CENTER

VENDOR HALL | 1 - 4 P.M.
FREE PORTRAITS | 1 - 3 P.M.
QUILT GUILD DISPLAY | 1 - 4 P.M.
LIVE MUSIC & REFRESHMENTS | 1 - 3 P.M.
RAPTOR CENTER BOOTH | 1 - 3 P.M.

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