**St. Peter Church Marshall  
Parish Pastoral Plan**

**ACTIVITY #1**

**Brief Description of the Activity**: Christian Women’s Conference. A yearly, multi-denominational conference for women to experience inspiration, encouragement, service, and fellowship through  
scripture, presentations, break-out activities, and service.

**Which priority area does it address?** Stewardship  
 co-responsibility  
 Centers of charity and mercy

**What needs to happen for it to be successful?** A location needs to be selected that can host a large  
group of attendees. Leadership provided by lay volunteers from several local churches working together  
to plan and execute the conference. St. Peter’s parish hall will be an ideal location. The event will  
include a charity component that will see a large participation by conference attendees.

**How will we know this is successful?** There will be a large representation of women from various denominations. Participants will be asked to review/rate the conference. These responses can be  
used in the planning of future conferences.   
  
**Is this sustainable and absolutely needed?** Yes

**Budgetary implications?** Minimal. Costs and items for the conference can be procured through  
donations. Churches can donate use of their facilities, etc.  
  
**Who will be responsible to make this happen?** Social Concerns Commission and volunteer leaders.

We just hosted the first Christian Womens Conference. About 100 ladies attended the half day event.  
These women represented several Christian denominations in Marshall. The event was planned by a number of lay women from several churches and was hosted at St. Peter’s Parish. All of the participants  
enjoyed the conference, found it spiritually satisfying, and are already talking about next year’s conference. The ladies were asked to donate feminine hygiene products and items for babies and nursing mothers. St. Peter’s Parish set up baby cribs at the entrances of the church and asked parishioners to also donate prior to the conference. We filled two cribs with donations. All costs for the event were covered through donations of goods or money.

**ACTIVITY #2**

**Brief Description of the Activity:** A welcoming committee will be formed to visit with new parishioners,  
make them feel welcomed to St. Peter’s Parish and our community, invite them to participate in the  
life of the parish, etc.

**Which priority area does it address?** Stewardship   
 Centers of charity and mercy

**What needs to happen for it to be successful?** Names of new parishioners will be provided to the committee by the parish secretary. Members of the committee will visit with the new parishioners,  
share a packet of information about the parish and St. Peter’s School, a welcoming gift from the parish, and get to know the individuals. In the course of the visit they will be invited to participate in the activities and life of the parish.

**How will we know this is successful?** We will see the new parishioners at Mass and parish events.   
Eventually we hope to see them become involved in lay ministry and the events in the parish.

**Is this sustainable and absolutely needed?** Yes

**Budgetary implications?** None. All items are donated.  
  
**Who will be responsible to make this happen?** Welcoming Committee led by Nancy Davidson and Barb Chevalier

The welcoming committee continues to engage new parishioners to St. Peter’s and helps them  
become acquainted with our parish. The volunteers report that meeting the new parishioners is  
a very rewarding experience. Getting to know a little about the newcomers allows the volunteers to make suggestions about where they can best apply their time and talents in our  
parish.

**ACTIVITY #3**

**Brief Description of the Activity**: St. Peter Parish will plant and cultivate a community garden on land  
provided by the parish. Parishioners will volunteer to plant, tend, and harvest vegetables which will  
be given to the Marshall Community Food Pantry to provide fresh vegetables for those in need.

**Which priority area does it address?** Parishes as centers of charity and mercy

**What needs to happen for it to be successful?** Volunteers will be needed to plant, raise , and harvest  
the assorted vegetables and take the fruits of their labors to the local food pantry.

**How will we know this is successful?** By the number of volunteers involved and the amount of  
food that we are able to donate for distribution.

**Is this sustainable and absolutely needed?** Yes

**Budgetary implications?** Minimal cost for seeds, fertilizer, etc. The rest is all volunteered.  
  
**Who will be responsible to make this happen**? Social Concerns Commission and volunteer members of the parish.

We continue to plant a community garden on property owned by the parish and supply the local food pantry with the fruits of our labors. So far this year, we have taken over 800 lbs. of fresh vegetables to the local food pantry for distribution. Several teenagers have also become involved in this activity and  
are learning the lessons of charity and love for others. We continue to keep the parish advised of how much we have raised and donated and we continue to recruit new volunteers to help with the watering and weeding of the garden.

**ACTIVITY #4**

**Brief Description of the Activity**: Ministerial Alliance Benevolence Activities. The many Christian churches in Marshall have formed a Ministerial Alliance. Among the activities undertaken by the   
organization is showing charity to those passing through the area and are down on their luck or have  
encountered a disruption to their travels. Another activity is assisting those in our community who   
can not make ends meet and ask for charity.

**Which priority area does it address?** Parishes as centers of charity and mercy.

**What needs to happen for it to be successful?** Parishioner volunteerswill assist at fundraising events to  
raise financial support for the activities undertaken by the Ministerial Alliance. This will include ecumenical services at Thanksgiving and Easter, and bell ringing at Christmas.

**How will we know this is successful?** Parishioners will sign up to help with the various fundraising activities each year.

**Is this sustainable and absolutely needed?** Yes

**Budgetary implications?** None

**Who will be responsible to make this happen**? Parish pastor and elected leadership.

We actively participate in the Marshall Ministerial Alliance. The Alliance is a group of churches in the city of Marshall that provides a Transient Ministry, ministering to the needs of those not from this area and are passing through our city. The Alliance also provides oversight of The Salvation Army and Local Benevolent Ministry fundraising and distribution of funds to the needy.