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May 14, 10AM Worship Service

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## THE MESSENGER



May 14, 2017



# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – May 2017

## From the Pastor

Where we come from and the people who have influenced us are very important. They have had a big impact on who we are and what we someday might become. For instance....

This is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the Castle church door in Wittenberg on October 31<sup>st</sup> 1517. He wanted a discussion with other theologians on reforming the church. He never intended to divide the church because of what he started. We explored this history during our Lenten services this year and we still are influenced today by what Martin Luther believed in 1517.

Also, here in Delphos in 1858 the German St. Peter's Congregation was founded under the leadership of Rev. Schmitz of the United Evangelical Synod of North America. These brave people of faith purchased property in 1859 and a frame structure was built very close to where we worship today.

Before this time these people worshiped in homes and in the local school building. While the first church structure was being built, this early congregation worshiped in the Methodist Church building.

Two years later the parish was extended to include St. John's German Evangelical congregation of Ft. Jennings. Up to 1874 this congregation was a merger of the Lutheran and Reformed churches. Over time the differences in the beliefs became troublesome and a division resulted. The Lutheran group bought out the interest of the Reformed body. Our present church then took the name of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in 1875.

Pastor Reitz was pastor from 1882 until 1888 and during this time a building program was begun and the current building was built. It is of gothic architecture and Frank Heitz of Delphos was the builder. Jacob Werner and Sons did the brick and stone work and members of the congregation did most of the labor. The gothic altar was provided through the will of Fred Kloeppel Sr. and was dedicated in 1903.

Since this time we think of the many people who have filled these pews, taught Sunday school, provided their talents and their money, and who have provided a witness to this community. Some of these people we have known. Others were already long gone, yet all of them are important to us.

We stand in a long line of witnesses who have followed the perspective of the Apostle Paul and Martin Luther that we are justified by God's grace through faith alone. Like them, we do not know where God is leading us. We do know that we journey with those who have gone before us as we gather to worship and to embrace the gift of grace that is freely given through Jesus Christ. Is this a message that people still need to hear and how can we tell them so that they will know and see the love of God through us?

Pastor Steve Nelson

## *General Announcements*



**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in April by:  
Norma Koenig in celebration of Lynn Koenig's birthday and Ryan and Melissa Trentman's anniversary  
Martina Himmeger in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Leonard and Shirley Jarman



**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in April by:  
Randy Rinehart, the kids and grandkids in celebration of Vicki's birthday  
Altar Guild in celebration of Palm Sunday and First Communion  
Dave and Linda Mayer and family  
Sharon Reel in honor of granddaughter, Brandi Taylor's birthday



**Readers Needed** for the first and second scripture lessons and the prayers during the worship service. Your readings can be emailed to you so you can look them over in advance. Please sign up in the red book at the back of church.



**Quilting Day** The next quilting day is Wednesday, May 10th at 9:00 am.



**First Communion** Congratulations to the First Communion Class of 2017. Class members who completed this important milestone in their faith journey on Palm Sunday are Sam Hasting and Garrett Trentman.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Sunday school class with their decorated cookie project. We raised \$136 for the ELCA Good Gifts program.



**Join us**, Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> as four students complete their faith journey and have their Confirmation. Our Confirmation students are Emily Dienstberger, Anna Fitch, Paige Kloepfel and Kaiden Trentman.

## Newsletter



**The June and July Newsletter** will be combined this summer. Please have any announcements turned into the office for the June/July Newsletter by, Saturday, May 20th.



**REMINDER:** Get those saved Chief register tapes turned in. The end of the school year is almost here. Chief's doesn't offer "Community Cash" during the summer months. Deposit your receipts in the container in Fellowship Hall. All tapes must say "Community Cash" on them and must be from the Delphos Chief Store.



**Join us** Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10Am worship service. We will be celebrating with our graduates. Our high school graduates are Sarah Fitch and Shelby Wilhelm. Good luck on your next endeavors. Our college graduate is Stephanie Koenig, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Best wishes to her for a rewarding career. Congratulations to all of our graduates.

**THANK  
YOU**

**Thank you** for the wonderful reception honoring my receiving a call. I want to thank all the members of St. Peter's for their support in this journey and for their prayers.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to preach a few times and to even just worship with you while I have been home. St. Peter's will always be my home and I will always have a special place in my heart and in my prayers for all of you. I have accepted a call to First Lutheran Church in Hoople, ND. My ordination to which you are all invited to join in person and in prayer will be on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at First Lutheran in Hoople.

Brooke Apple

## **InReach/OutReach**

The next InReach/OutReach Meeting is Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 PM.

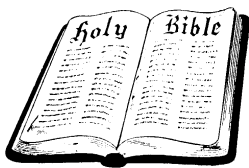


Prayer Chain

**Prayer Chain** - If you would like your name added to the prayer chain (e-mail or phone) please contact Susan McGue at 419-234-6448. If you ever need a prayer chain started, please contact Susan or the church office.

When requesting a prayer chain to be started, it would be best to call Susan at the above number (she doesn't check her computer daily.) Susan is the primary start person and if she can't be reached by phone, then call the church office.

## **NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**



**Good Morning/Good Shepherd Bible Study –**

Bible study will be Wednesday, May 17th at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

The May Bible Study is titled: *"You Are Not Alone."*

In May, *Gather* takes a break from the three or four session Bible studies to offer a devotional. This month has 10 reflections from 10 diverse women of many generations, sharing what it means to trust God. Each woman was asked to reflect on a particular time in her life in a way that might help others in similar circumstances.

**WELCA** The scheduled meeting is Monday, May 8th at 7:00 pm.

Vancrest Health Care  
 1425 E Fifth St.  
 Delphos, OH 45833  
 Melvin Kloepfel  
 Pat Wreede

**Remember our Shut-ins**

Carl Dienstberger  
 E. Fourth St.  
 Delphos OH 45833

Sarah Jane Living Center  
 328 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
 Delphos, OH 45833  
 Herman Mox



***MAY BIRTHDAY***

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Ashley Morrow      | 15) McKylie Mox        |
| 2) Michelle Stemen    | 17) Ace Pierner        |
| 3) Kevin Brinkman     | 17) Roger Calvert      |
| 3) Lillyan Ketcham    | 18) Sarah Miller       |
| 4) Hayden Brown       | 21) Matt Kimmett       |
| 5) Kathryn Wortman    | 21) Maliya Hershberger |
| 7) Pam Carder         | 22) Linda Gorman       |
| 10) Matt Mayer        | 23) Shelly Hasting     |
| 11) Kathy Nighswander | 24) Kevin Pierner      |
| 13) Jane Clevenger    | 27) Chuck Peters       |
| 13) Sandy Wilhelm     | 30) Vicki Gossman      |
| 13) Steve Schleeter   |                        |



**Offering Recap for April 2017**

Worship attendance for 03-26-2017	43
Worship attendance for 04-02-2017	52
Worship attendance for 04-09-2017	85
Worship attendance for 04-16-2017	130

Amount needed **each week** to meet approved budget for 2017      \$2,105.35

**Total donations received for General Operating Fund:**

03-26-2017	\$1,803.00 we missed our goal by	\$ 302.35
04-02-2017	\$1,668.00 we missed our goal by	\$ 437.35
04-09-2017	\$1,624.00 we missed our goal by	\$ 481.35
04-16-2017	\$2,454.00 we exceeded our goal by	\$ 348.65

**Year-to-date 2017**      **\$ 483.41**

We love seeing you at our weekly service. If you aren't able to attend please remember that our bills continue to arrive in the mail and your generous donations are greatly appreciated weekly. Thank you!

# COMMUNITY



## FAMILY PROMISE

The Delphos Ministerial Association will again be hosting homeless families who are working with Family Promise in Lima. We are most grateful to Delphos Trinity United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their space for this wonderful program. In order to support the Delphos Ministerial Association, we need volunteers from every Church. These are the following ways you can help...

Meals—we would like warm meals brought to the Trinity Church. (TBA...time and number of people until we get closer to the dates)

Fellowship/Recreation—volunteers (2-4) each evening from approximately 5:00pm-8:00pm

Sleepover---one male and one female volunteer to spend the night with the families at the Trinity Church. Everyone will have their own room to sleep in. The hours are from 8:00pm to 6:30 am the next morning.

Monetary donation—checks for monetary gifts can be made out to St. John the Baptist Church. Please place “Family Promise” on the memo line.

Our next week of Family Promise will be May 14-21. If anyone would like more information, please see or call Tori Bockey 419-203-4259, Nancy Bonifas 419-771-8611, Melissa Trentman 419-302-0024 or Sister Immacolata 570-815-1179. Thank you very much!



**Church Women United** will hold their Annual Friendship Tea on Sunday, May 7th at Trinity United Methodist Church at 2 PM. The theme this year is *Kindling New Fires of Love*. The annual observance “to strengthen a growing sense of unity, the joy of Christian fellowship, and the power of Christianity in the day of need.”



**National Day of Prayer** will take place Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the Delphos Municipal Building on N. Canal Street. All are welcome! Pastors will be at the various local schools at 8am to gather around the flag pole for prayer.



**Night at the Museum Gala**, Saturday, May 6 at the Event Center located on the Museum of Postal History's second floor, 339 N Main St., Delphos. Catered Buffet—BYOB, Tickets \$25 per person. Set ups soda, water, beer and wine etc. included.

5pm Light Hors d'oeuvres, 6pm Buffet dinner, followed by a short program and musical entertainment. Dress: Business casual. See all of the new exhibits at the museum. Support one of only 3 museums of its kind in the U.S. Please RSVP: [mphdelphos@gmail.com](mailto:mphdelphos@gmail.com) or Gary Levitt 419-303-5482. Send payment to PO Box 174, Delphos OH 45833-1074



**Summer Hours:** June through August Sunday worship services will be at 9:00 AM. Wednesday worship services will be at 7:00 PM.



**St. Peter is partnering with Trinity** United Methodist Church for VBS again this year. The dates are being determined, and lots more information will be in the weekly bulletins and the June/July newsletter. Carrie Calvelage is the liaison, so you can contact her at [419-233-4561](tel:419-233-4561) via phone or texting with questions. Stay tuned for more information...



**Kids Summer Breakfast Program....**With Summer just around the corner, that means our Kids Summer Breakfast Program will begin its seventh year of operation. Once again, we are looking for volunteers to help in any way. Breakfast runs from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday thru Friday starting June 5. We ask our cooks, servers, and helpers to be there by 7:45 a.m. and we are usually done with serving and clean up by 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. A volunteer can work as much as they want. We work around your schedule.

We always can use food donations such as Sunny Delight, eggs, 2% milk, bread, mini chocolate chips, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering this year, please contact Susan McGue [\(419\) 234-6448](tel:419-234-6448). June 5th will be here before we know it. Thank you!



SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
May 7	10:00 PM	Lauren French	Aaron Kloeppe	Aaron Trentman Alan Trentman Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Karen Hartman, Lois Ewing

**ALTAR GUILD-** Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
May 14 <i>Confirmation</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	10:00 AM	Matthew Weitzel	Lynn Koenig	Dave Mayer Dan Kramer Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Karen Hartman, Lois Ewing

**ALTAR GUILD-** Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
May 21 <i>Graduation</i>	7:00 PM	Kylee Dienstberger	Eric Fritz	Bob Kloeppe Ken Kloeppe Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Karen Hartman, Lois Ewing

**ALTAR GUILD-** Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
May 28	10:00 AM	Noelle Prine	Vicki Kramer	Chuck Hoersten Larry Miller Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Karen Hartman, Lois Ewing

**ALTAR GUILD-** Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
June 4	<b>9:00 AM</b>	James Hasting	Larry Miller	Eric Fritz Bob Wortman Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Dan Staples, Deb Trentman

**ALTAR GUILD-** Karen Hartman, Susan McGue