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THE MESSENGER



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The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – August 2015

From the Interim Pastor- August Newsletter

Greetings Everyone!

Again I have many items to share with you so I have numbered them to make it easier for you to read and for me to remember. This first one is very important and is about updating our membership list.

1. My role as the Interim pastor is to help you to prepare for your next pastor. This means helping you with whatever needs to be done. I have tried to listen and observe what this might be and one task I have found is to **update your membership list**. It has been a long time since this has been done and each year we delay this gets more difficult to do, so I have proposed to the church council that we update the membership list before a new pastor comes. This makes the list more accurate and is helpful to everyone.

In September we will send out a mailing to everyone that we have listed asking if they wish to *remain* a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church. They can email the church, write a letter, or just drop off a note to say *yes* and we will leave them on the membership list. From the people that we do not hear back from, we will take their name off of the list.

If this happens and someone didn't intend this or if they later change their mind, all they need to do is to write to the church and ask that their membership be restored and we can do that.

It is also possible that someone will choose not to be a member but would still like to receive the newsletter and we can certainly do this. The newsletter is intended for members but also friends of the congregation as well.

Thank you for your help with this. Your new pastor will be grateful for this too.

2. On June 20th six of us from St. Peter attended the workshop on “**shared ministry**” in Upper Bucyrus. Lay people who are active in shared ministry congregations told us how sharing a pastor works from their own experience. I have asked our group to give a summary of what they heard and this is what two people wrote;

It's not about closing the doors. Shared ministries make churches stronger together and you build relationships. The church is not the building. When taking the step of shared ministry, don't start talking about staffing, start by the missions because each church will have a strong area, then build from there. Explore these missions together. In the long run, there will be more opportunities for more ways to worship God. Churches can utilize the talents within and these can be shared. And we must realize it's not about the pastor doing all the work....a good question to ask ourselves is "People of God, how are we all going to step up to this?"

The seminar was great and very informative. I got a better perspective concerning shared ministry and a shared pastor. It was great to hear from many different scenarios concerning this. Some have been sharing ministry for over 20 years and some for 5 or less years. Some have come together because they had to, due to money reasons or lack of parishioners. Some have come together for no reason at all other than wanting to. To make each other stronger working together as a team for God's work. Something I also found interesting was 2 congregations that tried to make shared ministry work, but it failed to work out. After several years of being separated, they are now in the beginning stages to try and make it work again. I would have to say the biggest thing that stood out to me is the Holy Spirit has to be a part of shared ministry. Both sides have to want it, it can't be forced. Just as it is in a happy marriage, there has to be an understanding and appreciation from both sides.

We will invite some people from congregations in our conference in the fall for an evening of conversation on this topic as well.

3. Terry and I had a wonderful time on vacation in July. We will also be gone for two weeks in August. Pastor Don Pletcher will cover on Wednesdays August 5, 12, and 19. I am not sure yet who will be preaching on Sunday August 9th, and Pastor Shari Ayers will again preach on August 16th. She is a Lutheran pastor who works at Bluffton University.
4. Thank you for your help in responding to the five questions after church in June. This is part of the process for us to update our profile that introduces us to prospective candidates. Right now a **call committee** is being selected consisting of at least 8 people and hopefully will include one or two youth. On September 15th there is an orientation for our call committee at the synod office in Findlay. Finally sometime between now and then we are to host a workshop for ourselves on "Healthy Congregations." A facilitator will come and lead us through what a healthy congregation is supposed to look like. If you would like to be part of this please let me know.

Pastor Steve

August Birthdays



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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 2) Cindy Finn | 20) Brooke Osting |
| 3) Jamie Hughes | 20) Carl Knippen |
| 4) Kenneth Kloepffel | 21) Bryan Hoersten |
| 4) Yvonne Koenig | 22) Sara Iiams |
| 4) Serena Coulter | 22) Mary Mox |
| 4) Randy Apple | 22) David Blockberger, Sr. |
| 4) Nathan Aldrich | 23) James L Feathers |
| 5) Dale Derrow | 23) Rose Hager |
| 7) Zachary Wisner | 24) Linda Stockwell |
| 7) Norma Koenig | 25) Emma DeVore |
| 11) Daniel Lane | 25) Greg Dienstberger |
| 14) Alexa Kruse | 26) Troy Calvelage |
| 15) Adrian Kimmett | 27) William Nomina |
| 17) Kathy Vorst | 28) Cynthia Hartsock |
| 19) Donna Berger | 28) Scott Brinkman |
| 19) Deanna Perrin | 30) Seth Brinkman |
| 19) Amanda Vorst | 30) Gertrude Mox |
| 19) Sam Miller | 30) Jimmie Mox |

2015 Financial Report

St. Peter Lutheran Church Delphos, Ohio		JUNE					
		MONTH ACTUAL 2015	MONTH ACTUAL 2014	YTD ACTUAL 2015	YTD ACTUAL 2014	YTD BUDGET 2015	YTD BUDGET 2014
1	TOTAL PASTOR	1,870.09	4,828.47	11,459.75	28,795.10	29,695.38	31,592.70
2	TOTAL WORSHIP	725.94	644.81	4,452.87	4,341.42	4,787.42	4,656.00
3	TOTAL CONVENTIONS	-	-	-	-	-	198.98
4	TOTAL TEACHING	-	-	392.00	32.82	425.04	525.06
5	TOTAL OFFICE	1,123.46	997.35	7,283.20	6,385.78	7,232.79	6,839.64
6	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	548.27	303.46	703.29	1,047.20	1,249.98	1,100.10
7	TOTAL UTILITIES	291.71	462.16	4,995.07	6,678.52	6,024.90	6,855.12
8	TOTAL INS & TAXES	851.79	1,174.18	4,696.07	6,483.79	-	4,230.42
9	TOTAL OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
	SUB TOT-EXPENDITURE	5,411.26	8,410.43	33,982.25	53,755.63	49,365.48	55,999.02
10	TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	308.42	283.00	1,812.32	2,339.26	-	-
	TOTAL SECONDARY ACCT	678.27	353.00	2452.27	5,650.63	-	-
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,397.95	9,046.43	38,046.84	61,745.60	49,365.48	55,999.02
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,576.27	9,319.50	57,391.25	57,849.75	-	55,190.40
	TRANSFER - IN	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,397.95	9,046.43	38,046.84	-	49,365.48	55,999.02
	EXCESS or DEFICIT	3,178.32	273.07	19,344.41	-3,895.85	-49,365.48	-500.62
	BEGINNING CASH	18,166.09	-4,168.81				
	ADD RECEIPTS	9,576.27	9,319.50				
	LESS PAYMENTS	6,397.95	9,046.43				
	ENDING CASH	19,344.41	-3,895.84				

July 2015 Appeal News Item for Congregation Newsletters/Bulletins

THIS IS THE MONTHLY APPEAL NEWS ITEM FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER OR BULLETIN. Questions to jeanninegrimm@yahoo.com or jim@martindiesel.com

The 2015 Synod Appeal is currently underway. A joint effort of the NWO Synod and the ELCA, "Always Being Made New" seeks to collect funds for the local, regional, national, and global work of this Church.

Your congregation currently gives a yearly amount to the NWO Ohio Synod, called **Mission Support** (you may know this as "Benevolence"), which allows the synod office to offer activities vital to our lives together as Lutherans in NW Ohio. Those funds are needed continually; although your congregation may not be using these services right now, most likely you can remember such a time when they were needed and used. Appeal giving does not affect mission support.

The Appeal is unique in asking for an annual gift

ABOVE AND BEYOND mission support--from individuals. By participating in the Appeal, you are part of:

- spreading the Good News through our interactions with others*
- practicing trust in God's continuing providence*
- sustaining the Church into a future that we cannot see.*

*Generous giving is a spiritual discipline that changes us, leading us to **greater trust in and awareness of the Spirit's ongoing work** in the world and in our lives. And, it is the biblical meaning of the word "offering"---a giving back to the one who still owns, but has called us to steward, this world. It is the foundation of genuine worship.*

ASK YOUR PASTOR OR COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO GIVE OR VISIT <http://www.nwosappeal.church>

General Announcements



Radio ministry was given to the glory of God in June by:

Randy and Vicki Rinehart

The Kloepfel Family in celebration of Melvin Kloepfel's 95th birthday

Lynn Koenig Family

Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger

Radio Ministry was given to the glory of God in July by:

Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger

Mox children and grandchildren in celebration of Herm's 85th birthday

Dave and Connie Stemen

Rick and Marla Dienstberger



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in June by:

Kevin and Susan McGue in loving memory of Brad

Ron and Sue Kloepfel Family in celebration of Aaron's 14th birthday

Mom and Dad in celebration of Shelby Koenig's birthday

Papa Dan Staples in celebration of Judy and Colbie's birthdays

The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in July by:

Dan and July Staples, with love in celebration of Jonathan's birthday

Sharon Reel in celebration of granddaughter, Adalie Cope's 14th birthday



Readers Needed for the first and second scripture lessons during the worship service for Sundays and Wednesdays. Please sign up in the red book at the back of church.



Quilting Day will be Wednesday, August 13th at 9 AM.

Thank You

A special thank you to Carrie Calvelage for being our VBS Liaison this year! Also a special thank you to all of the St. Peter families who helped with VBS in any way.



Lincoln Highway BUY-WAY Sale is August 13-14-15 this year. Stop by or call the office to reserve your spot, if you are interested in setting up in our prime location parking lot. Spots are \$20 for the first spot and \$10 for each additional spot.



5th Annual Pork Loin It's time again for our Pork Loin Dinner Fundraiser that will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015. We will need everyone's help again to make this a success. This fundraiser helps generate funds to offset our ever-growing expenses. Beginning Wednesday, August 5 the distribution of the tickets will begin. Please see Ryan Trentman or Yvonne Koenig for your tickets. Thank you to everyone in the past for your generous help, and we look forward to your continuing support.



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Like us on Facebook St. Peter Lutheran Church/Delphos, Ohio is on Facebook. Check out the VBS photo albums. Weekly updates will also help keep you informed of the activities going on at the church.

Altar Guild

There are no regular meetings scheduled for August.

InReach/OutReach



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 in case she isn't planning on being at her computer. Susan is the primary start person and if she can't be reached by phone, then call the church office.

The next InReach/OutReach Meeting is Wednesday, August 13th at 7:45 PM.



KIDS SUMMER BREAKFAST PROGRAM – We are heading into the final month of our Kids Summer Breakfast Program and it’s been a great Summer....not counting all the rain! As of July 17, we have served 1800 breakfasts and sent home 1050 sack lunches. If we wouldn’t have had such nasty rainy days, I’m sure our numbers would be higher yet!

This program would not be possible without the support of many parishioners that volunteer their time and donations of money and food items. We’ve also had many volunteers from outside of our church this year! We use an average of eight volunteers a day to make breakfasts and lunches. These volunteers then do clean up detail along with a few others that come just to do clean up! We’ve got some friendly competition going on with regards to who makes the best pancakes, who can repeatedly make eight pancakes on a griddle at a time and even who has made the most sack lunches. We have FUN!

The last day of our season will be Friday, August 28. So until that time, we’ll still need our usual requests of Sunny Delight, mini chocolate chips, bread, milk and eggs. You’ve been so very generous and we deeply appreciate all your support. Please come any morning and check us out. We’d love for you to fill out a breakfast slip and let us serve you too!

Susan McGue

Remember our Shut-ins

Sarah Jane Living Center
328 W 2nd St
Delphos, OH 45833
Alma Kloepfel

Melvin Kloepfel
20617 St Rt 190
Delphos, OH 45833

Pat Wreede
10479 Ridge Rd
Delphos OH 45833

Carl Dienstberger
E. Fourth St.
Delphos, OH 45833

Keep our Military Friends and Family in your Prayers:



Jonathan Staples	Army National Guard	Stateside
John & Amber Becket	Air Force	Dalzell SC
Mike Hershberger	Navy	San Diego CA
Adam Jack	Marines	Kailua HI
Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Collin Swick	Navy	Norfolk VA

St. Peter's Quarterless Auction



Everyone is aware how important St. Peter Lutheran Church's Quarterless Auction has been to our finances. In the past two years combined, we have made over \$8,000.00 profit which went directly into the general fund. We are still planning on having our annual quarterless auction in March as we have done the past two years. We have been so generously blessed by a lot of our members with donations of food, drinks, money, prizes, etc. and we are so very thankful.

St. Peter's auction has become known as one of the nicest around. Some of the comments we have heard are; "it is really fun", "you have THE best prizes", and "great food"!

So what does all of this have to do with you? Well, Sue and I have collectively exhausted all of our resources for the past two auctions. Many of the items we ourselves donated, begged, borrowed (but have never stolen) from our own stock. Unfortunately, like everything else, our stuff only goes so far.

In order for our auction to take place we are going to need our parishioners to help out. We are going to need a variety of NEW & CURRENT items for the auction that is appealing to different ages groups and genders. Maybe most of you do not have any items new laying around your house and that is understandable.

What we would like each of you to consider is:

- * Donating money (starting immediately) so WE can purchase items for the auction. We would like to purchase big ticket items on Black Friday or other occasions (super good sales, etc.) that may arise (TVs, iPods, notebooks, etc.)
- * Donate gift cards to the auction, such as: Speedway, restaurants, or maybe department stores.
- * If you have smaller ticket items such as new lotions, tools, candles, etc., we could use these items to make baskets or use them for the end auction which is usually a collection of items.

If you have any questions about the auction, please feel free to talk to Susan or Brenda. We know this seems very premature; however, we plan for the auction all year long and we are going to need to make sure we have enough items to hold the auction.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We welcome thoughts and prayers in helping us pull off yet another successful auction.

Sincerely,

Brenda Hoersten 419-236-7883

Susan McGue 419-234-6448

NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Good Morning/Good Shepherd Bible Study will meet not meet until September in the parish hall. There will be open discussion. Everyone is invited to come for this time of study and fellowship.

WELCA There is no regular meeting set for August.

Baby care kits will be collected this year. We will not be collecting for school or personal care kits. Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or congregation's name. Please do not donate items with a US flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. We will still be making and donating quilts.

Each kit will contain the following items:

2 light weight cotton t-shirts

2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)

2 receiving blankets, medium weight or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square

4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred

1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap

2 pairs of socks

1 hand towel, dark color recommended

2 bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap in original wrapping

2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Tips:

Sizes 6 to 24 months may be used. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the kit useful as the baby grows. Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits or fleece. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.

Onesies can be cut and hemmed or surged to make a simple t-shirt. Gowns, rompers or top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers. Items can be purchased at the Thrift Shop or at garage sales if they look new and do not have stains or spots. If you have any questions, please ask Karen Hartman or Chris Prine. Thank you for your support.

Offering Recap for May/June/July 2015

Worship attendance for 5-24-15	40
Worship attendance for 5-31-15	29
Worship attendance for 6-07-15	44
Worship attendance for 6-14-15	53
Worship attendance for 6-21-15	64
Worship attendance for 6-28-15	53
Worship attendance for 7-05-15	34
Worship attendance for 7-12-15	62

Amount needed **each week** to meet approved budget: \$ 2,127.28

Total donations received for General Operating Fund

05-24-2015	\$2,243.25	we exceeded our goal by	\$ 115.97
05-31-2015	\$ 814.00	we missed our goal by	\$1,131.28
06-07-2015	\$1,298.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 829.28
06-14-2015	\$1,989.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 138.28
06-21-2015	\$1,863.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 264.28
06-28-2015	\$2,464.00	we exceeded our goal by	\$ 336.72
07-05-2015	\$ 845.00	we missed our goal by	\$1,282.28
07-12-2015	\$3,341.00	we exceeded our goal by	\$1,213.72

Year-to-date 2015 **(-\$3,894.39)**

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 News

Harter & Schier Funeral Home announcement: We have all relied on our local newspaper for many years to find out the funeral arrangements for our loved ones and friends. With our local paper only being printed twice a week this changes things. We, at Harter and Schier Funeral Home, have a solution that is at no cost to you or your families. You will receive a text message alert or an email, whichever is best for you, that will give all the information you need on the local obituaries. Again, there is no fee for you or your families. Please call Harter and Schier Funeral Home to sign up at 419-692-8055 or Eric Schier at 419-863-9342.

Strayer Funeral Home You may go to www.strayerfuneralhome.com and at the bottom of the home page you can register for their Obituary Notification by entering your name and email address.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Kids leaving bikes in front of church while they enjoy their breakfast.



Community kids enjoying their free breakfast.



These girls have a lemonade stand on Wednesdays at State & 2nd Streets. Proceeds are given to the Kids Free Breakfast Program.



VBS partnership with Trinity United Methodist Church.