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Join us for Christmas Eve
Worship Services at
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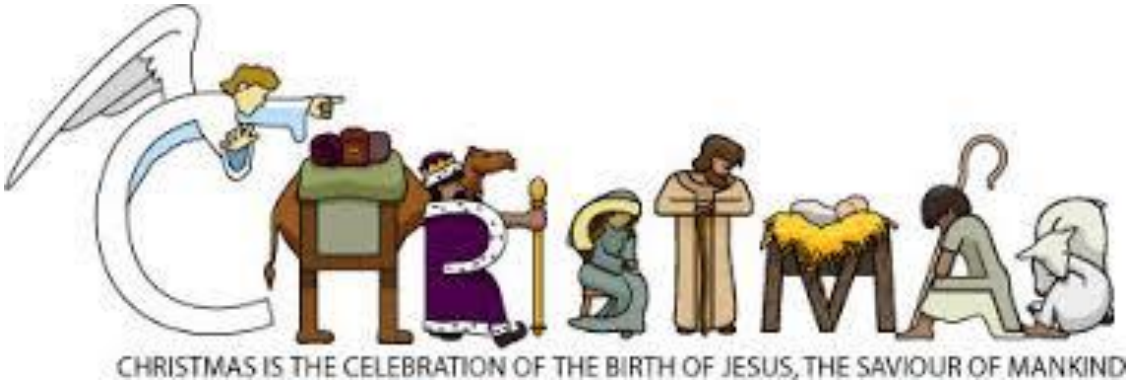
**January Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

# THE MESSENGER




Christmas Eve Services: Sunday, 10AM and 4PM

# The Messenger

**St. Peter Lutheran Church – December 2017**

From the Interim Pastor

Some of you heard these words in the meditation from me on Thanksgiving Eve. They are from Pastor Angela in her article that was published in the last edition of "Living Lutheran." Here is a sample of what she wrote.

"During this time of year as we enter the holiday season, we tend to be a little more thoughtful, a little more generous. Certainly, this is admirable. But what if the spirit of thanksgiving inspired us to do more? What if our thankful hearts prompted us to concrete action? What if being thankful propelled us to do something beyond our comfort zones? After all, being thankful may lead us on a journey."

From here Pastor Angela reminds us of our baptismal relationship with God and writes, "One of our Savior's most powerful promises is reinforced through our baptismal rite...."*You are the light of the world...Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14,16)."* And then comes her invitation- "Since God has been so good to us, we can share that goodness with others, and our church is an excellent vehicle to do so."

She ends the article with a challenge that takes us back to her image of journey. Pastor Angela lists several ways that people struggle today and they need our prayers and advocacy. The list is so daunting that these people need more than one helping moment- they need us to walk with them on their journey.

When their oldest, Konami, was diagnosed with autism you saw their struggle and how this impacted their day to day life. Some of you stepped in and offered to help in whatever way you could and by doing this you offered to share their journey with them.

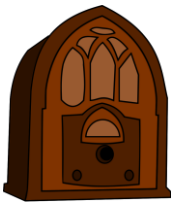
Angela is right on the mark with her invitation - "Since God has been so good to us, we can share that goodness with others, and our church is an excellent vehicle to do so."

Thank you for all that you give to others: your time, your talent, and your money in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Our journey of faith is not taken alone, but rather we move towards those whom Jesus directs us to and then we walk with them together.

(Pastor Angela's entire article is shown on our bulletin board)

Pastor Steve Nelson

# *General Announcements*



**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in November by:
The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger
Norma Koening in memory of Ted Koenig
Dave and Connie Stemen
Mark and Linda Downey

**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in November by:
Brad and Donna Berger in celebration of the baptism of their granddaughter, Presley Lane
Aaron and Jennifer Trentman in celebration of their son, Jacob's 9th birthday
Steven and Kathy Vorst in celebration of nephew, Sam Hasting's birthday, in thanksgiving for their granddaughter, Lilly and in memory of Mickey Vondran

**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.

**Special Dates for December:** Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year. There will be a 10:00 AM worship service and a 4:00 PM worship service. There will be no Sunday School on December 24 and December 31st.

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** baptized October 22, 2017, Landon James Munshower, son of Andrew and Rachel Munshower. We welcome Landon to the congregation of the church.

**Sacrement of Holy Baptism**-baptized on November 5, 2017, Presley Leanne Lane, daughter of Daniel and Lindsey Lane. We welcome Presley to the congregation of the church.

**2018 Quarterless Auction**

We are always planning ahead. The annual Quarterless Auction is always held on the first Saturday of March, which this coming year is March 3! The church council gives us $500 working capital to get things bought ahead. Below is our list of items that we have purchased to date. As we have done in the past, you may designate the items you would like to pay for as your generous donation. When many people do this ahead, that money is re-invested back into more "auction items". Right now Summer items are on clearance and it is a great time for us to find good deals. We have nearly spent our $500 allowance; so, if you want to help us right now.....designate some items as your donation! All the Quarterless Auctions have brought in great money and this money goes right back into the general fund. Let's continue our great tradition and keep this auction flowing upwards. Thanks for all your help!

Angie Miller and Susan McGue

Items picked up so far:

(2) Fire 8HD Tablet with Alexa/$53.61each
Keuring/$56.00
Power Air Fryer/$100.00
Instant Pot/$69.98
6' Folding Table/$29.95
10' Quick Set Ring Pool/$47.87

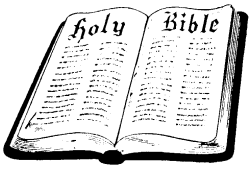
**The 2018 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please sign up for that special occasion or celebration. Let the office know what you would like printed in the bulletin.

# Altar Guild

**Altar Guild's** regular monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00 pm.

**Poinsettias** will be placed in front of the altar for Christmas Eve Services. Cost per 6" red poinsettia will be $7.00 each. Deadline for ordering is December 10th. Envelopes are in pews and on tables in back of church. If you have questions, please talk to an Altar Guild Member.

# NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

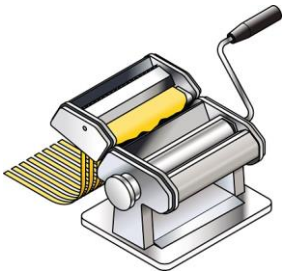



**Good Morning/Good Shepherd Bible Study –**
Trying to find a date and time that works for those who like to attend. See Jacquie Fritz if you have a time or suggestion.

The December Devotional is *Joy to the World*

Theme Verse: Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" (Luke 2:9-14)

**WELCA** The scheduled meeting is Monday, December 11th at 7:00 pm.



**Noodle Making** Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the noodle making and bake sale a success. Whether you donated eggs, separated eggs, made the dough, cut the noodles or packaged them, we appreciate your help. We also thank all those who donated baked goods, helped with pricing and delivering and worked the sale. We also appreciate your monetary donations. We couldn't be successful without your help. Thank you!

**Card Tree** WELCA will be accepting donations from the Card Tree to purchase poinsettias for the shut-ins. Christmas Cards with your donations can be sent to the church.

**Remember our Shut-ins**

Vancrest Health Care
1425 E Fifth St.
Delphos, OH 45833
Melvin Kloeppel
Sharon Reel

Carl Dienstberger
E. Fourth St.
Delphos OH 45833

# InReach/OutReach

The next InReach/OutReach Meeting is Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 PM.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated peanut butter, chocolate chips and powdered sugar for the

Buckeye candy making project. Also, a big thanks to everyone who helped roll the centers, dip the chocolate or package the candy. And thanks to everyone who purchased the candy. We hope you enjoyed it! We appreciate your support for a success event. Go Bucks! O – H .....I – O !!!

**Keep our Military Friends and Family in your Prayers:**

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| John & Amber Becket | Air Force | Dalzell SC |
| Mike Hershberger | Navy | LaMesa CA |
| Fred Hasting | Navy | Stateside |
| Collin Swick | Navy | Gainesville FL |

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1) Sheri Swick
1) Taylor Baxter
2) Austin Munshower
3) Alexa Marlow
4) Margene Freund
4) Angie Miller
5) Dan Dienstberger
12) Corey Kloeppel
13) Patti Calvert
13) Susan Grothouse
14) Sarah Hershberger
14) Ryan Nomina
14) Amy Nighswander
15) David Allemeier
15) Noelle Prine
16) Robert Wortman
16) Daniel Marlow
17) Jonathan Finn
18) Cathy Wreede
19) Carolyn Rice
20) Martina Himmeger
20) Leonard Prine, Jr
21) Kyrstin Warnecke
23) Kenadi Brinkman
26) Sue Vasquez
26) Mike Finn
28) William Turner
28) Renee Carder
28) Dylan Brinkman
28) Elaine Wiechart
29) Troy Kloeppel

# Offering Recap for November 2017

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| Worship attendance for 10-22-2017 | 60 |
| Worship attendance for 10-29-2017 | 54 |
| Worship attendance for 11-05-2017 | 77 |
| Worship attendance for 11-12-2017 | 51 |
| Worship attendance for 11-19-2017 | 51 |

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

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

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| 10-22-2017 | $2,410.00 we exceeded our goal by | $ 304.65 |
| 10-29-2017 | $2,912.00 we exceeded our goal by | $ 806.65 |
| 11-05-2017 | $1,652.63 we missed our goal by | $ 452.72 |
| 11-12-2017 | $1,134.00 we missed our goal by | $ 971.35 |
| 11-19-2017 | $2,101.00 we missed our goal by | $ 4.35 |

**Year-to-date 2017 -- $8,644.28**

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!

# COMMMUNITY

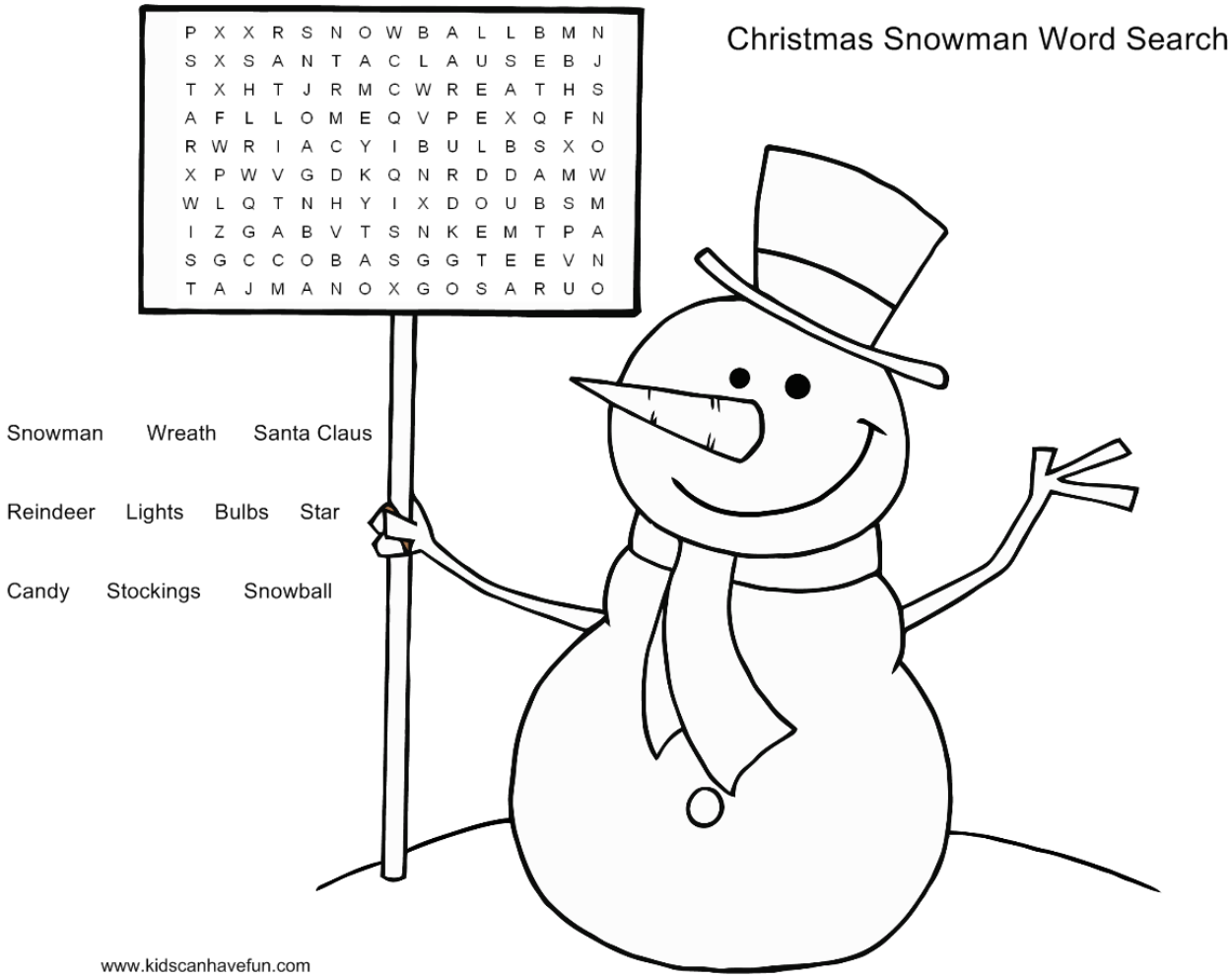
**Delphos Kiwanis Hometown Christmas** is December 1, 2017, 6:00pm to 8:30pm on 2nd Street, across from the Delphos Fire Department.

**Christmas Concert 2017** *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas* will be held at Lima First Assembly of God, 1660 Findlay Rd, (I-75 & St Rt 81 East), Lima, Oh 45801on December 8th at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30pm). Guest singer is Molly Burkholder, Full sound chamber group, and Big Band Sound: Hallelujah Saints Band. Love offering at the door.

**Ecumenical Christmas Service** is on Sunday, December 4th, 7:30 PM. The Delphos Ministerial Association will present an evening of music and reflections at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Soloists and groups from various churches are involved, as well as young people from Jefferson and St. John's High Schools.

**Delphos Community Christmas Project Committee** sincerely thanks each person and group who has made any contributions in the past. Last year, 331 children living in the Delphos School district were provided with toys and clothing and 150 fruit plates were delivered to our elderly and shut in residents. Food baskets were also provided for 147 families.

The names of children needing clothing and toys, families needing food, and shut-ins to be remembered with a fruit plate, should be sent to Delphos Community Christmas Project, General Delivery, Delphos, Ohio 45833. Monetary donations may also be sent to the same address. Thank you for helping the less fortunate in our community. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Edna Fischer, chairwoman (419-692-8818).



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| December 3 | 10:00 AM | Troy Calvelage | Aaron Kloeppel | Dave Stemen<br>Bob Wortman<br>Volunteers |

**MONEY COUNTERS**- Sue Kloeppel, Larry Miller
**ALTAR GUILD**- Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Linda Mayer

| SERVICE | TIME | ACOLYTES | COMMUNION | USHERS |
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| December 10 | 10:00 AM | Garrett Trentman | Ryan Trentman | Lynn Koenig<br>Dan Kramer<br>Volunteers |

**MONEY COUNTERS**- Sue Kloeppel, Larry Miller
**ALTAR GUILD**-Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Linda Mayer

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| December 17 | 10:00 AM | Lauren French | Bob Wortman | Ken Kloeppel<br>Bob Kloeppel<br>Volunteers |

**MONEY COUNTERS**- Sue Kloeppel, Larry Miller
**ALTAR GUILD**- Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Linda Mayer

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| December 24<br>*Christmas Eve* | 10:00 AM | Colin Koebel<br>Troy Calvelage | Jordan Koebel<br>Dave Mayer | Dave Stemen<br>Matt Calvelage<br>Volunteers |

**MONEY COUNTERS-** Sue Kloeppel, Larry Miller
**ALTAR GUILD-** Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Linda Mayer

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| December 24<br>*Christmas Eve* | 4:00 PM | Noelle Prine<br>Matthew Weitzel | Aaron Kloeppel<br>Ron Kloeppel | Chuck Hoersten<br>Chad Hoersten<br>Volunteers |

**MONEY COUNTERS**- Sue Kloeppel, Larry Miller
**ALTAR GUILD**- Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Linda Mayer

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| December 31 | 10:00 AM | Maddie Weitzel | Eric Fritz | Dan Staples<br>Ron Kloeppel<br>Volunteers |

**MONEY COUNTERS**- Sue Kloeppel, Larry Miller
**ALTAR GUILD**- Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Linda Mayer

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| January 7 | 10:00 AM | James Hasting | Yvonne Koenig | Dave Mayer<br>Dan Marlow<br>Volunteers |

**MONEY COUNTERS**- Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger
**ALTAR GUILD**- Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer