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May 6, 2018

June/July Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, May 20, 2018

THE MESSENGER

*Happy
Mother's Day!*

Sunday, May 13, 2018



The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – May 2018

From the Interim Pastor, Steve Nelson

Our Parish Secretary, Kay Hoersten, will be retiring June 30th. We are currently looking for a replacement. I have really enjoyed Kay and the faithful service she has given to myself as the pastor and this congregation. I thought it might be a way to show our gratitude to her if I interviewed her before she leaves. So here are some questions I asked her.

1. How long have you been working as parish secretary at St. Peter Lutheran Church. *Seven years.*
2. Who trained you and what was it like when you started here? *Susan McGue taught me what she could. Alida Pletcher taught me how to do bulletins. Otherwise Pastor Angela and I just had to figure it out. Pastor Angela had only been here two months when I started. The Church found out after Ella died just how much she did for St. Peter Lutheran. She did so much for so long and no one really knew how to do it but Ella. We all had to learn.*
3. Why are you retiring now? *I've turned the magic age and my husband is retiring as well.*
4. What are you looking forward to in retirement? *Joining the Autumn Years Choir which my Mom plays piano. They sing at area nursing homes and I would like to do that. Also retiring gives me more time to spend with our grandkids.*
5. What have you liked the most while working as the Parish Secretary? *Kid's Breakfast has been a highlight for me. I see the kids come in at the beginning of the summer and they are so shy. By the end of the summer they feel right at home and are telling jokes. Also when they see me out on the street they say 'hello.'*

You have some time to express your thanks to Kay as well before she retires and I hope that you will do that.

The church council has been looking at **updating the by-laws** and we can't find a copy in the office. The church constitution for St. Peter was updated in 1993. Most likely the by-laws were updated then as well but they must have been separate documents. We can find the constitution but we can't find the by-laws. If you have a copy would you please bring it to the office?

I would also like to thank those of you who gave your time to teach Sunday School this year and that includes Jacquie with Confirmation and Dave with the Adults as well. This is a great way to plant seeds of faith. Thank you for caring about this. I am grateful for you.

General Announcements



Radio ministry was given to the glory of God in April by:
The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger
Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
Dave and Linda Mayer



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in April by:
Yvonne Koenig and family in celebration of Lynn's birthday
Randy Rinehart in celebration of birthdays for Vicki and son-in-law, Jeff
Dave and Connie Stemen in memory of Connie's parents, Roy and Katie Tippie for what would have been their 100th birthdays.



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 will be Wednesday, May 9th at 9:00AM.



Join us Sunday, May 6th as four students complete their faith journey and have their Confirmation. Our Confirmation students are Jessie Calvelage, Troy Calvelage, Colin Koebel, and Madeline Weitzel.

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 Sunday, 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. Campbell's no longer sponsors a label program. No one is asking for cancelled stamps.



Join us Sunday, May 13th at the 10AM worship service. We will be celebrating with our graduates. Our high school graduates are Sarah Miller and Sierra Marlow.



Summer Hours: June 3rd through August 26th Sunday worship services will be at 9:00 AM. Wednesday worship services will be at 7:00 PM, June through August.



Throughout this past year the Children, Confirmation and Adult Sunday School classes have collected donations that have been put in our ELCA Good Gifts Fund, in hopes to collect enough money (\$715) to purchase a farm which helps a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty ~ For Good! We have also decorated and sold for donations plates of cookies at Christmas and Easter which brought in a good amount of money toward our

fund. Then to ensure we could get our farm we asked for your help, and placed a plea in the newsletter, again you have went over and beyond expectations...with your generous donations not only can we get 1 farm...WE ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE 3 of them. WOW!!! Thank You, Thank You!!!

A Family Farm consists of a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chickens, two pigs, farming tools, seeds, and agricultural training and support. With the giving of the new tools and techniques, crops will grow stronger than ever. From the animals eggs, milk and meat provide a lifetime of food to eat and sell on the market, all to gain their independence to care for their families. Again, without ALL of your generous donations St. Peter could not help out in giving to God's Global Barnyard, so thank you to all and God bless!!!!

Carrie Calvelage and Donna Berger



Job Opening Due to Kay Hoersten retiring, we are looking for a part-time secretary. Position is 15 hours per week Monday-Friday. Responsibilities include a wide variety of office and congregational responsibilities not limited to answering phones, greeting visitors, bookkeeping, preparing newsletters/bulletins, maintain correspondence and church calendar. Needs to be self-directed, well organized and detail oriented.

Computer skills required and must be able to pass a criminal background check. Starting salary of \$10 per hour with some benefits offered. Position will start June 4th to allow time to work with Kay.

Send letter of interest and resume to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Attn: Secretarial Position 422 N. Pierce Street, Delphos, OH 45833 by May 5, 2018.



SAVE THE DATE for St. Peter/Trinity UM Community Vacation Bible School which will be July 16—July 19. Stay tuned to the weekly bulletin and the June Newsletter for more details. Volunteers are needed to make this evening program possible, so check your calendars and let Carrie Calvelage (419-233-4561) know if you can help.



Dear St. Peter,

Thank you for the cake and the Bible you gave me for my First Communion.

Sincerely,

Landon Calvelage

Altar Guild

Altar Guild The scheduled meeting is for Tuesday, May 1st at 6:00 PM.



Geraniums for Pentecost Pentecost is Sunday, May 20th and Altar Guild will once again be using red geraniums to decorate the Altar area of the Sanctuary. Cost of the geraniums will be \$2.50 each in 4.5” pots. Envelopes are in the pews and on the tables in back of church. Deadline to order geraniums will be Sunday, May 13th. Geraniums will be for your personal use and will not be planted at church.



Please pray for the following family and friends: Jim Schimmoeller, Jodi Siefker, Judy Pohlman, Melvin Kloeppe, Missy Katterheinrick, Corbin Kramer, Doug Butler, Brent Wreede, Rose Hager, Kenny Siefker, Wade Wehri, Sharon Reel, Annette Brown and Norma Koenig, Bruce Kraft, Marj Warren, Tom Diemer, Jason Stechsulte, Carole Motycka, Vicki Kramer, Mark Downey and the family of Larry Inbody.

Remember our Shut-ins

Vancrest Health Care
1425 E Fifth St.
Delphos, OH 45833
Melvin Kloeppe
Norma Koenig

Carl Dienstberger
E. Fourth St.
Delphos OH 45833

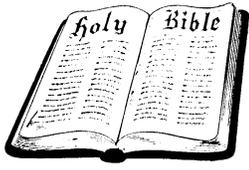
Sharon Reel
Vancrest of Van Wert
10357 Van Wert-Decatur
Van Wert OH 45891



Keep our Military Friends and Family in your Prayers:

Mike Hershberger	Navy	LaMesa CA
Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Dominic Munoz	Navy	Annapolis MD
Collin Swick	Navy	Gainesville FL

NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



Good Morning/Good Shepherd Bible Study –
Thursday, May 10 at 10:00 AM

The May lesson is *All are welcome-Our invitation can reflect the hospitality of Jesus.*

Theme Verse: Hebrews 13:1-2

WELCA The scheduled meeting is Monday, May 14th at 7:00 pm.



WELCA is collecting school supplies this year. School kits contain the following items:

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approx.. 9"x10 1/2"; (no loose-leaf paper)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

- 5 **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 count crayons
- 1- 2 1/2" eraser

No USA flag emblem on any item.

Items can be placed in the box in the hall or turned into the office.

If you're out and see these items on sale, please pick them up.

Thank you for your support.



Roasters are available to borrow. If you use them, please sign them out like you do chairs and tables on the list on the bulletin board in the kitchen. And like the tables and chairs, please only borrow the older roasters, not the new ones. Thank you.

InReach/OutReach



Prayer Chain

Prayer Chain – If you would like your name added to the prayer chain, please contact Susan McGue at 419-234-6448. If you ever need a prayer chain started, please contact Susan on the cell phone number listed above. *Do NOT send her computer an email.* You may call or send her cell phone a text message. Susan is the primary start person and if she can't be reached by phone, then call the church office. Please have permission from the person or family before we publish any names.



Kids Summer Breakfast Program...It's that time of year again! Our Kids Summer Breakfast Program is just around the corner. It will run from June 4 to August 17. Please look at your calendars and see if you have any available time to help with this program. We serve breakfast from 8-9 am. We ask our workers to be there from 7:45 am until cleanup is done, which is normally by 9:30 to 9:45 am. You do not need to work every day. Once a week, once every other week...we work with your schedule. Workers need to be high school age or older. However, if you attend St. Peter Lutheran Church, the kids that are in confirmation can help! We always accept food donations, such as: eggs, mini chocolate chips, Sunny D, pudding/fruit snack cups, creamy peanut butter, etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Susan McGue at 419-234-6448.



Fun'drai\$er is Sunday, May 20th at Delphos Pizza Hut. Present the "Fun"draiser Ticket when you order and 10% of your purchase will be donated to St. Peter Lutheran Church. Tickets are valid from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Tickets are valid for dine-in, carryout or delivery. Offer good on regular priced purchases only. Coupons are not valid. Give a ticket to your friends or neighbors.



Radio Ministry Available Dates:

May 13, 27	September 23, 30
June 10, 24	October 14, 29
July 1, 8, 22, 29	November 4, 11, 25
August 12, 19	December 2, 9, 16, 23, 24

Please consider sponsoring the Radio Ministry. It is \$45 per Sunday. When you sponsor the broadcast, it keeps the bill from being paid from the general fund. You can place funds in your envelope and mark the envelope "Radio Ministry" or you can stop by the office. Please sign up in the red book. Thank you.



Flowers on the Altar: Check the flower calendar hanging in the hall. Fresh flowers help beautify the church. You can choose your own florist. They will deliver them Friday morning so Altar Guild can place them for the service. Flowers start at \$15 per vase. Dates available:

May 6, 20/ June 3, 10/ July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29/
 August 5, 12, 19, 26/ September 2, 23, 30/ October 7, 28/
 November 4, 11, 25/ December 2, 9, 23 & 30. Please sign up on the calendar. Let the

office know the acknowledgement you would like printed in the bulletin. For example: are you celebrating a birthday, an anniversary or remembering a loved one?

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 2018

Worship attendance for 03-25-2018	83
Worship attendance for 04-01-2018	51 & 82
Worship attendance for 04-08-2018	65
Worship attendance for 04-15-2018	43

Amount needed **each week** to meet approved budget for 2018 \$2,086.97

Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

03-25-2018	\$4,058.87 we exceeded our goal by	\$1,971.90
04-01-2018	\$2,649.91 we exceeded our goal by	\$ 562.94
04-08-2018	\$1,561.00 we missed our goal by	\$ 525.97
04-15-2018	\$ 814.97 we missed our goal by	\$ 814.97

Year-to-date 2018 **\$1,415.39**

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



Church Women United will hold their Annual Friendship Day on Sunday, May 6th at St. Peter Lutheran Church at 2:00 PM. The theme this year is *Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God's Presence*. May Friendship Day dates back to 1933. Please join us as we continue to celebrate unity in our journey toward wholeness in all communities.



National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 3rd 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.



BASEBALL FANS OF ALL AGES:

- Please help us celebrate Nathan's life and love of baseball. The Nathan Miller Memorial Baseball Tournament is June 1, 2, and 3 at the Stadium Park. Please come out to be a part of a great weekend of baseball, food, and fun.

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
May 6	10:00 AM	Garrett Trentman	Aaron Trentman	Ron Kloeppe Dave Mayer Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Karen Hartman, Deb Trentman

ALTAR GUILD- Sue Kloeppe, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
May 13	10:00 AM	Kylee Dienstberger	Rick Dienstberger	Dan Kramer Dan Marlow Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Karen Hartman, Deb Trentman

ALTAR GUILD- Sue Kloeppe, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
May 20	10:00 AM	Noelle Prine	Aaron Trentman	Chuck Hoersten Sam Miller Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Karen Hartman, Deb Trentman

ALTAR GUILD- Sue Kloeppe, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
May 27	10:00 AM	James Hasting	Aaron Kloeppe	Ryan Trentman Dan Staples Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Karen Hartman, Deb Trentman

ALTAR GUILD- Sue Kloeppe, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
June 3	9:00 AM	Lauren French	Bob Wortman	Aaron Trentman Alan Trentman Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Dan Staples, Lois Ewing

ALTAR GUILD- Linda Mayer, Karen Hartman