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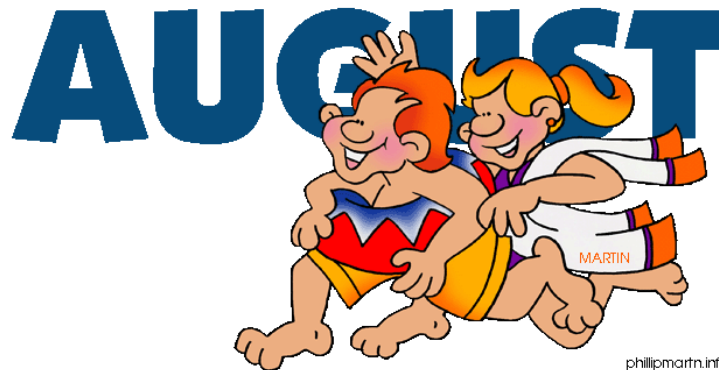
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## THE MESSENGER



Enjoy the rest of your summer!



# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – August 2018

From the Interim Pastor, Steve Nelson

As I write this, I am at a retreat center northwest of Baltimore for 10 days and I have just arrived. Instead of a map many people use the GPS on their phone to navigate where they are going and that is what I have done to reach this place out in the rural countryside.

I am amazed at how well GPS works. It even speaks to me as I am driving along.

I also played a trick on myself and I left a day early without even knowing it. This means that I had an extra day to visit old friends across the Chesapeake Bay in Eastern Maryland. I had never been there before and I certainly didn't know what to expect. What I found was beautiful trees, farms, small towns, lots of boats and good people.

I was going to visit Pastor Dave and his wife Eileen. I didn't know I would have the time to make this visit so they didn't know I was coming, but GPS lead me straight to their door. Pastor Dave lived in the Methodist parsonage 20 years ago across from the house that we bought in Wapakoneta. I adopted Pastor Dave as my unofficial mentor for the two years we lived across from them. Then they moved to eastern Maryland and I have only seen them briefly in the last 18 years. It has been my hope that someday I could visit them here in Maryland but I have never even come close. Yesterday was the day. I not only had supper with them but they invited me to spend the night as well. It was great to get reacquainted and to talk about old times. And since we are both pastors we looked back through the perspective of faith.

It is wonderful to keep in touch with old friends - especially those who have been unofficial mentors of our faith. There is something reaffirming of who we are when we do this. This also reaffirms where we have come from.

Pastor Dave role modeled a love of people, a heart for Jesus, a commitment for service, and an enthusiasm for reaching out to others. He has continued to do this for the past 18 years in their new home and has passed this on their children and grandchildren. And both Pastor Dave and Eileen passed this on to me as well and I am grateful. This is why it is important for me to find them once again and to let them know what they gave to me long ago.

We never know where our GPS will take us, but you know - I like to think that the Holy Spirit will always help us to find those people out there in the world who love us for who we are. The Holy Spirit helps us to remember and even to desire to remain connected with them. This in turn helps us to know where we are going. Oh yes, Google Maps help too.

Pastor Steve

# General Announcements



**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in June by:  
The Himmeger family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Ron and Sue Kloepfel in honor of all fathers and in celebration of Melvin's 98<sup>th</sup>  
birthday and Aaron's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Leonard and Shirley Jarman

**Radio Ministry** was given to the glory of God in July by:  
Mark and Linda Downey  
The Himmeger family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Dave and Connie Stemen  
Guggi Mox and family in loving memory of Herm Mox



**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in June by:  
WELCA in celebration for our graduates  
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in honor of all dads. Also in celebration of their  
granddaughter, Ruby and grandson, Noah's birthdays.  
Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of birthdays for their daughters, Stephanie  
and Shelby

**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in July by:  
Ken and Suzanne Kloepfel in celebration of their granddaughter, Evelyn Margaret's  
baptism.



**The rose on the altar** in June was in honor of the birth of Evelyn Margaret Kloepfel,  
daughter of Corey Kloepfel and his fiancée, Ashley Stower, born on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8  
lbs, 7 oz. and 21" long. Grandparents are Ken & Suzanne Kloepfel and Great Grandpa,  
Melvin Kloepfel.



**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, August 8th at 9am.



**THANK YOU** to everyone that helped with the Delphos Community Vacation Bible School, *Shipwrecked...Rescued by Jesus*, in any way. It was a great 4 nights of learning while having lots of fun! We averaged 65 kids per night in grades Pre-school through 5th. We were short on helpers,

but we had some of our 5th graders step up and be Assistant Crew Leaders. Our Bible points were reinforced every night with Music, KidVid Cinema, Snacks, Games, Bible Discovery, and Imagination Station. The Bible Buddies, Hope, Beacon, Rae, Guac, and Moe helped relate real life, age appropriate situations to the youth. Our mission project was to raise money for the St. Peter Kids Summer Breakfast Program. Over the 4 nights, our total raised and donated to the Kids Breakfast was \$205.83. The adults that helped had as much fun as the kids!



**The last Wednesday** evening worship service will be August 29<sup>th</sup>. Sunday 10AM worship service will start on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**THANK YOU**

**Thank you** InReach/OutReach for the new office desk chair. The old chair has seen better days. This new chair is very much appreciated. Kay

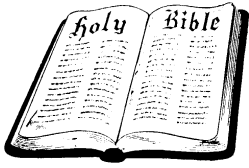


**Quarterless Auction:** It may seem like it's way in the future, but we have already begun purchasing items for the Quarterless Auction. This will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019. The main reason we have begun purchasing is that Summer items have begun to go on sale. So, mark your calendars now because we will be needing lots of help to once again make this fundraiser for St. Peter Lutheran a huge success. Angie Miller and Susan McGue



**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**-baptized July 22, Evelyn Margaret Kloepfel, daughter of Corey Kloepfel and fiancée Ashley Stower. We welcome Evelyn to the congregation of the church.

# NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



**Good Morning/Good Shepherd Bible Study** – Bible study will resume in September.



**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.

## 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...** Our Kids Summer Breakfast Program is going strong. We are averaging about 50 kids a day for breakfast and about 25 take home sack lunches. Did you see the article on the Delphos Aware website regarding the breakfast program? We invite you to stop by and see how well program works, even join us for breakfast! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Susan McGue at 419-234-6448.

## Offering Recap for June & July 2018

Worship attendance for 05-27-2018	33
Worship attendance for 06-03-2018	30
Worship attendance for 06-10-2018	63
Worship attendance for 06-17-2018	36
Worship attendance for 06-24-2018	43
Worship attendance for 07-01-2018	27
Worship attendance for 07-08-2018	21
Worship attendance for 07-15-2018	31
Worship attendance for 07-22-2018	51

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

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

05-27-2018	\$1,397.00	missed our goal by	\$ 707.97
06-03-2018	\$1,774.00	missed our goal by	\$ 312.97
06-10-2018	\$1,886.00	missed our goal by	\$ 200.97
06-17-2018	\$1,980.00	missed our goal by	\$ 106.97
06-24-2018	\$1,583.00	missed our goal by	\$ 503.97
07-01-2018	\$ 835.00	missed our goal by	\$1,251.97
07-08-2018	\$1,079.00	missed our goal by	\$1,007.97
07-15-2018	\$1,010.00	missed our goal by	\$1,076.97
07-22-2018	\$1,870.00	missed our goal by	\$ 216.97

**Year-to-date 2018**      --      **\$6,687.95**

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!

## Remember our Shut-ins

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

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

## **August Birthdays**

2) Cindy Finn	19) Donna Berger	
4) Kenneth Kloepfel	19) Deanna Perrin	
4) Yvonne Koenig	19) Amanda Vorst	
4) Serena Coulter	19) Sam Miller	
4) Randy Apple	21) Bryan Hoersten	
4) Nathan Aldrich	22) Mary Mox	
5) Dale Darrow	23) Rose Hager	
7) Norma Koenig	24) Linda Stockwell	
11) Daniel Lane	25) Greg Dienstberger	30) Seth Brinkman
14) Alexa Kruse	26) Troy Calvelage	30) Gertrude Mox
15) Adrian Kimmett	27) William Nomina	30) Jimmie Mox
17) Kathy Vorst	28) Scott Brinkman	



# COMMUNITY



**Hallelujah Saints Band Presents:** 2018 Fall Concert “Good Old Time” at Elida Middle School Commons, 4500 Sunnydale St, Elida Ohio on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm, Love offering. Guest band: Spittin’ Image. Free snacks and beverages.



**Delphos Kiwanis/Rotary Health Screening** Saturday, September 29 from 6:30-9:30 AM at Jefferson High School, 901 Wildcat Lane, Delphos, OH.



**American Red Cross**

Blood Services

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Knight of Columbus, 1011 Elida Ave, Delphos, Ohio on August 1, 2018 from 2:00pm-7:00pm.

There will be another drive at Eagles Delphos, 1600 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Delphos, Ohio on September 6, 2018 from 10:30am-4:30pm.



**Donations are being accepted now for the 2018 TV-44 Auction!**

It's that time of year again: time to start thinking about items you can donate to the annual TV-44 Auction! Items of interest include quality furniture, automobiles, collectibles, sports memorabilia, vehicles, tools, timeshare weeks, trips, and other items of high value.

Donations for the annual auction can be brought to the TV-44 studios, 1844 Baty Rd, Lima, Monday-Thursday, 10am to 3pm. Call in advance for Friday drop-offs. Additionally, if you are downsizing or depleting items from an estate, remember the TV-44 auction as an option.

Also, plan to attend this year's event! The auction date is September 8 -- right here on the TV-44 grounds located at 1844 Baty Rd., Lima. OH 45807.

For more information, call or email Jennifer or Michele: (419) 339-4444, [auction@wtlw.com](mailto:auction@wtlw.com).



SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
August 5	9:00 AM	Noelle Prine	Aaron Kloeppe	Aaron Trentman Ron Kloeppe Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS-** Bill Nomina, Sue Kloeppe

**ALTAR GUILD-** Judy Staples, Karen Hartman

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
August 12	9:00 AM	Garrett Trentman	Ryan Trentman	Aaron Kloeppe Eric Fritz Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS-** Bill Nomina, Sue Kloeppe

**ALTAR GUILD-** Judy Staples, Karen Hartman

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
August 19	9:00 AM	James Hasting	Bob Wortman	Dave Mayer Dan Marlow Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS-** Bill Nomina, Sue Kloeppe

**ALTAR GUILD-** Judy Staples, Karen Hartman

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
August 26	9:00 AM	Lauren French	Dave Stemen	Bob Wortman Larry Miller Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS-** Bill Nomina, Sue Kloeppe

**ALTAR GUILD-** Judy Staples, Karen Hartman

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 2	10:00 AM	Landon Calvelage	Ron Kloeppe	Chuck Hoersten Dan Kramer Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS-** Alan Trentman, Larry Miller

**ALTAR GUILD-** Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea