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## **THE MESSENGER**



October 8, 2018



# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – October 2018

From the Interim Pastor

For the past several weeks we have been reading through the book of James on Sunday morning. The passage from James 3:1-12 is especially helpful to remind us how to use our words. See what you think about some of these verses.

## Taming the Tongue

*How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.*

The writer of James is very concerned about their early church community and how they treat one another. They know that when people gossip and use name calling that it can affect the whole church. One negative word can become like a forest fire that spreads blame and hard feelings.

On the other hand, the writer of James knows that the same tongue can show concern and care for these same people around them and this too can spread and build up their church. The writer of James knows that we will make mistakes, but is encouraging us to take care in choosing our words. We represent Jesus Christ to those around us. People on the edge of faith look to us to see if the love of God has really made any difference in how we live. And James is right – when we look at others through the love of God, this will affect all that we say and do.

Pastor Steve



We also have a good word about Pastor Brooke Apple in North Dakota that we'd like to pass on to you.

On Sundays, Pastor Brooke Apple preaches about peace and quotes from scripture from her pulpit here at First Lutheran Church.

The message is a little different on other days of the week—be aggressive, compete, hit hard.

Those are the two roles for Apple, as a minister of God and as the first-year head coach of the Drayton/Valley-Edinburg co-op high school volleyball team.

On Sundays and during days throughout the week, Apple said, "I'm working on how I can tell people to go out and love one another and spread God's love throughout the world." And then I go to practices and go to games and tell these girls to hit hard, not to hurt somebody, but to take it to them and be aggressive all the time. It's kind of a balance. But it's fun and it lets me get out my competitive nature. And it lets me get involved in community."

Apple grew up in northwestern Ohio playing sports. At Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, she was a student coach for the school's softball team.

The 28-year-old said she always hoped she could mix coaching with her ministry. She was a spectator at local volleyball matches her first year here. But when Apple learned there was a volleyball coaching vacancy, she approached school administrators offering to help.

"They didn't really have an applicant that would commit to it," Apple said. "Originally I said I'd be interested in junior varsity or junior high. But kind of by default I got the head job. And I love volleyball."

Apple took the coaching job with the understanding that her church comes first. If there is a scheduling conflict with, for instance, a funeral, or an emergency where Apple is needed, then assistant coach Brooklyn Johnson is in charge.

"I was a little overwhelmed at first. But I knew once I got into it, that I'd be OK."

Beyond doing a crash course on coaching volleyball, Apple's concern was how the athletes who are members of her parish would react to having their pastor as a coach. Apple wanted the volleyball players to understand that she was their minister first, their coach second, and that they were OK with that arrangement.

"At first, there maybe was a little distance with some of the kids, trying to find a balance of when I'm their coach and when I'm their pastor." Apple said.

"But developing that relationship with the girls as a coach I think has helped me as a pastor. It gives me a chance to get into their lives in a different way, to see them through a different lens."

Junior hitter Emilee Reilly, a member of Apple's church, said there was no discomfort when Appel was named the Titans' coach. "I'd never seen the coaching side of her." Reilly said. "So I wondered what she would be like as a coach. But I was excited. I'd gone with her on mission trips. I knew she had a competitive side. And we knew she was a good person."

Even with a minister on the bench, the Titans have struggled. They took a 1-9 record into the weekend. But, from a won-loss standpoint, Apple has never asked for divine intervention.

"My prayers are always for me to do my best, for the girls to do their best, and for nobody to get hurt," Apple said. (reprinted from Grand Forks Herald)

## General Announcements



**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in September by:  
Dave and Connie Stemen  
Ron and Sue Kloepfel in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Matt & Carrie Calvelage in celebration of their wedding anniversary  
Leonard and Shirley Jarman  
Mark and Linda Downey



**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in September by:  
Laura and Chuck Peters in celebration of their grandsons, Wyatt and Isaac's baptisms  
Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of their wedding anniversary  
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in celebration of their grandson, Liam'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** will be Wednesday, October 10th at 9am.



**Sunday School** will start on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.  
Followed by the worship service at 10:00 AM.



**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

*Thank You*

**Just a quick note** to say thank you for the wonderful job you and the many who volunteered at mom's funeral service and luncheon. The food was amazing and I know, prepared with love and care. Mom really enjoyed her time volunteering at the church. It's a shame that she stayed away recently, but she truly did love her time at the church. Thank you again. With gratitude, The Nomina Family

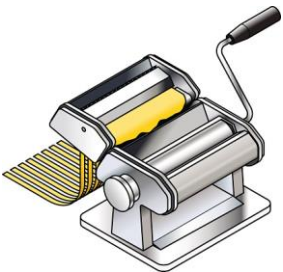


**Our 8th annual pork loin dinner** will be held on Sunday, October 7. With your donations and help, preparation and serving this dinner is becoming a well-oiled machine.

-Tickets are available and being distributed. Please return money for sold tickets asap. If you have questions, would like to help, or cannot help as you have in the past, please call or text Melissa Trentman at 419-302-0024. Thank you in advance, for your help.

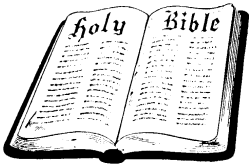


**Clergy Appreciation Day** is Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let Pastor Steve know that you appreciate him being here, guiding us while we get prepared for our next pastor.



**Noodle Making** without a sitting president, things are undecided. Will keep you updated in the weekly bulletin.

# NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



**Good Morning/Good Shepherd Bible Study** – Bible study will in October. Members will be contacted with a date and time. If you would like to attend Bible study, please contact Jacquie Fritz.

October Bible study theme is *Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance* Session two: *Turning to others*

**WELCA SW Conference Fall Retreat** is Saturday, October 20, at New Creation Lutheran Church, 109 W Main St., Elida, Ohio. Registration: 9:00-9:30AM.

## 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.

### Remember our Shut-ins

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

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	Virginia Beach VA
Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Dominic Munoz	Navy	Annapolis MD
Alex Redmond	Army	Ft Campbell KY

***OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS***



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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2) Shirley Ditto      | 17) Megan Weitzel    |
| 7) Paige Kloepfel     | 17) Derek Nomina     |
| 8) Joe Loetz          | 17) Andrew Swick     |
| 8) Randall Klentz     | 20) Robb Rinehart    |
| 9) Jerry Sampson      | 21) Jesse Stemen     |
| 10) Paul Wreede       | 22) Hunter Lane      |
| 10) Jaxon Prine       | 24) Michelle Kimmet  |
| 11) Beverly Derrow    | 30) Andrew Fitch     |
| 13) Rick Dienstberger | 30) Ronald Kloepfel  |
|                       | 31) Beth Hower-Brown |



**2019 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board in the entrance hall. Please sign up to get the Sundays that are special to you.

**Offering Recap for September 2018**

Worship attendance for 8-29-2018	51
Worship attendance for 9-02-2018	67
Worship attendance for 9-09-2018	60
Worship attendance for 9-16-2018	41

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

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

08-29-2018	\$1,992.00 we missed our goal by	\$ 94.97
09-02-2018	\$1,635.00 we missed our goal by	\$ 451.97
09-09-2018	\$1,670.46 we missed our goal by	\$ 461.51
09-16-2018	\$1,090.00 we missed our goal by	\$ 996.97

**Year-to-date 2018**      **-- \$ 9,770.00**

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

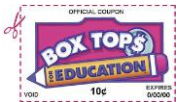


**Holiday Bazaar** Wesley United Methodist Church will once again be holding a Holiday Bazaar on November 3, 2018 from 9am-3pm at 551 Center St., Van Wert, OH.

Interested vendors are sought to rent a table(s) to display and sell their items (no baked goods, please.) Rental is \$20 per table or \$15 if you are willing to donate a raffle item. Registration form and payment will need to be turned in to reserve a spot by Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Electrical outlets and wi-fi available. You may call the church Monday through Thursday 8am to noon at 419-238-6216 to reserve a table. The Wesley United Methodist Women will be selling sandwiches, drinks and baked goods from 10am – 2pm during the Bazaar while visitors shop.



**Save the receipts.** Turn in your Chief receipts that are marked “Community Cash” from the Delphos store only. Please turn in your full slip, Chief’s will not process partial slips.



There is also a container in the Fellowship Hall for Education Box Tops.



There is a container for pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

There is also a basket for used prescription eye glasses.



**101<sup>st</sup> Annual Gymanfa Ganu** “A singing Festival” will be Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Gomer Congregational Church, 7350 Gomer Rd, Gomer, Ohio. The director will be Shawn Stevens from Lima, Ohio. Nancy Glick will be returning to provide harp music. The Welsh Society of Northwest Ohio will be providing a lite supper at the church Fellowship Hall from 4:00-6:00 pm. There will be a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 5:00-6:30 pm at the church. Cost of dinner is \$8. Carry out only. Tickets can be purchased by calling the church at 419-642-2861.



**Delphos-Verl Friendship Link Explained** Just what is the Delphos-Verl Friendship Link? Where did it start: Why did it start: How? And why does it continue? On October 9, 2018 join us at the library’s First Edition Building on First Street to learn answers to all these questions. The presentation will start at 6:30pm. For more information, email Judy Fischer at [fischer133@gmail.com](mailto:fischer133@gmail.com) or call at 419-695-0755. All are welcome.





**ELCA Good Gifts** The average American plans to spend over \$600 on Christmas gifts this year. Yet many of us admit that the tradition of gift-giving leaves us with too much stuff and too few meaningful memories. With ELCA Good Gifts, you can find more than 50 life-changing, charitable gifts – such as a pair of goats, school fees, or a water well – and give a gift the world truly needs. Each gift can be given in honor of a friend or loved one, and you can send or download a personalized card to let them know about it. Shop now: [ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://ELCA.org/goodgifts)



### **Bishop's Bake Off Info**

All are invited to participate in the Bishop's Bake-Off! Here's how:

- When you register, indicate that you are interested in bringing a dessert.
- Find your favorite recipe that matches the flavor of the evening. We're also looking for your favorite Bible verse and/or a prayer that you would like included in the cookbook.
- If you want to share your recipe, please use the link below or bring it with you to the Gathering. Please make sure all recipes are legible! ([Submit Recipe Online](#))

Recipes will be collected for our "NWOS Fall Gathering Cookbook", which will be available on the synod website or via email by request.

Please email [media@nwos-elca.org](mailto:media@nwos-elca.org) with any questions.

### ***Schedule***

October 11: Glenwood, Toledo (Lemon)

October 16: Nevada, Nevada (Apple)

October 23: St. John's, Oak Harbor (Pumpkin)

October 25: St. Peter, Delphos (Chocolate)

October 30: Emanuel, Napoleon (Baker's Choice)

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
October 7 <i>Pork Loin Dinner</i>	9:00 AM	Garrett Trentman	Larry Miller	Ryan Trentman Ron Kloeppe Volunteers

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

**ALTAR GUILD-** Sue Kloeppe, Linda Mayer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
October 14	10:00 AM	Sam Hasting	Alan Trentman	Rick Dienstberger Larry Miller Volunteers

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

**ALTAR GUILD-** Sue Kloeppe, Linda Mayer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
October 21	10:00 AM	Lauren French	Ryan Trentman	Bob Wortman Aaron Kloeppe Volunteers

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

**ALTAR GUILD-** Sue Kloeppe, Linda Mayer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
October 28	10:00 AM	Landon Calvelage	Aaron Kloeppe	Eric Fritz Dave Mayer Volunteers

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

**ALTAR GUILD-** Sue Kloeppe, Linda Mayer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
November 4	10:00 AM	Kylee Dienstberger	Bob Wortman	Dan Marlow Chuck Hoersten Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS-** Sue Kloeppe, Alan Trentman

**ALTAR GUILD-** Donna Berger, Susan McGue

You have all seen the warnings. Be careful when you donate to “good causes”. There are a lot of scammers out there these days, trying hard to get your money. Below is a place where 100% of your funds will be used to help the hurricane victims.

## Lutheran Disaster Response Hurricane Florence

Hurricane Florence is threatening more than 1 million of our neighbors in the Carolinas and elsewhere with dangerous winds, storm surge and potentially catastrophic flooding.

As a church, we’re standing ready to assist our neighbors through their recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with Lutheran Services Carolinas, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia and the synods in the hurricane’s path to respond to this disaster. In the midst of a hurricane season that is producing strong storms, Lutheran Disaster Response is also monitoring Hurricane Helene, Tropical Storm Olivia and Tropical Storm Isaac and is prepared to respond.

Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by Hurricane Florence and other hurricanes for years to come.

Your gifts designated for hurricane response will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Give now to support survivors of disasters.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

\_\_\_\_\_Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane response*     \$\_\_\_\_\_DDG0087

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Lutheran Disaster Response and sent to:  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center  
PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write “*Hurricane Response*” or “*Where needed most*” on your check’s memo line.

