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The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – September 2018

From the Interim Pastor

For my article I am going to steal some words that someone else wrote in a sermon some time ago. This is the end of her sermon and I will quote from her and then I will tell you who the writer is.

Paul the writer of the book of Ephesians wants the early Christians to know, that even despite pain, suffering, hardships, and doubts, God has provided us the strength and faith we need. The breastplate of righteousness and the shield of faith deflects the arrows that Satan may shoot our way. With proper foot wear, we carry God's truth wherever we go. And the last two, I rely on the most: the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. I saw a t-shirt once that said, Life is Hard; Wear a Helmet. The helmet of salvation protects our brain, our decision maker. So when the question, should I stay or should I go comes up—it is a no brainer. Why? The sword of the spirit, the word of God tells us the truths we need to hear. It's not sugar coated. It's not easy. Like the disciples who left complained—This is a difficult word; who can accept it? But with the Bible, the sword of the spirit, we can know we are saved by grace. We can pray for God to reveal himself to us, to help us to believe in ways that only make sense to us. We can answer with Peter: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Amen.

The writer of these words is Terry Nelson. This is a sermon she wrote on the 6th chapter of Ephesians several years ago. This is the book we have been reading through these past several weeks in worship. And the writer of Ephesians meant for this letter to be circulated to all the early Christian churches. What Terry wrote here is meant as a conclusion about how we respond to what God has already given to us. And I think that she nailed it.

Take a look for yourself at the equipment that God gives to us in the 6th chapter of Ephesians and how it helps us to live in this world and to be God's loving servants. We are not alone neither are we defenseless against the hardships of life. We are well protected and loved.

This past year the church council has done some needed repairs to the **parsonage** so that right now it is in very good shape. Because of this, the council has begun discussing options of what to do with the parsonage in the coming years such as renting it out or even selling it. The following are words that they have prepared to bring this to your attention.

The Council is exploring the option of selling the church parsonage. We will be meeting with a realtor to discuss the value of the parsonage. Once details are received, the topic will be included in the newsletter for open discussion with the congregation.

Pastor Steve

General Announcements



Radio ministry was given to the glory of God in August by:
Ed and Sandy Talboom
The Himmeger family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger
Matt & Carrie Calvelage and family



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in August by:
Dan and Judy Staples in celebration of their 36th wedding anniversary



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.



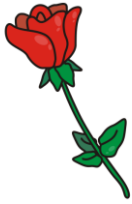
Quilting Day will be Wednesday, September 12th at 9am.



Sunday 10AM worship service will start on September 2nd.



Condolences of the congregation to the family of Karen Nomina, whose funeral was held on Saturday, September 18, 2018.



The rose on the altar on August 29th was in celebration for the birth of Ross Daniel Trentman, born August 17th at 10 lbs, 14 oz. Ross is the son of Alan and Lauren Trentman. Both momma and baby are doing great! Ross was welcomed home by big brother, Roy.



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

Thank you for making a difference! Thanks so much for "serving" our seniors. The food was gret and everyone appreciates all you do for the Delphos Community! Thanks again, Alice Curth, Exec. Director, Delphos Sr. Citizens



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.

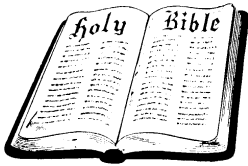
-Tickets are available and being distributed. Please return money for sold tickets asap.

-Bacon donations are needed by Sept 30.

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.

NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



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

September Bible study theme is *Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance*



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.

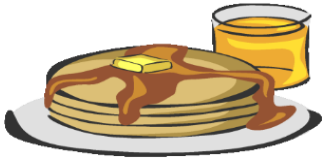
Thank you for your support.

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....

Another school summer vacation has come and gone and with that the Kids Summer Breakfast Program has once again ended a very successful year. I would like to thank every single person that volunteered their time, gave money, donated food, or spread the word! Thank YOU!
Susan McGue

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1) Alan Trentman
- 4) Christine Brinkman
- 6) Jack Gorman Sr.
- 6) Ashley Hoehn
- 6) Sharon Reel
- 7) Fred Hasting
- 7) Lindsey Lane
- 7) Dan Staples
- 12) Robert Coulter
- 12) Robert Wortman
- 16) Edward Fritz
- 16) Allyson Hasting
- 17) Jamie Schleeter

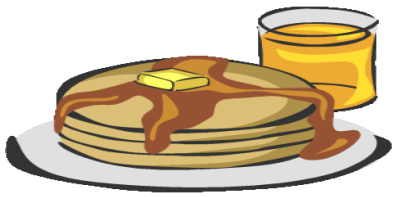
- 18) Jason Clevenger
- 20) Rob Wortman
- 21) Kimberly Cross
- 21) Debra Simon
- 23) Nicole Dienstberger
- 23) Kayla Kruse
- 25) Brenda Hoersten
- 27) Susan McGue
- 28) Laurie Warnecke
- 28) Caleb Trentman
- 30) Linda Downey



Confirmation Classes will begin Sunday, September 23rd at 9:00 AM.
Please call Jacquie Fritz if you have any questions (419-692-6646)



Sunday School will start in October, after the Pork Loin Dinner Fund Raiser.



Kids Free Breakfast Program

The following article was published on the Delphos Aware website and facebook page. This article is run with permission of Laura Hayford, Editor Delphos Aware LLC.

This Good Neighbor Feeds Delphos.....

St. Peter Lutheran Church's InReach/OutReach & Their Kid's Summer Breakfast Program

Written by Laura Hayford

What constitutes a good neighbor? For some it may be a person or family who lives close by you and you find to be helpful and courteous. For some the idea of a good neighbor may suggest a person in a neighborhood, or community, who you know you can rely on to make it a better place to live. For your August edition of Delphos Aware LLC Online Magazine, we are recognizing a group of people, with roots in a local congregation, as our "good neighbor".

On any given weekday morning during the summer months, while school is out, you will find a congregation of children and adults at St. Peter Lutheran Church on Pierce Street in Delphos. A smattering of bicycles may be parked by the church sign and muffled sounds of children's laughter and footballs may drift out to greet you at the open entry doors. You might expect this congregation to be in worship, but they are in fellowship—for breakfast.

This is the ninth year St. Peter Lutheran's InReach/OutReach team has hosted the Kid's Summer Breakfast program. Susan McGue started and heads up this extraordinary opportunity for children and adults to come to the church and get a hot, nutritious breakfast.

What stood out to me most was the precision and organized manner to which each volunteer did their part. The kitchen, dining and serving areas are set up to provide a dining experience much like you would find at a restaurant. Even the patrons, the children and adults who come to eat and visit with each other, know what is expected of them while they are here dining.

When a guest of the breakfast program arrives, they stop at a table at the entry and fill out their order for breakfast. While they are filling out their breakfast order--which menu options change on daily--they also have the option to fill out a take home sack lunch request. On the first day I visited, the breakfast menu included pancakes with assorted options such as plain, chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, both chocolate and peanut butter chips, or blueberries. You could also get cereal. On Wednesdays, what I am told is a popular day, the breakfast menu includes pancakes with either chocolate chips or blueberries or scrambled eggs with cheese as an option, and a meat, or cereal, and toast and it was very tasty!

Every day the children can take home a sack lunch, too. The options for the sack lunch stay the same every day and include choices of a sandwich or a pancake and you can select two items. The sandwich choices are peanut butter only, peanut butter with jelly or jelly only sandwich. You can also take home 1 or 2 pancakes--either plain, blueberry, or chocolate chip. You can also mix one pancake with one sandwich.

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Therefore, there really is no need for any child to go hungry, when school is out, in Delphos! According to the United States Department of Agriculture 13.1 million children under the age of 18 in the United States live in households where they are unable to consistently access enough nutritious foods for a healthy life. The St. Peter Lutheran InReach/OutReach Team provides breakfast and lunch options for all children, and any adult they bring with them, regardless of household income and without any questions or requirements. For many of these kids, meeting up for breakfast to see their friends is a big draw. This program provides a safe place for children to get tasty food and good company. The children know they are expected to return their plates and silverware to a designated area and clean them off for the kitchen staff who will be washing them. They also know they need to push their chairs in and leave their areas neat and tidy.

Susan McGue says, “This program runs strictly on donations and no one get turned away. It takes quite a few volunteers to make this run efficiently. Some days of the week require more volunteers than others because of the food items on the menu. Wednesdays are our busiest days as we have scrambled eggs and meats.” A lot of the volunteers are St. Peter Lutheran Church members. The Delphos Public Library and K&M Tire send volunteers, too. Chad Beechwood of K&M Tire was volunteering at the drink table and said, “I like volunteering and helping people. I like to give back.” Many of the volunteers were very busy working so I didn’t get to talk to them much.

I did a little survey and asked the kids what they liked the best about the Kid’s Summer Breakfast Program. The results varied from, “I like the yummy food,” and “I love the multiple choice” or “I like their chocolate milk” to a jubilant “Pancakes!” All the respondents answered with a bright smile on their faces, of course.

You can catch Susan and all the volunteers cooking up some yummy food and joyful kids and parents enjoying every bite of it from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, weekday mornings through August 17th. Stop in, say, “Hi” and meet some very good neighbors, indeed!

COMMUNITY



Hallelujah Saints Band Presents: 2018 Fall Concert “Good Old Time” at Elida Middle School Commons, 4500 Sunnysdale St, Elida Ohio on Friday, September 28th 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 Eagles Delphos, 1600 E 5th 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, auktion@wtlw.com.

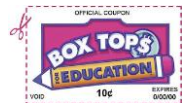


Holiday Bazaar Wesley United Methodist Church will once again be holding a Holiday Bazaar on November 3, 2018 from 9am-3pm at 551 Center St., Van Wert, OH.

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. 7th. 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. There is also a container in the Fellowship Hall for Education Box Tops.



Delphos Canal Days September 13-16, 2018. Crowd Pleasers:

Toast to the City – Thursday-6-9pm (70's theme)

Craft & Vendor Fair- Sat 9am-5pm

Basket Bingo- Sat 1-3pm

Golf Cart Poker Run- Sat 3-6pm

Parade-Sun 2pm

Taste of Trinity Bake Sale-Sat 9am-3pm

FFA Putt Putt Golf

First Financial Bank Art Exhibit

Car Show

Tractor Show

Check out: canaldays@delphoschamber.com for more information.

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 9	10:00 AM	Kylee Dienstberger	Rick Dienstberger	Bob Kloeppe Ken Kloeppe Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Alan Trentman, Larry Miller
ALTAR GUILD- Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 16	10:00 AM	Matthew Weitzel	Dave Mayer	Matt Calvelage Dave Stemen Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Alan Trentman, Larry Miller
ALTAR GUILD- Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 23	10:00 AM	Noelle Prine	Dan Kramer	Sam Miller Dan Staples Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Alan Trentman, Larry Miller
ALTAR GUILD- Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 30	10:00 AM	James Hasting	Eric Fritz	Aaron Trentman Alan Trentman Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Alan Trentman, Larry Miller
ALTAR GUILD- Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

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 and Karen Hartman
ALTAR GUILD- Sue Kloeppe, Linda Mayer