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THE MESSENGER



The office will be closed November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving



The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – November 2018

From the Interim Pastor

The fall is my favorite time of year even though where I live we have a lot of leaves to rake. I love the cool air and there is such beauty in this time of changing seasons. This is also the time of year that I began as your Interim pastor and I can see some changes that may come this year.

My primary task with you has always been to help prepare you for your next pastor. At our council meeting this past month I shared some thoughts I have about this. I am now beginning my fifth year with you and this will probably be my last. I am hoping that a neighboring congregation will finally open up and that you can share a pastor with them. There is a good possibility for this and we have been waiting for them to be ready.

I also have the help of two other Lutheran pastors who are not available for Interim work but they can fill in on Sundays. Pastor Bob Gibson from Elida and Pastor Mark Bauer from Wapakoneta are available for Sunday worship. I think it will be helpful for you to experience their style of leading worship and preaching to remind you that there are a variety of pastors out there and many of them are very good. I have known Bob and Mark for a long time and I have a lot of respect for both of them.

I have asked them to take one Sunday each month. They will do this as they can which means that you might have both in one month or just one. Either way, I know you will enjoy them and this will give you some variety. At the same time this will give me the opportunity to take my wife away for a weekend to help renew her spirits for teaching.

We will see what the coming year will bring. Please know that I will continue to be with you during the week and for any time that you need me.

Another change that may be coming from the church council is putting the question to you on whether or not to sell the parsonage. In the November newsletter you will get their recommendation as well as information about the value of the parsonage. Repairs have been made to the parsonage and it is currently in good shape. Also the market is ripe for selling houses right now and that makes this an appropriate time to ask this question. At our December congregational meeting on the budget for the coming year, you will be asked to make a decision on whether to keep the parsonage or to sell it.

In the meantime, you are welcome to talk with any council member and ask them your questions.

We know that like the seasons, change will come to us. We know that winter might be wet and cold but we also know that Spring will once again give us new life. This is also what God promises us as well. Regardless of the changes God promises to be with us through it all and will guide us into new life.

Pastor Steve



The property committee has explored the possibility of selling the parsonage located on Scott Street. We looked into the cost of yearly upkeep and maintenance. The house has to be constantly checked for water, heat/cooling, plumbing and other issues. Something always needs taken care of. In the winter snow needs taken care of, sidewalks and driveways need cleaned, in the summer it's weeds and mowing.

We have yearly expenses of taxes, insurance and monthly water and sewer bill, electric bill. These expenses come to nearly (\$5000.00) five thousand dollars a year.

In the past, having a parsonage for your pastor and family was a blessing and bonus for calling a pastor to serve us. It was a tool that no longer is a benefit to be used for calling a pastor.

After discussion with interim Pastor Steve and his wife, we discovered on the pastors side, it is not a benefit as the Pastor has no means of building equity and it actually costs them money on taxes of income.

Due to the current state of being able to find a calling for a full time pastor to serve us and due to the current status our most likely scenario of calling a pastor, we are leaning toward a shared ministry as congregation sizes all over are shrinking in numbers, we most likely will be sharing a pastor.

Due to these facts, it was recommended to/by the committee to sell the property and was voted on and passed by council to sell the parsonage.

The property was re-surveyed, and we will retain 50 % of the back yard between the garage and the back of the sanctuary. We will maintain a written agreement with the sale and with Dave Sterling for total use of the driveway to access our property from Scott Street.

The property was appraised at \$160,000.00 (one hundred sixty thousand) and the market is strong right now. We should net around one hundred forty thousand (\$140000.00) after the sale.

This will be voted on at the annual congregation meeting the first part of December.

Dan Kramer property co-chair

Randy Rinehart

Eric Fritz

General Announcements



Radio ministry was given to the glory of God in October by:
Ron and Sue Kloeppe in celebration of their daughter, Paige's 16th birthday
Ed and Sandy Talboom
Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in October by:
Kyle and Samantha Rode in celebration of their daughter, Olivia's 3rd birthday
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in celebration of daughter-in-law, Miranda's birthday,
Granddaughter, Raylie's birthday and for son Robb and Angie's anniversary
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in celebration of son, Robb's birthday, granddaughter, Ella's
birthday and for Son Ryan and Miranda's anniversary
The Altar Guild in celebration of Reformation Sunday



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, November 14th at 9am.



All Saints Day The first Sunday in November is designated as All Saints Sunday and it is a time to remember and give thanks for those who have come before us. They have in their own way passed on the faith to us and for this we give our thanks. We also remember those who have died in the past year and we remember them with gratitude. This past year at St. Peter Lutheran, they are: Marianne Wollet and Karen Nomina.

Gracious God, thank you for those who have lived their lives in such a way that Jesus Christ was made known and glorified. Amen.



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



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 4th. Now that we are in our "Fall" season, turn your clocks back one hour. (Enjoy that extra hour of sleep.)

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my time of surgery and recovery. It is times like this that magnifies the power of the Spirit of the Lord. Prayers are answered.
Thanks again, Lynn Koenig



Our 8th annual pork loin dinner was held on Sunday, October 7. Thank you to everyone who supported the Pork Loin Dinner Fund Raiser in any way: donating time or needed items, buying or selling tickets, and prayers. 734 tickets were sold. The projected profit is \$5,047.86.

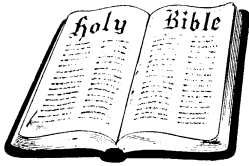


Thank you, Dave Stemen for delivering 47 quilts and 29 school kits to Fort Wayne for the Lutheran World Relief Program.



Congratulations from the congregation to the Alan Trentman family on the baptism of their son, Ross. We are blessed to be part of your faith journey.

NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



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

November Bible study theme is *Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance*
Session Three: Turning as the church to the world



There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service this year. (Thanksgiving is not a church holiday). Please bring your non-perishable donations to the Thankoffering Service on Sunday, November 18th. All donations will be given to the Delphos Thrift Shop.



Annual Bake Sale is Friday, November 16th at First Federal Bank in the main lobby. Please drop off your donated goodies on Thursday, November 16th at the Fellowship Hall from 9am-Noon or after 6pm. Workers are needed for 2 hour shifts on Friday. Please contact Karen Hartman if you are able to work.

Altar Guild



Altar Guild will once again this year be using poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Services. The cost will be \$7 each with pot size being 6-1/2 inches. Your color choices are red, white, pink, marble & jingle bells. Envelopes will be in the pews and in the back of the church. In order to have these choices, we need your envelope with payment by Sunday, November 25. 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.

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1) Kevin Theis | 12) Noah Cheney |
| 1) Gregory Sampson | 13) Lexie Cheney |
| 3) Hannah Lieurance | 14) Garrett Trentman |
| 3) Emily Dienstberger | 16) Billy Stemen |
| 4) Amy Hoehn | 20) Connie Stemen |
| 4) Brooke Apple | 20) Jacob Trentman |
| 5) Shirley Parsons | 21) Leonard (Butch) Prine |
| 5) Teresa Luke | 26) Britney Calvelage |
| 6) Janice Kloepfel | 27) Samuel Hasting |
| 8) Kara Webster | 28) Alyssa Miller |
| 10) Joslynn James | 29) Brad Berger |
| 11) Collin Swick | 29) Denise Kloepfel |
| 12) Bonnie Marlow | |



Offering Recap for October 2018

Worship attendance for 09-23-2018	45
Worship attendance for 09-30-2018	41
Worship attendance for 10-07-2018	43
Worship attendance for 10-14-2018	55
Worship attendance for 10-21-2018	57

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

Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

09-23-2018	\$1,742.00 missed our goal by	\$ 344.97
09-30-2018	\$1,600.00 missed our goal by	\$ 486.97
10-07-2018	\$2,565.00 exceeded our goal by	\$ 478.03
10-14-2018	\$1,440.00 missed our goal by	\$ 646.97
10-21-2018	\$1,498.00 missed our goal by	\$ 588.97

Year-to-date 2018 shortage: -- **\$6,311.99***

***Includes Pork Loin Dinner Fundraiser
proceeds of \$5,047.86**

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. Come check out the vendors and crafts. The Wesley United Methodist Women will be selling sandwiches, drinks and baked goods from 10am – 2pm during the Bazaar while visitors shop.



Kiwaniis Pancake Day is Saturday, November 3rd from 6:30am -2:00pm at Delphos Jefferson High School. Adult tickets are \$8 and children 10 years old and under are free. Proceeds will benefit community youth and school activities.

November 4 <i>All Saint's Sunday</i>	10:00 AM	Kylee Dienstberger	Bob Wortman	Dan Marlow Chuck Hoersten Volunteers
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MONEY COUNTERS- Sue Kloeppe, Alan Trentman

ALTAR GUILD- Donna Berger, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
November 11	10:00 AM	Matthew Weitzel	Lynn Koenig	Dan Kramer Matt Calvelage Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Sue Kloeppe, Alan Trentman

ALTAR GUILD- Donna Berger, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
November 18 <i>Thankoffering</i>	10:00 AM	Noelle Prine	Yvonne Koenig	WELCA Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Sue Kloeppe, Alan Trentman

ALTAR GUILD- Donna Berger, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
November 25 <i>Christ is the King Sunday</i>	10:00 AM	James Hasting	Dave Stemen	Ken Kloeppe Bob Kloeppe Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Sue Kloeppe

ALTAR GUILD- Donna Berger, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
December 2	10:00 AM	Garrett Trentman	Aaron Trentman	Sam Miller Dan Staples Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS- Sue Kloeppe, Ryan Trentman

ALTAR GUILD- Linda Mayer, Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea