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Office will be closed
Monday and Tuesday
January 1 and 2

February Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, January 20, 2019

THE MESSENGER



Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon



The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – January 2019

From the Interim Pastor.....

This is a traditional Hungarian blessing:

*Where there is faith there is love
Where there is love there is peace
Where there is peace there is blessing
Where there is blessing there is God
Where there is God is all we need*

I think it is helpful when we try to keep our faith as simple as we possibly can. This makes it easier to explain our faith to others when we need to share it with them. Some questions that help me to do this are...

1. Who taught me about God and how did they do this?
2. Have I seen God in the big decisions that I have made in my life?
3. Have I seen God in my struggles?
4. Have I seen God in the joyful times of my life?
5. Do I trust where God is leading me?

Questions like these can help me to see how God has already been an important part of my life, and when we can recognize this, then we will know that God is taking us on a journey through this world and that God wants us to do well.

When I pray I ask God to show me how to be grateful and how to serve others. This is probably the most important prayer I make for myself. If I can do this then I will be focusing on God inside of myself as well as looking for God in those around me. I can't imagine a better life than this.

Happy New Year. I wish you the very best in the coming year and for your family. I also wish you the very best for St. Peter Lutheran as well. I enjoy being your Interim pastor and I have enjoyed getting to know you all better. Thank you.

Pastor Steve

General Announcements



Radio ministry was given to the glory of God in December by:
Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
Leonard and Shirley Jarman
Christmas Eve: Matt & Carrie Calvelage & Family, Ron and Sue Kloeppe & Family,
Ed & Sandy Talboom and Leonard and Shirley Jarman



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in December by:
Ed and Jacquie Fritz in thanksgiving for Pastor Steve and Terry Nelson
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in celebration of their daughter, Tara's birthday
Christmas Eve: Dave and Linda Mayer



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, January 9, 2019.

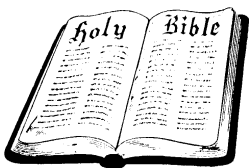


Quarterless Auction: Our Annual Quarterless Auction is just around the corner, Sat., March 2. We are gearing up for a huge event and everyone's participation is vital. We are in the process of buying items for this auction. We always accept monetary donations AND Gift Card Donations! The beginning of February, we will have a food/beverage sign-up sheet posted. Please mark this date in your calendar and let us know as soon as possible if you will be available to work. Many hands working together always create a success. Thank you!
Angie Miller and Susan McGue



The calendar is in the red book for sponsoring the Radio Ministry. (\$45 per Sunday)
 You can also sign up to be a reader during a worship service. The readings can be given to you early. The calendar is also posted on the bulletin board in the hall to give flowers on the altar. Please sign up.

NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



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

January Bible study theme is *Meetings with Jesus - Come and see: Seeking and finding faith*

Altar Guild

There is no Altar Guild Meeting for January.

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

InReach/OutReach



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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



4) Ryan Trentman
7) Kaiden Trentman
7) Renee Murphy
10) Isaac Kimmet
12) Alex Redmon
12) Sarah Fitch
16) Carrie Calvelage
16) Pam Schleter
22) Landon Calvelage
22) Willard Dienstberger

23) Randy Rinehart
24) Alexandria Brown
24) Colene Davidson
26) Robert Freund
27) Carrie Kramer Lieurance
29) Sue Apple
29) Colin Koebel
29) Dave Mayer
31) Rolland Klenz
31) Kim Perrin

Offering Recap for December 2018

Worship attendance for 11-25-2018	62
Worship attendance for 12-02-2018	55
Worship attendance for 12-09-2018	74
Worship attendance for 12-16-2018	42

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

Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

11-25-2018 \$2,457.00 exceeded our goal by	\$ 370.03
12-02-2018 \$1,419.00 missed our goal by	\$ 667.97
12-09-2018 \$8,740.00 exceeded our goal by	\$ 6,653.03
12-16-2018 \$2,177.00 exceeded our goal by	\$ 90.03

Year-to-date 2018: **\$1,391.37**

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



The Delphos Ministerial Association will once again be hosting Family Promise guests at Trinity United Methodist Church in 2019. We will welcome the guests the weeks of 1/13/19, 3/24/19, 6/23/19, and 11/10/19. We are always in need of volunteers to **bring a meal** (5 pm weekdays, 8am, 12pm, and 5pm on Saturday), **provide fellowship** (5-8pm on weekdays, Saturday 8a-12pm, 12pm-4pm, and 4pm-8pm), and **spend the night** (8pm-6:30am Sun. thru Sat.). We have lost a couple of volunteers due to illness, so we would love to have you! We also accept monetary donations for the cost of food during the weeks that we host. Just drop in collection basket in envelope marked "Family Promise". If you would like to sign up to volunteer, or if you have questions, please call Nancy Bonifas at 419-771-8611, or Tori Bockey at 419-203-4259.



American Red Cross

Blood Services

American Red Cross Blood drive will be at Delphos Eagles, 1600 E 5th St, Delphos, OH on Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 10:30am-4:30pm.

There will also be a blood drive at Knights of Columbus, 1011 Elida Ave., Delphos, OH on Wednesday, February 6th from 2PM-7PM. Walk ins are welcome. Or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability.

Servants of the Lord

January 6	10:00 AM	Matthew Weitzel	Eric Fritz	Dave Mayer Chuck Hoersten Volunteers
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MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
January 13	10:00 AM	James Hasting	Larry Miller	Eric Fritz Dan Kramer Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
January 20	10:00 AM	Garrett Trentman	Ryan Trentman	Bob Kloepfel Ken Kloepfel Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
January 27	10:00 AM	Nathan Calvelage	Lynn Koenig	Ron Kloepfel Sue Kloepfel Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 3	10:00 AM	Sam Hasting	Bob Wortman	Dan Marlow Larry Miller Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Deb Trentman, Rick Dienstberger

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer