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**March Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, Wednesday February 20, 2019**

## **THE MESSENGER**



Presidents' Day  
Monday, February 18, 2019



# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – February 2019

From the Interim Pastor.....

This coming Sunday Paul will tell us how love works and what it will look like in 1 Corinthians 13. Verses 4-7 read- *“Love is patient and kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoings, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”*

It is important for us to affirm our gifts and it is the love that God has for us in Jesus Christ that will show us how to use them. This is the excellent way that the Apostle Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 13.

No matter how skilled or talented a person we are and no matter how well intentioned we are in wanting to help others, if we do not let God’s love for us guide us in how we use our gifts, then we will usually mess it up.

Just like the early Christians in Corinth, we too can become quarrelsome, self-consumed, arrogant, and intolerant of others and how they differ from us. And then we will use our skills and talents in a harmful way and not even know it.

Paul is telling us that when we let the love that God has for each of us guide us in how we use our gifts, then we will make the difference that we would like to accomplish. But without God’s love, we just can’t do this by ourselves, and this is both humbling and refreshing. You see we simply aren’t meant to do this by ourselves.

Several years ago a congregation put together a Lenten Devotional Booklet answering the question, “To what is God calling you to do?” Here is the story of a grandmother and how the love of God has shaped what she does.

*“Many times through the years I have seen and felt God’s hand in my life. As I matured and looked back I could even see that more clearly. His love touches us in many ways. I see and feel God’s love for me and I know that even though I have many faults and sins, that I must love myself and accept my short-comings in order to love and accept others, no matter what their faults and sins may be. This is not easy, but with the faith that God has blessed me with I’m sure I will make it, even though there will be struggles and disappointments. God has blessed us richly with his love and in many other ways. Without God in my life, there would be a great emptiness. I think that God may be calling me to show my love for him and all people by my actions and by using the talents He has blessed me with.”*

Mother Theresa has written these words, “Love cannot remain by itself – by itself, it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service. How do we put the love for God in action? By being faithful to our family, and to the duties that God has entrusted to us. Whatever form we are – able or disabled, rich or poor – it is a lifelong sharing of love with others.”

Imagine what our life would look like if we followed their example. Imagine what our church and our community would look like if we followed their example.

Pastor Steve

# General Announcements



**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in January by:  
Martina Himmeger in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Matt and Carrie Calvelage in celebration of Carrie's birthday on January 16<sup>th</sup> and  
Landon's birthday on January 22<sup>nd</sup>



**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in January by:  
Ed and Jacque Fritz in thanksgiving for their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on February 2<sup>nd</sup>



**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, February 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM.



**Quarterless Auction - Reserve the date of Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please check the red book. We are in need of *volunteers* to work the auction. We have many spots to fill. We are in need of food donations for the kitchen. We will be selling sandwiches, snacks and drinks during the auction and this is a good money maker.

There are sign-up sheets in the red book for both workers and food donations.

We still need auction items. Check with Angie or Susan for ideas. Gift cards are always great!

Admission tickets are available for sale for \$5.00 each. Everyone needs a ticket to attend. Tell your friends and family about this fun event. We have a reputation of having great prizes! There is a "Facebook" event page. Please share with your Facebook Friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Miller or Susan McGue.



**The Rose on the Altar** was in celebration for the birth of Brayla Lynn Kruse, daughter of Brayton and Kayla Kruse. Grandmother is Laurie Warnecke, great-grandparents are Butch and Chris Prine.



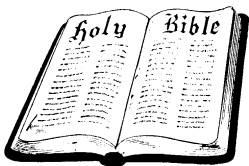
Condolences of the congregation are given to the family of Margene Freund, whose memorial service was held at St. Peter on January 12, 2019.

*Thank You*

Dear St. Peter Lutheran Church Ladies,

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedules to prepare the delicious meal for our family and friends after the funeral of our dad, Les Shafer. Thank You! Family of Lester Shafer

## NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



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

February Bible study theme is *Meetings with Jesus, Session two: By Night and day: Coming to Faith in Jesus*

### *Altar Guild*

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

#### 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

**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.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

3) Roger Gossman  
5) Roger Klenz  
6) Daniel Stemen  
7) Liam LaRue  
7) Lyla Lane  
8) Victoria Redmon  
14) Karen Hartman

14) Rachel Munshower  
16) Thomas Calvelage  
16) Zachary Kimmett  
18) Jamie Wortman  
22) Sierra Marlow  
26) Jordan Koebel  
28) Tom Watkins, Jr



## Offering Recap for January 2019

Worship attendance for 12-23-2018	52
Worship attendance for 12-24-2018	154
Worship attendance for 12-30-2018	36
Worship attendance for 01-06-2019	72
Worship attendance for 01-13-2019	48
Worship attendance for 01-20-2019—cancelled due to inclement weather	0

Amount needed **each week** to meet approved budget for 2019      \$2,106.09

### Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

12-23-2018	\$2,999.00 exceeded our goal by	\$ 912.03
12-24-2018	\$4,492.00 exceeded our goal by	\$ 2,405.03
12-30-2018	\$ 972.00 missed our goal by	\$ 1,114.97
01-06-2019	\$1,257.00 missed our goal by	\$ 849.09
01-13-2019	\$1,336.00 missed our goal by	\$ 770.09
01-20-2019	cancelled due to inclement weather	

**Year-to-date 2019:**      - **\$1,619.18**

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 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 Knights of Columbus, 1011 Elida Ave., Delphos, OH on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 2PM-7PM. There will also be a blood drive at Jefferson High School, 901 Wildcat Lane, Delphos, Ohio on Thursday, February 21st from 9AM-2PM. Delphos Eagles, 1600 E Fifth St, Delphos, OH has a scheduled blood drive for Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30AM-4:30PM. Walk-ins are welcome. Or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability.



**Delphos Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event** will be on March 3, 2019. We need 300+ volunteers and \$13,091.76 to meet the 2019 goal of packing 45,000 meals. This is a family-friendly event. All are invited & welcome (Ages 5-105). Contact Ellen Ditto if babysitting is needed. Please spread the word. The 2019 Event will be at Delphos Jefferson High School gymnasium, 901 Wildcat Lane, Delphos, OH. Registration/sign-in begins at 12:30 p.m. Meal packing is 1:30-3:30 p.m. A \$29.00 donation provides 100 meals. Registration is necessary by March 1, 2019. Use Google Chrome to register and/or donate at <http://events.stophungernow.org/Delphos2019>. Donations (no registration) can be made at First Federal Bank through The Carpenter's Ministry account. Any questions? Contact Buzz or Ellen Ditto at 419-233-3524. Approximately 795 million people in the world are chronically malnourished. One in every nine people on our planet go to bed hungry each night. Hunger kills more people each year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. The vast majority of hungry people, 780 out of 795 million people, live in developing countries.

# Servants of the Lord

February 3	10:00 AM	Sam Hasting	Bob Wortman	Dan Marlow Larry Miller Volunteers
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**MONEY COUNTERS:** Deb Trentman, Rick Dienstberger

**ALTAR GUILD:** Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 10	10:00 AM	Garrett Trentman	Ryan Trentman	Bob Kloeppe Ken Kloeppe Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Deb Trentman, Rick Dienstberger

**ALTAR GUILD:** Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 17	10:00 AM	Kylee Dienstberger	Dave Stemen	Matt Calvelage Troy Calvelage Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Deb Trentman, Rick Dienstberger

**ALTAR GUILD:** Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 24	10:00 AM	Lauren French	Kaiden Trentman	Aaron Trentman Alan Trentman Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Deb Trentman, Rick Dienstberger

**ALTAR GUILD:** Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
March 3	10:00 AM	Landon Calvelage	Lynn Koenig	Sam Miller Rick Dienstberger Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Lois Ewing, Yvonne Koenig

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