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**Palm Sunday**  
**April 14, 2019**

**May Newsletter Deadline: Saturday, April 20, 2019**

## **THE MESSENGER**



Maundy Thursday Service: 7 PM  
Good Friday Service: 7 PM  
Easter Service: 7:30 AM and 10 AM



# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – April 2019

From the Interim Pastor

Jesus loves me this I know  
for the bible tells me so  
little ones to him belong  
they are weak but he is strong.

*Yes Jesus loves me  
Yes Jesus loves me  
Yes Jesus loves me  
the bible tells me so.*

The message is so simple yet so important. Making the rounds in the news is a story of a 17 year old living in Massachusetts who was an over achiever and a very remarkable young woman. Because of her effort, she had earned her place in whatever field she chose. She loved robotics and hoped to attend MIT.

She was always positive, appreciative and upbeat. She also had a secret diary over the last two years that showed a completely different person on the inside. No matter what she did, it wasn't enough and that meant that she was a failure.

One night she left the house and never returned. She threw herself off the bridge on an overpass and died. She wasn't hit by the traffic because she was on the side of the Interstate and yet no one even saw her body lying there.

None of her friends or family saw this coming and they were completely shocked. They had no idea how darkly she saw herself because she never showed this to anyone. After her death they found her diary and then they grieved all the more. What she believed about herself simply wasn't true.

Because of this tragedy now her parents speak to others about their daughter. They know there are others out there who show something completely different on the outside from how they really see themselves on the inside and they know how dangerous this is. This young woman was loved by her family and her friends but she didn't know how to love herself.

The desire for people of all ages to be perfect today can only push us into despair and with this kind of pressure there is no room for love. Love may be all around us but it is difficult to penetrate an empty heart because we also need to learn how to love ourselves – just as we are.

I too, struggled with this growing up and I know these young people really hurt inside and we can't always tell who is hurting. There is no magic cure – only a slow realization that how they see themselves on the inside is not always real. No matter how confident someone looks, we need to keep telling them how much we care about them so that they can learn how to care about themselves. And we tell them we care not because of what they do, but simply because of who they are. We do this again and again and again.

Pastor Steve Nelson

## *General Announcements*



**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in March by:  
The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Mark and Linda Downey  
Norma Koenig in celebration of birthdays for Debbie Trentman, Aaron Trentman  
and Roy Trentman



**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in March by:  
Robert and Kathy Wortman in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Liam  
Phillip John.



**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, April 10, 2019 at 9:00 AM.



**Dates Available** There are still dates available to sponsor the radio ministry on  
Sunday mornings. (This is \$45.00 each week.) Please sign up in the red book.  
There are also dates available to provide flowers on the altar. Please sign up on  
the calendar on the bulletin board in the hallway. Your special dates or  
celebrations can be listed in the bulletin the week of your sponsorship.



**Congratulations** to Emily Dienstberger for being a Youth Jefferson  
Award Winner Finalist. Emily was honored for her volunteerism for  
The Kids Summer Breakfast Program and for her music at Sarah Jane  
Nursing Home. Congratulations, Emily!

## St. Peter Lutheran Church Easter Season Services

April 14	Palm Sunday	10:00 AM (no Sunday school)
April 18	Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM
April 19	Good Friday	7:00 PM
April 21	Sunrise Service	7:30 AM
	Breakfast and Egg Hunt	8:30 AM
April 21	Easter Service	10:00 AM (no Sunday School)



**Quarterless Auction** – Thank you to every single person that helped in any way to make our Quarterless Auction a huge success! This year we netted \$7,206. It took many hands working together to make this happen! Many of you ask what is an item that goes over well. Our gift card trees generate huge dollars. When gift cards are donated, the dollars netted are obviously higher. So, during the course of the year, if you have the opportunity, pick up a gift card and give it to

Angie Miller or Susan McGue. We already have two items (obviously on sale) purchased for next year! Once again, thank you!

Angie Miller and Susan McGue



**Kids Summer Breakfast Program...**With Summer just around the corner, that means our Kids Summer Breakfast Program will begin its ninth year of operation. Once again, we are looking for volunteers to help in any way.

Breakfast runs from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday thru Friday starting June 3rd. We ask our cooks, servers, and helpers to be there by 7:45 a.m. and we are usually done

with serving and clean up by 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. A volunteer can work as much as they want. We work around your schedule.

Kids from St. Peter can work if they have completed confirmation. Any high school student can volunteer. This is a great way to get community service hours.

We can use food donations such as Sunny Delight, eggs, 2% milk, bread, mini chocolate chips, etc. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering this year, please contact Susan McGue (419) 234-6448. June 3rd will be here before we know it. Thank you!

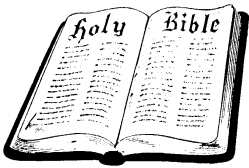


**The St. Peter Congregation** welcomes our newest members:

Brayla Kruse, daughter of Kayla and Braytan Kruse was baptized on February 17, 2019.

Liam Phillip John, son of Sarah Wortman and Douglas John was baptized on March 17, 2019.

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



**Good Morning/Good Shepherd Bible Study** – Bible study in April:  
Jacquie Fritz will notify members for the time of Bible Study.

April Bible study theme is *Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus, Session four: Seeing the Risen Christ, coming to faith*

### *Altar Guild*

There will be no Altar Guild meeting in April.



**Easter Flowers:** Altar Guild will be picking up spring flowers for the Altar. If you would like to take these flowers home after the 10:00 AM Easter Service, please see an Altar Guild Member with your donation.



**Altar Guild** will be using geraniums to beautify the Altar for Mother's Day. These will be a red 7-1/2" Geranium and the price will be \$5 each. These are a larger geranium and you will be able to take home after church services that day. **DEADLINE** to order these will be April 14. Envelopes will be provided on pews and back tables.

## Remember our Shut-ins

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:

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.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!***  
***APRIL***



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Cindy Weitzel      | 15) Nicholas Fitch    |
| 2) Lindzi Hoersten    | 15) Richard Wreede    |
| 2) Barbara Shafer     | 17) Carol Metzger     |
| 2) Dianna Allemeier   | 18) Charlotte Koebel  |
| 2) Vicki Kramer       | 22) Virginia Klenz    |
| 3) Douglas Fitch      | 23) Evan Lieurance    |
| 3) Robert Kloeppe     | 26) Rodney Klenz      |
| 5) Larry Keipper      | 26) Brandi Taylor     |
| 5) Vicki Rinehart     | 28) Laura Peters      |
| 7) Lynn Koenig        | 28) Jason Simon       |
| 11) Toni Wisher       | 29) Michael Schleeter |
| 14) Matthew Calvelage |                       |

# Offering Recap for February & March 2019

Worship attendance for January 27, 2019	41
Worship attendance for February 03, 2019	64
Worship attendance for February 10, 2019	66
Worship attendance for February 17, 2019	64
Worship attendance for February 24, 2019	53
Worship attendance for March 03, 2019	54
Worship attendance for March 10, 2019	35
Worship attendance for March 17, 2019	99

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

## Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

01-27-2019	\$2,116.00	we exceeded our goal by	\$ 9.91
02-03-2019	\$1,425.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 681.09
02-10-2019	\$1,222.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 884.09
02-17-2019	\$1,141.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 965.09
02-24-2019	\$1,085.00	we missed our goal by	\$1,021.09
03-03-2019	\$3,141.00	we exceeded our goal by	\$1,034.91*
03-10-2019	\$1,803.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 303.09
03-17-2019	\$1,387.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 719.09

**Year-to-date 2019:**      **-\$ 47.30**

**\* Includes Quarterless Auction proceeds of \$7,206.69**

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!

Northwestern Ohio Synod  
2019 Daily Bible Reading Program

**Apr. 1** 1 Sam. 18-20  
**Apr. 2** 1 Sam. 21-24  
**Apr. 3** 1 Sam. 25-27  
**Apr. 4** 1 Sam. 28-31  
**Apr. 5** 2 Sam. 1-3  
**Apr. 6** 2 Sam. 4-7  
**Apr. 7** 2 Sam. 8-12  
**Apr. 8** 2 Sam. 13-15  
**Apr. 9** 2 Sam. 16-18  
**Apr. 10** 2 Sam. 19-21  
**Apr. 11** 2 Sam. 22-24  
**Apr. 12** 1 Kings 1-2  
**Apr. 13** 1 Kings 3-5  
**Apr. 14** 1 Kings 6-7  
**Apr. 15** 1 Kings 8-9

**Apr. 16** 1 Kings 10-11  
**Apr. 17** 1 Kings 12-14  
**Apr. 18** 1 Kings 15-17  
**Apr. 19** 1 Kings 18-20  
**Apr. 20** 1 Kings 21-22  
**Apr. 21** 2 Kings 1-3  
**Apr. 22** 2 Kings 4-5  
**Apr. 23** 2 Kings 6-8  
**Apr. 24** 2 Kings 9-11  
**Apr. 25** 2 Kings 12-14  
**Apr. 26** 2 Kings 15-17  
**Apr. 27** 2 Kings 18-19  
**Apr. 28** 2 Kings 20-22  
**Apr. 29** 2 Kings 23-25  
**Apr. 30** 1 Chron. 1-2

# COMMUNITY



## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**American Red Cross Blood drive** will be at Knights of Columbus, 11011 Elida Ave, Delphos, OH Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00PM-7:00PM. There will also be a blood drive at Delphos Eagles, 1600 East 5<sup>th</sup> St, Delphos, OH on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 10:30 AM-4:30 PM. Walk-ins are welcome. Or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability.



**Loss for those Bereaved by Suicide** Understanding and coming to terms with suicide can be extremely difficult for family and friends left behind. PASS offers this group to offer an opportunity to share your feeling and experiences with others.

Topics discussed will include: the uniqueness of your suicide grief, the six needs of mourning, how to nurture yourself, how to appreciate your transformation and more. Trained facilitators with relevant life experience will lead the group. Participants do not need to reside in Allen, Auglaize or Hardin Counties. Pre-registration is encouraged 419-549-38530. Books may be purchased or borrowed. Beginning Wednesday, March 20 6:30-7:30 pm at Delphos Library-First Edition Building, 302 W First St., Delphos, OH.



## Habitat for Humanity - Lima Area - News and Needs

Our mission states: "Seeking to put God's love into action: Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope." So, how can you help? Here are three ways: 1) Provide a noon meal for 30 volunteers on the last Friday of a month (May-August). 2) Donate funds for the Elida Build (starting this spring) - every \$62 buys a square foot of the house. 3) Volunteer at the Habitat ReStore (550 W. Elm Street, Lima).

Contact information: (phone) 419-222-4937, (website) [www.habitatlima.org](http://www.habitatlima.org), (email) [habitatlima@habitatlima.org](mailto:habitatlima@habitatlima.org)



# Servants of the Lord

April 7	10:00 AM	Sam Hasting	Ron Kloeppe	Dan Kramer Chuck Hoersten Volunteers
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**MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Miller, Dan Staples

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 14 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10:00 AM	Garrett Trentman	Dan Kramer	Eric Fritz Larry Miller Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Miller, Dan Staples

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 21 <i>Easter Sunrise</i>	7:30 AM	Lauren French	Aaron Trentman	Alan Trentman Lynn Koenig Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Miller, Dan Staples

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 21 <i>Easter</i>	10:00 AM	Matthew Weitzel Noelle Prine	Ron Kloeppe Aaron Kloeppe	Bob Kloeppe Ken Kloeppe Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Miller, Dan Staples

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 28	10:00 AM	Kylee Dienstberger	Rick Dienstberger	Dave Mayer Dan Marlow Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Miller, Dan Staples

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
May 5	10:00 AM	Landon Calvelage	Dave Mayer	Matt Calvelage Troy Calvelage Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Karen Hartman, Ryan Trentman

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Kloeppe, Judy Staples