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THE MESSENGER



May 12, 2019



The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church - May 2019

From the Interim Pastor

Easter gives us the promise of something new so that even as something old and familiar is wearing out – we are challenged with a change that may be beyond our wildest imagination.

This fall I will finish my 2 year Spiritual Direction program and I will see how this changes my life and the use of my time. To get me ready for this I am going on a small hike.

In Northern Spain there is a 500 mile trail called "El Comino de Santiago." For centuries pilgrims have been making this long hike across Northern Spain as an expression of their journey of faith. I am going to join them but only for the last 68 miles that it takes to get to Santiago.

A friend is organizing a small group to do this last portion of the trail together in the last week of October and I said that I would like to join them. This means that I have to buy hiking shoes and start walking to get them broken in or my feet will never make it. We also carry all our clothes and sleeping bag in our back pack. Our 68 miles should take about 5 days.

I wish I could tell you why I am doing this but I really don't know yet. I can tell you that as we walk we will meet people from all over the world who are also walking this trail-many of them for 6 weeks covering the whole 500 miles. I have even talked with a man in our area who has walked portions of this trail twice before and this summer he plans to walk the whole 500 miles with his grandson. The man is 74 years old. I only know that when I get back that this will have had an influence on me and will be a transition to something new in my life.

This past month Sherry Krieger from our Northwest Ohio Synod came and talked with our church council about a new program for our Synod. It is intended for people to take the long road to ordination one or two classes at a time on-line. They are also assigned to a congregation where they can use their gifts and receive experience. Sherry will come and talk with our church council again this month because she has a candidate who is interested in this program. If the council thinks this will be good for the congregation then they will let you know and you can meet the candidate yourselves.

I think this program is very much needed in our church to give people an opportunity to seek ordination without leaving everything behind and going to seminary for 4 years. Not many people can afford this anymore and it leaves out some very capable people who would make fine pastors. The candidate in our area whom Sherry will present has a wealth of experience and some wonderful gifts to share. This will be a change and I hope you will like it.

Pastor Steve Nelson

General Announcements



Radio ministry was given to the glory of God in April by: Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger Carrie, Landon and Troy Calvelage in celebration of Matt's birthday Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in April by: Altar Guild in celebration of Palm Sunday Dave and Linda Mayer in celebration of Our Risen Lord



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, May 8, 2019 at 9:00 AM.



Join us Sunday, May 12th as Kylee Dienstberger completes another milestone in her faith journey and celebrates Confirmation.



Dear Pastor Steve & Members of St. Peter Lutheran, Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Gideon Ministry. Your gift has made it possible to give to many the gift more precious than gold, God's Word. May God truly bless you. Sincerely, Brad Thomas



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) ASAP! June 3rd will be here before we know it. Thank you!



The St. Peter Congregation welcomes our newest member: Rhett Daniel Rode, son of Kyle and Samantha Rode was baptized on April 14, 2019. We are proud to be part of your faith journey.



The June and July Newsletter will be combined this summer. Please have any announcements turned into the office for the June/July Newsletter by Monday, May 20th.



REMINDER: Get those saved Chief register tapes turned in. The end of the school year is almost here. Chief's doesn't offer "Community Cash" during the summer months. Deposit your receipts in the container in Fellowship Hall. All tapes must say "Community Cash" on them and must

be from the Delphos Chief Store. Please turn in your <u>WHOLE</u> receipt. Chief will not accept only totals. They must verify the merchandise purchased as tobacco and alcohol is not included in our rebate. Partial register tapes are void.

Campbell's no longer sponsors a label program. No one is asking for cancelled stamps



Join us Sunday, May 19th at the 10AM worship service. We will be celebrating with our graduates. Our high school graduates are Seth Brinkman, Allyson Hasting, Aaron Kloeppel, Jordan Koebel and Kyrstin Warnecke. Our college graduate is Shelby Koenig. Congratulations to all of our graduates!



Summer Hours: June 2nd through August 28th Sunday worship services will be at 9:00 AM. Wednesday worship services will be at 7:00 PM, June through August.

NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



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

May Devotional theme is From generation to generation: Two-way blessings

The next WELCA meeting is Monday, May 13th at 7:00 PM.



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 ½"; (no loose-leaf paper)

1 30-cemtimeter 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 ½" 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.

Altar Guild

There will be an Altar Guild Meeting Tuesday, May 7th at 6PM.

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 – 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.

MAY BIRTHDAY

Ashley Morrow
 Michelle Stemen
 Kevin Brinkman
 Lillyan Ketcham
 Hayden Brown

5) Kathryn Wortman

7) Pam Carder 10) Matt Mayer

11) Kathy Nighswander

13) Jane Clevenger

13) Sandy Wilhelm

13) Steve Schleeter

15) McKylie Mox

17) Ace Pierner

17) Roger Calvert

18) Sarah Miller

21) Matt Kimmett

21) Maliya Hershberger

22) Linda Gorman

23) Shelly Hasting

24) Kevin Pierner

27) Chuck Peters

30) Vicki Gossman



Offering Recap for April 2019

| Worship attendance for March 24, 2019 | 49 |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Worship attendance for March 31, 2019 | 61 |
| Worship attendance for April 7, 2019 | 50 |
| Worship attendance for April 14, 2019 | 114 |
| Worship attendance for April 21, 2019 | 145 |
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Amount needed **each week** to meet approved budget for 2019 \$2,106.09

Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

| 03-24-2019 | \$1,132.00 | we missed our goal by | \$ 947.09 |
|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 03-31-2019 | \$2,062.00 | we missed our goal by | \$ 44.09 |
| 04-07-2019 | \$1,798.00 | we missed our goal by | \$ 308.09 |
| 04-14-2019 | \$1,283.58 | we missed our goal by | \$ 822.51 |
| 04-21-2019 | \$3,445.00 | we exceeded our goal by | \$1,338.91 |

Year-to-date 2019: -\$ 857.17

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

| May 1 1 Chron. 3-5 | May 17 2 Chron. 25-27 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| May 2 1 Chron. 6 | May 18 2 Chron. 28-31 |
| May 3 1 Chron. 7-8 | May 19 2 Chron. 32-34 |
| May 4 1 Chron. 9-11 | May 20 2 Chron. 35-36 |
| May 5 1 Chron. 12-14 | May 21 Ezra 1-3 |
| May 6 1 Chron. 15-17 | May 22 Ezra 4-7 |
| May 7 1 Chron. 18-21 | May 23 Ezra 8-10 |
| May 8 1 Chron. 22-24 | May 24 Neh. 1-3 |
| May 9 1 Chron. 25-27 | May 25 Neh. 4-6 |
| May 10 1 Chron. 28-30 | May 26 Neh. 7 |
| May 11 2 Chron. 1-5 | May 27 Neh. 8-9 |
| May 12 2 Chron. 6-8 | May 28 Neh. 10-11 |
| May 13 2 Chron. 9-12 | May 29 Neh. 12-13 |
| May 14 2 Chron. 13-17 | May 30 Esther 1-5 |
| May 15 2 Chron. 18-20 | May 31 Esther 6-10 |
| May 16 2 Chron. 21-24 | |

COMMMUNITY



American Red Cross Blood drive will be at Eagles Delphos, 1600 E 5th St, Delphos, 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.



BASEBALL FANS OF ALL AGES:

Please help us celebrate Nathan's life and love of baseball. The Nathan Miller Memorial Baseball Tournament is May 31, June 1, 2 at the Stadium Park. Please come out to be a part of a great weekend of baseball, great food, and fun.



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) <u>www.habitatlima.org</u>, (email) <u>habitatlima@habitatlima.org</u>



Church Women United The Annual Friendship Day has not been scheduled. When the date is planned, it will be announced in the Sunday bulletin.



National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 2nd at Noon at the Delphos Municipal Building on N. Canal Street. All are welcome! Pastors will be at the various local schools at 8am to gather around the flag pole for prayer.



Delphos K of C is collecting donations to the Annual Measure-UP fund to be divided to the Special Needs programs at St. Johns and Jefferson school. Donations can be sent to K of C Measure-UP, P.O. Box 182, Delphos, OH 45833 by May 10th.

Servants of the Lord

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

MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Hartman, Ryan Trentman

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Kloeppel, Judy Staples

| SERVICE | TIME | ACOLYTES | COMMUNION | USHERS |
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| May 12 Mother's Day | 10:00 AM Confirmation | J | Larry Miller | Dan Staples Dave Stemen |
| | J | | | Volunteers |

MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Hartman, Ryan Trentman

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Kloeppel, Judy Staples

| SERVICE | TIME | ACOLYTES | COMMUNION | USHERS |
|------------|-------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| May 19 | 10:00 | Lexie Cheney | Bob Wortman | Rick Dienstberger |
| Graduation | | | | Sam Miller |
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MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Hartman, Ryan Trentman

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Kloeppel, Judy Staples

| SERVICE | TIME | ACOLYTES | COMMUNION | USHERS |
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| May 26 | 10:00 AM | Trevor French | | Aaron Kloeppel Sue Kloeppel |
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MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Hartman, Ryan Trentman

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Kloeppel, Judy Staples

| SERVICE | TIME | ACOLYTES | COMMUNION | USHERS |
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| June 2 | 9:00 AM | Jacob Trentman | | Kaiden Trentman Deb Trentman Volunteers |

MONEY COUNTERS: Dan Staples, Lois Ewing

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Apple, Judy Staples