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**September Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

## **THE MESSENGER**



**Watch for school children and buses.**



# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – August 2019

From the Interim pastor.....

I have to admit that when I came here as your Interim pastor I never thought that I would still be here after five years. I knew that whatever came next for you would take some time-so I did resolve not to be in any hurry. I knew that with electing a new bishop they wouldn't have the people to help us. I also knew that with changing the role of your pastor to half time would either mean finding a half time pastor or sharing a pastor with another congregation. Neither of these are easy to make happen. Thank you for being patient.

You are not only getting a pastor in training with a lot of experience and skill, but you are also helping Carol to become the kind of pastor whom God is calling her to be. Please continue to give her the patience and respect that you have given to me. Carol is still not sure yet when her official starting time is – probably sometime in September.

I guess that one way that I measure the time we have spent together is by looking at how tall your kids have grown. My goodness your children grow tall around here – just like the corn. What do you feed them? (Just kidding). I have enjoyed getting to know and to see them grow up and become more active in school. I am honored to be part of this and to be their pastor too. You have wonderful children. Thank you.

My wife and I will be on vacation the first 2 weeks in August. Pastor Bob and Pastor Pletcher will help to fill in. Also in August you will get another opportunity to hear Carol preach-both on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. We have this scheduled for Aug. 21 and Aug. 25 and it is nice to have the time to slowly make this transition for me to leave and for Carol to get acquainted with you.

On behalf of both Terry and I – thank you.

Installation Service for Carol Pretorius  
At St. Peter Lutheran Church – Delphos, OH  
On Thursday September 12th at 7pm  
Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will preside  
Please join us in this Celebration

## **“A Little Bit of This and That”**

I am very excited to answer the call to enter the ministry and serve you as I return to school to become an ordained pastor. This process is taking place under a program called TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministry). This is a three year program that leads to a certification toward ordination, unlike the traditional route in which one earns a Master's of Divinity.

During the next three years, I will take two classes on line during each semester. I will also be part of a learning cohort that meets for one week each semester at the synod office in Indiana for intensive studies with our professors from Pacific Lutheran Seminary. Pastor Melodi Hagen will be my academic mentor while Pastor Steve Nelson will serve as my supervisor for the ministry I do with you. My first cohort week will be held the week of October 14-19.

Because I am not currently ordained, our Bishop has suggested that I could be referred to as Vicar instead of Pastor. This is a way to honor the role of the ordained minister. I am more comfortable being called Carol.

I would very much like to get to know you during the next several months as Pastor Steve helps me to transition into ministry at St. Peter's. I have learned as a pastor's wife that visiting people in their home helps to build stronger relationships. It is an important way for me to hear your stories and learn about your interests. The meetings will also help you to get to know me. Therefore, I would like to begin visiting those of you who are open to having me come during these next several months. I will set aside some afternoons and evenings to meet with you and will probably have a sign-up sheet in the office to make this process easier. Also, if there are special school events that you would like me to come to, please let me know and I will try to come.

On July 28, Pastor Steve will be on vacation so my husband, Pastor Doug, will preside at communion and I will preach. I hope you can attend so you can meet Doug.

As we enter this new ministry together, please know that I will be praying for you that God our Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit would surround each of us with an ever deepening knowledge of the love of this wonderful God that we serve. Peace be with you.

Blessings,

Carol Pretorius  
11659 Glynwood Road  
Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895  
419-512-4490

# General Announcements



**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in June by:  
The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Sue and Paige Kloeppe in celebration of Aaron's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and in honor of Ron  
for Father's Day.  
Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig  
Leonard and Shirley Jarman

**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in July by:  
The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig  
Ed and Sandy Talboom



**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in June by:  
Lindsey and Daniel Lane in celebration of the baptism of their son Rhett Daniel Lane and  
in honor of his grandparents, Brad and Donna Berger and Elizabeth Lane and his godparents, Eric  
and Sarah Steinman  
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in celebration of granddaughter, Ruby and grandson, Noah's  
birthdays  
Yvonne and Lynn Koenig in celebration of their daughters' birthdays: Stephanie and  
Shelby



**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, August 14, 2019, at 9:00 AM.



**Congratulations to Carol Pretorius** on being our TEEM Pastor-in-training.  
We look forward to getting to know you and your family.



The last **Wednesday** evening worship service will be August 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Sunday 10AM worship service will start on September 1st.



**Dates are available** to place flowers on the altar: August 11, and 18, September 1, 22, and 29, October 6, and 27, November 3, 10, 17 and 24 and December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Please sign up on the flower chart in the hallway if you would like to help beautify the sanctuary on a special Sunday. You can notify the office if this is a special occasion that you would like listed in the bulletin.



**Dates are available** to sponsor the Radio Ministry that is broadcast on WDOH on Sunday mornings at 11am. The cost is \$45 per week. The following dates need sponsors: August 11, and 18, September 8 and 22, October 20 and 27, November 3, 10 and 17 and December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Two sponsors are needed for Christmas Eve. Please sign up in the red book. You can notify the office if the date is a special occasion that you would like listed in the bulletin.



**Quarterless Auction** –It's never too early to think about the auction. 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 several items (obviously on sale) purchased for next year! Once again, thank you!

Angie Miller and Susan McGue



### **Kids Summer Breakfast Program...**

Hard to believe, but there is only a few weeks to go for Kid's Breakfast. Donations of eggs are always appreciated.

**If you are interested in volunteering this month, please contact Susan McGue (419-234-6448) ASAP! Thank you!**



**Sacrament of Holy Baptism:** baptized June 9, Rhett Daniel Lane, son of Lindsey and Daniel Lane. We welcome Rhett to the congregation.

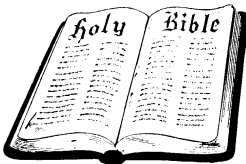


**Installation of Carol Pretorius** by the Bishop will be Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend.



**TO MARS AND BEYOND...** Our Delphos Community VBS was a huge success! We averaged 70 kids each night from preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Check out the church's Facebook page to see the pictures that were shared each night. Thanks to everyone from St. Peter and Trinity UMC that helped in any way. Without everyone's donations of time, talents, supplies, money and prayers, this amazing outreach program would not be possible. **THANK YOU!**

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



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

August Bible Study theme is *For just such a time as this*  
Session three *Using our voices*

WELCA does not hold meetings during the summer months. The next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM.



WELCA is collecting school supplies this year. School kits contain the following items:

**Needed for each Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kit:**

**FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper

**ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

**ONE** pencil sharpener

**ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

**FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

**FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

**ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons

**ONE** 2 1/2" erasers

**Special Notes:**

**Please do not donate items** with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name. LWR provides kits based on need, regardless of religious creed. Religious references may be misinterpreted by the governments of the receiving countries, jeopardizing the delivery to the people who need the items most. Secular symbols such as rabbits, eggs, and poinsettias are acceptable.

**Please do not donate any items** decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. LWR and our overseas partners have access to areas of the world others do not because we are impartial humanitarian organizations. If our intentions are misinterpreted as being politically motivated, it puts our work, our partners and the people we assist at risk.

***Watch for school supply sales!!***

## ***Altar Guild***

Altar Guild does not hold meetings during the summer months. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**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



Prayer Chain

## 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.

### August Birthdays

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2) Cindy Finn      | 21) Bryan Hoersten    |
| 4) Kenneth Kloeppe | 23) Rose Hager        |
| 4) Yvonne Koenig   | 24) Linda Stockwell   |
| 4) Serena Coulter  | 25) Greg Dienstberger |
| 4) Randy Apple     | 26) Troy Calvelage    |
| 5) Dale Derrow     | 27) William Nomina    |
| 11) Daniel Lane    | 28) Scott Brinkman    |
| 15) Adrian Kimmett | 30) Seth Brinkman     |
| 17) Ross Trentman  | 30) Gertrude Mox      |
| 17) Kathy Vorst    | 30) Jimmie Mox        |
| 19) Donna Berger   | 31) Presley Lane      |
| 19) Deanna Perrin  |                       |
| 19) Amanda Vorst   |                       |
| 19) Sam Miller     |                       |





## Northwestern Ohio Synod 2019 Daily Bible Reading Program

<b>Aug. 1</b> Isa. 18-22	<b>Aug. 17</b> Jer. 18-22
<b>Aug. 2</b> Isa. 23-27	<b>Aug. 18</b> Jer. 23-25
<b>Aug. 3</b> Isa. 28-30	<b>Aug. 19</b> Jer. 26-29
<b>Aug. 4</b> Isa. 31-35	<b>Aug. 20</b> Jer. 30-31
<b>Aug. 5</b> Isa. 36-41	<b>Aug. 21</b> Jer. 32-34
<b>Aug. 6</b> Isa. 42-44	<b>Aug. 22</b> Jer. 35-37
<b>Aug. 7</b> Isa. 45-48	<b>Aug. 23</b> Jer. 38-41
<b>Aug. 8</b> Isa. 49-53	<b>Aug. 24</b> Jer. 42-45
<b>Aug. 9</b> Isa. 54-58	<b>Aug. 25</b> Jer. 46-48
<b>Aug. 10</b> Isa. 59-63	<b>Aug. 26</b> Jer. 49-50
<b>Aug. 11</b> Isa. 64-66	<b>Aug. 27</b> Jer. 51-52
<b>Aug. 12</b> Jer. 1-3	<b>Aug. 28</b> Lam. 1-2
<b>Aug. 13</b> Jer. 4-6	<b>Aug. 29</b> Lam. 3-5
<b>Aug. 14</b> Jer. 7-9	<b>Aug. 30</b> Ezek. 1-4
<b>Aug. 15</b> Jer. 10-13	<b>Aug. 31</b> Ezek. 5-8
<b>Aug. 16</b> Jer. 14-17	

## Offering Recap for June & July 2019

Worship attendance for May 26, 2019	36
Worship attendance for June 02, 2019	24
Worship attendance for June 09, 2019	45
Worship attendance for June 16, 2019	37
Worship attendance for June 23, 2019	58
Worship attendance for June 30, 2019	43
Worship attendance for July 07, 2019	27
Worship attendance for July 14, 2019	51

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

### Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

05-26-2019	\$1,155.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 951.09
06-02-2019	\$ 710.00	we missed our goal by	\$1,396.09
06-09-2019	\$1,970.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 136.09
06-16-2019	\$ 710.00	we missed our goal by	\$1,396.09
06-23-2019	\$1,534.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 572.09
06-30-2019	\$ 745.91	we exceeded our goal by	\$ 745.91
07-07-2019	\$1,397.09	we missed our goal by	\$1,397.09
07-14-2019	\$ 442.09	we missed our goal by	\$ 442.09
<b>Year-to-date 2019:</b>			<b>-\$8,865.89</b>

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



## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**American Red Cross Blood drive** will be at Vancrest of Delphos, 1425 E Fifth St, on Thursday, August 1 from 12 Noon-6 PM. A blood drive will also take place at Knights of Columbus, 1011 Elida Ave, Delphos on Wednesday, August 7 from 2-7 PM. Walk-ins are welcome.

There will also be a blood drive on Thursday, September 5 at Eagles Delphos, 1600 E Fifth St, Delphos from 10:30 AM-4:40 PM. Or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability.



## 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)

## Habitat for Humanity Build in Elida

The dates for the Elida Build have been set. The Big Day is Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> and we will begin sharply at 8:00. There will be a brief welcoming ceremony and sign up and then the work begins. Lunch will be served for all volunteers. So come, be a part of the exciting mission of Habitat as we build our 55<sup>th</sup> house for William and Sarah Mack and their children.

Our goal is to erect the walls (already built in sections), set the scaffolds, and truss and sheet the roof. There are three groups overlapping. So if you only have a few hours, you can still get involved. Check out our website at [www.habitatlima.org](http://www.habitatlima.org) for information on the build schedule, getting the required safety training, and signing up for a shift. If you have any further questions, you can contact me on my cell or call the office to speak to Mark or Connie. OR you can always call me for more information.

As we go forward, there will be other opportunities as well to volunteer. Check out the Elida Build schedule, safety information and other ways to help here.

I look forward to working with each of you as we build this wonderful 4 bedroom Habitat Home as our first in Elida.

Roger Calvert, Construction Mngr, 419-733-7193

# Servants of the Lord

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
August 4	9:00 AM	Maliya Hershberger	Larry Miller	Sam Miller Aaron Kloeppe Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Dan Staples Sue Kloeppe

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Hartman, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
August 11	9:00 AM	Lexie Cheney	Bob Wortman	Ron Kloeppe, Sue Kloeppe Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Dan Staples, Sue Kloeppe

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Hartman, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
August 18	9:00 AM	Trevor French	Eric Fritz	Chuck Hoersten Dan Kramer Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Dan Staples, Sue Kloeppe

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Hartman, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
August 25	9:00 AM	Jacob Trentman	Aaron Trentman	Dave Mayer Dan Marlow Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Dan Staples, Sue Kloeppe

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Hartman, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 1	10:00 AM	Nathan Calvelage	Kaiden Trentman	Alan Trentman Deb Trentman Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Alan Trentman, Larry Miller

**ALTAR GUILD:** Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea, Sue Apple