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THE MESSENGER



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The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – September 2019

This and That from Carol

I often think in songs and one of the songs that has been playing in my head over the last several weeks as I have thought about beginning a new ministry at St. Peter is “*One Bread, One Body*”. The words echo in my head as I silently sing, “**One bread, one body, one Lord of all: one cup of blessing which we bless, and we though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord**”.

I am excited to come to St. Peter to be a part of the body in this place among you. It has been a joy to see ministry at work here and I look forward to many years of working together first as your TEEM candidate and later as your ordained pastor. There is work to be done in the church and with each other.... We are a body of Christ and each of us has a different gift to use to aide in the ministry of the work here at St. Peter.

One of my passions is to allow for ministry opportunities to nourish our roots of faith to continue to grow deep. I believe that it is critical that we as a body worship together and come alongside each to encourage and help bring out each other’s gifts. Sharing our faith journeys along the way is critical and so I hope to create some special times to allow for this and some extra prayer time with each other during the week. As a pastor’s wife of 36 years, I have learned that most of us are very good at hiding our pain and often shy away from others when we are facing a hard time. We often wear masks and only let people get so close, because we think that if people really knew us they would disapprove. Nothing could be further from the truth in Christ’s church. We are called to come alongside each other, to pray, to listen, and to be the body of Christ to each other.

We learn to trust each other, though, as we show ourselves to be trustworthy. I want the church to be a safe place to grow in faith, to worship and do life together. Important steps in my own life journey have happened when I have been able to trust people in the body of Christ to hear my story and to speak God’s love and healing into me. So this is my call to all of you who have taken a hiatus from going to church and getting connected to Jesus in the body of Christ. Come. All are welcome. Help us begin a new ministry as we seek to follow God’s will for us. Get connected once again and do life and faith with us. We are the body of Christ, but we are not complete without you.

The Sunday church services will return to the 10:00 am worship time on September 1, and we would love to have everyone return to create new routines or renew old ones of making worship on Sunday a priority.

Blessings,
Carol

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was growing up, our neighbor to the south was Mr. Hans Christian Seng. He and his wife Mary operated a “mom and pop greenhouse”. They regularly brought us tomato and cucumber “starts” for our garden. After Mary died, and Hans grew older, our family spent a lot of time helping him. Hans was born in Germany. His father was killed in World War I. His mother could not care for the children, so the oldest 2 boys were sent to America in 1921. Hans was 15 years old. His brother was 14. The Lutheran Church sponsored the boys, paid their passage across the Atlantic, enrolled them in school, taught them English, and found them jobs. For the rest of his days, Hans remained grateful for the help he received from the Lutheran Church.

Lutherans have a long and rich history of helping immigrants and refugees. Since 1939, *Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services* have been doing this important work on our behalf. After World War II, the world was not too eager to help the German people, but the Lutherans in America offered aid to German refugees. After the Vietnam War, many Lutheran congregations helped Vietnamese and Hmong people live and thrive in America. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is an immigrant church who has been long committed to serving the alien and the immigrant.

In the Torah we read, **“The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God”** (Leviticus 19:34). The Prophet Jeremiah writes, **“Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place.”** (Jeremiah 22:3). In Matthew 22, Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. And to love our neighbor as ourselves. In Matthew 25, Jesus shows us what this love can look like when it is put into action. **“For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me”** (Matthew 25:35).

Caring for the vulnerable, the stranger and the alien is deeply rooted in God’s Word and lived through the people of God on a daily basis through the power of the Holy Spirit. God wants us to remember who we were and from whence we came, so that we might grow and mature into the loving and compassionate people God longs for us to be. God wants us to be a people who remember and a people who act.

Let’s be honest. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is an immigrant church. Many of our ancestors came to this country to seek a better life for their children and grandchildren. Some came to avoid war and poverty. Some came to experience religious freedom. Some were brought to this country against their will. The hopes and dreams of our ancestors continue to live in us, just as our hopes and dreams continue to live in those who will follow us. As the people of God in this place and time, I ask us to prayerfully ponder what kind of a

legacy we long to leave our children and grand-children. My prayer is that we leave a legacy of faith, compassion, and love.

As many of you know, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from August 5-10, for its triennial Churchwide Assembly. We worshiped, prayed, and studied Scripture. We re-elected our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to a second six-year term. We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women. On August 7, we adopted a resolution that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America become a “sanctuary church body”. The language of the resolution is as follows:

To reaffirm the long-term and growing commitment of this church to migrants and refugees and to the policy questions involved, as exemplified most recently in the comprehensive strategy Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO);

To recognize that the ELCA in congregations, synods and the churchwide organization are already taking the actions requested by this memorial; and

To request that appropriate staff on the AMMPARO team, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services LIRS and the Domestic Mission, Global Mission, and Mission Advancement units review the existing strategies and practices by the five current sanctuary synods and develop a plan for additional tools that provide for education and discernment around sanctuary; and

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America declares itself a sanctuary church body; and

To request the ELCA Church Council, in consultation with the appropriate churchwide units and offices, provide guidance for the three expressions of this church about what it means to be a sanctuary church body and provide a report to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

This resolution has fostered a lot of interest, debate, and critique among us. Some in our church body are delighted at this news. Some are apprehensive and concerned. Some are angry. Some have spoken out in ways that do not reflect the love of Jesus. I encourage us to reflect the light and love of Jesus in our words and deeds.

As we prayerfully consider the “sanctuary church body” resolution that was passed on August 7, a few points of clarification of “what does this mean” and “what does this not mean” may be helpful.

What does this mean?

- We will continue to seek God's guidance through God's Word, prayer, and faithful discernment and deliberation.
- We will continue our long history of working with immigrants and helping to resettle refugees through *Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services*
- We will continue to learn from those in our church who are working directly with migrants and refugees
- We will await the development of educational resources that will help our congregations and the people of God grow in our Biblical and theological understanding of serving migrants and refugees
- We will await the report of the ELCA Church Council (due in 2022) that will offer guidance and definition related to this "sanctuary church body" resolution

What does this not mean?

- The Churchwide Assembly's declaration that the ELCA is a sanctuary denomination binds only the ELCA Churchwide Organization; it does **not** bind congregations, synods, or other organizations. Congregations, synods, and ministries cannot be mandated or directed to respond in specific ways.
- The Churchwide Assembly did **not** call for any illegal actions, all actions approved by the Churchwide Assembly are legal, and whether any person or organization chooses to engage in civil disobedience (and therefore accept the consequences) is up to them.
- The Churchwide Assembly did **not** define what it means to be a sanctuary denomination, but rather requested that the ELCA Church Council provide guidance and resources for what it means to be a sanctuary denomination in 2022.

My prayer for our church is that we continue to follow Jesus in our love for God and for neighbor. And that the Holy Spirit will continue to stretch and grow us to become the people God longs for us to be.

Bless you,



Bishop Daniel Beaudoin

General Announcements



Radio ministry was given to the glory of God in August by:
The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger
Len and Shirley Jarman
Matt & Carrie Calvelage in celebration of their son, Troy's 16th birthday



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in August by:
The Trentman Family in celebration of Norma Koenig's 90th birthday
Dan and Judy Staples in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary



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, September 11, 2019, at 9:00 AM.



Sunday 10AM worship service will start on September 1st. Sunday school will start in October, after the Pork Loin Dinner Fundraiser.



Email: Carol has set up a new email address: stpetercarolp@gmail.com.



Quarterless Auction – Angie Miller and Susan McGue have informed council that March 7, 2020, will be their last year to co-chair the Quarterless Auction Fundraiser. If you are interested in taking over this fundraiser, please inform council. They have given a lot of notice in order that someone would be able to shadow and learn the ins and outs of how this fundraiser not only generates funds for the church, but also allows the community to come together for a fun-filled day with great prizes and good food.



Kids Summer Breakfast Program...

Another Summer has come and gone! The Kids Summer Breakfast Program is a lot of work for our volunteers, but ever so rewarding. By the end of the Summer, we are ready for the program to come to an end. But then on those last few days, it is sad knowing we won't be seeing most of them until the following Summer. We get to know their habits, their favorite summer activities, their mood swings, and funny little quirks. Next year, they will seem to be a foot taller (maybe we just get shorter) and will have new stories to tell us. It brings smiles to our faces!

I would like to thank ALL our volunteers, many of which are not even members of St. Peter Lutheran Church. They put in many hours of hard work. It's not easy getting up when the bed is calling your name. And many thanks to all of you that donated any type of food item, drinks, or monetary donations. Providing breakfast is one thing, but packing lunches for the kids to take home every day is another outreach that has expanded over the years. We have just completed our **tenth** year of our Summer Kids Breakfast Program. Every year we seem to get it down just a little bit better. I encourage you to volunteer your time next year if you have the opportunity. I can guarantee it will bring a smile to your face!

Susan McGue, Coordinator



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



Our 9th annual pork loin dinner will be held on Sunday, October 6. With your donations and help, preparation and serving this dinner is becoming a well-oiled machine.

-Tickets are available and being distributed. Please return money for sold tickets asap.

-Bacon donations are needed by Sept 30.

If you have questions, would like to help, or cannot help as you have in the past, please call or text Melissa Trentman at 419-302-0024.

Thank you in advance, for your help.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd 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

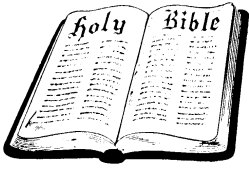


Keep our Military Friends and Family in your Prayers:



Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Dominic Munoz	Navy	Annapolis MD
Alex Redmond	Army	Ft Campbell KY

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.

September Bible Study theme is ***No hard feelings?***
Session one: *The angst of anger*

WELCA's 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!!

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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1) Alan Trentman
- 4) Christine Brinkman
- 6) Jack Gorman Sr.
- 6) Ashley Hoehn
- 6) Sharon Reel
- 7) Fred Hasting
- 7) Lindsey Lane
- 7) Dan Staples
- 12) Robert Coulter
- 12) Robert Wortman
- 16) Edward Fritz
- 16) Allyson Hasting
- 17) Jamie Schleeter

- 18) Jason Clevenger
- 20) Rob Wortman
- 21) Kimberly Cross
- 21) Debra Simon
- 23) Nicole Dienstberger
- 23) Kayla Kruse
- 25) Brenda Hoersten
- 27) Susan McGue
- 28) Laurie Warnecke
- 28) Caleb Trentman
- 30) Linda Downey



Northwestern Ohio Synod 2019 Daily Bible Reading Program

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| Sept. 1 Ezek. 9-12 | Sept. 16 Dan. 4-6 |
| Sept. 2 Ezek. 13-15 | Sept. 17 Dan. 7-9 |
| Sept. 3 Ezek. 16-17 | Sept. 18 Dan. 10-12 |
| Sept. 4 Ezek. 18-20 | Sept. 19 Hos. 1-7 |
| Sept. 5 Ezek. 21-22 | Sept. 20 Hos. 8-14 |
| Sept. 6 Ezek. 23-24 | Sept. 21 Joel |
| Sept. 7 Ezek. 25-27 | Sept. 22 Amos 1-5 |
| Sept. 8 Ezek. 28-30 | Sept. 23 Amos 6-9 |
| Sept. 9 Ezek. 31-33 | Sept. 24 Obad., Jon. |
| Sept. 10 Ezek. 34-36 | Sept. 25 Micah |
| Sept. 11 Ezek. 37-39 | Sept. 26 Nahum |
| Sept. 12 Ezek. 40-42 | Sept. 27 Hab. & Zeph. |
| Sept. 13 Ezek. 43-45 | Sept. 28 Haggai |
| Sept. 14 Ezek. 46-48 | Sept. 29 Zech. 1-7 |
| Sept. 15 Dan. 1-3 | Sept. 30 Zech. 8-14 |

Offering Recap for August 2019

Worship attendance for July 21, 2019	40
Worship attendance for July 28, 2019	32
Worship attendance for August 04, 2019	47
Worship attendance for August 11, 2019	47
Worship attendance for August 18, 2019	39

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

Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

07-21-2019	\$1,036.99	we missed our goal by	\$1,070.09
07-28-2019	\$ 750.00	we missed our goal by	\$1,356.09
08-04-2019	\$1,275.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 831.09
08-11-2019	\$1,464.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 642.09
08-18-2019	\$1,859.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 247.09

Year-to-date 2019: **-\$13,012.34**

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

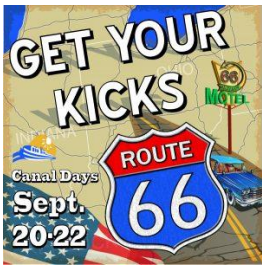


Save the receipts. Turn in your Chief receipts that are marked "Community Cash" from the Delphos store only. There is also a container in the Fellowship Hall for Education Box Tops.



**AMERICAN
RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

American Red Cross Blood drive will be at:
Delphos Eagles, 1600 E 5th St, Delphos, Thursday, September 5 10:30am to 4:30 pm.
Knights of Columbus, 1011 Elida Ave, Delphos, Wednesday, October 2, 2pm-7pm



Delphos Canal Days September 20-22, 2019. Crowd Pleasers:

Thursday-5-9pm Get You Kicks at the Toast on Route 66

Friday- First Financial Bank 33rd Art Exhibit 9am-8pm

DAAG Artfest 9-Noon (at Library)

4H Livestock Food Booth 11-11

Food Vendors 11-Midnight

Beer Tent 3pm-Midnight

Fun 107.1 Live Broadcast 4-6pm

Acoustics by Dustin Hites 4-7pm

E5C4P3 (Journey Tribute!) 8-Midnight

D&D Amusements 4-11pm

Battle of the Businesses 6-7:30 pm

Canal Commission Museum 5-7pm

Advantage Limo 11pm-1am

free ride home

Saturday Optimist Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 7-10:30am

Fishing Derby 8-10 am

Sidewalk Chalk Art 9-10 am

DAAG Artfest 9-Noon (Library)

Craft and Vendor Fair 9am-5pm

Taste of Trinity Bake Sale 9am-3pm

First Financial Bank 33rd Art Exhibit 9-5

FFA Putt Putt Golf 10-8

Pet Parade 11

Kiwanis Chicken Dinners 11

Basket Bingo Noon-2pm

Wine and Beer Tasting 1-7

Canal Commission Museum 1-7

4-7PM Adam Wisner & Todd Moenter

4H Livestock Food Booth 11-11

The Eagle 104.9 Live Broadcast 2-4

Food Vendors 11am-Midnight

Kids Activity Tent 11-2

Puppet Show 2

Kiddie Tractor Pull- Noon

D&D Amusements Noon-11pm

Postal Museum 1-6

Car Show & Cruise-in 1-7

Golf Card Poker Fun 3-6pm

Advantage Limo 11-1 ride home

The Earthquakers 8-12

Sunday 5K Run 9am

4H Livestock Booth 11am-6pm

Beer Tent Noon-6pm

Grand Canal Days Parade 2pm

Canal Commission Museum 3-5pm

Grand Prize Drawing 6 pm

Kiwanis Chicken Dinners 11 am

Food Vendors 11 am-6pm

D&D Amusements Noon -6pm

Deuce's Wild & The Reunion Band 3-6pm

Big Bike Raffle 3:15 must be present to win

Servants of the Lord

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 8 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	10:00 AM	James Hasting	Ryan Trentman	Eric Fritz Rick Dienstberger Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Alan Trentman, Larry Miller

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 15	10:00 AM	Noelle Prine	Dan Kramer	Bob Kloeppe Ken Kloeppe Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Alan Trentman, Larry Miller

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 22	10:00 AM	Lauren French	Alan Trentman	Aaron Trentman Bob Wortman Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Alan Trentman, Larry Miller

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
September 29	10:00 AM	Sam Hasting	Dave Stemen	Larry Miller Dan Staples Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Alan Trentman, Larry Miller

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
October 6 <i>Pork Loin Dinner</i>	9:00 AM	Landon Calvelage	Rick Dienstberger	Ryan Trentman Kaiden Trentman Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Lois Ewing, Karen Hartman

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Kloeppe, Linda Mayer