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## THE MESSENGER



Monday, October 14, 2019



# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – October 2019

## A Little Bit of This and That from Carol

There are so many things running through my mind to share with you today. First of all, I want to thank you for the opportunity to do ministry with you. God has called us to work together and grow in faith and ministry. You are my new family in Christ and I count that as a great blessing. In the little time that I have been here, I can see the treasure you have in faith traditions and in working together. God is here, present, dwelling in your midst. You are the body of Christ and what a gift you are.

I want to also thank you for being a part of the commissioning service on September 12th that now allows me to serve as your Synodically Authorized Minister. This oath to serve you and God is not one that I take lightly and I will continue to covet your prayers as I journey with you. I will be sharing things that I am learning in my coursework at Pacific Lutheran Seminary and at times I imagine that we will be asked to stretch as the content in the coursework requires more reflection and mission driven focus to connect with those in our community. I am excited about the journey, but also a little nervous. I have much to learn and this year a part of my main focus will be to get to know you individually and to learn and understand how you do things at St. Peter.

I also want to thank all of you who made the receptions for my commissioning service and for Pastor Steve's last Sunday so nice. It is humbling to be so cared for. Thank you. I also want to reiterate that I heard several say how wonderful it was to fellowship over food with one another. There were happy joyful sounds of a community of believers sharing life together and truly enjoying the wonderful food and fellowship.

My coursework will require that I spend the week of October 14-19 in intensive study in Indianapolis with my cohort of fellow team candidates and our professors. If you have an emergency during this time, you may call me on my cell phone, 419-512-4490, and I can arrange pastoral care based on the situation.

In this last year, Bishop Beaudoin has encouraged us all to read the Bible through. I am finding that one of the gifts of reading the Bible through this year is to more fully understand how much God created us to be in relationship with him. I used to think that the God of the Old Testament was ruthless and not so loving, but now I have begun to see that God is a jealous God who wants his created people to be in relationship with him. He is all about relationship. He did some pretty ruthless things to punish the Jewish people to get them to turn back to him and those passages are difficult to read, but ultimately God decided to make the ultimate sacrifice of his son to allow us to be reconciled to him. Now that is love! This also makes me so happy that we no longer have to have animal sacrifices to atone for our sins. Jesus has given his life for us and in that gift we have been adopted as beloved children of God. It is God who has reached down to love us. Like the Jewish people, we still mess up, but God is always there to reconcile us to him.

Last week in my mentor session with Pastor Melodi Hagen, she shared that she thinks of communion as a way to not only receive the blood and body of our Lord Jesus, but that the remembering is also important in that when we take communion we are re-membered or

connected to Christ and all the saints as opposed to the feeling that we sometimes get when we feel dis-membered during the week.

In the book, "*The Mission Table*", that I was reading for class, the author Stephen P. Bouman wrote of a story of a little boy whose mother had died and later the grandmother who was now raising him took him to the early church service on a Sunday. When the service was over, the little boy asked to stay for the second service. When the pastor later asked the boy why he wanted to stay for the second service, the little boy responded that his mother was present at communion and he wanted to be near her. This re-connection was at work in the sacrament of Holy Communion. This makes me think of communion in a different light. It is not only a sacrament in which Jesus is made present to us, but all the saints join in. So, the celebration of communion is truly a celebration!

As we come together to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may we always remember that we are surrounded by a wonderful cloud of witnesses.

Blessings,

Carol

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### **Additional Notes for the October newsletter**

**Habitat for Humanity** (Habitat House): There is a possible family waiting to have a home built in Delphos and Habitat House would like to have one person from each church in town serve on a committee for this project. If you are interested, please let Vicar Carol know.

Also, the dates for **Family Promise** are November 10-17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to come in the evenings to play games and interact with the families. Also, several volunteers are needed to stay up at night while families are sleeping. If you have "night owl" tendencies, you may be just the person to volunteer.

This year, families will be staying at Trinity United Methodist Church. Sister Immacolata from St. John's is heading this up. If you are able to help out, please contact her through St. John's Ministry Center.

# General Announcements



**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in September by:  
The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Sue and Ron Kloepfel in celebration of their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary  
Matt & Carrie Calvelage in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Linda and Mark Downey



**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in September by:  
Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
The Altar Guild in celebration of the commission of Carol Pretorius as our  
Synodically Authorized Minister  
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in celebration of their grandson, Liam's birthday.



**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, October 9, 2019, at 9:00 AM.



**Sunday School** for grades K-5 and the adults will be kicking off on October 13 at 9 a.m. The adults will meet upstairs in the Blue Room and K-5 will meet in the Lime Green Room. We could use a couple more adults to help teach K-5. Contact Carrie Calvelage at 419-233-4561 if you have any interest in helping.



**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.



**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.

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.

**Reminder:** Worship service will be at 9 AM on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

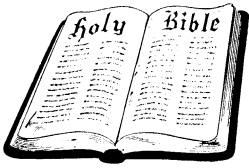


**Noodle Making** Noodle making will start Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM. Your help will be appreciated.



**Clergy Appreciation day** is Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let Vicar Carol know that you appreciate her being here, guiding us while she finishes her schooling.

# NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



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

October Bible study theme is *Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance Session two: Turning to others*

## Altar Guild

Altar Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st 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

# 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.

## ***OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS***

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2) Shirley Ditto      | 17) Megan Weitzel    |
| 7) Paige Kloepfel     | 17) Derek Nomina     |
| 8) Joe Loetz          | 17) Andrew Swick     |
| 8) Randall Klentz     | 20) Robb Rinehart    |
| 9) Jerry Sampson      | 21) Jesse Stemen     |
| 10) Paul Wreede       | 22) Hunter Lane      |
| 10) Jaxon Prine       | 24) Michelle Kimmet  |
| 11) Beverly Darrow    | 30) Andrew Fitch     |
| 13) Rick Dienstberger | 30) Ronald Kloepfel  |
|                       | 31) Beth Hower-Brown |



## **Northwestern Ohio Synod 2019 Daily Bible Reading Program**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Oct. 1</b> Malachi      | <b>Oct. 16</b> Mark 4-5   |
| <b>Oct. 2</b> Matt. 1-4    | <b>Oct. 17</b> Mark 6-7   |
| <b>Oct. 3</b> Matt. 5-6    | <b>Oct. 18</b> Mark 8-9   |
| <b>Oct. 4</b> Matt. 7-8    | <b>Oct. 19</b> Mark 10-11 |
| <b>Oct. 5</b> Matt. 9-10   | <b>Oct. 20</b> Mark 12-13 |
| <b>Oct. 6</b> Matt. 11-12  | <b>Oct. 21</b> Mark 14    |
| <b>Oct. 7</b> Matt. 13-14  | <b>Oct. 22</b> Mark 15-16 |
| <b>Oct. 8</b> Matt. 15-17  | <b>Oct. 23</b> Luke 1     |
| <b>Oct. 9</b> Matt. 18-19  | <b>Oct. 24</b> Luke 2-3   |
| <b>Oct. 10</b> Matt. 20-21 | <b>Oct. 25</b> Luke 4-5   |
| <b>Oct. 11</b> Matt. 22-23 | <b>Oct. 26</b> Luke 6-7   |
| <b>Oct. 12</b> Matt. 24-25 | <b>Oct. 27</b> Luke 8-9   |
| <b>Oct. 13</b> Matt. 26    | <b>Oct. 28</b> Luke 10-11 |
| <b>Oct. 14</b> Matt. 27-28 | <b>Oct. 29</b> Luke 12-13 |
| <b>Oct. 15</b> Mark 1-3    | <b>Oct. 30</b> Luke 14-16 |
|                            | <b>Oct. 31</b> Luke 17-18 |

# Offering Recap for September 2019

Worship attendance for August 25, 2019	45
Worship attendance for September 1, 2019	43
Worship attendance for September 8, 2019	52
Worship attendance for September 15, 2019	82

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

## Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

08-25-2019	\$1,297.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 809.09
09-01-2019	\$ 805.00	we missed our goal by	\$1,301.09
09-08-2019	\$2,092.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 14.09
09-15-2019	\$1,406.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 700.09

**Year-to-date 2019:**      **-\$15,836.70**

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



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

**News:** The new home, currently being built in Elida (207 W North St) is fully enclosed and is starting to see detailed inside work being completed. The plan is to dedicate the house in early November. Ohio Northern University sent more than 50 students to volunteer at the ReStore during the week of August 19-24. They made a significant impact on work that was getting backlogged due to lack of enough volunteer hours.

- Needs:**
1. Regular volunteers at the ReStore or even volunteer groups to come in for a day.
  2. Funds for the current build-every \$62 buys a square foot of the house.
  3. Meals for either construction or ReStore volunteers.
  4. Affiliate sustaining/ongoing donations of \$10 a month (No Place Like Home Club.)

Please contact us to help or donate: 419-222-4937 or [www.habitatlima.org](http://www.habitatlima.org)



**102<sup>nd</sup> Gymanfa Ganu** “A singing Festival” will be held on October 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Gomer Congregational Church, 7350 Gomer Rd, Gomer, Ohio 45809. Everyone is welcome! For more information: [secretary@gomercc.org](mailto:secretary@gomercc.org) or call 419-642-2681

**Van Wert County Department of Job & Family Services** is looking for individuals to become a licensed family child care home provided. For more information: 419-784-2150 x1102.



**2020 Census Jobs available.** The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for census workers. Wages are competitive (\$16) in most counties. Other perks: flexible hours, mileage reimbursement and paid training. See the flyers on the bulletin board or apply at [www.2020Census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020Census.gov/jobs)

## Servants of the Lord

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
October 13	10:00 AM	Garrett Trentman	Ron Kloeppe	Chuck Hoersten Dan Kramer Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Lois Ewing, Karen Hartman

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Kloeppe, Linda Mayer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
October 20	10:00 AM	Matthew Weitzel	Dave Mayer	Dave Stemen Sam Miller Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Sue Kloeppe, Alan Trentman

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Kloeppe, Linda Mayer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
October 27	10:00 AM	Maliya Hershberger	Larry Miller	Matt Calvelag Troy Calvelage Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Sue Kloeppe, Alan Trentman

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Kloeppe, Linda Mayer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
November 3	10:00 AM	Lexie Cheney	Bob Wortman	Ron Kloeppe Sue Kloeppe Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger

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