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THE MESSENGER



The office will be closed November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.



The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – November 2019

A Little Bit of This and That from Carol

I want to say, People of St. Peter Lutheran Church, God has gifted you with a great ability to work together in joy and service. I was impressed this summer with the organization of the Kids' Breakfast Program and now I had the opportunity to experience the Pork Loin Dinner Fundraiser. You have used your gifts of organization and knowledge to make things run like clockwork. People know what their tasks are and seem to work together in great joy. You are all amazing!

I also want to say that I have never tasted pork loin that tastes as good as what I had on October 6th. I do not know what the secret recipe is, but I am sure that you could rival any of the places who sell pork dinners with the great seasonings and cooking process you incorporated. The whole meal was wonderful.

Ladies, the German potato salad was also amazing and I know that some of you were at the church at 6:00AM on the Tuesday and Wednesday before the dinner to make the brine for the potatoes. I learned that German potato salad is a work of love. Well done!

On the 9th of October, I was given the privilege of doing the walking tour of Delphos with the seniors from St. John's and Jefferson High Schools. This was wonderful to be included and to experience the guided tours and to better understand the history of the town and the canals. We have great young adults in Delphos. It was good to spend time with them.

Our high school students are at a very important age when they begin to question things in life and make critical life decisions. One of the concerns I have is that we have no active group for our high schoolers. At the end of October, I am meeting with Shelby Koenig to begin to talk about establishing some ways to get our high school students together 4-5 times a year. We may do some service projects and then have some other meetings that are centered on fun activities or to have some open discussions on topics that are important to the students. Having this high school group is in the very early stages of planning so we would appreciate your prayers for direction and for God to call the students to come and get involved in the group.

As I write these snippets for the November newsletter, I realize that I have almost been commissioned to serve as your Synodically Authorized Minister for about a month. During this time of learning and growing in service to you I have so appreciated your support and the ways that you have made me feel so welcome. You are the salt of the earth and your faith shines through as you worship, serve and live out your lives to the glory of God.

I want to make sure that you know that you can call me if you are in the hospital or having surgery and I will come. I count it a blessing to be able to pray for you. My cell phone is

probably one of the best ways to get ahold of me. **My number is 419-512-4490. You may text or call. My church email is stpetercarolp@gmail.com.**

Earlier, I told you that as your vicar I would not be able to perform marriages, but in my most recent authorization letter for ministry with you, the Bishop wrote that I am now allowed perform weddings with the church council's blessing and by obtaining the proper licensure from the state.

Please continue to pray for the church as we move into this new ministry time. I want us to be able to dream dreams and listen to the call of God in our lives for the ministry and work of the church. You are amazing people and I count it all joy to be able to serve as your vicar.

Blessings,
Vicar Carol



There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service. (Thanksgiving is not a church holiday). Please bring your non-perishable donations to the Thankoffering Service on Sunday, November 24th. All donations will be given to the Delphos Thrift Shop.

General Announcements



Radio ministry was given to the glory of God in October by:
The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger
Sue and Ron Kloeppel in celebration their daughter, Paige's 17th birthday
Ed and Sandy Talboom
Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in October by:
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in celebration of their granddaughter, Raylie's birthday.
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in celebration of their granddaughter, Ella'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.



Condolences of the congregation to the family of William (Bill) Nomina, whose funeral service was held at St. Peter on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.



Quilting Day will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 9:00 AM.



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.



All Saints Day The first Sunday in November is designated as All Saints Sunday and it is a time to remember and give thanks for those who have come before us. They have in their own way passed on the faith to us and for this we give our thanks. We also remember those who have died in the past year and we remember them with gratitude. This past year at St. Peter Lutheran, they are: Lester Eugene Schafer, Margene Mae Freund, Melvin Walter Kloepfel and William (Bill) Nomina.

Gracious God, thank you for those who have lived their lives in such a way that Jesus Christ was made known and glorified. Amen.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3rd. Now that we are in our “Fall” season, turn your clocks back one hour. (Enjoy that extra hour of sleep.)



Thank you for your Service! A special thank you to all those serving in active duty or in reserves. Also, a big thank you to all the Veterans. We appreciate all our service personnel and their sacrifice for our safety and freedom.

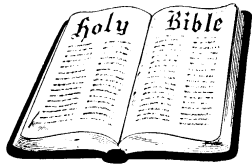


Thank you, Dave Stemen for delivering 51 quilts and 44 school kits to Fort Wayne for the Lutheran World Relief Program.



Our 9th annual pork loin dinner was held on October 6th. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser in any way: donating time or needed items, buying or selling tickets and prayers. The profit was \$5,239.78. Thank you!

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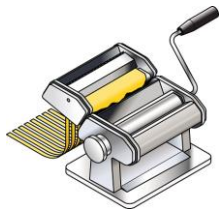


Good Morning/Good Shepherd Bible Study – Bible study members will be contacted with a date and time. If you would like to attend Bible study, please contact Jacquie Fritz.

November Bible study theme is *No hard feelings? Session three: Stewarding the gift of joy*



WANTED, WANTED any of the ladies of the congregation to join us on the WELCA board. Over the past few years we have lost 4 members due to illness, death or family obligations. We would like to fill their vacancies. We have a monthly evening meeting which lasts approximately an hour 8 times throughout the year. Please contact any of the WELCA members (Donna Berger, Denise Kloepfel, Sue Kloepfel, Yvonne Koenig, Chris Prine or Deb Trentman) to see how actively involved we are in serving the congregation as well as home and abroad. Thank you!



Noodle Making is underway. We would appreciate donations of eggs and flour. Also needed is volunteers to help! Making the dough begins at 9am and 5pm to roll them out. Your help is needed and appreciated, no matter how much or little you can give.



The WELCA annual Bake Sale to be held on Friday November 22nd at 9:00 am in the lobby at the main branch of First Federal Bank. Your food donations can brought to the church 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday November 21st, or to the bank on Friday morning. There is a sign-up sheet in the red book for workers for the Bake Sale.



Thank offering service will be on November 24 designated offering donations will be given to the ELCA. Since we no longer will be having a Thanksgiving Eve service, please bring your donations of food/non-perishable items for the Delphos Thrift store on this day also.



Altar Guild

Altar Guild will once again this year be using poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Services. The cost will be \$7 each with pot size being 6-1/2 inches. Your color choices are red, white, pink, marble & jingle bells. Envelopes will be in the pews and in the back of the church. In order to have these choices, we need your envelope with payment by Sunday, November 24th. Thank you.

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.

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) Kevin Theis | 12) Noah Cheney |
| 1) Gregory Sampson | 13) Lexie Cheney |
| 3) Hannah Lieurance | 14) Garrett Trentman |
| 3) Emily Dienstberger | 16) Billy Stemen |
| 4) Amy Hoehn | 20) Connie Stemen |
| 4) Brooke Apple | 20) Jacob Trentman |
| 5) Shirley Parsons | 21) Leonard (Butch) Prine |
| 5) Teresa Luke | 26) Britney Calvelage |
| 6) Janice Klooppel | 27) Samuel Hasting |
| 8) Kara Webster | 28) Alyssa Miller |
| 10) Joslynn James | 29) Brad Berger |
| 11) Collin Swick | 29) Denise Klooppel |
| 12) Bonnie Marlow | |



Northwestern Ohio Synod 2019 Daily Bible Reading Program

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| Nov. 1 Luke 19-20 | Nov. 16 Acts 9-10 |
| Nov. 2 Luke 21-22 | Nov. 17 Acts 11-13 |
| Nov. 3 Luke 23-24 | Nov. 18 Acts 14-15 |
| Nov. 4 John 1-2 | Nov. 19 Acts 16-17 |
| Nov. 5 John 3-4 | Nov. 20 Acts 18-20 |
| Nov. 6 John 5-6 | Nov. 21 Acts 21-23 |
| Nov. 7 John 7-8 | Nov. 22 Acts 24-26 |
| Nov. 8 John 9-10 | Nov. 23 Acts 27-28 |
| Nov. 9 John 11-12 | Nov. 24 Rom. 1-3 |
| Nov. 10 John 13-15 | Nov. 25 Rom. 4-7 |
| Nov. 11 John 16-18 | Nov. 26 Rom. 8-10 |
| Nov. 12 John 19-21 | Nov. 27 Rom. 11-13 |
| Nov. 13 Acts 1-3 | Nov. 28 Rom 14-16 |
| Nov. 14 Acts 4-6 | Nov. 29 1 Cor.1-4 |
| Nov. 15 Acts 7-8 | Nov. 30 1 Cor. 5-8 |

Offering Recap for October 2019

Worship attendance for September 22, 2019	30
Worship attendance for September 29, 2019	49
Worship attendance for October 6, 2019	39
Worship attendance for October 13, 2019	50
Worship attendance for October 20, 2019	45

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

Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

09-22-2019	\$ 906.00	we missed our goal by	\$1,200.09
09-29-2019	\$1,427.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 634.09
10-06-2019	\$ 645.00	we missed our goal by	\$1,461.09
10-13-2019	\$2,409.00	we exceeded our goal by	\$ 302.91
10-20-2019	\$1,367.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 739.09

Year-to-date 2019: **-\$14,328.37***

***Includes Pork Loin Dinner Fundraiser profits of \$5,239.78**

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



Delphos Kiwanis Pancake & Sausage Day- Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 6:30 am – 2:00 pm at Delphos Jefferson High School, 901 Wildcat Lane, Delphos, Ohio. Tickets are \$8.00 each, children under 10 eat free.



American Red Cross Blood Drive at Delphos Eagles, 1600 E 5th St, Delphos, Ohio on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm.

A Little Bit More of This and That.....

As I have been driving back and forth from Wapakoneta and Delphos, I have so enjoyed traveling the land and seeing the fields in the seasons of their life. The corn now has almost dried and I have seen that some of the farmers have begun to harvest. I have had the joy this week to see the leaves begin to change and to be in awe of God's creation. Fall is truly a special time of year.

It is a time to be in awe of God's creation and it is a time to give thanks for those who have gone before us to nourish not only the land but our heritage. November 3, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday and take the time to honor those who have died in this past year.

November is also a time to practice gratitude, not just on Thanksgiving Day, but through the month. So often we think thoughts of gratitude about a person or a group of people but we fail to tell them. Let this be a month in which we practice speaking out our gratitude.

Speaking of gratitude, I am so thankful for you, my new church family, who have welcomed me so graciously. I also want to thank you for the opportunity to go to Indianapolis for my week of study. The professors were great and I learned so much. One of my classes was on Ministry in Context and I was given some wonderful tools to help us look to the future. My Old Testament class was taught by a professor who had his doctorate in Old Testament studies and he was fluent in Hebrew and Aramaic. He brought the Old Testament to life and stressed the importance of sharing the stories on levels deeper than what we learn in Sunday school. I will be sharing that learning with you as we journey together.

As you move through this month, know that I am grateful for you. I am praying for you that the love and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be showered upon you.

Peace,

Vicar Carol

Servants of the Lord

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
November 10	10:00 AM	Trevor French	Eric Fritz	Dan Marlow Matt Calvelage Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger
ALTAR GUILD: Donna Berger, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
November 17	10:00 AM	James Hasting	Lynn Koenig	Dave Mayer Rick Dienstberger Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Lois Ewing, Karen Hartman
ALTAR GUILD: Donna Berger, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
November 24	10:00 AM	Nathan Calvelage	Aaron Trentman	Deb Trentman Alan Trentman Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Lois Ewing, Karen Hartman
ALTAR GUILD: Donna Berger, Susan McGue

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
December 1	10:00 AM	Noelle Prine	Ryan Trentman	Eric Fritz Larry Miller Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Sue Kloeppe, Alan Trentman
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Mayer, Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea