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Join us for Christmas Eve
Worship Services at
4 PM and 10 PM

January Newsletter Deadline: Friday, December 20, 2019

THE MESSENGER



Christmas Eve Services: Tuesday, 4 PM and 10 PM



The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – December 2019

A Little Bit of This and That for December 2019

Greetings! It is hard to believe that we are already entering the season of Advent. This season is a time of waiting in expectation for Jesus, but so often we get so scattered in making our preparations that we do not take time to sit and wait and to ponder the wonderful gift of God in allowing the incarnate Jesus to come and dwell among us. We get so busy decorating for the season and shopping for gifts and attending various Christmas events, that we can lose the joy due to the hectic pace of trying to get everything done.

Some years we are so relieved when the seasons of Advent and Christmas are over because we can then get back to our normal routines. We live in such a fast-paced society that we have a hard time creating space to just “be”. One of the joys that I have had since moving to our home in Wapakoneta is to sit by the fire and read the Bible and pray. The setting is so peaceful and this practice seems to help ground me.

This season, I would ask for you to take care of yourselves by taking some time out to breathe and to connect with God for a time of peaceful reflection. I would ask that we each take at least 5 minutes a day in which we set the timer and we simply sit quietly and breathe God in. We might want to say, “Come, Lord Jesus” in our minds to help us remember that we are in a season of waiting for Jesus to come.

It might be interesting then to come together after Christmas and see how this practice of intentionally waiting for Jesus to come impacted us. Maybe God will use the Holy Spirit to speak words of love to us, or maybe we will gain more of a sense of peace and being at rest that nurtures our souls. I invite you to try this with me and to see what this season of Advent brings.

On another note, Bob Ulm is inviting people from the various churches to come to his house on December 8 at 1:00 PM, in order to go out and spread joy by Christmas caroling together. I think it would be wonderful if we could respond to come make a joyful noise as we spread the joy of the season. You do not have to be a great singer to do this. The event is about gathering the community together to bring joy to others. So, come and make a joyful noise and join in the fun. We will be having the 4:00 PM and the 10:00 PM Christmas Eve services this year. I am looking forward to being with you on Christmas Eve. Usually these services are some of my favorite of the year. I love to look out and see the families gathered together and to experience the wonder of the gift of Jesus to the world. I love the traditional carols that we sing and I love to hear the stories of Jesus’ birth. I hope you will plan to attend and that we may all welcome the birth of Jesus this Christmas.

Blessings and Peace,
Vicar Carol Pretorius

General Announcements



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



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in November by:
Altar Guild in honor of All Saints Sunday
Dave and Connie Stemen in thanksgiving for their family
Barb Shafer Family in memory of Lester's 81st birthday, whom they love and miss
WELCA in thanksgiving for all blessings



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, December 13, 2019, at 9:00 AM.



Christmas Eve Services will be Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM.
There will be no Sunday School classes on December 29 and January 5.



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.



The 2020 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please sign up for that special occasion or celebration. Let the office know what you would like printed in the bulletin.



The rose on the altar is for the birth of Reagan Ann, daughter of Rachel and Andrew Munshower. She weighed 8 lbs, 10 oz and was 20” long. She was welcomed home by big brothers Austin and Landon.

Thank You

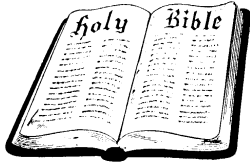
Thank you so very much for the fantastic luncheon you provided after my dad’s funeral service. Such kind faces serving our friends and family. Words cannot express what it meant to our family to have your service and to be a light on a dark day. My mom and dad so loved St. Peter and the community it provided to them. My dad found solace at church after my mom passed. I am so thankful to you all. Thank you so very much.

Kelly Nomina Barr and family

Altar Guild

Altar Guild’s regular monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. The December meeting has been changed to Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 pm.

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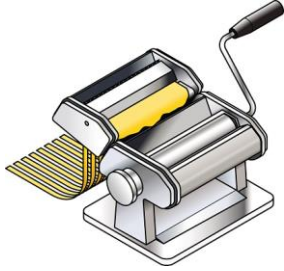


Good Morning/Good Shepherd Bible Study –

Trying to find a date and time that works for those who like to attend. See Jacquie Fritz if you have a time or suggestion.

The December Devotional is *Watch, wait create*

WELCA The scheduled meeting is Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm.



Noodle Making Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the noodle making and bake sale a success. Whether you donated eggs or flour, separated eggs, made the dough, cut the noodles or packaged them, we appreciate your help. We also thank all those who donated baked goods, helped with pricing and delivering and worked the sale. We also appreciated your monetary donations. We couldn't be successful without your help. Thank you!



Card Tree WELCA will be accepting donations from the Card Tree to purchase poinsettias for the shut-ins. Christmas Cards with your donations can be sent to the church.



Keep our Military Friends and Family in your Prayers:

Fred Hasting

Navy

Stateside

Dominic Munoz

Navy

Annapolis MD

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 1) Sheri Swick | 16) Robert Wortman |
| 1) Taylor Baxter | 16) Daniel Marlow |
| 2) Austin Munshower | 17) Jonathan Finn |
| 3) Alexa Marlow | 18) Cathy Wreede |
| 4) Margene Freund | 19) Carolyn Rice |
| 4) Angie Miller | 20) Martina Himmeger |
| 5) Dan Dienstberger | 20) Leonard Prine, Jr |
| 12) Corey Kloepfel | 21) Kyrstin Warnecke |
| 13) Patti Calvert | 23) Kenadi Brinkman |
| 13) Susan Grothouse | 26) Sue Vasquez |
| 14) Sarah Hershberger | 26) Mike Finn |
| 14) Ryan Nomina | 28) William Turner |
| 14) Amy Nighswander | 28) Renee Carder |
| 15) David Allemeier | 28) Dylan Brinkman |
| 15) Noelle Prine | 28) Elaine Wiechart |
| | 29) Troy Kloepfel |

Northwestern Ohio Synod 2019 Daily Bible Reading Program

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| Dec 1 1 Cor 9-11 | Dec 16 2 Timothy |
| Dec 2 1 Cor 12-14 | Dec 17 Titus, Philem |
| Dec 3 1 Cor 15-16 | Dec 18 Heb 1-6 |
| Dec 4 2 Cor 1-4 | Dec 19 Heb 7-10 |
| Dec 5 2 Cor 5-9 | Dec 20 Heb 11-13 |
| Dec 6 2 Cor 10-13 | Dec 21 James |
| Dec 7 Gal 1-3 | Dec 22 1 Peter |
| Dec 8 Gal 4-6 | Dec 23 2 Peter |
| Dec 9 Eph 1-3 | Dec 24 1 John |
| Dec 10 Eph 4-6 | Dec 25 2 & 3 Jn, Jude |
| Dec 11 Philippians | Dec 26 Rev 1-3 |
| Dec 12 Colossians | Dec 27 Rev 4-8 |
| Dec 13 1 Thess | Dec 28 Rev 9-12 |
| Dec 14 2 Thess | Dec 29 Rev 13-16 |
| Dec 15 1 Timothy | Dec 30 Rev 17-19 |
| | Dec 31 Rev 20-22 |

Praise be to God! You did it!

Offering Recap for November 2019

Worship attendance for October 27, 2019	55
Worship attendance for November 3, 2019	57
Worship attendance for November 10, 2019	49
Worship attendance for November 17, 2019	49

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

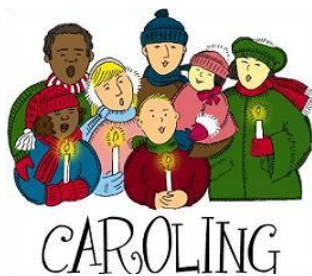
Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

10-27-2019	\$1,444.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 662.09
11-03-2019	\$1,367.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 739.09
11-10-2019	\$1,286.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 820.09
11-17-2019	\$1,428.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 678.09

Year-to-date shortage 2019: - \$17,227.73

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



Mark your calendar All are invited to spread the joyous music of Christmas in our community on Sunday, December 8th. We'll meet at the home of Bob and Kathy Ulm at 415 Wayne Street at 1:00pm. Then we will sing at local nursing homes as well as homes of local shut-ins who would like to hear a little holiday singing. Come join us for all or part of the afternoon. There is no such thing as a voice too bad to share. All are welcome!



Ecumenical Christmas Service is on Sunday, December 1st, 7:30 PM. The Delphos Ministerial Association will present an evening of music and reflections at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Soloists and groups from various churches are involved, as well as young people from Jefferson and St. John's High Schools.



Delphos Kiwanis Hometown Christmas is December 6, 2019, 6:00pm to 8:30pm on 2nd Street, across from the Delphos Fire Department.



American Red Cross Blood Drive at Knight of Columbus, 1011 Elida Ave, Delphos, Ohio on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 2-7 pm.

The blood drive in January will be on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at Eagles Delphos, 1600 E 5th St. from 10:30am-4:30 pm.



Delphos Community Christmas Project Committee sincerely thanks each person and group who has made any contributions in the past. Last year, 307 children living in the Delphos School district were provided with new toys and clothing for Christmas. Along with those gifts, 127 Chief gift cards were provided to families in order to purchase a warm Christmas dinner for their children and 152 fruit plates were delivered to shut-ins in our community.

The committee begins their work in early October and our shoppers being shopping in November. The names of those who could use assistance come, the families are interviewed, and their needs are established. Once the needs are determined and a shopping list is made, our shoppers go to work. Our shoppers are very busy all the up until delivery day of “Santa’s gifts”. Deliveries are made on the last day of school before Christmas break and accomplished with the help of high school students from both Jefferson and St. John’s.

The names of children needing clothing and toys, families needing food, and shut-in to be remembered with a fruit plate should be sent to Delphos Community Christmas Project, General Delivery, Delphos, OH 45833. Monetary donations can be sent to the same address. Thank you for helping the less fortunate in our community. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Edna Fischer at 419-233-8888.

May we continue to work together in the Lord to make the holidays a more joyful time for those in need in our community.

Sincerely,

Edna Fischer
Chairwoman

Servants of the Lord

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
December 8	10:00 AM	Jacob Trentman	Kaiden Trentman	Bob Kloeppe Ken Kloeppe Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Sue Kloeppe, Alan Trentman

ALTAR GUILD: Linda Mayer, Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

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SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
December 15	10:00 AM	Sam Hasting	Yvonne Koenig	Chuck Hoersten Dan Staples Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Ryan Trentman, Rick Dienstberger
ALTAR GUILD Linda Mayer, Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
December 22	10:00 AM	Landon Calvelage	Dan Kramer	Aaron Trentman Troy Calvelage Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Ryan Trentman, Rick Dienstberger
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Mayer, Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
December 24	4:00 PM	Noelle Prine Garrett Trentman	Ron Kloepfel Aaron Kloepfel	Matt Calvelage Ryan Trentman Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Ryan Trentman, Sue Kloepfel
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Mayer, Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
December 24	10:00 PM	Lauren French	Volunteer	Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Ryan Trentman, Sue Kloepfel
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Mayer, Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
December 29	10:00 AM	Matt Weitzel	Alan Trentman	Dan Kramer Sam Miller Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Deb Trentman, Larry Miller
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Mayer, Angie Miller, Sarah Miller, Jane Gonyea

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
January 5	10:00 AM	Maliya Hershberger	Dave Stemen	Kaiden Trentman Deb Trentman Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Deb Trentman, Larry Miller
ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

