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THE MESSENGER



February 26, 2020



The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – February 2020

A Little Bit of This and That...

As we begin to creep up near the end of January, I cannot help but look back to my first Christmas Eve with all of you. What a joy to celebrate the birth of Jesus in a full church. The atmosphere was amazing as we sang, celebrated and worshiped our savior. Despite the heavy fog outside, there was a wonderful sense of God's presence among us.

As we have now moved into the season of Epiphany we see Jesus begin to move out in his ministry. We have celebrated his baptism and focused on God's words to Jesus that he is his beloved son. We can rest in the knowledge that we are God's beloved sons and daughters. As we understand that we are loved, we can move forward in life to be the light of Christ in our homes, our church, our schools and our work places.

This year, Bishop Beaudoin has asked the churches in the Northeastern Ohio Synod to begin to focus on mission. He is encouraging us to move out from our four walls to impact others. We will be asking ourselves to dream and pray about what God is calling us to do during this year.

This week, I was made aware of the plight of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Toledo, Ohio. This church is an inner-city church that is very mission-focused in serving the people in need in the neighborhoods around them. They operate a food pantry out of the church and people depend on them. Sometime this fall, their water boiler furnaces could no longer heat the building and they have been without heat since this time. Staff and members have had to wear coats and gloves to try to stay warm. They need to raise about \$50,000 to make the needed repairs and at last count, they had about \$18,000. They are reaching out for help and so we have an opportunity to help them. If you feel called to help them, you can write a check to St. Peter and designate funds to *Hearts for Heat*. We will then send one large check to Redeemer Lutheran Church. I invite you to consider giving as a way to bless this congregation.

Today we had our first gathering of our senior high youth. We had opportunities to talk as well as to play some games and just spend time together. We will meet again on February 9th.

In January, we also began our prayer group that meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. We are meeting from 2:00-3:30PM.

Confirmation has been set for the first Sunday in May. Jacquie continues to lead the students in faith. One of the things we are asking the students to do is to set up a time to focus on a scripture verse, give thanks, and pray for those in need. We are also asking them to take some time to reflect on how they are feeling or how the scripture is impacting them. This is really important for all of us to take the time to do. Our living God is at work among us and it is amazing how we can grow in knowledge and faith when we interact with God in scripture reading and prayer. The Book of Acts is a good place to

focus this year as we try to become more mission focused.

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7:00PM on February 26th. Then for the next five Wednesdays we will be having Lenten soup suppers that will begin at 6:15PM followed by a short service in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM. This year we will have members of the congregation share some of their faith journeys with us.

I will be in Indianapolis the first week in February for my intensive studies. I can be reached on my cell phone at 419-512-4490. If you have an emergency my husband, Pastor Doug Pretorius, can be reached at his cell phone, 419-512-4491 or at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 419-738-3321.

As winter has made itself known to us in cooler temperatures this week, may the presence of God and his love for each of you warm your hearts and bring you much peace.

Blessings,

Vicar Carol

General Announcements



Radio ministry was given to the glory of God in January by:

The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger

Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig

Matt and Carrie Calvelage and boys in celebration of birthdays for Carrie on the 16th and Landon on the 22nd

Leonard and Shirley Jarman



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, February 12th, at 9:00 AM.



Quarterless Ticket Auction - Reserve the date of Saturday, March 2nd. We are in need of *volunteers* to work the auction. We have many spots to fill. We are in need of food donations for the kitchen. We will be selling sandwiches, snacks and drinks during the auction. There are sign-up sheets in the red book for both workers and food donations.

Admission tickets are available for sale for \$5.00 each. Everyone needs a ticket to attend. Tell your friends and family about this fun event. There is a "Facebook" event page. Please share with your Facebook Friends. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Miller or Susan McGue.



Committees: Please turn in your year-end reports to the office for the directory to be completed. Thank you.



Upcoming Lenten Schedule: Ash Wednesday Worship Service

On February 26th at St. Peter Lutheran Church there will be a soup supper at 6:15 pm in the parish hall, followed by a worship service at 7:00 PM in the church. Each of the following Wednesday evenings during Lent our church will provide a Lenten Soup Supper at 6:15 pm with the worship service following in the church.

The Community Lenten Service will be held at Trinity United Methodist each Thursday during Lent starting at Noon, followed by a lunch.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild's regular monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is February 4th at 6:00 PM.

Remember our Shut-ins

Sharon Reel
Vancrest Health Care
10357 Van Wert-Decatur Rd
Van Wert OH 45891

Carl Dienstberger
E Fourth Street
Delphos OH 45833



Please pray for the following family and friends: Jim Schommoeller, Jodi Siefker, Doug Butler, Sharon Reel, Kristin LaSeta, Kyle Baster, Shirley Woodward, Dale Derrow, Marsha Jackson, Beth Gener, Margo and Callie Tyler, Maya Lee-Pletcher, Judy Horstman, Gary Turnwalde, Barb Recker, Shirley Turner, Barb Adams, David Thompson, Gwen Simpson, Bev Cross-McNeal, Sharon Calvelage, Beverly Derrow, Melissa Hover, Jay Vondran, Tom Evans, Vicki Kramer, and Jerry Champion.



Happy Valentine's Day
Friday, February 14, 2020

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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 February Devotional is *We are called!* Session two: Disciples of Christ

WELCA The scheduled meeting is Monday, February 10th at 7:00 pm.

WELCA South West Conference Gathering will be Saturday, April 25th at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Van Wert, Ohio. The theme this year is *Missions of Love*. There will be a work shop on Bible Study and the possibility of a speaker from the Women's Crisis Center. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. You can pay the day of the gathering. Reservation deadline is April 18th.



Keep our Military Friends and Family in your Prayers:

Fred Hasting

Navy

Stateside

Dominic Munoz

Navy

Annapolis MD

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

- 3) Roger Gossman
- 5) Roger Klenz
- 6) Daniel Stemen
- 7) Liam LaRue
- 7) Lyla Lane
- 8) Victoria Redmon
- 14) Karen Hartman

- 14) Rachel Munshower
- 16) Thomas Calvelage
- 16) Zachary Kimmett
- 18) Jamie Wortman
- 22) Sierra Marlow
- 26) Jordan Koebel
- 28) Tom Watkins, Jr



Offering Recap for January 2020

Worship attendance for December 22, 2019	48
Worship attendance for December 24, 2019	151
Worship attendance for December 29, 2019	21
Worship attendance for January 05, 2020	49
Worship attendance for January 12, 2020	48
Worship attendance for January 19, 2020	56

Amount needed **each week** to meet approved budget for 2020 \$1,677.95

Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

12-22-2019	\$2,067.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 39.09
12-24-2019	\$2,351.01		
12-29-2019	\$ 350.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 1,756.09
01-05-2020	\$1,231.25	we missed our goal by	\$ 446.70
01-12-2020	\$1,731.00	we exceeded our goal by	\$ 53.05
01-19-2020	\$ 929.00	we missed our goal by	\$ 748.95

Year-to-date shortage 2020: **- \$ 1,142.60**

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 Knight of Columbus, 1011 Elida Ave, Delphos, OH on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Walk-ins are welcome. Or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability.



Delphos Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event will be on February 23, 2020 We need 300 volunteers and \$11,689.92 to meet the 2020 goal of packing 35,000 meals. This is a family friendly event. All are invited & welcome (Ages 5 - 105. Contact Ellen Ditto if babysitting is needed). Please

spread the word. The 2020 Event will be at Delphos St John's High School All Saints building, 515 E Second St. Delphos, OH. Registration/Sign in begins at 12:30 pm. Meal packing is 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Any amount of donation is appreciated. Registration is required by February 15, 2020.

Use Google Chrome to register and/or donate at:

<http://events.stophungernow.org/Delphos2020>

Donations (no registration) can be made at First Federal Bank through The Carpenter's Ministry account. Any questions contact Buzz or Ellen Ditto 419-233-3524.

-Approximately 795 million people in the world are chronically malnourished.

-One in every nine people on our planet go to bed hungry each night.

-Hunger kills more people each year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.

-The vast majority of hungry people, 780 out of 795 million people, live in developing countries.

-25,000 children die daily from hunger. That is all the school age children of Van Wert, Putnam, and Allen counties combined.

-America disposes 40% of the food we purchase.

Together we can end world hunger by 2030!!!

Buzz and Ellen Ditto



Habitat for Humanity - Lima Area: News and Needs

News: Our most recent partner family moved into their new Habitat house in Elida a few days before Thanksgiving, thanks to the generosity of many people, businesses, and churches. It was a wonderful house dedication celebrating the volunteer hours, meals served, monetary donations, and prayers that offered a new life to this family. The Habitat ReStore was transformed a number of times in the last two months, as groups volunteered for a day

offering their energy and time.

Needs: 1. Regular volunteers at the ReStore or volunteer groups to come in for a day. 2. Funds for our next build (every \$62 buys a square foot of a Habitat house). 3. Monthly meal for 30 ReStore volunteers. 4. Affiliate sustaining/ongoing donations of \$10 a month (*No Place Like Home* club).

Please contact us to volunteer or donate: (phone) 419-222-4937, (website) www.habitatlima.org, (email) habitatlima@habitatlima.org

Servants of the Lord

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 2	10:00 AM	Nathan Calvelage	Larry Miller	Rick Dienstberger Dave Mayer Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Rick Dienstberger, Sue Kloeppe

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 9	10:00 AM	Noelle Prine	Eric Fritz	Matt Calvelage Dan Kramer Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Larry Miller

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 16	10:00 AM	Jacob Trentman	Aaron Trentman	Bob Kloeppe Ken Kloeppe Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Larry Miller

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 23	10:00 AM	Landon Calvelage	Lynn Koenig	Larry Miller Troy Calvelage Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Deb Trentman, Dan Staples

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
March 1	10:00 AM	Sam Hasting	Shelby Koenig	Ryan Trentman Sam Miller Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Deb Trentman, Dan Staples

ALTAR GUILD: Susan McGue, Donna Berger