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Wednesday: Soup Supper 6:15 PM  
Worship Service 7:00 PM

April Newsletter Deadline: Friday, March 20, 2020

## THE MESSENGER



Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Sunday, March 8, 2020  
Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour



# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – March 2020

## **A Little Bit of This and That...**

February seems to be flying by and when you receive this we will already be into the season of Lent. There was time when I used to really dislike this season as the focus is often on being more solemn. I am naturally a more joyful person so thinking that I had to be more solemn was hard and not a very helpful way to enter into the season of Lent. I have come to realize over the years that the season of Lent is not really so much about being so solemn as it provides an opportunity to focus more deeply on our relationship with Jesus and that is something that I dearly love.

Many people like to give things up for the 40 days of Lent, but I have never been a person who has done well with that. Instead, I think it might be more important to focus on adding something to our spiritual practice. For me, this is easier and, in some ways, harder. If you have struggles with finding time to pray, you might consider setting your alarm to get up 10 minutes earlier and then find a quiet place to pray for 10 minutes or so. Maybe, choosing to read several good Christian books that help you grow could be a good practice to try. Maybe picking up a devotional or reading a chapter a day in your Bible might be beneficial. Or, keeping a gratitude journal might be appealing. One thing that I would encourage each of us to do, especially if this has not been your Lenten practice, is to consider taking the time to attend the Lenten Soup suppers and the service to follow. This year we will have soup suppers in the parish hall at 6:15 PM and then the Lenten services in the sanctuary will start at 7:00PM. The services will follow a similar format each week. We will start with a hymn and the reading of a psalm together. Then one of the members of the church will be talking a little bit about their faith journey. This is an important time of sharing as we need to begin to share our faith stories with each other. (Don't worry, I have asked people already to share, so no one will be put on the spot.) After the sharing we will do a short reflective prayer exercise in which we listen to a scripture three (3) times and listen for what God is speaking to us. We will then close with prayer and a hymn. Please consider making this a part of your Lenten worship. I have been doing a lot of studying in scripture about how one's heart plays a role in helping us to draw near to God and to see and hear how God is moving in our lives and those of others. When our hearts become complacent or hard, we stop listening and ultimately, we lose out on experiencing the peace and presence of God at work in our lives. I want my heart to provide good soil for God to be at work. I think that is really what most of us wants. Lent is a good time to cultivate the ground of our hearts to be open to the journey of faith with Jesus. May the grace and peace of our Lord richly bless you as you journey into this season of Lent.

Blessings,  
Vicar Carol

# General Announcements



**Radio ministry** was given to the glory of God in February by:  
Ed and Jacquie Fritz in thanksgiving for their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary  
Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig  
Leonard and Shirley Jarman  
Ron and Sue Kloeppe in memory of their parents, Melvin and Alma Kloeppe and  
Orville and Barb Koverman.



**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in February by:  
Randy and Vicki Rinehart in celebration of their grandson, Colin's birthday  
Ed and Jacquie Fritz in thanksgiving for their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary and the birth of  
their great-granddaughter, Jacelyn Marie Bowersock, born on January 28<sup>th</sup>.



**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, March 11th, at 9:00 AM.



**Quarterless Ticket Auction - Reserve the date of Saturday, March 7th.**

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.



**Lenten Schedule:** Join us Wednesdays at 6:15 PM for a soup supper then attend the Lenten service at 7:00 PM.

The following members will be sharing some of their faith journeys during our Lenten services. Please have them in prayer and come and be present for their sharing. All are welcome.

Linda Downey - March 4

Marjean Warren- March 11

Susan McGue - March 18

Dave Steman - March 25

Eric Fritz - April 1

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

**St. Peter** will provide the Community Lenten Luncheon on March 26. Vicar Carol will provide the message that day.



**Radio Ministry** has a lot of openings for sponsors. The cost of sponsoring a Sunday is \$45.00. You can sign up in the red book. Please mark your offering envelope "Radio Ministry" when you pay for your sponsored week. Or you can put "Radio Ministry" in the memo line if paying by check. Thank you for your support.



**Youth Group** will be meeting this month at the Delphos Bowling Alley on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM. Please remember to bring your \$10. Come out and have some fun!

# Altar Guild

Altar Guild's regular monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is March 3rd 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, Kristin LaSeta, Kyle Baxter, Dale Derrow, Marsha Jackson, Beth Gener, Margot 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, Jerry Champion, Ronnette St. Pierre and Chet Todd.

## **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

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

**WELCA South West Conference Gathering** will be Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Keep our Military Friends and Family in your Prayers:**

Fred Hasting  
Dominic Munoz

Navy  
Navy

Stateside  
Annapolis MD

**MARCH BIRTHDAY**

- 4) Georgia Mayer
- 5) Eric Fritz
- 5) Natalie Mox
- 9) Linda Mayer
- 10) Kristin Koebel
- 10) Kyle Kramer
- 10) Kathy Watkins
- 13) Andrew Hoehn
- 14) Jane Gonyea
- 14) Bobbie Jo Elling
- 15) Chris Prine
- 15) Julie Fitch
- 16) Jacquie Fritz
- 16) Megan Marlow

- 19) Nicole Wortman
- 19) Braytan Kruse
- 21) Deanna Hoehn
- 21) Aaron Trentman
- 23) Russell Klenz
- 23) Tony Luke
- 24) Carl Mox
- 24) Deb Trentman
- 24) Kenneth Metzger
- 24) Jeremy LaRue
- 24) Roy Trentman
- 26) Nathan Staples
- 30) Ayven Turner
- 31) Ryan Kloeppe



## Offering Recap for February 2020

Worship attendance for January 26, 2020	62
Worship attendance for February 02, 2020	57
Worship attendance for February 09, 2020	53
Worship attendance for February 16, 2020	45

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

### Total donations received for General Operating Fund:

01-26-2020	\$1,051.99 we missed our goal by	\$	626.95
12-24-2020	\$1,269.11 we missed our goal by	\$	408.84
12-29-2020	\$1,014.00 we missed our goal by	\$	663.95
01-05-2020	\$1,638.00 we missed our goal by	\$	39.95

**Year-to-date shortage 2020:**      - \$ 2,882.29

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 Community Christmas Project Committee** would like to thank everyone who offered any kind of support for our project this past holiday season-Christmas 2019. This year we received a little more than \$45,000.00 in monetary donations, along with gifts from the angel trees and various toy drives held throughout our city! With these donations we were able to provide 317 children in 125 families with new toys, clothing, shoes, coats, hats and gloves. This year we were even able to provide beds for a few children and cribs for a few babies! Each family also received a Chief gift card so they could purchase a Christmas dinner. Fruit plates were delivered to 152 elderly and shut-ins in our community. A special thank you to all the students who helped us deliver the fruit plates and Christmas gifts for these families. You helped us get all of Santa's gifts to everyone and made a whole lot of elderly shut-ins happy to just see a friendly face! So-thank you everyone, whether you donated cash, took an angel from the angel tree, donated a toy to any of the various toy drives, took time out of your busy day to help us in any way-we are very grateful and couldn't have completed our project without you.



**AMERICAN  
RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE**

**American Red Cross Blood drive** will be at Jefferson High School, 901 Wildcat Lane, Delphos, OH on Wednesday March 4, 2020 from 9am-2pm

There will be a blood drive at Delphos Eagles 1600 E 5<sup>th</sup> St, Delphos, OH on Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 10:30 AM-4:30 PM.

St. John's High School, 515 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Delphos, OH will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 8:15 AM-1:00 PM.



**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](http://www.habitatlima.org), (email) [habitatlima@habitatlima.org](mailto:habitatlima@habitatlima.org).



# Servants of the Lord

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

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Deb Trentman, Ryan Trentman

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
March 8	10:00 AM	Lauren French	Kaiden Trentman	Chuck Hoersten Aaron Trentman Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Ryan Trentman, Lois Ewing

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
March 15	10:00 AM	Garrett Trentman	Ryan Trentman	Ron Kloeppe Sue Kloeppe Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Ryan Trentman, Lois Ewing

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
March 22	10:00 AM	Matthew Weitzel	Yvonne Koenig	Lynn Koenig Alan Trentman Volunteers

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

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
March 29	10:00 AM	Maliya Hershberger	Ron Kloeppe	Rick Dienstberger Dave Mayer Volunteers

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

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 5	10:00 AM	Lexie Cheney	Alan Trentman	Eric Fritz Larry Miller Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Sue Kloeppe, Larry Miller

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

