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## THE MESSENGER



September 22, 2020  
First Day of Fall



# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – September 2020

## A Little Bit of This and That for September

It is hard to believe that the summer days will soon be shortening and fall will arrive. As I write this the usual things that begin to happen towards the end of August and September are quite up in the air. This pandemic has changed our lives and it seems that we live with constant uncertainty of what we are able to do at any given time.

I recognize that this puts a tremendous strain on all of us. I know at this point I am feeling that I wish this COVID-19 virus would just disappear and life could get back to normal. Alas, I know that that is not our reality. We are asked to follow guidelines to keep each other safe, even when many do not feel affected by the virus in our area. This is hard. People have shared many theories with me, but I only know that as a congregation we must be willing to lay down our desires to love our brothers and sisters in Christ. For now, that means that we need to continue to physically distance and to wear a mask when we are in close range with others. Singing has been found to be a way that spreads the virus, so we will for the time being continue to worship in the parking lot. This allows us to sing safely. You are welcome to stay in your cars or to bring a lawn chair and sit over in the grass.

I, like you long for the day when our lives will can return to “normal”. It will be such a happy day when we can resume activities that we once took for granted. I miss worshipping in our beautiful sanctuary. Some of you have voiced the desire to worship there. It is sacred space to you and makes connecting with God easier. I understand this and hope that we will be able to sing and worship together there soon.

This is a time when we need to continually turn our eyes toward Jesus and to seek his presence in our lives. God is with us and present whether we are in our cars, in the sanctuary, at our homes, or sitting in lawn chairs on the grass. The Holy Spirit is present in worship with us to bring comfort and understanding.

I pray that during this time when our lives have felt disrupted that God does something new in all of us. In these swirling waters, may we look to Jesus and experience our risen Lord in new ways. May our faith be stirred up and may we get out of our comfort zones to connect with God in some new ways. I invite you to try to meet God through some of the following ideas;

1. Try journaling your feelings to God and then write as you feel the quiet voice of God to speak back to you.
2. Listen to some contemporary Christian music: Maybe artists like Matthew West, Lauren Daigle, Kristene DiMarco, Chris Tomlin, Jars of Clay, King and Country, Laura Story, or Katie and Bryan Torwalt. These are just a few of the many Christian artists that are available to listen to through YouTube.

3. Keep a gratitude journal for 40 days in which you try to write down 3-5 things that you are grateful for each of those days.
4. Read the Gospel of Mark in the next month and ask God to speak deeply to you as you ponder the scripture.
5. Start a prayer journal and even try doodling around a favorite verse as you pray. Incorporate doodling into your prayers.
6. Call a friend and try praying together out loud once a week.
7. Set aside time to sit in nature and just marvel at God's creation.
8. Pray for God to give you clear dreams of what you want to do in the future and write them down. You may even want to start a bucket list of things you want to do.
9. Write a faith statement and a vision statement for your life.

Be intentional about deciding to stir your faith waters. Let's all get out of our boats to put our eyes on Jesus and to experience his resurrection power at work in each of our lives.

This time of change in our lives does not have to be something that we dread. Let's ask God to do a new thing in each of us as we navigate these uncertain times. May God bless you on your journey!

Blessings,  
Vicar Carol

## ***SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

- 1) Alan Trentman
- 4) Christine Brinkman
- 6) Jack Gorman Sr.
- 6) Sharon Reel
- 7) Fred Hasting
- 7) Lindsey Lane
- 7) Dan Staples
- 12) Robert Wortman
- 16) Edward Fritz
- 16) Allyson Hasting
- 17) Jamie Schleeter
- 16) Allyson Hasting

- 20) Rob Wortman
- 21) Kimberly Cross
- 21) Debra Simon
- 23) Nicole Dienstberger
- 23) Kayla Kruse
- 25) Brenda Hoersten
- 27) Susan McGue
- 28) Laurie Warnecke
- 28) Caleb Trentman
- 30) Linda Downey



# *General Announcements*

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

Meredith and Lois Ewing in celebration of their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Ron and Sue Kloepfel in memory of Melvin Kloepfel and in celebration of  
Aaron Kloepfel's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday  
The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Bob and Denise Kloepfel

**Radio Ministry** was given to the glory of God in July by:

Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig  
Leonard and Shirley Jarman  
Dave and Connie Stemen with gratitude for their family  
Ed and Jacquie Fritz in celebration of Eric and Gina Fritz' 35<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary

**Radio Ministry** was given to the glory of God in August by:

The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger  
Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig  
Ed and Sandy Talboom  
Matt and Carrie Calvelage in celebration of Troy's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday  
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.

**THANK  
YOU**

**Thank you** to Susan McGue and her volunteers who completed year 11 of the Kids Free Breakfast Program this summer. They met the Covid-19 challenge by changing from a sit and eat pancake breakfast with a take home lunch to a Grab 'N Go breakfast and lunch. They averaged about 25 kids a day. Thanks to everyone who donated and supported to this valuable program.

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you!

**Thank you** Schrader Realty for your Schrader Shares Program. Kelly Nomina Barr chose St. Peter Lutheran Church as her recipient with the sale of her parents' home. Schrader Shares donated \$350.71 to St. Peter Lutheran Church.



**Sunday 10AM worship** service will start on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will start in October, after the Pork Loin Dinner Fundraiser. The last Wednesday evening worship service will be on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM with

communion.



### **Kids Summer Breakfast Program....**

I would like to thank ALL our volunteers, many of which are not even members of St. Peter Lutheran Church. It's not easy getting up when the bed is calling your name. And many thanks to all of you that donated any type of food items, drinks, or monetary funds. It has been quite the challenge meeting the guidelines during this COVID-19 pandemic. We have gone from making pancakes every day with a sit down and eat experience to completely pre-packaged food items for breakfast and lunch. Donned with our face mask or shield and greeting the kids at the front entrance, we were still able to complete our **eleventh** year of our Summer Kids Breakfast Program. Every year we seem to get it down just a little bit better. I encourage you to volunteer your time next year if you have the opportunity. I can guarantee it will bring a smile to your face!

Susan McGue, Coordinator

## **Altar Guild**



**Altar Guild's** regular monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, but nothing is scheduled while the church is not open. You will be notified by email with any new information.

## 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

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



Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Dominic Munoz	Navy	Annapolis MD



**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pork Loin Dinner** the anticipated date is Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Due to Covid-19, plans are still incomplete and decisions are still being made as to whether we can meet the health department's guidelines. We will keep you informed via Sunday bulletin, Facebook and email.

**Please pray for the following family and friends:** Jim Schimmoeller, Jodi Siefker, Doug Butler, Kristin LaSeta, Kyle Baxter, Beth Gener, Margot Tyler, Callie Tyler, Judy Horstman, Gary Turnwalde, Barb Recker, Barb Adams, David Thompson, Sharon Calvelage, Melissa Hover, Jay Vondran, Tom Evans, Vicki Kramer, Jerry Champion, Ronnette St. Pierre, Erin Rammel, Mike Ammons, Janel Donley, Bev Derrow, Dale Derrow, Jeff LcClaire, Brian LeClaire, Maya Lee-Pletcher, Cherul Hellman, Marty Panning, and Robin Cuadill.



## Property / Maintenance August 2020 update

The property committee has been busy. Since selling the parsonage, we lost some storage area. It was decided to construct a storage shed. We also lost our ability to park on the driveway in the rear of the property. Parking/ turn around was decided to be needed. To get ready for this,

### Phase one:

We assessed the concrete, sidewalk and exits from the building. After many opinions, it was decided to flush up all entry/ exits, also we ramped all approaches to the building. There was deteriorating concrete in many areas. We decided to replace as necessary all bad concrete and make the building more easily accessible. You can now go nonstop around the building from front to back without having to step up or down and enter the building. This also applies to the storage shed. This was done by Kyle Kramer and his crew.

### Phase two:

We decided we needed a storage shed. We decided on 20 ft long by 12 ft wide as this fit the best on the property. It has a 4ft covered porch which has proven to be handy already. The lot was excavated and stoned leveled, then 2"x24" x24" stones were set to place the framework on. It was built on a 6x6 x 20 treated frame work with a 2x6 floor frame covered by 1" 4x8 treated waterproof tongue and grooved decking, all was glued and screwed down. The walls are 7 ft tall, 16 on center covered by 4x8 exterior siding boards glued and stapled on. The roof is 16" on center trusses with ½" sheeting glued and screwed down and a metal roof. The doors are 2 center opening so wide loads can easily be maneuvered in and out. Electricity has been installed with interior and exterior lights and electrical plugs. Dan Kramer and Zac Hutson from Hutson Bros. Construction did the floor frame in one day and built the building in two days. Zac painted the building. Randy Rinehart helped Dan do the trim work and installed the doors. Pohlman Services LLC did the wiring.

### Phase three:

We decided a Parking/ turn around was needed. It was determined to be able to turn around and park several vehicles, we needed a parking lot. We determined a 40ft x40 ft. pad would give adequate parking and turn around area. This will also double as a nice seating area for Wednesday evening services. It will be concrete.

### Phase four:

We removed some tall, obstructive trees in the back area between the church parish hall. This whole area will be reconstructed to serve as useful for meditation, prayer area or as needed. It will be replaced with gravel and decorative rock and some new plants and bushes. This project will be done by Troy Calvelage as an Eagle Scout project.

### Phase five:

This just came about in the last few weeks. With holding parking lot services, it was discussed about moving the outdoor altar area to the far end south east corner of the lot where the fence ends. We will be putting in an 8 ft x 20 ft pad, remove 20 ft of curbing, and construct a four ft wide sidewalk from the pad to the new rear parking lot. This will provide easy access to any entry point of the Church. We have power to the pole to run the p.a. system.

We have a lot on the go all the time. A question was brought up as to where the money to do all the projects comes from. It is expensive and we know that. We are very frugal with our spending. This is very important to us. The memorial fund is used for this, not the general fund. The memorial fund is from donations, or memorials from families that have lost a loved one. They designate it to be used where ever needed or some people just donate money to be used for maintenance on the property. The major remodel/rebuilding in 1999, the roofing, new roof on the parish hall, parish hall floor, the stained glass windows, coating the parking lot, the repainting of the trim, new boiler, organ update, are some of the projects that were done using memorial fund or fund raising by a donation drive, or a pledge drive.

Anyone having any questions want to discuss something, have an idea, contact me.

Thank you for your support.



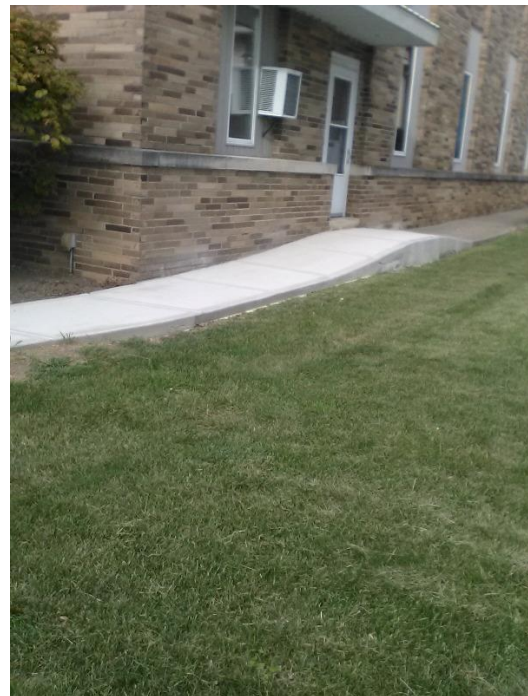
New storage shed with sidewalk



Front view with overhang porch



Back entrance with ramp. Railing to be installed.



New sidewalk to Pastor's side entrance



# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

WELCA September meeting is Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



WELCA will be collecting school supplies again this year. The stores are already putting them out. Take advantage of the sales. We appreciate your support. Items needed:

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, 8"x10.5", NO loose leaf paper,

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters and inches,

One pencil sharpener,

One pair blunt end scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blade preferred)

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band,

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), secure together with a rubber band,

One box 16 or 24 crayons,

One 2 1/2" eraser,

(No backpacks needed this year). New items only, no religious symbols, no messages, no group names, no US flag or military symbols, no camouflage. Items can be placed in the WELCA collection box or turned into the office.

## 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.

# COMMUNITY



## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**American Red Cross Blood drive** will be at Delphos Eagles, 1600 E 5<sup>th</sup> St, Delphos, Ohio on Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 10:30 am – 4:30 pm. Or mark you calendar for Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> for Knights of Columbus, 1011 Elida Ave, Delphos, Ohio from 2pm-7pm.



**Save the receipts.** Turn in your Chief receipts that are marked “Community Cash” from the Delphos store only. There is also a container in the Fellowship Hall for Education Box Tops.



## **Habitat for Humanity - Lima Area: News and Needs**

**News:** A build will begin in Delphos this fall at 712 N Washington St. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> house in Delphos built by Habitat for Humanity-Lima Area and 56<sup>th</sup> overall since 1991.

**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
Sept 6	9:00 AM			

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Miller, Dan Staples

**ALTAR GUILD:** Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Sarah Miller

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
Sept 13	10:00 AM			

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Miller, Dan Staples

**ALTAR GUILD:** Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Sarah Miller

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
Sept 20	10:00 AM			

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Yvonne Koenig, Alan Trentman

**ALTAR GUILD:** Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Sarah Miller

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
Sept 27	10:00 AM			

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Yvonne Koenig, Alan Trentman

**ALTAR GUILD:** Angie Miller, Jane Gonyea, Sarah Miller

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
Oct 4	10:00 AM			

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Miller, Karen Hartman

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