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THE MESSENGER



Epiphany, January 6, 2021



The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – January 2021

A Little Bit of This and That for January 2021

Well, 2020 has come to an end and I must say that so many of us are happy to say that we are so glad. We pray that 2021 will allow us the time to find better ways to deal with this pandemic and that our lives will eventually be able to get back to “normal”.

Many are saying though that our lives are forever changed and we will not go back to the normal that we have always known.

As a church we have faced many change issues. Learning to use new technology has in many ways changed how we will worship in the future. We now have opportunities to reach so many people with live streaming of our services, and we will continue to use our FM transmitter in 2021 to broadcast to our parking lot.

We have all been stretched during this past year, to look at things that we once took for granted. Life is precious, and as we have had to forgo large gatherings and to see our loved ones, we cherish those opportunities to spend time with people. We are a social people who need connection with each other. Many have learned to use Zoom or other social media platforms to try to connect.

I have not seen my son’s family now for six months and oh how I miss them. The children are growing and changing, and like many of you, I am missing out on the wonder of spending time with grandchildren. But as we have learned to adapt to the changes, we are finding that we are a resilient people, for we have a loving God who walks along beside us on this journey. Jesus is present to bring peace and joy even in the midst of difficult times.

I think that one of the biggest lessons for all us during this pandemic has been to lean in on God, to spend time in quiet and allow the peace of the Holy Spirit to fill us. Many are reporting record numbers of people who are suffering with anxiety and depression. God has given us a remedy for this in the scriptures. We are told in Philippians to rejoice in the Lord always and in 1 Thessalonians we are told to “Rejoice Always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus. You see, there is something wonderful that happens to restore us when we place our focus upon God and we relinquish control to our maker who knows us better than we know ourselves. Yes, we have a marvelous make and for that we can always rejoice.

During this season of Advent and Christmas, have you taken a drive and look at all of the houses that have Christmas lights? The lights are beautiful in the night sky and as we enjoy those lights, we can pray for the people who took the time to bring a little joy to others this Christmas season.

One of the things that we have had to deal with is a very difficult time in politics where there is such division among the parties. It is my prayer that this new year be a year where we will begin to usher in new ways to love those with differing views, so that even in our diversity of opinions that we might still find ways to love and respect each other. The journey to follow Jesus calls us to love those who are different than us and those who may differ with us.

On our hill by the little lake at our home, my husband used Christmas lights to write in big block letters the word, "PEACE." It is my prayer for you that you experience an abundance of God's peace and presence in your lives in this new year. May we live large, pray boldly, and walk in the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Vicar Carol

This is the last newsletter that Kay is responsible for putting together and getting out to you. We are so thankful for all of her dedicated work over the last nine years. She is talented and organized and I know that I will miss her greatly. But in life there comes a time to work and a time to retire. I pray that God blesses her with wonderful opportunities to travel, to enjoy her family, and to continue to enjoy creating wonderful items with her Cricut Machine.

Kay, thank you for your years of dedicated service to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

You will be missed.

Vicar Carol

General Announcements



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

The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger

Leonard and Shirley Jarman

Ed and Sandy Talboom

Christmas Eve: Matt & Carrie Calvelage & Family

Ron and Sue Kloepfel in memory of their parents: Melvin and Alma
Kloepfel and Orville and Barb Koverman

The Himmeger Family in loving memory of Earl Himmeger

Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig



The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in December by:

Christmas Eve: Dave and Linda Mayer in celebration of their family



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.



The calendar is in the red book for sponsoring the Radio Ministry. (\$45 per Sunday)

You can also sign up to be a reader during a worship service. The readings can be given to you early. Please sign up.

NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Due to the pandemic, meetings are not scheduled. You will be notified by email or phone if something comes up that you need to be aware of.

Altar Guild

There is no Altar Guild Meeting for January.

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
Dominic Munoz
Alex Redmond

Navy
Navy
Army

Stateside
Annapolis MD
Ft Campbell KY

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4) Ryan Trentman
7) Kaiden Trentman
7) Renee Murphy
10) Isaac Kimmet
11) Gavin Kimmet
12) Alex Redmon
12) Sarah Fitch
16) Carrie Calvelage
16) Pam Schleeter
22) Landon Calvelage
22) Willard Dienstberger

23) Randy Rinehart
24) Alexandria Brown
24) Colene Davidson
26) Robert Freund
27) Carrie Kramer Lieruance
29) Sue Apple
29) Colin Koebel
29) Dave Mayer
31) Rolland Klenz
31) Kim Perrin



Please join us in 2021, as we read through the entire **New Testament in Chronological Order**. Not Matthew to Revelation, but James to Revelation. You may be surprised to know that many of the New Testament Letters were composed before the Gospels were written.

Please click below to access the 2021 Northwestern Ohio Synod Daily Bible Reading Guide.

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NWOS 2021 Daily Bible Reading Guide
"New Testament in Chronological Order"

January 1 James 1	March 4 Romans 15	May 5 Matthew 26
January 2 James 2	March 5 Romans 16	May 6 Matthew 27
January 3 James 3	March 6 Philemon	May 7 Matthew 28
January 4 James 4	March 7 Colossians 1	May 8 Luke 1
January 5 James 5	March 8 Colossians 2	May 9 Luke 2
January 6 First Thessalonians 1	March 9 Colossians 3	May 10 Luke 3
January 7 First Thessalonians 2	March 10 Colossians 4	May 11 Luke 4
January 8 First Thessalonians 3	March 11 Ephesians 1	May 12 Luke 5
January 9 First Thessalonians 4	March 12 Ephesians 2	May 13 Luke 6
January 10 First Thessalonians 5	March 13 Ephesians 3	May 14 Luke 7
January 11 Second Thessalonians 1	March 14 Ephesians 4	May 15 Luke 8
January 12 Second Thessalonians 2	March 15 Ephesians 5	May 16 Luke 9
January 13 Second Thessalonians 3	March 16 Ephesians 6	May 17 Luke 10
January 14 Galatians 1	March 17 Mark 1	May 18 Luke 11
January 15 Galatians 2	March 18 Mark 2	May 19 Luke 12
January 16 Galatians 3	March 19 Mark 3	May 20 Luke 13
January 17 Galatians 4	March 20 Mark 4	May 21 Luke 14
January 18 Galatians 5	March 21 Mark 5	May 22 Luke 15
January 19 Galatians 6	March 22 Mark 6	May 23 Luke 16
January 20 First Corinthians 1	March 23 Mark 7	May 24 Luke 17
January 21 First Corinthians 2	March 24 Mark 8	May 25 Luke 18
January 22 First Corinthians 3	March 25 Mark 9	May 26 Luke 19
January 23 First Corinthians 4	March 26 Mark 10:1-31	May 27 Luke 20
January 24 First Corinthians 5	March 27 Mark 10:32-52	May 28 Luke 21
January 25 First Corinthians 6	March 28 Mark 11 (Palm Sunday)	May 29 Luke 22
January 26 First Corinthians 7	March 29 Mark 12	May 30 Luke 23
January 27 First Corinthians 8	March 30 Mark 13	May 31 Luke 24
January 28 First Corinthians 9	March 31 Mark 14:1-11	June 1 Acts 1:1-5
January 29 First Corinthians 10	April 1 Mark 14:12-72 (Maundy Thursday)	June 2 Acts 1:6-11
January 30 First Corinthians 11	April 2 Mark 15:1-41 (Good Friday)	June 3 Acts 1:12-26
January 31 First Corinthians 12	April 3 Mark 15:42-47 (Holy Saturday)	June 4 Acts 2:1-13
February 1 First Corinthians 13	April 4 Mark 16:1-8 (Easter Sunday)	June 5 Acts 2:14-36
February 2 First Corinthians 14	April 5 Mark 16:9-20	June 6 Acts 2:37-42
February 3 First Corinthians 15	April 6 Philippians 1	June 7 Acts 2:43-47
February 4 First Corinthians 16	April 7 Philippians 2	June 8 Acts 3:1-10
February 5 Second Corinthians 1	April 8 Philippians 3	June 9 Acts 3:11-26
February 6 Second Corinthians 2	April 9 Philippians 4	June 10 Acts 4:1-22
February 7 Second Corinthians 3	April 10 Matthew 1	June 11 Acts 4:23-31
February 8 Second Corinthians 4	April 11 Matthew 2	June 12 Acts 4:32-37
February 9 Second Corinthians 5	April 12 Matthew 3	June 13 Acts 5:1-11
February 10 Second Corinthians 6	April 13 Matthew 4	June 14 Acts 5:12-16
February 11 Second Corinthians 7	April 14 Matthew 5	June 15 Acts 5:17-32
February 12 Second Corinthians 8	April 15 Matthew 6	June 16 Acts 5:33-42
February 13 Second Corinthians 9	April 16 Matthew 7	June 17 Acts 6:1-7
February 14 Second Corinthians 10	April 17 Matthew 8	June 18 Acts 6:8-15
February 15 Second Corinthians 11	April 18 Matthew 9	June 19 Acts 7:1-16
February 16 Second Corinthians 12	April 19 Matthew 10	June 20 Acts 7:17-43
February 17 Second Corinthians 13	April 20 Matthew 11	June 21 Acts 7:44-53
February 18 Romans 1	April 21 Matthew 12	June 22 Acts 7:54-8:1a
February 19 Romans 2	April 22 Matthew 13	June 23 Acts 8:1b-3
February 20 Romans 3	April 23 Matthew 14	June 24 Acts 8:4-25
February 21 Romans 4	April 24 Matthew 15	June 25 Acts 8:26-40
February 22 Romans 5	April 25 Matthew 16	June 26 Acts 9:1-19a
February 23 Romans 6	April 26 Matthew 17	June 27 Acts 9:19b-22
February 24 Romans 7	April 27 Matthew 18	June 28 Acts 9:23-25
February 25 Romans 8	April 28 Matthew 19	June 29 Acts 9:26-31
February 26 Romans 9	April 29 Matthew 20	June 30 Acts 9:32-35
February 27 Romans 10	April 30 Matthew 21	July 1 Acts 9:36-43
February 28 Romans 11	May 1 Matthew 22	July 2 Acts 10:1-33
March 1 Romans 12	May 2 Matthew 23	July 3 Acts 10:34-43
March 2 Romans 13	May 3 Matthew 24	July 4 Acts 10:44-48
March 3 Romans 14	May 4 Matthew 25	July 5 Acts 11:1-18

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July 6 Acts 11:19-30
July 7 Acts 12:1-5
July 8 Acts 12:6-19
July 9 Acts 12:20-25
July 10 Acts 13:1-3
July 11 Acts 13:4-12
July 12 Acts 13:13-41
July 13 Acts 13:42-52
July 14 Acts 14:1-7
July 15 Acts 14:8-20
July 16 Acts 14:21-28
July 17 Acts 15:1-21
July 18 Acts 15:22-35
July 19 Acts 15:36-41
July 20 Acts 16:1-5
July 21 Acts 16:6-10
July 22 Acts 16:11-15
July 23 Acts 16:16-40
July 24 Acts 17:1-9
July 25 Acts 17:10-15
July 26 Acts 17:16-34
July 27 Acts 18:1-17
July 28 Acts 18:18-23
July 29 Acts 18:24-28
July 30 Acts 19:1-10
July 31 Acts 19:11-20
August 1 Acts 19:21-41
August 2 Acts 20:1-6
August 3 Acts 20:7-12
August 4 Acts 20:13-16
August 5 Acts 20:17-38
August 6 Acts 21:1-16
August 7 Acts 21:17-26
August 8 Acts 21:27-36
August 9 Acts 21:37-22:5
August 10 Acts 22:6-16
August 11 Acts 22:17-21
August 12 Acts 22:22-29
August 13 Acts 22:30-23:11
August 14 Acts 23:12-22
August 15 Acts 23:23-35
August 16 Acts 24:1-23
August 17 Acts 24:24-27
August 18 Acts 25:1-12
August 19 Acts 25:13-22
August 20 Acts 25:23-27
August 21 Acts 26:1-11
August 22 Acts 26:12-18
August 23 Acts 26:19-23
August 24 Acts 26:24-32
August 25 Acts 27:1-12
August 26 Acts 27:13-38
August 27 Acts 27:39-44
August 28 Acts 28:1-10
August 29 Acts 28:11-16
August 30 Acts 28:17-22
August 31 Acts 28:23-31
September 1 First Timothy 1
September 2 First Timothy 2
September 3 First Timothy 3
September 4 First Timothy 4
September 5 First Timothy 5

September 6 First Timothy 6
September 7 Titus 1
September 8 Titus 2
September 9 Titus 3
September 10 First Peter 1
September 11 First Peter 2
September 12 First Peter 3
September 13 First Peter 4
September 14 First Peter 5
September 15 Second Peter 1
September 16 Second Peter 2
September 17 Second Peter 3
September 18 Second Timothy 1
September 19 Second Timothy 2
September 20 Second Timothy 3
September 21 Second Timothy 4
September 22 Hebrews 1
September 23 Hebrews 2
September 24 Hebrews 3
September 25 Hebrews 4
September 26 Hebrews 5
September 27 Hebrews 6
September 28 Hebrews 7
September 29 Hebrews 8
September 30 Hebrews 9
October 1 Hebrews 10
October 2 Hebrews 11
October 3 Hebrews 12
October 4 Hebrews 13
October 5 Jude
October 6 John 1:1-34
October 7 John 1:35-51
October 8 John 2:1-12
October 9 John 2:13-25
October 10 John 3:1-21
October 11 John 3:22-36
October 12 John 4:1-42
October 13 John 4:43-54
October 14 John 5:1-18
October 15 John 5:19-29
October 16 John 5:30-47
October 17 John 6:1-15
October 18 John 6:16-21
October 19 John 6:22-59
October 20 John 6:60-71
October 21 John 7:1-24
October 22 John 7: 25-53
October 23 John 8
October 24 John 9
October 25 John 10:1-21
October 26 John 10:22-42
October 27 John 11
October 28 John 12:1-11
October 29 John 12:12-19
October 30 John 12:20-36a
October 31 John 12:36b-50
November 1 John 13:1-20
November 2 John 13:21-38
November 3 John 14:1-14
November 4 John 14:15-31
November 5 John 15:1-17
November 6 John 15:18-16:4a

November 7 John 16:4b-33
November 8 John 17:1-5
November 9 John 17:6-19
November 10 John 17:20-26
November 11 John 18:1-18
November 12 John 18:19-40
November 13 John 19:1-16a
November 14 John 19:16b-42
November 15 John 20:1-18
November 16 John 20:19-23
November 17 John 20:24-31
November 18 John 21
November 19 First John 1
November 20 First John 2
November 21 First John 3
November 22 First John 4
November 23 First John 5
November 24 Second John
November 25 Third John
November 26 Revelation 1
November 27 Revelation 2
November 28 Revelation 3
November 29 Revelation 4
November 30 Revelation 5
December 1 Revelation 6
December 2 Revelation 7
December 3 Revelation 8
December 4 Revelation 9
December 5 Revelation 10
December 6 Revelation 11
December 7 Revelation 12
December 8 Revelation 13
December 9 Revelation 14
December 10 Revelation 15
December 11 Revelation 16
December 12 Revelation 17
December 13 Revelation 18
December 14 Revelation 19
December 15 Revelation 20
December 16 Revelation 21
December 17 Revelation 22
December 18 Luke 1:1-4
December 19 Luke 1:5-25
December 20 Luke 1:26-38
December 21 Luke 1:39-45
December 22 Luke 1:46-56
December 23 Luke 1:57-66
December 24 Luke 1:67-80
December 25 Luke 2:1-20 (Christmas Day)
December 26 Luke 2:21
December 27 Luke 2:22-35
December 28 Luke 2:36-38
December 29 Luke 2:39-40
December 30 Luke 2:41-51
December 31 Luke 2:52

Praise be to God!
You did it!

COMMUNITY



Habitat for Humanity - Lima Area: News and Needs

News: Our family has been selected for our build in Delphos – a mother and three children. We are waiting on a few lot modifications, but we still hope to begin construction soon. Check our website for updates on when we will need construction volunteers. The ReStore remains open Thursday – Saturday for shopping and donation drop-off. Our COVID-19 protocols continue in place for the protection of our staff, volunteers, and customers. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are also available for volunteer help, but without customers so that we can clean the facility more thoroughly and offer a safer work environment for any at-risk volunteers.

Needs: 1. We have a real need for volunteers at the ReStore. Please consider volunteering as an individual or come with a group. 2. We are starting to plan 2021 monthly meals for our volunteers. If interested in helping, please contact us. 3. Join our affiliate sustaining/ongoing *No Place Like Home Club* for a donation of just \$10 a month.

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



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

American Red Cross will be at Eagles Delphos, 1600 E 5th St, Delphos, OH, on January 7, 2021 from 10:30 AM-4:30 PM.

Power Red: A Power Red donation collects the red cells but returns most of the plasma and platelets to the donor. These donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg, or O blood.

Blood: The most common type of donation, during which approximately a pint of 'whole blood' is given. This type of blood donation usually takes about an hour.

Servants of the Lord

January 3	10:00 AM			
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MONEY COUNTERS: Shelby Koenig, Dan Staples

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
January 10	10:00 AM			

MONEY COUNTERS: Shelby Koenig, Dan Staples

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
January 17	10:00 AM			

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
January 24	10:00 AM			

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
January 31	10:00 AM			

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Rick Dienstberger

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 7	10:00 AM			

MONEY COUNTERS: Deb Trentman, Dan Staples

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer