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THE MESSENGER



Happy Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th



The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – February 2021

A Little Bit of This and That for February 2021

If you are like me, you have probably felt a great need to pray for our nation with the events that occurred on January 6. There has been so much disruption already to the flow of life with the pandemic, and the storming of the Capital was extremely unsettling for this, The United States of America.

In scripture we are told over and over again to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are really good at loving those with whom we agree, but how are we doing in loving people who have different values and beliefs? How do we love? How do we heal as a nation when so many lines have been drawn in the sand? This has been my question, especially after the events that took place in our nation on January 6.

I think that the answer lies in prayer. In 2 Chronicles 7:14 we are told that, “if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” *New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989*

I have drafted a prayer and I am asking all of us to pray this prayer daily for the next few months. Will you join with me to pray for our great country?

Prayer for The United States of America:

Lord, this has been a tumultuous time in our nation with much unrest and division. You tell us in scripture that if we will humble ourselves and pray that you will heal our land. Lord, we pray in humility and concern for this the United States of America that we might love you first and foremost in our lives, and then love our neighbors as ourselves. We pray that where there are unhealthy and hurtful deeds being done to others, that you would bring a desire to care for each other even when we disagree. May you forgive us our sins as far as the east is from the west. May you bring healing and restoration so we may all walk in your grace and love as we journey with all of our brothers and sisters in this, The United States of America.

I am becoming more and more convinced that what Jesus said are the two greatest commandments are critical for each of us to walk out in our faith journeys. We make choices every day in how we choose to love God and love our neighbors. In the New International Version Bible, in 1 Corinthians 14: 1 and in Ephesians 5:2 we are admonished to follow/walk in the way of love.

I Corinthians 14:1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

Ephesians 5:2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV® 2011 by *Biblica, Inc.®*

So, my question becomes how do we do this in our daily lives when things around us seem like they are spinning out of control. How do we move forward in love to bring the light of Christ to those around us?

As we enter into this month in which we celebrate the gift of love on Valentine's day, how might we practice love in action in our families and neighbors and even strangers who we encounter on a daily basis? Jesus is our ultimate example. He modeled love as he moved among people to heal and teach and show us what love looks like.

Ash Wednesday (February 17) begins our season of Lent. With the pandemic numbers still high around us, we will not meet in person for Lenten Services, but the journey of Lent is still important. May you take the time during this season to spend extra time in prayer for our nation and those who are struggling. I invite you to make your Lenten discipline to be one of finding extra ways to bless God and to bless people with love.

May we all move forward in prayer and follow Jesus in the way of love as we journey forward to allow the light and love of Christ to shine in these difficult times.

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
Leonard & Shirley Jarman
Ed and Sandy Talboom



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.



New Office Administrator

We welcome our new office administrator, Lauren Trentman. Lauren is married to Alan Trentman, and together they have two young sons, Roy and Ross. One of the promises that we made to Lauren is that there will be some flexibility in how she uses the 12 hours each week. She and I will be establishing times when she will

be in the office, but there is also to be flexibility as needed in regards to raising two young sons. If you need to get a hold of her at a time when she is not in the office, you may contact her on her cell phone (419-296-3955).

You may also contact me at 419-512-4490.

With that being said, we want to express our sincere thanks to Kay Hoersten for her wonderful job over the last nine years and for her willingness to come back these last weeks to work with Lauren to make a smooth transition.

Thank you, Kay. We will miss you.



The Season of Lent Begins this Month

We begin the season of Lent on February 17. This year, we are going to have an Ash Wednesday service through Facebook Live at 7:00PM. We have ordered family take home ashes and I will offer a service on Facebook Live from my living room. I invite you to participate in this service with your family. I will let you know when the ashes arrive so you may pick them up before Ash Wednesday. Our church Facebook page is St. Peter Delphos.

I also invite you to not take something away this Lent, but to add the Prayer for Our Nation that is included in A Little Bit of This and That. Tape it to your mirror or refrigerator and pray it each day between now and Easter. I truly believe in the power of prayer to work in our midst and our nation needs our prayers now more than ever that we may heal and work together. I also invite you to look for opportunities to bring joy and love to others. Be intentional in seeking to be a vessel of peace and love.

We will not be participating in Community Lenten Services during the Thursday noon hour during Lent due to the pandemic that is still causing so many to be at risk.



Sharing Faith 5

I want to also encourage each of us to implement the Faith 5 Practices in our Homes.

1. Take time to share our highs and lows of our day with our family or friends.
2. Read a short scripture or devotional.
3. Respond to what you heard.
4. Pray together
5. Bless each other

God does not slumber or sleep, but is active and at work in our midst. Allow this time of Lent to be a renewal of faith and hope as you journey forward.

May God bless you and keep you in his grace and love.



Services for Sunday Options:

In person in sanctuary or parking lot (FM 95.5) at 10:00 AM

Facebook Live at St. Peter Delphos

On 107.1 (WDOH Delphos) at 11:00 AM

Please join us as we walk in the way of love as we worship and grow in faith.

**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 will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd at 6PM.

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

Thank you

Thank you very much for all the prayers and cards, on the passing of my sister Marliese and her husband Paul. A very special thank you to Vicar Carol for all her support and prayers.
Love Guggi and Family

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!



- 3) Roger Gossman
- 5) Roger Klenz
- 5) Rhett Rode
- 6) Daniel Stemen
- 7) Liam LaRue
- 7) Lyla Lane
- 14) Karen Hartman

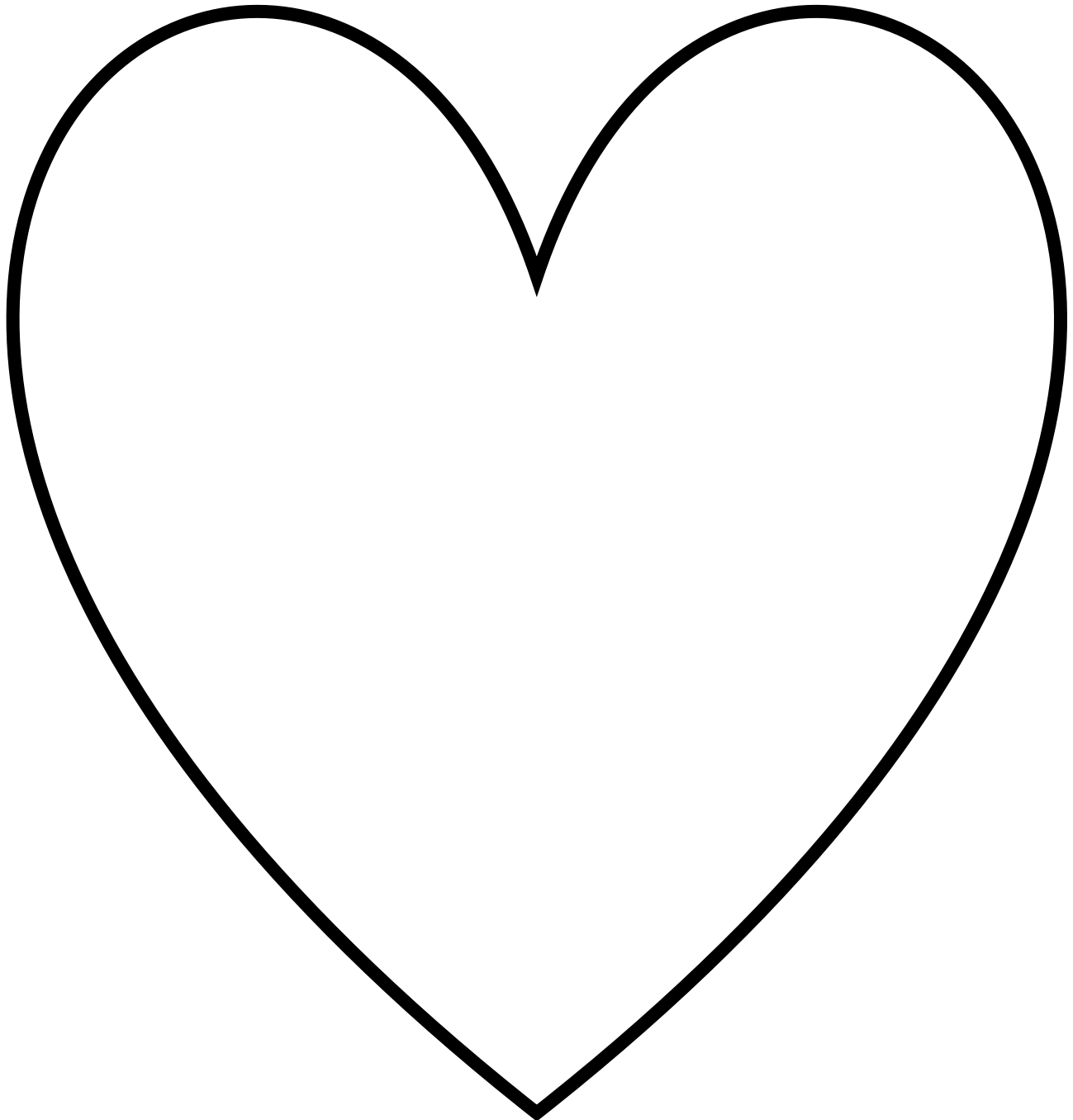
- 14) Rachel Munshower
- 15) Liam John
- 16) Zachary Kimmett
- 22) Sierra Marlow
- 24) Michael Hershberger
- 26) Jordan Koebel
- 28) Tom Watkins, Jr.

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.

February 1 First Corinthians 13
February 2 First Corinthians 14
February 3 First Corinthians 15
February 4 First Corinthians 16
February 5 Second Corinthians 1
February 6 Second Corinthians 2
February 7 Second Corinthians 3
February 8 Second Corinthians 4
February 9 Second Corinthians 5
February 10 Second Corinthians 6
February 11 Second Corinthians 7
February 12 Second Corinthians 8
February 13 Second Corinthians 9
February 14 Second Corinthians 10
February 15 Second Corinthians 11
February 16 Second Corinthians 12
February 17 Second Corinthians 13
February 18 Romans 1
February 19 Romans 2
February 20 Romans 3
February 21 Romans 4
February 22 Romans 5
February 23 Romans 6
February 24 Romans 7
February 25 Romans 8
February 26 Romans 9
February 27 Romans 10
February 28 Romans 11

Children- I am including a page for you to color and draw your family. Please draw your family inside the heart on this page. Then color the heart. Vicar Carol

Jesus loves me (and my family). This I know.



COMMUNITY

The Delphos Community Christmas Project Committee would like to thank everyone who offered any kind of support for our project this past holiday season – Christmas 2020. This year we received a little more than \$51,000.00 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 291 children (115) 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 167 elderly and shut-ins in our community. A special thank you to all the students who helps 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 trees, 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.

Sincerely,

The Delphos Community Christmas Project Committee

(On the letter to St. Peter: A special thank you for allowing us to do fruit plates. We sure appreciate it.)



**AMERICAN
RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

American Red Cross will be at Knight of Columbus, 1011 Elida Ave, Delphos, OH on Wednesday, February 3 2021 from 2:00 PM – 7:00 PN.

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.

COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Program

The Red Cross, in partnership with the FDA, is playing a critical role in a new initiative to collect plasma, called convalescent plasma, from those recovered from COVID-19. Convalescent plasma has specific antibodies to COVID-19 making it a potentially lifesaving treatment for those with serious COVID-19 infections. If you have recovered from COVID-19 learn more about this program and how to help.

Servants of the Lord

February 7	10:00 AM			
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MONEY COUNTERS: Deb Trentman, Sue Kloeppe

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 14	10:00 AM			

MONEY COUNTERS: Deb Trentman, Sue Kloeppe

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 21	10:00 AM			

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig/ Larry Miller

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
February 28	10:00 AM			

MONEY COUNTERS: Yvonne Koenig, Larry Miller

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Rinehart, Vicki Kramer

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
March 7	10:00 AM			

MONEY COUNTERS: Deb Trentman, Dan Staples

ALTAR GUILD: Donna Berger, Susan McGue