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# The Messenger



*Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 AM*

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St. Peter Lutheran Church – April 2021

## A Little Bit of This and That for April 2021

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Well, it looks like our winter is almost over and we can begin to breathe in the sunshine and warmer temperatures. With the pandemic moving in a positive direction, it looks like we can begin to breathe a little easier as people are getting vaccinated and the numbers of new cases are drastically reduced in our area. One of the things that the pandemic caused us to do was to utilize different ways to gather for worship. The parking lot service was a huge success in allowing us to gather safely up until the weather got cold. The council has voted to have us do a hybrid form of worship when the weather begins to warm up for this spring and summer. We will have indoor worship on the first Sunday of each month and we will go outside in the parking lot so people can gather in their cars or in lawn chairs for worship on the other Sundays of the month. As we enter into this new season of change, I am excited for the church and wanting to move forward after being on hold for the last year. At this time, it looks like we will be able to move forward with Lifewise Academy and Franklin Elementary School to provide character education through the teaching of the gospel. Since our building is closest to the school, the children will have their classes in one of our upstairs Sunday school rooms. We also want to move forward in restarting our youth group for our high school age members and their friends and for Sunday school in the fall. For both of these to happen, we will need to work on painting and fixing up the rooms in the Sunday school section of the building. I would also like to form a committee to plan a reopening celebration for the fall when I expect that we will be more able to optimize the use of the building. If you are interested in being a part of the planning, please let me know.

Last month, I wrote that we would be purchasing a new church management program called Breeze to allow our financial secretary to use a new program for managing each of our giving, but the program does so much more. At some point, we will be sending out invitations for you to log into Breeze with your own account. You will only be able to see your account and you will be able to update your profile. This program will also allow people to participate in online giving should they choose. There is an option for “text giving” as well as regular online giving. There is a fee that is deducted from the church and people will have the option to tack on the additional fee into their giving to help cover the cost, but that is not required. All of the traditional ways of giving to the church will continue and no one needs to worry about online giving if they are not interested in it. It is an option, though, for people who may live out of town or state who wish to support the ministry of the church. It is also a great way to continue to support the church when you are away. I also want to reiterate that Denise will be the only person who has access to the contribution section for the church. You will be able to view your individual giving though. As Lauren, Denise, and I get more comfortable using Breeze, we will begin to invite you to log in and create an account. Look for the invitation to come to your email account. That brings me to another need. We need to update our email account information. Many receive the newsletter, but we do not have

an email address for you. If you would like to be able to log in to your profile, we will need a current email address. You can send that information to Lauren Trentman at [stpeterdelphos@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterdelphos@gmail.com) with your name and we will then be able to send you an invitation to access Breeze. Once you log in to your account you will have many options for updating your profile. If you need any assistance at all setting up your account, or maybe have no access to a computer please don't hesitate to ask. We will be more than willing to help you get your account set up and active.

Now that I have rambled on about things that are happening at church, I want to invite you to worship with us for Easter. We will only have one service this year, and you may worship with us in person, through Facebook Live, on the radio, or out in the parking lot. The important thing is to take time to recognize the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for each of us. It is no small thing that Jesus was willing to suffer, to die, and to raise from the dead. In doing so he conquered death and conquered the evil one who seeks to destroy each of us. We are able to place our trust in this Lamb of God and to move forward in life with the love of Jesus in our hearts and the power of the Holy Spirit to be at work in each of us as we journey. We do not have to be afraid because we can be in relationship with the one who understands our hurts and pains as well as our joys and successes. Jesus is alive for you and for me and that is so worth celebrating. May this Easter bring a new filling of Jesus into each of our hearts that we might begin to more fully understand the gift we have been given.

Happy Easter! Alleluia! He has Risen!

Blessings,  
Vicar Carol

*Invitation to Return to Worship from Vicar Carol:*

I would like to extend a personal invitation to so many of you who have remained as members of St. Peter, but no longer attend. We need you. We are a body of Christ and each person has unique gifts and ways about them that make our worship and work for God successful. As we begin to recover from this pandemic, I invite you to consider coming back to worship more regularly with us. I personally love this congregation and am so excited about the future that we can make for St. Peter Lutheran Church, but it takes all of us working together as we gather to worship, learn, and serve as we follow Jesus in the way of love. If you would like me to visit you or to meet you for coffee to talk, I am here and would welcome the chance to talk and get to know you. My cell phone number is 419-512-4490. This is a new time in the life of St. Peter Lutheran Church as we seek to follow Jesus to impact lives in faith and service. Won't you join us on the journey?

*Invitation for High School and Middle School Lay Readers*

Reading the scriptures on Sunday morning is a powerful way to serve. If you do not mind getting up in front of people and you enjoy reading, won't you consider being a lay reader on Sunday morning and in the summer, on for our Wednesday evening service. Please contact Shelby Koenig at 419-230-8355 or Vicar Carol at 419-512-4490 if you would be willing to participate in this vital ministry.

# General Announcements

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

Ron, Sue, Aaron and Paige Kloeppe in loving memory of Melvin Kloeppe

Church members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

Norma Koenig in celebration of birthdays for Deb Trentman, Aaron Trentman, and Roy Trentman

Leonard & Shirley Jarman

**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.

**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.

**Kids Summer Breakfast/Lunch Program** - Summer is fast approaching! We will once again be holding our Kids Summer Breakfast/Lunch Program. This will be our 12th year of operation. With that being said, there are many uncertainties still lingering. Therefore, we will have a "Grab 'N Go Breakfast/Lunch" system the same as last year, at least in the beginning.

The last day of school is Thurs., May 20. We will begin passing out breakfast/lunches on Mon., May 24. We will pass these out from 9am to 10am. We will need 3 volunteers per day, arriving by 8:50am and leaving approximately 9:10pm! If you are a member of St. Peter Lutheran, you can begin your volunteer duties if you are in Confirmation Classes. For anyone that does not attend St. Peter Lutheran Church, a person needs to be entering 9th grade.

The first day of the 2021/2022 Delphos School Year is Wed., August 25 and the last day of the Kids Summer Breakfast/Lunch Program will be Fri., Aug. 20. This will also be my last year of coordinating this program. I would love to show someone else the ropes.

**Altar Guild** meeting is Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM

**WELCA Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

### Remember our Shut-ins

Carl Dienstberger Sharon Reel  
E. Fourth St. Vancrest of Van Wert  
Delphos, OH 45833 10357 Van Wert-Decatur  
Van Wert OH 45891

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

Fred Hasting Navy Stateside

## InReach/OutReach

**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.

### April Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Cindy Weitzel      | 15) Nicholas Fitch    |
| 2) Lindzi Hoersten    | 15) Richard Wreede    |
| 2) Barbara Shafer     | 17) Carol Metzger     |
| 2) Dianna Allemeier   | 18) Charlotte Koebel  |
| 2) Vicki Kramer       | 22) Virginia Klenz    |
| 3) Douglas Fitch      | 23) Evan Lieurance    |
| 3) Robert Kloepfel    | 26) Rodney Klenz      |
| 5) Larry Keipper      | 26) Brandi Taylor     |
| 5) Vicki Rinehart     | 28) Laura Peters      |
| 7) Lynn Koenig        | 28) Jason Simon       |
| 11) Toni Wisher       | 29) Michael Schleeter |
| 14) Matthew Calvelage |                       |

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.

**April 1** Mark 14:12-72 (Maundy Thursday)

**April 2** Mark 15:1-41 (Good Friday)

**April 3** Mark 15:42-47 (Holy Saturday)

**April 4** Mark 16:1-8 (Easter Sunday)

**April 5** Mark 16:9-20

**April 6** Philippians 1

**April 7** Philippians 2

**April 8** Philippians 3

**April 9** Philippians 4

**April 10** Matthew 1

**April 11** Matthew 2

**April 12** Matthew 3

**April 13** Matthew 4

**April 14** Matthew 5

**April 15** Matthew 6

**April 16** Matthew 7

**April 17** Matthew 8

**April 18** Matthew 9

**April 19** Matthew 10

**April 20** Matthew 11

**April 21** Matthew 12

**April 22** Matthew 13

**April 23** Matthew 14

**April 24** Matthew 15

**April 25** Matthew 16

**April 26** Matthew 17

**April 27** Matthew 18

**April 28** Matthew 19

**April 29** Matthew 20

**April 30** Matthew 21

## Servants of the Lord

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 4 <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	10:00 AM			

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Karen Hartman / Alan Trentman

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 11	10:00 AM			

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Shelby Koenig / Sue Kloeppe

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 18	10:00 AM			

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Shelby Koenig / Sue Kloeppe

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

SERVICE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 25	10:00 AM			

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Ryan Trentman / Rick Dienstburger

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