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# The Messenger



Independence Day is Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

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St. Peter Lutheran Church – July 2021

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

As I write this today, Doug and I have just arrived at Mother Pretorius' bedside and she is dying. Four weeks ago, she was vibrant and full of life, but now I listen to her breathing and pray for God to be merciful and call her home to him.

During this time, I have been pondering on the relationship journey my mother-in-law has had with God. She has walked closely with God and cherished not only her early morning study and prayer times, but also her 6:00AM prayer group that she met with each morning for over 25 years. Marycarol found joy in her relationship with God and loved to share her knowledge in a monthly newsletter that she sent out to family and friends. Life has not been easy for her as she became a widow in her early thirties and was left to raise six children. She experienced not only the loss of her husband, but the murder of her thirteen-year-old daughter and then later in the death of her 43-year-old son. In each of these times she has clung to her faith and God has been gracious to her.

Through the years in my 42 year marriage to her oldest son, she has modeled faith and been a source of love and joy. She spoke deeply of God's love for us and sought to follow Jesus. Now as I listen to her breathing, I am ready to let her go into the loving arms of our savior. The cycle of life will bring new life to her. Yes, we will mourn and miss her, but she will move into the next phase of life to be reunited with those who have gone on before her. In faith, she has placed her trust in Jesus and it is this faith that allows each of us to place our trust in God and the hope of the resurrection. She has a future that awaits and so I can rejoice for her. She will journey on.

This week I heard one of my classmates say that her mentor pastor told her that the most important job for parents is to raise their children to know that they are loved by God and to help their children to understand that their relationship with God is the most important basis for their life. This is a huge responsibility for parents and the church.

So, it is on July 11, that Corey and Ashley Kloeppel will bring their son Jack to be baptized. This baptism is a time for rejoicing, for in this holy sacrament of baptism God will reach down to Jack to claim him as his beloved child and to fill him with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Jack's journey of faith will begin with this cleansing and claiming work of God in our midst. As a congregation we will welcome Jack as a brother in Christ and a co-worker with us in the kingdom. We will support Corey and Ashley as they raise Jack in the faith and we will trust that the Holy Spirit will call Jack into a deep relationship and awareness of God in his life as he grows and matures. This is exciting as this new little person embarks on a journey of faith.

It is important for all of us to remember that we are a confessing church. We recognize that we cannot journey through our lives without sinning and we need confession and forgiveness on a regular basis. We also need the forgiveness and filling of Jesus that comes with communion. We

come to church with hearts and hands open to receive the Word and the sacrament of communion. We gather to worship together, to grow in faith and to support each other as we journey forward. This is a gift. I am so thankful to share this journey of faith with you.

As I say goodbye to my mother-in-law who has journeyed in a life of faith and love with our Lord, I pray for Jack and all of our children that they might truly grow to know how much they are loved and cherished by our Lord. May we rejoice in the fellowship of all believers and may we too, gain a glimpse of the deep love that our Lord has for each of us.

Blessings,

Vicar Carol

## 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.

### 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
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Please pray for Collin Swick who is serving in the Navy. He is being deployed overseas for this next year. Please also pray for his wife Courtney and their three children during this time.

# General Announcements

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

- Meredith and Lois Ewing in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- Ron and Sue Kloepfel in honor of Aaron's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Vicar Carol Pretorius

**Trinity United Methodist and St. Peter Lutheran Church are hosting Vacation Bible School again this year.**

Date: Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> (open house to meet volunteers) – Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> (water party to follow at pool)

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: each night at Trinity's Family Life Center 702 Ambrose Drive, Delphos, Ohio 45833

Ages: 4 (potty trained) – 11 years old

Price: Free; will offering will be taken each evening and donated to local causes determined by the VBS Committee

Please register online by July 9<sup>th</sup>. Walk in registrations are also permitted.

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the following areas: set up team, team down team, decoration team, crew leaders to move the kids from station to station, helpers at the craft station, games station, bible stories station, science experiment station, and snack station. Please consider sharing your time and talents with our area youth; contact Carrie Calvelage at 419.233.4561 if you can help in any way.

## July Birthdays

2) Melissa Trentman  
4) Madeline Weitzel  
5) Jonathan Staples  
8) Joshua Miller  
11) Landon Munshower  
13) Adalie Cope  
15) Maya Cuellar  
16) Charles Hoersten

17) Dave Stemen  
18) Bruce Perrin  
19) Derek Daulbaugh  
19) Amy Miller  
19) Talan Siefker  
22) Carl Dienstberger  
22) Sue Kloepfel  
22) John Theis Sr.

23) Jesse Calvelage  
24) Tina Himmeger  
26) Jim Mox  
28) Kylee Dienstberger  
28) Don Stemen  
31) Sydney Hoehn

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.

**July 1** Acts 9:36-43

**July 2** Acts 10:1-33

**July 3** Acts 10:34-43

**July 4** Acts 10:44-48

**July 5** Acts 11:1-18

**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

# Servants of the Lord

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, July 4	9:00 AM	Lois Ewing / Karen Hartman	Sue Apple / Judy Staples

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Wednesday, July 7	7:00 PM		

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, July 11	9:00 AM	Lois Ewing / Karen Hartman	Sue Apple / Judy Staples

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Wednesday, July 14	7:00 PM		

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, July 18	9:00 AM	Sue Kloeppe / Larry Miller	Sue Apple / Judy Staples

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Wednesday, July 21	7:00 PM		

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, July 25	9:00 AM	Sue Kloeppe / Larry Miller	Sue Apple / Judy Staples

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Wednesday, July 28	7:00 PM		