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The Messenger



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St. Peter Lutheran Church – August 2021

A little bit of this and that for August...

I have had so many different thoughts running through my mind to share with you that I really do not know where to begin.

First of all, I will begin a formal internship that will run from September- May during this next school year. Pastor Steve Nelson will be my supervisor. It is hard to believe that I am coming down to the last third of my classes and will complete my internship and be able to be approved for ordination sometime next summer or fall. The time has gone fast.

As a part of my internship, I will need to set 4-8 different goals. Some of those will be personal, but others will depend on my work with you. One of the goals that I have is to look at our vision for the future and to develop a strategic plan to enable us to make our visions a reality. We may then also take a look at our mission statement and see how it aligns with what our focus has been or needs to be for the future. To do this, I would like to have representatives from various committees and I would like to have a cross section of ages that involve our youth up through to some of our oldest members. Everyone's voice is important in this process. There are a few people who have shown interest in this process, but we will need more representation. Please pray about whether God is calling you to be a part of this process.

I have felt a need for us to invest in our youth to have them be more present in the worship experience. Before Covid-19, Shelby Koenig and I were trying to get a high school youth group started. We had met several times and had between 7-9 high schoolers attending. Having a place for our high schoolers to gather is important and the orange room upstairs will eventually be redone to create that space. At some point, I would love to see us begin a high school class where students can look at their faith in light of every day stresses and topics of concern. I would love to have members share their faith journey of how God has helped them in their lives, especially in light of making big decisions that impact one's future.

Sunday School is another focus since we want to create more classes to divide the children into more age groups. Lauren Trentman and Samantha Rode will teach a 3-5 year old class and Carrie Calvelage, Ron Kloepfel, and Jennifer Trentman will continue to work with the 1st- 4th graders. Patti Calvert will teach the 5th- 8th graders and we would like to have one other person teaching with her. One of Jacquie and my concerns in teaching catechism is that often our children who have not taken part in Sunday school lack important Biblical knowledge that helps to provide a foundation for faith development. Therefore, I am asking all of our members to pray about whether they need to take some time on Sunday mornings to attend the adult Sunday school class while their children attend their classes. I have found that attending Sunday school provides rich opportunities to live our faith in community. Attending Sunday school provides time for our

relationships to deepen as we study the scriptures and try to apply them to our everyday lives. Dave Stemen will teach the adult class in the parish hall.

Catechism will start in October and be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 11:15AM – 12:30 PM. This is for students in grades 7th – 8th. Vicar Carol and Jacquie Fritz will be providing more information and will be hosting a parent meeting in September.

One of the things that I am learning is the power of asking. Often this is something that we fear as we do not want to make someone uncomfortable or we fear rejection. Even so, I am asking you to pray about asking people to consider coming back to church or to ask others who you think might be open to coming to church with you. One of the hardest things is to walk into a church where you have not been. We need to look for ways to be inviting with our neighbors and friends. If we are excited about our church then we need to begin to share that with others. We have a rich tradition of faith and as things begin to reopen, we need to celebrate and invite others to join us in our faith journey. If we never ask, we will never know of the person who is just waiting to be invited.

Finally, as we move through August and begin to look toward fall activities, I invite you to pray daily for God to move in our midst to plant dreams for the future. So often we operate out of a scarcity model and we do not celebrate what we have. God is working in our midst and able to do exceedingly more than we could ever imagine. Come, catch the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst to be a part of what God wants to accomplish at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

I am excited for the future.

Blessings,

Vicar Carol

New Member Class...

I will be leading a new member class in September. We will have two -two hour sessions where we will talk a little bit about the history of how the Lutheran Church formed and then to look at the important confessions and sacraments of the church. I want to make the time conducive to people's schedules, so I will be contacting you to see what will work best. When we meet, we will choose a date that works for the group for a Sunday at the end of September or early October to join the church. If interested in becoming a member at St. Peter Lutheran Church, please contact Vicar Carol at 419.512.4490.

Thank you...

I want to thank you for the lovely remembrance gifts that you gave in memory of my mother-in-law, Marycarol Pretorius, who died on June 24. I have placed the concrete bench near my front entrance and the lantern is just inside my front door. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Vicar Carol

Courtyard Update...

Troy Calvelage has completed the work in the courtyard and around the church. Thank you, Troy and all of those who helped you to complete your Eagle Scout project. See pictures below.



Sunday school update on work being done...

Things are also taking shape to give the upstairs Sunday school area a facelift. Drywall is being installed where needed to repair the ceiling in the orange room and new carpet has been ordered. The Sunday School room ceilings have been painted and Dan is getting quotes to paint all of the rooms with a light shade of Each room will have an accent wall painted with a slightly darker shade of gray. Ceiling fans will be installed to replace the fluorescent lights and help with air circulation.

For our glass door entrance, we are installing new drywall to provide a more welcoming space. We want to have a welcoming saying, two benches, and a place for information. We want to create a friendly and welcoming space.

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
The Meadows of Delphos
800 Ambrose Drive
Delphos, OH 45833

Sharon Reel
Vancrest of Van Wert
10357 Van Wert- Decatur Road
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Keep our Military Friends and Family in your Prayers:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Collin Swick	Navy	Overseas

General Announcements

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

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- St. Peter Lutheran Church member
- Ron & Sue Kloepfel and family
- Dave & Connie Stemen

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: baptized July 11th, Jack Robert Kloepfel, son of Corey and Ashley Kloepfel. We welcome Jack to the congregation.

Upcoming Worship Schedule: The last Wednesday evening worship service will be September 1st. Sunday 10:00 AM worship services will start on September 5th.

Vacation Bible School – Rockway Railway: Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through was held July 25-29 for ages 4-11. Be sure to check out our St. Peter Delphos Facebook Page for pictures throughout VBS week.

Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11th at 7:45 PM.

August Birthdays

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| 2) Cindy Finn | 17) Kathy Vorst | 24) Linda Stockwell |
| 4) Kenneth Kloepfel | 19) Donna Berger | 25) Greg Dienstberger |
| 4) Yvonne Koenig | 19) Amanda Vorst | 26) Troy Calvelage |
| 4) Randy Apple | 19) Deanna Perrin | 28) Scott Brinkman |
| 11) Daniel Lane | 19) Sam Miller | 30) Seth Brinkman |
| 15) Adrian Kimmett | 21) Bryan Hoersten | 31) Presley Lane |
| 17) Ross Trentman | 23) Rose Hager | |

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.

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-



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is an international non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery. The organization was founded in 1945 to collect and send aid to people living in post-World War II Europe. For almost 75 years Lutheran World Relief has carried the original disaster relief mission forward by providing, at different times, knitted quilts, soap, bandages, personal care kits, sewing kits, baby care kits, and school kits. In recent years, LWR has added their Good Gifts Program to assist those in need become self-sustainable. Today, Lutheran World Relief operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, helping some of the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive.

The members of St. Peter Lutheran have supported many of the projects of Lutheran World Relief over those 76 years. Soap has been saved, bandages and baby sweaters knitted, quilts sewn, infant supplies collected, and various kinds of kits assembled and sent. Most recently the women of St. Peter have been working on school kits, along with the mission quilts that St. Peter women have made over many decades.

For the next several months, St. Peter Lutheran Church will be gathering items for the School Kits. This time of the year is a very good time to start buying school supplies as most of are on sale before school starts.

Needed for each Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kit:

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2 "; no loose-leaf paper

ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

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 of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE 2 1/2" eraser

Special Notes:

Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name. LWR provides kits based on need, regardless of religious creed. Religious references may be misinterpreted by the governments of the receiving countries, jeopardizing the delivery to the people who need the items most. Secular symbols such as rabbits, eggs, and poinsettias are acceptable.

Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. LWR and our overseas partners have access to areas of the world others do not because we are impartial humanitarian organizations. If our intentions are misinterpreted as being politically motivated, it puts our work, our partners and the people we assist at risk.

Watch for school supply sales!!

If you wish to donate, please drop off your school supplies to the church office in the tote labeled LWR – School Kits.

Servants of the Lord

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, August 1	9:00 AM	Shelby Koenig / Alan Trentman	Karen Hartman / Judy Staples

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Wednesday, August 4	7:00 PM		

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, August 8	9:00 AM	Shelby Koenig / Alan Trentman	Karen Hartman / Judy Staples

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Wednesday, August 11	7:00 PM		

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, August 15	9:00 AM	Larry Miller / Ryan Trentman	Karen Hartman / Judy Staples

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Wednesday, August 18	7:00 PM		

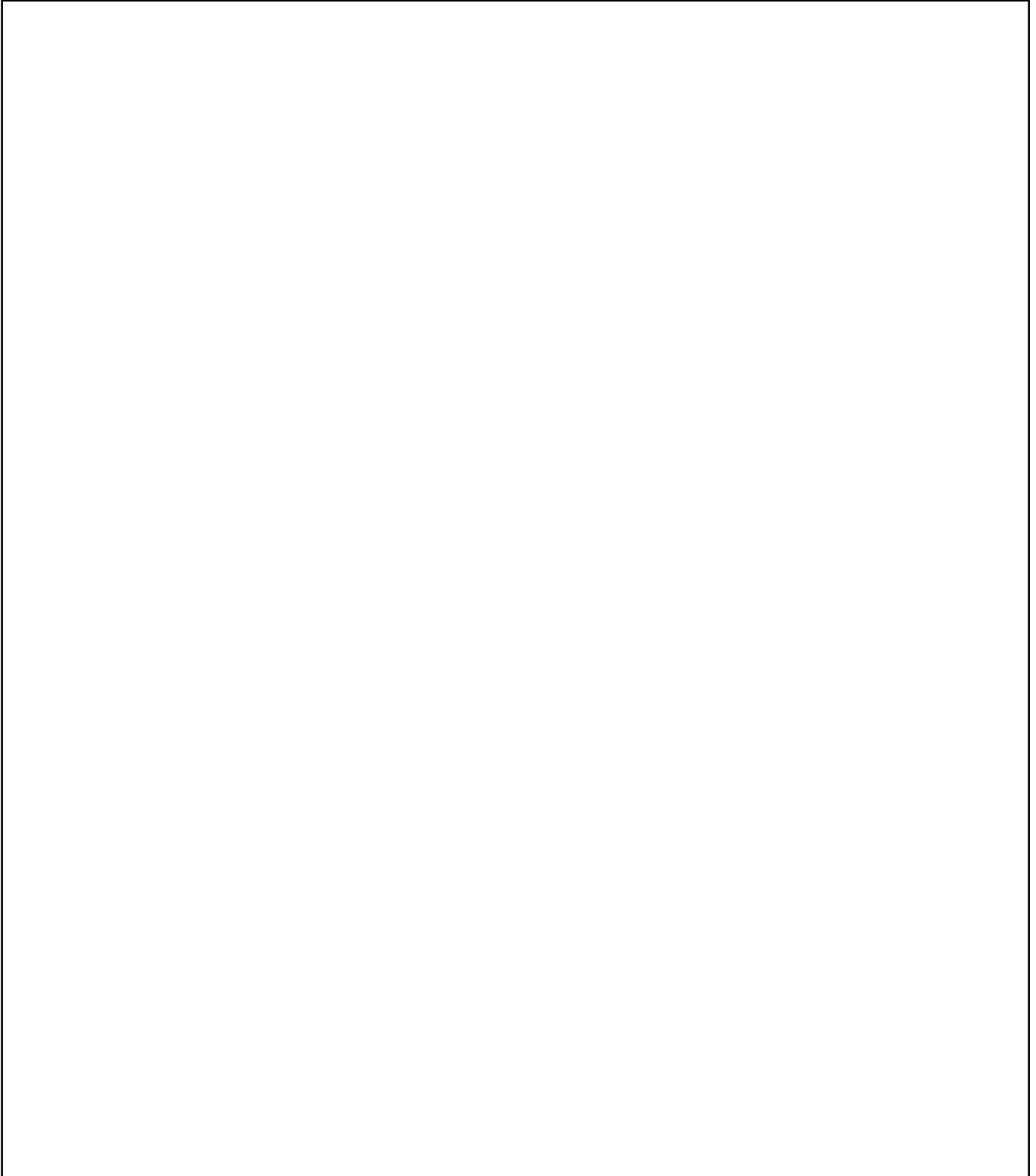
Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, August 22	9:00 AM	Larry Miller / Ryan Trentman	Karen Hartman / Judy Staples

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Wednesday, August 25	7:00 PM		

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, August 29	9:00 AM	Deb Trentman / Rick Dienstberger	Karen Hartman / Judy Staples

CHILDREN'S PAGE

We often see God in nature. What are some of your favorite activities that you did outside this summer? Draw a few of your favorite things below:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for children to draw their favorite summer activities and things.