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A Little Bit of This and That From The Desk of Vicar Carol....

It is hard to believe another month has gone by. During that time, I had a chance to take a ten-day vacation to Maine. The coastline was beautiful and the opportunity to spend time with a dear friend was such a gift. There is something so amazing about being able to be near the water.

One of my favorite days was a day in which we went to a pottery place and the potter had a “magical cupboard” that contained chalices. My friend purchased a chalice and plate for me and it will soon grace our altar; our current chalice has become corroded on the inside and I fear the possible interaction of the wine with the lead inside the chalice. I also love pottery. Pottery reminds me of the scriptures that we are clay that is being shaped and formed by God as we journey in faith. God is the potter and we are the clay. It is the Holy Spirit that opens our hearts to God to allow us to hear the Gospel message and to gain the deep understanding of God’s love for us. We are molded like clay as we allow God to move in our lives. I will write about this more in a few paragraphs, but I want to tell you about the other part of the day that was so wonderful.

As we left the pottery place, we drove down this peninsula and found a place by the water to sit. There were lobstermen at work and we had a chance to learn from a lobsterman named Lloyd. He was 75 and still working his craft of catching Lobster. He was what I would call “the salt of the earth” type of person. He knew what hard work was all about. His boat had broken down and we watched as a huge semi-truck with a trailer came to haul his boat out of the water so they could make repairs. This was costly and yet he was at peace. He had a twinkle in his eye and he was weathered by the sun and the ocean. Having the opportunity to talk with him and learn about his work was fascinating. Lloyd also told us where we could find a good seafood dinner and we were able to enjoy an amazing dinner of fresh fish. Marilyn and I felt blessed by our encounter with Lloyd as well as the potter.

November gives us a reminder of the importance of giving thanks for the people that impact our lives. The potter and Lloyd the lobsterman were two people whom we had the blessing of sharing small snippet of time with, but in that short time, they made an important impact on Marilyn and me. I am thankful for this, but I am even more thankful to be able to journey through faith with all of you. I dearly love serving you, the people of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. To journey with you and to share life and faith is one of the greatest privileges of my life. I thank God for each of you and pray that God will bless you not only this November but for all your days. Please know that you are loved and appreciated.

Love,

Vicar Carol

On being molded.....

During that last two years my nephew Michael has been battling a rare form of testicular cancer that returned after five years of remission. I have often asked for prayers for him as he battles this very rare and life-threatening form of cancer.

During his journey, I have seen the work of our Lord in him, molding him to trust in God for his very life. On last Friday morning as he prepared himself to begin a surgery that had the potential to leave him paralyzed and unable to walk, he posted on Facebook as he sang "*It is Well with My Soul*". He endured nine hours of surgery on Friday and another eight on Monday and his body has been through so much, and yet his faith and your prayers along with the hundreds of others praying for him has sustained him. This is a molding time in his life, for often in our greatest struggles, God has the most opportunity to mold and shape us. I don't know how God will continue to bring healing to Michael, but I know that God is at work in his midst. Michael is a testimony to the power of placing one's trust in God, even when we do not know the outcome. Faith is the hope for things yet unseen and Michael at age 28 is full of hope in the power of our God to do the miraculous, to be able to walk out of the hospital and to be healed on this difficult journey.

In the last 20 months, we as a nation have been faced with so many struggles. Our lives have been changed by this pandemic; there is fear and uncertainty on the part of so many. This time more than ever is a time in which we need to allow the Holy Spirit to mold us as we place our trust in God on this journey. God is here in our midst and so my prayer is that even as we encounter difficulties that we like Michael can place our trust in God and to be able to sing "*It is Well with My Soul*".

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 September by:

- Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ron, Sue and Aaron Kloeppel in honor of Paige's 19th birthday
- Len and Shirley Jarman
- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig

Altar Guild meeting is Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM.

WELCA meeting is Monday, November 8th at 7:00 PM.

Council meeting is Sunday, November 14th after church.

The flower chart sign-up sheet will be posted soon to sign up for the 2022 year.

Thank you for your service! A special thank you to all those serving in active duty or in reserves. Also, a big thank you to all the Veterans. We appreciate all our service personnel and their sacrifice for our safety and freedom.

WELCA would like to thank everyone who donated in any way to our WELCA Kits. We were able to make 25 School Kits, 22 Quilts, 13 Personal Care Kits, and 11 Baby Care Kits to the October Lutheran World Relief In-gathering. Thank you to all who helped!

A special thanks to Dave Stemen for delivering the boxes of Lutheran World Relief items to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Dave has taken care of this delivery for many years.

All Saints Day - the first Sunday in November is designated as All Saints Sunday and it is a time to remember and give thanks for those who have come before us. They have in their own way passed on the faith to us and for this we give our thanks. We also remember those who have died in the past year and we remember them with gratitude.

Gracious God, thank you for those who have lived their lives in such a way that Jesus Christ was made known and glorified. Amen.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 7th. Now that we are in our "Fall Season", turn your clocks *back* one hour.

Our 11th annual Pork Loin Dinner was held on Sunday, October 3rd. THANK YOU to everyone who supported the fundraiser in any way whether donating needed items, your time volunteering, buying or selling tickets, and continued prayers for another successful fundraiser. We sold 845 tickets with a profit of \$5,823.93.

November Birthdays

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| 1) Kevin Theis | 12) Noah Cheney |
| 1) Gregory Sampson | 13) Lexie Cheney |
| 3) Hannah Lieurance | 14) Garrett Trentman |
| 3) Emily Dienstberger | 16) Billy Stemen |
| 4) Amy Hoehn | 20) Connie Stemen |
| 4) Brooke Apple | 20) Jacob Trentman |
| 5) Shirley Parsons | 21) Leonard (Butch) Prine |
| 5) Teresa Luke | 26) Britney Calvelage |
| 6) Janice Kloepfel | 27) Samuel Hasting |
| 8) Kara Webster | 28) Alyssa Miller |
| 10) Joslynn James | 29) Brad Berger |
| 11) Collin Swick | 29) Denise Kloepfel |
| 12) Bonnie Marlow | |

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.

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

Children's Page

Trace your hand and turn it into a turkey. Then decorate or write on the turkey of all the things you are thankful for this Thanksgiving. Then bring your turkey back to church.

Servants of the Lord

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, November 7 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	10:00 AM	Yvonne Koenig / Rick Dienstberger	Donna Berger / Susan McGue

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, November 14	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing / Alan Trentman	Donna Berger / Susan McGue

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, November 21	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing / Alan Trentman	Donna Berger / Susan McGue

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, November 28	10:00 AM	Deb Trentman / Sue Kloeppe	Donna Berger / Susan McGue