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# The Messenger



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St. Peter Lutheran Church – December 2021

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

As I sit down to write to you this month, I want to let you know how grateful I am to be serving you, the people of God at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. On Thursday as we celebrate Thanksgiving, I will be lifting up prayers of thanks for each of you, but when you receive this newsletter, Thanksgiving will be a thing of the past and we will have entered the season of Advent.

Advent is the first season in the new church year, and is a season in which there is excitement and anticipation not only for the coming of Christ, but for the opportunities to gather with friends and family to celebrate the love and connectedness you share. It is truly a special time of the year.

Sometimes, in the hustle and bustle of the season we can get so caught up in all that we have to do that we lose the opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ into our midst. So, this season, even in the midst of the busyness, I invite you to try to carve out a few minutes each day to read in the Gospel of Luke to hear how God and the Holy Spirit works to allow Elizabeth and Zechariah to become parents and then to read how a young girl in her teens is called to become the mother of Jesus. Will you take time to sit with the scripture and to breathe in the wonder of God's ability to work in ordinary people's lives to bring transformation and hope to this world?

On Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>, Carrie Calvelage arranged to allow us to come together to make Advent wreaths. I know that often Doug and I start out with very good intentions of lighting our Advent wreath each evening, but in the hustle and bustle sometimes several days go by and we realize we have not lit it and done our readings for several days. That happens, but I invite all of us to try to invest the time to read either the little devotional that was given when we made the wreathes or that you just begin to read a little bit out of the Gospel of Luke each evening. As we do so, I pray that this season of Advent becomes a time in which God speaks deep into our lives. I am hoping that Doug and I will do a little better this year to be more intentional with this spiritual discipline of Advent. Won't you join us on this journey?

## Youth Group News:

We are excited to get youth group up and running. The youth room has been prepared with giant bean bag chairs and gaming chairs as well as a ping-pong table.

The youth group for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders met on Sunday, Nov. 21. We had an opportunity to play ping-pong and cards and just begin to make connection.

Next month, the group will meet on Saturday, **December 11, from 11:00-1:00**. We will enjoy sloppy joes and other food while we gather to make Christmas cards to send out to some of our members and a few in the community who have been seriously ill with Covid. Students are welcome to bring friends to youth group.

## **Sunday School:**

I am so excited about our Sunday School program. It is good to have the children back in class. We are now doing our opening downstairs in the parish hall so that we have more room to move as we sing and celebrate our faith.

The children will be singing in church on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Christmas Caroling Opportunity on December 12<sup>th</sup>:**

You are invited to meet at Bob Ulm's home at 415 Wayne St., Delphos at 1:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for us to connect and fellowship with others from the area churches in town and to hopefully bless people with our singing. You don't have to be a great singer. You just need to be willing to come and share the love of Jesus as we sing for some of the elderly who do not have opportunities to get out much anymore. Song sheet will be provided and people of all ages are welcome.

## **Community Christmas Concert on December 5<sup>th</sup>:**

The ministerium is once again sponsoring the Community Christmas concert to be held at 6:00pm at St. John's Catholic Church. A freewill offering will be taken up to help aid stranded motorists who may be traveling through the area. The funds for this have been depleted and we are in need of replenishing them. So, won't you consider taking time out of your Sunday evening to listen to the choirs and other soloists as they share the Christmas spirit in song, to gather as a community and to raise support to the area ministers to help those in need.

## **Christmas Eve Services:**

Our Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:00pm and 7:00pm this year. The 4:00pm service will be broadcast live at FM 107.1. It will also be made available on Facebook Live at St. Peter Delphos. Both services will be candle lighting services and we will have communion.

## **The Women's Prayer Group:**

This group gathers on the first and third Wednesday of each month. We meet to fellowship and pray for those in need. If you have prayer requests for this group, you can send those to Vicar Carol at [tpetercarolp@gmail.com](mailto:tpetercarolp@gmail.com) or you can text or call her at 419-512-4490.

This group is open to all women who are interested in joining in fellowship and a time of prayer. We meet from 12:30-2:30pm.

### **Thank you to the Altar Guild:**

I want to thank the Altar Guild for the beautiful new communion chalice that now adorns our altar. The old one had corroded and I was worried about lead leaching into the wine. This new chalice is absolutely beautiful!

I also want to say thank you for all of your hard work to prepare for the services each week. You spent hours and hours on November 21<sup>st</sup>, making the sanctuary absolutely amazing for the coming weeks of Advent and Christmas. On behalf of the congregation, I want to thank you. The job you do is important and we are grateful.

### **Internship:**

Vicar Carol's internship will run from December through May. The following people are serving on the internship committee that will meet monthly. Pastor Steve Nelson, Dave Stemen, Jacquie Fritz, Marjean Warren, and Donna Berger will make up this committee, along with Vicar Carol. The goal of the committee is to provide positive support and encouragement to Vicar Carol during the Internship process. Our first meeting will be December 15, at 7:00pm.

### **Lifewise Academy:**

Many have been asking how Lifewise Academy is going. There has been much excitement among the third and fourth graders. As a result, the numbers of students attending seems to increase each week so that now probably over 80% of the third and fourth graders are participating in the program.

A new session will start in the second semester of the year with the first and second graders. The second graders will be having class on Monday mornings and the first graders will be having class on Wednesday mornings.

Please continue to pray for this program and the children.

### **Prayer for you from Vicar Carol:**

May God bless you during this Advent and Christmas season. May you experience grace and love and have joy that wells up in you as you experience the love of God and the love of family and friends. May you know how much you are loved and may you celebrate and share that love with others. Amen!

# 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 November by:

- Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Members at St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Dave and Connie Stemen

**Altar Guild meeting** is Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**WELCA meeting** is Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Council meeting** is Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> after church.

**The flower chart** sign-up sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please sign up for that special occasion or celebration. Let the office know what you would like printed in the bulletin.

**Confirmation Sunday** will be on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> so that Garrett Trentman, Sam Hasting, Landon Calvelage, and Nathan Calvelage will each affirm their baptisms.

**The children will be singing** during church on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**We need two members to be willing to serve on council** for a three-year term. If interested, please contact Eric Fritz at 419.233.2848 or Dan Kramer.

**With 2022 right around the corner** and with anticipation of getting back to normal activities, the WELCA board would like to extend an invitation to the women of the church to consider joining the board. We have a monthly evening meeting which lasts approximately an hour 8 times throughout the year. Please contact any of the WELCA members (Donna Berger, Denise Kloeppe, Sue Kloeppe, Yvonne Koenig, Chris Prine, Deb Trentman or Marge Warren) to see how actively involved we are in serving the congregation as well as home and abroad. Thank you!

**Christmas Cards** with donations will be collected now until Christmas with donations being given to The Mike Gallmeier Foundation for Mike's Food On Us this year. Christmas cards will then be placed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

**We are working on updating our church directory.** If your name and information is not on the directory or needs to be updated, please contact the office with your information. Thank you!

### December Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Sheri Swick        | 16) Daniel Marlow     |
| 1) Taylor Baxter      | 17) Bob Trentman      |
| 2) Austin Munshower   | 17) Jonathan Finn     |
| 3) Alexa Marlow       | 18) Cathy Wreede      |
| 4) Margene Freund     | 19) Carolyn Rice      |
| 4) Angie Miller       | 20) Martina Himmeger  |
| 5) Dan Dienstberger   | 20) Leonard Prine, Jr |
| 12) Corey Kloeppe     | 21) Kyrstin Warnecke  |
| 13) Patti Calvert     | 23) Kenadi Brinkman   |
| 13) Susan Grothouse   | 26) Sue Vasquez       |
| 14) Sarah Hershberger | 26) Mike Finn         |
| 14) Ryan Nomina       | 28) William Turner    |
| 14) Amy Nighswander   | 28) Renee Carder      |
| 15) David Allemeier   | 28) Dylan Brinkman    |
| 15) Noelle Prine      | 28) Elaine Wiechart   |
| 16) Robert Wortman    | 29) Troy Kloeppe      |

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.

**December 1** Revelation 6  
**December 2** Revelation 7  
**December 3** Revelation 8  
**December 4** Revelation 9  
**December 5** Revelation 10  
**December 6** Revelation 11  
**December 7** Revelation 12  
**December 8** Revelation 13  
**December 9** Revelation 14  
**December 10** Revelation 15  
**December 11** Revelation 16

**December 12** Revelation 17  
**December 13** Revelation 18  
**December 14** Revelation 19  
**December 15** Revelation 20  
**December 16** Revelation 21  
**December 17** Revelation 22  
**December 18** Luke 1:1-4  
**December 19** Luke 1:5-25  
**December 20** Luke 1:26-38  
**December 21** Luke 1:39-45  
**December 22** Luke 1:46-56

**December 23** Luke 1:57-66  
**December 24** Luke 1:67-80  
**December 25** Luke 2:1-20 (Christmas Day)  
**December 26** Luke 2:21  
**December 27** Luke 2:22-35  
**December 28** Luke 2:36-38  
**December 29** Luke 2:39-40  
**December 30** Luke 2:41-51  
**December 31** Luke 2:52

# Children's Page

*Please color the Christmas Nativity Scene and bring it back to church to display on the bulletin board. Each child will receive a treat for bringing back their colored picture. We will have extra copies for families that have more than one child.*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

# Servants of the Lord

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, December 5	10:00 AM	Deb Trentman / Karen Hartman	Linda Mayer / Angie Miller

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, December 12	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing / Sue Kloeppe	Linda Mayer / Angie Miller

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, December 19	10:00 AM	Lois Ewing / Sue Kloeppe	Linda Mayer / Angie Miller

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Friday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve Services</i>	4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Sue Kloeppe / Dan Marlow	Linda Mayer / Angie Miller

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, December 26	10:00 AM	Larry Miller / Rick Dienstberger	Linda Mayer / Angie Miller