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*Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>*

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# The Messenger



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St. Peter Lutheran Church – February 2022

## **A little bit of this and that from the desk of Vicar Carol...**

It is hard to believe that another month has gone by. We are now in the season of Epiphany (Season of light) that celebrates Jesus' baptism and takes us up to Sunday of Transfiguration that occurs the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

During this season, I am always aware of the shorter days. It seems to get dark so much earlier. It is dark in the morning and dark in our early evenings. I long to for the time when the days become longer and there is not so much darkness.

In the first five verses of the Gospel of John we are reminded that the light of Jesus shines in the darkness. John 1:1-5 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (NRSV, New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989)

It is during these days that I love to look at the fire in the fireplace or light the candles on the mantle. The warmth and glow of these bring a sense of peace and calm. How about you? Do you have that same sense of peace that comes from lighting candles or gazing into a fire in the fireplace? Does this help to bring the presence of Jesus to you on a cold winter morning or evening? Regardless, Jesus is our light who brings truth and grace and love to each of us. Even during hard times, Jesus is present to bring light to us.

May you walk in the light and love of Jesus this month as you journey through this winter season. May God's presence bring you joy and peace.

Blessings,

Vicar Carol

## **Sunday School and Youth Group:**

I would like to have the Sunday school children sing again on February 13.

There is something new in the air for those of you in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. High School is an important time to explore how your faith impacts different decisions you are faced with every day. Therefore, we are forming a high school class that will meet once a month during Sunday School to talk about life and faith issues that may be pressing to you. All who are in 8-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to come to Sunday School on February 13, to develop a list of important topics that are important to you. We will also set the Sunday of the month that works best for most of you. Please come and allow this time to positively impact your life as you move forward on your journey. You can also invite friends.

The Senior High Youth Group met on January 9, to go bowling. We will meet February 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 pm to play cards and bake cookies. Come enjoy a time of fellowship and fun.

### **Bishop Beaudoin has declared 2022 the Year of Vision.**

Our scripture verse is Revelation 21:5a, **“And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’”**

Bishop Beaudoin wrote, “I encourage you to memorize Revelation 21:5a and open your eyes to notice the places in your community where God is doing a new thing. And then allow the Holy Spirit to open your hearts to love the thing that God is doing. And finally, open your hands to fully engage and partner with God to bring what is new in the community to life. In partnering with God to renew the community, and the world, you will discover your own transformation. For it is in renewing, that we are renewed.”

This coincides with the talking I have been doing about revisiting our vision and mission for the St. Peter Lutheran Church. I would like us to be intentional to sit with God in quietness, in the scriptures and in sharing with each other what our vision is for the future. This is a process that will call us to take intentional time to dream and share and begin to affirm those things we are doing well and then begin to dream about how we can move forward in ministry that creates a vision for all of us for the future.

I want to form a group that will begin to meet over the next few months to share and talk to begin this process. I have asked Dave Stemen and Donna Berger to represent Council and Marjean Warren has agreed to represent WELCA. Sue Rode and Lauren Trentman have also volunteered to serve on this team. If God is giving you a nudge to be part of this team, please become a part of sharing in this process.

I would like us to restart the **Wednesday Lenton Soup Suppers** and use some of this time to share how this church has been important in our faith development and faith journeys. I may ask some individuals to share and we will also have time for group sharing. We will make a determination towards the end of February about whether we hold the Lenton Soup Suppers based on the Covid spread. Hopefully, the surge will be over and we can try gather for fellowship.

### **Word for the Year**

I have read a book called ***One Word That Will Change Your Life*** by Dan Gordon, Dan Britton, and Jimmy Page. Their premise is that focusing on one word can have a powerful impact on how we journey through the year. They suggest that we do three things to come up with our specific word. First, we are to clear the clutter from our mind and set aside some quiet time for reflection. Second, we are to ask God to give us the word that suits each us individually. Third, we need to live out that word. People have come up with many different words such as love, confidence, forgiveness, gratitude, openness, and the list can go on and on.

The word that I have felt that God has given me for 2022 is INTENTIONAL. I want to be more intentional to do the things that bring life, faith, and health to me. So, I am asking you to hold me accountable to keeping this word in front of me as I make choices in my daily life. I also encourage you to think about having God give you a word to impact your life over this next year.

## 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 January by:

- Members at St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ed & Jacquie Fritz in celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**WELCA meeting** is Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Altar Guild** – no meeting in February.

**Council meeting** is Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> after church.

**The 2022 Radio Ministry** list is at the back of church if you would like to sign up for a Sunday worship service. You can call in to the church office as well if you would like to sign up for a Sunday worship service.

**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.

**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!

**A special thank you** to Chris Prine for reupholstering eight of the church chairs.

**Committees:** Please turn in your year-end reports to the office for the directory to be completed. Thank you.

**Thank You** to all of you that donated to this year's Christmas Card Tree. A check for \$100 will be written to the Mike Gallmeier Foundation for Mike's Food On Us.

**The Delphos Community Christmas Project Committee** would like to thank everyone who offered any kind of support for our project this past holiday season – Christmas 2021. This year we received more than \$55,000.00 in monetary donations, along with gifts from the angel trees and various toy drives held within our schools, our churches, and throughout our city! With these donations we were able to provide 247 children with new toys, clothing, shoes, coats, hats, and gloves. Each family also received a Chief gift card so they could purchase a Christmas dinner. Fruit plates were delivered to 168 elderly and shut ins in our community. A special thank you for allowing us to use your church fellowship hall to assemble those fruit plates! So- thank you everyone, whether you donated cash, took an angel from the angel tree, donated a toy to any of the various toy drives, took time out of your busy day to help us in any way- we are very grateful and couldn't have completed our project without you. We wish you all a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year 2022.

Sincerely,  
The Delphos Community Christmas Project Committee

## **February Birthdays**

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 3) Roger Gossman   | 14) Rachel Munshower |
| 5) Roger Klenz     | 16) Thomas Calvelage |
| 6) Daniel Stemen   | 16) Zachary Kimmett  |
| 7) Liam LaRue      | 18) Jamie Wortman    |
| 7) Lyla Lane       | 22) Sierra Marlow    |
| 8) Victoria Redmon | 26) Jordan Koebel    |
| 14) Karen Hartman  | 28) Tom Watkins, Jr  |

### **2022 Daily Bible Reading Guide**

Feb 1 Psalm 32	Feb 8 Psalm 39	Feb 15 Psalm 46	Feb 22 Psalm 53
Feb 2 Psalm 33	Feb 9 Psalm 40	Feb 16 Psalm 47	Feb 23 Psalm 54
Feb 3 Psalm 34	Feb 10 Psalm 41	Feb 17 Psalm 48	Feb 24 Psalm 55
Feb 4 Psalm 35	Feb 11 Psalm 42	Feb 18 Psalm 49	Feb 25 Psalm 56
Feb 5 Psalm 36	Feb 12 Psalm 43	Feb 19 Psalm 50	Feb 26 Psalm 57
Feb 6 Psalm 37	Feb 13 Psalm 44	Feb 20 Psalm 51	Feb 27 Psalm 58
Feb 7 Psalm 38	Feb 14 Psalm 45	Feb 21 Psalm 52	Feb 28 Psalm 59

# Servants of the Lord

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, February 6	10:00 AM	Ryan Trentman / Sue Kloeppe	Angie Miller / Sarah Miller / Vicki Rinehart

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Sunday, February 13	10:00 AM	Ryan Trentman / Sue Kloeppe	Angie Miller / Sarah Miller / Vicki Rinehart

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, February 20	10:00 AM	Yvonne Koenig / Larry Miller	Angie Miller / Sarah Miller / Vicki Rinehart

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, February 27	10:00 AM	Yvonne Koenig / Larry Miller	Angie Miller / Sarah Miller / Vicki Rinehart

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, March 6	10:00 AM	Deb Trentman / Shelby Koenig	Donna Berger / Sue Kloeppe