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Epiphany of Our Lord

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The Messenger



The office will be closed December 27th – January 31st in celebration of Christmas and New Year's

The office will be closed Monday, January 17th
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – January 2022

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

As I think about this new year, I am reminded of how our attitudes about all of life impact how we will experience this New Year. The other day, I watched a movie that dealt with the idea of how powerful our thinking is. If we expect bad things to happen, they most likely will. Therefore, when the apostle Paul admonishes us to rejoice in the Lord always, he was way ahead of his time in knowing that where we place our trust is important.

In Philippians 4:4-7 we are told that the Lord is near and that we should not worry about anything, but by prayer and supplication make our requests known to God. When we do this, Paul says that then the peace of God which passes all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. He states this as a fact that God will do this.

Paul's admonition to us is powerful. So many of us let worry rob us of joy and peace. I like to visualize myself putting whatever I am worried about in a large, white bowl that I have in my office. I then visualized lifting that bowl up to give what is in it to God. When I can do this, peace often comes and I can be at rest. The key though, is to not take whatever I gave to God back. That is sometimes hard. But, if I do, I simply visualize giving it back to God again. Some of us may have to do this multiple times.

Another spiritual practice is to pray about a positive word that can be a reminder of how we are to approach life. My mentor, Pastor Melodi Hagen, told me that she has chosen the word, "hope" for this next year. This is a great word, that sets our minds to look for good things. The last few years have been difficult ones and we can all use a little hope that the division that exists among so many people and factions in our society will begin to heal. We can hope that the love of Christ will reign in our hearts so much so that we can be a light and hope to all of the people we encounter. We can hope that the presence of God will impact lives to help us to be generous with our time, money, and service in our church, our communities, and in the world to bring life and goodness.

We ultimately place our hope in God that we will be equipped to lean into God in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. In God is our hope and strength. May we look to this new year with hope and rejoice in the Lord each and every day. May the joy of the Lord overflow in your lives as you lean into 2022 with hope.

Confirmation December 5.

On December 5th, Garrett Trentman, Sam Hasting, Nathan Calvelage, and Landon Calvelage stood before the congregation to affirm their baptisms. Each participated in the service and shared their faith verse and faith statement. The church was full as so many family members came to support and be a part of this important step in the boys' lives. They did a great job and have matured into such fine young men.

I often look for God moments and this day was one in which I saw God at work in the four young men and in all of you as you gathered to pray and support them as they made public confession of their faith. May God continue to be at work in each of us as we grow in faith and seek to support each other on our journeys.

I also want to give a special thank you to Jacquie Fritz who loves teaching Catechism and invests much time and prayer in helping to prepare are our young people to affirm their baptisms.



Change in Treasurer for the Church

I want to write a special thank you to Ryan Trentman who has been the church treasurer for the last 14 years. Ryan is stepping down as the treasurer and we want to thank you, Ryan for your dedication and service to St. Peter Lutheran Church all of these years. May God bless you for your service.

Dan Marlow has been working with Ryan over the past year to enable him to take over this role in 2022. We are appreciative that Dan has been willing to become our treasurer. Please pray for him as he grows into this new role. Thank you, Dan.

Youth Group:

If you are in grades 8-12, you are invited to come and get involved in youth group. We now have our room set up for gathering and for playing ping pong.

In December, the youth group met to share a meal together and to make Christmas cards for some of our elderly and those who have had a rough year with Covid or losing someone they loved.

The youth group will meet at the bowling alley on January 9th from 1:30-3:30 for bowling and pizza. Friends are welcome.

In February, we hope to make cookies and enjoy playing cards.



Sunday School

We have had about 11-13 children in Sunday School each week and we are getting to know each other as we sing and learn about God. We gather at 9:00 am in the parish hall to sing a few songs and pray together. The children and their teachers then go up to class. If you have a child or grandchild that is not currently attending Sunday school, we want to offer the invitation to come and get involved.

The Sunday school choir sang in church on Dec. 19, and they will be singing about every four to six weeks during the school year.

Women's Prayer Group

The women's prayer group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 12:30-2:30 to share life and to pray for those in need. If you have a prayer request that is not to be put on the prayer chain, you may email Vicar Carol at stpetercarolp@gmail.com. You are also welcome to join us in fellowship and prayer.

Office Hours Changed

Beginning in January, Vicar Carol and Lauren will be in the office on Monday and Wednesday mornings. This will better coincide with the time that Lifewise Academy is in session during the second semester of school.

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:

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| Fred Hasting | Navy | Stateside |
| Collin Swick | Navy | Overseas |

General Announcements

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

- Len and Shirley Jarman
- Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ron and Sue Kloepfel
- Christmas Eve Services:
 - Ron and Sue Kloepfel and family in memory of their parents, Melvin and Alma Kloepfel and Orville and Barb Koverman
 - Matt and Carrie Calvelage and family
 - Dave and Linda Mayer

WELCA meeting is Monday, January 10th at 7:00 PM.

Council meeting is Sunday, January 9th 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.

The budget passed unanimously at the congregational meeting on December 5th. Matt Calvelage was approved to be on council for another three-year term.

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!

Breeze makes looking at your giving statement easy. Log on to your account and click on the giving tab and you should see a screen that gives your monthly giving. If you are one who does your taxes early you can easily print off your records. Otherwise, Denise will be sending out your annual giving statement sometime in January.

January Birthdays

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| 4) Ryan Trentman | 24) Alexandria Brown |
| 7) Kaiden Trentman | 24) Colene Davidson |
| 7) Renee Murphy | 26) Robert Freund |
| 12) Alex Redmon | 27) Carrie Kramer Lieurance |
| 12) Sarah Fitch | 29) Sue Apple |
| 16) Carrie Calvelage | 29) Colin Koebel |
| 16) Pam Schleeter | 29) David Mayer |
| 22) Landon Calvelage | 29) Sue Rode |
| 22) Willard Dienstberger | 31) Rolland Klenz |
| 23) Randy Rinehart | 31) Kim Perrin |

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary on Christmas Eve:

- ❁ Rick, Marla, Emily and Kylee Dienstberger – In Memory of Greg Horstman, Judy Horstman, and Terry Dienstberger
- ❁ Margie Evatt – In Memory of my mom, dad, brother and sister
- ❁ Jenn and Matt French – In Honor of our Lord
- ❁ Ron and Sue Kloeppe – In Honor of Aaron and Paige & In Memory of our parents
- ❁ Linda and Dave Mayer – In Honor of our children and grandchildren & In Memory of our parents
- ❁ Susan and Kevin McGue – In Memory of Brad McGue & Bill and Renata Hinton
- ❁ Amy and Larry Miller – In Memory of Elmer and Margene Freund & Bruce Clevenger
- ❁ Sam, Angie, and Sarah Miller – In Memory of Nathan, Mom, Dad and Dan
- ❁ Guggi Mox – In Memory of Herman Mox & Marliese and Paul Perez
- ❁ Randy and Vicki Rinehart – In Honor of our kids and grandchildren & In Memory of parents and Randy's sister, Lana
- ❁ Barbara Shafer – In Memory of Les Shafer
- ❁ Jenny Snipes – In Memory of Tim Snipes & Gene Crawford
- ❁ Dave and Connie Stemen – In Memory of parents Bill and Margaret Stemen & Roy and Kate Tippie
- ❁ Ed and Sandy Talboom – In Honor of our friends and In Memory of our family
- ❁ Melissa and Ryan Trentman – In Honor of Kaiden and Garrett

Servants of the Lord

| Service | Time | Money Counters | Altar Guild |
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| Sunday, January 2 | 10:00 AM | Larry Miller / Rick Dienstberger | Sue Kloeppel / Karen Hartman |

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| Sunday, January 9 | 10:00 AM | Shelby Koenig / Deb Trentman | Sue Kloeppel / Karen Hartman |

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| Sunday, January 16 | 10:00 AM | Shelby Koenig / Deb Trentman | Sue Kloeppel / Karen Hartman |

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| Sunday, January 23 | 10:00 AM | Yvonne Koenig / Rick Dienstberger | Sue Kloeppel / Karen Hartman |

| Service | Time | Money Counters | Altar Guild |
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| Sunday, January 30 | 10:00 AM | Yvonne Koenig / Rick Dienstberger | Sue Kloeppel / Karen Hartman |