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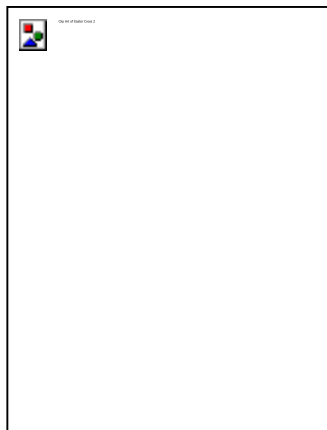
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**May Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

# The Messenger



*Easter Sunday Services* at 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM

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St. Peter Lutheran Church – April 2022

One of the upbeat contemporary songs that I love to listen to is called, “Everything Comes Alive in You.” Have you noticed how the earth is coming alive in these last few weeks? The grass is getting greener and this week I even had daffodils blooming in one of my flower beds. Soon the flowering trees will begin to bloom and the trees will begin to sprout new leaves. We will soon hear the constant sound of lawn mowers as the grass begins to grow voraciously.

God, the creator, is active to wake up the land in this season of spring. God is also active to awaken our hearts to God’s love for us. In a few weeks we will celebrate Easter. What greater love has God shown for us in that he gave his only begotten son to be mocked, beaten and tried as a common criminal. But that is not the end of the story.

On Palm Sunday we will celebrate Jesus’ riding into Jerusalem with people shouting Hosanna and then read about the Passion of Christ as he is falsely accused, mocked, beaten, tried and crucified on a cross. This was no small act. It was a great act of love on the part of God the Father as well as Jesus the son. What parents would ever want to see their child suffer such ridicule and cruelty. Yet through the will of the Father, Jesus willingly went to the cross to create something new..... a new way to be reconciled to God.

It is God in Jesus who makes all things new. It is God who makes us and it is God who through the Holy Spirit softens our hearts to want to draw close to God. We believe that our salvation is a gift from God because of what Jesus did for us. Jesus’ death on the cross was not the end of the story and because of Easter we have hope in the resurrection.

We love the joy of celebrating Easter, but the Lenten journey of Holy Week is often something that people fail to be a part of because understanding the pain of what Jesus experienced for us is hard to hear. But hearing the full story of what Jesus did to allow Easter to occur is important.

We start off with Palm Sunday and then on Maundy Thursday, we have the opportunity to hear Jesus’ call to be servants of each other. We strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday. This service is important to recognize the suffering and sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

Because Holy Week is so important in our faith journey, I encourage you to set aside the time to attend Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Then come in joy to celebrate Easter. I’ll be looking for you.

Love,

Vicar Carol

## **Everything Comes Alive on Easter!**

7:30 Sunrise Service

8:15ish Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall

After Breakfast - Easter Egg hunt for the children

10:00 Easter Service

\*Note: Easter will be the first Sunday we have people come forward to receive communion. You will still have the choice to pick up the elements at the back of the sanctuary if you are not comfortable coming forward.

### **Other Bits of This and That:**

#### Youth Group:

We will meet on April 10 at 1:30 pm to fill the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. We will have a devotional and if time we will play some games.

Congratulations to Kaiden who is now the current ping pong tournament champ.

#### Catechism:

The students and Vicar Carol will go on a retreat with other area catechism students at Maria Stein on April 1-3. The focus will be on meeting Jesus in different ways of praying. There will be time for crafts, a nature hike, a campfire with smores, games and various sessions on prayer. Please pray for us to experience prayer in a new way.

**No catechism on Easter Sunday. Instead, we will meet on April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

#### Sunday School Choir:

The children did a great job singing on March 20<sup>th</sup>. They sang *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, Kids of the Kingdom and Love, I'll Love*.

**They will sing again on April 24.**

#### First Communion Class:

First communion classes will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> to prepare students in fourth grade and higher who have not had instruction on first communion. We will learn about this important sacrament as well as the Passover that occurred when the angel of death came to strike down the first born of those in Egypt. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will make communion bread and use that bread for communion on April 24<sup>th</sup> as the children then make their first communion.

#### Vision Team:

The Vision Team will meet on April 25 from 7:00-8:30 pm. This is a new group that will be discerning our vision for moving forward to follow the commands of Jesus as we navigate this new time in the church. This committee is made up of a diverse group of people in the church, those who have deep family roots and those who are young and newer to our church.

Developing a vision and mission for the future will involve all of us though. We will be developing some questions to ask you to gain as much feedback from everyone as possible. We ask for your prayer that God will give us discernment as we seek God in developing our vision and mission. Once this is done we will need to develop a strategic plan to help us begin to live out our vision and mission. This is an exciting time.

The following people have agreed to participate on the Vision Team; Vicar Carol, Donna Berger, Dave Stemen, Marjean Warren, Shelby Koenig, Karen Hartman, Ron Kloeppel, Lauren Trentman, Sue Rode, Kaiden Trentman, Troy Cavelage, Garrett Trentman, and Matt Weitzel.

#### Prayer Group:

Our ladies prayer group meets the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month from 12:30-2:30. This has been an important time to fellowship and pray for each other and others in the community. We are beginning a short Bible study as well on the book, *One Thousand Gifts*.

#### Lifewise Update:

The students, teachers and volunteers continue to be excited about Lifewise. The children come with so much energy and seem to be soaking up the stories they are learning. One of the outcomes that we are hearing is that the children have been kind and open to helping each other. It was reported that when one of the students got hurt on the playground, that some of them gathered around that person to pray for him/her. That is powerful. We rejoice in the work that God is doing.

It looks like there is a strong possibility that the programing may expand to be offered to other grades. Fifth and sixth graders will have the opportunity to participate, at one of the churches that is nearer to the middle school. If the programing expands to kindergarten, that grade would still be housed at St. Peter.

Please keep Lifewise in your prayers.

#### Breeze:

Breeze is our giving management system. Once we have your email, you can be inputted into the system and will have the ability to give online should you have a need. You can track your giving when you log in to the system. There is also a calendar and a way to do group contacts through email. If you have not received an invitation to create your own online account, please let Lauren know and she can send you an invitation.

# 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 March by:

- Len and Shirley Jarman
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Norma Koenig in celebration of Deb, Aaron, and Roy's birthdays
- Ron and Sue Kloepfel in memory of Alma Kloepfel and in honor of Lois Ewing on her birthday.

**WELCA meeting** is Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Altar Guild meeting** is Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**Council meeting** is Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> after church.

**Catechism Retreat Camp** is April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Maria Stein.

**First Communion** is Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School Choir** is singing in church on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Vision Team meeting** is Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

**Easter Sunday services** will be at 7:30 AM for sunrise service and a pancake & sausage breakfast to follow at 8:30 AM in the Parish Hall along with an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids after. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter service will begin at 10:00 AM.

**The Radio Ministry** for 2022 has a lot of openings for sponsors. The cost of sponsoring a Sunday is \$45.00. You can sign up in the red book at the back of church or call into the office or email [stpeterdelphos@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterdelphos@gmail.com) to sign up. Please mark your offering envelope “Radio Ministry” when you pay for your sponsored week or you can put “Radio Ministry” in the memo line if paying by check. Thank you for your support!

**Ushers and acolytes are needed** starting Easter Sunday and moving forward. Please sign up at the back of church in the red book under “Ushers and Acolytes” -call the office or email Lauren at [stpeterdelphos@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterdelphos@gmail.com) to sign up for a Sunday service.

### April Birthdays

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| 1) Cindy Weitzel      | 15) Nicholas Fitch    |
| 2) Barbara Shafer     | 17) Carol Metzger     |
| 2) Dianna Allemeier   | 18) Charlotte Koebel  |
| 2) Vicki Kramer       | 22) Virginia Klenz    |
| 3) Douglas Fitch      | 23) Evan Lieurance    |
| 3) Robert Kloepfel    | 26) Rodney Klenz      |
| 5) Larry Keipper      | 26) Brandi Taylor     |
| 5) Vicki Rinehart     | 28) Laura Peters      |
| 7) Lynn Koenig        | 28) Jason Simon       |
| 11) Toni Wisher       | 29) Michael Schleeter |
| 14) Matthew Calvelage |                       |
| 15) Richard Wreede    |                       |

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

Apr 1 Psalm 91	Apr 9 Psalm 99	Apr 17 Psalm 107	Apr 25 Psalm 115
Apr 2 Psalm 92	Apr 10 Psalm 100	Apr 18 Psalm 108	Apr 26 Psalm 116
Apr 3 Psalm 93	Apr 11 Psalm 101	Apr 19 Psalm 109	Apr 27 Psalm 117
Apr 4 Psalm 94	Apr 12 Psalm 102	Apr 20 Psalm 110	Apr 28 Psalm 118
Apr 5 Psalm 95	Apr 13 Psalm 103	Apr 21 Psalm 111	Apr 29 Psalm
Apr 6 Psalm 96	Apr 14 Psalm 104	Apr 22 Psalm 112	119 1-88
Apr 7 Psalm 97	Apr 15 Psalm 105	Apr 23 Psalm 113	Apr 30 Psalm
Apr 8 Psalm 98	Apr 16 Psalm 106	Apr 24 Psalm 114	119:89-17

# Servants of the Lord

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, April 3	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman / Karen Hartman	Donna Berger / Karen Hartman

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Sunday, April 10	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman / Karen Hartman	Donna Berger / Karen Hartman

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, April 17 <i>Easter Sunday Sunrise Service</i>	7:30 AM	Shelby Koenig / Sue Kloepfel	Donna Berger / Karen Hartman
Acolytes	Communion	Usher	Usher
Jacob Trentman	Kaiden Trentman	Alan Trentman	Aaron Trentman

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, April 17 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10:00 AM	Shelby Koenig / Sue Kloepfel	Donna Berger / Karen Hartman
Acolytes	Communion	Usher	Usher
Maliya Hershberger Lexi Cheney	Ron Kloepfel	Volunteers	Volunteers

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, April 24 <i>First Communion</i>	10:00 AM	Shelby Koenig / Sue Kloepfel	Donna Berger / Karen Hartman
Acolytes	Communion	Usher	Usher
Jacob Trentman	Alan Trentman	Ryan Trentman	Kaiden Trentman

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, May 1	10:00 AM	Rick Dienstberger / Ryan Trentman	Donna Berger / Sue Kloepfel
Acolytes	Communion	Usher	Usher
Maliya Hershberger	Shelby Koenig	Ron Kloepfel	Sue Kloepfel

