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Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

April Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, March 20, 2022

The Messenger



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour

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St. Peter Lutheran Church – March 2022

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

It is hard to believe that the season of Lent is upon us. I would like to invite you to come to Ash Wednesday on March 2, and to participate in our Lenten fellowship times during the following Wednesdays in Lent. At one point in my journey of faith, I really struggled with the season of Lent because I thought that this was a time to be sad and very serious about Jesus' journey to the cross. I tend to be more joyful in outlook so Lent was hard for me.

But, through the years, as I have participated in the Lenten fellowship opportunities I have encountered deep and meaningful experiences that have made Lent one of my favorite church seasons. I love some of the hymns in which we call on God to listen to our prayers and to connect with us in special ways. I love the opportunities to gather to share our life and faith together.

This year I would like to invite people to share informally how their faith has been enriched as they have journeyed in faith at St. Peter Lutheran Church. What is it that makes St. Peter special to you? How has God met you on your journey? I will ask some questions to which the group can respond informally. If any of you would like to take 2-5 minutes to share, you will also be welcome to do that. We will study some scriptures on the body of Christ, as I want to focus on what it means to be the body of Christ together in Delphos and in the world. Please consider coming at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent. We will meet in the parish hall although the Ash Wednesday service will be in the sanctuary.

Over the course of this next year, we will begin the process to clarify the vision for our church. As the church made major changes with Martin Luther during the Reformation, we are now in a different season of change in the church at large. It is important for us to seek God as we move forward to be the people of God at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. After we gain a clearer picture of what our vision is for this new time in the church, we will need to revisit our mission statement.

The current mission statement of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church is... "To grow in faith so we may spread the Gospel and the Lutheran faith."

Please prayerfully consider making the commitment to attend the Lenten fellowship times to listen to people's stories of how the church has impacted their lives and to allow your voice to be heard. We are the body of Christ together and each one of us is important in this body of Christ. If you normally give something up during Lent, I would request that you give up staying at home on Wednesday evenings and join us on our Lenten journey of faith and sharing of what it means to be the body of Christ together at St. Peter.

Changes in Worship:

Due to the decrease in the number of Covid cases, we are planning to go back to singing now. People are welcome to wear a mask or not. We will make Easter Sunday a time celebration like in prior years. We will have the 7:30 AM Sunrise Service, followed by Easter Breakfast in the parish hall. We will have an Easter Egg hunt for the children which will be followed by the 10:00 AM Service.

This will be the first time then that we will give people the choice to come up to take communion from Vicar Carol and the communion assistant or to take communion using the pre-packaged elements at your seat. We will have ushers and an acolyte.

Youth Group:

The youth group met on February 13. After a sharing in devotions, the group went up to the youth room for a rousing ping pong tournament. Congratulations to Garrett for his amazing play to come out victorious. There was also time for us to enjoy a fun game of spoons. The youth group will meet again on March 13 from 1:30 -3:30pm. Youth are welcome to invite friends to join us.

Catechism:

Vicar Carol and the catechism students are excited to join other catechism students for a retreat at Maria Stein the weekend of April 1-3. The students will leave after school and return Sunday morning around 11:00am. Pastor Steve will Nelson lead worship on April 3, since Vicar Carol will be with the catechism students. The theme for the weekend retreat will be “Jesus, teach us to pray.”

Sunday School Choir:

The Sunday school choir will sing again, Sunday, March 20.

Facebook Live:

We are in the process of updating some of our equipment for our Facebook Live and our sound system. We are purchasing a camera with a 30X zoom so Vicar Carol and those helping to lead worship are not so far away. We are also getting a new laptop with a higher processing speed as well as a new mixer board for the sound system. This may take a few weeks to get everything up and running, but we are excited with the anticipated changes this will allow in bringing the service to you in your homes. (Of course, we still love to have you worship with us in person when you are able.)

We are able to take attendance through Facebook Live and so if you would please post a comment or like with the number of people in your household who participated in the service through Facebook Live, this would help us to; have a more accurate attendance of those who worshipped with us on a given Sunday.

Vicar Carol's Candidacy, School and Ordination:

In March, I will begin my last semester of classes by taking Systematic Theology 1 and 2. The next several months will be very important as I complete internship, write final candidacy committee essays, meet with the candidacy committee from Ohio, and have the final Competency Assessment Panel meeting with Dr. Moses Penumaka from PLTS, Cheryl Sondergeld from the NWOS, and Cherlyne Beck who is from the National Office of the ELCA, in these final steps to be approved for ordination. I would ask for your prayers that things go smoothly.

Right now, a date has been set with Bishop Beaudoin to have an ordination service at St. Mark's in Wapakoneta on a Saturday, August 20, at 5:00 PM. I am hoping that this will be a joint service between St. Mark's and St. Peter and that we will have quite a celebration. There is a possibility that my installation as pastor for St. Peter can be done at the same time. One of the reasons to have the ordination at St. Mark's is that it is air conditioned and it is considered my home church. Once I am ordained and installed, St. Peter will become my home congregation. Doug and I will host some sort of reception following the service and you will all be invited. I am hoping that you can mark your calendars for this very momentous time in my life to become Pastor Carol for you.

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 February by:

- Ron and Sue Kloeppe and family
- The members at St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Bob and Deb Trentman in memory of Ted Koenig

WELCA meeting is Monday, March 14th at 7:00 PM.

Council meeting is Sunday, March 13th after church.

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 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” or call the office or email Lauren at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com to sign up for a Sunday service.

March Birthdays

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| 4) Georgia Mayer | 19) Nicole Wortman |
| 5) Eric Fritz | 19) Braytan Kruse |
| 5) Natalie Mox | 21) Deanna Hoehn |
| 9) Linda Mayer | 21) Aaron Trentman |
| 10) Kristin Koebel | 23) Russell Klenz |
| 10) Kyle Kramer | 23) Tony Luke |
| 10) Kathy Watkins | 24) Carl Mox |
| 13) Andrew Hoehn | 24) Deb Trentman |
| 14) Bobbie Jo Elling | 24) Jeremy LaRue |
| 15) Chris Prine | 24) Roy Trentman |
| 15) Julie Fitch | 24) Kenneth Metzger |
| 16) Jacquie Fritz | 26) Nathan Staples |
| 16) Megan Marlow | 31) Ryan Kloeppe |

2022 Daily Bible Reading Guide

Mar 1 Psalm 60	Mar 9 Psalm 68	Mar 17 Psalm 76	Mar 25 Psalm 84
Mar 2 Psalm 61	Mar 10 Psalm 69	Mar 18 Psalm 77	Mar 26 Psalm 85
Mar 3 Psalm 62	Mar 11 Psalm 70	Mar 19 Psalm 78	Mar 27 Psalm 86
Mar 4 Psalm 63	Mar 12 Psalm 71	Mar 20 Psalm 79	Mar 28 Psalm 87
Mar 5 Psalm 64	Mar 13 Psalm 72	Mar 21 Psalm 80	Mar 29 Psalm 88
Mar 6 Psalm 65	Mar 14 Psalm 73	Mar 22 Psalm 81	Mar 30 Psalm 89
Mar 7 Psalm 66	Mar 15 Psalm 74	Mar 23 Psalm 82	Mar 31 Psalm 90
Mar 8 Psalm 67	Mar 16 Psalm 75	Mar 24 Psalm 83	

Servants of the Lord

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

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Sunday, March 13	10:00 AM	Deb Trentman / Shelby Koenig	Donna Berger / Sue Kloepfel

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, March 20	10:00 AM	Ryan Trentman / Lois Ewing	Donna Berger / Sue Kloepfel

Service	Time	Money Counters	Altar Guild
Sunday, March 27	10:00 AM	Ryan Trentman / Lois Ewing	Donna Berger / Sue Kloepfel

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