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A Little Bit of This and That for May 2022

Can you feel it? Can you see it? Everything is coming alive as spring finally makes its appearance. Across the lake from my house are six large flowering pear trees. With their branches extending upward I marvel at their beauty as the white flowers sway in the breeze. The grass is lush and green. I hear the birds sing and I am so thankful to live in Ohio, where we have the joy of experiencing the wonder of spring after the long winter. There are at least four geese sitting on nests around the lake and I am in awe of mother nature. The female geese remain steadfast to sit on their nests, even when weeks earlier the winds blew, and the temperature dipped below freezing. I await the day when I will see the goslings obediently following their parents as they venture forth from their nests.

Yes, I am in awe of God's creation. Someone asked me how one comes to know there is a God if there is no one to tell them about Jesus. It is on days like today when the sun warms the earth, and everything comes alive that I more fully understand how God's creation points to the majesty of God. The beauty cannot just happen by chance. We have a creator God with a well thought plan. Joy bubbles up inside and I am happy.

I am also so happy to be serving all of you at St. Peter. I have been so excited to see you in worship and to get back to "normal". I love working with the children and seeing faith blossom. I love sharing life and faith with you. There is a feeling of excitement at St. Peter as we look to the future. God is good and God is faithful.

As we move forward, we will be revisiting our mission statement and begin to gain a vision for moving. One of the major concepts that I studied last semester is that we are to be God's hands to fulfil God's mission. It is easy to get caught up in what we want, but it is important for us all to be discerning what is God's mission for the church. To do this, we need to be attentive to listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit as we discern God's mission for us. In the coming months the discernment team will begin to meet to pray together and share our strengths and our growing edges. We need to have everyone praying for this process and sharing thoughts.

On Monday, April 25, the vision team focused on what we do well. We felt good about the many positive ways we work together as the body of Christ. This month, we will begin to look at our growing edges. Ultimately, we want to discern how we are to continue to be God's hands in action.

This is an exciting time in the church. I hope that you will join us in praying for discernment and help us all to recognize the gifts God has given us to be his hands in action so that like the vibrant and alive pear trees we might shine forth God's love and glory to others.

Sunday School News:

May 1st will be our last day of Sunday School for this school year. Come and celebrate with the children. Also, a big thank you to the children for singing new songs of faith. My prayer is that the songs will always help you to know that you are loved by God. A special thank you to the teachers this year; Dave Stemen, Lauren Trentman, Samantha Rode, Carrie Cavelage, Ron Kloeppe, Jennifer Trentman, and Patty Calvert.

First Communion:

Jaxon Prine, Noah Cheney, and Owen French took their First Communion on April 24th. The boys met with Vicar Carol for instruction and even made the communion bread for their special service. May God bless the boys as they continue to receive communion. May they always know the love and grace of Jesus that comes to us in this very special meal.

Graduates:

We will plan to recognize our graduates of high school, college, and post college work on May 22nd. I will ask you two questions; What is a favorite memory and what do you plan to do now that you are graduating. This year we have Troy Cavelage and Jessie Cavelage graduating from Fort Jennings and Vantage and Maddie Weitzel graduating from Jefferson High School. Shelby Koenig is graduating from graduate school from Bluffton. I will also be graduating from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Facebook Live Needs You:

We need some volunteers to run Facebook live during our worship services. The directions are quite simple to start the program. We need someone to click the camera settings to point the camera to different places up front during the service. If you can click a button, you can do this. A person needs to be in high school or older to help with this. Rick Dienstberger will train you and this should only take about five minutes. Please consider helping out with this important ministry.

Summer Changes:

The Wednesday before Memorial Day weekend will be our first lawn chair service out behind the courtyard. The service begins at 7:00 PM and is casual. Please note that the church times for Sunday change to 9:00 AM on Memorial Day weekend and will run through Labor Day weekend.

Internship Committee Meeting:

The last meeting will be the third Tuesday in May at 6:30pm. A special thank you to Pastor Steve Nelson, Donna Berger, Dave Stemen, Jacquie Fritz, and Marjean Warren for serving on this team.

Youth Group:

The youth group met in April to fill the Easter eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. We then had fun playing Pictionary. This month we will meet May 8th to go to get ice cream and come back to fellowship and or possibly make communion bread.

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
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

General Announcements

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

- Randy and Vicki Rinehart
- Norma Koenig
- Himmeger Family

WELCA meeting is Monday, May 9th at 7:00 PM.

Altar Guild meeting is Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Council meeting is Sunday, May 8th after church.

The flowers on the altar were given Easter Sunday by Altar Guild in celebration of our risen Lord. Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who gave a donation for the flowers on Easter. Thank you for helping us to beautify the altar during this special day.

Graduates: If you have a college student that is graduating, please contact the office by May 9th. Celebrating with our high school and college graduates will be May 22 at the 10:00 AM worship service. It is difficult to know when a college student is graduating as various degrees have different timeframes and requirements.

The Radio Ministry for 2022 has 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”, call the office, or email Lauren at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com to sign up for a Sunday service. Thank you!

May Birthdays

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| 1) Ashley Morrow | 11) Kathy Nighswander | 21) Matt Kimmett |
| 2) Michelle Stemen | 13) Jane Clevenger | 21) Maliya Hershberger |
| 2) Kristie Turner | 13) Sandy Wilhelm | 22) Linda Gorman |
| 3) Kevin Brinkman | 13) Steve Schleeter | 22) Evelyn Kloeppe |
| 3) Lillyan Ketcham | 15) McKynlie Mox | 23) Shelly Hasting |
| 4) Hayden Brown | 18) Sarah Miller | 24) Kevin Pierner |
| 5) Matthew Turner | 17) Ace Pierner | 25) John Theis, Jr. |
| 5) Kathryn Wortman | 17) Roger Calvert | 27) Chuck Peters |
| 7) Pam Carder | 18) Karen Davis | 30) Vicki Gossman |
| 10) Matt Mayer | 19) Ryan Rinehart | 30) Bessie Turner |

2022 Daily Bible Reading Guide

May 1 Psalm 120	May 9 Psalm 128	May 17 Psalm 136	May 25 Psalm 144
May 2 Psalm 121	May 10 Psalm 129	May 18 Psalm 137	May 26 Psalm 145
May 3 Psalm 122	May 11 Psalm 130	May 19 Psalm 138	May 27 Psalm 146
May 4 Psalm 123	May 12 Psalm 131	May 20 Psalm 139	May 28 Psalm 147
May 5 Psalm 124	May 13 Psalm 132	May 21 Psalm 140	May 29 Psalm 148
May 6 Psalm 125	May 14 Psalm 133	May 22 Psalm 141	May 30 Psalm 149
May 7 Psalm 126	May 15 Psalm 134	May 23 Psalm 142	May 31 Psalm 150
May 8 Psalm 127	May 16 Psalm 135	May 24 Psalm 143	

