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The Messenger



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The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – July & August 2022

A Little Bit of This and That for Summer...

Have any of you ever run a race? I am not a runner. In fact, when Doug and I were seniors at Ohio University, we signed up for a jogging class. Doug would walk to my apartment and then we would jog across campus to sign in to our class. We would then walk back to my apartment. Even at that young we recognized that we were not cut out for long distance running. My knees would begin to ache and I would become easily winded. Even in high school, I was not a runner. I played fullback in Field Hockey so I did not have to run the whole field. No, I am not a runner. But then again, maybe I am.

Last week I crossed the finish line to complete my last class needed on my journey in preparation to become a pastor in the ELCA. The race took time and energy. There were times when I became tired and yet pressed on. But like a runner who has run a long race, I felt a sense of joy and elation as I finished the race.

All of us run races of one kind or another. Each of our races bring different challenges and victories in our lives. How we run the race set before us is important.

One of the important things that I have been sitting with this week is the importance of our Baptism as a starting point in our race or journey of faith. Baptism is all about what God does for us. It is God who cleanses us in the water and claims us as a child of God. Baptisms are done in the context of our church services because when we are baptized we are baptized into the family of God. As a congregation, we pledge to support the “runner” on his/her journey of faith. Parents and sponsors pledge to raise the new runner in the faith, to be active in worship and to help the runner grow strong running legs for faith.

As I sat in class this last time, I became even more aware of the importance of Baptism as the entry into the family of God. Many churches place the baptismal font at the entrance to help believers remember this important point as they enter the church. We gather as children of God, grateful to Jesus who justifies us through his work. Baptism is not about what we do, but it is about what God does for us. Even our faith is a gift from God.

On August 20, I will be ordained and then installed as your pastor the following morning. The council will be inviting you to participate in a congregational vote sometime in the near future to allow my ordination and installation to occur. I celebrate that you will have run the race with me to help me grow in the skills to become your pastor. As I am ordained and installed we will begin to run a new race together.

I will commit to journeying with you as we run the race we are called to run as a congregation in Delphos and the tri-county area. Even now the vision team is beginning to envision a new mission statement that will help to guide us on this journey. As we enter this new time in ministry, I am thankful to so many of you who have been faithful to run the race as members of St. Peter. I am also thankful for those of you who have supported the ministry through your prayers and other means of support.

One of the things that has happened during the pandemic is that people have become very happy to worship at home using media. I want to invite you to come back to worship with us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm or Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. As a body, we struggle to run the race when parts of our body are missing. You are all important in the ministry of the church. We are meant to live out our faith in community and run the race together. As you pass the baton to me to lead as your pastor, I know that we can accomplish much more as a team that runs together to fulfill the mission that God is calling us to do. May God bless you as you run the race and may we be encouraged with Paul's words to the Hebrews 12:1, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us” (NRVSUE). Amen.

Grace be with you!

Vicar Carol

Congregational Meeting Needed to “Call” Vicar Carol to become the Pastor for us at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church:

The council will meet on July 13th to approve a call package for Vicar Carol in order to then call for a congregational meeting on July 31st to approve of the call package and vote to call Vicar Carol to become your pastor. Please note that the call to ministry is affirmed with an **inward call** which is based on Vicar Carol's discernment of the call to be ordained, and an **outward call** which is affirmed by that of the candidacy process of approval and your vote as a congregation to call her as pastor. The congregational vote to call Vicar Carol to serve as your pastor is an important step in the process leading to ordination. Please mark your calendar for July 31st to make time to worship and then be present for the congregational meeting.

Provided that the congregation votes to call Vicar Carol as their pastor, the following in an invitation for her ordination and installation services.

Ordination and Installation Services:

You are invited to attend the ordination service of Vicar Carol on August 20, at 5:00 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 302 E. Pearl Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

The sanctuary is air conditioned, but the community room is not. Therefore, you are invited to come back to Doug and Carol's home for a light supper. The address is 11659 Glynwood Road. We will be inside and outside and so if some of you want to bring a lawn chair, that would be appreciated. (Also, there is a lake for fishing (catch and release), so if some of you want to bring your fishing poles that is acceptable.)

This will be an opportunity to meet some of the Synod staff as well as some of the congregational members of St. Marks. All are welcome.

On Sunday morning, August 21, Deacon Sherry Krieger, Assistant to the Bishop, will be installing Carol as Pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church. A light reception will be held following the service.

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

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 June by:

- Mark and Linda Downey in honor of Callie Tyler's 12th birthday; granddaughter of Mark and Linda Downey.
- Norma Koenig in celebration of her family's birthdays this month.
- Ron and Sue Kloepfel & family in honor of Aaron's 21st birthday and in honor of Ron on Father's Day & in memory of Melvin Kloepfel.
- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig.

The flowers on the altar in June:

- Given to the glory of God with love by Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of their son in law, Mike, and their daughters Stephanie and Shelby's birthdays.
- Given in memory of Michael Wortman for his birthday on June 15th by his mother - Rose Hager, wife - Holly, and sister and brothers - William Wortman, Robert Wortman, Mark Wortman, and Richard Hager, and Ann Pepiot.

Geraniums for Pentecost, Given by:

- Lois Ewing: In memory of Melvin & Alma Kloepfel and James & Veneda Ewing.
- Dave and Linda Mayer: In honor of our children & grandchildren.
- Ron and Sue Kloepfel: In honor of our children, Aaron & Paige. In memory of Melvin & Alma Kloepfel.
- Dave and Connie Stemen: In honor of our sons and daughter in laws.
- Randy and Vicki Rinehart: In honor of our kids and grandchildren. In memory of our parents and sister.
- Nick and Kathy Radebaugh: In honor of our children & grandchildren.
- Larry and Amy Miller: In memory of Elmer & Margene Freund.
- Sam, Angie and Sarah Miller: In memory of Nathan, Vern, Jane, and Dan.

There are no WELCA Meetings scheduled for July and August.

There will be no Altar Guild meetings for July and August.

Council meeting is Wednesday, July 13th after church and Wednesday, August 10th after church.

The Radio Ministry for 2022 has a few openings left for sponsors the last half of the year. 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. 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!

Save the date for Delphos Community Vacation Bible School: July 17th - July 21st, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM at the Trinity Family Life Center for any child(ren) in preschool (potty trained) - 4th grade. Registration will be online this year where you can find the link on our Facebook page - St Peter Delphos.

The Vision Team:

The vision team has been hard at work to begin the work of crafting a mission statement for our church for the future. A mission statement is meant to be short so that everyone can memorize and know what it is. The mission statement is meant to be a statement that helps us share our vision of who we are to others as well as to give us a framework for ministry.

The vision team has come up with three possible statements and we would like to share them with you to gain your feedback. We are placing them in the newsletter as well as our bulletins to provide an opportunity to gain feedback from you.

We would like to be able to have the congregation approve one of these at our next congregational meeting.

Our motto that would be: Growing in faith and service

The following statements are possible new mission statements for our church.

† The mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church is to be a pillar of hope, love, and faith in Jesus as we journey together to be servant leaders

or

† The mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church is to be a pillar of hope as servant leaders as we journey together as followers of Jesus

or

† The mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others

July Birthdays

2) Melissa Trentman
4) Madeline Weitzel
5) Jonathan Staples
8) Joshua Miller
11) Landon Munshower
13) Adalie Cope
15) Maya Cuellar

17) Dave Stemen
18) Bruce Perrin
19) Derek Daulbaugh
19) Amy Miller
19) Talan Siefker
22) Sue Kloepfel
22) John Theis Sr.

23) Jesse Calvelage
24) Tina Himmeger
28) Kylee Dienstberger
28) Don Stemen
31) Sydney Hoehn

August Birthdays

2) Cindy Finn
4) Kenneth Kloepfel
4) Yvonne Koenig
4) Randy Apple
7) Norma Koenig
15) Adrian Kimmett
17) Ross Trentman

17) Kathy Vorst
19) Donna Berger
19) Amanda Vorst
19) Deanna Perrin
19) Sam Miller
23) Rose Hager
24) Linda Stockwell

25) Greg Dienstberger
26) Troy Calvelage
28) Scott Brinkman
30) Seth Brinkman

2022 NWOS Bishop Election Results

On Friday June 3, 2022 Bishop Daniel Beaudoin was re-elected to a six-year term as the bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

We give thanks to God for the prayerful discernment of the gathered assembly, and for Bishop Daniel's willingness to answer God's call!



Bishop Daniel was installed on July 23, 2016, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bowling Green, Ohio. He is married to Rachel, and they are blessed with three children: Joshua, Elijah, and Hannah, and two daughters-in-law: Michelle and Chelsie. They are smitten with their grandchildren, George, Homer, and Evelyn.

Bishop Daniel served as the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Stony Ridge from 2004-2016. He served as the pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon, Ohio from 1996-2004. From 2013-2015, he served as the Dean of the North Central Conference.

Bishop Daniel earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, a Master of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and a Master of Arts in Medieval History from the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

Bishop Beaudoin enjoys running with the Toledo Roadrunner's Club, reading good books, studying Scripture, and eating Mediterranean food.