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

On May 16th, I flew home from Florida as I had spent five days working to look at assisted living and memory units to help my mother who will be 94 in June. This was very hard as my mother still thinks that she is okay to stay in her home. As I spent time with her, I heard her tell people that she three life ways of being that are to walk, eat right, and to always keep her loving spirit.

I think those goals are wise and have served her well as she has no physical health issues. But foremost in her wisdom of living almost 94 years, she has learned to make positive connections with people. She gets excited when she meets someone new and is not shy about asking questions to get to know the person. She acts out of love and interest and people seem to respond in kind.

On my last evening in Florida, two young women offered to take a group picture of the five of us (my sister and her husband, my twin brother, my mother, and me) when we stepped onto the beach at Honeymoon Island to watch the sunset. We spent about 30 minutes talking and sharing with the two women and the connection was precious. One of the young women who was especially gregarious just “loved” on my mother. She took her hands in hers and they talked, shared about who they were, and even sang together. It was a happy time.

As we toured several facilities, I was impacted by how caring the staff were. They loved helping those in their twilight years and the light of Christ shone forth. We are told in regards to which commandments are the greatest that Jesus replied this way in Mark 12:29-31.

“The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (NRSV 1989)

I saw people living this out as we toured the possible places for my mother and I saw it in her neighbors who have watched out for her and just loved her. I saw it in a friend, Pat, who picks her up and takes her to sit on the dock at Safety Harbor to enjoy conversation with others and to watch the wildlife. Actions of love go a long way to help all of us on our journeys and in my time in Florida, these gave me a sense of peace about needing to move my mother to a place to receive more care and support. I am so thankful for those who have come alongside my mother to help her and for those who will use their gifts to help her in her new residence.

We have the love of Christ abiding in us. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us live in love. Sure, there are times when we need to make a stand, but mostly, we are called to love and care for each other. This is wisdom. Love trumps hate. Small acts of kindness can go a long way.

As we are now bombarded by news stories of shootings and war, let us all choose to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in actions of love to live out the two greatest commandments, and like my mother, let our loving Holy Spirit shine forth to be a beacon of hope and love.

Peace, Vicar Carol

Lifewise Academy:

As the school year came to a close, Lifewise wrapped up a very positive year with the students in grades 1-4. We need to give a big thank you to all of the students for their enthusiasm to learn about God as well as to thank the teachers and volunteers. It was a great year and the students were very excited to participate. One little girl told one of the teachers that she wished that she could give up recess to have more time to learn about God.

Next year, Lifewise is looking to possibly have kindergartners be able to attend at our church building. Also, fifth and sixth graders will have the opportunity to attend Lifewise. The classes for them will be at one of the churches closer to the middle school.

Building:

This summer, we hope to complete the work upstairs by laying new hallway flooring. We also hope to give our restrooms a new look and make them more handicapped assessable. Stay tuned for future updates.

Wednesday Evening Service Option:

We will continue to have our lawn chair Wednesday evening services during the summer. They started on May 25th and run up through the first part of September. All are welcome. This is a little more informal service. When the weather is not conducive to meeting outside, we will meet in the parish hall. The service will start at 7:00PM and run about 30-40 minutes.

Why not ask a friend to come along with you to enjoy worshipping God outdoors.

*****Sunday services moved to 9:00AM on May 29th for the summer. The time will change back to 10:00AM after the Labor Day weekend in September.**

Vision Team Meeting is on June 6th.

There will be a vision team meeting the first Monday in June at 6:00pm. We will continue to look at our strengths and growing edges. We want to work together to discern how God is moving us forward as a body of Christ in ministry. The meeting should last about 90 minutes.

I invite everyone to be praying about how God wants to continue to work in our midst to spread the light and love of Jesus to those around us.

Prayer Group Meetings:

June 8th and June 29th at 1:00-3:00pm. All are welcome. This is a time of fellowship and prayer.

Youth Group:

Youth group is for those entering 8th -12th grade. Come and get involved and bring a friend. June's activity has not yet been decided. The group usually meets the second Sunday of the month from 1:30-3:30pm.

In May the group went for ice cream at The Creamery and then came back to the church and made communion bread to stock the freezer for summer.

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 April by:

- Himmeger Family
- Len Jarman in memory of Shirley Jarman
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

There are no WELCA Meetings scheduled for June, July, and August.

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

Council meeting is Sunday, June 12th after church.

Congratulations to our graduates: May God bless you as you venture forth in life. May you always know and experience the deep love of God. May your faith deepen as you place your trust in God to guide you in all of life. May you have joy and grit to accomplish your dreams. May you always know that you have a home here and that people are praying for you.

High School Graduates:

Troy Calvelage – Son of Matt & Carrie Calvelage
Jesse Calvelage– Son of Brian & Heidi Calvelage
Colin Koebel – Grandson of Dave & Linda Mayer
Evan Lieurance – Grandson of Dan & Vicki Kramer
Barbara Cross – Great Niece of Ed & Jacquie Fritz
Maddi Weitzel – Daughter of Kevin & Cindy Weitzel

Graduate School:

Shelby Koenig – MBA from Bluffton University

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. 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!

We will be combining the July and August Newsletters to come out in July. If you have information that needs to be shared for July or August, please get that information to Lauren by June 20th. 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, and more information is coming soon via both churches and social media. If you can assist in any way for VBS, please contact Carrie Calvelage at 419.233.4561 to sign up for a volunteer position.

June Birthdays

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| 2) Lauren French | 20) Mellie Stemen | 25) Judy Staples |
| 5) Larry Miller | 21) Elijah Kimmitt | 26) Jordan Vorst |
| 8) Jennifer Trentman | 21) Dominic Munoz | 27) Lauren Trentman |
| 9) Dan Kramer | 21) Lexi Pierner | 28) Barbara Cross |
| 14) Anna Fitch | 23) Landon Morrow | 29) James Hasting |
| 15) Michael Wortman | 24) Stephanie Koenig | 30) Tyler Miller |
| 16) Aaron Kloepfel | 24) Shelby Koenig | 30) Matthew Weitzel |

2022 Daily Bible Reading Guide

June 1 Isaiah 1	June 9 Isaiah 9	June 17 Isaiah 17	June 25 Isaiah 25
June 2 Isaiah 2	June 10 Isaiah 10	June 18 Isaiah 18	June 26 Isaiah 26
June 3 Isaiah 3	June 11 Isaiah 11	June 19 Isaiah 19	June 27 Isaiah 27
June 4 Isaiah 4	June 12 Isaiah 12	June 20 Isaiah 20	June 28 Isaiah 28
June 5 Isaiah 5	June 13 Isaiah 13	June 21 Isaiah 21	June 29 Isaiah 29
June 6 Isaiah 6	June 14 Isaiah 14	June 22 Isaiah 22	June 30 Isaiah 30
June 7 Isaiah 7	June 15 Isaiah 15	June 23 Isaiah 23	
June 8 Isaiah 8	June 16 Isaiah 16	June 24 Isaiah 24	

