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The Messenger



Columbus Day is Monday, October 10th

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St. Peter Lutheran Church – October 2022

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

I spent a week in Maine on vacation and had time to relax and soak in the beautiful country of Maine. The air was crisp and the nights got down in the high 40's and low 50's, and oh how I relished the cooler temperatures after leaving our hot muggy Ohio. So, imagine my joy (along with many others) when the air began to cool, and the humidity left, and the feeling of Fall in Ohio was in the air.

I have always loved the Fall, when the weather changes and the leaves come to life with color, I am always hopeful that this time will stick around for a while. There is something about the glory of God's creation that occurs when driving along the roads and seeing the sun radiate off the vibrant colors. It is beautiful.

There is another reason that I love the Fall and that is that Fall is a time to reset our routines. We have had the summer to maybe vacation and or camp. At times life can seem even more hectic during those summer months. Although I loved the opportunity to have worship opportunities on Wednesday evenings to allow people to camp or go to their summer places on the weekend, I must admit that I have missed worshipping all together as one body of Christ on Sunday mornings. There is something that is just so special about being able to worship together. I have also missed singing with the children at the start of Sunday school and hearing their joyful exuberance as they enter the church. I can hardly wait for October 9, to come to celebrate being together.

On Sunday, October 9th, we will be celebrating the Fall restarting of having Sunday school at 9:00 am and worship at 10:00am. We are wanting this Sunday to be a celebration Sunday in which we gather for Sunday school, worship, and then fellowship over soup and baked potatoes. It is also a Sunday that we want to make a special way of welcoming friends and neighbors to our church. We have much to celebrate and share about the good things happening at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Won't you consider asking that friend or neighbor who you know is not currently attending another church to come with you? Most people need to be asked and need the comfort of walking into the church with someone they know. So, I would ask you to pray for direction of who to ask and then simply invite the friend or neighbor to attend with you on this special Sunday. Please mark your calendar and come celebrate our ability to gather and journey together. All are welcome.

I also want to encourage you to make Sunday school attendance a part of your regular Sunday morning routine. Yes, Sunday school is important for the faith formation of our children, but it is also important for those of us who are grown. I have found that the time for adults in Sunday school allows us to wrestle with the scriptures or various faith topics. It allows for discussion and the ability to share our faith journeys together. I know for me that attending Sunday school has

been a critical part of my faith formation. Therefore, I invite anyone in high school or older to pray about attending the Sunday school class taught by Dave Stemen. Come. All are welcome! Give it a try and you might find a blessing in it as we gather in faith to share and support each other on the journey. And of course, we welcome the children!

Blessings,

Pastor Carol

Something new is happening on October 19th, at 6:30 PM.

We will be having our first **Paint and Praise session**. Emily Dienstberger will be playing some praise songs for us, and we will have a short devotional. We will then paint a Fall picture and enjoy fellowshiping as our masterpieces unfold before our eyes. I will walk you through the painting and so this should be a lot of fun.

If you want to sign up for this, the cost will be \$15.00 to cover the cost of food and materials. You may pay at the door as you arrive on the 19th, but you need to email Lauren at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com by October 15th to register. This is another opportunity to bring a friend. We are thinking that we will stop taking reservations once there are 25 people signed up.

Catechism will restart October 16th:

Sunday school starts for those of you in catechism on October 9th, as this is a part of catechism since we are only meeting twice a month after worship. We will meet on the first and third Sundays of the month. This year, students will focus on learning the important church doctrines and about the life of Martin Luther. We will also focus on reading the Bible and continue to use the faith five strategies for developing a devotional time as we grow our faith in Jesus. Students are expected to be in church as a part of growing in faith during this important faith formation time.

The Pork Loin Dinner will be on October 2nd, so this is a reminder that worship will be at 9:00 am that Sunday!

New Member Class:

I am thinking about having another new member class around the end of October or early November. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Peter, let me know. We will meet twice for about an hour and a half each time. We will review some of the doctrines of the church and just enjoy fellow shipping together.

Also, if you would desire me to visit you in your home, please let me know.

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

General Announcements

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

- Dave & Connie Stemen in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.
- Ron & Sue Kloeppe and family in celebration of their 24th Wedding Anniversary.
- Matt & Carrie Calvelage and family in celebration of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary.
- Mark & Linda Downey in honor of Margot Tyler and Linda Downey's birthdays.

Altar Guild meeting is Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00 PM.

WELCA meeting is Monday, October 10th at 7:00 PM.

Vision Meeting is Monday, October 17th at 7:00 PM.

Council meeting is Sunday, October 9th at 11:00 AM.

WELCA Fundraisers are back in full swing after being forced to take a hiatus because of the pandemic. Our first event being noodle making which will take place on Monday, October 10th. There will be the morning shift that begins at 9:00 am. This crew will be making the dough. Then, there will be another shift in the afternoon that starts a little after 5:00 pm. This crew works the dough and makes the noodles. We welcome your help in our noodle making. It is a lot of fun and fellowship with the members of our church. We are also asking for donations of eggs. There will be a sign-up sheet for ordering noodles.

Our next fundraiser will be on Sunday, November 20th. With less foot traffic in our local bank that hosted our bake sale we are going to have a No Bake Bake Sale at church on Sunday, November 20th! Instead of making baked goods to donate, it will be easier and more convenient to just donate that money to the No Bake Bake Sale. There will be more details as the time gets closer.

WELCA uses the proceeds from the fundraising for purchasing bibles, prayer books for the confirmands and high school graduation students, Sunday school awards, kitchen supplies and appliances, cookies for the pork loin dinner and helping fund some of the church maintenance, to name a few. Thank you for supporting WELCA's fundraising efforts!

Sunday School kicks off on Sunday, October 9th at 9:00 AM for everyone ages Pre-school to Adults. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Contact Carrie Calvelage if you would like more information about helping in the Sunday School classes.

LAST CALL FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!

We will be updating the church directory twice a year; October and May. If you do not wish to be included in the phone directory or if you have any updated information, please email the church office at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com with your information by October 12th. A new directory will be coming out in the middle of October and will be available at the back of the church.

Thank You St. Peter Lutheran Church:

Thank you so much for your giving of both prayer and financial support to reach the youth of our community with the Gospel Ball Project. On Soccer Sunday, 300 kids and their families received the gospel through our faith and partnership.

Delphos for Jesus, Glory to God!

D1 Missions of Delphos First Assembly

October Birthdays

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| 2) Shirley Ditto | 11) James Feathers | 20) Carol Pretorius |
| 7) Paige Kloeppel | 13) Rick Dienstberger | 21) Jesse Stemen |
| 8) Joe Loetz | 17) Noella Brinkman | 22) Hunter Lane |
| 8) Randall Klenz | 17) Megan Weitzel | 24) Michelle Kimmit |
| 9) Jerry Sampson | 17) Andrew Swick | 30) Andrew Fitch |
| 10) Paul Wreede | 17) Derek Nomina | 30) Ron Kloeppel |
| 10) Jaxon Prine | 20) Robb Rinehart | |

Children's Page

Put the names of your family members on the leaves. Then color the leaves and cut them out. Put it on your refrigerator as a reminder to pray for your family.



