

St. Peter Lutheran Church

422 North Pierce Street

Delphos, Ohio 45833

Phone: (419) 695-2616

Website: www.stpeterdelphos.org

Email: stpeterdelphos@gmail.com

Pastor Carol Pretorius

Email: stpetercarolp@gmail.com

NON-PROFIT ORG.

U.S. POSTAGE PAID

PERMIT #6

DELPHOS, OHIO 45833

October Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, September 20, 2022



LABOR DAY

Labor Day – Monday, September 5th



Grandparents Day - Sunday, September 11th

The Messenger



Autumn begins on Thursday, September 22nd

The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – September 2022

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

Wow! Wow! Wow! How humbled I was during my ordination and installation services by your outpouring of support and love. Thank you to all of you who were able to come to Wapakoneta and experience the music, the worship, the charge to me to become ordained and the love that so freely embraced us all. Thank you to all of you who came to the installation service and thank you to all of you who were able to be with us through prayer or through the radio or Facebook Live. I felt your love and it was very humbling. God is so good. I praise him for the opportunity to now serve you as Pastor Carol.

During the week before the ordination, I began to experience the weight of the call to be a pastor instead of a vicar. Like most of us entering a new job or phase in life, we begin to question if we really have what it takes. The important thing to remember is that when God calls us to a certain vocation, God is present on the journey to equip us and help us. This gave me the confidence to stand before Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and to answer his questions and charges to me with, “Yes, and I ask God to help me.” So now I come to you as your pastor in this new journey. Although we have journeyed for almost three years, I feel that God is doing a new thing and I pray that God will use all of our gifts to allow us to grow in faith and to reach out to others. So, I ask you, will you pray for me, the members and friends of the congregation and those in need? I hope you can answer, “Yes, and I ask God to help me.”

I am also asking you to pray for the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst to give us wisdom and discernment for our next steps as a congregation as we seek to grow our faith in Jesus. Ask God what this means for the church and what this means for you? How might we come together to study, to fellowship and to serve others? I think that it is important for each of us to be praying about this as we create the space and time in our prayer life to listen for that still, small voice of God to speak to us.

I am excited about the journey and can't wait to see how God moves in our midst.

Blessings,

Pastor Carol



St. Peter Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

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

On July 31, the congregation held a meeting to call me as pastor and to vote on a new mission statement.

Lutheran Disaster Relief:

The offering at my ordination service generated \$1,000.00 to go to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Well done!!!! Thank you to all who were able to give to this very important work of the church in the United States and the world.

July and August have been busy months.

The week of July 17-21 was **Vacation Bible School** held at the Trinity New Life Center. The theme of the week was how God was Monumental. The children learned that God is an awesome God and that God would never leave them. They sang wonderful songs with motions. After singing they moved with their group to stations to learn about God in the life of Joseph (Jacob's son), as well as in a science imagination center, in arts and crafts activities, in games, and in a snack station.

Trinity United Methodist Church and St. Peter worked beautifully together. At times there were over 90 children in attendance. I am so thankful to all who volunteered of their time and to the parents who trusted us with their children for the five evenings.



The children raised over \$900.00 for Lifewise Academy. In a contest, the girls failed to bring in as much money as the boys and so Vicar Carol had to draw a name of one of the children to give her a pie in the face. She drew the name of our Alayna Beverly, so you can now see the picture of her being "pied" with whip cream by Alayna.



Baptism:

On August 13, Jason Alan St. Pierre was baptized out at Eric Fritz's pond. Jason was a trouper as we waded out into the water so that he could be emersed. Martin Luther has written the baptisms through emersion or sprinkling are each okay. The emphasis is on what God does for us through the Word and the water to save us and claim us as his beloved children. We welcome Jason to the family of God and worker with us in God's kingdom.



On Wednesday evening, August 24th, Remi Kay Kruse was baptized. So many family and friends came to celebrate her new life in Christ. Parents are Braytan and Kayla Kruse and big sister Brayla. Proud grandma, Laurie Warnecke and great grandparents are Butch and Chris Prine.



First Communion:

On August 14, Jason St. Pierre, Gavin Kimmitt, Alayna Beverly, and Dylan Frost received their first communion. They were each presented with Action Bibles.

On August 28, Lillyan Ketcham, Caleb Trentman, and Charlotte Koebel received their first communion. They also were presented with Bibles.

(We will be putting first communion pictures on the bulletin board in the parish hall.)

The Vision Team:

The vision will meet on September 12 at 7:00pm to continue the work of discerning how we move forward to live out our mission statement.

Financial Information:

The Council wants to keep you better informed of how we are doing in meeting our budget, so we will be sharing this information each month moving forward.

Please note that summer is traditionally hard on the budget as people are on vacation. As of July 2022, this is where we are for the year.

Receipts: \$73,443.32 Payments out: \$74,853.57 = - \$1,140.25

Consecration Sunday Team:

Dear Church,

One of the new teams that we are forming is a Consecration Sunday Team. Through the years there has been a fear of having enough funds to provide for ministry. The church has been able to manage to hold on with an interim pastor and then with me as a student pastor, but we want to grow the church for the future to use our gifts and talents so that we can have the ability to have more ministry opportunities in the church to grow our faith and to serve others in the community.

Research shows that most healthy congregations have some sort of program to help the church talk about what God wants us to do in our giving as a spiritual discipline and practice for our own spiritual development. This in turn helps us to be able to bless others through giving to and participating in the work of the church. Since we have not had a program for many years, we are going to set up a team to bring a program to the church this fall. Ron Kloepfel will be heading up the team.

Please pray for what God is calling you to do, as we move into this new journey of ministry together. We want to celebrate God's generosity to us as we move forward in ministry. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to move in each of us to grow deeper in faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others. I am excited about the future and what God is going to do in our midst.

Pastor Carol

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 August by:

- Himmeger Family
- Norma Koenig
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

The flowers on the altar in August:

- Given to the glory of God by Dan and Judy Staples in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. The additional flowers are in honor of the First Communion class and Charlotte Koebel from Grandpa and Grandma Mayer.
- Given by Altar Guild in honor of Pastor Carol Pretorius' Ordination.

Reminder: Church services will begin at 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 11th and the last Wednesday night church service will be Wednesday, September 7th.

There will be a WELCA Meeting on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 PM

There will be no Altar Guild meeting in September.

Council meeting is Sunday, September 11th 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!

Pork Loin Dinner:

It is that time of year again for our 12th annual pork loin dinner which will be held on Sunday, October 2nd. With your donations and help, preparation and serving this dinner is becoming a well-oiled machine. Last year we raised over \$5,000.00 for the church! Tickets are available and being distributed. Please return money for sold tickets by Sunday, September 18th. We look forward to your help in achieving our goals.

Catechism and Sunday School:

Catechism will start on Sunday, October 16th and Sunday School will start on Sunday, October 9th

September Birthdays

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) Alan Trentman | 20) Rob Wortman |
| 4) Christine Brinkman | 21) Kimberly Cross |
| 6) Jack Gorman Sr. | 21) Debra Simon |
| 6) Sharon Reel | 23) Nicole Dienstberger |
| 7) Fred Hasting | 23) Kayla Kruse |
| 7) Lindsey Lane | 27) Susan McGue |
| 7) Dan Staples | 28) Laurie Warnecke |
| 12) Robert Wortman | 28) Caleb Trentman |
| 16) Edward Fritz | 30) Linda Downey |
| 16) Allyson Hasting | |
| 17) Jamie Schleeter | |
| 16) Allyson Hasting | |

Lifewise Academy:

We are starting up a new school year and are starting our second year at LifeWise Academy Delphos! We couldn't be more excited and we cannot have a successful program without our volunteers. You are an invaluable piece of the program and I hope to see you all back again this year!

This year we are expanding into the Middle School and will be serving students from 1-6 grade! Also, we have been blessed with a bus this year and will need CDL drivers for our Middle School classes.

Our schedule for the first half of the school year is as follows:

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday		11:00-2:30 (5th)
Tuesday	8:15-10(3rd)	11:00-2:30 (6th)
Wednesday		1:00-3:00 (4th)

I hope some of these times work for you. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering with us again this year. If you know anyone who would be interested in volunteering, please let me know or forward our volunteer application on to them.

<https://form.jotform.com/212224603252139>

Blessings,

Amanda Pohlman

Co-Director
LifeWise Academy Delphos
419.203.8872

lifewiseacademy.org



Delphos Inter-Faith Thrift Shop:

The Thrift Shop is looking for some volunteers who would like to serve others in a meaningful way.

Volunteer at your own schedule. You can work in the morning, afternoon, or any combination of hours. You can also pick your day/days of the week that works well for your lifestyle.

Some things that volunteering is good for:

- Increase self confidence
- doing good for others and the community
- provides a natural sense of accomplishment
- your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity
- it gives you a sense of purpose
- volunteering is good for your health

if you have just recently moved to the community, retired, suffered a loss or are looking for a safe and friendly atmosphere, volunteering may help to fill that void.

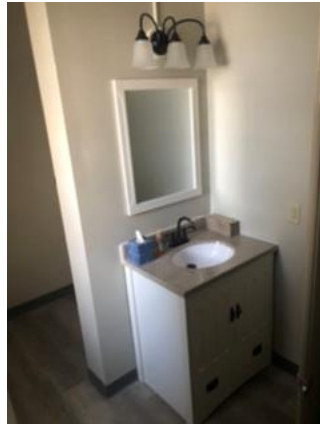
Come join the fun!

Contact Barb Haggard, Volunteer Coordinator at 419.692.2942

Restroom Renovation:

Church Bathroom Remodel:

We are pleased to announce that our restrooms are now fully handicapped accessible. Thank you to Dan Kramer who oversaw the project. Kimmert construction did the major portion of the work. Lehman's was able to lay new flooring. The openings to the restroom have been enlarged and are now flush with the wall in the entrance. There is new drywall and trim. In the women's restroom there is a beautiful new vanity, mirror and light. Both restrooms have new privacy dividers. We are excited about the fresh new look and about how easily a walker or wheelchair can now be navigated in the restrooms. Check out the before, during, and after photos below!



CHILDREN'S PAGE

Draw a picture of something you loved to do this summer and bring it back to church to hang on the bulletin board.

