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# The Messenger



*Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>*

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## St. Peter Lutheran Church – November 2022

### A Little Bit of This and That for November...

How can it be that November has crept upon us? As we see the fields being harvested, we begin to prepare for colder weather and those long winter nights. As we clean out flower beds and put outdoor furniture away, we are grateful for the times the summer has allowed us to gather outdoors and enjoy the sunshine. We give thanks for the crops being harvested, and so it is that in November we traditionally remember to give thanks to God for friends, family, and God's generosity to us.

We remember that all that we have comes from a loving God who has blessed us with life, family, our jobs, friends, food, and all that we need for life. We breathe in the fall air, and we give thanks. Yes, God is the source of all life, and we are grateful for the blessing of this life.

I am particularly grateful for all of you. What a gift it is to be able to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others. As we move forward to journey together and discern how we can provide ministry to serve others and grow in faith, we are proposing a few changes to how we set up our budget for the coming year. October and November are generally the time that the finance team begins to hammer out a plan for the budget for the following year.

After some discussion with council, we have decided that it makes much better sense to work on the budget when we have a better idea of how we end the year in December. Therefore, as we take November to give thanks for all that God has given us, we will be trying something new this year. In the following pages you will see two letters to you about our upcoming Consecration Sunday. Please read them carefully and then plan to be in church on November 20<sup>th</sup>, for a special dinner and celebration of what God is doing in our midst. Over the next three weeks, we will have some very important temple talks to give you more information.

Then, the council will be holding a congregational meeting the second Sunday in December to vote to change our constitutional by-laws to move our annual meeting to the fourth week in January. This will allow the budget committee to formulate a budget with more knowledge of how we ended the year. This just makes good business sense.

As we move forward in ministry together, I am excited about the future and what God is going to be doing in our midst. I ask that we all pray for the movement of the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us as we journey together to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as our selves.

*Pastor Carol*

### **Sunday School:**

Sunday school is now in full swing. It is so good to have the energy of the children present on Sunday mornings. We are singing and learning about God. Children three and up are welcome to come and enjoy our time together at 9:00am.

We would love to have more adults add to the rich discussion and fellowship during this time. Please consider joining us as we grow together in faith.

The children will sing in church on November 13.

### **Youth Group:**

We will meet on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 to brainstorm activities for the year and to play ping pong and or other games. You are welcome to bring a friend. Those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up are welcome to attend.

### **Noodle Making:**

How good it is to see the noodle making be restarted. This year the noodles were made several weeks in October and orders were taken up through October 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have noodles to pay for and pick up, please see the WELCA ladies.

### **InReach-OutReach and the Vision Team are Merging:**

The meetings will be held on the third Mondays of the month at 7:00pm.

We have some ideas to provide some family game nights on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details to come in the January newsletter.

We have voted to resume the fellowship time after church and various groups will need to sign up for a week to bring some goodies to enjoy. Look for a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

The team also has voted to resume the soup and sandwich suppers on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Look for more information to come in January.

This committee is open to anyone who has a desire to help in the work of developing a vision for the future as well as to promote opportunities for fellowship and faith development and outreach to the community.

### **Pork Loin Dinner:**

The Pork Loin Dinner was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The weather cooperated and everyone worked together to make the fundraiser a success. 818 tickets were sold, and since most of the maintenance fund had been depleted with the work done over the last several years, the council voted to designate the funds raised to the maintenance fund. They did designate a small portion to go to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Thank you to all who bought tickets and to those of you who helped in any way to make the day a roaring success.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported the fundraiser in any way whether donating needed items, your time volunteering, buying or selling tickets, and continued prayers for another successful fundraiser.



## First Paint and Praise:

We held our first paint and praise session on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We had such a fun time of fellowship while we painted and listened to Emily Dienstberger play and sing some praise songs. I (Pastor Carol) started out telling the group that if you can see light and darks, you can paint. I was really excited with how the pictures turned out. Dave Stemen came and took pictures of the women as their pictures began to take shape and Pastor Carol took the final group painting pictures.

See the pictures below of our budding artists.



Our next Paint and Praise  
will be held on  
January 11<sup>th</sup>  
with a wintry scene!



## 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 October by:

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- Ron, Sue, and Aaron Kloepfel in honor of Paige's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Dave & Linda Mayer

**Flowers on the altar** was given to the glory of God in October by:

- Dave and Connie Stemen
- Kathy (Mayer) and Steven Brekhus to celebrate the second birthday of their grandson Nolan Brekhus. He is the son of Emily and Clay Brekhus and the great nephew of Dave & Linda Mayer.

**Altar Guild meeting** – no meeting in November.

**WELCA meeting** is Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Council meeting** is Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

## WELCA NEWS:

Our next fundraiser will be on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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, December 11<sup>th</sup>! 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!

## Chief Receipts:

Please save your chief grocery receipts and turn them in the container in the parish hall. The receipt will not be labeled "Community Cash" but they are accepting the receipts for the reward dollars.

**Thank you for your service!** A special thank you to all those serving in active duty or in reserves. Also, a big thank you to all the Veterans. We appreciate all our service personnel and their sacrifice for our safety and freedom.

**All Saints Day** - the first Sunday in November is designated as All Saints Sunday and it is a time to remember and give thanks for those who have come before us. They have in their own way passed on the faith to us and for this we give our thanks. We also remember those who have died in the past year and we remember them with gratitude.

*Gracious God, thank you for those who have lived their lives in such a way that Jesus Christ was made known and glorified. Amen.*

**Daylight Savings Time** ends Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Now that we are in our "Fall Season", turn your clocks *back* one hour.

**Altar Guild would once again like to beautify the altar** with poinsettias for Christmas. The color choice is either red or marble. Cost is \$7.50 each. Please get your order in ASAP as we need a final number for the greenhouse by December 4<sup>th</sup>. Ordering envelopes can be found in the church pews or contact Angie Miller 419.234.2115.

**Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Pork Loin Dinner** was held on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. THANK YOU to everyone who supported the fundraiser in any way whether donating needed items, your time volunteering, buying or selling tickets, and continued prayers for another successful fundraiser. We sold 818 tickets with a profit of \$6,186.46!

**The updated Church Directory** can be picked up at the back of the church.

### November Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) Kevin Theis        | 12) Noah Cheney           |
| 1) Gregory Sampson    | 13) Lexie Cheney          |
| 3) Hannah Lieurance   | 14) Garrett Trentman      |
| 3) Emily Dienstberger | 16) Billy Stemen          |
| 4) Amy Hoehn          | 20) Connie Stemen         |
| 4) Brooke Apple       | 20) Jacob Trentman        |
| 5) Shirley Parsons    | 21) Leonard (Butch) Prine |
| 5) Teresa Luke        | 26) Britney Calvelage     |
| 6) Janice Kloepfel    | 27) Samuel Hasting        |
| 8) Kara Webster       | 28) Alyssa Miller         |
| 10) Joslynn James     | 29) Denise Kloepfel       |
| 11) Collin Swick      |                           |
| 12) Bonnie Marlow     |                           |

# Children's Page

*Color and cut out the shapes below. Glue them together to build your very own turkey! Then write what you are thankful for this year on the feathers*



