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

February Newsletter Deadline: Friday, January 20th

The Messenger



If you know of anyone who would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please contact the church office at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com. If your information or address needs updated, please let us know. Thank you.

The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – January 2023

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

As we celebrate Christmas for yet a few more days, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas. I pray that the love and presence of Jesus who comes to us not only at Christmas but each and every day of our lives may bring you peace, love and joy. In this coming year I pray that God would bless each of you with his presence and stamina to run the race to which each of you has been called. May this new year bring hope and resilience and abundant life. And so, I say, let us be happy in this new year, a new beginning to experience the love and grace of Jesus at work in our midst.

I have heard people say that sometimes the winter months can be long and hard. People often spend more time inside and more time alone. Boredom and depression can set in. We are meant to fellowship with others. One of the goals of our mission statement is to provide ways for us to gather to fellowship, grow in faith and to develop ways to serve others. Therefore, the InReach/OutReach Vision Team has been working to come up with some new ideas to grow our faith in Jesus and to also provide opportunities for fellowship and fun.

One of the new opportunities to help us focus on growing our faith in Jesus is to participate in a new Bible study. Dave Stemen will be leading a new Coffee Cup Bible study on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month. Bring your coffee cup and join us from 9:00-10:00 am. We will be studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. All are welcome. Having the opportunity to share and study the Bible in a small group can be very rewarding to not only grow our faith, but to also develop deeper friendships. We can then better support each other on our journeys.

We are also going to try to schedule a few potlucks along with time to fellowship and play some games. We will hold our first potluck after church on January 22. Please plan to join us for some good food and an afternoon of fun fellowship.

One January 22, the congregation will have a congregational meeting to vote on the budget for 2023. Pastor Ken Pollitz shared with us that really our budget would be better termed as the framework to help foster the mission objectives of our body of Christ here at St. Peter. One of the new things that our mission objectives for the budget will allow is for me to move to a fulltime call. This will allow me to spend more time with people and programs to allow us to better grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others. I am very excited to see how God is going to work in our midst to bring transformation and growth in our lives so that we can begin to look more outward to serve others. Our radio ministry has been an important way that we reach out to others to share the Gospel. The breakfast program was a tremendous gift to help families feed their children for twelve years. The InReach/ OutReach Vision Team is in the midst of coming up with some new ideas to serve the community. Our mission to grow in faith and serve others is important and each one of us plays an important role. I am so thankful for you, who have supported this ministry with your gifts and talents. You make the mission work of the church possible. Thank you.

Season of Epiphany occurs after the two weeks of Christmas. It begins on January 6th, which is also known as the day we celebrate the three Kings coming to celebrate Jesus. Season of Epiphany will end on Ash Wednesday. I like to think of this season as the time we recognize Christ's being made manifest and his light coming into the world. May Christ light shine in our hearts to keep us filled with hope, grace, and love.

Blessings,

Pastor Carol

The church staff would like to thank the Church council and the members of St. Peter for the Christmas gifts this year.

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
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

General Announcements

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

- Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ron and Sue Kloeppe and family
- Dave and Linda Mayer
- Christmas Eve Service: Dave and Linda Mayer, Ron and Sue Kloeppe and family, Matt and Carrie Calvelage, and the members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

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

- Altar Guild in celebration of the baptism of Elizabeth Lee James, daughter of Adam and Stacey James.
- Dave and Linda Mayer in honor of Jesus' birth.

WELCA meeting is Monday, January 9th at 7:00 PM.

Council meeting is Sunday, January 8th at 11:00 AM.

Vision Meeting is Monday, January 15th at 6:30 PM.

Youth Group is meeting on January 8th at the Delphos Bowling alley from 1:30-3:30. Bring a friend!

Catechism will meet on Saturday, January 7th at 10:30AM to watch the movie about Martin Luther. We will also have pizza and time for discussion. We will meet again on Saturday, January 21st from 10:30 AM– 12:00 PM.

Coffee Cup Bible Study in the Parish Hall will begin on January 7th and will continue every 1st and 3rd Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Bring your coffee cup and a friend!

Join in on the fun & fellowship Sunday, January 22nd for a game day and potluck after church.

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

The next Paint & Praise class will be on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 PM. The sign up sheet is at the back of church, or email Lauren at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com to sign up. Cost is \$15 per person, all materials and refreshments will be provided. Emily will be singing again for us while our paintings dry.

Join us every Sunday following the church service for food & fellowship in the Parish Hall. There is a sign up sheet for the 5th Sunday of each month for those who are not already on a committee that have the other four Sundays already covered.

With 2023 here now, the WELCA board would like to extend an invitation to the women of the church to consider joining the board. We have a monthly evening meeting which lasts approximately an hour 8 times throughout the year. Please contact any of the WELCA members (Donna Berger, Denise Kloepfel, Sue Kloepfel, Yvonne Koenig, Chris Prine, Deb Trentman or Marge Warren) to see how actively involved we are in serving the congregation as well as home and abroad. Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated to the WELCA Christmas tree. This year all of the donations were given to The Mike Gallmeier Foundation for Mike's Food on Us.

Altar Guild would like to thank again those listed below for helping to beautify the altar with poinsettias for on Christmas Eve.

- Given by Rick, Marla, Emily, and Kylee Dienstberger in memory of Greg & Judy Horstman and Terry Dienstberger
- Given by Bob & Denise Kloepfel in honor of our children & grandchildren and in memory of our parents
- Given by John & Char Birkmeier in memory of Brian Birkmeier
- Given by Dave & Connie Stemen in memory of our parents
- Given by Rick & Lynn Miller in honor of our children & grandchildren and in memory of our parents
- Given by Dan & Sue Rode in honor our kids and grandkids and in memory of our loved ones gone before us
- Given by Mark & Linda Downey in memory of our grandson Caleb Tyler
- Given by Randy & Vicki Rinehart in honor of our children & grandchildren and in memory our parents & Randy's sister
- Given by Ron & Sue Kloepfel and Family in honor of family and in memory or our parents
- Given by Brian & Kristin Koebel in honor of our children Jordan, Colin, and Charlotte
- Given by Dave & Linda Mayer in honor of our children & grandchildren and in memory of Norm & Alice Mayer and Don & Evelyn Weideman
- Given by Donald & Alida Pletcher in memory of our parents - Howard & Marian Raabe and Donald & Mary Pletcher
- Given by Sam, Angie, & Sarah Miller in memory of Dad, Mom, Nathan, and Dan
- Given by Guggi Mox in memory of Herman Mox and Marliese & Paul Perez
- Given by Dan & Vicki Kramer in honor of our children and grandchildren

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.

The 2023 offering envelopes have not been delivered as they usually come in November. Denise Kloepfel will get them to everyone as soon as they arrive.

The Sunday School Choir

performed Christmas songs on December 18th during the church service. They also each uniquely decorated Christmas star ornaments in December as well. Sunday School meets at 9:00 AM on Sundays where they gather to sing and go to class to learn about God's love for them. All children ages 3 (potty trained) – 8th grade are welcome to join us!



January Birthdays

If we do not have your birthday listed. Please contact Lauren to get your name on the list to recognize your special day.

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| 4) Ryan Trentman | 27) Carrie Geise |
| 7) Kaiden Trentman | 29) Sue Apple |
| 7) Charlotte Birkmeier | 29) Colin Koebel |
| 12) Sarah Fitch | 29) Dave Mayer |
| 16) Carrie Calvelage | 29) Sue Rode |
| 16) Pam Schleeter | 31) Rolland Klenz |
| 22) Landon Calvelage | 31) Kim Perrin |
| 23) Randy Rinehart | |

The Story of Jesus – NWOS Daily Bible Reading Guide

Prologue Jan. 1 Matt. 1:1; Mark 1:1; Luke 1:1-4; John 1:1-18

Preparation Jan. 2 Birth of John the Baptist Foretold Luke 1:5-25

Jan. 3 The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38

Jan. 4 Mary Visits Elizabeth Luke 1:39-56

Jan. 5 The Birth of John the Baptist Luke 1:57-80

Jan. 6 The Genealogy of Jesus Matt. 1:2-17; Luke 3:23-38

Jan. 7 The Birth of Jesus Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7

Jan. 8 The Adoration of the Infant Jesus Matt. 2:1-12; Luke 2:8-20

Jan. 9 The Presentation in the Temple Luke 2:21-38

Jan. 10 The Escape to Egypt and the Martyr of the Innocents Matt. 2:13-21

Jan. 11 At Home in Nazareth Matt. 2:22-23; Luke 2:39-40 Jan. 12 The Boy Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41-52

Jan. 13 John the Baptist Matt. 3:1-6; Mark 1:2-6; Luke 3:1-6; John 1:19-23

Jan. 14 John the Baptist's Preaching of Repentance Matt. 3:7-10; Luke 3:7-9

Jan. 15 John the Baptist Replies to Questioners Luke 3:10-14

Jan. 16 John's Messianic Preaching Matt. 3:11-12; Mark 1:7-8; Luke 3:15-18; John 1:24-28

Jan. 17 John the Baptist Imprisoned Luke 3:19-20

Jan. 18 The Baptism of Jesus Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34

Jan. 19 The Temptation of Jesus Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13 The Beginning of Jesus' Public Ministry (According to John)

Jan. 20 The First Disciples of Jesus John 1:35-42

Jan. 21 Jesus Calls Philip and Nathaniel John 1:43-51

Jan. 22 The Wedding at Cana John 2:1-11

Jan. 23 The Sojourn to Capernaum John 2:12

Jan. 24 The First Journey to Jerusalem John 2:13

Jan. 25 Cleansing the Temple John 2:14-22

Jan. 26 Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem John 2:23-25

Jan. 27 Nicodemus and Jesus John 3:1-21

Jan. 28 John the Baptist Exalts Jesus John 3:22-30

Jan. 29 The One Who Comes from Heaven John 3:31-36 Jesus' Ministry in Galilee (According to Mark: Part One)

Jan. 30 The Journey into Galilee Mark 1:14; Matt. 4:12; Luke 4:14; John 4:1-3

Jan. 31 Jesus and the Woman at the Well John 4:4-42

Feb. 1 Ministry in Galilee Mark 1:15; Matt. 4:13-17; Luke 4:15; John 4:43-45

Feb. 2 The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth Mark 6:1-6; Matt. 13:54-58; Luke 4:16-30

Feb. 3 The Call of the Disciples Mark 1:16-20; Matt. 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-51

Feb. 4 Teaching in the Synagogue at Capernaum Mark 1:21-22; Luke 4:31-32

Children's Page

After Jesus was born, three Wiseman (Kings) traveled to worship Jesus and bring him gifts. Can you color the three Kings and find out what their gifts were?



