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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.

March Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, February 19th



Presidents' Day

Monday, February 20th

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22nd

The Messenger



Tuesday, February 14th

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 – February 2023

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

February is often the time when we think again of showing our love for our family and friends. It is a time when cards are filled out and flowers and chocolates given.

I wonder how many of you have memories of making Valentine's Day boxes for school parties and how many of you spent hours filling out Valentine's Day cards for all of your classmates? As you think back, were those really cards of love sent for others or just cards you were required to give? What was Valentine's Day like for you? Did you make a special card for your parents or siblings and did they receive it with love? Did you feel celebrated and have joy in sharing your love with your family or special someone?

Experiencing love is such a gift in our lives. Having family and friends to journey with is a gift. We also have the gift of Jesus' incredible love for each one of us. This love was given not out of a shallow desire that was expected of him, but he willingly modeled looking out for those who were hurting and in need of healing. He did not look to love the most popular people but he sought to love and care for the outcast and downtrodden. He had a special way of understanding people and seeing into their hearts. He was willing to look beyond their warts and flaws and love.

This is what we are called to do as children of God. We are called to love each other, no matter what. This love that Jesus modeled required a deep knowledge of his Father God's love for him and it required a connection of love and a laying down of his life to do his Father's will.

Richard Rohr, who is a Benedictine priest often writes of God's love in how it helps us to embrace our true self instead of what he calls our false self. Our true self is the part of us that is set free to be who we are called to be in love as we use our specific gifts. Our true self can rest in the knowledge that we are loved by our incredible God and we do not have to project an image (false-self) out to others. We can be at peace with our God and with ourselves.

Richard Rohr writes that much of life is really growing in our faith journey to understand that we are totally and unconditionally loved by God. He goes on to say that our ultimate reality (or I would say goal) is beautifully summed up in the epistle of 1 John 4:7-8,12 ... ***Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. (New Revised Standard Version)***

As we move into this month of February may we love God and love each other.

Blessings,

Pastor Carol

Potluck Fellowship Times:

Wow! Wow! Wow! The people of St. Peter really know how to put on a potluck dinner. The January 22nd time together was wonderful and the food was amazing. **Our next potluck will be held on February 19th.** Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. We will have a time to play games if people are interested. Otherwise, just enjoying each other's company is also great.

Sunday School Choir:

The children are working on learning some new songs and sing together at 9:00am before being dismissed to their classrooms. If you have children age 3 and up, they are welcome to join our Sunday school and experience the joy and wonder of singing about God.

The next time they will sing in church will be on **February 19th.**

Youth Group will be on February 12th.

We will have a short devotion and then just hang out by playing games and enjoying each other's company.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Soup Suppers and Fellowship:

Our Ash Wednesday service will be in the sanctuary at 7:00pm on February 22nd. We will then have Wednesday evening Lenten soup suppers during lent. If you would like to provide soup for one of the Wednesdays, please sign up on the clipboard at the rear of the sanctuary. These Wednesday evenings will be more informal with opportunities to look at the scriptures together.

The Budget for 2023 passed on January 22, 2023:

If you still need to see a copy of the budget, there will be copies available upon request. The budget reflects Pastor Carol's move to being our fulltime pastor and a 3% pay raise for Lauren, Randy and Alida. The total budget that was passed came to \$128,777.00. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

We are excited about our new online giving platform:

Online giving is now very easy through **Vanco (Simply Giving)** by going to our **website** at St. Peter Lutheran Delphos.org and clicking on the **Simply Giving tab**. This will send you to a secure link for online giving. You can also find the link on our church Facebook page via a post but it is harder to find.

If you wish, you can set up your giving to come out automatically from your checking account (least amount of service fee at .08%) or by credit card (2.8%). You simply then click on the fund tile you wish to give to and follow the prompts. This is a secure site.

Denise Kloeppe (our financial secretary) will get a report sent only to her to track the giving for the church. Since we are having a hard time getting our envelopes, this might be a good option. I plan to schedule my giving to the church to automatically come out of my checking account each month. Note that when you do this, you also receive an email with your giving amount. This way of giving is also handy when you know that you are going to be away.

Denise will be using a new church giving management tracking program that only she can see. It is **Power Church Plus**. We will no longer be using Breeze.

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 January by:

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

Flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in January by:

- Memory of Carol Metzger

WELCA meeting is Monday, February 13th at 7:00 PM.

Council meeting is Sunday, February 12th at 11:00 AM.

Vision Meeting is Monday, February 20th at 6:30 PM.

Youth Group is meeting on February 12th.

Coffee Cup Bible Study in the Parish Hall is the 1st and 3rd Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Bring your coffee cup and a friend!

Join in on the fun & fellowship Sunday, February 19th for a potluck after church. Feel free to bring your favorite dish!

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

The 2023 Radio Ministry list is at the back of church if you would like to sign up for a Sunday worship service. You can call in to the church office or let Lauren know as well if you would like to sign up for a Sunday worship service. The cost is \$45 per Sunday.

The flower chart sign-up sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please sign up for that special occasion or celebration. Let the office know what you would like printed in the bulletin.

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.

Thank you for the donations to the Christmas Card Tree this year. We were able to donate \$100 to The Mike Gallmeier Foundation for Mike's Food On Us.

Prayer Group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to join us in the Parish Hall from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

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 Paint & Praise Night was held on January 11th.

Check out all of the winter canvas paintings that were done that evening.

Our next Paint & Praise Day will be held in the Spring.

More details to come later.



February Birthdays

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

- 3) Roger Gossman
- 5) Roger Klenz
- 6) Daniel Stemen
- 7) Liam LaRue
- 7) Lyla Lane

- 14) Karen Hartman
- 14) Rachel Munshower
- 16) Thomas Calvelage
- 16) Zachary Kimmitt
- 18) Jamie Wortman

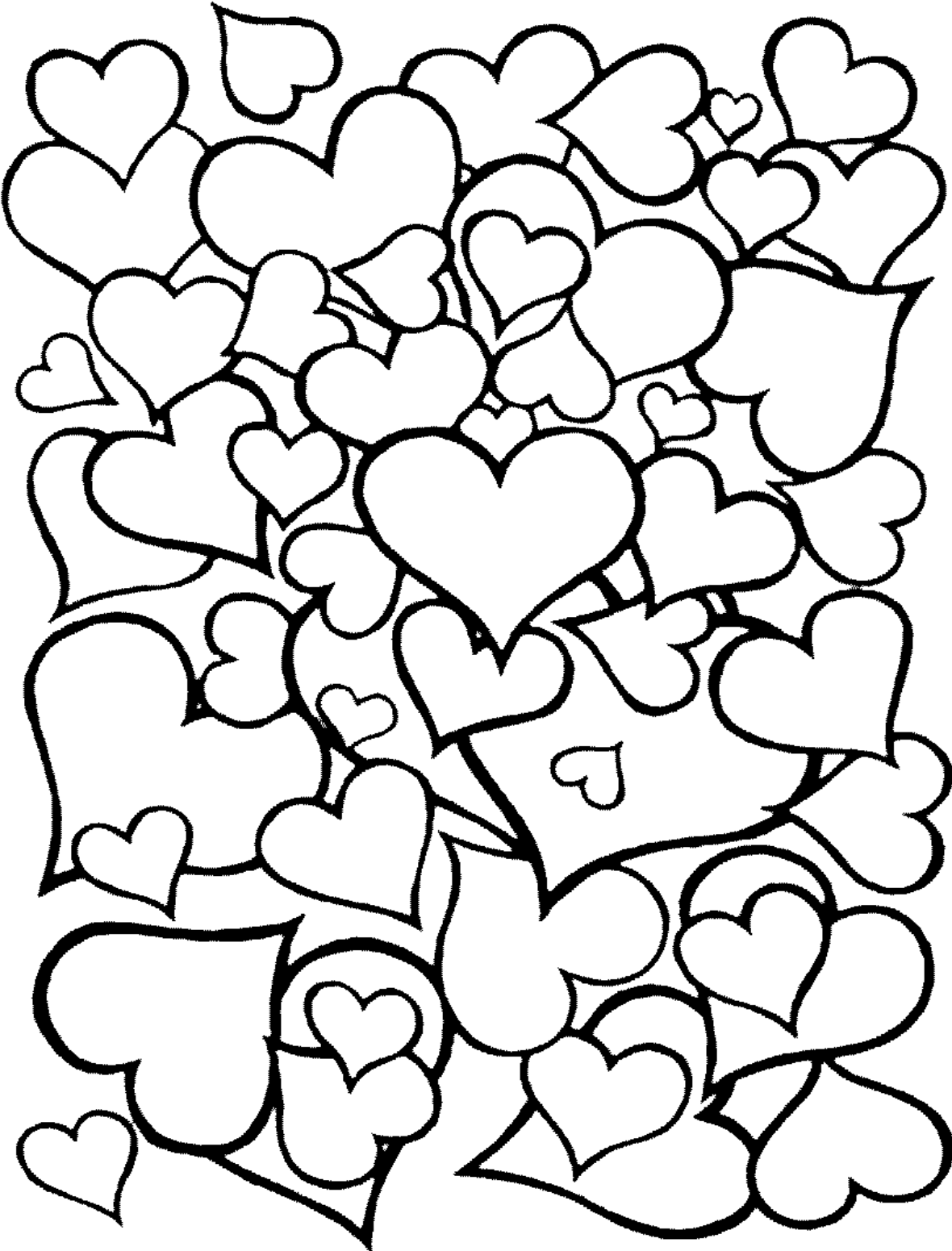
- 22) Sierra Marlow
- 26) Jordan Koebel

The Story of Jesus – NWOS Daily Bible Reading Guide

- 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
- Feb. 5 The Man with the Unclean Spirit Mark 1:23-28; Luke 4:33-37
- Feb. 6 The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law Mark 1:29-31; Matt. 8:14-15; Luke 4:38-39
- Feb. 7 Healing in the Evening Mark 1:32-34; Matt. 8:16-17; Luke 4:40-41
- Feb. 8 Jesus Leaves Capernaum Mark 1:35-38; Luke 4:42-43
- Feb. 9 Jesus Preaches in Galilee Mark 1:39; Matt. 4:23; Luke 4:44
- Feb. 10 Jesus Cleanses a Leper Mark 1:40-45; Matt. 8:1-4; Luke 5:12-16
- Feb. 11 Jesus Heals a Paralytic Mark 2:1-12; Matt. 9:2-8; Luke 5:17-26
- Feb. 12 Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew) Mark 2:13-17; Matt. 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32
- Feb. 13 The Question about Fasting Mark 2:18-22; Matt. 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-39
- Feb. 14 The Question about the Sabbath Mark 2:23-28; Matt. 12:1-8; Luke 6:1-5
- Feb. 15 The Man with the Withered Hand Mark 3:1-6; Matt. 12:9-14; Luke 6:6-11
- Feb. 16 A Multitude by the Sea Mark 3:7-12; Matt. 12:15-16; Luke 6:17-19
- Feb. 17 The Choosing of the Twelve Mark 3:13-19; Matt. 10:1-4; Luke 6:12-16 The Sermon on the Mount
(According to Matthew)
- Feb. 18 The Setting Matt. 4:24-5:2; Luke 6:17-19
- Feb. 19 The Beatitudes Matt. 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-23
- Feb. 20 Salt of the Earth Matt. 5:13; Mark 9:49-50; Luke 14:34-35
- Feb. 21 Light of the World Matt. 5:14-16; Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16; John 8:12
- Feb. 22 The Law and the Prophets Matt. 5:17-20; Mark 13:31; Luke 16:16-17
- Feb. 23 Concerning Anger Matt. 5:21-26; Luke 12:57-59
- Feb. 24 Concerning Adultery and Divorce Matt. 5:27-32; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:18
- Feb. 25 Concerning Oaths Matt. 5:33-37 Feb. 26 Concerning Retaliation Matt. 5:38-42; Luke 6:29-31
- Feb. 27 Love for Enemies Matt. 5:43-48; Luke 6:27-28, 32-36
- Feb. 28 Concerning Alms Matt. 6:1-4
- Mar. 1 On Prayer Matt. 6:5-6
- Mar. 2 The Lord's Prayer Matt. 6:7-15; Mark 11:25; Luke 11:1-4
- Mar. 3 Concerning Fasting Matt. 6:16-18
- Mar. 4 Concerning Treasures Matt. 6:19-21; Luke 12:33-34
- Mar. 5 The Sound Eye Matt. 6:22-23; Luke 11:34-36
- Mar. 6 Serving Two Masters Matt. 6:24; Luke 16:13

Children's Page

Write the names of those you love and then color the hearts.



SERVANTS OF THE LORD

SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER
Sunday, Feb. 5	10:00 AM	Yvonne Koenig Sue Kloepffel	Vicki Rinehart	Jason St. Pierre	Dan Kramer	Volunteers
Sunday, Feb. 12	10:00 AM	Ryan Trentman Dan Marlow	Vicki Rinehart	Alayna Beverly	Jenny Snipes	Volunteers
Sunday, Feb. 19	10:00 AM	Ryan Trentman Dan Marlow	Vicki Rinehart	Lexi Cheney	Shelby Buchholz	Volunteers
Sunday, Feb. 26	10:00 AM	Rick Dienstberger Larry Miller	Vicki Rinehart	Noah Cheney	Larry Miller	Volunteers
Sunday, Mar. 5	10:00 AM	Rick Dienstberger Larry Miller	Donna Berger Kathy Radebaugh	Caleb Trentman	Ron Kloepffel	Volunteers
Sunday, Mar. 12	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Lois Ewing	Donna Berger Kathy Radebaugh	Maylia Hershberger	Lynn Koenig	Volunteers