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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.*

**May Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

# The Messenger



***Easter Sunday Services at 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM***

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

# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – April 2023

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

With the advent of Day Light Savings Time, we have hope that the resurrection life of the earth will soon appear. Even now, some of my daffodils are blooming and my little magnolia bush is full of buds. The male geese around my lake are now aggressive as they seek power and dominance. The earth is waking up from our long winter and we rejoice.

But we have also journeyed through our long Lenten season as we await Easter and the resurrection hope that Christ brings into our lives. Without Holy Week and the events that transpired and led to the crucifixion and burial of our Lord, we would not have Easter. Jesus willingly went to the cross to provide a means for him to bring life and all that is good to each of us. His resurrection brings the hope of eternal life and a restoration of a living relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is a powerful time to worship and remember.

Won't you come and worship with us during Holy Week and Easter? We will be having Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services, with each beginning at 7:00PM. We will be having an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30AM, followed by an Easter breakfast of pancakes and sausage. After breakfast the youth group will hide easter eggs and the children will then have an Easter Egg hunt. We will then have our 10:00AM Easter Service. Come and experience this holy time in the church year as you allow the events of Christ's sacrifice for you to go deep into your heart and then, on Easter, to joyously celebrate his resurrection.

Peace,

Pastor Carol

P.S. Invite a neighbor or other friend as all are welcome!

2023: The Year of Story Memory Verse

**"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."** (Acts 1:8)

### **Sunday School Choir:**

The children rocked out on March 19<sup>th</sup> as they sang "Jesus is the Rock and He Rolls my Blues Away," and "Jesus is a Cool Dude."

Note that the children will be invited to participate in the procession of palms on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The children will be singing again on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Catechism and Confirmation:**

Pastor Carol and the students are again joining other students from other area congregations the weekend of March 24-26 at Maria Stein to study about various patriarch and matriarchs in the Bible.

Lexie Chaney, Maliya Hershberger, and Jacob Trentman will be confirmed on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers as they get ready to make Affirmation of their Baptism and we confirm their faith and ask the Holy Spirit to come in power in their lives.

### **Monthly Finance Reports:**

We will be including the monthly finance chart for the operation of the church from now on in our newsletters. Our Offering Envelopes are finally here and you can pick your envelopes up at the back of the sanctuary. If you do not want to use your envelopes, you are welcome to set up regular giving through MyVanco. There is a secure link to it on our St. Peter Delphos.org website.



### **Lenten Soup Supper Thank you:**

Thank you to all who came each Wednesday to worship and to fellowship over soup and sandwiches. Thank you to Melissa Trentman for making the sandwiches each week and to all who made soup; Linda Downey, Dave Stemen, Marge Evatt, Ron Kloeppel, Pastor Carol, Connie Stemen, Alida Pletcher, Patti Calvert, and Donna Berger.

### **Paint and Praise:**

Our next Paint and Praise will be Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have two options to paint again. One will be a flower of some sort and the other will be a Spring tree or scene. Sign up with Lauren at [stpeterdelphos@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterdelphos@gmail.com). Cost:\$15.00

### **Prayer Practice:**

For some, the idea of sitting in silence in prayer is a challenge. One prayer practice taught by Dr. Terry Wardle is called **Rest, Receive, Respond**.

**Rest** – clearing your mind by breathing deeply and asking Jesus or the Holy Spirit to come and be present with you. (Sit in an open and receiving posture.)

**Receive-** Allow the Holy Spirit to bring a scripture verse or a memory or image to your mind that helps you on your faith journey.

**Respond-** Speak words of gratitude to God for the time and experience of God's presence.

### **Scripture Memorization:**

Through the last 30 years my Pastor husband, Doug has memorized the Gospel passage for each Sunday. I do not have the confidence or discipline to do that but I have been wondering about committing different life scriptures to memory. I am wondering if you have special scriptures that you have memorized of if there are special ones that you would like to memorize.

I would like to invite us to go on a journey to begin to memorize short passages that we can recall to help us on our faith journey. If you would be interested in doing this with me and have several scriptures that you think would be valuable to memorize, won't you share them with me and then we can begin to work together to memorize them.

Over the next month I am inviting us to memorize the following scriptures. I think we could focus on memorizing one a week.

**Week of April 2:** Week of April 9: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

**Week of April 9:** Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own **doing; it is the gift of God.**

**Week of April 16:** 11:25 Jesus said (to her), "I am the **resurrection** and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.

**Week of April 23:** Philippians 4:4-5 <sup>4</sup> Rejoice<sup>[b]</sup> in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

**Week of April 30:** Philippians 4:6-7 <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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### **Everything Comes Alive on Easter!**

Palm Sunday service – April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM

(Note that the children will be invited to participate in the procession of palms on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Maundy Thursday service – April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Good Friday service – April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM



# 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 March by:

- Norma Koenig in celebration of Aaron, Deb, and Roy's birthdays in March
- Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ron and Sue Kloepfel in honor of their children and in memory of their parents.
- Bob and Deb Trentman

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

- Sam, Angie, and Sarah Miller in memory of Jane Gonyea.

**WELCA meeting** is Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Council meeting** is Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

**InReach/OutReach meeting** is Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

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

**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.

**Prayer Group** will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in April. Anyone is welcome to join us in the Parish Hall from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

**Mark your calendars for the next Paint & Praise** which will be held on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. A sign-up sheet will be posted in April.

### **April Birthdays**

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

- 1) Cindy Weitzel
- 2) Barbara Shafer
- 2) Vicki Kramer
- 3) Douglas Fitch
- 3) Robert Kloeppel
- 3) Samantha Rode

- 7) Lynn Koenig
- 14) Matthew Calvelage
- 15) Richard Wreede
- 15) Nicholas Fitch
- 18) Charlotte Koebel
- 22) Virginia Klenz

- 23) Kayleigh Rode
- 23) Evan Lieurance
- 26) Rodney Klenz
- 28) Laura Peters
- 28) Jason Simon

## **WELCA BAKELESS BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER**

You are invited to NOT bake a cake, pie, cookies or brownies. You do NOT have to find the recipe. You do NOT have to shop for the ingredients. You do NOT have to mix. You do NOT have to cook. You do NOT have to cut. You do NOT have to wrap. You do NOT have to wash dishes. You do NOT have to clean up your kitchen. You do NOT have to go to the bake sale. You can write a check or donate cash and enjoy doing something yourself or with your family!



In years past WELCA would hold a bake sale at a local bank in the fall. With less foot traffic at the bank along with the pandemic it has become difficult to sell the baked goods. Thank you to all of the volunteers that donated baked items, workers and all of you that purchased the baked goods in the past. **We are inviting you to take part in our Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the parish hall, or drop a check or cash in the offering plate marked as "WELCA".** 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 your support!

## **The Story of Jesus – NWOS Daily Bible Reading Guide**

April 1 Jesus Heals a Paralytic Matt. 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26 Intermission: Holy Week Readings (According to Matthew)

April 2 Palm Sunday Matt. 21

April 3 Matt. 22-23

April 4 Matt. 24

April 5 Matt. 25

April 6 Maundy Thursday Matt. 26

April 7 Good Friday Matt. 27:1-61

April 8 Easter Vigil Matt. 27:62-66

April 9 Easter Matt. 28 Jesus' Ministry in Galilee (According to Matthew: Part Three)

April 10 Jesus Calls Levi (Matt.) Matt. 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

April 11 The Question about Fasting Matt. 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39

April 12 Jesus Restores a Girl to Life & Heals a Woman Matt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

April 13 Jesus Heals Two Blind Men Matt. 9:27-31; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

April 14 Jesus Heals a Demoniac Matt. 9:32-34; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:14-15

April 15 The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Are Few Matt. 9:35-38; Mark 6:34; Luke 10:2

April 16 The Twelve Apostles Matt. 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16

April 17 The Mission of the Twelve Matt. 10:5-15; Mark 6:6-13; Luke 9:1-6

April 18 Coming Persecutions Matt. 10:16-25; Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-19

April 19 Whom to Fear Matt. 10:26-33; Luke 12:4-9

April 20 Divisions Matt. 10:34-36; Luke 12:51-53

April 21 Conditions of Discipleship Matt. 10:37-39; Luke 14:25-27

April 22 Rewards of Discipleship Matt. 10:40-42; Mark 9:41

April 23 Messengers from John the Baptist Matt. 11:1-6; Luke 7:18-23

April 24 Jesus Praises John the Baptist Matt. 11:7-19; Luke 7:24-35

April 25 Woe to Unrepentant Cities Matt. 11:20-24; Luke 10:12-15

April 26 Jesus Thanks His Father Matt. 11:25-27; Luke 10:21-24

April 27 Come unto Me Matt. 11:28-30

April 28 Plucking Grain on the Sabbath Matt. 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5

April 29 The Man with the Withered Hand Matt. 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

April 30 A Multitude by the Sea Matt. 12:15-21; Mark 3:7-12; Luke 6:17-19

May 1 Jesus Is Anointed by a Woman Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8

May 2 Some Women Accompany Jesus Luke 8:1-3

May 3 Is Jesus Out of His Mind? Mark 3:20-21

May 4 Jesus and Beelzebul Matt. 12:22-30; Mark 3:22-27; Luke 11:14-23

May 5 Sin Against the Holy Spirit Matt. 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 12:10

May 6 A Tree and Its Fruit Matt. 12:33-37

May 7 The Sign of Jonah Matt. 12:38-42; Luke 11:29-32





