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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.*

**April Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

# The Messenger



***Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

*Turn clocks ahead 1 hour!*

**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 – March 2023

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

It is hard to believe that the church year is flying by and we are already into the season of Lent. I used to hate this season of the church year because it always seemed to be so morbid to me. The joy of the Lord is what calls to me, but I have learned through the years to cherish the season of Lent. I have learned to appreciate God on a much deeper level as I have wrestled with the scriptures and have had special experiences of God meeting me. I have also learned that these 40 days of Lent are really a gift opportunity to allow us to encounter God in fresh ways as we gather and share our journeys together.

This year, I invite you to pray the psalm that we will read responsively each Sunday. Take your bulletin home and read the psalm prayerfully during the week. We will have questions in the bulletin for you to ponder as you read and pray the psalm. Then on Wednesday, during our Lenten service, we will have time for discussion about the psalm.

Our Wednesday soup supper will begin at 6:00 and go until 6:45 pm. We will have several kinds of soup and cold cut sandwiches. Then at 7:00 pm, we will have an informal service in the Parish Hall. Please come and enjoy the fellowship as we journey together to grow our faith in Jesus.

During the last few weeks, I have been focusing on meeting God, not just in our heads, but focusing on how experiences of God that touch our hearts can have a more lasting impact on our faith journeys. When we experience the power of God at work in our lives we are changed. This may come in an awakening in our heart as we read the scriptures or in a time of prayer when we experience God speaking life into us. God is a God of relationship and experiencing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in our daily lives allows us to better handle life during the good times and the hard times. When we take time to experience the presence of God, which sometimes can happen when we just sit quietly and listen, we experience grace and love. We then can begin to grasp just how great is God's love for each of us.

May you experience the presence, love, and grace of God at work in you during this special season of Lent.

Blessings,

Pastor Carol

### **Youth Group:**

The youth group met on February 12. After doing a devotional activity they played Pictionary.

The youth group will meet again on March 12 from 1:30-3:30 pm. All students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are welcome to attend. Friends are also welcome.

### **Sunday School Choir:**

The Sunday School Choir sang on February 19. Thank you, Jenny Snipes for leading the singing. The students sang a medley of *Amazing Grace with Jesus Loves Me*, as well as *This Little Light of Mine* and *Reach Out in Love*. They did a great job.

They will sing March 26<sup>th</sup> and again on Easter. On Palm Sunday, the children will be invited to parade through the church as we sing *All Glory Laude and Honor*.

### **Catechism:**

Our catechism students will be attending another catechism retreat at Maria Stein on the weekend of March 24-26. They will be studying about important people in the Bible- Patriarchs, Judges, Kings, Prophets, as well as Jesus and the Apostles.

We will meet after church on March 5 to finish the movie on Martin Luther and to discuss Martin Luther's impact on the church.

Our three students will be confirmed in May. Please pray for them as they prepare to make affirmation of their baptism- Jacob Trentman, Maliya Hershberger, and Lexie Cheney.

## **The Prayer Group:**

The prayer group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We start with a short devotional and then make prayer requests for those we know and those for whom we have been asked to pray. We also pray for the town and our country. After the time of prayer there is time for fellowship. All are welcome.

## **InReach/OutReach:**

The InReach/OutReach team met on February 20 to continue to plan for church gatherings to enable us to grow our faith in Jesus. The second potluck in the new year was held on February 19, and many enjoyed to wonderful food and fellowship. A part of the focus this month was to plan for the Lenten Soup Suppers.

Soup makers for the Lenten Suppers:

If you are interested for signing up to bring in a soup for one of the Wednesday night services, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

## **MyVanco (Simply Giving):**

If you want to set up regular giving of your offering to the church online, you can visit our website at [stpeterdelphos.org](http://stpeterdelphos.org) and click on the simply giving tab. You can give from your checking account for a very low fee. It is higher for credit cards. The site is secure. I have set my giving to be automatically withdrawn from my checking account on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month through the month of December for this year.

Once you hit the tab you will see quite a few tiles for which you can direct your giving. We are encouraging people to give to the regular Sunday offering as that supports our ministry objectives. Note that if you want to give to the flower fund to provide flowers, you still need to sign up at the back of the church or call Lauren to let her know to put your name in the bulletin.

If you have wanted a way to support the relief efforts in Ukraine, Turkey or Syria, you have simply to click on the Lutheran Disaster Response tab and your donation will be directed there.

Some of you have asked why we have different words like give, donate or contribution.

We weren't sure which you would prefer, so we used them all.

One of the nice things about this site is that once you set up your account you do not need to re-enter your checking data each time you use the site, and you can also set up regular giving so you do not need to worry about remembering to write a check for your offering. It will be deducted and Denise Kloepfel will get a report of your giving.

## 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 February by:

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Ron and Sue Kloepfel in honor of their children and in memory of their parents.

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

- Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of their granddaughter Harper's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**WELCA meeting** is Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Altar Guild meeting** is Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**Council meeting** is Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

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

**Youth Group** is meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 PM.

**Catechism Retreat** will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> - March 26<sup>th</sup>. They will also be meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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** meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.

## March Birthdays

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

4) Georgia Mayer

5) Eric Fritz

9) Linda Mayer

10) Kristin Koebel

10) Kyle Kramer

15) Chris Prine

15) Julie Fitch

16) Megan Marlow

19) Nicole Wortman

19) Braytan Kruse

21) Aaron Trentman

24) Deb Trentman

24) Roy Trentman

24) Kenneth Metzger

24) Lois Ewing

26) Nathan Staples

31) Ryan Kloeppe

# 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**

- 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
- Mar. 7 Do Not Worry Matt. 6:25-34; Luke 12:22-32
- Mar. 8 Judging Others Matt. 7:1-5; Luke 6:37-42
- Mar. 9 Profaning the Holy Matt. 7:6
- Mar. 10 Ask, Search, Knock Matt. 7:7-11; Luke 11:9-13
- Mar. 11 The Golden Rule Matt. 7:12; Luke 6:31
- Mar. 12 The Narrow Gate Matt. 7:13-14; Luke 13:22-30
- Mar. 13 A Tree and Its Fruit Matt. 7:15-20; Luke 6:43-45
- Mar. 14 Concerning Self-Deception Matt. 7:21-23; Luke 13:26-27
- Mar. 15 Hearers and Doers Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:46-49
- Mar. 16 The Effect of the Sermon Matt. 7:28-29 The Sermon on the Plain (According to Luke)
- Mar. 17 The Setting Luke 6:17-19; Matt. 4:24-5:2
- Mar. 18 The Beatitudes Luke 6:20-23; Matt. 5:3-12
- Mar. 19 The Woes Luke 6:24-26
- Mar. 20 Love for Enemies Luke 6:27-36; Matt. 5:43-48
- Mar. 21 Judging Others Luke 6:37-42; Matt. 7:1-5
- Mar. 22 A Tree and Its Fruit Luke 6:43-45; Matt. 7:15-20
- Mar. 23 Hearers and Doers Luke 6:46-49; Matt. 7:24-27 Jesus' Ministry in Galilee (According to Matt.: Part Two)
- Mar. 24 Jesus Cleanses a Leper Matt. 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16
- Mar. 25 Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10
- Mar. 26 Jesus Raises a Widow's Son Luke 7:11-17
- Mar. 27 The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law Matt. 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39
- Mar. 28 Healing in the Evening Matt. 8:16-17; Mark 1:32-34; Luke 4:40-41 3
- Mar. 29 On Following Jesus Matt. 8:18-22; Luke 9:57-62
- Mar. 30 Jesus Stills a Storm Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
- Mar. 31 Jesus Heals a Demoniac Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39
- 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





