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**August Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**



**First Day of Summer**

Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>



**Independence Day**

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

# The Messenger



**Father's Day - Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**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 – June and July 2023

## A Little Bit of This and That for June and July...

One of the great privileges of being a pastor is the gift of being able to journey together with you. The life of faith is an amazing journey and to see God at work is a gift.

During this Easter Season we have been hearing about waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit to come. The resurrected Jesus comes to his disciples and he does several important things. First, he brings peace and then he breathes on them the Holy Spirit. This is the Helper or Advocate that Jesus told them he would send to them after he went away. But it is not enough that they have just a little bit of the Holy Spirit in them. Jesus wants the Holy Spirit to come in power- to be life changing. God has a plan to change the world as people are made new creations in Christ. The disciples need the power of the Holy Spirit to step out in faith to spread the gospel message.

Fifty days after Jesus is resurrected, Pentecost occurs and everything changes. The disciples as they are emboldened to preach the Gospel and move out into the world. Miracles happen. In the book of Acts, we witness countless miracles and powerful change in the formation of the body of Christ.

So, my question is, how much do we want this power of the Holy Spirit to come to us? Was that Pentecost experience just for the disciples or are we meant to experience more power of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

I believe that this power of the Holy Spirit is meant to come to each of us. As Lutherans we pray for God to stir up the Holy Spirit in us as we are confirmed. But is this enough? Why do we not see more of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and in the body of Christ?

I have struggled with this for years. Is it that as Lutherans, we are more comfortable with God the Father and Jesus so we keep the Holy Spirit at a distance? Or is it that we need to fast and pray as a body of Christ to ask the Holy Spirit to come in power to each of us? I think it is a little of both.

Mark Batterson has written a book called [The Wild Goose](#) in which the Holy Spirit is depicted as being wild and at times unpredictable. We are comfortable with our calm way of relating to the Holy Spirit in faith. How might life be different if we experienced a daily baptism or overflowing of the Holy Spirit to help each of us live out the calling that we have in our lives? What if the power of the Holy Spirit caused us to act differently?

I wrestle with this. On the one hand I say, "Come Holy Spirit." But on the other, I push back and say, "but do not come in so much power that people will think I am weird or different." There is a pull toward and a pull away.

As we journey through the season of Pentecost this summer, I invite you to pray about the Holy Spirit. How do you really feel about the Holy Spirit? Are you comfortable as you are and fear what the Holy Spirit actually coming in power would do in your life? Have you experienced this deep power of the Holy Spirit at times in your life? How would a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit in our midst allow us to live out our mission statement?

I pray that the Holy Spirit would stir our hearts to recognize that the Holy Spirit truly is our friend and helper and a gift to us from Jesus to bring life and wholeness to each of us. May we remember our baptism but also ask for another baptism in the spirit that brings the power to spread the love of Jesus in our midst in ways that bring grace, love and transformation.

Blessings in your wrestling,

Pastor Carol

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**2023: The Year of Story Memory Verse and verse for the Summer:**

"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) We will focus on this verse along with our mission statement this summer. I hope that we can all know these deep in our hearts by the end of the summer.

**Easter At St. Peter:**

What a glorious Easter Day to celebrate our risen Lord. We had a combined total of about 141 in attendance for our Easter services. It was a joyous day! Our young adults have put together a group to share some more contemporary music and they played and sang a beautiful piece for the offertory called "Glorious Day." Thank you, Emily, Kylee, Noelle, and Thomas. We look forward to the next time when you can share your gift of music. A special thank you to the Council members for fixing a wonderful pancake and sausage breakfast! The food was great, and we enjoyed the special time of fellowship. Thank you also to Shelby for working with the youth group to fill and hide the eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt. It was a joy to watch the children scramble to fill their bags with so many eggs.

**Lifewise:**

Lifewise had a successful year with 218 students participating from grades 1-6. The children in grades 1-4 participated at St. Peter and there was always a joyous sound to be heard when they were in the building. Kristy Moore from Delphos First Assembly has taken over the directorship for Delphos and has been seeking people from the various churches in town to help serve on the board and to serve as committee volunteers. Dave Mayer is serving as the board member representing St. Peter. We want to extend a special thank you to all of the teachers and volunteers who worked with the children and for the work of the board for their guidance and support.

## Confirmation:

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, we confirmed Lexie Cheney, Maliya Hershberger, and Jacob Trentman. Please see their Bible Verses and faith statements about them below.

### Lexie Elaine Cheney

Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 **Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.**

### Maliya Hope Hershberger

Bible Verse: John 8:12 **When Jesus spoke again to the people he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

### Jacob Aaron Trentman

Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9 **"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."**



## Graduates:

**Kylee Dienstberger** graduated from Vantage and Delphos City Schools. While at Vantage, Kylee learned all about building trades and over the last two years helped to build a house in Van Wert. While in high school she participated in soccer, the band and choir. She has also worked at McDonald's where she has been given more and more responsibility. This is because she is a natural born leader. She will be entering Purdue University in Fort Wayne to major in Civil Engineering.

**Kaiden Trentman** has earned his associate's degree in Electro Mechanical Engineering from Northwest State Community College. He will continue working toward a Bachelor Degree from Miami University. He is currently employed at Alliance Automation in Van Wert.

**Jordan Koebel** has graduated from Ohio Northern University where he majored in Civil Engineering. Jordan is working at EMH&T Inc. in New Albany.



## **InReach/OutReach:**

The **summer plans** are to provide **Popsicles every Sunday & Wednesday following church service, starting June 4th!** If you are attending church, you will find the popsicles in the freezer, grab a few, a bucket, scissors, a trash can, and hand them out at the end of church for fellowship.

**The 2nd Wednesday of every month will be an extra special fellowship!**

June 14th- Strawberry shortcake

July 12th- Root Beer Floats

August 9th- Sundaes on Wednesday

## **SAVE THE DATE for Stellar, Delphos Community Vacation Bible School**

July 9--July 13, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m., at Trinity Family Life Center for all kids in pre-school (and potty trained) through 4th grade. St. Peter and Trinity UMC are partnering again this year for this free, fun-filled, Christian educational experience open to all area youth. We are in need of Team Leaders to help guide the kids from station to station and Station Leaders and Assistant Station Leaders for Registration/Check-in, Snacks, Bible Stories, Crafts,



Music, Imagination, & Games. Please contact Carrie Calvelage at 419-233-4561 with questions AND to sign up to help. All registration will be done online; watch *St. Peter Delphos* Facebook Page for the registration link.

## **Sunday School News**

The adult and youth Sunday School classes took up a weekly offering and collected \$340 to be donated to ELCA Good Gifts. ELCA Good Gifts provides more than 50 different gift-giving options that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. These gifts, starting at just \$10, provide direct support for the churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

As part of our youth wrap-up on April 30, the kids voted on what to purchase through ELCA Good Gifts, and they chose: 10 chicks, 1 rooster, 1 goat, 1 piglet, 1 community vegetable garden, soap & sanitation supplies, and fruit tree seedlings. Thank you to everyone that made donations!

## **Are you excited about what is happening here at St. Peter?**

We are a congregation that loves the Lord and loves each other. This is good. **Why not invite a friend to come and share in the journey?**

## **Summer Schedule:**

The **Sunday services switch to 9:00 am on May 28<sup>th</sup>** and go through Labor Day weekend. Our sanctuary is a beautiful setting in which to worship God, hear the Word spoken, and receive Holy Communion. It can get a little warm in the summer so dress comfortably.

The **Wednesday service option begins on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** This service takes place in a more informal setting out back. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the summer breezes as we worship. In case of rain, we worship in the parish hall to keep it more informal. Holy Communion is also offered at this service.

**Monthly Finance Reports:**

**Scripture Memorization:** Over the summer, to give our minds a break lets focus on memorizing our mission statement and the focus verse for the church as a whole since it is designated as the year of the story.

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## Committee Spotlight: Altar Guild

The Council has requested that we feature a different committee over the next few months in our newsletter to share what the committees do. This month we are focusing on *Altar Guild*.

Altar Guild is a special group of church members who work together in collaboration with Pastor and prepare the church each week for all regular and special occasion services. The majority of our duties surround making sure the church looks beautiful each week. Some of our duties include setting up communion, attending to the candles, cleaning all the brass, and decorating inside the sanctuary throughout the year. Additionally, we are in charge of arranging for flowers either weekly, for special occasions, or for the birth of babies. Finally, we set up for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. At each of these events, an altar guild member is present in case something is needed.

The funds we receive go to purchasing any needed supplies for the altar or sanctuary which include candles, oil, wicks, flowers, banners, palms, church holiday decorations, and any other special additions. These items are purchased through donations or memorials and ultimately the funds allow us to continue to make our church services special each week.

**BASEBALL FANS**



**OF ALL AGES:**

Please help us celebrate Nathan's life and love of baseball. The Nathan Miller Memorial Baseball Tournament is June 2, 3, and 4 at the Stadium Park. Please come out to be a part of a great weekend of baseball and fun, while enjoying lunch after church with some great food.

Thanks, Angie Miller & Family

## 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 May by:

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- Ron, Aaron, and Paige Kloeppel in honor of Sue on Mother's Day and also in remembrance of Alma Kloeppel and Barb Koverman
- Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

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

- The flowers on the altar were given by Dave and Connie Stemen in celebration of their daughters in law and granddaughters.
- the flowers on the altar were given by Dave and Linda Mayer in celebration of their grandson, Jordan Koebel's college graduation.
- The flowers on the altar were given by Altar Guild in honor of the Confirmands.

**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.

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

**Quilt knotting** will continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM.

## **Red Book Sign Up at the back of Church:**

Starting in May and moving forward we would like to have volunteers to sign up to be money counters, ushers, communion assistants, acolytes and readers for any Sunday of *their* choice. If there is no one specific signed up for that week/month, your name of those who currently participate in the Sunday service(s) will be signed up each week/month like it has been in the past.



If you are interested in taking part in any of the above roles to serve in our church, please reach out to Pastor Carol or Lauren to get more information!

If you would like your name removed from any of the above roles; please let Pastor Carol or Lauren know as well so your name is not listed in the future. **Please sign up at the back of church in the red book** or email Lauren at [stpeterdelphos@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterdelphos@gmail.com). There is a tab listed for each specific Sunday service. Thank you for your consideration and help into making St. Peter Lutheran Church what it is today!

### **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.

When Pastor Carol is on vacation please call Lauren in case of an emergency at 419.296.3955 and she will connect you with a pastor who will be covering for Pastor Carol.

**June and July Birthdays:** If we do not have your birthday listed. Please contact Lauren to get your name on the list to recognize your special day.

### **June Birthdays**

2) Lauren French	20) Mellie Stemen	24) Shelby Buchholz
2) Heather Radebaugh	21) Jane Crawford	26) Jordan Vorst
5) Larry Miller	21) Elijah Kimmitt	25) Judy Staples
8) Jennifer Trentman	21) Dominic Munoz	27) Lauren Trentman
9) Dan Kramer	21) Lexi Pierner	29) James Hasting
14) Anna Fitch	23) Landon Morrow	30) Tyler Miller
16) Aaron Kloeppel	24) Stephanie Harman	30) Matthew Weitzel
16) Michael Harman		

### **July Birthdays**

2) Melissa Trentman	17) Dave Stemen	23) Jesse Calvelage
4) Madeline Weitzel	18) Bruce Perrin	24) Tina Himmeger
5) Jonathan Staples	19) Derek Daulbaugh	28) Kylee Dienstberger
8) Josh Miller	19) Amy Miller	28) Don Stemen
11) Landon Munshower	19) Talan Siefker	31) Sydney Hoehn
13) Adalie Cope	22) Sue Kloeppel	
15) Maya Cuellar	22) John Theis Sr.	

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

June 1 Jesus Heals the Sick Matt. 14:34–36; Mark 6:53–56

June 2 Bread of Life John 6:22–59

June 3 Tradition of the Elders Matt. 15:1–9; Mark 7:1–13

June 4 Things that Defile a Person Matt. 15:10–20; Mark 7:14–23

June 5 The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith Matt. 15:21–28; Mark 7:24–30

June 6 Jesus Heals Many People Matt. 15:29–31; Mark 7:31–37

June 7 Feeding the Four Thousand Matt. 15:32–39; Mark 8:1–10

June 8 The Demand for a Sign Matt. 16:1–4; Mark 8:11–13

June 9 The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees Matt. 16:5–12; Mark 8:14–21

June 10 Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida Mark 8:22–26

The Way to the Cross

June 11 The Words of Eternal Life John 6:60–71

June 12 Peter's Confession Matt. 16:13–20; Mark 8:27–30; Luke 9:18–20

June 13 Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection Matt. 16:21–23; Mark 8:31–33; Luke 9:21–22

June 14 The Cross and Self Denial Matt. 16:24–28; Mark 8:34–9:1; Luke 9:23–27

June 15 The Transfiguration Matt. 17:1–9; Mark 9:2–10; Luke 9:28–36

June 16 The Coming of Elijah Matt. 17:10–13; Mark 9:11–13

June 17 Jesus Heals a Demon Possessed Boy Matt. 17:14–21; Mark 9:14–29; Luke 9:37–43

June 18 Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection Matt. 17:22–23; Mark 9:30–32; Luke 9:44–45

June 19 Jesus and the Temple Tax Matt. 17:24–27

June 20 True Greatness Matt. 18:1–5; Mark 9:33–37; Luke 9:46–48

June 21 An Exorcism Mark 9:38–41; Luke 9:49–50

June 22 Temptations to Sin Matt. 18:6–9; Mark 9:42–50; Luke 17:1–2

June 23 Parable of the Lost Sheep Matt. 18:10–14; Luke 15:3–7

June 24 Reproving Another Who Sins Matt. 18:15–18

June 25 Where Two or Three Are Gathered Matt. 18:19–20

June 26 On Forgiveness Matt. 18:21–22

June 27 The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant Matt. 18:23–35

Final Journey to Jerusalem (According to Luke)

June 28 Decision to Go to Jerusalem Luke 9:51

June 29 Jesus Is Rejected by the Samaritans Luke 9:52–56

June 30 On Following Jesus Luke 9:57–62; Matt. 8:18–22

July 1 The Mission of the Seventy Luke 10:1–12

July 2 Woe to Unrepentant Cities Luke 10:13–16; Matt. 11:20–24

July 3 The Return of the Seventy Luke 10:17–20

July 4 Jesus Thanks the Father Luke 10:21–24; Matt. 11:25–27

July 5 The Lawyer's Question Luke 10:25–28; Matt. 22:34–40; Mark 12:28–34

July 6 The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:29–37

July 7 Jesus Visits Mary and Martha Luke 10:38–42

July 8 The Lord's Prayer Luke 11:1–4; Matt. 6:9–13

July 9 Perseverance in Prayer Luke 11:5–8

July 10 Encouragement to Pray Luke 11:9–13; Matt. 7:7–11

July 11 Jesus and Beelzebul Luke 11:14–23; Matt. 12:22–30; Mark 3:22–27

July 12 The Return of an Unclean Spirit Luke 11:24–26; Matt. 12:43–45

July 13 True Blessedness Luke 11:27–28

July 14 The Sign of Jonah Luke 11:29-32; Matt. 12:38-42  
July 15 Concerning Light Luke 11:33; Matt. 5:14-16; Mark 4:21  
July 16 The Sound Eye Luke 11:34-36; Matt. 6:22-23  
July 17 Jesus Denounces Pharisees and Lawyers Luke 11:37-54  
July 18 The Yeast of the Pharisees Luke 12:1-3; Matt. 16:5-12; Mark 8:14-21  
July 19 Whom to Fear Luke 12:4-9; Matt. 10:26-33  
July 20 Sin Against the Holy Spirit Luke 12:10; Matt. 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30  
July 21 The Help of the Holy Spirit Luke 12:11-12; Matt. 10:19-20; Mark 13:11  
July 22 Warning Against Greed Luke 12:13-15  
July 23 The Parable of the Rich Fool Luke 12:16-21  
July 24 Do Not Worry Luke 12:22-32; Matt. 6:25-34  
July 25 Concerning Treasures Luke 12:33-34; Matt. 6:19-21  
July 26 Watchful Slaves Luke 12:35-40  
July 27 The Faithful and Unfaithful Slave Luke 12:41-48; Matt. 24:45-51  
July 28 Divisions Luke 12:49-53; Matt. 10:34-36  
July 29 Interpreting the Times Luke 12:54-56; Matt. 16:1-4  
July 30 Settling with Your Opponent Luke 12:57-59  
July 31 Repent or Perish Luke 13:1-5  
Aug. 1 Parable of the Fig Tree Luke 13:6-9; Matt. 21:18-19; Mark 11:12-14  
Aug. 2 Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman Luke 13:10-17  
Aug. 3 The Parable of the Mustard Seed Luke 13:18-19; Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32  
Aug. 4 The Parable of the Yeast Luke 13:20-21; Matt. 13:33

