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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.

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The Messenger



Memorial Day; Monday, May 29th

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 – May 2023

On April 13-15, I traveled to Ashland, Ohio to attend a seminar given by Healing Care and had the privilege to again learn from Dr. Terry Wardle whose understanding of the power of Christ at work in our lives can truly help us as we journey in faith.

Dr. Wardle started the seminar by stating that he was tired of a powerless Christianity and then prayed for the power of the Holy Spirit to come to us during our time together. The three days were indeed powerful; I felt like I was sitting under a waterfall of flowing waters of God as Dr. Wardle shared key concepts of faith and about moving from a spirit of brokenness to an understanding of being God's beloved child. The power of the Holy Spirit at work in our three days together was amazing and I did not want our time together to end.

So, I have been reflecting on this over this last week. **I am wondering... how do we expect the power of the resurrected Christ to be at work in our lives? Do we really want deep transforming experiences with Jesus or do we want to keep him at a safe distance?**

During the season of Easter, we hear how the disciples encounter the resurrected Christ. On the walk to Emmaus two disciples encounter Jesus and their hearts were burning within them as Jesus revealed the scriptures to them. It was only when Jesus while sitting down to eat with them, broke bread and gave thanks that they were able to see that this person they encountered was their risen Lord. Jesus comes to the disciples and as he reveals himself, he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them and then tells them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come to them in power.

At the end of this month, we will celebrate Pentecost to recognize this power of the Holy Spirit that fell upon the disciples and so many others. It is the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us that changes how God moves in our lives and transforms Christianity into a faith where we can pray and expect the power of God to be at work in our midst. **My prayer for all of us as we wait for Pentecost is that we begin to pray for the Holy Spirit to come in power in each of our lives. I want us to have experiences that get us excited about Jesus.**

One of the core teachings of Healing Care is that we need to have experiences with Jesus that go deep into our hearts. **So, my second question is... how do we carve out time to experience Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit to move in our midst?** Do you have prayer practices that enable you to hear Jesus speaking to you in scripture? Or do you tend to meet Jesus more in community? How are you awakened in faith?

I am becoming more and more convinced that when we experience Jesus as he reveals himself to us that we experience an awakening, and our faith becomes much more exciting. We can't wait to tell the story and share with others what God is doing in our lives.

Therefore, I am asking you to pray during this month of May that the power of the Holy Spirit would come among us in power. Spend some time in quiet and prayer and ask for Jesus and the

Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your heart to see Jesus in new ways and to stir up the Holy Spirit in you. As we move into deeper relationship with Jesus, I pray that Jesus' words to his disciples would be made manifest in us. In **John 14:12-14** *"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do It"* (NRSVUE, 2021). To this end, I say, "Come, Jesus and come, Holy Spirit. Amen

Blessing to you on the Journey,

Pastor Carol

A Prayer that Dr. Terry Wardle prays each morning:

May all that you accomplished upon the cross descend into the deepest part of who I am and set me free!

Two Theologies of How People See God

Dr. Terry Wardle Teaching

I went to a seminar in which Dr. Terry Wardle with Healing Care Ministries taught important faith concepts. One of the concepts was the importance of moving to having a theology of a God who loves and celebrates us rather than condemns us. The following acronyms come from notes I took during the seminar.

DUCK Theology – looms of over some Christians and causes them to live in guilt and shame and to try to hide from God.

D-When we sin we are damned. God is angry and full of wrath and you need to watch yourself at all times- Jesus stands between us and God to keep God from punishing us.

U – We are unlovable

C- We are corrupt (We are no good.)

K- God will kick us to the curb

A healthier theology is one that allows us to seek God and allows God to speak life into us.

DANCE Theology - God comes to us out of deep love.

D – God delights in you (us).

A- God accepts you just the way you are.

N- God wants to nurture the wonder of who you are.

C -God wants to celebrate you.

E- God wants to embrace you – you can live in that embrace of love.

This has been powerful for me (Pastor Carol) to see God as one who loves me so deeply and thus has helped me enter the dance of trust and relationship with God.

Monthly Finance Reports:

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Week of May 7 Acts 17:28

'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.

Week of May 14 Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Week of May 21 Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Week of May 28 2 Corinthians 5:7

For we live by faith, not by sight.

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.

InReach/OutReach (IROR) Committee:

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 InReach/OutReach. This committee has gone from a committee of three to a committee of over 12 people. We combined the Vision Team with this committee this year. This committee usually meets on the third Monday of the month but will not meet again until **September 18**. Its goal is to provide ministry for the life of the church as well as providing for ministry opportunities outside the church. The committee met on April 17. Here is a glimpse of what the committee wants to provide for this summer.

First though, our third Paint & Praise was held on April 26th. A special thank you to Pastor Steve & Terry Nelson who came. Thank you also to Lauren, Sue & Donna who brought the snacks.

Beginning May 13th, Dave Stemen will be assisting with the next Habitat project starting soon. IROR will take part in helping to reimburse for lunches for volunteers when this is needed. Dave Stemen will be the liaison for this.

Roger Calvert is in charge of the building program and would love to see more people volunteer to help on the house that will be built on N. Washington Street. Talk to Dave or Roger if you want to volunteer some of your time to help out.

IROR is taking over the ministry of arranging funeral dinners and getting volunteers to help. Susan McGue will now oversee this ministry of the church and WELCA has transferred funeral dinner funds to IROR.

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

Summer church services:

The Wednesday before Memorial Day Weekend (May 24th) will be our first lawn chair service out behind the courtyard. The service begins at 7:00 PM and is casual. Please note that the church times for Sunday, May 28th change to **9:00 AM on Memorial Day weekend** and will run through Labor Day weekend.

Sunday School:

Pastor Carol and the Council extend a special thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers who taught this year. The seeds of faith you have planted provide rich opportunities for all of us to grow our faith in Jesus. Thank you to Carrie Calvelage, Ron Kloeppel, Jenny Snipes, Patty Calvert, Sam Rode, and Dave Stemen.

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 April by:

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- 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 April by:

- The flowers and palms on the altar were given by the Altar Guild in celebration of our risen Lord.

WELCA meeting is Monday, May 8th at 7:00 PM. **Thank you to everyone who donated** to the WELCA Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser! It was a huge success with \$571.00 being collected. We were thrilled with the outpouring of your donations to fund the projects that WELCA supports.

Council meeting is Wednesday, May 24th after the Wednesday night service.

Trust Fund meeting is Sunday, May 21st after church.

Altar Guild meeting is Tuesday, May 2nd.

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!

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 2nd and 4th Wednesday in April. Anyone is welcome to join us in the Parish Hall from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

Quilt knotting will continue the 2nd Tuesday of the month (May 9th) 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. 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.

Sunday School News:

Our Youth Sunday School wrapped up on April 30th with a celebration with the 13 children that attend regularly. **THANK YOU** to Patti Calvert, Jenny Snipes, Sam Rode, Ron Kloeppel, and Carrie Calvelage for teaching our youth. We look forward to starting back up in October.

Adult Sunday School will continue to meet on the Sundays in the month of May at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Thanks to Dave Stemen for leading the Adult Sunday School Class. Once they wrap up on May 21st, they will resume in October as well.

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. Stay tuned for more details regarding the on-line registration for the kids.



Graduates: If you have a college student that is graduating, please contact the office by May 7th. Celebrating with our high school and college graduates will be on May 21st at the 10:00 AM worship service. It is difficult to know when a college student is graduating as various degrees have different timeframes and requirements.

Confirmation: Please pray for Jacob Trentman, Maliya Hershberger, and Lexi Cheney as they prepare to make affirmation of their faith on Sunday, May 7th. Below are their confirmation bible verses.

Jacob Trentman – 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.”

Maliya Hershberger- 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.”

Lexi Cheney – Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

May 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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| 2) Michelle Stemen | 13) Sandy Wilhelm | 22) Linda Gorman |
| 2) Kristie Turner | 13) Steve Schleeter | 22) Evelyn Kloeppel |
| 3) Kevin Brinkman | 18) Sarah Miller | 23) Shelly Hasting |
| 3) Lillyan Ketcham | 17) Roger Calvert | 24) Kevin Pierner |
| 5) Kathryn Wortman | 18) Karen Davis | 25) John Theis, Jr. |
| 10) Matt Mayer | 19) Ryan Rinehart | 27) Chuck Peters |
| 11) Kathy Nighswander | 21) Matt Kimmett | 30) Vicki Gossman |
| | 21) Maliya Hershberger | |

The Story of Jesus – NWOS Daily Bible Reading Guide

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

May 8 The Return of an Unclean Spirit Matt. 12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26

May 9 The True Kindred of Jesus Matt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21

May 10 The Parable of the Sower Matt. 13:1-9; Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-8

May 11 The Purpose of the Parables Matt. 13:10-17; Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10

May 12 The Parable of the Sower Explained Matt. 13:18-23; Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15

May 13 A Lamp Under a Bushel Basket Mark 4:21-25; Luke 8:16-18

May 14 The Parable of the Growing Seed Mark 4:26-29 4

May 15 The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat Matt. 13:24-30

May 16 The Parable of the Mustard Seed Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19

May 17 The Parable of the Yeast Matt. 13:33; Luke 13:20-21

May 18 The Use of Parables Matt. 13:34-35; Mark 4:33-34

May 19 The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat Explained Matt. 13:36-43

May 20 The Parable of the Hidden Treasure Matt. 13:44

May 21 The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value Matt. 13:45-46

May 22 The Parable of the Net Matt. 13:47-50

May 23 Treasures New and Old Matt. 13:51-52

May 24 Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth Matt. 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6; Luke 4:16-30

May 25 Jesus Heals on the Sabbath John 5:1-18

May 26 The Authority of the Son John 5:19-29

May 27 Witnesses to Jesus John 5:30-47

May 28 Reports about Jesus Matt. 14:1-2; Mark 6:14-16; Luke 9:7-9

May 29 The Death of John the Baptist Matt. 14:3-12; Mark 6:17-29

May 30 Feeding the Five Thousand Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15

May 31 Walking on the Water Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21

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

