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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.

October Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, September 20th



LABOR DAY

Labor Day – Monday, September 4th



Grandparent's Day – Sunday, September 10th

The Messenger



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 – September 2023

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

It is hard to believe that it is September already and school has been up and running. The school year often brings a return to a familiar pattern of operating as we go about our lives. When I lived in the Bellville area, I always loved it when I could hear the marching band practice echoing in the hills near my home in late August as the band prepared for the coming football season. I loved to hear those drums and know that season brings a sense of comfort that the often times hecticness of summer would end and I could get back into a familiar rhythm in my daily patterns.

Often people are so busy traveling and connecting with friends and family as they celebrate the ability to enjoy summer activities that the routine of being in fellowship to worship our living God gets pushed aside. September is a time to refocus our attention on the importance of fellowshipping together as we grow our faith in Jesus.

Hopefully, the time spent this summer brings a new sense of energy and appreciation for our amazing God who with just his voice spoke our amazing universe into existence. We are blessed to experience a climate where we experience the changing of the seasons and the appreciation of the beauty of nature in each of the seasons. What an amazing artist God is!

In preaching, this summer I have been focusing on the work of the Holy Spirit to move in our individual lives and to transform us. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are at work in each of us whether we recognize this or not. There always seems to be a calling to come home to them in that still small voice in our heads. I often hear the whispers of God in this way, "Beloved child of God, you are loved and I am glad you are here. Seek me first in your life and I will give you living water to quench your thirsty soul. Rest in my love and receive the grace and power to journey forward in life. You are a gift and I am with you on this journey. Trust me and abide in me. I love you and will be with you."

When I sense God speaking over me, I am transformed to trust just a little bit more and to be open to more of the work of the Holy Spirit in my life. Isn't this what all of us want? May God speak blessings over you as we begin this new season, and may we all continue to be transformed as our faith deepens in the knowledge that we are loved by an amazing Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Love,

Pastor Carol

Pulpit Exchange:

Pastor Carol and her husband, Pastor Doug will be exchanging opportunities to worship with the people of St. Peter and the people of St. Mark's in Wapakoneta four times over the course of the next year. Our first pulpit exchange will be the third week in September.

Pastor Doug is a Biblical storyteller and often recites the scriptures from memory. He has 40 years of experience as an ordained pastor. Pastor Carol has learned much from him about preaching and being a pastor through their 44 years of marriage. Please come and get to know Pastor Doug.

Committee Spotlight: Youth Group

This month we are focusing on our youth group that is for students in 8th-12th grade. The group met in August and made some decisions that they would be interested in forming "**Youth Sundays**" in which they will be the active lay helpers in the service. The youth would be the ushers, the readers, the leaders for the prayers of intercession, and the communion assistant. This would occur on the third Sunday of each month. Youth group would then also meet the third Sunday of each month after church for pizza and a time of fellowship.

The group decided that they would like to host a **pancake breakfast with scrambled eggs before church**. There would be a donation basket and the proceeds would be used to help start the Sunday School fund to purchase a farm or additional animals for the Good Gifts Program. They will be serving **breakfast between 8:45-9:30 on October 8**.

(Due to the pulpit exchange between Pastor Doug and Pastor Carol on the third Sunday in September, the youth will meet on the fourth Sunday to plan for the pancake breakfast.)

InReach/OutReach (IROR) Committee:

The IROR committee met on August 28, and discussed that there are couples looking for a church to call home. When Pastor Carol shared that the youth wanted to do a pancake breakfast the committee supported the idea. The committee decided to use this opportunity to invite friends and people that we know are searching for a church to come to the pancake breakfast and then enjoy the opportunity to worship at 10:00. So, the IROR would like to come alongside the youth to make the pancake breakfast an extra Sunday for us to reach out and invite people to check us out and fellowship with us. Also since October 8, is the opening day of Sunday School, this provides an opportunity to invite other families with children to come and participate in Sunday School.

The committee is also looking for ways to be more welcoming as new people come to church. Entering a new church for the first time is very difficult for many people and so I would like to encourage all of us to be more intentional to reach out with words of welcome.

Sunday School starts again on October 8th. All are welcome! Come. Grow your faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others!

Lifewise:

Kristy Moore, who is the director for Delphos Lifewise came to speak to the church on August 9 and 13. She thanked the congregation for all that we do to make Lifewise available to the elementary students. The program is now serving around 270 students in grades 1-6. Fifth and sixth graders will be attending at the Presbyterian Church.

To align more with the schools in safety precautions, the front doors to the church will be locked when Lifewise is in session. The hours are as follows:

First Semester: Wednesday -1:11-2:47 and Thursday -11:25-11:55 & 1:44-2:47

Second Semester: Tuesday-8:48-10:43 and Thursday – 8:48-11:29

We need to have a few more volunteers to count the offering after church on Sundays. If interested in helping out, please let Lauren know by talking to her or emailing the church office at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com.

Move to Narrative Lectionary as Scripture Focus:

Some of the Lutheran Churches have been using the Narrative Lectionary for years. This is different from the Revised Lectionary that we have traditionally used. The Narrative Lectionary focuses on the stories of the Old Testament, New Testament and the book of Acts. What many church members have found is that their Biblical knowledge has improved because they get to hear more of the stories in their context.

The Narrative Lectionary runs in a four-year cycle. Pastor Doug and I along with several other pastors in the area would like to try preaching from it for this next year. During the fall, Old Testament texts are the primary vehicle for proclaiming the biblical story. The gospel readings become primary texts for preaching on the Fourth Sunday of Advent through Easter. After Easter the focus moves to the book of Acts.

Old Testament Focus in September:

September 10- Genesis 2:4b-25 (Garden of Eden) and Mark 1:16-20

September 17- Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-7 (Isaac Born to Sarah) and Mark 10:23-27

September 2 - Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30 (Jacob Wrestles God) and Mark 14:32-36

Bible Verse to memorize this month:

Instead of focusing on one verse a week, let's focus on one a month. You are invited to pray over this verse as you memorize it. Ask God to speak to you in this verse.

John 15:12-13 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Centering Prayer Helps:

During Lent I came across a centering and closing prayer exercise to use when we gathered to look at the scriptures. It might be helpful to some of you to use when you want to quiet yourself to pray or read the scriptures. I got this from a youth devotional called D365.

Beloved

Be yourself.

Be present here.

Be open to possibilities.

Be attentive to the Holy Spirit.

Be renewed by God's amazing grace.

Closing Prayer:

Go

Go gently.

Go in peace.

Go follow the Holy Spirit.

Go, prepared to begin again.

Go, knowing Christ goes with you.

Go in the embrace of God's grace.

In closing:

I want you to hear that God loves you so much. You are his beloved. May you journey this month in the grace of that love!

A Day for Women to Gather and Experience God's Grace and Love.

- Place:** Pastor Carol's home at 11659 Glynwood Rd. Wapakoneta
- Date:** October 14: 10:00 am -3:00 pm
- Time:** 10:00 am -3:00 pm (Refreshments from 9:30-10:00)
- What:** A gathering of women from St. Mark's, Wapakoneta & St. Peter, Delphos.
- What to bring:** Something (symbol or item) that is important to you as you reflect on your faith journey.

Schedule for the Day:

9:30 – 10:00 People arrive – Coffee, Tea, and coffee cake

10:00 Introductions and getting settled into the space.

10:15- Scripture Reading, a song or two, and a short time to breathe in the space – to be aware of God with us and nature around us.

10:30 -11:15 Sharing your symbols and getting to know each other.

11:15-11:30 – Break

11:30-12:00 – Bible Study and sharing

12:00 -Lunch (provided)

12:45 – 2:15 Stations to reflect and be creative (30 minutes each)

1. Coloring pictures that have a scripture to reflect upon.
2. Making cards with the help of Diane Knipp
3. Painting rocks using acrylic markers
4. Enjoying quiet time to relax and pray in nature.
5. Time to sit and relax with others
6. Another possible painting option

2:30-3:00 Gathering together to share our experiences of the day.

Text or call Pastor Carol if you would like to come. 419-512-4490.

Why it is important to have a day of retreat –

change of place + change of pace = change of perspective.

Monthly Finance Reports:

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.

Keep our shut-ins and military friends and families in your prayers.

Shut-ins

Sharon Reel
Vancrest of Van Wert
10357 Van Wert- Decatur Road
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

Rose Hager

General Announcements

Radio Ministry was given to the glory of God in August by:

- Norma Koenig in honor of her family
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

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

- Altar Guild in celebration on the birth of Athena Alexandria Staples parents – Nathan and Gabrielle Staples. She was born on July 5th, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. On July 24th, Nathan adopted his wife, Gabrielle's two kids, Aurora who is seven and Theodore who is five.

The 2023 Radio Ministry

We have had to update our equipment to record for the radio station on Sundays. The radio station is covering most of the cost of the equipment, but we will need to have an increase in our weekly costs to help cover some of the updated equipment. We also have not had a price increase for the service for many years.

The new cost per week to broadcast on the radio will be \$55.00.

It is very easy to use our Vanco (Tithley link) to set up payment for the service or you may write a check too. You can follow the link listed below to securely submit a payment for *radio ministry*. You will still need to call or email Lauren to let her know which service you are sponsoring as well as to let her know the wording you would like in the bulletin. You may also sign up in the red notebook at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for supporting this very important ministry.

<http://www.stpeterdelphos.org/giving-2/>

The flower chart sign-up sheet is 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.

Pork Loin Dinner: *Reminder that the church service will be at 9:00 AM on Sunday, Oct. 1st.*

It is that time of year again for our 13th annual pork loin dinner which will be held on Sunday, October 1st. With your donations and help, preparation and serving this dinner is becoming a well-oiled machine. Last year we raised over \$6,000.00 for the church! Tickets are available and being distributed. Please return money for sold tickets by Sunday, September 17th. We look forward to your help in achieving our goals. Bacon donations can be dropped off at church by Sunday, September 24th. Workers will be needed for the day of the dinner (10/1).

September Birthdays

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| 1) Alan Trentman | 12) Robert Wortman | 23) Kayla Kruse |
| 4) Christine Brinkman | 16) Edward Fritz | 27) Susan McGue |
| 6) Sharon Reel | 16) Allyson Hasting | 28) Laurie Warnecke |
| 7) Fred Hasting | 20) Rob Wortman | 28) Caleb Trentman |
| 7) Lindsey Lane | 21) Debra Simon | 30) Linda Downey |
| 7) Dan Staples | 23) Nicole Dienstberger | |

The Story of Jesus – NWOS Daily Bible Reading Guide

- Sept. 1 Journey to Jerusalem John 7:10-13
Sept. 2 Jesus Teaches in the Temple John 7:14-24
Sept. 3 Is This the Christ? John 7:25-31
Sept. 4 Officers Are Sent to Arrest Jesus John 7:32-36
Sept. 5 Rivers of Living Water John 7:37-39
Sept. 6 Division and Disbelief John 7:40-52
Sept. 7 The Woman Caught in Adultery John 7:53-8:11
Sept. 8 Jesus Is the Light of the World John 8:12-20
Sept. 9 Jesus Foretells His Death John 8:21-30
Sept. 10 True Disciples John 8:31-38
Sept. 11 Jesus and Abraham John 8:39-59
Sept. 12 Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind John 9:1-41
Sept. 13 Jesus the Good Shepherd John 10:1-18
Sept. 14 Division and Demons John 10:19-21 Jesus' Ministry in Judea
Sept. 15 Teaching About Divorce Matt. 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18
Sept. 16 Jesus Blesses the Children Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17
Sept. 17 The Rich Young Man Matt. 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30
Sept. 18 The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard Matt. 20:1-16
Sept. 19 Jesus is Rejected in Jerusalem John 10:22-42
Sept. 20 Jesus Raises Lazarus John 11:1-44
Sept. 21 The Plot to Kill Jesus John 11:45-57
Sept. 22 Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34
Sept. 23 The Sons of Zebedee Matt. 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45
Sept. 24 Jesus Heals Two Blind Men Matt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43
Sept. 25 Jesus and Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10
Sept. 26 The Parable of the Ten Pounds Luke 19:11-27; Matt. 25:14-30
Sept. 27 The Anointing at Bethany Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8
Sept. 28 The Plot Against Lazarus John 12:9-11 Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem
Sept. 29 The Triumphal Entry Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19
Sept. 30 Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem Luke 19:41-44

Attention Delphos Trinity & St. Peter Lutheran 2023 VBS Participants
Your friend, Cosmos, has a special message for you!



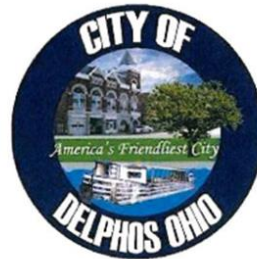
Hello, kids and volunteers from VBS, Cosmos here. I know you care about the earth like I care about space. Would you help in the Delphos Clean-Up Day? The earth needs your help! **And be sure to wear your VBS T-shirts!**



Canal Clean-Up Day!
Saturday, September 9, 2023
8:30 am
Meet behind the Canal
Commission Museum
All supplies provided. **Kids to be accompanied by adults.**



Delphos will have their Clean-Up Day on September 9, 2023. You will have two organizations sponsoring clean-ups on Saturday, September 9th!



Delphos Community Clean-Up Day!
Saturday, September 9, 2023
Meeting at the City Building at
10:00 am (to 2:00 pm)
All supplies provided. **Kids to be accompanied by adults.**
Snacks and Drinks provided.
The City of Delphos is also accepting donations to help with supplies, drinks, and snacks. Please contact Megan at 419-303-4145 for more information.

This "Hands-On" mission opportunity is open to anyone who wants to help with Clean-Up Day in Delphos. You do not need to stay all day, you can pick how long you want to help. If every person helps a little, a lot gets accomplished. Please check in at one of the two locations, get your supplies and have fun!

