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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.

November Newsletter Deadline: Friday, October 20th

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 – October 2023

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

I spent last week in Pennsylvania at Camp Sesquanota Retreat Center. The four days were spent in a combination of silence, morning, mid-day, and evening prayers, worship, study, and fellowship. There were mostly ten of us- eight Lutheran pastors and two lay women. The time away was rich, especially as we studied about a theologian's writing on the nature of sin and God's calling us back to him in grace.

On Wednesday, in a two-hour block of silence, I went for a short walk around the camp and I found the wonder and joy of faith in God just bubbling up in me. I began to quietly sing a new melody as the words for a refrain began to form. As I sang, "Oh it's amazing, amazing grace that calls me back to you," I began to sing out phrases to form verses. I went back to my room and began to write and quietly sing in my head. God gave me a hymn about the God breathed life that begins with our faith in Jesus and moves deeper into the reliance on the Holy Spirit.

Each day, we have the opportunity to pause and breathe in God. We can ask for more of Jesus' grace in our lives and we can ask for the Holy Spirit to give us the living water that God offers to those who believe in Jesus. This living water is deeply spiritual in that it fills a void in us so that we can experience the grace of God at work in us, even when the times in our lives may be challenging.

As we have begun to learn the stories of Hebrew Bible, we can see how God is at work in the midst of people just like you and me. We learn the Adam and Eve were tempted and disobeyed God and hid in shame, but God was faithful to come looking for them. We learned that Abraham and Sarah struggled with disappointment in not having children. For 24 years they followed God as best they could, and only when it would seem totally impossible did God intervene to have Sarah have a son. God made a promise to Abraham and it was in God's timing to fulfill that promise. We hear the story of Jacob who wrestled with God and in that wrestling God changed him and gave him a new name.

These stories are important because we can relate to their struggle. We know shame. We know disappointment. We know fear and anxiety. But as we entrust our lives to the work of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can experience peace and joy and transformation, even in the hardest of times.

Blessings,

Pastor Carol

Monthly Finance Reports:

Committee Spotlight: Stewardship Committee

Dear Friends of St Peter.

It is hard to believe that a little over a year ago, we were organizing our first Consecration Sunday timeline. And little did we know how much of a success this endeavor would be. Through the generosity of many of you, we exceeded the statistical goal for a first year giving for historical Consecration Sundays. Most Congregations have a 10-12 percent increase the first year. St Peter's had a 39% increase in pledges for total giving. We are on target to meet the goals of the pledges for 2023. Many, many thanks go out to the members of St Peter for this blessing of giving.

The Stewardship Committee would like to take the time and outline this year's Consecration Sunday timeline to the congregation. We will have the Temple Talk on October 15th. This will be followed by Pledge Card Sunday on October 22nd. We will announce the results the following Sunday with a Potluck Lunch on October 29th.

Again, the Stewardship Committee would like to thank the Members of St. Peter as we enter into our second year.

Sincerely,

Ron Kloeppe, Chairman of Stewardship Committee

InReach/OutReach (IROR) Committee:

The committee looked at different 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. The group has decided to create new visitor sheets to hand out along with a church business card to all who enter our church for the first time.

Upcoming events for the youth!

Youth and Adult Sunday School starts again on October 8th at 9:00 AM. *All are welcome!* Come. Grow your faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others! Open to ages Preschool – adults, contact Pastor Carol or Carrie Calvelage for more information.

The group decided that they would like to host a **pancake breakfast with sausage 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**.

This is also an opportunity to welcome people who may be looking for a church to grow their faith. This is a good opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join us for a fellowship breakfast and church. One of the hardest things is for people to walk into a church and this is an opportunity to make that easier. So, bring a friend and enjoy the pancakes and sausage!

The area pastors are also trying to make opportunities for our youth to connect in special events to grow our faith and have fun while doing so. These are some possible opportunities. Pastor Carol will be talking to our youth to see if they are interested in any of these opportunities.

1. Saturday, Oct. 14th Camp out at Trinity Moulton Lutheran Church for all youth and families who would like to join us outside celebrating the gift of fall! Tentative Schedule: 6pm Chili and hotdogs by the Campfire. (Please bring a snack to share) 7:00 PM Youth Night games and Smore's. (Wear black for capture the flag in the dark.) 10:00 PM Youth should be picked up if they are not planning on staying the night. If you want to stay overnight, we should head back to Delphos at 8:00 AM for Sunday school and church.

2. Youth Quake Jan. 5-7 2024 in Cincinnati (Early Bird Registration deadline is Oct. 15th) Our church would cover the cost of the registration and hotel, but youth would need to bring \$50.00 for food and miscellaneous.

Weekend Youth Retreat at hotel in Cincinnati for youth ages 6th grade through Senior in High School and any adults interested are welcome too! Depart Friday at 5pm from First English, Wapakoneta. Only breakfast and supper is provided Saturday, youth will need money for lunches. This is one of our local youth's favorite faith experience of good music, games, dance, and meeting new friends!

3. Nov. 18-19 Mission Trip and Christian Concert in Columbus. Any youth and adults are welcome to go with us to Columbus, Saturday Nov. 18th to hand out food to people in need from 10am-1pm. Then we plan to stay at a hotel near the Polaris Mall and go to Top Golf Saturday night. On Sunday, Nov. 19 there will be another service project during the afternoon and Sunday night at 7pm a Christian Concert at Nationwide arena featuring: Toby Mac, Mercy Me, and Zac Williams. (Tickets for the concert are \$45) Please Talk with Pastor Melodi if you are able to come for the weekend or just for the day. **Deadline to sign up for tickets is Oct. 31st.** All ages are welcome! **Contact: Pastor Carol if this is something you would like to do.**

Love Freely Given –A six-week video series with Dr. Terry Wardle–

The work and teaching of Dr. Terry Wardle has been transformative in my faith journey and I would like to share this video series with you. The focus of the series is teaching in a way that will help us all to go deeper in our understanding of God's love for each of us.

We will meet in the parish hall each week at 6:30pm to watch the video, and then have some discussion around it. I plan to have us finish by 8:00 pm. Because there is a fee for each person to access this program, I am asking that each person pay a one-time fee of \$10.00 and I will cover the rest of the cost.

If you long to go deeper in your faith and experience a deeper knowledge of God's love for you, I highly recommend this opportunity for you. This is open to those in High School and older. Please consider this wonderful faith opportunity.

The sessions will be: October 11,18,25 and November 1,8, and 15.

Lifewise:

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

Bible Verse to memorize this month:

John 15:12

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

WELCA will be having our annual noodle making event starting this fall. Our first event being **noodle making** which will take place on **Monday, October 30th**. There will be the morning shift that begins at 9:00 am. This crew will be making the dough. Then, there will be another shift in the afternoon that starts a little after 5:00 pm. This crew works the dough and makes the noodles. We welcome your help in our noodle making. It is a lot of fun and fellowship with the members of our church. We are also asking for **donations of eggs**. There will be a sign-up sheet for ordering noodles.

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.

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 September by:

- Norma Koenig in honor of her family
- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Ron and Sue Kloeppele in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary
- Dave and Connie Stemen

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

- Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary, Austin and Shelby's 1st wedding anniversary, and Austin's birthday
- Dave and Connie Stemen in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary
- Altar Guild in celebration of the birth of Robert Michael John. Parents are Doug John and Sarah Wortman. He was born on August 21st and was 7lbs 15 oz. 21 inches.

Church Directory:

We update the church directory twice a year; October and May. If you do not wish to be included in the phone directory or if you have any updated information, please email the church office at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com with your information by October 30th. Thank you!

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. <http://www.stpeterdelphos.org/giving-2/>
Thank you for supporting this very important ministry.

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! We look forward to your help in achieving our goals. Workers will be needed for the day of the dinner (10/1).

The council is interested in developing a technology team that would help us develop policies as we move forward to use more technology in this rapidly changing area for the church. We would also like to have 6 or 7 people trained on how to use the sound system. Please consider being part of this important ministry. If interested, please contact Pastor Carol or a council member for more information.

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.

October 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) Shirley Ditto | 11) James Feathers | 20) Pastor Carol Pretorius |
| 7) Paige Kloepffel | 13) Rick Dienstberger | 21) Jesse Stemen |
| 8) Joe Loetz | 17) Noella Brinkman | 22) Hunter Lane |
| 8) Randall Klentz | 17) Megan Weitzel | 24) Michelle Kimmitt |
| 10) Paul Wreede | 17) Andrew Swick | 30) Andrew Fitch |
| 10) Jaxon Prine | 20) Robb Rinehart | 30) Ron Kloepffel |

The Story of Jesus – NWOS Daily Bible Reading Guide

- Oct. 1** Cleansing the Temple **Matt. 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48**
- Oct. 2** Jesus Curses the Fig Tree **Matt. 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-26; Luke 13:6-9**
- Oct. 3** The Authority of Jesus Is Questioned **Matt. 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8**
- Oct. 4** The Parable of the Two Sons **Matt. 21:28-32**
- Oct. 5** The Parable of the Wicked Tenants **Matt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19**
- Oct. 6** The Parable of the Wedding Banquet **Matt. 22:1-14; Luke 14:15-24**
- Oct. 7** On Paying Taxes **Matt. 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26**
- Oct. 8** The Question about the Resurrection **Matt. 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40**
- Oct. 9** The Great Commandment **Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:25-28**
- Oct. 10** Who Is David's Son? **Matt. 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44**
- Oct. 11** Jesus Denounces the Scribes and Pharisees **Matt. 23:1-36; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47**
- Oct. 12** The Lament over Jerusalem **Matt. 23:37-39; Luke 13:34-35**
- Oct. 13** The Widow's Offering **Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4**

The Eschatological Discourse in Jerusalem

- Oct. 14** The Destruction of the Temple **Matt. 24:1-2; Mark 13:1-2; Luke 21:5-6**
- Oct. 15** Signs of the End of the Age **Matt. 24:3-8; Mark 13:3-8; Luke 21:7-11**
- Oct. 16** Persecutions Foretold **Matt. 24:9-14; Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-19**
- Oct. 17** The Desolating Sacrilege **Matt. 24:15-28; Mark 13:14-23; Luke 21:20-24**
- Oct. 18** The Coming of the Son of Man **Matt. 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28**
- Oct. 19** The Lesson of the Fig Tree **Matt. 24:32-35; Mark 13:28-31; Luke 21:29-33**
- Oct. 20** Watchfulness **Matt. 24:36-44; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 21:34-38**
- Oct. 21** The Faithful and Unfaithful Slave **Matt. 24:45-51; Luke 12:41-48**
- Oct. 22** The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids **Matt. 25:1-13**
- Oct. 23** The Parable of the Talents **Matt. 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27**
- Oct. 24** The Judgment of the Nations **Matt. 25:31-46**
- Oct. 25** Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus **John 12:20-26**
- Oct. 26** Jesus Speaks about His Death **John 12:27-36**
- Oct. 27** The Unbelief of the People **John 12:37-43**
- Oct. 28** Summary of Jesus' Teaching **John 12:44-50**

The Passion Begins

- Oct. 29** The Plot to Kill Jesus **Matt. 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2; John 11:45-53**
- Oct. 30** The Anointing at Bethany **Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8**
- Oct. 31** Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus **Matt. 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6**
- Nov. 1** Passover with the Disciples **Matt. 26:17-20; Mark 14:12-17; Luke 22:7-14**
- Nov. 2** Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet **John 13:1-20**
- Nov. 3** Jesus Foretells His Betrayal **Matt. 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21; Luke 22:21-23; John 13:21-30**
- Nov. 4** The Last Supper **Matt. 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:15-20**
- Nov. 5** The Dispute about Greatness **Luke 22:24-30; Matt. 20:24-28; Mark 10:41-45**
- Nov. 6** A New Commandment **John 13:31-35**

