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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.

December Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, November 19th



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 5th. Now that we are in our "Fall Season", turn your clocks *back* one hour.



Thankoffering – Sunday, November 19th

The Messenger

In all things
GIVE *thanks!*



Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 23rd

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 – November 2023

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

November is such a wonderful month to give thanks. Crops are being harvested and we have had the chance in October to marvel at the beauty of the fall leaves. Some trees this year have absolutely taken my breath away with their intense color. A praise to God for his creation just bubbles forth.

There are also important times in the church year and usually the first Sunday in November is a time to remember those who have died in the last year. These saints who have journeyed with us hold special places in our lives and we want to honor them.

This year, we will have a white table cloth at the back of the sanctuary for which you are invited to write the names of those important people in your life who have gone on to be with Jesus. We remember Jacquie Fritz, Carol Metzger, Bob Trentman, Sandy Talboom, and Kenny Metzger from our church family. These wonderful people touched not only our lives but those all-around Delphos.

I think of my dad who had dancing blue eyes and loved to throw out one-liners to catch people off guard. I think of my grandparents who lived through the depression and worked hard to carve out lives to make the world a better place. During this month, I invite you to think about the people who have impacted your lives in powerful ways. If they are living, I invite you to let them know how they have been important to you. If they have gone on to be with Jesus, I invite you to write their names on the white table cloth.

On November 26th, we will celebrate both Christ the King and All Saints Sunday. The table cloth will be draped over the altar in honor of those who have gone on before us and we will play the chimes for Jacquie, Bob, Carol, Sandy, and Kenny as we read their names. We will also light a candle for each of them. Emily Dienstberger and Thomas Cavelage will be providing special music –“We Can Only Imagine.”

On this day, when we honor those who have gone on before us and recognize Christ as our king, we will give thanks. We will remember loved ones and be so thankful that our faith allows us to worship a king who conquered death through the cross as one who rose from the dead and welcomes us all into his loving arms of grace. We can give thanks because we can experience the power of our king at work in our lives as we journey on this earth, and we can rest in peace knowing that our loved ones who have left this earth are now with our amazing King Jesus.

Blessings, Pastor Carol

New Members:

On October 22nd, we welcomed Rick and Lynn Miller as well as their son Cory Noftz as members of our church body. None of them are strangers to Delphos. Lynn is a retired special needs teacher at Thomas Edison in Van Wert and she still gets excited when she has a chance to sub there. Rick who retired as a health insurance consultant, was also well known as the radio voice of high school sports in the area for 42 years, and he still uses his skills to MC many events in the area. Cory is the father of Gunnar and serves the public as a police officer in Lima. We are excited to have them join us in faith to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others.

Our organist, Alida Pletcher Retires:

On October 29th, we honored Alida Pletcher for her service as our organist for St. Peter. She grew up in Delphos and was confirmed at St. Peter. When she retired from teaching music in the Columbus City Schools and Pastor Don retired from full-time ministry, they built a house in Bluffton and Alida was hired to come to this, her home church, to be our organist.

We want to thank her for her deep connection to the church and her work on the worship and music team to plan services and track the hymns that we sang year after year. She was very dedicated and served with love. I can never thank her enough for all of the help and guidance she gave me when I first came to St. Peter as your Synodically Authorized Minister. What a gift she was to me. She not only mentored me in worship planning, but she encouraged Emily Dienstberger to learn to play the organ and worked with her so that Emily is now pretty comfortable playing it.

For years, Alida and her sister-in-law Pam worked to help make quilts for Luther World Relief. She would often come in with arms full of quilts to be knotted or with ones that she had knotted at home. She demonstrated a heart of compassion for those in need.

In August, Alida fell in the Parish Hall has had a long recovery period for her left shoulder and arm. Shortly after falling, she decided that it was time to pass the mantel of playing the organ here on to Emily. She has been an organist in various areas where she and Pastor Don have been called for over 60 years. For her musical and organizational skills as well as her many other gifts that she has used in ministry and education, we give thanks to God and pray that God blesses her mightily as she moves forward in life.

Youth Group Hosts Pancake Breakfast:

The youth cooked a yummy breakfast on October 8th, to help kick off Sunday School and raise money to help fund the Sunday School Good Gifts collection. A special thanks goes to Kevin Weitzel who helped Matt cook the sausages for the breakfast. Kaiden, our college student, Garrett and Jacob cooked yummy pancakes, while Sam, Jim, and Noelle served everyone. During the breakfast, Matt was heard to say that we need to do this more. Eating together is good. Matt is right. Eating and fellowshiping is important! Thank you to all of our youth who helped out!

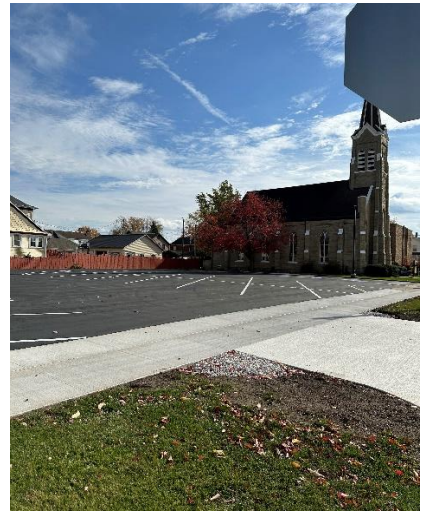
Monthly Finance Reports:

Committee Spotlight: Maintenance

The sidewalk and parking lot maintenance project is almost completed. There is some landscaping and signs that are yet to be placed. We have a narrower entrance into the parking lot to keep semi-trucks out. A new sidewalk was put in and the parking lot has been resurfaced and painted. It looks great!

Also, the overgrown bushes in front of the sanctuary and parish hall will be removed in preparation for new landscaping in the spring.

The property committee members are now in the process of looking at doing a bigger project to try to protect the front doors of the sanctuary. The doors have been taking a beating with the weather and something needs to be done to protect them. The committee is in the process of coming up with a plan.



InReach/OutReach (IROR) Committee would like to invite YOU...

Sunday, November 19th to **Soup-a-palooza and family Advent craft** fellowship day after church. All are welcome! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall if you wish to take part in the "Christmas Countdown" craft. The IROR Committee will be providing different kinds of soups for all. Carry in sides are optional for the congregation.

Youth and Adult Sunday School is 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. The Sunday School choir will be singing during church on Sunday, November 19th.

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.

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.

Thank you for your service! A special thank you to all those serving in active duty or in reserves. Also, a big thank you to all the Veterans. We appreciate all our service personnel and their sacrifice for our safety and freedom.

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 October by:

- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Ron, Sue, and Aaron Kloeppel in celebration of Paige's 21st birthday
- Dave and Linda Mayer in honor of their family
- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig

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

- Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of Mike & Stephanie's 3rd wedding anniversary
- Altar Guild in celebration on the birth of Theo Joseph Brand, parents -Grant and Amanda Brand. He was born on September 28, 2023, weighing 9 lbs. 2 oz. He was welcomed home by big sister Lilly Ketcham. Proud grandparents – Steve and Kathy Vorst and Marlene Brand and the late Sonny Brand
- St. Peter Lutheran Church in honor of Alida Pletcher and all of her years of service as the organist.

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.

WELCA will be having our annual noodle making event starting this fall. The noodle making days will be on Mondays – October 30th, November 6th, November 13th, and November 20th. 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 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 is a sign-up sheet for ordering noodles in the Parish Hall.

WELCA would like to thank everyone who donated in any way to our WELCA Kits. We were able to make 30 quilts, 46 school kids, 12 personal kits, and 3 baby kits to the October Lutheran World Relief In Gathering. Thank you to all who have helped! A special thank you to Dave Stemen for delivering the boxes of Lutheran World Relief items to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Dave have taken care of this delivery for many years.

Pork Loin Dinner:

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for this event and thank you to all the volunteers for your help in making this event a huge success! Together, we have sold 837 tickets with a profit of \$6,445.50 for this year's pork loin dinner fundraiser.

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.

Community Caroling Opportunity to bring Christmas Cheer: Bob Ulm has invited us to join other members in the community to go caroling to those who are unable to get out this winter in order to bring some holiday cheer. Meet at Bob's house (415 Wayne Street , Delphos) at 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 10TH for a little warm-up and then you will carpool to various homes to sing. There will be sheets with words to the most popular Christmas songs in case you've forgotten some of the words. Pastor Carol can give you more details if you are interested. Children and adults are welcome to participate.

November 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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| 1) Kevin Theis | 12) Noah Cheney |
| 1) Gregory Sampson | 13) Lexie Cheney |
| 3) Hannah Lieurance | 14) Garrett Trentman |
| 3) Emily Dienstberger | 16) Billy Stemen |
| 4) Amy Hoehn | 20) Connie Stemen |
| 4) Brooke Apple | 20) Jacob Trentman |
| 5) Shirley Parsons | 21) Leonard (Butch) Prine |
| 5) Teresa Luke | 26) Britney Calvelage |
| 6) Janice Kloeppe | 27) Samuel Hasting |
| 8) Kara Webster | 28) Alyssa Mox |
| 11) Collin Swick | 29) Denise Kloeppe |
| 12) Bonnie Marlow | |

Altar Guild would once again like to beautify the altar with poinsettias for Christmas. The color choice is **red** this year. The cost is \$7.50 each. Please get your order in ASAP as we need a final number for the greenhouse by December 4th. Ordering envelopes can be found in the church pews or contact Angie Miller at 419.234.2115.

The Story of Jesus – NWOS Daily Bible Reading Guide

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**

Nov. 7 Peter's Denial Predicted **Matt. 26:31–35; Mark 14:27–31; Luke 22:31–34; John 13:36–38**

Nov. 8 Two Swords **Luke 22:35–38**

The Farwell Discourse (According to John)

Nov. 9 Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled **John 14:1–14**

Nov. 10 The Promise of the Holy Spirit **John 14:15–31**

Nov. 11 Jesus the True Vine **John 15:1–17**

Nov. 12 The World's Hatred **John 15:18–27**

Nov. 13 On Persecutions **John 16:1–4**

Nov. 14 The Work of the Holy Spirit **John 16:5–15**

Nov. 15 Sorrow Turned to Joy **John 16:16–24**

Nov. 16 Peace for the Disciples **John 16:25–33**

Nov. 17 Jesus Prays for His Disciples **John 17:1–26**

The Arrest, Crucifixion, and Burial of Jesus (According to Matthew)

Nov. 18 Gethsemane **Matt. 26:36–46; Mark 14:32–42; Luke 22:39–46; John 18:1**

Nov. 19 Jesus Arrested **Matt. 26:47–56; Mark 14:43–52; Luke 22:47–53; John 18:2–11**

Nov. 20 Jesus Before the Sanhedrin **Matt. 26:57–68; Mark 14:53–65; Luke 22:63–71; John 18:12–14, 19–24**

Nov. 21 Peter's Denial **Matt. 26:69–75; Mark 14:66–72; Luke 22:54–62; John 18:15–18, 25–27**

Nov. 22 Jesus Before Pilate **Matt. 27:1–2; Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1; John 18:28**

Nov. 23 The Death of Judas **Matt. 27:3–10**

Nov. 24 The Trial Before Pilate **Matt. 27:11–14; Mark 15:2–5; Luke 23:2–5; John 18:29–38**

Nov. 25 Jesus Before Herod **Luke 23:6–12**

Nov. 26 Jesus or Barabbas **Matt. 27:15–23; Mark 15:6–14; Luke 23:17–23; John 18:39–40**

Nov. 27 Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified **Matt. 27:24–26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:24–25; John 19:1–16**

Nov. 28 The Soldiers Mock Jesus **Matt. 27:27–31; Mark 15:16–20; John 19:1–3**

Nov. 29 The Road to Golgotha **Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26–32; John 19:17**

Nov. 30 Crucifixion **Matt. 27:33–44; Mark 15:22–32; Luke 23:33–43; John 19:18–27**

