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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 17th



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3rd. Now that we are in our "Fall Season", turn your clocks *back* one hour.

The Messenger

In all things
GIVE *thanks!*



Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 28th

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 2024

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

November is traditionally a month in which we count our blessings. Have you counted yours lately? Sometimes we get so caught up in the activities and busyness of life that we forget to take time to be grateful.

We live in a great country and in wonderful communities where people use their gifts and talents to work with each other for the better good of society. We need to continue to thank God for the privilege of living where we live. As this year's elections take place, people are anxious. Name calling abounds and people begin to focus on negativity and fear.

A way to overcome anxiety and fear is to place our trust in God and to praise God. Choosing to praise God takes our eyes off ourselves and whatever mess we are in to recognize the power of God at work in our midst. God is present, everywhere. We are reminded of this in Psalm 139. Read the first 12 verses of this amazing psalm.

“You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.”

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Our God is an intimate God, who forms us and journeys with us through all of life. Our choice is to praise, pray, listen and place our faith and trust in God that He is at work in our midst.

So, I praise God during the hard and scary times as well as the wonderful and joyful times. God is here in our midst, present, powerful, and aware of each of the circumstances we find ourselves. So, as we journey forth, let us place our trust in God and take time to count our blessings.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Catechism News:

Last month the catechism students, parents and pastors met at St. Luke's Lutheran Church to continue of study of The Apostles' Creed. We focused on learning activities to help the students understand the second article which is about Jesus. They learned motions to help them remember this section of the Apostles' Creed. Students, parents, and pastors will meet again on November 10 at St. Luke's to focus on the third article of the creed, which is the Holy Spirit.

Celebrating our Gifts and Talents:

During the month of October, we had several temple talks to focus on our faith, gifts and talents. Ron Kloepfel headed up the stewardship team and kicked off renaming Consecration Sunday to Celebrating Our Gifts and Talents. He explained that Consecration Sunday is more than just asking for pledges, but that it is a time to celebrate the many talents of the people in the congregation who so willingly give of their time and talents.

On October 20, Rick Miller shared his faith that began at the Christian Union Church in town. He shared how God journeyed with him when he had cancer in his eye and then was able to later use him to help another person diagnosed with the same rare cancer. He shared how his granddaughter had a rare cancer diagnosed at age two which impacted his faith. She was healed, and even now as she is healthy, she has been asked to participate yearly in a study at Children's Hospital to help with research. Rick has been active in church his whole life and has sought to live a life of faith. Using his gifts and talents in thanksgiving for what God has done is important to him.

October 27 is and was a time to celebrate how we as a church community of faith use our gifts and talents as we seek to faithfully follow God in our lives. Ryan Trentman discussed the pledge cards and this year we handed out talent cards for people to communicate how they would further like to use their talents in church.

Following Church, there was a time to celebrate our ability to work together as a community of faith to live into our mission statement to journey together in faith. *It is important for all to know that Denise Kloepfel, who tracks our giving for us, is the only one to see the pledge cards. A special thanks to her for her time and use of her talents in this endeavor.

Dear Food Group Gets Its Start:

This group is being led by Pastor Carol, Donna Berger and Gina Fritz. We had 11 total women present at our first support group. We are using a Bible Study to aid in helping us to develop a better relationship with how we use food in our lives. So much of our eating happens in a social setting or as emotional means of coping. The group is open to anyone interested in losing weight and having a support group to journey with as we study about our faith in relation to food. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, with weigh-in beginning at 6:15. Purchase of the Bible Study Books is the main cost.

Healing Care Journey:

Pastor Carol had begun working with six women to teach them about healing prayer using materials through Healing Care.org. This is the organization that greatly impacted her faith and life as she learned many prayer practices and concepts about God to aid in her faith journey. She is excited to be able to share this knowledge in a combined group from St. Peter and St. Mark's. This group meets on Monday afternoons and prayer is appreciated.

Our organist, Alida Pletcher Retires:

Congratulations to Pastor Don Pletcher who celebrated his 50 years of being an ordained minister in the ELCA. Picture: Bishop Beaudoin praying with Don and Alida. Pastor Don has served St. Peter as an interim pastor and currently a supply pastor. Alida was our organist for many years and even grew up in this church. She still offers her gifts to serve on our Music and Worship Team and is our organist for funerals and when Emily needs a Sunday off. Thank you to both Pastor Don and Alida for their support of our ministry at St. Peter.



***NEW* InReach/OutReach Charity Project**

We will begin to designate a charity or group EACH month and we invite the congregation to help us provide blessings to these charities. The Monthly Charity will be listed in the newsletter and bulletin and we will list specific needs of the charity. You may choose to help us with donations or simply offer prayers for their ministry.

NOVEMBER Charity: Lima Rescue Mission – Located in Lima since 1906, the Men's Ministry provides basic services of: overnight shelter; day shelter for inclement weather; meals served daily; clothing distribution; personal care items, showers, & laundry; Transitional/low income housing. Life skills, recovery, and discipleship classes; daily chapel services, group bible study.

We are asking for specific items that are on their **Christmas wish list:**

- Activity books
(wordsearch/crossword)
- Mints
- Lip Balm
- Mouthwash (travel size)
- Lotion
- Hand Sanitizer
- Nail Clippers
- Combs

DECEMBER Charity: YWCA of Van Wert (details will be listed next month and in the bulletin).

Additional charities in the coming months: Family Promise of Lima, Samaritan House, Crossroads Crisis Center, and The Gallmeier Foundation

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
Norma Koenig – Vancrest of Delphos
Rose Hager

Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

General Announcements

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

- Members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Ron, Sue, and Aaron Kloepfel in celebration of Paige's 22nd birthday
- Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger

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

- Ed Talboom in memory of Sandy Talboom and for their 56th wedding anniversary.

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.

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.

Monthly Finance Reports:

WELCA will be having our annual noodle making event starting this fall. The noodle making days will be on Mondays -October 28th, November 4th, November 11th, and November 18th. 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 and 50 school kids 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 900 tickets with a profit of \$7,097.17 for this year's pork loin dinner fundraiser.

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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| 3) Emily Dienstberger | 14) Garrett Trentman |
| 3) Hannah Lieurance | 20) Connie Stemen |
| 4) Brooke Phelps | 20) Jacob Trentman |
| 5) Shirley Parsons | 21) Leonard (Butch) Prine |
| 6) Janice Kloeppe | 27) Sam Hasting |
| 11) Collin Swick | 28) Alyssa Mox |
| 12) Noah Cheney | 29) Denise Kloeppe |
| 13) Lexie Cheney | |

