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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.

May Newsletter Deadline: Friday, April 19, 2024

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 – April 2024

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

The season of Easter is a season of hope. How do you feel about that? Are you hopeful and at peace, or do you wrestle with anxiety about the future? In Romans 5:1-2, we are reminded that we are justified by faith and because of this, we can have peace with God through Jesus Christ. Because of what Jesus accomplished on the cross we have access to grace and we can boast in the hope we have of sharing in the glory of God.

As this Lenten season comes to and end with the culminating work of what Jesus did on the cross for us, we can rejoice in the power of God to rise above evil and hopelessness. We worship a risen Lord. The power of death has been conquered and we do not have to fear death, but more than that, we have access to Jesus as the mediator of our faith. This faith allows us to choose to follow Jesus in each of our journeys. This faith brings the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in each of us as we journey. That is good news!

The disciples made a choice to continue to follow Jesus in ways that spread the good news of the gospel to all the world. Their journeys were fraught with danger and excitement. They had a front row seat to witness how God used them through the power of the Holy Spirit to change lives and build the early church.

Between Easter and Pentecost, we will be using the scriptures from the book of Acts for our worship services. We will hopefully get a better idea of how God moved in the early church to bring people to faith in Jesus. This was a dangerous time and this was an exciting time to be followers of Christ.

May each of us during this Easter season experience the wonder of following Jesus. May we overcome obstacles and see the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our midst. May we shine with Jesus' light of love to a world that so desperately needs to know the good news of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit come in power to be with each of us as we place our trust in God. May hope and faith arise! Happy Easter!

Blessings, Pastor Carol

Thank you: I want to thank everyone for your prayers as I underwent testing and surgery. I was amazed at how God went before me to open doors to see doctors and get tests quickly. I had surgery on February 28, and I am doing very well. Prayer works and for that I am so grateful. So, thank you for your prayers and support on my healing journey!

I am also incredibly thankful for those who have chosen to be God's hands in service to provide medical means of healing and caregiving. I do not know if we truly thank you enough. So, thank you!

Pastor Carol

Youth Group:

I want to give a special thank you to our youth group for being such great people. They are all busy with school and often sports and work and yet they find time to meet. In February, we had a great time bowling and in March the youth made time to fill the eggs with Easter egg candy for our Easter morning hunt for our younger children. I am thankful.

One of the things that I am amazed about is how kind and respectful our youth are. Parents, you can be so proud of them.

Graduations:

We have five seniors graduating from Delphos Jefferson this year.

Lauren French, Jim Hasting, Lyv Lindeman, Noelle Prine, and Matt Weitzel

College and Post College Graduates:

Megan Weitzel is graduating from Bowling Green in education.

Sarah Miller is graduating from The University of Toledo with a doctorate in occupational therapy.

Please pray for all of our graduates as they finish up and prepare to move on to the next phase of their journey in life. May God bless each of them.

****We will honor all of our graduates on May 19.*

A Special Thanks to Our Sunday School Teachers:

Thank you to our wonderful Sunday school teachers; Carrie Calvelage, Ron Kloeppe, Jenny Snipes, Patti Calvert, Dave Stemen and Corey Kloeppe. Your gift of time and teaching is so important. We appreciate you!

Also, children, great job singing on March 17!!!

Early Mailing of Newsletters:

Due to the uncertainty of the delivery of bulk mail, we are trying to get the newsletters out earlier in the month so you have yours by the first of each month. We also will post the newsletter on our website and Facebook page. We will also begin to email them as well.

If we do not have your updated email information, please email your updated email to stpeterdelphos@gmail.com and to stpetercarolp@gmail.com .

InReach/OutReach (IROR):

IROR committee met on March 18 to discuss ways to fellowship with each other and to discuss ways that we might reach out to hurting families who lost everything in the recent tornado around Indian Lake.

We are tentatively planning a potluck on **April 28** to take place after church. We are hoping to have meat provided and to have us all bring other dishes to fill out the meal.

Paint and Praise will take place on **April 17**, starting at 6:00pm. The sign-up sheet is located on the parish hall bulletin board. The cost is \$15. Come and enjoy a fun evening of fellowship.

IROR is going to do matching funds up to \$500.00 to raise money so we can reach out to help a family or several families (depending on how much money is given) in their recovery process from the recent tornado. Many of the families effected do not have extra funds to even pay for their needed insurance deductibles and/or cover other unexpected needs. Over the month of April, you may designate a special offering to go to helping the survivors who lost everything in the tornado and IROR will work with Terry Nelson to see that the funds go to families who have the greatest need. (Terry is the art teacher at the elementary school in Indian Lake. She told Pastor Carol that 190 of their students are now homeless.)

Maintenance:

The maintenance committee has been busy looking at various needs in the church. The weathering of the front doors and the need to have electronic door opening for handicap accessibility has become a concern to be addressed. Also, our sign out front is a concern. The council and maintenance team are just in the gathering of information about fixing the issues. When options are gathered, we will share them with the congregation, listen to your input and we will not move forward on anything until we have congregation approval and financial support.

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.

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

Rose Hager
Jane Crawford
Norma Koenig

Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

General Announcements

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

- Norma Koenig in honor of her family
- Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- Ron and Sue Kloeppe and family
- Dave Mayer in memory of Linda Mayer

The flowers on the altar are given by Dave Mayer and family in celebration of Kristin, Georgia, and Charlotte's birthdays. Also, for the celebration of life on Linda's first birthday in heaven as we honor her memory and cherish the time of love and friendship, we have shared with her.

CHURCH NEWS:

The 2024 Radio Ministry

There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church to sign up for the 2024 church year. The new cost per week to broadcast on the radio will be \$55.00.

The 2024 flower chart is also posted in the hallway for anyone wanting to sign up for flowers on the altar.

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.

The 2024 offering envelopes – if you haven't done so, please pick up your offering envelopes.

Coffee Cup Bible Study in the Parish Hall will be on Saturday, April 13th and April 27th at 9:00 AM. Bring your coffee cup and a friend!

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.

Thrivent News: For those of you who have investments or life insurance policies through Thrivent, there may be opportunities for you to direct Choice Dollars to our church by logging onto your account at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. If you have funds available, they allow you to choose an organization for which to designate.

Youth Group: stay tuned for upcoming times to gather.

Catechism: April 21st at Zion Lutheran Church from 1:00-3:00 PM.

InReach / OutReach NEWS: Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

Wednesday, April 17th – 6:00 PM



IROR invites you to grab a friend & join us at our Spring Praise & Paint class!

Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

It is \$15 per person.

Council Meeting on Sunday, April 14th after church.

WELCA Meeting on Monday, April 8th at 7:00 PM.

Prayer Group will be meeting on April 3rd and April 17th from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

Sunday School will be wrapping up on April 28th. **THANK YOU** to all of the teachers: Patti Calvert, Ron Kloeppel, Corey Kloeppel, Jenny Snipes, Carrie Calvelage, and Dave Stemen. We look forward to regrouping in October. **Sunday School Choir** will be on Sunday, April 21st.



Delphos Community VBS, brought to you by Delphos Trinity Methodist Church and St. Peter Lutheran Church, is **July 7-July 11** at the Family Life Center (behind Arbys). Registration information will be coming soon; stay tuned to the newsletter, the bulletins, and Facebook. We are in need of many **VOLUNTEERS** to make this a success. Help is needed to set up and tear down as well as Station Leaders, Station Assistants, and Group Chaperones. Please reach out to Carrie Calvelage at 419-233-4561 if you have questions or if you want to jump in and join the fun!

April Birthdays

If we do not have your birthday listed. Please contact Lauren to get your name on the list to recognize your special day.

- 1) Cindy Weitzel
- 2) Barbara Shafer
- 2) Vicki Kramer
- 3) Douglas Fitch
- 3) Robert Kloeppel
- 3) Samantha Rode

- 7) Lynn Koenig
- 14) Matt Calvelage
- 15) Richard Wreede
- 15) Nicholas Fitch
- 18) Charlotte Koebel
- 22) Virginia Klenz

- 23) Kayleigh Rode
- 23) Evan Lieurance
- 26) Rodney Klenz
- 28) Laura Peters
- 28) Jason Simon

Children's Page

