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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.*

**September Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

# The Messenger



*Watch for school children and buses returning back to school.*

**If you know of anyone who would like to receive our monthly newsletter**, please contact the church office at [stpeterdelphos@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterdelphos@gmail.com). If your information or address needs updated, please let us know. Thank you.

# The Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church – August 2024

## A Little Bit of This and That for August...

2024: The Year of Rest Memory Verse

**Hebrews 4:9 “So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God”**

This year the memory verse for our Northwest Ohio Synod focuses on the need to engage in healthy rest. We are encouraged to engage in rest that revives our souls. Do you know that there are multiple categories of ways to get meaningful rest? What bring restoration and a revival of energy and focus to your soul? Chances are that it fits in one of the categories of rest. I have been thankful for the opportunities to engage in rest this summer. I had opportunities to spend some time traveling to be with my grandchildren. Most recently, we met up with my son's family to focus on a vacation that centered on going to national park sites in Ohio and New York. This was so my granddaughter could get stamps on her National Park Registry book. We went to five national park places in five days, and although at times I was hot and tired, I have found that the opportunity to go to places to learn about people in our nation's history has been restful and renewing.

If you have not had a chance to go to the First Ladies Museum in Canton, I recommend this. I learned so much about some of the important roles that the wives of our presidents contributed to their presidency. For instance, do you know the Edith Roosevelt was responsible for the idea to build the west wing of the White House? She did not want her husband's work to be a focus in their living quarters. She also was responsible for taking down all of the carpeting on the walls and giving the White House a more modern look. Theodore Roosevelt became president after President McKinley was assassinated in 1901.

Rest is important and paying attention to what brings a sense of restoration and invigoration is important. I invite you to pay attention to what form of rest is renewing to you. The seven forms of rest are: physical, mental, social, creative, emotional, spiritual and sensory rest. Do you have a favorite form of rest?

As pastors, we are encouraged to take a time of spiritual rest each year. This time is important to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit at work. As I have engaged in this practice, I have found the creative aspect of coming up with new songs has taken place. As I take time to praise God and sit in God's presence the music and words just begin to bubble up. This creative process is very renewing for me. As I participate in several opportunities this August and September to have spiritual rest and learning, I am hoping that more songs bubble forth.

The song given to me last September has stayed with me and I often find myself singing that it truly is God's amazing grace that draws me back to a life that finds trust and joy in the

relationship with God. God's grace of love for you and me is truly amazing and we are invited to rest into that relationship so we might truly find rest for our souls. May you, this August find some time to carve out time for a type of rest that brings renewal to your soul. Here are a few examples: 1. physical- a walk or bike ride in nature, 2. Creative- painting, sewing, woodworking, baking, (creating something new) 3. Mental- learning something new about an interest you have, 4. & 5. Emotional and/or Social- a positive time that allows you to feel fully alive and connected to friends and/or family, 6. Spiritual – time to experience resting in scripture or spiritual practices that allow God's presence to be close to you, and 7. Sensory Experience- Immersed in music, sound or other things that revive your senses and brings a sense of health and wholeness. Before we get back to our crazy schedules in the Fall, I hope that you will take some time to experience some different forms of rest. Pay attention to what brings you life and a sense of wholeness. Blessings on your journey.

**Delphos Community VBS was amazing!** It was held on July 7-11. We had a record number of 115 kids registered, and our largest attended night was with 103 of those kids. During those five days, they certainly made many new friends and also helped the kids dive into friendship with God. A big **THANK YOU** to Delphos Trinity for partnering and hosting VBS at the Family Life Center, to everyone from our congregation, Delphos Trinity, and the community that volunteered to help in any way, and Eric Fritz for letting us borrow his huge coolers. Each night was filled with a Bible story, music & singing, dancing, sign language, snacks, crafts, and games. We ended on Thursday with the kids singing their songs for their families and then headed off to the Delphos Pool for swimming, snow cones, sea food, and popcorn for everyone. We collected an offering each night of VBS, and this year it is going to the Delphos Lifewise Academy. We raised a total of \$2,489.53, where the boys won the challenge by covering Nicole Tobe in whip cream and sundae toppings. The support from both congregations, Dr. Bailey (new pastor at Delphos Trinity), and Pastor Carol has been phenomenal. Check out all of the pictures and videos on the church's Facebook Page, St. Peter Delphos.

A huge thank you to Carrie Calvelage, Nicole Tobe, and Teresa Gilden who spent hours in planning, set-up, and doing the registration. Their leadership was amazing in helping VBS to be a great success. Also thank you to all of you who volunteered to teach, lead music, serve snacks, work as a station helper, or crew leader (Crew leaders traveled with their age group throughout the evening making sure that the children were safe and that their needs were met.)

We had wonderful volunteers from St. Peter, Delphos Trinity, and the community at large. Members from our church who offered their time and talents were:

Co-Coordinator: Carrie Calvelage

Bible Story Station Leader: Patti Calvert

Imagination Station Leader: Jenny Snipes- with assistance from her daughter Alayna,

Games Station Leader: Sam Rode

Snack Station: Ron and Sue Kloepfel – Snacks and lesson along with Landon Calvelage and Ashley Kloepfel in filling many snack containers and dishing up ice cream for floats.

Song leaders: Emily Dienstberger and Noelle Prine

Crew leader for Kindergarteners: Heidi Calvelage

Craft Station: Rachel Munshower who also attends Trinity Delphos

Present to pray at opening and closing in role shared with the Delphos Trinity pastor, Dr. Dave: and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Pastor Carol

Tear Down on Thursday: Cory Kloepfel, Kim and Bruce Perrin, Ron and Sue Kloepfel, Carrie Calvelage, and Pastor Carol

**Thank you** to all who contributed to the success of Vacation Bible School. Thank you, parents and grandparents, for bringing the children! I am already looking forward to next year.

### **Costs for Radio Ministry are going up:**

I received a call from Bob Ulm that their broadcasting costs are increasing and therefore need to increase our weekly broadcast fee from \$55.00 to \$60.00 a week. I am wondering if some of you would feel more apt to participate in giving to this ministry if you could share it with another family. I am interested in getting your feedback on this. The total additional yearly cost for this ministry beginning in August is \$260.00.

### **Healing Care Group:**

I am interested in finding out if any of you would be interested in a 12 week journey into learning about Healing Prayer Practices as you address some of your own areas of woundedness. I have been trained in this process and it is this very process that helped me in my life to heal from some very deep wounds. The group would meet for 12 weeks with teaching principles about our relationship with God and move through education on how our wounds cause us to believe lies that impact our emotions and how we protect ourselves, often with dysfunctional behaviors. The journey in healing prayer is one in which we learn to position ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit as we learn a prayer protocol that allows God to bring healing to not just our minds but our hearts through what we call episodic encounters with God in prayer. If this is something that you might be interested in, please let me know. This small group experience has had a profound impact on many of the people who have experienced it. I would like to begin a group this Fall or Winter depending on the desire of those interested. The group work usually takes about 2 and ½ hours per each of the 12 sessions and the group participants range in number from 4 to 8. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, please talk to me.

**New Church Website:** [www.stpeterdelphos.org](http://www.stpeterdelphos.org)

Be sure to check out our new church website if you haven't done so already! You can now access Facebook Live and the live stream through YouTube links as well as get a copy of the weekly bulletin for each Sunday. You can also find upcoming events and church news posted as well.

### **Parents of Children Going into Grades 6, 7, and 8:**

Over the last year, some of the area churches came together to do catechism. We basically met once a month on a Sunday afternoon for two hours. Because this is a shortened form of catechism that does not require weekly classes, I am proposing that catechism needs to take place in grades 6,7, and 8 to give the catechism students a better opportunity to understand the basis of our Christian faith.

The group of pastors is meeting August 11<sup>th</sup> to plan for this coming year, so I will have more information after this. Faith formation is one of the strengths of our Lutheran tradition. The formative middle school years are important in this process and catechism has been taught during these years for many years.

With the busyness of families, the monthly format allows for more flexibility in family life. Even though we will meet as a large group once a month, there will be some expectations outside of those meetings. I would love to see the catechism students aid in the ministry of the church as acolytes. I would love to see them participate in Sunday School, and I would love to have us be able to have a large group retreat during the year as well as the opportunity to attend catechism camp together. There may be a few months where I need to hold a Zoom or in class session.

I will have more information after the Pastors meet on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Worship Themes for August:**

In August, we will focus on how God moved in the life of Daniel. Most of us can recall Bible stories of Daniel in which he was thrown into a den of hungry lions and an angel of the Lord shut their mouths so that Daniel survived. There is so much more to his story though. He like Joseph (Jacob's son whose brothers sold him into slavery) had the ability to interpret dreams and to speak boldly about God at work.

First Week in August: When Jerusalem falls to the Babylonian Empire in 597 BC, Daniel and his friends are carried off to Babylon. Even though they are all given new Babylonian names they cling to their faith.

Second Week in August: King Nebuchadnezzar has a strange dream and threatens to kill all of the wise men and magicians if no one can interpret it. Daniel prays and God intervenes.

Third Week: This week we hear of God's ability to save even those cast into a fiery furnace.

Fourth Week: Daniel is asked to interpret strange writing that is written by a hand only.

Week Five: Daniel is sentenced to die and cast into a den of hungry lions.

You are invited to bring a friend and experience these important Bible stories. God is the same God who worked in the lives of the men and women long ago. God is a God of power, grace, and love.

On Wednesdays, Pastor Doug and I are sharing the sermon time in a more informal dialogue format. Come bring your lawn chair and join us as we experience the grace of God while worshipping outdoors. On Sunday mornings, we will be meeting at 9:00 am to allow the church to be a little cooler. We will be meeting at 9:00 am up through Labor Day weekend. After that, we go back to 10:00 am.

As you journey forward in Faith, I pray that the power and presence of God would fill you with joy and peace. May Jesus become ever more important to you on this journey of life.

Blessings, Pastor Carol

**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 June and July by:

- Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- Kloepfel family in honor of Ron and all father's on this Father's Day. Also, in honor of Aaron's birthday and in memory of Melvin Kloepfel on his birthday. Love, Ron, Sue, Aaron and Paige Kloepfel
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church
- Dave and Connie Stemen
- Dan and Vicki Kramer in celebration of their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of God in June and July by:

- The flowers on the altar were given by Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of their son in law, Mike, and their daughters Stephanie and Shelby's birthdays.
- Dan and Judy Staples

**IROR** meeting on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**Council Meeting** on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> after the service.

### **Update on the New Sign and Concrete Work:**

Dan Kramer has been working on securing the needed permit for the work to be done as well as finalizing the details for the sign. The concrete work will begin in late August or September.

### **Lutheran World Relief (LWR) School Kits:**

This year, we are only needing scissors, sharpeners, and 70 sheet wide ruled paper notebooks to complete the school kits. There is a box labeled LWR Kits in the church hallway where you can drop off your donated supplies. THANK YOU!

Special Notes:

- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, or your congregation's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a US Flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

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

### **August Birthdays**

2) Cindy Finn

4) Kenneth Kloeppe

4) Yvonne Koenig

4) Randy Apple

7) Norma Koenig

15) Adrian Kimmett

17) Ross Trentman

17) Kathy Vorst

19) Donna Berger

19) Amanda Brand

19) Deanna Perrin

19) Sam Miller

23) Rose Hager

24) Linda Stockwell

26) Troy Calvelage

28) Scott Brinkman

30) Seth Brinkman



