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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.*

**February Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

# The Messenger



**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 – January 2024

## A Little Bit of This and That for a New Year...

Happy New Year! I pray that this year God comes to us to bring healing, deepening faith, more opportunities for fellowship, and peace to our nation and world. I pray that the light of Christ will shine brighter in our midst and that we would all be drawn to that light.

On January 6, we begin the season of Epiphany. This is the season of light. Biblically, the wise men followed the star to find Jesus possibly even up to two years after Jesus was born. Epiphany is meant to be a season in which we celebrate the wise men coming to find Jesus. Their gifts to Jesus were important as they gave Joseph and Mary the means to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from the wrath of King Herod. Joseph was warned in a dream to flee with his family and he followed the wisdom given to him in the dream. Soon after they were gone much wailing could be heard in Bethlehem when Herod declared that all baby boys two years and younger were to be killed. Such was Herod's fear of the "Light of the World" coming into the midst of darkness.

During the season of Advent, I was in awe of how God went ahead of the people with a plan to bring Jesus to us. The angel Gabriel spoke to Zechariah to pronounce that his barren wife would have a son to prepare the way of the Lord and then Gabriel came to Mary to make known to her the plan of God to have her become the mother of Jesus so that the Word could be made flesh to live among us. And now at Epiphany, we have the Kings following the star to find Jesus and make a way financially for Joseph to get Mary and Jesus to safety in Egypt.

I think there are important lessons for all of us as we read these stories. God is all powerful and can move in our midst. In times of darkness, fear often abounds and doubt creeps in. A wise member of our congregation states that her mantra is, 'Trust God, no matter the outcome.'

As we move into this season of Epiphany where the nights are long, may we be drawn to the light of Christ and may we trust the work of God in our midst. May the light and love of Jesus reach deep into your hearts. May you know how deep the Father's love is for you and may you spread the light and love around.

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.**

**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  
Jane Crawford

# General Announcements

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

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- Norma Koenig in honor of her family
- Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Dave and Linda Mayer
- Christmas Eve Service – Dave and Linda Mayer, Ron and Sue Kloeppe and family, Himmeger family, and Matt and Carrie Calvelage and family

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

- Dave and Linda Mayer in honor of Jesus' birth

## Sunday School News:

**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 the third Sunday of each month.

**THANK YOU** to the parents of the Sunday School students for helping them to learn the music we sing each month. Sunday School will **NOT** be in meeting on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

## WELCA NEWS:

**WELCA Meeting** will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to all who donated to the WELCA Christmas tree. This year all of the donations were given to The Mike Gallmeier Foundation for Mike's Food on Us.

## InReach / OutReach NEWS:

**The IROR committee will be having a chunky blanket workshop on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM.** The class is approximately 3 hours. The class is \$15 per person and you will need to purchase your own yarn which is approximately \$36 when found on sale at Hobby Lobby. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church on the red clipboard along with a informational packet on what kind of yarn to purchase and more details. Contact Melissa Trentman or Lauren Trentman if you have any other questions.

Join us for fellowship after church on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for a potluck. More details to come!

## **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.

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.

**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](mailto:stpeterdelphos@gmail.com).

**The 2024 offering envelopes** have been delivered and can now be picked up at the back of the church.

**Coffee Cup Bible Study** in the Parish Hall every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Bring your coffee cup and a friend!

**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](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) . If you have funds available, they allow you to choose an organization for which to designate.

**January 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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| 4) Ryan Trentman       | 27) Carrie Geise  |
| 7) Kaiden Trentman     | 29) Sue Apple     |
| 7) Charlotte Birkmeier | 29) Colin Koebel  |
| 12) Sarah Fitch        | 29) Dave Mayer    |
| 12) Kyle Rode          | 29) Sue Rode      |
| 16) Carrie Calvelage   | 29) Rolland Klenz |
| 22) Landon Calvelage   | 31) Kim Perrin    |
| 23) Randy Rinehart     |                   |



**Altar Guild would like to thank**

those listed below for helping to  
beautify the altar with poinsettias  
on Christmas Eve.

Given by Kevin & Susan McGue in memory of Brad McGue and Bill & Renata Hinton

Given by Dave & Linda Mayer in honor of our children & grandkids and in memory of our parents

Given by Karen Murray in memory of Rosie Murray

Given by John & Char Birkmeier in memory of Brian Birkmeier

Given by Bob & Denise Kloepfel in honor of our children & grandchildren and in memory of Harry & Pat Dunlap and Melvin & Alma Kloepfel

Given by Ron & Sue Kloepfel & Family in honor of Aaron, Paige & Brice and in memory of Melvin & Alma Kloepfel and Orville & Barb Koverman

Given by Rick & Lynn Miller in honor of our family and in memory of our parents

Given by Pastor Carol in honor of the Glory of God & the members of St. Peters and in memory of Richard Humpreys

Given by Dave & Connie Stemen in memory of our parents

Given by Sam, Angie, and Sarah Miller in memory of Nathan Miller, Vern & Jane Gonyea, Dan Gonyea, and Jeff & Mary Miller

Given by Elaine Wiechart in honor of our children & grandchildren and in memory of Stan Wiechart

Given by Steve & Kathy Brekhus in honor of their grandsons: Nolan & Beau

Given by Guggi & Eric Mox in memory of Herm Mox and Marlise & Paul Perez

Given by Denise Lindeman & David Blockberger in memory of Deb Blockberger

Given by Dave & Rhonda Blockberger in memory of Rolland & Irene Blockberger and Ronald & Marilyn Utrup

Given by Larry & Amy Miller in memory of Elmer & Margene Freund and Bruce Clevenger



