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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.*

**July Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

# The Messenger



Father's Day – Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

**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 – June and July 2024

## A Little Bit of This and That for June and July...

During this year, we have been using the Narrative Lectionary instead of the Common Lectionary for our scriptures each Sunday. The Narrative Lectionary was devised to help us have a more comprehensive picture of not only the stories of the Old Testament, but to also help us focus on a specific Gospel. We then use the book of Acts and the Epistles to better understand the ministry of Peter and Paul as they spread the Gospel of Jesus out to the world.

The summer is meant to then be an open time to explore other Biblical stories or concepts. Pastor Doug and I have decided to concentrate on several Old Testament stories this summer. In June, we will be reading a part of Joseph's story each week to see how God went before him in the trials he experienced in his life. God was present even in the very hard times of being sold into slavery by his brothers, and then being falsely accused and being thrown into to prison to languish there for years. We do not know what life was like for Joseph in prison, but we do know that God gave him the gift of interpreting dreams and this allowed him to rise to power in Egypt as one who was next in command to the king.

One of the focuses will be to look at how God sustains us when times get hard. How do we respond? We will also look at how God moves in our midst, even when God's timing is not our timing. How do we keep our faith? How do we forgive when someone wrongs us?

In July, we will look at the stories of Gideon and Sampson and Delilah. Why are their stories important? How does the work of God show up in their midst?

As we journey through life, it is sometimes easy to think that God is not present in our midst or circumstances, but our wonderful God is present. We are told in Romans 8:38-39 that nothing can separate us from God.

*Romans 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (NRSVUE 2021).*

You see, God is for us! This God we worship and praise knows us better than we know ourselves and God loves us! Can you claim that for you? You are a beloved child of God. Can you look back and see God at work in your life? How has God brought you to where you are today? Can you praise God in the midst of the hard times as well as the good ones? Can you rest in that love?

Our journeys like, Joseph, Gideon and Sampson are ones of learning to entrust our very lives to God each day as we journey forward in faith.

Blessings,  
Pastor Carol

## **PLEASE READ REGARDING INFORMATION FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

### **Maintenance Report:**

Dan Kramer has been working hard to get information about work to be done around the church. He has found that it will take 8-9months to get a new sign put in once it is ordered. He is still gathering information about possible church door solutions.

Due to the weather in the spring, it makes sense to go ahead and do the concrete work this summer in preparation for a future sign and new doors. Therefore, council discussed with Dan the possibility of dividing the work into several phases.

**Phase One:** Congregational Vote to go ahead and do the concrete work that will be needed for the base for the future sign and to redo the landing and steps outside the front church doors as well as to approve the purchase of the new sign. We will have the costs available for the sign purchase and concrete work. We have enough money to get started on the project. Members can then contribute toward the purchase of the sign and concrete as they feel led. Any special donations should be directed as a reimbursement to the maintenance fund.

**Phase Two:** (At a later date) Congregational vote to address the doors for the church. Dan and the Council are still in the process of gathering the best alternatives for this project.

### **Congregational Meeting Notice:**

**The congregation will hold a yes/no vote only opportunity at the start of worship on June 19 and 23. Council has made a motion and passed it to call a congregational vote to purchase a new electronic sign and prepare the base for it, as well as to lay new concrete at the front entrance of the sanctuary with the total costs not to exceed \$40,000.**

The following picture is a mock up of what the sign is like. The brick work would more closely match our church color. It would read, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**We are getting a new website with the same [stpeterdelphos.org](http://stpeterdelphos.org) domain.**

Our website has been down due to an internal website server issue. The best fix for us was to switch to a new website manager. You will be able to access our website using the old website address but it may take us a few weeks to get the new site up and running.

**Graduation Recognition Sunday was a wonderful day to recognize our graduates at the high school, college and post graduate levels.**

**High School:**

Lauren French – Findlay – Agricultural Sciences-to possibly major in vocational agriculture education

Lyv Lindeman- Scholarship to play basketball for University of Tiffin and majoring in mathematics

Jim Hasting- Jim will be entering the work force and exploring his options.

Noelle Prine- Bowling Green State University – Mathematics/Education

Matt Weitzel- Owens Community College for Assoc. degree with apprenticeship with John Deere

**College:**

Ally Hasting-(University of Toledo) Ally will be teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts for Lima City Schools.

Megan Weitzel- Megan will be teaching emotionally challenged students at the elementary level as a special education teacher for Lima City Schools.

**Graduate School:**

Sarah Miller- Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from University of Toledo

**Wednesday Alternative Services have begun:**

For those of you who love worshipping outdoors, come and enjoy the relaxed church atmosphere out back on Wednesdays. This summer my husband, Pastor Doug, and I are planning to do more dialogue sermons

together. During the year, I lead the singing at St. Mark's in Wapakoneta at their Saturday evening service, so the summer is a good time for Doug to come and help out here at St. Peter. We thoroughly enjoy being a part of each other's ministry. For Doug, it is a chance for him to get to know you and for you to get to know him.

Sundays have now moved to 9:00am for the summer. With the windows open, it does not get too hot. I thoroughly enjoy leading worship on Sundays in our beautiful sanctuary as well.

### **InReach/OutReach (IROR):**

**IROR will be hosting an ice cream Sundae social after the Wednesday evening, July 17, outdoor service. All are welcome. This is a great time to invite a friend.**

### **2024 Northwestern Ohio Synod of the ELCA:**

On June 1, Pastor Carol, Matt Weitzel, Charlotte Birkmeier, and Dave Stemen represented St. Peter at our Northwestern Ohio Assembly that occurs every two years. This assembly does the business of the synod with voting delegates to elect lay and rostered ministers to various elected terms for the committee work of the church as well as to elect delegates to attend the National Assembly of the ELCA in 2025. A big thank you to Matt, Char, and Dave for attending the assembly with Pastor Carol.

## **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  
Norma Koenig

# General Announcements

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

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- The Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger

**The flowers on the altar** were given by Dave and Connie Stemen in memory of their mothers, Katie Tippie and Margaret Stemen. Also, in celebration of all the mothers on this Mother's Day.

**Council Meeting** on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> following the worship service.

**Prayer Group** will be meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

**WELCA:** no meetings in June, July, or August. Next meeting will be on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

† Check the upcoming weekly bulletins for more information regarding the WELCA school bag kits.

**Altar Guild:** no meeting in June

**IROR:** no meeting in June

## The 2024 Radio Ministry

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

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

**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.

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

## June Birthdays

- 2) Lauren French
- 2) Heather Radebaugh
- 5) Larry Miller
- 6) Lynn Miller
- 7) Rick Miller

- 8) Jennifer Trentman
- 9) Dan Kramer
- 14) Anna Fitch
- 16) Aaron Kloeppel
- 20) Mellie Stemen

- 21) Dominic Munoz
- 21) Lexi Pierner
- 23) Landon Morrow
- 24) Stephanie Harman
- 24) Shelby Buchholz

26) Jordan Vorst  
25) Judy Staples

27) Lauren Trentman  
29) James Hasting

30) Tyler Miller  
30) Matthew Weitzel

# Delphos Community VBS 2024

Delphos Trinity Methodist Church &

St. Peter Lutheran Church

*Jesus loves the little children and so do we!*



July 7 — July 11  
6:00 pm — 8:30 pm

DTMC  
Family Life Center  
702 Ambrose Dr.  
Delphos, OH 45833

All kids **Pre-K through 4th Grade** invited!



- Bible skits
- Arts & Crafts
- Science Experiments
- Fun Games
- Music & Singing
- Snacks & Refreshments

**Boy vs Girl Money Fundraiser to benefit LifeWise Delphos**

**VBS T-Shirts are PRE-SALE ONLY!\*\***

**Registration Online ONLY!**



- Student & Volunteer Registration
- **\*\*VBS T-Shirt Order Deadline JUNE 24th!**
- All Forms & Video



[https://vbspro.events/p\\_early/delphosvbs2](https://vbspro.events/p_early/delphosvbs2)





