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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.

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The Messenger



Easter Sunday, March 31st, 2024

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 – March 2024

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

Do you have important stories of your family that are important to you? At the Rostered Ministers' Retreat this year, the speaker, Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy who focused on the importance of telling our stories as well as the stories of our ancestors.

If you were to share your story, where would you start? What has shaped you? How has your faith journey impacted your life? Was there someone in your family who impacted your faith? Was there a person in the church? What events in your life have brought your pain or joy? What is important for you to share with your children or grandchildren?

Enclosed in this newsletter is a handout I received from the speaker, Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, and I invite you to take a look at it and consider sitting with it and pondering what you would write about your journey. What would you feel is important to share? I would add a faith box because as Christians, we are called into a journey of faith. I am so thankful for the work of God in my life. I do not know where I would be today without the deep roots that I have developed due to the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in my life and in the lives of you and others God has placed in my life.

During this Lenten season, we are studying the Psalms on Wednesday evenings. One of the concepts that we are using is the idea that events in our lives can orient us to God or disorient us away from God. There is always an opportunity to re-orient our lives in faith back to God. Orientation, dis-orientation, and reorientation represent the various aspects of our individual faith journeys. Using these three lenses could be an interesting way to view your life as well. What experiences have deepened your movement of faith toward God and what events have pulled you away? How has God called you back to deeper involvement in your faith journey? I am always amazed at the deep love of God at work in our midst to love us even when we sometimes cannot love ourselves. God is good and for this I am so grateful.

Blessings to you as you ponder your life and journey of faith.

Love,

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

Rose Hager
Jane Crawford

Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

General Announcements

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

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- Himmeger Family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- Dave Mayer in memory of Linda Mayer

CHURCH NEWS:

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday with kick off of Holy Week on March 24th.

Manday Thursday Service – March 28th – 7:00pm

Good Friday Service – March 29th – 7:00pm

Easter Day Activities:

7:30 AM Sunrise Easter Service

8:30 AM Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall

9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 AM Easter Service

Invite a friend and come participate in this special day of celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

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.

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.

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

Coffee Cup Bible Study in the Parish Hall every 1st and 3rd Saturday morning 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.

Constitution Committee formed and working on updating St. Peter's Constitution:

This committee is composed of Eric Fritz, Ed Fritz, Ron Kloepfel, Donna Berger, Dave Stemen, and Pastor Carol. It has been many years since we updated our church constitution. Some of the wording has changed such as deacons are now call ministers of word and service. We will be going through the constitution line by line to update it. Once we are finished it will be sent to the Synod office for approval and then it will come to the congregation for a vote.

Funeral Dinners:

A special thank you to all of you who have helped with the funeral dinners of Joe Loetz, Sandy Talboom, Karen Murray, and Linda Talboom. I am always amazed at how you all step up to bring food or desserts to help the families have a place to come back to eat and remember their loved ones. A special thank you to Angie Miller for coordinating the dinners.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Special Services:

Come enjoy fellowshiping with soup and sandwiches on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 PM followed by a short service at 7:00pm. This is a favorite time for many to gather and fellowship and worship with more discussion and learning. A special thank you to Ron Kloepfel for leading the service on February 28th.

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

Paint and Praise in April – more details to come!

Youth Group:

The youth group will be meeting after church on March 24th to fill Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and then go to Pizza Hut for lunch.

Council Meeting on Sunday, March 10th after church.

Prayer Group will be meeting on March 6th and March 20th.

Altar Guild: meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 PM.

Save the date – Delphos Trinity Methodist Church and St. Peter Lutheran Church VBS 2024 is going to be July 7th – July 11th. More details coming soon!

Catechism – March 17th at Zion Lutheran Church from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Sunday School Choir – Sunday, March 17th

Don't forget to Spring Forward on Sunday, March 10th!



The IROR committee would like to thank you for joining us in February for fellowship and sugary sweets during our Cookie Exchange. Fun Fact... together, as a church – 36 dozen cookies were made and exchanged!



Monthly Calendar with Weekly Scriptures and Rest Ideas:

This year's focus for the Synod and all of our churches in the Northwestern Ohio Synod is to focus on finding time for rest. The scripture verse for us to memorize is taken from Hebrews 4:9 (**So then, a Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God**). This admonition is for us. How do you find rest that revives you? While reading a book written by a medical doctor, Bishop Beaudoin learned that there are many different ways to find rest to revive us. So instead of providing daily scripture readings Bishop Beaudoin is trying something new. We will be provided each month with a calendar that contains a scripture verse for each week along with various types of rest activities. You are invited to pray the weekly scripture and to try some of the rest activities. There is no judgement in having to do all of them. Do what brings you rest. Have fun exploring different ways to rest.

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

4) Georgia Mayer
5) Eric Fritz
10) Kristin Koebel
10) Kyle Kramer
15) Chris Prine

15) Julie Fitch
16) Megan Marlow
19) Nicole Wortman
19) Braytan Kruse
21) Aaron Trentman

24) Deb Trentman
24) Roy Trentman
24) Lois Ewing
26) Nathan Staples
31) Ryan Kloeppel

YELLOW

represents
God's perfect light.

RED

represents the blood Jesus shed for us.

WHITE

represents the cleansings of our sins.

GREEN

represents the new life we have in Jesus.

BLUE

represents the baptism that identifies us with Jesus.

PURPLE

represents the crown
of life..

