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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.

June Newsletter Deadline: Friday, May 17th, 2024



The Messenger



Memorial Day; Monday, May 27th

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 – May 2024

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

One of the Christian songs that I love to listen to is called, “Everything Comes Alive in You” from a 2016 album called *Catch the Fire*. The song talks about how everything comes alive in God. It is God who makes us and restores us. We can come fully alive in Christ who is at work in us to bring us life. As we open our hearts and minds to the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, transformation occurs, and this is a wonder. We have opportunities to imitate Jesus in our relationships and our choices. As a result, we are changed.

God is not only at work in us, but in the whole universe. Were you in awe of the solar eclipse on April 8? It was a wonder to see the moon travel across the sun and to see the sky turn dark and feel the air cool. Doug and I sat on our driveway in our rocking camping chairs and experienced the wonder of God’s movement in the universe. Could you feel the change in the atmosphere? It was simply amazing!

This time of year, we see God’s restoration work in nature. We see how the earth is waking up. A few weeks ago, I saw four baby goslings with their parents and even now we have several nesting pairs on the bank of our lake. I love to see the baby goslings with their parents, even though I know it means more geese and geese poop in the future.

I am in wonder of how the trees have flowered this year and how new delicate leaves are bursting forth daily. Ohio is a great place to experience the power of God’s creative abilities at work in the seasons and we have a front row seat to see God at work.

Are you in wonder of this God we worship who is so creative in our midst? May you take time to ponder how God is at work in you to restore you and to make you more alive in faith, hope, and love. May you take time to marvel at the wonder of spring as the earth awakens to bring new life. May we all be more aware that everything comes alive in God.

Blessings,

Pastor Carol



Summer church services:

The Wednesday before Memorial Day Weekend (May 22nd) will be our first lawn chair service out behind the courtyard. The service begins at 7:00 PM and is casual. Please note that the church times for Sunday, May 26th change to **9:00 AM on Memorial Day weekend** and will run through Labor Day weekend.

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
Norma Koenig

Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

General Announcements

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

- Norma Koenig in memory of Ted Koenig
- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- Mark and Linda Downey in memory of their grandson, Caleb Tyler
- Deb Trentman in memory of Bob Trentman

The flowers on the altar are given by Deb Trentman and family in memory of Bob Trentman.

Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd following the worship service.

Prayer Group will be meeting on May 1st and May 15th from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

A Special Thanks to Our Sunday School Teachers:

THANK YOU to all of the teachers: Patti Calvert, Ron Kloeppe, Corey Kloeppe, Jenny Snipes, Carrie Calvelage, and Dave Stemen. We look forward to regrouping in October. Your gift of time and teaching is so important. We appreciate you! Also, children, great job singing in the Children's Choir each month!

Congratulations to Kayleigh Rode and Noella Brinkman who celebrated their First Communion on April 28th.



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!



Celebrating our 2024 Graduates!

We will honor all of our graduates on May 19th

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 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.

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 . If you have funds available, they allow you to choose an organization for which to designate.

The IROR would like to thank Kevin and Matt Weitzel for cooking the hamburgers and hotdogs and to everyone who brought food to enjoy for the potluck on the 28th! What a great fellowship and a kick off to summer!

Thank you to all who donated to the Indian Lake tornado disaster relief. With the \$500 from IROR we were able to almost donate \$1500 to give to split between two families.



InReach/OutReach

(IROR):

Our spring Paint and Praise took place on April 17TH.

Great job to all who participated on a fun evening of paint and fellowship.

May 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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| 3) Kevin Brinkman | 18) Sarah Miller | 22) Evelyn Kloeppel |
| 3) Lillyan Ketcham | 17) Roger Calvert | 23) Shelly Hasting |
| 5) Kathy Wortman | 18) Karen Davis | 27) Chuck Peters |
| 10) Matt Mayer | 19) Ryan Rinehart | 30) Vicki Gossman |
| 11) Kathy Nighswander | 21) Matt Kimmett | |
| | 21) Maliya Hershberger | |

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PRIEST	WINE	WOUNDS

COLOR IN THE WORDS

LOVE THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR
HEART

being
STRENGTH
& MIND.
- LUKE 10:27

