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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.*

**May Newsletter Deadline: Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

# The Messenger



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## St. Peter Lutheran Church – April 2026

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

In few short days we will be journeying into Holy Week and then Easter. During this Lent, we have been hearing and contemplating the long view of Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion in the Gospel of John on Sunday mornings. We also have had opportunities to discuss various stories and scriptures during our soup suppers, pertaining to how we show love for others based on the book by Bishop Michael Curry called *The Way of Love*. The journey is a call to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus and the love others.

For me, this Lent has been difficult as my older brother's only child was found dead in her bed in late February. We still do not know the cause and will not have a *Celebration of Life* until June. Ali was a person who knew how to love not only through her friendships and family, but through the difficult job as an assessment supervisor at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. She had to investigate abuse of children. In a way she was picking up the cross of Christ to protect children.

Before Jesus was arrested, he told his disciples that they would need to pick up their crosses to follow Jesus. That cross for Jesus was very heavy (I have heard as heavy as 300lbs.) You see, Jesus did the heavy lifting for us by dying on the cross for each of us. Hearing how he was treated is hard, especially when we look at how Jesus chose the way of love in all of his ministry and actions.

But thanks be to God that the story does not end with Jesus's death, but that because he rose, he conquered the power of sin and death over us. We do not have to fear death, and we get to have a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus. This is the Good News that Jesus died and rose for each of us so that we might not only be able to pick up our crosses to choose the way of love but that we would be able to experience the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus sends to us to help us throughout life.

So, this Easter, let's truly be able to appreciate what Jesus has done for us and live into his calling for each of us to love and care for others. Alleluia. Jesus has risen!!! He is our hope and salvation!

Blessings,  
Pastor Carol

### **Volunteers are needed to be ushers, greeters and communion assistants.**

We need some greeters to welcome people to church. Sometimes the hardest thing someone does is walk through the doors of a new church. Having a greeter is so helpful to let them know where things are and to make them feel welcome.

Also, it is important for our members to be welcomed.

Would you consider being a greeter?

Ushers help pass out bulletins and help with the offering. They also have an important role in welcoming others to worship. Would you consider being an usher?

Being a communion assistant is a special job to bless people with the blood of Christ during communion. It is humbling and yet very rewarding. Would you consider being a communion assistant?

If you are willing to volunteer your gift of love and care to do any of these roles on Sunday morning, please let Lauren or me know so we can get you on the schedule.

**Vanco** is a resource we have for giving electronically to the mission and operation of St. Peter. There is a link on our website and on our Facebook page: It is a great way to set up your giving when you will be away or just wanting to give electronically. We are all called to live into generosity in our giving and if this link would be helpful to you, please try it out. <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8NS/home>

**The 2026 flower chart** is posted in the hallway for anyone wanting to sign up for flowers on the altar for a specific Sunday.

**The 2026 Radio Ministry** sign up sheet is posted at the back of church in the red binder. A Sunday service is \$60. If you sign up, please let Lauren know who you would like the radio ministry to be given in honor, celebration, or memory of. *Thank you for helping to be an important part of our church's ministry!*

### **Upcoming events at St. Peter Lutheran Church!**

**JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK**

**PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> - 10:00 AM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> - 7:00 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> - 7:00 PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7:30 AM & 10:00 AM**

**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**422 NORTH PIERCE STREET**  
**DELPHOS, OHIO 45833**

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*All are welcome.*

**Catechism:**

Pastor Carol would like to meet with the catechism students and parents around 9:15 AM on Easter morning to go over what the kids need to bring for their upcoming retreat at **Montezuma Retreat Center** on May 1-3. Permission slips need to be turned in at that time. We will then not meet to have catechism on April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Young Adults Breakfast at Jim's on April 11 at 9:00 AM**

There were nine of us present in March. This group is open to anyone 17 up through their 20's. The time to eat and just check in with each other is wonderful.

**Property:**

Dan Kramer has been working to firm up details for the doors that need to be replaced. He has spent a great deal of time getting quotes and working through the process. He is a gift to this church in how he is meticulous to see that things are done well.

**Sunday School in the Parish Hall held every Sunday at 9:00 AM. Youth Sunday School** will be wrapping up on April 19<sup>th</sup>, on this day they will be choosing their *Good Gifts* on the donations that they collected this Sunday School year and will be celebrating with a breakfast. On April 12<sup>th</sup>, will be a craft day. **THANK YOU** to all of the teachers: Patti Calvert, Ron Kloepfel, Corey Kloepfel, Jenny Snipes, Carrie Calvelage, and Dave Stemen. We look forward to regrouping in the fall. **Reminder: no Sunday School on Easter Sunday**

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 PM**



IROR invites you to grab a friend & join us at our Spring Praise & Paint class!

Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

It is \$15 per person.

# General Announcements

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

- The Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz
- Dave Stemen in memory of Connie Stemen
- The members of St. Peter Lutheran Church

## 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  
Norma Koenig - Vancrest of Delphos  
Rose Hager- Vancrest of Delphos

### Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

### **Community News:**

Delphos Senior Citizens will offer Matter of Balance Classes during the month of April.  
Do you avoid travel, ball games, or other gatherings because your balance is a concern?

Join us at Delphos Senior Citizens for our evidence-based Matter of Balance classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays of April this year. This program is designed to manage concerns about falls and increase physical activity.

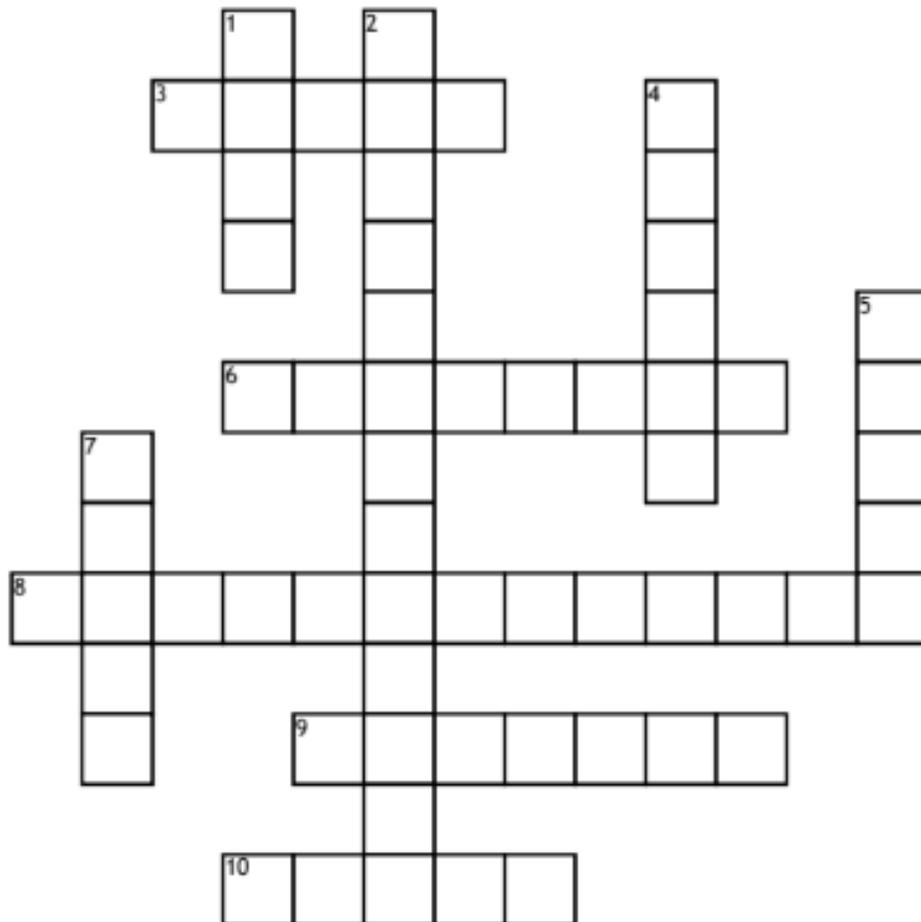
Call Delphos Senior Citizens at 419-692-1331 by April 1, 2026 if you would like to attend.

SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER	GREETERS
Sunday, April 5 Easter	7:30 AM	Lois Ewing Deb Trentman	Donna Berger Sue Kloeppe	Caleb Trentman Charlotte Koebel	Aaron Trentman Jacob Trentman	Alan Trentman	Ally and Sam
Sunday, April 5 Easter	10:00 AM	Dan Marlow Lynn Miller	Donna Berger Sue Kloeppe	Austin Munshower Gavin Kimmet	Kathy Stemen Rick Miller	Dan Kramer	Roger Calvert
Sunday, April 12	10:00 AM	Alan Trentman Dan Marlow	Donna Berger Sue Kloeppe	Charlotte Koebel	Ryan Trentman	Dave Mayer	<b>Let Lauren know if you would like to be a greeter</b>
Sunday, April 19	10:00 AM	Rick Dienstberger Ryan Trentman	Donna Berger Sue Kloeppe	Alayna Beverly	Kaiden Trentman	Dan Kramer	
Sunday, April 26	10:00 AM	Sue Kloeppe Deb Trentman	Donna Berger Sue Kloeppe	Roy Trentman	Dave Stemen	Aaron Trentman	
Sunday, May 3	10:00 AM	Lynn Miller Dan Marlow	Angie Miller Sarah Miller	Will	Aaron Trentman	Alan Trentman	↓

**April Birthdays** if we don't not have your birthday listed, please contact Lauren to get your name on the list to recognize your special day.

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| 1) Cindy Weitzel   | 15) Nick Fitch       |
| 2) Barbara Shafer  | 18) Charlotte Koebel |
| 2) Vicki Kramer    | 22) Virginia Klencz  |
| 3) Doug Fitch      | 23) Kayleigh Rode    |
| 3) Robert Kloeppe  | 23) Evan Lieurance   |
| 3) Samantha Rode   | 28) Laura Peters     |
| 7) Lynn Koenig     |                      |
| 14) Matt Calvelage |                      |

# Crossword for Holy Week and Easter



## Across

3. \_\_\_\_\_ was crucified on a cross
6. I was the High Priest who took Jesus to Pilate
8. She went to the tomb to annoint Jesus' body.
9. Many of the disciples went back to \_\_\_\_\_.
10. I denied Jesus three times.

## Down

1. Jesus asked Peter to \_\_\_\_\_ my sheep.
2. I betrayed Jesus
4. He asked to see Jesus' hands (wrists).
5. She found the \_\_\_\_\_ rolled away.
7. When Jesus appeared to the disciples he said, "\_\_\_\_\_ be with you."

He is    
*not here*  
 FOR HE HAS  
*Risen*

Matthew 28:6



# APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM	3 Good Friday Service 7 PM	4
5 Sunrise Service 7:30 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM Egg Hunt 9 AM Worship 10 AM	6	7	8 Prayer Group	9	10	11 Jim's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 AM  Bible Study 9:00 AM
12 Sun. School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	13 WELCA 6:00 PM	14	15 	16	17	18
19 <i>Last day of Youth</i> Sun. School 9 AM  Worship 10 AM	20	21	22 Prayer Group  Paint & Praise 6:00 PM	23	24	25 Bible Study 9:00 AM
26 Adult Sun.School 9 AM Worship 10 AM	27	28	29	30		