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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



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 – July and August 2025

A Little Bit of This and That for July and August...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have I told you lately how happy I am to be serving you as your pastor and friend in Christ? It took me a long time to come home to the special gifting that God was calling me to preach and journey with others as pastor. So today I want to share with you the importance of seeking God to understand your own gifting that God has bestowed upon you to further the Kingdom of God where you are planted.

Dr. Terry Wardle has the special gifting of teaching and his writing and teaching has helped to mold my faith and help me on my own transformational journey of faith. So, I would like to share some information from his teaching in several podcasts that I have listened to recently.

First of all, our faith is not to be dormant, but alive and vital. Our journey is to be one of transformation that occurs as we pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is doing in our daily lives. We are to listen to God in the present moments of life and allow the presence of God to change and mold us. We are to choose the way of Christ and journey forward to understand the gifts that God has given to each of us and to use them to further the kingdom of God here on earth.

Dr. Terry Wardle shared that he learned from one of his professors while working on his doctorate that each one of us is given these special gifts and they are not all the same. He calls these gifts “Special Graces” that God give to each of us. He teaches that we should be operating in our special graces 80% of the time and that the other 20% of our time in the church should involve other ways we are called to help out.

Now there are a variety of gifts we receive and there are a variety of ways they are used. Many of these gifts are mentioned in Ephesians 1, I Corinthians 12, Romans 12, and Ephesians 4. I invite you to go to your Bibles to look that the lists. There are probably even more that are not listed.

Terry went on to later teach that when we are in Christ, each of us is endowed with some of these gifts and it is important for us to learn what they are and then use them. He shared that his special grace is in the area of teaching and so he spends a majority of his time in preparing teachings, writing books, and teaching. He said that when he spends time doing this, he is “at home”.

I have often heard myself say that I have “come home” to what God has called me to do when I began to serve you as pastor. I was always restless in the school setting and even after pursuing my master’s degree in counseling, I wrestled with whether I was in the right setting. It wasn’t until I finally accepted the call to become your pastor and to begin to preach and encourage you in the faith that I have felt this “coming home.”

My prayer for each of us is that we will allow the work of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to know our individual gifts (special graces) that God has given us and to develop those gifts as we allow God to be at work in our lives.

The process of being transformed in Christ is an exciting journey! I am thankful to be able to be on this journey with you.

Blessings,

Pastor Carol

****Dr. Terry Wardle has a weekly podcast called Slingstones. Some of what I shared came from his February 11 and February 18 podcasts.**

Monthly Finance Report:

		May			
St. Peter Lutheran Church Delphos, Ohio		MONTH ACTUAL 2025	MONTH ACTUAL 2024	YTD ACTUAL 2025	YTD ACTUAL 2024
1	TOTAL PASTOR	6,506.33	5,711.97	35,267.56	31,724.78
2	TOTAL WORSHIP	831.06	699.08	4,928.08	5,191.31
3	TOTAL CONVENTIONS				
4	TOTAL TEACHING				475.00
5	TOTAL OFFICE	1,365.83	1,055.36	6,687.35	6,675.89
6	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	2,308.44	376.34	6,571.83	3,834.56
7	TOTAL UTILITIES	1,078.25	1,026.62	6,407.98	5,331.36
8	TOTAL INS & TAXES	1,659.54	1,442.49	4,164.64	3,859.69
9	TOTAL OTHER				
	SUB TOT-EXPENDITURE	13,749.45	10,311.84	64,027.44	57,092.59
10	TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	275.28	328.49	1,721.35	2,633.53
	TOTAL SECONDARY ACCT	2,044.64	300.00	17,328.15	3,903.32
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	16,069.37	10,940.33	83,547.94	63,629.44
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,461.33	10,837.84	77,224.72	57,177.17
	TRANSFER - IN	-			
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	16,069.37	10,940.33	83,547.94	63,629.44
	EXCESS or DEFICIT	-3,608.04	-102.49	-6,323.22	-6,452.27
	BEGINNING CASH	-2,715.18	-6,349.78		
	ADD RECEIPTS	12,461.33	10,837.84		
	LESS PAYMENTS	16,069.37	10,940.33		
	ENDING CASH	-6,323.22	-6,452.27		

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
Norma Koenig – Vancrest of Delphos
Rose Hager

Military:

Fred Hasting	Navy	Stateside
Christian Jarman	Air Force	Stateside

General Announcements

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

- The Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- The Klenz family in memory of Rolland Klenz
- The Kloeppel family in honor of Ron and all fathers on this Father's Day. Also, in honor of Aaron's birthday and in memory of Melvin Kloeppel on his birthday. Love, Ron, Sue, Aaron and Paige Kloeppel

The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God with love by Lynn and Yvonne Koenig in celebration of their son-in-law, Mike, and their daughters' Stephanie and Shelby's birthdays.



Geraniums for Pentecost

Given by Deb Trentman and family in memory of Bob Trentman

Given by Virginia and family in memory of Rolland Klenz

Given by Ron and Sue Kloeppel in memory of Alma & Melvin Kloeppel and Barb & Orville Koverman and in honor of Aaron & Paige

Given by Dave Mayer and family in memory of Linda Mayer and Norem & Alice Mayer

Given by Randy and Vicki Rinehart in memory of loved ones and in honor of our family

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

CHURCH NEWS:

The 2025 Radio Ministry

The sign up sheet is at the back of church to sign up for the 2025 church year. The cost per week to broadcast on the radio is \$60.00.

The 2025 flower chart is also posted in the hallway for anyone wanting to sign up for flowers on the altar for a specific Sunday.

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.

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.



Summer Wednesday Evening Services:

This additional service begins the Wednesday before Memorial Day and runs into September as the weather and daylight permits. It is designed to allow those who will be away on the weekends to still have an opportunity to worship. Many though, just like the opportunity to worship in a more relaxed setting outdoors.

When the weather is rainy, we will meet in the Parish Hall.

This service is geared to be a little more informal and placed in a setting to enjoy the summer weather and

avoid any excess heat that may be in the sanctuary in the evenings during the summer.

Also, it is a great service to invite a friend to as it is more relaxed in nature. People are invited to bring a lawn chair to enjoy sitting outside while worshipping together.

The Art of Listening:

In June, Pastor Doug (at St. Mark's in Wapakoneta) and I have both been preaching on various aspects of listening. It has been said that God gave us two ears and one mouth because listening is so important.

Some of the concepts that we have emphasized is that God is present with us to listen to our inner thoughts as well as our outward conversations. As we tune in to the presence of God, God has the power to speak life into us. That often comes from reading scripture and having a phrase jump out at us.

Last week, I talked about the power of creating a sacred place in your homes that helps you to set aside some time to listen to what is going on inside of you as well as to listen for the presence of God as you dedicate a little time in your day to listen. You may have a favorite chair or room in your house that calls to you. You may want to have a little candle that you light to mark your time of listening.

This week, June 29, I focused on the art of listening to others. This is a sacred art that many of us get uncomfortable with. Often people are poor listeners as they rehearse what they want to say while trying to listen. Deep listening is an art that seeks to help the

other person get in touch with what they are feeling and explore their own feelings. One of the goals of good listening is to ask questions about why or how a person came to feel strongly about a certain topic.

Sometimes, listening involves just being a non-anxious presence to sit in silence with the person who may be hurting. We heard this in the passage of Job when his friends came to console him after everything he had was taken away. They sat on the ground with him in silence for seven days and seven nights. That is pretty incredible.

In the first Sunday of July, Doug and I will each be preaching on listening to our communities. We all have several different communities that we are involved in. You may have a work community or a coffee cup community with whom you gather weekly. We live in communities. The question becomes "How do we listen to the needs within our communities?"

There is a great book written by Adam S. McHugh, upon which Doug and I have used as a resource for this series on listening. It is called The Art of Listening and Pastor Doug has bought multiple copies. If you are interested in exploring this topic in more depth, you may purchase a copy for \$10.00. Just let me know.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Don't miss out on all of that is planned for **JULY 6--JULY 10 FROM 6 P.M.--8:30 P.M. FOR PRE-K THROUGH 5 GRADERS.**

Register today!

VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to make VBS a success. Many hands make light work, and you do NOT have to commit to every night if that doesn't work for you. Grade 6 through age 100 are welcome! We need:

- Set-up Committee
- Tear-down Committee
- Station Assistants
- Crew Leaders
- Pool Party Assistants

Volunteers need to register using the QR Code or by using the link on our Facebook page, St. Peter Delphos. Volunteers registered by June 26 receive a complimentary t-shirt. Please contact Carrie Calvelage at 419-233-4561 if you have any questions.

Delphos Community VBS 2025

Delphos Trinity Methodist Church &
St. Peter Lutheran Church



"It's going to be WILD!"
July 6 — July 10*
7/6 — 7/9
6:00 pm — 8:30 pm at
DTMC Family Life Center
702 Ambrose Dr.
Delphos, OH 45833

***7/10 Family Night & Pool Party**
7:00—9 pm at the Stadium Park

All kids Pre-K through 5th 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 PRE-SALE ONLY!
Order Deadline June 26th



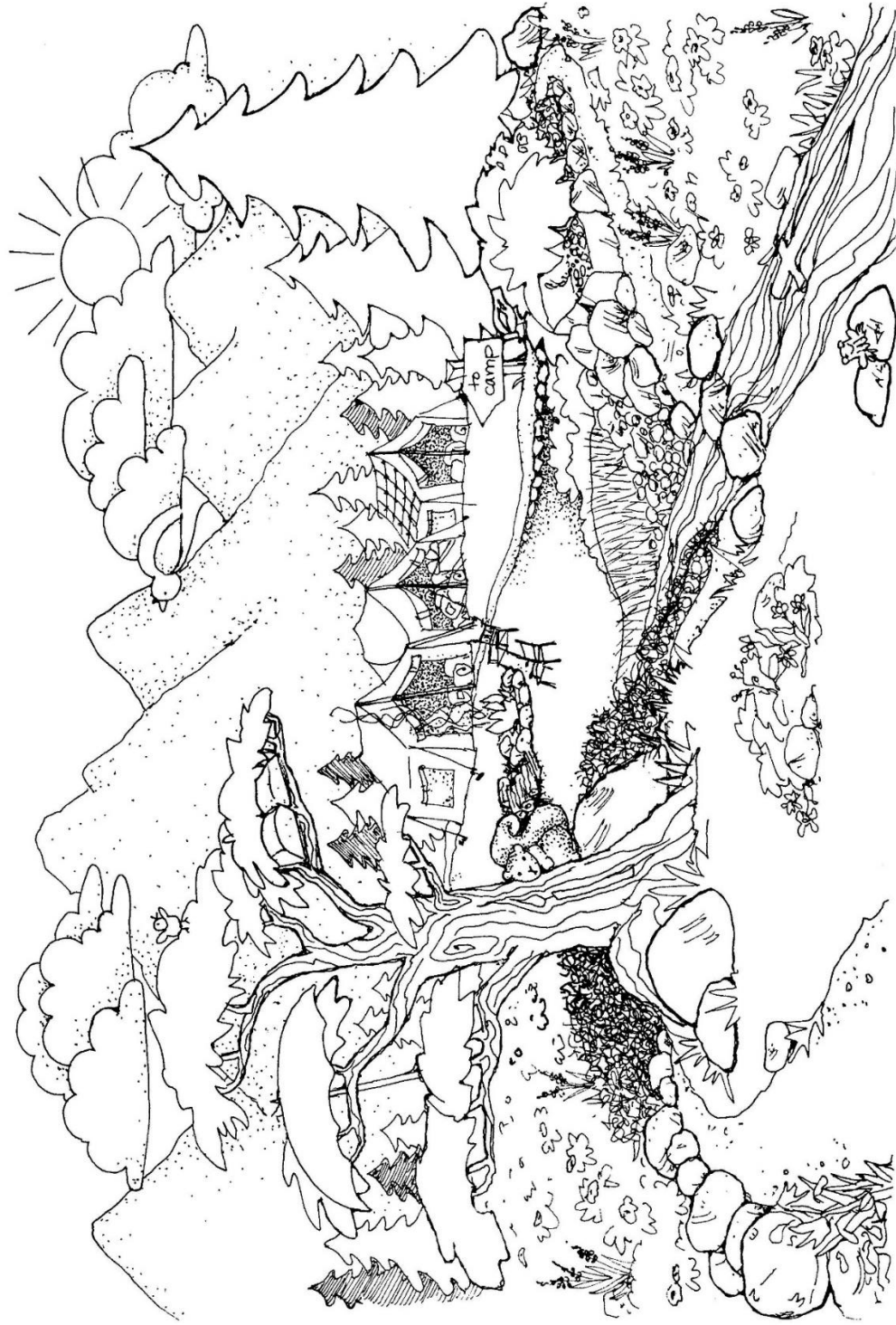
VBS Registration Online ONLY!

- Student & Volunteer Registration
(Open and scroll down to register)
- All Forms & Videos



<https://vbspro.events/p/delphos>

Coloring Page: Pondering being in God's Creation...





SERVICE	TIME	MONEY COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	USHER
Sunday, July 6	9:00 AM	Dan Marlow Larry Miller	Karen Hartman Jenny Snipes	Alayna Beverly	Dave Stemen	Ron Kloeppeel
Sunday, July 13	9:00 AM	Lois Ewing Deb Trentman	Karen Hartman Jenny Snipes	Alayna Beverly	Dan Kramer	Dave Stemen
Sunday, July 20	9:00 AM	Sue Kloeppeel Dan Marlow	Karen Hartman Jenny Snipes	Kayleigh Rode	Ron Kloeppeel	Dan Kramer
Sunday, July 27	9:00 AM	Larry Miller Deb Trentman	Karen Hartman Jenny Snipes	Olivia Rode	Larry Miller	Dave Mayer
Sunday, August 3	9:00 AM	Ryan Trentman Lois Ewing	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Wyatt Kimmitt	Dave Stemen	Ryan Trentman
Sunday, August 10	9:00 AM	Dan Marlow Deb Trentman	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Wyatt Kimmitt	Jenny Snipes	Aaron Trentman
Sunday, August 17	9:00 AM	Larry Miller Rick Dienstberger	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Austin Munshower	Dan Kramer	Dave Stemen
Sunday, August 24	9:00 AM	Alan Trentman Sue Kloeppeel	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Roy Trentman	Dave Stemen	Alan Trentman
Sunday, August 31	9:00 AM	Lois Ewing Deb Trentman	Jenny Snipes Kathy Radebaugh	Lilly Ketchum	Jenny Snipes	Dan Kramer

Name: _____ Date: _____

Some of the Foods Mentioned in the Bible

P T V X C I A L K Q Z E X X N O S I N E V Z Y B
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lamb

pomegranates

nuts

eggs

venison

goat

cinnamon

milk

beans

onions

fatted calf

almonds

fish

stew

olives

grapes



July Birthdays

2) Melissa Trentman
4) Madeline Weitzel
5) Jon Staples
8) Josh Miller
11) Landon Munshower
13) Pete Trentman
17) Dave Stemen
18) Bruce Perrin
19) Amy Miller
22) Sue Kloeppel
23) Jessie Calvelage
24) Tina Himmeger
28) Kylee Dienstberger

August Birthdays

2) Cindy Finn
4) Ken Kloeppel
4) Yvonne Koenig
7) Norma Koenig
17) Ross Trentman
17) Kathy Vorst
19) Donna Berger
19) Amanda Brand
19) Sam Miller
23) Rose Hager
26) Troy Calvelage