

The Messenger

Thanksgiving

As teachers we often ask children what they are thankful for and we receive the usual responses of family, pets, food, toys, vacations, etc. Without prompting we will sometimes also hear my school, my teacher, maybe even my pastor or my principal. Rarely do we immediately hear that Jesus died for me or that I have been baptized and am a child of God.

I would invite you to focus on some of the things that we as adults might forget in our list of blessings. At the present time, with Pastor Nuttman leaving, it is too easy to allow Satan to instill in us the thought that this is not going to be a good Thanksgiving. We don't know who we will have conducting our worship services, we don't know who will be caring for the other responsibilities of the pastoral ministry at St. Peter. Here at school, we will miss having Pastor in the office and readily available to answer questions and address concerns. It will be so easy to allow Satan to lead us into a feeling that without a regular pastor we can skip services, an attitude of "He isn't Pastor Nuttmann and his sermons are boring or hard to follow or —"

With this flood of negative feelings, it is easy to forget what we do have to be thankful for. We can thank God for the years of faithful service that Pastor provided. We can be thankful that we have the District office and a Circuit Visitor who will help us through these times. We can be thankful that we have dedicated teachers and office staff who will continue to provide continuity and stability. We are thankful that St. Peter has many dedicated members who will continue to work to maintain our facilities and to assure that our various ministries and activities continue. We are thankful that another congregation has their prayers answered and they again have a pastor.

Most of all we are thankful for what our school theme for this school states, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1 This theme will help to keep us focused on our mission as we count our blessings.

His Servant,
Paul Weismantel, Principal

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LADIES AID

LADIES AID - we are still looking for a sewing machine to have in our Ladies Aid room to work on our sewing projects; so if you have a machine that's working and you aren't using could you consider donating it! Let Kathy, Diane Hart, or Janet Lyons know.

Ladies Aid - are having a new fundraiser, we are selling Nativity scenes, made out of different woods; so they are all different & unique. There is one in the office on the island; we are selling them for \$20; if anyone would like to see more let me know.



In Christs service,
Kathy Bond

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL GOLF OUTTING 2018

The golf outing was held on September 29, 2018 at the Emerald Gold Course. We had great weather, a little cold but no rain. Thank you Lord!

We had 16 teams and played a goofy golf putting game. We had four holes in one prizes available. A car, set of golf clubs, a wardrobe and shopping spree all from Bees Auto and Sport Dealer. We had a 50/50 drawing and a raffle with lots of prizes donated by church members. All in all we made \$5,910 after expenses.

I would like to thank my crew of helpers who worked hard to put the outing on. Harold Anderson, Larry & Pam Mohr, Anne & Steve Gruber, Charlie & Theresa Silm, Rod Hayes, Al & Renee Schmitzer, Lori Flegler, Laurie Eaton, Liz Stevens, Karen Burgess, Deb Burgess, Corrine Fletcher and Judy Boettger. Special thank you to the preschool and day school children, teachers and aides for making the goody bags for each golfer.

Thank you, Paul Weismantel and Pastor Quentin Nuttmann for prayers and support. I also thank all church members for the gifts made by hand and donated for prizes along with all members and staff who sponsored carts, holes and other places on the course. A million thanks to all and God Bless you all for making this a great golf outing.

If I have missed thanking anyone I apologize and thank you now whomever it may be.

John Burgess



On December 9th after the late service we will be going Christmas caroling. We will be providing a light lunch before we go out to sing to the elderly and shut-ins. Caroling is such a special time we can share Christmas songs with our brothers and sister in Christ. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call at 989-224-7106.

Charlene Kennedy, DVM



HEART SISTERS has been canceled until January or February depending on the weather. Thank you all for your patience. You may join Marion on Wednesdays at 10:00am, however, for a weekly Bible Study in the Library until November 14th when we will take a break until after the holidays.

SECRET PRAYER SISTER REVEAL has been set for Saturday, November 10th at 3:30pm at Main Street Cafe in the back room. Note the change in time. We are trying to accommodate everyone and hope this will work for most of you! Please bring a little something to acknowledge your "sister" you have been praying for and remembering throughout the year. If you are unable to attend, please let Kathy or myself know so we can collect your gift before then. **Because we are meeting midafternoon, rather than ordering meals, I have desserts ordered. I hope this will be ok with all of you. The cost per person will be around \$6 with a drink included.**

Diane Thurston

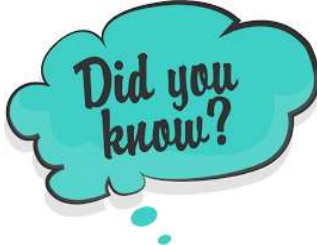
THE POWER OF PRAYER is an awesome thing!!! If you would like to be part of a powerful group of prayer warriors, please join us on Saturday, November 10th at Main Street Cafe at 3:30pm in the back room. We will then draw the name of the SECRET PRAYER SISTER we will pray for, remember important milestones of and shower with cards or little gifts throughout the year. We would LOVE for YOU to be a part of this uplifting group. What a blessing to know that your "sister" is remembering you in PRAYER throughout the year! Hope to see you there.

Diane Thurston





Have you noticed the bulletin boards throughout the hallways? Jeanette Mehney has been creating fun and beautiful displays. Thank you so much Jeanette for all the time and effort you put into them. Let Jeanette know what you would like to put on any of them or if you would like to do one.



DID YOU KNOW? If you are at the point where you are required to take yearly payments from your IRA, you can choose to have the payments automatically roll over into the St. Peter Lutheran Church Endowment Fund without a tax burden. This way your money can keep working to support God's mission at St. Peter. (Check with your financial advisor or tax person)

WHY WE LOVE CHILDREN

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. He saw an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found', the boy cried out.

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

GOD GIVES US GRACE!

"Working together with Him then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain"
2 Corinthians 6:1

God's grace is poured out on us daily and abundantly. Daily we rejoice in our baptisms through which God's grace makes us His children. Sunday after Sunday we celebrate the Easter message of God's grace given to us through the suffering and victory of His Son. His grace is given to our physical and spiritual bodies as He provides "our daily bread" including "everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body" (Martin Luther)

How is it possible that we could receive this grace in vain? When we ignore the Giver of this grace, when we use His gifts for our own good rather than in service to others and when we attribute our gifts, our abilities and our successes to ourselves – then we receive God's grace in vain.

We cannot accomplish the life of good stewardship on our own; such an attempt not only is doomed to failure, but demonstrates our receiving "*God's grace in vain*". Stewardship that pleases God results when we, in response to His grace in our lives, use all the gifts He has given us to serve Him by serving others.

Think about = How can my life reflect that Christ's sacrifice was not in vain?

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to receive Your gifts and use them in our lives and work. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

Preschool News

Wow, we have had an amazing start to our preschool year! We have 15 amazing kids in our class this year. We are so thankful for our wonderful kids and families. We are thrilled to see our class size growing and would love to start an afternoon program in the future! We will start enrollment in February and March for the fall of 2019.

Right now we are focusing on our classroom routine, playing with new friends, and developing our school readiness skills. We have also been talking about fall, community helpers, apples, and fire safety. We had the opportunity to take an amazing field trip to Uncle John's Cider Mill. The children took a wagon ride through the orchard, watched apples being pressed and enjoyed cider and donuts. We also had the privilege of having one of our firefighter parents come in to speak to the children about fire safety and show them a firetruck. We are so fortunate to live in such a wonderful community.

The children have also been hard at work adding beautiful artwork to our classroom and hallway. If you have a chance, stop by and check out the projects that are displayed in our hallway and classroom! Starting in December we will be talking about the nativity and the birth of Jesus. We will be transforming our dramatic play area into the nativity. If you have any nativity related items that you would like to donate we would greatly appreciate it. These items may include: stuffed donkey, sheep or camel, fabric for shepherd's and the holy family's clothing, or crowns. Thank you!

Blessings Always,
Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fletcher



SOUP KITCHEN FUTURE DATES

We will be Changing Up the Traditional
Soup Kitchen dates.

With the Old Schedule we always had it in: September & December with the Giving room.
We had the September Soup Kitchen & this year on: December 8th - we will have the
GIVING ROOM ONLY.

The 2019 NEW SCHEDULE will be:

July 20th (Saturday) - Soup Kitchen

September 14th (Saturday) - Soup Kitchen

December 7th (Saturday) - Giving Room ONLY

For Future Volunteer Opportunities, please put these dates on your calendar.

Thank You, Al & Renee

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR EASTER FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

We are in need of a person to do the: Easter Food Pantry Shopping & Distribution of Food.

Easter 2019 is on: April 21st.

Duties will include:

Having a Confidential list of Food Pantry Recipients

Looking at our food pantry & figuring out how much food is needed, purchasing any additional food, including the fresh & frozen food with food pantry donations

Calling families on the list with a designated: Date, Time and Location (Library) for picking up the food.

This is done typically: 1-2 weeks before Easter.

We've done up a document detailing the entire process.

If you're interested, Please contact: Al & Renee @ 989-224-8663.





Louis passed away two whole months ago. It's hard to accept the fact that he's not going to be coming through the door after a fishing trip with a bucket of fish to clean! It also makes it difficult to finally say THANK YOU for all the loving support from our church family for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food and so much more. "A friendly smile, a casual touch, these are the things that mean so much."

*Thank you
Ann Shellito and Family*





January Jubilee

On January 25th, 2019 we will be hosting the January Jubilee which marks the end of Lutheran Schools Week. Part of this event includes a Book Walk for children. I am asking for donations of books to use for our Book Walk. These books can be new or gently used for ages from preschool through the fifth grade. You can drop off the books at the church office

indicating they are for the January Jubilee. If you have any questions, please contact me at 989-224-7106.

Charlene Kennedy, DVM

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE WEISMANTEL'S CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
FROM 5:00PM-?.
15162 Mulligan Dr.
Bath, MI 48808**



**ST. PETER LUTHERAN BLOOD DRIVE
NOVEMBER 13TH, 1:00PM-5:45PM**

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED



DECEMBER 2018 RUMMAGE ROOM

THE DATE FOR THE RUMMAGE ROOM AT CHRIST LUTHERAN IS SATURDAY DECEMBER 8, 2018. WE WILL JUST HAVE THE RUMMAGE ROOM TO TAKE CARE OF ON THAT DATE.

WE NEED ABOUT A DOZEN HELPERS TO SET-UP THE TABLES AND ITEMS AS WELL AS FILL THE GOODIE BAGS WITH ALL THE GOODIES BEFORE THE PATRONS ARE ALLOWED IN THE RUMMAGE ROOM. (THIS IS ALL **AND ONLY** DONE THE MORNING OF THE RUMMAGE ROOM ON SITE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LESS THAN 2 HOURS TIME). THAT MEANS WE WILL NEED TO BE AT THE CHURCH STARTING AT 9:00 AM AND WILL BE DONE BY 1 PM. YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND I KNOW THIS IS A TRUE PASSION FOR ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE.

WE FURNISH LIKE NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHING ITEMS FOR MEN-WOMEN & CHILDREN = SUCH AS = COATS, SCARVES, PANTS, SWEATERS, BLANKETS, SOCKS, MITTENS, GLOVES & UNDERGARMENTS AND ALL THAT'S NEEDED TO SUSTAIN THE HUMAN BODY. ALSO THE NEW PURCHASED OR COLLECTED ITEMS OF TOILETRIES (SOAP-SHAMPOO-SHOWER GEL-TOOTHPASTE-TOOTHBRUSHES), SOCKS, ETC. THAT FILL THE "GOODY BAGS". WE FILL THE BAGS FOR = 50 MEN/50 WOMEN & 30 CHILDREN.

THE WHEELED LAUNDRY CART IS LOCATED JUST INSIDE THE OFFICE DOORS FOR PLACEMENT OF SUCH ITEMS. THE CART WILL BE REMOVED ****FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30th, 2018 *****FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN/RUMMAGE ROOM EVENT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED AN EARLIER PICK UP PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT BONNIE GREGORY AT 989-292-4152.

GOD'S BLESSING ON THIS OUTREACH TO OUR CLOSEBY COMMUNITY AT THIS MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR.



Greeters...Thanks for your continued volunteering for this important ministry at St. Peter. Here's the schedule through January. If you are not available the date scheduled, please switch with somebody on the list and let Liz at the church office know so she can correct the Sunday Announcements.

Thanks,
Sandy Lockwood
(517-669-8813)

2018 GREETER SCHEDULE		
	November 2018	
11/04/18	Lorna & Keith Kirschenbauer	Bonnie & Roger Gregory
11/11/18	Jeanette & Bruce Mehney	Norma & Bruce Fitzpatrick
11/18/18	Ilene Gibson & Marion Koeppen	Michelle & Tom Gorby
11/22/18	Diane & Frank Hart	Thanksgiving
11/25/18	Judy & Dave Bengel	Kathy & Bruce Bond
	December 2018	
12/02/18	Rollie Kloeckner & Bill Caruss	Hartner Family
12/09/18	Chris & Mark Grennell	Jan & Don Maynard
12/16/18	Janell & Bob Barber	Theresa & Charlie Silm
12/23/18	Shirley & Lyle Huguelet	Bonnie & Roger Gregory
12/24/18	Mary Ann & Larry Grennell	Ann & Dick Stout
12/25/18	Diane & Frank Hart	
12/30/18	Judy & Barry Boettger	Norma & Bruce Fitzpatrick
	January 2019	
01/06/19	Connie & Dale Martens	Kathy & Bruce Bond
01/13/19	Lori & Taylor Klein	Jean & Roger Heathman
01/20/19	Sandy & Gary Lenneman	Michelle & Tom Gorby
01/27/19	Jan & Jim Mehney	Diane & Sara Thurston

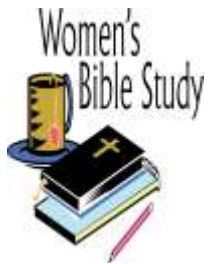
God's Gardeners....have put the gardens to bed for the winter, burrrrr! Thanks to the many helpful hands who give of their time and talents to keep God's Gardens looking so beautiful.



SCRIP cards can be purchased on Sundays during Bible Study from Pam Mohr. Orders can be dropped in the black Scrip box outside the office any time. Please contact Ann Shellito at 517-626-2302 with any questions.



GIVING TREE The Giving Tree will be set up on Thanksgiving weekend! This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to those who may not be anticipating a Christmas that is merry and bright. Watch the bulletin for more details. Diane Thurston



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY It's not too late to join us on Wednesday mornings 10:00 to 11:15am in the Fellowship Center library. Thank you to Marion Koeppen for leading this study from the LWML Quarterly.

The Lutheran Center Association invites
you to join us in celebrating this year's Reformation.

*Luther Fest 2018
Reformation Choral Festival
Sunday, November 4th, 4:00 p.m.*

St. Paul Lutheran Church
22915 Greater Mack Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Featuring the Michigan-Ohio Chorale,
Instrumentalists and masses choir from area LCMS churches
Refreshments following concert

www.lutheran-cent.com
for more information

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Ken Bond	989-640-2380	kbbenji88@yahoo.com



Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call Liz in the church office (989) 224-3178 during office hours. If in the evening or weekend, please call Pam Mohr (989) 292-1686.





"Thank you St. Peter for an amazing 4 years and for such a generous farewell. You welcomed us like family and loved us from the very first day to the very last!"

We plan to keep in touch, but we also want to give everyone time and space as we know you will need to be facing forward as you embark on the call process and the joy of welcoming your new shepherd. We know you will greet him with all of the love and enthusiasm you showed us!

We imagine this must be how Paul felt when he wrote his letter to the Phillipians 1:3-11

*God's Richest Blessings,
Pastor and Chris"*





*"Laying the Foundation to Build on the Rock of Christ.
Study the Word, Seek the Lost, and to Serve our Neighbors"*

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesdays: Chapel 9:00am
Bible Study 6:00pm-7:00pm
Mid Week Worship Service 7:00pm

Ladies Morning Bible Study 10:00am-11:15am

Sundays: Worship Services 10:00am
Bible Study 8:45am
Sunday School 9:00am



Shut In Visit List Weekly Visits

Week 1

Bill & Sherri VanBeelen

Week 2

Mel Sehlke
Lois Sillman
Shirley Edwards
Ray Watson

Week 3

Week 4

Ken Mohnke
Ethel Flegler
Gordon Schrader
Albert Smith



**Check out our new
website!
www.stpeterriley.org**

Be sure to check our website for service updates and cancellations. With the winter weather coming we will post any service updates on the website and on the prayer chain email. You are also welcome to contact the office during business hours to verify any service updates as far as time changes as we work through the process of finding an Interim Pastor.



Church News

- 11/1/18 Ladies Aid Quilting @ 9:00 am
Ladies Aid Meeting @ 12:00 pm (Library)
11/2/18 Over 50's Group @ 6:30 pm
No PM Bussing @St. Peter
11/4/18 Church @ 10:00 am - Sunday School 9:00 am
Daylight Savings Time ends
11/5/18 School Board Meeting (@ 6:30 pm (Library)
11/6/18 Elders Meeting @ 7:00 pm
11/7/18 Ladies Bible Study from: 10:00-11:30 am (Library)
11/8/18 Card & Cookie Day for Seniors (Gym reserved)
11/10/18 Secret Prayer Sisters @3:30pm (Main Street Café)
11/11/18 *Veterans Day*
11/12/18 PTL Meeting @ 4:00 pm
11/13/18 Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Blood Drive 1:00pm-5:45pm
11/14/18 Ladies Bible Study from: 10:00 11:30 am (Library)
11/15/18 Ladies Aid Quilting @ 9:00 am
11/16/18 Newsletter Deadline
11/20/18 Early Release @12:00pm (No PM Bus)
4H Meeting 7pm (Gym)
11/21/18 Ladies Bible Study from: 10:00-11:30 am (Library)
11/22/18 *Thanksgiving (Office Closed)*
Hall Rented
11/23/18 Office Closed
11/28/18 Ladies Bible Study from: 10:00 11:30 am (Library)
11/30/18 Christmas Program Practice (Right after school)
PTL Movie night (following Christmas program practice)
watch bulletin for more updates on movie start time

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of

Marilyn Sampson Kloeckner, Clemens & Marcella Kloeckner,
Sherry Stearns, Henry C & Doretta Witt, Robert & Shirley Sampson \$750.00

Marilyn Kay Kloeckner & Sherry Lynn Stearns \$250.00
Douglas Wright \$50.00



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