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THE MESSENGER

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

of New Pittsburg, OH

April-May, 2023



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"Welcome to our church—even though
you're sitting in our family pew . . ."

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT: As God's family led by the Holy Spirit, we are a loving and welcoming community inviting others to share and grow in God's Word and grace.

Vision Statement: *As compassionate people we desire to reflect Christ's love.*



Women's Breakfast will meet the 3rd Monday of every month at 9 AM.

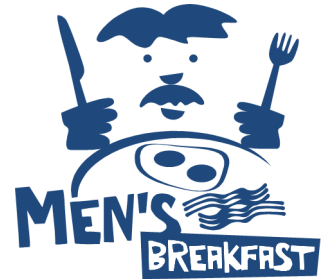
- April 17th
- May 15th
- June 19th

A sign-up sheet will be available so we can prepare a table large enough for us.

Please join us for good food and GREAT fellowship!

Men's Breakfast will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9 AM.

- April 11th
- May 9th
- June 13th



Join us for good food, GREAT fellowship!

Gracious Givers

For the month April, we will be donating to OneEighty's new 12 bed women's transitional house. They are in need of additional items to make it a home. We will be collecting:

wash cloths, towels, pillows, twin sheets, and baskets for toiletries.

Thank you for supporting this local program!



Wednesday in the Word

Looking for more Bible study in your life? Join us on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM (April 19, May 17) to read and reflect on the week's lectionary texts. Contact Pastor Stephanie with questions.

THANK YOU!
thank you!

Dear Saints at St. Peter,

Thank you for your generous support of the mission we share in NE Ohio. I am grateful for the ways you are making Christ known as you proclaim the gospel!

Peace,
Bishop Barbins



Dear Rita, Deb & Fellow Helpers,

Thank you so very much for providing sack suppers and a delicious 3rd Sunday sit down meal for DZ @6 during 2022. We could not do this ministry without all of our faithful partners.

Thank you again,
Cheryl Oswald, DZ @ 6 Coordinator



What a surprise I got on Friday in February when I went to the door and Julie and Harper Keener were there with a valentine bag filled with all kinds of goodies. Thanks to the SPYA youth group. Angie and helpers are doing a wonderful job with the youth. Thanks again, I enjoyed everything.

Love and Peace,
Shirley Gilbert



Dear SPYA Youth Group,

Thank you so much for all the goodies you gave me for Valentine's Day. I appreciated it very much. Thanks again.

God Bless,
Sue Selvage

THANK YOU!
thank you!

To all my friends at St. Peter's

Thank you so much for all the cards I got at Valentine's Day. You are so special.

Love you all,
Betty Kreeiling



Dear Friends at St. Peter's

Thank you for your gracious gifts and your kindness. The care package was very thoughtful and has proven very valuable with all of the studying for midterms and subsequent snacking.

Sincerely,
Dugan and Caitlyn



Dear Ms. Angie & SPYA,

Thank you so very much for all the goodies. You are so talented and thoughtful. We are blessed to have all of you.

Nancy Keener



THANK YOU!!

I want to thank the SPYA for delivering a bag of surprise goodies to me. It's so nice to be remembered and treated so special. I'm so grateful for all our youth and for Angie & all the helpers who are instilling such good Christian values in them all.

God Bless You,
Elly Rice



Angie & SPYA Group,
Thank you so much for your bag of "love" gifts that I received. We have a great group of young people in our congregation and Angie does a great job of guiding them to show their kindness and love to others. Greatly appreciated. Thank you again.

God Bless,
Ruby Redick

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

February 8, 2023 7:00 PM Secretary's Report

Church Council met February 8, 2023, with eleven members present. Ruth Ann Keener shared devotions.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved.

Evangelism committee met after worship on February 5. Chair Kristen Hudson reviewed responsibilities and committee members signed up for monthly duties. Care packages were assembled and delivered/mailed to our college students and active military. The committee will provide the Lenten meal on March 22.

Social and Outreach committee met January 15 and scheduled a Love Brunch to support the Christian Education teacher Tracey Price. Family Game Night is March 11. One Eighty has been chosen as the charity for Gracious Givers. A craft activity is planned for the children after Easter breakfast.

We were given Pastor Stephanie's report of activities including pastoral care; visits and meetings; books she is currently reading; and things to celebrate including increased attendance and Confirmation excitement. We will have Wednesday evening Lenten services with soup and sandwiches provided. Ash Wednesday is February 22. There will be a private baptism on March 18. Pastor Stephanie will take Continuing Education Leave March 20-26. She will be presenting her PhD Dissertation Defense. The Rev. Dr. Allan Bevere will be presiding on March 26. Former council president Jen Crum met with Pastor Stephanie for her annual evaluation and submitted her favorable findings to council. Pastor will be meeting with staff for annual evaluations with the goal for each staff member to have the opportunity to share their perspectives. She reviewed boundaries with council (personal, professional, and parsonage). Our congregation is growing from a family size (under 75) to a pastoral size (76-150) and she made us aware of the challenges a growing congregation brings.

Personal circumstances need to be considered for our prayer list. Those who ongoing illness or recovery concerns (major accident/rehab, cancer, terminal illness, etc.) will be able to remain on the prayer list longer than four weeks without having to call the office to renew the request.

Joni Hagans made a motion to allow Cream of the Crop 4-H Club to hold their meetings at the church. Rita Tegtmeier seconded and the motion carried. Council acknowledges a \$500 donation from the Smail Foundation to be used for our youth. Pastor Stephanie's contract was signed last month and it should be noted that \$2000.00 from her salary is designated for housing. Panda Preschool has received some donations and are making plans to use them to enhance the learning experience. Spring break will be April 7-14. Enrollment for fall will begin soon.

Our next meeting will be March 8 following the Lenten service at approximately 7:30 pm. We closed the meeting with prayer.

Joni Hagans
Parish Council Secretary

March 8, 2023 7:00pm Secretary's Report

Church Council met March 8, 2023 with nine members present. Joni Hagans and Angie Yarwood were absent. President Joe Rice opened the meeting and Kristen Hudson shared devotions.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were reviewed and approved. Rita Tegtmeier reported that an audit of her treasury books was recently done by Deanna Keener and Rob Hastings.

Committee members gave their reports. The Education and Youth Committee met February 21. They discussed Jr. Church curriculum and set the week of July 10 (6-8 p.m.) for Vacation Bible School. July 14 will be a 'family day' with hotdogs and other fun 'camping' activities to complete the 'Happy Campers' theme for the week.

Jon Kinney reported that he replaced bathroom faucets and has been replacing/upgrading some lighting issues.

Kim Koch reported that the Social & Outreach Committee helped the Jr. Church kids make crafts to add to the Valentine bags for our homebound members. They were very pleased with the attendance of 80 for the brunch which brought in \$1150 for Tracey Price, the religious education teacher at Northwestern Elementary.

Worship and Music Committee met March 7. Dave Tegtmeier reported that hymns were selected for the next several months.

Pastor Stephanie presented a very detailed report of how/where she spends her time with categories of pastoral care, worship, community, education and administration. She shared books she has read, and was happy to report our steady attendance and recent baptisms. There are some ongoing worship concerns she has experienced recently which she shared her feelings about. Council was given a brief survey to complete to help address these issues. She will be gone March 20-26 for Continuing Ed. Leave (PhD Dissertation Defense). The Rev. Dr. Allan Bevere will be preaching and presiding on March 26, and Pastor Paul Thoms will be covering pastoral care. Synod Assembly is planned for May 12 & 13 and we will need two lay voting members to attend. She will be on vacation May 18-21 for her PhD graduation.

Minutes from the latest LORAC meeting on January 30 were shared.

Discussion was held regarding locking the church doors during our services for safety reasons.

Council's next meeting will be April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Stephanie closed the meeting with prayer.

Rita Tegtmeier, Church Treasurer, Acting Secretary

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

♥ WAYNE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY – Tuesday, April 11th at 11:30

We will be helping our favorite furry friends on Tuesday, April 11th as we serve the Wayne County Humane Society. We will meet at the church at 11:30, go to lunch together, and then head to the Humane Society around 1:30. This was a favorite project for many last year and we look forward to doing it again!

♥ MAY PROJECT– TBD

We will be gathering in May for lunch and making fleece blankets for our 2 graduating seniors. Then we will head down to Scoops for ice cream. Keep an eye out in the weekly messenger and Facebook page for more details!

♥ CREATIVE VIBES NEEDED – Wednesday, June 7th at 1:30-3:30 PM

Wednesday, June 7th we will meet at the church from 1:30-3:30 to serve our very own church in preparing materials and decorations for Vacation Bible School! Bring your best creative vibes and join us in preparing for one of the most fun weeks of the year!

More events, announcements, and updates will be posted on the SPYA! Facebook page.... Join the Facebook group so you don't miss out! Please contact Angie to be added to the group - it is a private page and can only be accessed if you



Happy Spring!

April and May will be very busy months at Panda Preschool! We will talk about Noah's Ark, Earth Day and of course, those April showers!

Spring break is April 7-14. We will return April 17.

It's hard to believe May will be here. Seems like we just began our school year. This is a happy time for our graduating classes to move on to kindergarten. They will be missed very much by the Panda Staff but we look forward to new faces and returning students. ☺

The 3/4's year end program is May 18 at 6:30 PM.

Preschool Graduation will be Friday, May 19 at 6:30 PM.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year has begun. Call the office for a registration packet: 330-264-1986. Registration form is also on the website: stpeterelca.org.

Miss Tara, Panda Administrator



FINANCIAL CORNER

FINANCIAL CORNER **2/28/2023**

Checking Account - For Current Expenses	
February Offerings	\$12,498
Year-To-Date Offerings	\$26,797
Projected Offerings	\$24,282
Total Expenses Year-To-Date	\$23,382
Checkbook Balance	\$33,652

Other Offerings Given During This Month	
Noisy Offering (Blessings/Backpack)	\$77
Youth (SPYA)	\$20
Lenten Offerings	\$232
Rel. Ed. Teacher (Brunch)	\$1,140

Memorial/Youth Min. Balance	\$21,651
Contingency Fund (MIF) Balance	\$29,097
Build./Maint. Fund (MIF) Balance	\$38,781
Scholarship Invest. (LPL Financial)	\$24,526
Endowment Fund (all accounts)	\$101,805
(Balance as of 12/31/2022)	

FINANCIAL CORNER **1/31/2023**

Checking Account - For Current Expenses	
January Offerings	\$14,299
Year-To-Date Offerings	\$14,299
Projected Offerings	\$13,490
Total Expenses Year-To-Date	\$12,814
Checkbook Balance	\$30,392

Other Offerings Given During This Month	
Noisy Offering (Blessings/Backpack)	\$53
Building Fund	\$70

Memorial/Youth Min. Balance	\$20,401
Contingency Fund (MIF) Balance	\$29,084
Build./Maint. Fund (MIF) Balance	\$38,763
Scholarship Invest. (LPL Financial)	\$23,937
Endowment Fund (all accounts)	\$101,805
(Balance as of 12/31/2022)	

STOP at St. Peter

BOOKMOBILE

SCHEDULE

WAYNE COUNTY

The Bookmobile Schedule

Dates: 4/13, 5/4

New Pittsburg 2:30-3:15 PM.

Watch for the updated schedule.

<https://www.wcpl.info/hrsloc/bookmobile>

2023 Bi-monthly Newsletter Schedule

Submission and assembly dates

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submissions Due</u>	<u>Assembly</u>
June/July, 2023	May 22	May 26
Aug/Sept, 2023	July 24	July 28
Oct/Nov, 2023	Sept 18	Sept 22
Dec/Jan 2023/24	Nov 13	Nov 17
Feb/Mar, 2024	Jan 22	Jan 26
April/May, 2024	March 18	March 22

NEWSLETTER MAILING: The newsletter is emailed to those who have shared an email address with the church. Hard copies are mailed to those with no email. Hard copies are also available at the church.

If you prefer to 'opt out' of the newsletter email, or prefer a copy mailed to you, contact the church office.

Access the newsletter from our website: stpeterelca.org. Click MEDIA (top), then NEWSLETTER in the drop-down menu.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JANUARY, 2023

1	44	10 AM / Live Stream: 30
8	106	10 AM / Live Stream: 21
15	96	10 AM / Live Stream: 39
22	88	10 AM / Live Stream: 18
29	85	10 AM / Live Stream: 17

JANUARY, 2022

2	50	10 AM / Live Stream: 25
9	79	10 AM / Live Stream: N/A
16	45	10 AM / Live Stream: 20
23	4	10 AM / Live Stream: 59
30	70	10 AM / Live Stream: 16

FEBRUARY, 2023

5	97	10 AM / Live Stream: 15
12	86	10 AM / Live Stream: 16
19	96	10 AM / Live Stream: 27
22	44	10 AM / Live Stream: N/A
26	94	10 AM / Live Stream: 24

FEBRUARY, 2022

2	50	10 AM / Live Stream: 25
9	79	10 AM / Live Stream: N/A
16	45	10 AM / Live Stream: 20
23	4	10 AM / Live Stream: 59
30	70	10 AM / Live Stream: 16

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



April 6, 2023	Maundy Thursday, Communion	7:00 PM
April 7, 2023	Good Friday	7:00 PM
April 8, 2023	Community Easter Vigil @ Ashland Theological Seminary	8:00 PM
April 9, 2023	Easter Sunrise Service, Communion	8:15 AM
April 9, 2023	Easter Breakfast	9:00 AM
April 9, 2023	Kids Craft	9:15-9:45 AM
April 9, 2023	Easter Service, Communion	10:00 AM