



August 6, 2017

The flowers on the altar today are to the glory of God by:

Ed Gottschling in celebration of Dan and Barb Gottschling's wedding anniversary on 8-27  
Peggy Berg in general thankfulness

For the next month or so, if you have an item for the bulletin please send your information to Linda Lemond at [teacherlin2@comcast.net](mailto:teacherlin2@comcast.net). Due to Wanda's surgery, [thechurchlady@stpeterportage.com](mailto:thechurchlady@stpeterportage.com) will not be monitored.

Thank you to all who supported or worked at the YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH!!

Many thanks to all who supported the Rummage Sale!!! More information on this to come.

Desperate need for blood. Please pass the word that our next blood drive is MONDAY, August 7 11:30 – 5 PM HERE

Ladies Guild meeting – Monday, August 7, 7 PM

The outside of our church looks so *beautiful*. Thanks to those who worked to plant flowers and trim bushes etc.

Substitute organist Jim Crisman has been a wonderful asset to our congregation, playing for the second service for months. He let us know that he is available for weddings, funerals, Quinceañeras, and other special occasions. His number is 465-0735.

Rally Sunday and Picnic – Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

It's time for **CRAZY BUNCO!** Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 17th @ 2:00 p.m.** Tickets will be \$10.00. Light refreshments will be served. Basket raffles, door prizes, and 50/50 raffle! Limited seating available. See Nancy Carroll (762-4220) for tickets.

Please check the table by the mailboxes for items that have been left in the kitchen that may belong to you!

**Thursdays with Carriel** From 10 – 5 every Thursday in July and August. Youth Group ages 12-18 are invited to come in anytime during those hours for activities, devotionals, youth related group programs and FOOD!

The **Comfort Dogs'** official home church is now Trinity in Hobart, but they are also still available to our congregation & community. If you would like to have Bamabas Comfort Dog attend an event or for a visit to someone, you may contact Nancy Carroll (741-4220) or Dan Fulkerson (805-5492) to schedule.

Ladies: "Friendship is like a beautiful garden"... Join us at our next **"Gab 'n Eat"** for breakfast 10AM on Sat. Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at Cracker Barrel in Hobart ... "The more you put into it, the more it grows." Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center! Carpool 9:30AM from church.

Thinking about planning a vacation? Consider Camp Lutherhaven, Albion, IN. CD is available from Wanda for you to borrow to see all that the camp offers, Programs for Children, Youth, Teens and Families. [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org) or phone 260-636-7101

The church has a new policy regarding the use of the fellowship hall and the loaning of tables and chairs. This will help keep us organized. Please ask Wanda for a form 30 days prior to your event. Please do not put your event on the church calendar until the request has been approved.

#### Important Dates to Remember

Shepherds meeting on Sunday, August 6, in between Services

Blood drive, Monday, August 7 11:30 – 5 p.m.

Ladies Guild Meeting, Monday, August 7 at 7 PM

Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, at 6:30 pm and that will be followed by the regular quarterly August Voters meeting at 7:30 pm. At the Voters meeting we will vote on a proposed plan to finance the replacement of the parking lot. We will also vote on whether or not St. Peter will participate in the Family Promise program which helps homeless people in our community.

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Ladies "Gab 'n Eat" for breakfast 10AM on Sat. Aug.19<sup>th</sup> at Cracker Barrel in Hobart  
 Rally Sunday and Picnic – Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Community Dinners will be on the four Wednesdays in September -- 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27  
 Crazy Bunco – Sunday, September 17

***Last Sunday's Offering***

Envelopes are available at the bulletin table for donations to the Parking Lot Fund & for the Mortgage  
 Offering \$2734 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)  
 Mortgage \$345 (weekly need \$640)

***SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY***

<p>9:00 Greeter Lector: Linda Lemond Usher: Marty Riley</p>	<p>11:00 Mary Lou Allard Dick Keel Bob Duron</p>
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**This Week at St. Peter August 6-13, 2017**

<p>Sunday .....</p> <p>Monday.....</p> <p>Tuesday.....</p> <p>Wednesday.....</p> <p>Saturday.....</p> <p>Sunday.....</p>	<p>Early Service 9 AM, Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs          Adult Bible Study 10; Shepherd Meeting between services          Late Service 11 AM</p> <p>Blood Drive 11:30 a.m – 5 p.m.</p> <p>Council Mtg 6:30 p.m.; Voters Mtg 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bible Study 10 AM</p> <p>Ladies Gab and Eat; 10 a.m. Cracker Barrel</p> <p>Early Service 9 AM, Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs          Adult Bible Study 10 Shepherds meeting 10          Late Service 11 AM</p>
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***Visit the church's Facebook page for up to date information including CANCELLATIONS***

**Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer – cell number 989-907-9481 Church office – 762-2673**  
**Email – [pastorben@stpeterportage.com](mailto:pastorben@stpeterportage.com)**

If you would like to be included on the St Peter email list and prayer chain and are not currently on that list or have a change in your email address, please print your name and email address on the signup sheet at the Welcome Center.  
**Ladies Guild** is the first Monday of the month at 7 PM – all ladies are invited!  
**We ask you to collect** plastic bottle tops from milk gallons, drinks, water etc. Turn them in to baskets on the table next to the mailboxes – they go to an organization in Valparaiso that makes benches!!! Please save your pop cans and turn them in to the recycle center here at the church and those donations go to the church!  
**You Never Know** when your donation to the church's food pantry will be a blessing to someone. Your food and personal items are given to congregation members who are in need. We are now asking for additional donations to re-stock items.  
**An updated church address and phone directory** can be found at the Welcome Center, please check your information for mistakes and let Wanda know of the corrections. Please take one home!

**REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS**

John Spencer, Brenda Busch, Bob Busch, Kenita Kersten, John Newlin, Tiffany Richards, Betty and Dick Hull, Donna Potchen, Michael Cooper, Wayne Miller, Tina Gurniewicz, Loraine Giertz, Dorothy Anderson, Cathy Laatsch, Lindsay Hietz, Mike Lemond, Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Phoebe Wilson and the many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones

<b>August Birthdays</b>		Hannah Lackey	8/26
Carl Anderson	8/4	Kaitlyn Roscoe	8/26
Mercedes Cooper	8/7	Hunter DeTienne	8/31
Nancy Steve	8/9	Mike Lemond	8/31
William Melcic	8/13		
Donald Giertz	8/14		
Nicole Hamung	8/16		
Stacia Pleasant	8/16		
Richard Hull	8/19		
Ethel Wells	8/19		
Richard Keel	8/20		