



September 17, 2017

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Ethel Wells in Celebration of Bill Lackey's birthday; 2 vases by Pam Hass in memory of Randy Hass and Dot Daege

**EXCITING NEW BIBLE STUDY** Opportunity!! Sunday mornings beginning September 17: Getting to Know Jesus. Books are \$15. Order yours on the sign-up sheet and pay in the office.

From President Brad Hughes: The next Council Meeting will be October 10, at 7:00 p.m..

At the last Voters Meeting, it was decided that we purchase the electronic sign. We will pay the balance of what we have not yet raised with fundraisers. If you would like to have a special part in helping purchase the sign, we will have specially marked envelopes in the narthex for that purpose. These should be turned in by September 24.

Nursery volunteers needed! We are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery for the 9 a.m. service. Further details coming soon.

Though our Sunday School year began this past Sunday, we will be starting our new curriculum on Sunday, September 17th. Additionally, our first "Children's Faith Night" will begin on Monday, September 18th and will run from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. for children ages 6 through 12. If anyone has any questions, please contact Tiffany at (219)-707-6720.

Sunday School Substitutes needed! Are you interested in being a substitute teacher for this year's Sunday School program? If so, contact Tiffany at 219-299-7473. Jesus' little lambs can benefit from your service!

**COMMUNITY DINNERS** will be on the four Wednesdays in September -- 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27: This year we will follow a theme -- Cook-out, Mexican, pasta. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. We feed 60-80 people each week, so we need YOUR help! PLEASE SIGN UP! Come and have some fellowship with new and old friends!

We served 89 at the 9/13 Mexican dinner!

**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.

**Ladies:** "God really did something special"... Join us at our next "Gab 'n Eat" for breakfast 10AM on Sat.Oct.21st at: Schoop's Portage ..."when He blessed me with a friend like you." Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center! Just meet there.

Jack Carroll and others are planning a music concert benefit to support the Portage Food Pantry on Sunday, October 15, beginning at 2 p.m. The price of admission is one non-perishable item.

Won't be long 'til TRUNK OR TREAT TIME on SAT: OCT. 21ST 5:00 -7PM. More information to come - also donations of candy will be appreciated. Thank you

Coming on Sat. November 4th will be our Christmas Vendor/Bake Sale 9AM-3PM.(concession stand too!) We're looking for Vendors \$20 a space we'll supply tables. If you are or anyone you know that may be interested please contact me (Candy @219-331-4745). Also we'll need donated bake goods for that day. Thank-you

Sunday Nov.5th Bon fire/Cook-out/Hayride 4- 7pm at Marge & Keith Fites' home! More

information to come

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.

Garbage to Goodies: Please collect plastic bottle tops from milk gallons, drinks, water etc. Also card fronts, stamps, pop tops and Campbell Soup labels. Turn them in at the bookshelf in the hallway in the old narthex. Plastic tops 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. Those donations go to the church!

#### Last Sunday's Offering

Envelopes are available at the bulletin table for donations to the Parking Lot Fund & for the Mortgage

Offering \$ 2526 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$647 (weekly need \$640)

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

9:00 11:00

Greeter

Lector: Mike Lemond Chris Dahlin

Usher: Marty Riley Bob Duron

This Week at St. Peter September 17 - 24, 2017

Sunday ..... Early Service 9 AM, Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs

Adult Bible Study 10;

Late Service 11 AM

CRAZY BUNCO – 2 p.m.

Wednesday..... BIBLE STUDY 10 a.m. Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Thursday ..... Praise Team practice 7 p.m.

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Visit the church's Facebook page for up to date information including  
CANCELLATIONS - [www.stpeterportage.com](http://www.stpeterportage.com)

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#### REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

Linda Lemond, Mike Lemond, Wanda Gilbert, Matthew McCall, Karen Ackermannn, John Spencer, Brenda and 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, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Phoebe Wilson, Pat Newlin, Pauline and Mark Krill, and the many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones and those in harm's way thru natural disasters.