



October 1, 2017



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Ethel Wells in honor of son Geoff's Birthday; Margie and Keith Fites in memory of their son, Frank Bianchi

EXCITING NEW BIBLE STUDY!! Sunday mornings: **Getting to Know Jesus**. Books are \$15. Order yours on the sign-up sheet and pay in the office. Sue Lynch said that the book can be downloaded to your Kindle for \$6.00!

**Attention parents of 6th and 7th graders.** Confirmation will be starting **TODAY**, October 1st at 2pm with a parents and student meeting. You will receive information for the year including requirements and schedule. Please **make it a priority** to be there.

**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.

**Hooked on Art-Live Street Festival – Thanks to all who helped** raise money for Frontline Foundations. Workers included Joleen Wilson, Candy Gaines, Mary Ennulat, Carrie Chapman, Mike and Linda Lemond, Pastor Ben and Melissa Ahlersmeyer, Carol Riley, Elaine Harris, Sue Lynch, Howard Wilson, Sally Chapman and Jen Guerreo and members of their family.

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


**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!

**Thanks to all who helped with the COMMUNITY DINNERS.** Special thanks to Kristina Thaxton for organizing them. We served a lot of people!

**Crazy Bunco organizer Nancy Carroll reports:** "Crazy Bunco was a lot of fun! It took lots of people to make it the success it was: Many thanks to Peggy Berg, Donna Pleasant, Candy Gaines, Pam Hass, Joleen Wilson, Roni and Lexi Labonte, Lisa Carroll Forshey, Jack Carroll, and 2 of our nieces, plus everyone who bought and sold tickets or brought friends with them. We had 58 players participate. Our total profit was \$1,082.00. We are pretty happy to shave that amount off of the electronic sign balance. The best part was the compliments we received from several guests about the friendliness of our church and how welcomed they felt!"

**We Need Your Help!** In order to keep our budget manageable, we have been having members clean the church rather than hire a service. A rather small group of volunteers has been handling this for quite a while. **If you could sign up to clean just once in a while, it would be a great blessing!** Put together a team from your friends and family! "Many hands make light labor!"

**Ladies: "God really did something special"...** Join us at our next "Gab 'n Eat" for breakfast 10AM on Sat.Oct.21<sup>st</sup>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. 21<sup>ST</sup> 5:00 -7 PM.** More information to come - also donations of candy will be appreciated. Thank you

**Coming on Sat. November 4<sup>th</sup> 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.5<sup>th</sup> Bon fire/Cook-out/Hayride 4- 7pm at Marge & Keith Fites' home!** More information to come.

**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!

**Speaking of benches made from plastic caps,** Joleen Wilson said St. Peter is on the list to receive a bench made from our donated caps and lids. The benches are made in Evansville.

**Many thanks to Carrie Chapman** and the Youth Group who cleaned up the sign in front of the church and trimmed the bushes.

**Many thanks to the ladies** who helped beautify and decorate the church for Fall!



**Last Sunday's Offering**

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

Offering \$ 2923 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$300 (weekly need \$640)

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

**9:00**

Greeters: Hannah Lackey, Candy Gaines  
Lector: Kathy Levandoski  
Ushers: Sandy Barden, Sue Lynch,  
Donna Pleasant, Kristina Thaxton  
Peggy Berg

Prayer Slips: Alexis Labonte  
Banner: Donna Pleasant, Sue Lynch  
Children's Sermon: Linda Lemond

**11:00**

Mary Lou Allard  
Wendy Harnung  
Donna Flint-Wood, Wendy Harnung,  
Julia Rex, Marlene Lepyesh

**This Week at St. Peter October 1 - 8, 2017**

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

Adult Bible Study 10;  
Late Service 11 AM

**Monday** ..... Red Cross Blood Drive  
Ladies Guild 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** ..... **BIBLE STUDY 10 a.m.**  
**Praise Team practice 7 p.m.**

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Adult Bible Study 10  
Late Service 11 AM

***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**

Judy Anderson, Donna Flint-Wood, Connie Carney, Howard and Deb Wilson, Joleen Wilson, Alice Miller, Mike Lemond, Wanda Gilbert, Matthew McCall, Craig McCall, Karen Ackermann, 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.

**October Birthdays**

Melissa Ahlersmeyer 10/2  
Judy Anderson 10/3  
Brandon English 10/4  
Thomas Levandoski 10/4  
Dorothy Coons 10/5  
Colton Wolff-Daily 10/6  
Ronald Miller 10/10  
Leslie Hawkins 10/21  
David Gaines 10/26  
Sharon Marino 10/29  
James Maynard 10/29