



September 3, 2017

**The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Marty and Carol Riley in honor of brother Lee ' s birthday.**

**We plan to donate our old Lutheran Worship** hymnals to a church in need. If you would like a copy for yourself, please let Linda Lemond know, 762-5764, or just take one from the book rack in the hallway.

**From President Brad Hughes:** The next Council meeting will be Tuesday , September 5, at 6:30 pm. We will also have a special Voters meeting at 7:30 p.m. the same night. At that Voters meeting, we will vote on whether or not to purchase an electronic sign for St. Peter. We will also vote on whether or not to host an Oktoberfest in the fall of 2018 with the Exchange Club. Please plan to attend. All are welcome at Council Meetings, and you can make your voice heard at both Council and Voters. At last Voters Meeting, we voted to participate in an outreach to homeless families, opening our church at night for one week out of every 13 weeks. You will be hearing more about the **Family Promise** program in the months to come.

**The new website** is up and working and we were able to keep our URL. Check out the **new and improved** website at [www.stpeterportage.com](http://www.stpeterportage.com). Thanks to Pastor Ben, Jennifer Santaquilani, and Amy Mundell for working on this!

**To our Church family.** I would like to thank all of those who stepped in to help, including Pastor Ben and especially Bill and Susan Lackey, and to all of those who attended this year's Sunday School Rally/ Church Picnic, especially in light of my sudden illness and subsequent E.R. visit. I appreciate all of those who made it a success! Again, I offer my sincere appreciation and thanks! Sincerely, Tiffany

**Nursery volunteers needed!** We are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery for both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Further details will be 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](tel: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!**

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: "You're probably one of the nicest things that has ever happened to me"...**

Join us at our next Gab 'n Eat for lunch 12 noon on Sat. Sept. 16th at the Hacienda

2148 Karmic Rd, Michigan City.

...”and I’m thankful for that!!” Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Carpool from church 11:30AM!!

News from Candy:

**Won’t be long ‘til TRUNK OR TREAT TIME on SAT: OCT. 21<sup>ST</sup> 5:00 -7PM. 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](tel:219-331-4745)). Also we’ll need donated bake goods for that day. Thank-you**

**Save the date Sunday Nov.5<sup>th</sup> Bon fire/Cook-out/Hayride 4-7pm at Marge & Keith Fites’ home! More information to come**

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS! *FREE MONEY FOR St. Peter!*** Are you a member of **Thrivent Financial**? If so, are you aware there is a program called **Thrivent Choice** that is designed for **you** to direct some of the charitable funds to churches and nonprofit organizations nationwide? Please consider directing your **Choice Dollars** to St. Peter Lutheran Church. To do this online, log in at [Thrivent.com /thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call [800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836) and say “Thrivent Choice” when prompted. Questions? See Nancy Carroll.

**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 Barnabas 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.

**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 sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

**An updated church address and phone directory** can be had by asking in the office. Please check your information for mistakes and let Wanda know of the corrections. Please take one home!

**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.

**Organist Jim Crisman** is available for weddings, funerals, and other special occasions. His number is 465-0735.

**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 \$ 2002 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$340 (weekly need \$640)

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

**9:00 YOUTH SERVICE**

**11:00 YOUTH**

**SERVICE**

Greeter

Lector: Mike Lemond

Dick

Keel

Usher:

Bob Duron

**This Week at St. Peter September 3 - 19, 2017**

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

Adult Bible Study 10;

Late Service 11 AM

**Wednesday**..... **BIBLE STUDY 10 a.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)**

**Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer – cell number [989-907-9481](tel:989-907-9481) Church office – 762-2673**

**Email – [pastorben@stpeterportage.com](mailto:pastorben@stpeterportage.com)**

**REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS**

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, Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Phoebe Wilson, the family of Marsha Logan, 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..

**September Birthdays**

Sharon Stephens		9/1
Wendy Harnung	9/3	
Trystan Hitchcock		9/4
Leland Riley	9/4	
Thor O'Donnell	9/5	
Caitlin Minard	9/6	
Brian Pleasant	9/7	
Mitchell Roscoe	9/8	
Amy Mundell	9/16	
Tyler Stout	9/17	
William Lackey Jr.	9/18	
Laura Bianchi	9/19	
Susan Schoech	9/20	

Savannah Cooper	9/23
Ken Coons	9/24
Cameron Wickhorst	9/25
Margaret Berg	9/26
Susanne Lynch	9/30