



September 24, 2017

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Ed Gottschling in memory of his wife Nina; Margie and Keith Fites in memory of their sons' birthdays: Steve 62nd and Frank 58th

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.

Attention parents of 6th and 7th graders. Confirmation will be starting on 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.

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](tel:219-299-7473). Jesus' little lambs can benefit from your service!

COMMUNITY DINNERS- last one this week! 9/27: This year we followed 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!**

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.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.

October 1 is LWML Sunday! The theme is "Be Prepared in and out of season." Wear purple to support the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and their ministries. Bring in your Mite Boxes!

Won't be long 'til TRUNK OR TREAT TIME on SAT: OCT. 21ST 5:00 -7 PM. 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](tel: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 \$ 2459 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$185 (weekly need \$640)

SERVING IN THE LORD’S HOUSE TODAY

9:00

11:00

Greeter

Lector: Lee Riley

John Carney

Usher: Marty Riley

Bob Duron

This Week at St. Peter September 24 – October 1, 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. Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.**

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

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

Adult Bible Study 10

Late Service 11 AM

Visit the church’s Facebook page for up to date information including

CANCELLATIONS - www.stpeterportage.com

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

Howard and Deb Wilson, Joleen Wilson, Alice Miller, Linda Lemond, Mike Lemond, Wanda Gilbert, Matthew 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.

September Birthdays

Susan Schoech 9/20

Savannah Cooper 9/23

Ken Coons 9/24

Cameron Wickhorst 9/25

Margaret Berg 9/26

Susanne Lynch 9/30

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