

January 21, 2018

The Flowers on the altar today are to the glory of God

Dear Members of St. Peter,

Melissa and I wanted to thank you deeply for your gifts and care during the Advent and Christmas season. Your generosity is a blessing to us. May God bless you and our congregation as we venture into a new year!

*Pastor Ben, Melissa, and Baby A*

**Ladies: “Since You’re My Friend: Valentine’s Day can be a special day when someone really cares about you”... Join us at our next Gab ’n Eat for lunch 12noon on Sat. Feb.17<sup>th</sup> at La Cabana [6510 US 6,Portage](#) .....“This Valentine’s Day is more than o.k. Since you’re my friend and I’m yours too!” Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Just meet there. Wishing you all a very HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!**

**Notes from President Brad Hughes:**

-- next Council and Voters meeting will be on Tuesday , February 13. Council at 6:30 pm and Voters at 7:30 pm.

-- If anyone is interested in being a Shepherd at St. Peter, please contact Brad Hughes.

**Let’s do lunch! Let’s meet for supper!**

**Let’s get together for our church fundraiser Wed. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at: “Five Guys Hamburger” (11AM-10PM) Hwy. 6 in Portage. Take a voucher, (available at the Welcome Center) present a picture of the voucher & show either one to the cashier, or just tell them you’re there for St. Peter Lutheran church fundraiser. Hope to see you there!!!**

**Red Cross Blood Drive here, tomorrow, Monday January 22, 11:30 am – 5:00 pm.**

**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.

**Although the Comfort Dogs** now have a home at Trinity in Hobart if you have an event or a need for the dogs, please contact Nancy Carroll at 762-4220.

**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 notice the beautiful green bench that was donated by Pines Village, made from the bottle caps you have donated. Please save your pop cans and turn them in to the recycle center here at the church. Those donations go to the church!

**Important Dates to Remember**

**Monday, January 22, 11:30 – 5 PM Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, January 31, ALL DAY – 5 Guys fundraiser – show voucher or mention St. Peter and 5 Guys gives a donation!**  
**Monday, February 5, Ladies Guild – ALL Ladies are encouraged to attend – 7 PM**  
**Tuesday, February 13, Council at 6:30 pm and Voters at 7:30 pm.**  
**Saturday, February 17: Gab 'n Eat for lunch 12noon on at La Cabana [6510 US 6, Portage](#)**

**Last Sunday's Offering**

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

Offering \$3,096 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$510.56 (weekly need \$640)

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

**9:00 a.m.**

Greeter:

Lector: Jim Wells

Ushers: Marty Riley

**11:00 a.m.**

Chris Dahlin

Bob Duron

**This Week at St. Peter : January 21, 2018**

**Sunday .....** Early Service 9 a.m. Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. .  
Late Service 11 a.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**

John Gallagher, Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood and her mother, Ginnie Galanos, Connie Carney; Howard, Deb and Ari Wilson; Joleen Wilson, Mike Lemond, Karen Ackermann, John Spencer, Brenda and Bob Busch, Kenita Kersten, Pat and John Newlin, Tiffany Richards, Betty and Dick Hull, Donna Potchen, Michael Cooper, Tina Gurniewicz, Loraine Giertz, Dorothy Anderson, Cathy Laatsch, Lindsay Hietz, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Phoebe Wilson, Pauline and Mark Krill, and the many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones.

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Daniel Rex	1/7
Henry Rubio	1/7
Deborah Waters	1/7
Dylan Santaquilani	1/12
Sarah Lackey	1/13
Linda Lemond	1/14
Edward Gottschling	1/18
Elaine Harris	1/19
Peyton Thaxton	1/20
Brenda Busch	1/23
Robert Bodza	1/28
Steve White	1/30
Michael Cooper	1/31