



February 18, 2018

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

Dave Nelson – “Happy Birthday, Mandy”

Sandy Barden honoring children’s birthdays, Mike – Carol Wilmath, and Don Barden
Ed Gottschling in memory of brother, Wilfred Frank

Ladies: “May God give you, for every storm: A rainbow, for every tear: A smile, for every care: A promise, and A blessing in each trial ;” ... Join us at our next Gab 'n Eat for breakfast 10AM on Sat. March 10th at Third Coast Spice. [761 Indian Boundary, Chesterton](#).“For every problem life sends: A faithful friend to share, for every sigh: A sweet song, and An answer for each prayer!” Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Carpool from church 9:30AM. May you have a very HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY!

It's time to turn in your mite boxes! The fiscal year of the LWML is coming to an end. We need to get all monies to them soon. So, please fill your box and, drop it off no later than March 4. Don't forget to pick up another box.

We are having a "celebration " on March 3rd . A baby shower for Melissa and Pastor Ben. It's for both ladies and men. While shower is going on at church Pastor Ben is doing a guy thing at their home. Invitations are in your church mailboxes with all the information : times, locations, where they are registered at and colors of the nursery... and by the way we heard the baby is a little boy . If you did not receive an invite check with Linda Lemond(whom we owe a big thanks for making the adorable invites) or let me know. **Thank you and please be sure to R.S.V.P.**

Community Dinners begin 2/28 5:30

Notes from President Brad Hughes:

-- next Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM

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

"Stewardship Moment" Mark 1:13 – “And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.” God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father’s provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

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

Saturday March 3- Baby shower – see announcement above

Saturday, March 10th, 10 AM Gab 'n Eat for breakfast at Third Coast Spice, [761 Indian Boundary, Chesterton](#)

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Last Sunday’s Offering

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

Offering \$2,008 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$482 (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 : February 18, 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.
Wednesday	Bible Study 10 AM Lent Service 7 PM – Choir following the service.
Thursday	Praise Team practice 7 p.m.
Sunday	Early Service 9 a.m. Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs Sunday School 10 Adult Bible Study 10 a.m Late Service 11 a.m.

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

CANCELLATIONS - 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

April Wickhorst	2/4	
Amber Young	2/5	
Mandy Nelson		2/19
Ronald Semper	2/20	
Jacob Sayler	2/21	
Kenita Kersten	2/22	
Alexis Thaxton	2/22	
Linsey Bianchi	2/23	
Leona Keel	2/26	