



March 11, 2018

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

Karen & Claus Ackermann in memory of Lou Ringer's birthday March 9

Karen Ackermann honoring Claus's birthday March 9



BAPTISED TODAY AT EARLY SERVICE - FELICITY MICHELE CURTIS, daughter of Joshua Curtis and Amber Frain-Curtis. Sponsors are Jon Strausbaugh and Jamie Krill

Sign up for Easter Lilies at the Welcome Center \$10, deadline is March 29 at noon.

Community Dinners 3/14 and 3/21 5:30, please sign up to donate a dish

Empty Bowls, 2018 - We need your help!

Once again, St. Peter is joining hands with the Portage High School Art Department to help raise money for the Portage Food Pantry. This year's Empty Bowls Project will take place Saturday, April 14, at Portage High School West Cafeteria beginning at 11 a.m. The art students from all levels throughout the system have creating beautiful ceramic bowls that will be available for purchase, along with other pieces of art. If you would like to help, please sign up to donate a crock pot of your favorite soup or chili or to help with set up and clean up. Also, attend if you can. Buy a handmade bowl or other piece of art and some delicious soup, bread, and desserts. Bowls are \$5 each, and you can sample as much as you like of all the different soups and chilis for another \$5. Questions? Please see Linda Lemond or call 762-5764 or email teacherlin2@comcast.net



Beginning this Sunday, March 4, 2018 and continuing until Sunday, March 25, 2018, the Sunday School Department will be collecting candy for this year's Easter egg hunt. We are requesting candy approximately the size of a Tootsie Roll. Also, we are requesting donations for Scotch tape to hold the Easter eggs together. Any and all donations of both items may be placed in the box located outside the Jonah Room. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tiffany at (219)-707-6720. Again, thank all of you so much for your continued support of our Sunday School program; we truly appreciate it!

"TEAM DAY, OPENING DAY, TEAM UP WITH JESUS EVERYDAY" SUNDAY, APRIL 8th! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM APPAREL.

RUMMAGE / BAKE SALE coming Aug. 2nd, 3rd, 4th! We are now accepting donations (larger items after April 1st). Please put neatly in room before the nursery. (CUT OFF DATE JULY 14th) A garden center, too (perennial plants)! Bring in July 22nd to July 28th). Donations of pop & bottled water are welcome for our concession stand - please label rummage sale.

For more information call Joleen: 762-2220 or Candy: 762-0268/ 331-4745

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TOO

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" Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us to walk in, it is all a gift of God's grace.

**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.



**The Comfort Dogs were recently in Parkland FL offering comfort to that community. 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**

Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM  
Monday, March 19, 11:30 AM – 5 PM Blood Drive  
Thursday, March 25 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service  
Friday, March 30, 7 PM Good Friday Service  
Sunday, April 1, Early Service 7 AM, Breakfast 8 AM ,Children's Activities 9AM, Late service at 11 AM  
Saturday, April 14, Empty Bowls Project at Portage High School West Cafeteria beginning at 11 A.M

**Last Sunday's Offering**

**Envelopes are available at the bulletin table for donations to the Parking Lot Fund & for the Mortgage Offering** \$3,266 (weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)  
**Mortgage** \$827 (weekly need \$591.00)

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

<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
Greeter:	
Lector: Jim Wells	Victoria Luster-Bartz
Ushers: Marty Riley	Bob Duron

**This Week at St. Peter : March 11, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b> .....	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.
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	Bible Study 10 AM Community Dinner 5:30 Lent Service 7 PM – Choir following the service.
<b>Thursday</b> .....	Praise Team practice 7 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b> .....	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](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, Pauline and Mark Krill, and the many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Emma Arnold	3/2
Sally Cox	3/4
Joanne Lehmann	3/5
Nathaniel Roscoe	3/5
Seth Berquist	3/8
Nancy Gibson	3/8
Scott Lehmann	3/8
Patricia Newlin	3/8
Claus Ackermann	3/9
Jodie Brasseur	3/9
Donna Pleasant	3/11
Kathy Levandoski	3/12
Gerald Harnung	3/13
William Schoech	3/14
Jack Carroll	3/17
Karen Melcic	3/17
Korina Kuehl	3/20
James Wells	3/24
Keith Fites	3/27
Erik Scheub	3/28
Janet Fuscoe	3/31
Kevin Parkerson	3/31