



April 1, 2018

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

2) *Karen Snyder for Easter blessings*

**“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.” – Psalm**

**127:3.** We rejoice with Pastor Ben, Melissa and their whole family as they welcome their beautiful little son, Seth! He decided to come a little earlier than the doctors predicted, but he and Melissa are well and healthy. We hope he will be content to have a whole congregation of extra “aunts,” “uncles,” “cousins” and “grandparents” to love him.

**"Stewardship Moment"** John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Saturday Sabbath to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord’s grace.

**Attention THRIVENT members...** YOU have 2 OPPORTUNITIES to request \$250 each year equaling a total of \$500 to help not for profit organizations. We need 2 Thrivent members to submit projects at St. Peters. One is for a set of ARCH children’s Bible story books for the church library & summer reading challenge. The other request is for things needed to do the monthly summer fun gatherings for children & their adult reading buddies. The descriptions for these requests are already written and we have someone to walk you through the simple computer form. Please contact Nancy Carroll or Sue Schoech for more details. Thanks for making a difference in the faith lives of kids & their families!

**Young Adult Group** – Too old to be in youth group? Don’t feel OLD yet? Then this group’s for you! We will aim to meet once a month doing everything from fellowship to outreach. Our first event will be a bonfire or a game night on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, depending on weather. If you have any questions please talk to Phil or email him at [phil.luster-bartz@valpo.edu](mailto:phil.luster-bartz@valpo.edu)

**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 been 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](mailto:teacherlin2@comcast.net)



**To our Dear Church Family:** Thank all of you for the candy, tape and monetary donations for the Easter Egg hunt and for your continued support of our Sunday School Program! God Bless! *Sincerely, Tiffany*

**“TEAM DAY, OPENING DAY, TEAM UP WITH JESUS EVERYDAY”** SUNDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM APPAREL.

**Ladies: “I Thank God for Your Friendship, On Easter, when the world celebrates the blessings of God’s love, you will be in my thoughts and in my prayers;” ... Join us at our next Gab ’n Eat for lunch: 12PM on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> at The Great Wall, Hwy. 6 & Willowcreek (Portage Commons) .... “for surely He has blessed me with the gift of your friendship !” Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Just meet there. **HAPPY EASTER!****

**Coming soon....St. Peter SPAGHETTI DINNER!!!** April 28 from 4:30 pm – 6:30 PM Children under 3 free, children 4-11 yr \$4, above and Adults \$8, Dinner includes: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Drink, Carry outs Available Adults \$8.50 at the door. See Ethel Wells or the office for tickets.

**RUMMAGE / BAKE SALE coming Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>!** We are now accepting donations (larger items after April 1<sup>st</sup>). Please put neatly in room before the nursery. (**CUT OFF DATE JULY 14<sup>th</sup>**) A garden center too (perennial plants) bring in July 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>). 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**

**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.**

**Mother's Day is coming!** Sunday May 13th to be exact! We'd like to make it fun in honor of our moms. So grab something they may have worn or may wear now: gloves, a dress, or perhaps just a hat. Whatever you may choose it's totally up to you the main thing is to just have fun and be glad you had or have a mom. This is for all ladies including big and little girls.

**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, April 2, Ladies Guild 7 PM ALL LADIES INVITED
- Saturday April 7 1:00 - 3:00 pm Germanfest Kickoff Party
- Germanfest Planning Meeting Sunday, April 8 3:00 - 6:00 pm
- Saturday, April 14, Empty Bowls Project at Portage High School West Cafeteria beginning at 11 A.M
- Next Council meeting Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm
- St Peter Spaghetti Dinner Saturday , April 28 4:30-6:30 pm
- Saturday, May 5, 1:00 PM Crazy Bunco

**Flowers for the altar will now cost \$ 12 per week because we have had to get our flowers from another florist.**

**Last Sunday's Offering**

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

**Offering** \$5,432 (weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)

**Mortgage** \$315 (weekly need \$591.00)

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

**9:00 a.m.**

Greeter:

Lector:

Ushers: Marty Riley

**11:00 a.m.**

Mary Lou Allard

Dick Keel

Bob Duron

**This Week at St. Peter : April 1, 2018**

<b>Sunday .....</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>
	<b>Early Service 8 AM, Breakfast 9, children's activities 10, Late service 11,</b>
<b>Wednesday.....</b>	Bible Study 10 AM
<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.

**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.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Logan Carrol	4/3
Brad Hughes	4/3
Dorothy Anderson	4/5
Stacy Carroll	4/5
Nancy Carroll	4/7
Margie Fites	4/11
Kendall Hitchcock	4/12
Greg Young	4/16
Kelly Roscoe	4/17
Terry Shaw	4/17
Heather Minard	4/20
Martin Riley	4/23
Jolee Kuehl	4/29
Hayden Schmillen	4/29
Kitty O'Donnell	4/30

If your birthday was accidentally missed please contact Wanda so a correction can be made.