



April 8, 2018

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

Mandy Nelson, "Happy Birthday Mom!" - Mary

Farewell and Thank You for 16.5 years of friendship. My last day is Friday, April 13, Wanda Gilbert

"Stewardship Moment" John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.



WE NEED YOUR HELP! Empty Bowls is coming up soon - Saturday, April 14! We usually provide about 20 crockpots of soup and chili. Right now there are only 12 people signed up. If you can provide one crockpot of soup or chili, please sign up ASAP and write down the type you are providing, so we can make signs to take to the event. All proceeds go to the Portage Food Pantry. And please come to enjoy the food and the fellowship! It's a great day.

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!

Do you love to sing? Do you play an instrument? Maybe YOU are exactly the person the Praise Team is looking for. Talk to Linda or Mario if you would like to try out.

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 13th of April, depending on weather. If you have any questions please talk to Phil or email him at phil.luster-bartz@valpo.edu



Thank you to everyone who organized, donated, purchased food, cooked and served for our wonderful Easter breakfast and activities!!!

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 21st 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.

CRAZY BUNCO is back! **SATURDAY, MAY 5th at 1:00 p.m.** A light lunch will be served and there will be door prizes, raffle baskets, a bake sale, and more! Don't wait! Tickets are limited and may be purchased for \$10.00. Questions? Contact Nancy Carroll at 762-4220.

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-**

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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

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.

11:00 a.m.

Greeter:

Lector:

Ushers: Marty Riley

Victoria Luster-Bartz

Bob Duron

This Week at St. Peter : April 8, 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
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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, Pauline and Mark Krill, Steve White 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.