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

**Ed Gottschling**- In celebration of Daniel Gottschling's birthday May 28th

**Dorothy M. Graham**- In Memory of my beloved Husband, David J. Graham

**Stewardship Moment: Trinity John 3:6**

*"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!): a blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

**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!

**The LWML annual salad bar will be Monday, June 4, at 6:00.** We will have a special guest joining us, Pastor Delwyn Campbell of St. John's Lutheran Church in Gary. He has asked to speak to us about his church and efforts to bring back to the Lutheran school in Gary. If you can come, please sign up at the desk at the Welcome Center.

**Germanfest needs your support!**- Items needed to make the Kinderzone are posted on the Community board to return by July 1st. We also need 30 tent sponsors to get them ordered (\$150- see flyer posted for details) Thanks for your help to make this a successful event and fundraiser! Any questions contact Jen Santaquilani 219-381-1138 or jennifer12778@comcast.net

**Attention Church Council**- Our Next Council meeting is on Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 pm.

**Ladies!** It's not too late to sign up for the Indiana District Convention. The Convention will be June 29-July 1 at Valparaiso University. Information packets, registration forms, and agendas are on the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Registrations must be received by May 31. See Pam Hass if you have questions.

**Attention Ladies:** "FRIENDSHIP: Just as a bud will bloom in time, A friendship blossoms too;"...

Join us at our next Gab 'n Eat for breakfast 10AM on Saturday June 9th at Schoops, Portage

**"With nurturing and loving care, Our friendship will stay TRUE"**

Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Just meet there.



**We are having a Baby Shower and you are invited!** It's for our assistant music director, Mario Samaniego and

his wife Laura, who are expecting a baby girl in July. The shower will be held **Saturday, June 2, beginning at 2**

**p.m.** Refreshments will be finger foods and light snacks. The couple is registered at Amazon.com and Target. If you are planning to come, please sign up at the Welcome Center, so we know how many to expect. If you would like to bring some food to share, you are welcome to do so, but don't feel you have to. Just come and celebrate the new little one who is to come!



**The Comfort Dogs were most recently in Santa Fe, TX offering comfort to that community.** If you have an event or a need for a comfort dog, please contact Nancy Carroll at [762-4220](tel:762-4220).



**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 & community members who are in need. We are now asking for additional donations to re-stock items.

## **Upcoming Events**



### **Youth Group Car Wash**

**June 9<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm**



### **Blood Drive**

**Monday June, 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-5pm**  
**St. Peter Lutheran Church**



### **RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE 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!**



### Story Time by the Campfire

You are invited to a special night featuring Kids & Adult Reading Buddies! **It will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Wed. June 13<sup>th</sup>, Wed. July 11<sup>th</sup>, & Wed. Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. Supper is at 5:30pm followed by a campfire story & fun activities from 6:30-7:30.** Please reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet at the church welcome center. Questions? Contact Ms. Tiffany 219-707-6720 or Ms Sue 219-464-2858



**St. Peter's first annual Germanfest will be held in Founders Square downtown Portage, Indiana, Saturday September, 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00pm.** For more information, visit our event website [www.stpetergermanfest.com](http://www.stpetergermanfest.com)

### Last Sunday's Offering

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

Offering -**\$3,375** (weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)

Mortgage- **\$170** (weekly need \$591.00)

### SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**Greeters:**

Wendy Harnung

**Lectors:**

Wendy Harnung

**Ushers:**

Marty Riley

### This Week at St. Peter: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> ...Happy Memorial Day! Please note, Church Office is closed in observance of the holiday.**

**Wednesday**..... Bible Study 10 AM , Praise Team 7:30 PM

**Saturday**..... Our assistant music director, Mario Samaniego and his wife Laura's Baby Shower at **2pm, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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### REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS



Lee, Riley, Shirley Kuhns, Dorothy Coons, Marge Shery, Kenita Kersten & Family, John Gallagher, Wanda Gilbert, Kristina Thaxton; Carrie Chapman; Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood and her mother Eleanor, Ginnie Galanos, Connie Carney; Howard, Deb and Ari Wilson; Joleen Wilson, Mike Lemond, Karen Ackermann, John Spencer, Brenda and Bob Busch, Pat and John Newlin, Tiffany Richards, Betty and Dick Hull, Donna Potchen, Michael Cooper, Loraine Giertz, Dorothy Anderson, Cathy Laatsch, Lindsay Hietz, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Pauline and Mark Krill, Steve & Dawn White and the many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones.



### May Birthdays



Debbie Bodza	5/3
William Gibson	5/4
Karen Ackermann	5/5
Kamryn Hitchcock	5/5
Jacqueline Brasseur	5/6
Jeffery Brooks	5/6
Connie Carney	5/7
Christopher Harnung	5/8
Thomas Mundell	5/8
Jonathan Brasseur	5/9
Johanna Mann	5/9
Eddie Snyder II	5/12
Luke Mundell	5/13
Monika Puskac	5/14
Sue Amptmeyer	5/15
Avery Maynard	5/16
Robert Thaxton	5/17

Carrie Chapman	5/19
Roman Guerrero	5/19
Cora Bernard	5/23
Elizabeth Hitchcock	5/23
Alexis Cooper	5/24
Lisa Bartley	5/25
Elizabeth Cooper	5/25
Tina Gurniewicz	5/25
Robert Duron	5/28
Benjamin Ahlersmeyer	5/30
Aydan Hitchcock	5/31
Philip Luster-Bartz	5/31



*If your birthday was accidentally missed please contact the Office so a correction can be made.*

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

*Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StPeterPortage/>*

*Church Website: [www.stpeterportage.com](http://www.stpeterportage.com)*

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