



May 20th, 2018

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

Craig Bernard & McKenzie Temme- In celebration of Cora Bernard's 4th birthday May 23rd

Dave and Candy Gains -In honor of our 46th Anniversary, May 21st

Dave and Candy Gaines- In celebration of our son & daughter in law, Adam & Meredith Gaines 14th Anniversary; & for our daughter Elizabeth Hitchcock's birthday May 23rd

& for our grandson Aydan Hitchcock's 15th birthday May 31st

Stewardship Moment

Acts 2:1 – *“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”* Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament it takes on the meaning of a new harvest: the ripe fields of the nations, bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

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!


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.


Thank You to all who helped for the funeral dinners. The setting up, cleaning up, cooking, shopping and serving. It takes everyone together!

Dear Parents- Thank you for another good Sunday School year! Today is our last Sunday School class before we break for the Summer. I will be presenting our Summer schedule in this Sunday's Church program. So again, to our parents and to all of those who support our Sunday School program, we offer our sincere thanks! Take care and God Bless! Sincerely, Tiffany.

 **Story Time by the Campfire-** You are invited to a special campfire night featuring Kids & Adult Reading Buddies!! It will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Wednesday June 13th, Wednesday July 11th and August 8th; 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*

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!**

 **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. ❀ ❀ ❀

Last Sunday's Offering

Envelopes are available at the bulletin table for donations to the Parking Lot Fund & for the Mortgage Offering -\$3,658 (weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)
Mortgage- \$897 (weekly need \$591.00)

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Greeters:

Lectors: Marty Riley

Chris Dahlin

Ushers:

Marty Riley

This Week at St. Peter: May 20th, 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 , Praise Team 7:30 PM

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS



Shirley Kuhns, Dorothy Coons, Ed Gottschling & Family, Carol and Ken Untch and their family, 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	Carrie Chapman	5/19
Karen Ackermann	5/5	Roman Guerrero	5/19
Kamryn Hitchcock	5/5	Cora Bernard	5/23
Jacqueline Brasseur	5/6	Elizabeth Hitchcock	5/23
Jeffery Brooks	5/6	Alexis Cooper	5/24
Connie Carney	5/7	Lisa Bartley	5/25
Christopher Harnung	5/8	Elizabeth Cooper	5/25
Thomas Mundell	5/8	Tina Gurniewicz	5/25
Jonathan Brasseur	5/9	Robert Duron	5/28
Johanna Mann	5/9	Benjamin Ahlersmeyer	5/30
Eddie Snyder II	5/12	Aydan Hitchcock	5/31
Luke Mundell	5/13	Philip Luster-Bartz	5/31
Monika Puskac	5/14		
Sue Amptmeyer	5/15		
Avery Maynard	5/16		
Robert Thaxton	5/17		



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

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