

May 6, 2018

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

Ed Gottschling in memory of his Father, Daniel Gottschling

Ron & Alice Miller in celebration of their grandson Quinn, IU Graduate

Dave & Candy Gaines in celebration of our granddaughter Kamryn Hitchcock's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dave & Candy Gaines in celebration of our daughter in law Meredith Gaines' birthday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

& for our son Adam Gaines' birthday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Stewardship Moment

1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.” God's commandments are not burdensome, but that's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord: for the love of God is that we keep His commandments.

**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)

**Attention all St. Peter ladies! The Indiana District convention will be June 29---July 1, 2018** at Valparaiso University. The convention is held every 2 years, but, It is not often held this close to home. On Monday, May 7, at our monthly LWML meeting, we will be going over details about the convention. Reservations for meetings, events, services, meals, and fellowship activities must be completed soon. If you have questions, please talk to Pam Hass or go online at [www.LWMLIndiana.org](http://www.LWMLIndiana.org). Go to the publishing tab---then, Good News---then, convention information for the complete information packet and applications.

**Attention Church Council:** Friendly reminder that we will be having our next meeting next Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 pm.

**Ladies:** Of all the special joys in life, The big ones and the small;" ... Join us at our next Gab 'n Eat for a Mother's Day lunch: **12PM on Saturday May 19th at Bulldog on the Lake 5987 Dune Harbor Drive, Portage** ....“A mother's love and tenderness is the greatest of them all”! Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Carpool 11:30A.M from church! **“HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all”!**

**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

**A hearty thanks** to all who helped make the spaghetti dinner a success -- those who cooked, served, set-up, cleaned up, filled adopt-a-begs, baked desserts, did publicity, sold tickets and came to eat. We served between 112 and 115 dinners and the parking lot fund will benefit by \$905.

**Last Sunday's Offering**

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

Offering \$3,258 (weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)

Mortgage \$230 (weekly need \$591.00)

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

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**Greeters:**

Mary Lou

**Lectors:** Donna Pleasant

Dick Keel

**This Week at St. Peter : May 6th, 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

**Sunday...(Mother's Day)** 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**



Kenita Kersten & Family, Mike Lemond, John Gallagher, Wanda Gilbert, Kristina Thaxton; Carrie Chapman; 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, 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. *A big thank you from Kenita Kersten for prayers during the passing of her brother.*



***May Birthdays***

Debbie Bodza	5/3	Avery Maynard	5/16
William Gibson	5/4	Robert Thaxton	5/17
Karen Ackermann	5/5	Carrie Chapman	5/19
Kamryn Hitchcock	5/5	Roman Guerrero	5/19
Jacqueline Brasseur	5/6	Cora Bernard	5/23
Jeffery Brooks	5/6	Elizabeth Hitchcock	5/23
Connie Carney	5/7	Alexis Cooper	5/24
Christopher Harnung	5/8	Lisa Bartley	5/25
Thomas Mundell	5/8	Elizabeth Cooper	5/25
Jonathan Brasseur	5/9	Tina Gurniewicz	5/25
Johanna Mann	5/9	Robert Duron	5/28
Eddie Snyder II	5/12	Benjamin Ahlersmeyer	5/30
Luke Mundell	5/13	Aydan Hitchcock	5/31
Monika Puskac	5/14	Philip Luster-Bartz	5/31
Sue Amptmeyer	5/15		



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