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Brad Hughes	Apr 3
Charlie Carrol	Apr 4
Stacy Carroll	Apr 5
Nancy Carroll	Apr 7
Brooke Moehl	Apr 10
Megan Dobrowolski	Apr 11
Margie Fites	Apr 11
Gregory Young	Apr 16
Kelly Roscoe	Apr 17
Terry Shaw	Apr 17
William Cody	Apr 20
Heather Minard	Apr 20
Martin Riley	Apr 23
John Rhame	Apr 24
Kitty O'Donnell	Apr 30

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN
OUR COMMUNITY



Now Accepting Donations!



You never know when your nonperishable 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. **Right now we are in need of canned goods & noodle items.**



Comfort Dogs

The K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. They are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. There are 2 training facilities, one in Northbrook, Illinois and one in Grand Island, Nebraska. There are currently over 130 dogs serving in more than 20 states and growing fast. Questions? Contact Nancy Carroll at 762-4220.



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Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Weekly Announcements • April 28, 2019

Stewardship Moment

John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

Fear is the opposite of faith; that is the cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.



Save the date! St. Peter's 2nd Annual Germanfest..

will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Founders Square. We are looking for volunteers to help with acquiring vendors, sponsors and developing a marketing plan. Job descriptions for each area are below. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Jennifer Stone at Jennifer12778@comcast.net, call or text (219) 381-1138 or talk to her after Sunday service.

Vendor Volunteers: attend craft fairs and events (starting in November), pass out vendor applications, talk to potential vendors about Germanfest and/or pick up business cards for follow up. We will coordinate who will attend what event at the meeting.

Sponsorship Volunteers: drop off sponsorship packets to businesses, talk to potential sponsors, help research potential sponsor. We will coordinate who will contact potential sponsors at the meeting.

Marketing Volunteers: research marketing options both local and regional, help distribute fliers, posters and signs (distribution will begin in 2019), assist with social media and updating the Germanfest website.

Serving in the Lord's House

8 am 11am

Greeter: Marty Wendy H
Lector: Marty Wendy H
Usher: Marty Bob

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!

Please Pray For....



Sandy & Vincent Paloma, Amelia, Judy Anderson, Carl Anderson, Sandy Barden & Family, Bob Kuhn, Dawn White & Family, Tina Gurniewicz, Virginia Galanos, Margie Fites & Family, Dorothy Coons, John Gallagher, Kristina Thaxton; Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood and her mother Eleanor, Howard, Deb and Ari Wilson; Joleen Wilson, Mike Lemond, Karen Ackermann, Brenda and Bob Busch, Pat and John Newlin, Betty and Dick Hull, Michael Cooper, Loraine Giertz, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Pauline and Mark Krill, and many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Sunday's Offering

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

Offering - \$4657.13
(weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)
Mortgage- \$1275.00
(weekly need \$591.00)



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Altar flowers are to the Glory of God

St. Peter's Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

On April 14th the voters decided to have **one service** each week during the summer months. This will be starting **Sunday, June 2nd and will finish on Sunday, September 1st.** The Service will be a blend of our contemporary and traditional services and the service time will start at 10:00 am.



We are in need of a few more families to fill 4 more months of our cleaning calendar for this year. If you are able to, please contact Kelly Edwards or the Church Office!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CRAZY BUNCO

Sunday, April 28th - 2:00 p.m.
 St. Peter Lutheran Church
 6540 Central Avenue* - Portage
*Central Avenue is closed in front of the church.
 Turn north on Parkview Street and follow around to church.

 Tickets: \$10.00
 Limited seating available
 Light lunch will be served at 2:00 p.m.

Basket Raffles! **50/50 Raffle!**
Door Prizes! **Bake Sale!**

Call 219-741-4220 for tickets!

Join us for Crazy
 Bunco Today
Sunday, April 28th
@ 2pm. Tickets are
\$10.00 each! There
will be limited
seating. A sign-up
 sheet is at the
 welcome center for
 volunteer sign-ups.



Ladies: "If I had a flower for each time I thought of my Mother"... Join us at our next "Gab 'n Eat" **Saturday May 11th for lunch 12 noon** at: Beach Café (903 N. Shelby St, Miller) ..."I could walk in my garden forever." Happy Mother's Day!!
 Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center! Carpool from church 11:30am!!

"HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY" "DRESS-UP DAY"
"MUFFIN DAY"- Ladies join in the fun **Sunday May 12th** we are dressing up in honor of our moms and thankfulness to God for them. So dress up like they would: wearing a hat, gloves or something special you can think of. This is for all ladies and girls big & little. Also in between services join us for a snack! ALL ARE WELCOME.

Rummage/ Bake Sale: Coming Thurs. Aug. 1st, Fri. Aug. 2nd, & Sat. Aug. 3rd

We are now accepting any items you may want to donate up to July 6th. Please put in library not in the nursery & music room. We are accepting small appliances in working order. **No computers, printers, TV's, no torn, stained clothes or broken items.** Any questions please contact Joleen or Candy. We're accepting volunteers to help sort & work sale there'll be a sign up sheet out soon. Thank you

A look at what's happening at St.Peter this week...

Sunday 4/28

Early Service 9 a.m.
 Nursery available for ages 0-2
 Sunday School at 10:00 am
 Adult Bible Study 10:00am
 Late Service 11a.m.
Crazy Bunco @ 2pm

Wednesday 5/1

Bible Study 10 am

Sunday 5/5

Early Service 9 a.m.
 Nursery available for ages 0-2
 Sunday School at 10:00 am
 Adult Bible Study 10:00am
 Late Service 11a.m.

Church Council

Our next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 pm



St. Peter's next Blood Drive is June 24th 11:30 am-5:00pm.



After Easter season we will start up our Cancer Pillow group, also prayer shawls & lap robes. Dates to follow...See Joleen with questions!



Ladies!! I am looking for knitters & crocheter's to join the "Knitted Knockers" club. For more information call or see Joleen Wilson, 219-762-2220

Kindness and Caring Cards

How do you feel when someone gives you a compliment or tells you that you are special? We all enjoy receiving kind words and even giving them can be a blessing. In order to provide an easy way to share some good messages, we are putting some cards and blank notepaper in a basket by the mailboxes. Take a minute to write a note to someone and put it in his or her mailbox. You just might make someone's day! By doing this, we are following 1 Thessalonians 5:11 in which St. Paul writes: "Therefore encourage **one another** and **build up** each other, as indeed you are doing."