

Birthdays of the Month

Sharon Stephens	9/1
Wendy Harnung	9/3
Trystan Hitchcock	9/4
Leland Riley	9/4
ThorO'Donnell	9/5
Caitlin Minard	9/6
Chris Lehmann	9/7
Brian Pleasant	9/7
Mitchell Roscoe	9/8
Amy Mundell	9/16
Tyler Stout	9/17
William Lackey Jr	9/18
Susan Schoech	9/20
Savannah Cooper	9/23
Ken Coons	9/24
Cameron Wickhorst	9/25
Peggy Berg	9/26
Sue Lynch	9/30

Have a Happy Birthday!

If for any reason we missed listing your special day, please email the church office.



Greeter: Marty
Lector:
Usher: Marty



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

Offering - \$2156.00

(Weekly need \$3,028.00 operating budget)

Mortgage- \$390.00

(weekly need \$591.00)

WHAT IS NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY?

Sunday, Sept. 8th



It's a special opportunity for grandchildren & their grandparents to show their love and share time and adventures. This unique holiday happens each year on the Sunday after Labor Day. What are your favorite memories of times with grandma & grandpa? Did you bake cookies or do crafts together? Maybe you liked to go fishing, biking or for a walk around the block. To share time across the miles there might be face time via Skype or a phone call to catch up on what's been happening. Here are some other ideas you might like to do on this special day or whenever grandkids & family get together to create memories and family ties!

- Show each other your favorite hobbies
- Share "Remember When ___ stories" about childhood, vacations, special events, etc. Kids, parents & grandparents have surprising tales to tell. How about asking each other questions! Alexa, Google & Siri don't know the interesting & fun things that have happened in your lives. Perhaps only relatives & friends hold those answers, although many of them may have been shared on Facebook.
- Think healthy food... Make a smoothie together. Pick blueberries & eat them for a healthy snack.
- Plan a fun activity with Grandma & Grandpa or the whole family. Picnics, sand castle building at the beach, sharing a movie with popcorn & some discussion afterward, or just hanging out in the backyard are all meaningful ways to celebrate & make memories that go way beyond a purchased card or gift! This holiday was created by a grandmother who wanted to share the GIFTS OF TIME & LOVE with the youngest generation in her family.

God's blessings to you & your family on this special Sunday as you gather in some way to honor grandparents & strengthen family ties. We pray that these gifts of time and expressions of love are shared more often between the generations in your family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Please Pray For... Joe Blackwell, Stacy Carroll, Alice Miller & Family, 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 & Family, 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.



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Weekly Announcements • September 8, 2019



Luke 14:33 – "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."

None of what we have is ours – it all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God's purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to give generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It's not ours; it's His. God owns; we manage for the furtherance of His goals.



Altar Flowers

"In memory of Steve White, in Heaven 1 year"
-Dawn White-

Volunteer sign-ups are now posted on the tables in the narthex.

All Hands on Deck!

Germanfest tickets are in and ready to be sold! Our goal is to sell 1,000 before September 28 in order to reach our goal. Stop by the table and pick up your set today. We need everyone's help and support to sell tickets this year in order to make a profit from the Germanfest.

What does a ticket get you? Great question!

For only \$20, you get a fresh Brat hot off the grill along with your choice of a side item. You'll also get the 2019 commemorative glass beer stein (or wine glass), one drink ticket (good for beer, wine or root beer) as well as access to all the entertainment throughout the day. Guest are encouraged to bring your own chairs and enjoy the day. If you have any questions, please contact

Jen Stone at (219) 381-1138 or email Jennifer12778@gmail.com.

Sunday Worship at Founders Square

Sunday, September 29th at 10am



Join us for
Worship at
Founder's Square
in Portage!
Sunday Sept. 29th
at 10am!

On Aug. 25th St. Peter held a Voter's meeting in which it was decided that we will be continuing with one service at 10:00am on

Sundays. Adult Bible study will be prior to service at 9 am. **Beginning Sep. 8th Sunday School will also be at 9 am.** We are looking for teachers to volunteer for Sunday school on a rotation schedule. If you'd like to volunteer please email the office for details or talk to

Melissa Ahlersmeyer.

We will need a new financial secretary in January of 2020. If anyone is interested in the position they may speak with Brad Hughes, Pastor Ahlersmeyer, or Kelly Roscoe.

UP COMING EVENTS

St. Peter Germanfest

PORTAGE INDIANA

Saturday, September 28, 2019

FOOD ★ BEER ★ MUSIC ★ MARKET

Join us for a day filled with all things German. Fun for the whole family. Founders Square Downtown Portage from 12pm – 11pm.

Brat & Beverage Tickets on sale for \$20
Kids 12 & under are free

The Market is free and open to the public all day.

www.stpetergermanfest.com

St. Peter Lutheran Church Presents

Holiday Vendor Event

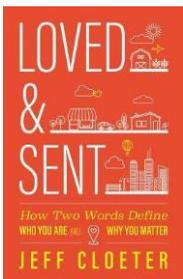
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9am- 3pm

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6540 CENTRAL AVE. PORTAGE, IN 46368

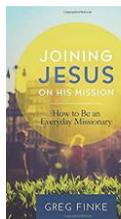
Bake Sale, Crafts, & More!

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Join us for our weekly Adult Bible Study on **Sundays at 9:00 am**. We will be reading the book "Loved & Sent" by Jeff Cloeter. If you would like to join us and you need a copy of the book, please contact the Church Office at 219-762-2673 or office@stpeterportage.com and we will take care of it for you.



We will be starting a sermon series in September that will focus on how to be an everyday missionary. This is a congregational wide study and will be discussed during worship and bible study time.

**If you signed up for ordering a book please visit the Church Office to pick it up starting Sept. 1st. Please be sure to have a payment of \$16 for your book if you have not pre-paid.*

A look at what is happening at St. Peter this week...

Sunday 9/8

Adult Bible Study 9 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
One Service at 10:00 am
Nursery available for ages 0-2

Tuesday 9/10

Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 9/11

No Bible Study
Resumes Sept. 25th

Sunday 9/15

Adult Bible Study 9 am
Sunday School 9 am
One Service at 10:00 am
Nursery available for ages 0-2



- Our next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00pm

Ladies Gab N' Eat Lunch

Ladies: "There are friends, there is family and" ... Join us at our next "Gab 'n Eat" **Saturday Sept. 21st** for breakfast 10AM at Sunrise 475 Sand Creek Dr., Chesterton ... "then there are friends that become family." Sign-up sheet on Welcome Center! Carpool from church 9:30AM!!



It's time to turn in your mite boxes. We will be collecting them over the next 2 weeks. Please put your boxes in the big box on the counter in the narthex. Don't forget to pick up a new box to fill. Mite collection is an on-going project. *Thank You!*



COMFORT DOG PUPPY SHOWER!

Our precious Barnabas (Barney) is nearly 10 years old and will be going into semi-retirement soon. Hobart Trinity will be receiving another Comfort Dog from Lutheran Church Charities to pick up some of Barney's work. There are many items needed when acquiring a new dog. I know there are many Comfort Dog supporters at St. Peter so I would like to include you in this puppy shower. You will find a display in the Narthex with items needed and the cost of the item for the new dog. You can choose one of the tags and place it in an envelope along with your donation for that item. Thank you for your continued support. I will bring the new Comfort Dog to St. Peter as soon as I can so everyone can meet him or her. ~ Nancy Carroll 762-4220



ST. PETER FOOD PANTRY

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. Thank you for making a difference with this ministry!



St. Peter's next Blood Drive is October 28th
11:30- am 5:00pm.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: St. Peter Lutheran Church Registered Donors = 25 Total Pints Collected = 26. Your support will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives! Right now blood supply is critically low, each pint can save up to 3 lives!