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May 2024
Service-Learning

As we transition into summer mode, there are exciting opportunities for service and learning. The last Sunday School class will be on May 12th until we return in the fall. May 12th is also Mother's Day – a day we celebrate the important women in our lives and when the sanctuary will be filled with beautiful spring flowers. An order form is available in the bulletin and in this newsletter. Deadline for turning in your order is Sunday, May 5th. Please make sure to include your name on the order form.

Our worship services will have a lighter feel for summer. Holy Communion will be celebrated on: May 5 and May 19. May 19th will be the celebration of Pentecost and we will welcome guest speaker Jean Cohrs from Filling Home. She will share news about Filling Home as they celebrate their 65th anniversary. Filling Home's Mission is: Rooted in faith, we support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, enriching lives full of value, hope and choice within their community.

St. Peter has partnered with Filling Home for a number of years and now our young people are participating in projects at Soaring Arts Studio [an affiliate of Filling Home]. Last summer, during service-learning camp, we spent a day in Napoleon creating art in many different expressions. We will return on Friday, May 31st to see where our creativity takes us.

Once again, the Maumee Valley Conference will stay at Camp Palmer Tuesday, May 28th through June 1st. Camp is for 6th -12th grade students and they may participate as much as they are able. Kristy Helberg will lead us in team building exercises, we'll make blankets for Let's Build Beds, we'll go to The Sanctuary in Bryan to serve a meal we've prepared, we'll be here at St. Peter to paint the vegetable stand and weather permitting some outside work, and we'll do some Sabbath Rest. Please prayerfully consider attending this meaningful experience. Registration forms and schedules are available at the entrances.

Adults are invited to join us on Thursday, May 30th at Let's Build Beds located in Maumee beginning at 4:00pm. We will be sawing, sanding, and preparing the bed frames for delivery. This year I want to get on their calendar to help deliver the beds so we can see the process from start to finish. We will deliver the remaining blankets from here that were made over the winter, whatever blankets we are able to make at Camp Palmer, and during May host a pillow and single sheet set drive.

Community VBS will be held Sunday, June 2nd through Thursday, June 6th from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Theme: God's Flight School. Where nothing is impossible with God. Come learn

about rockets that soar into space, helicopters that zoom around the sky, and hot air balloons that fly above the ground; all while learning stories about the impossible things that Jesus did in the Bible. Snacks, crafts, lessons, songs, and more! Registration forms are available at the church and at the Ridgeville Post Office.

Thursday evening worship begins on June 6th at 7:00pm. Weather permitting, we will worship outside. If you would like to help organize a Bluegrass worship service on a Thursday night this summer and invite Tropical Freeze to make this a festive community event, please let me know.

Attention all graduates! Please submit a write-up before mid-May containing accomplishments [school and church] and future plans. Graduation recognition will be in June.

If you would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, Pastor Dan Erlander wrote a very special and easy to read book: Baptized, We Live, Lutheranism as a Way of Life. I'd be happy to provide you with a copy and discuss it with you.

May 27th is the day we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Once called Decoration Day, cemeteries were decorated with flowers to remember lives lost during war, it's now called Memorial Day. A Memorial Day program will be held at the Ridgeville American Legion on May 27th at 10:30am.

Stay safe during the summer months!
Pastor Mindy

Pastor Mindy may be reached at 419-906-2888 [cell] or
email: prmindy@rtexpress.net



Faith and Family classes will resume in the fall after Rally day.

**Sunday School is on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.
The last meeting of Sunday school will be on Sunday, May 12th and will
resume in the fall.**



Join us for coffee, conversation, and lunch every Wednesday from 10:00am until about 11:30. Everyone is welcome.



OUTREACH: Hygiene Pantry Update

Hygiene Pantry distribution in May is on Monday, May 20th from 4:30- 5:45PM. If you would like to donate monetarily, please mark the envelope Hygiene pantry.

Thrivent is a Fraternal Benefit Society which means they are non-profit and tax-exempt from paying income taxes. However, the IRS requires them to annually disburse the amount they would have owed for taxes to charitable organizations. So, Thrivent sets those funds into a charitable account and created the Action Teams and Choice Dollar programs. *No funds are pulled from the client's investments to fund these programs.* These programs are designed to have investment clients designate a portion of the charitable account to organizations of their choice. Any funds not disbursed by the clients will be disbursed by Thrivent.

These are two great programs for churches and schools to get funds to help serve the charitable organization in their area.

Actions Teams is where a client submits a project to Thrivent online and can get up to \$250.00 per project two times each calendar year. Once the project is approved, Thrivent sends you the funds in a Visa credit card and the funds must be used for the project. After the project event date, the client needs to go online and report on the project to close it out. Receipts need to be kept for one year after the project is closed.

Choice Dollars are calculated quarterly by Thrivent per each client's investment level and put in the clients Choice Dollars' account. The client tells Thrivent how to disburse their Choice Dollars. The Choice Dollars can be disbursed every quarter or can accumulate in the clients Choice Dollar account for the full year **BUT MUST** be disbursed before the end of March the following year.

There are two option to disburse your Choice Dollars:

- 1) The client would log into their Thrivent account and under the Generosity tab look for Choice Dollars or Direct Choice Dollars and it will tell you how many Choice Dollars you have in your account. Search for the organization that you wish to direct your Choice Dollars to and submit it.
- 2) The client can call Mary Kossow at Thrivent in Ridgeville Corners at 419-267-0113 or stop at the office and Mary will help you disburse your Choice Dollars.

Live Video Schedule

May 5th – Connor
May 12th – Sharon/Sam
May 19th – Garrett
May 26th – Donna
June 2nd - Connor

Cleaning Teams

May 5th – Team 1
May 12th – Team 2
May 19th – Team 2
May 26th – Team 3
June 2nd – Team 3



May Birthdays

2- Grady Stamm	21- Rebekah Eggers
Saxton Ruffer	22- Jeff Arps
5- Connor Plassman	Betty Mohring
Colbie Strayer	Roger Norden
6- Zara Bowen	23- Audree Plassman
8- Addison Robertson	25- Sharon Bischoff
11- Wanda Wyse	26- Sharon Hancock
19- Phillip Miller	27- Allison Spurgeon
20- Janeen Aschemeier	28- Lara Carizales
	30- Delanie Miller

Church Council Minutes for Tuesday April 2, 2024

Council Members Present: Barry Wachtman, Roger Miller, Matt Eggers, Sandy Andres, Brandon Miller, Jordan Ruffer, Scott Helberg, Steve Spangler, Pastor Mindy, and Jamie Kerr.

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer and Jamie read the minutes from the March meeting. Scott made a motion to accept the minutes; Brandon seconded it.

Matt reported we are making progress on getting the offering caught up.

In old business, Steve reported the bell tower light has been switched out and is now working. The fridge was repaired in the parsonage. Landscaping for the parsonage and church is still being discussed, we will be getting a quote from Blake Ruffer. Scott noted grass seed is still needed where the new side walk was poured. Repair or replacement of the Communion Chalice is still in the works. The kitchen painting is scheduled for April 15-19 and looking into a new kitchen faucet after it's completed.

The 419 youth get-together will resume on April 10th.

Trish will be having VBS the week of June 1st running Sunday-Thursday in the evenings.

Bluegrass Praise, David Spiess, would like to do a Thursday evening worship with us.

Last day of Sunday School is May 12th. Spring flower sales for Mother's Day will be in the April bulletins.

May 19th Jean Cohrs from Filling Home will be giving a presentation about celebrating their 65th anniversary.

Camp Palmer is contracted for May 28th -June 1st. Let's Build Beds is scheduled for May 30th in Maumee which is open to the congregation. They are still in need of sheets and pillows if anyone is interested in donating. The veggie stand project will take place the week after Memorial Day.

In new business, the 1st meeting for Church Constitution Review will be April 9th at 7:00pm.

The Easter breakfast raised \$603 for their summer service-learning camp. Thank you to Ryan's Restaurant for providing the meal!

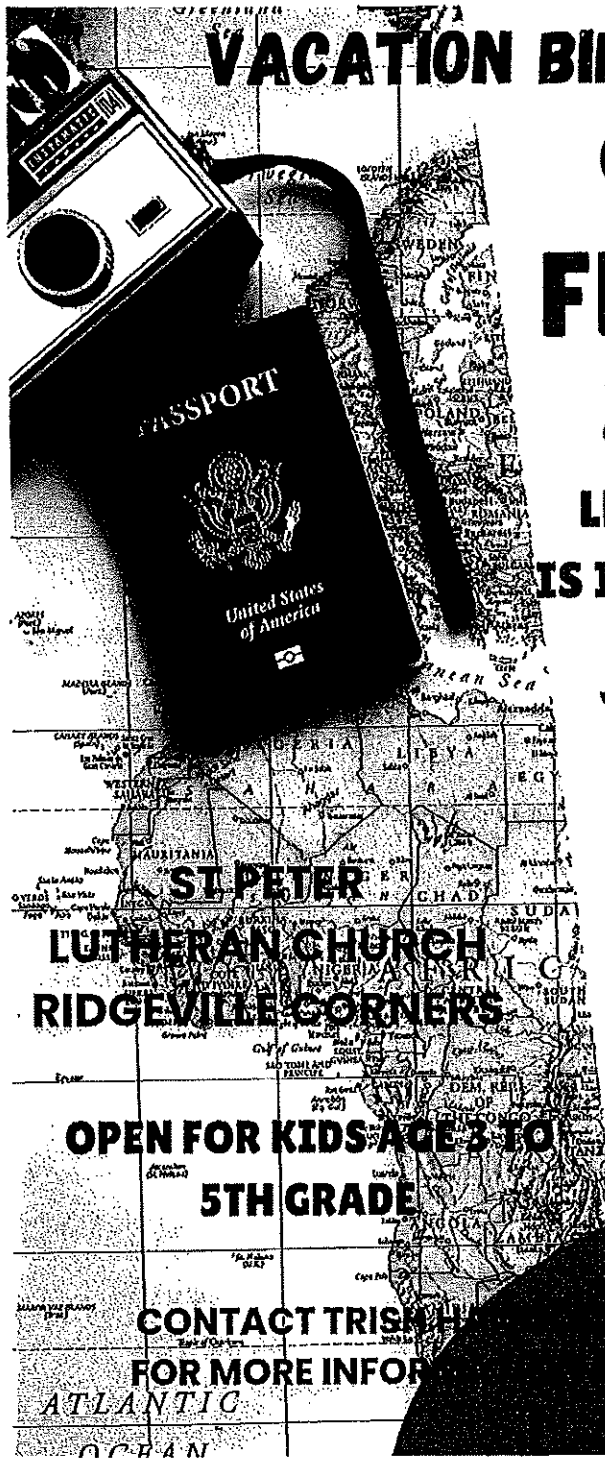
We are looking for people who would be interested in helping to video church services. If anyone has an interest in helping out, please let Pastor know.

It was suggested we look into getting an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine for the church.

Next meeting is May 7th @ 7pm (unless planting is taking place)

There was no further business, so a motion to adjourn was made by Brandon; seconded by Steve.

Minutes submitted by Jamie Kerr



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

God's

FLIGHT SCHOOL

LEARN HOW NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

June 2nd-6th

6:30p-8p

**ST PETER
LUTHERAN CHURCH
RIDGEVILLE CORNERS**

**OPEN FOR KIDS AGE 3 TO
5TH GRADE**

**CONTACT TRISH
FOR MORE INFO**



**ATLANTIC
OCEAN**

Mother's Day Flowers

Taliera Choa Petunia Baskets **\$15.00/each**

Number of Baskets _____

Small pots of Geraniums **\$5.00/each**

Geraniums- Red _____

Orange _____

Pink _____

Violet _____

Cranberry splash _____

Total \$ _____

The deadline for orders is Sunday, May 5th.

Orders with payment can be put in the offering plate marked "flowers" or given to Sandy Andres or Pam Young.

Church History

1944- A memorial service for Sgt. William Allen Davis, who was killed in action in the Admiralty Islands on March 30, was held in the school auditorium on Sunday, May 14th.

1954- A Mother- Daughter Banquet, under the sponsorship of the Pernilla Hagen Missionary Society, was held in the Ridgeville School cafeteria on Friday evening, May 14th. The committee members were Mesdames Robert Walter, Jr., Elmer Fedderke, and Ralph Sweinhagen.

1964- The 1964 graduating class of Ridgeville High School included our members Carolyn Arps, Neal Benecke, Douglas Fortier, Diane Hoffman, and Michael Mohring. The graduation service was held on Tuesday, May 19th at 8:00PM in the school auditorium. The speaker was Mr. Arthur J. Knape.

1974- Welcomed into membership by Adult Confirmation on Sunday, May 12, were Mr. and Mrs. Don Graber, Mr. Paul Fortier and Mr. Bob Brown. Lisa Anne Meyer, infant daughter of Bill & Brenda Meyer, was baptized on Sunday, May 26th. Lisa's sponsors were Mrs. Pat Maassel and Mrs. Margaret Meyer.

1984- St. Peter's graduates this year are Robin Bellman from Stryker High School, and Peg Miller, Roger Miller, and Shelley Miller from Archbold High School.

1994- Tyron Baden and Caroline Kennedy were united in marriage on Saturday, May 21st.

Nathaniel Joseph Beck, infant son of Dave & Chris Beck, was baptized on Sunday, May 22nd.

Kathryn Anne Arps, infant daughter of Bruce & Susan Arps, was baptized on Sunday, May 29th.

2004- St. Peter's graduates this year are Emily Lange, Nicholas Lecklider, Stacy Spengler and Toby Spengler from Archbold High School. Amanda Lecklider from Bowling Green State University, Lindsay Miller from Toledo Academy of Beauty Culture and Heather Rohrs from Medical College of Ohio.

2014- Nicholas Howard Benecke and Brandon Alan Miller were confirmed on Sunday, May 4th.



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God's work. Our hands.

2024

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28 Cleaning Team 1 Video : Donna 9:00AM Sunday School, 10:00AM Worship	29	30	1 10:00 AM Ten Pin	2	3	4
5 Cleaning Team 1 Video : Connor 9:00AM Sunday School, 10:00AM Worship with communion	6	7 7:00PM Church Council Meeting	8 10:00 AM Ten Pin	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day! Cleaning Team 2 Video: Sharon/Sam 9:00AM Sunday School, 10:00AM, Worship	13	14	15 10:00 AM Ten Pin	16	17	18
19 Jean Cohrs Guest Speaker Cleaning Team 2 Video : Garrett 10:00AM Worship with Communion	20 Hygiene Pantry 4:30- 5:45PM	21	22 10:00 AM Ten Pin	23	24	25
26 Memorial Day Cleaning Team 3 Video : Donna 10:00AM Worship with communion	27 Office Closed	28 Service Learning Camp	29 Service Learning Camp	30 Service Learning Camp	31 Service Learning Camp	1
2 Cleaning Team 3 Video : Connor 10:00AM Worship with communion VBS 6:30-8:00pm	3 VBS 6:30-8:00pm	4 VBS 6:30-8:00pm	5 10:00 AM Ten Pin VBS 6:30-8:00pm	6 VBS 6:30-8:00pm Thursday Worship Service @7:00pm	7	8