



# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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## February 2011

*We are disciples of Jesus Christ our Savior, called to worship and serve!*

### Our Church Leaders

Pastor  
Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

President  
Larry Hasselschwert

Vice President  
Karl Mauerhan

Recording Secretary  
Loni Ankney

Financial Secretary  
Tonya Loughborough

Ass't. Fin. Secretary  
Joyce Whitney

Treasurer  
Ladena Ankney

Board of Deacons  
Jan Mollett  
Larry Wilson  
Cheryl Dewire

Board of Education  
Nici Manahan  
(vacant)  
Cathy Schuller

Board of Trustees  
Scott Dick  
Pat Manahan  
Doug Michael

### Words from our Pastor:

February is the month of love. Soon we will send cards, chocolates, candies, teddy bears, and all sorts of other goodies meant to show our love. As we journey through this month, reflect on these words from the 21st chapter of John:

*When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."*

How would we respond if we

were in Peter's shoes when Jesus asked, "Do you love me more than these?"

We might have to start with what are the "these." Scholars indicate it could have had several different implications. Do you love me more than the other disciples love me? Do you love me more than you love the other disciples? Do you love me more than these things around us and your life as a fisherman? I am certain this was a hard question for Peter to hear. "Do you love me?" Then to hear it three times, over and over again. "Do you love me? . . . Yes, Lord I love you!"

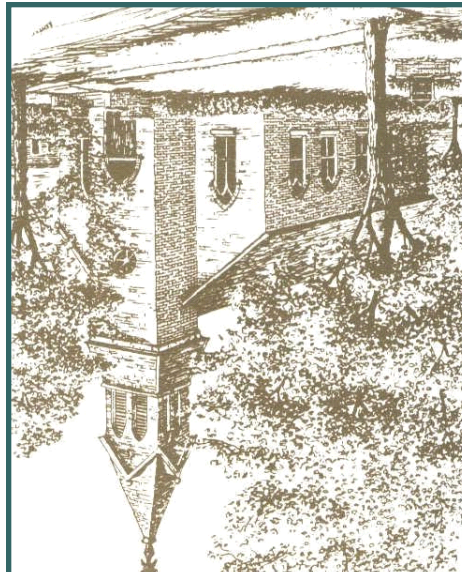
This leads us back to the question, how would we respond if Jesus asked, "Do you love me, more than these?" By instinct, we would probably reply, "what do you mean?" We would put up our guard. We would be on the defensive. But I think the

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning  
Join Us For Worship



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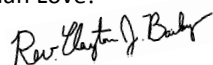
question is sincere. "Do you love me more than these?"

See, soon we will send cards, chocolates, flowers, and treats of every shape and size to say "I love you" to those closest to us. On average, Americans spent \$102.50 last year to say "I love you" on Valentine's Day. While hopefully it was well received by your spouse, children, grandchildren, etc did your gift really show how much you love them?

Then, we substitute all of this Valentine's Day stuff and the people we share it with as the "these" to Jesus question and we

to the heart its meaning. While Jesus said it to Peter, he says it to us, "Do you love me more than these?" It is my prayer that we recognize throughout this month of love the great gift of love that Jesus has given to us. May we ponder how to show that love in return. We can't buy chocolates, candy, cards, or flowers for Jesus, but we can spend time in worship, reading his Word, sharing the story, because we love him more than all these 'things' that surround us every day.

In Christian Love!




**News From The  
NORTHWESTERN OHIO  
SYNOD**

**ELCA**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

Lay Academy for Mission  
- FINAL RETREAT -

*"Minding the Mind"*

*Prayer Life and Brain Exercises*

**Retreat**

March 4-5, 2011

Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

Maria Stein, Ohio

One night stay, meals & program ~ \$75.00

*Exploring the life of prayer . . .*

Examining our relationship with God in our present situation teaches us about our immediate prayer practices and encourages us to ask: "How might I deepen my life of prayer? What are my next steps on this journey?"

We'll also look at ways to exercise and challenge our brain that can help improve many aspects regarding our mental well-being. As a result, a healthy mind stimulates a healthy prayer life, which in turn leads to growth and balance.

## Financial News:

### December

General Fund: \$9,516.59  
General Expenses: \$9,300.42  
 Summary: \$216.17

All Offerings: \$9,770.59  
All Expenses: \$12,384.95  
 Summary: (\$2,614.36)

### Year To Date:

General Fund: \$120,774.24  
General Expenses: \$120,409.25  
 Summary: \$364.99

All Offerings: \$138,083.32  
All Expenses: \$145,737.62  
 Summary: (\$7,654.30)

### Fund Balances

Fund	November	In	Out	December
General Fund:	(\$1,162.21)	\$9,516.59	\$9,300.42	(\$946.04)
Memorial Fund:	\$6,660.47		\$912.70	\$5,747.77
Building Fund:	\$10,338.11	\$90.00	\$2,096.93	\$8,331.18
Air Cond. Fund:	\$7,449.76			\$7,449.76
Misc. Fund:	\$669.04	\$164.00	\$74.90	\$758.14
Summary:	\$23,955.17			\$21,340.81

## Attendance Summary:

Dec 5	96
Dec 12	70
Dec 19	108
Dec 26	100
Monthly Average:	94
YTD Average:	96



### 2011 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR COUNCIL

Vice President.....	_____
Ass't. Financial Secretary.....	Deb Nester
Recording Secretary.....	Suzi McCullough
Board of Deacons.....	Jan Mollett
Board of Trustees.....(1 year)...	Pat Manahan
One to be elected:.....	Austin Fritch
	..David Curry
Board of Education:.....(1 year term).....	Calli Thiel
	Nici Manahan

## Council Summary:

The Council of St. Peter's Lutheran Church met in the Parish Hall on December 20, 2010. Those members present were Pastor Bailey, Larry Hasselschwert, Karl Mauerhan, Ladena Ankney, Tonya Loughborough, Joyce Whitney, Loni Ankney, Jan Mollett, Larry Wilson, Nici Manahan, Scott Dick, Pat Manahan, and Doug Michael.

**DEVOTIONS:** For devotions we discussed our version of the *Christmas Story* then read the story from the Bible.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Scott Dick with a second from Larry Wilson. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** November was another good month. Motion to accept the report as presented made by Larry Wilson with a second from Karl Mauerhan. Motion carried. Open invoices were presented. Motion to pay the open invoices was made by Larry Wilson with a second from Joyce Whitney. Motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor enjoyed some vacation time. There was one funeral. New Year's Eve there will be a wedding in the church. Pastor helped distribute Christmas boxes to the community. Looking ahead pastor will be taking a family vacation February 12-21, 2011.

**TRUSTEES:** A new can light has been installed at the end of the south hall. The remaining large pieces of cardboard in the garage have been disposed of. A new flood light was installed. The basement has been cleaned. Doug Michael replaced the fixture in the men's restroom.

**DEACONS:** The 2011 Usher/Reader list is now ready in the narthex for you to volunteer of your

## December 20, 2010

services. There will be a slightly different setting being used beginning January 9, 2011.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** The Children's Program will be December 26, 2010.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The budget passed with a vote of 38 yes and 7 no. A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Scott Dick with a second from Ladena Ankney. Motion passed. The brassware is back and looks excellent. Candidates for council positions are still needed. The PA system is not being used as it should be. The year end reports are due on or before January 17, 2011.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A list of non-active members was reviewed. A motion to move 43 individuals from active to non-active status was made by Karl Mauerhan with a second from Larry Wilson. Motion carried. A motion to list the true value of the Parsonage as \$400/mo for tax purposes was made by Tonya Loughborough with a second from Karl Mauerhan. Motion carried. Reviewed a Edon Area Ministerial Association survey.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Global Mission Board are both asking for donations and prayerful consideration. The Global Mission Board is set to be a Second Helping Sunday recipient. Received notice from the Village Reporter for the community calendar postings.

There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Larry Wilson with a second from Ladena Ankney. Motion carried.

We closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Loni Ankney  
Recording Secretary

## Upcoming Events:

### Family Fun Night

Join us on the Wednesday, February 2nd, for Family Fun Night as we gather to learn more about the gift of love that we celebrate this month. Family time begins at 6:00 p.m. and Confirmation will follow at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget Children of all ages are welcome to attend!



### Annual Congregational Meeting: February 6, 2011



The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held in the church sanctuary on February 6, 2011 immediately following the worship service. We urge all members to attend this meeting. A Baked Potato Lunch will follow.

### Second Helping Sunday

Our Second Helping offering for February will benefit Trinity Lutheran Seminary and their scholarship fund for future leaders. Together we give thanks for the Ministry of Trinity and its gift of training and shaping pastors of today and tomorrow. As you are able, we pray that you would make a generous donation.



### Community Meal



The Edon Area Community Meal will be held on February 22, 2011 We give thanks as a community that we are able to provide for the 125 or more that attend every month. Come and join us for a great fellowship opportunity!

### 30 Hours without Food !?!

All youth are invited to participate in a 30 hour famine, February 25-26. Enjoy your Friday lunch at school, because it will be your last until Saturday night. While we are fasting and learning more about hunger, we will enjoy games, movies, a community pantry raid, and many other wild adventures while locked in the church together. Want to participate, see Pastor for more information. Adults want to help too? Sponsor one of our youth as we raise funds for those in need.



## “Thank You”

*On behalf of our entire family, we wish to thank you for the many cards, gifts, and kind thoughts shared through out the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The collective congregational gift is always a welcome surprise and was warmly received by all of us. Though your generosity and kindness you continue to remind us that we are all a part of God's family!*

*Pastor, Wendy  
John, Andrew  
and Grover too!*

*Thanks so much for the gift at Christmas time.  
I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

*Arvilla Kaiser*

*Thank you for the Christmas gift as an organist for St. Peter's. It is my pleasure to serve you and our Lord through my music.*

*Christena Headley*

*St. Peter's,*

*Thank you so much for my Christmas gift--it is truly appreciated. I am glad to be a part of our music in our services.*

*Sue Michael*

## Hear our Prayers For:

Lorena Babb  
Kent Becker  
Chip Bumb  
Doris Burkhardt ~ Fountain Inn, Bryan  
Carol Cook ~ Brain Tumor  
Annabelle Coles ~ home recovery  
Mark David ~ Restarting Life  
Tim Disbro ~ coma  
Fritz Entenman ~ Stroke  
Brittaney Ewing, car accident  
Ellie Foster ~ homebound  
Hazel Gearhart ~ Hillside Ass't Living  
Marilyn Goeckerman ~ Lymphoma  
Bob Gerding ~ degenerative brain disorder  
Dale Harroff ~ Assisted Living  
David Ivey`  
Greg Kaiser ~ cancer  
Ed Kaltenbach  
Paula Kramer  
Donna Lump ~ nursing home  
Pat Meyers ~ home bound  
Larry Mollett  
Tyler Priest  
Dennis Rummel ~ coma  
Andy Skiles  
Natalie Siebenaler ~ surgery  
Travis Turner ~ cancer survivor  
Vicki Woolace - cancer  
Pauline Zachrich ~ homebound



## Servants for February

### Ushers

Feb 6 - 27 David & Tonya Loughborough

### Readers

Feb 6 Riki Timbrook  
Feb 13 Martha Michael  
Feb 20 Tiffany McBride  
Feb 27 Martha Michael

### Acolyte

Feb 6 Kaden Sapp  
Feb 13 Taylor Schuller  
Feb 20 Brendon Young  
Feb 27 Graedon Rupp

## February Fellowship Committee

**\*Sue Bauer ~ \*Calli Thiel**  
Stephanie Berry ~ Tiffany McBride  
Lynn Wilson ~ Marilyn Parrish  
Melissa Whitney ~ Betsy Helms  
Brenda Hulbert ~ Krystal Hake

## From our Circles:

**Friendship will meet February 7, 2011 in the church parish hall. Leader and Hostess is Lynn Wilson.**

**Mary Martha Circle** will meet February 3, 2011 at 12:00 noon at Gretchen Mauerhan's home with a potluck luncheon, followed with our meeting.

## February Altar Flowers

Feb 6 Larry & Joby Dewire  
Feb 13 Esther Kaltenbach  
Feb 20 Terry Whitney Family  
Feb 17 open



## February Altar Guild

Kay Vollmer Riki Timbrook

There are many blank spaces for you to remember your loved ones on the 2011 Flower Chart located in the Narthex.

Also, volunteers for Readers and Ushers for the year 2011 are needed.

## Woman To Woman

February 2011

### I am thankful loving Father,

1. That you walk with me always. Dime
2. For dinner to fix tonight, and I pray for those who have no food. Nickel
3. For my eyes and I pray for those who can't see. Dime
4. For this new day in which to serve you. Nickel
5. For your patience with me. Help me to remember that when I become impatient with someone. Fifteen Cents
6. For prayer and I pray that you guide me in using it. Dime
7. For the ornament on top of the church guiding people to you. Let it be a beacon for me, too. Quarter
8. For the laundry to do, and I pray for those who have no clothes. Nickel
9. For children, your hope for the world. Dime
10. For my sense of hearing and I pray for those who can't hear. Fifteen Cents
11. For the people you send to help me in times of need. Am I helping others when help is needed? Nickel
12. For government leaders like Abraham Lincoln who stood up for what he knew was right. Fifteen Cents
13. For your faith in me in spite of my many mistakes. Dime
14. For this day to celebrate love. Do I have the same unconditional love that you show me? Help me, Lord. Fifty Cents
15. For our Presidents, past and present, who guide our nation with your help.. Dime
16. For helping me remember that all I have comes from you. Fifteen Cents

17. For reminding me of people who are suffering from winter's accidents. Quarter
18. For the beauty around me. Help me to see it. Nickel
19. For the strength you give me throughout the day. Fifteen Cents
20. For this Sabbath day to worship and sing of your glory. Dime
21. For our Pastor who lead and inspire us to love and serve you, Lord. Quarter
22. For George Washington who helped to set the tone of a nation under God. Nickel
23. For providing hope in times of despair. Dime
24. For choosing me to serve You and Your people. Fifteen Cents
25. For helping me to use knowledge wisely. Nickel
26. For hearing all my thoughts whether I speak aloud or pray in silence. Dime
27. For those who provide music for church. Remind me to thank them. Quarter
28. For your acceptance of me, just how I am. Nickel

### HELP THE TROOPS OVERSEAS!!

Jake Michael of Boy Scout Troop 74 is collecting items, letters, and monetary donations for his Eagle Scout Project. He plans on sending these items to the troops overseas. He is collecting **Beanie Babies, Small Bottles of Hand Sanitizer, Notebooks, Pens, White Socks, and Small Treats.**

He will be collecting these items on **February 19 & 20, 2011** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Parish Hall from 10 am - 2 pm.

Any questions, call Jake Michael at 419-272-2696.

## February Birthdays:

2	Gary Chrisman	16	Lucille Bauer	29	Linda Clark
3	Brayden Bauer Brittaney Ewing	18	Graeden Rupp Roxana Nester		
4	Mike Blue Mark Blue Lane Brandt	19	Alexandria Kiess		
		20	Jacob Reitzel Shawn Rockey		
7	Mary Blue	21	Austin Fritch Maddie Nester		
11	Shaylee Manahan Raymond Henney	22	Richard Alwood Karl Mauerhan		
12	Larry Wilson				
13	Betsy Helms	28	Charlene Word Spencer Kaiser		
14	Milton Nester				



## Remembering your Baptism:

1	Pamela Welch	16	Slone Bashor
3	Mary Crist Delores Wolff	17	Bill Rockey
		18	Jesse Clark
5	Sandra Gearhart	19	Shelby Everetts
6	Marie Goebel	25	Allison Towne
10	John Van Ausdale Stephanie Rockey	28	Kayla Kaiser
12	Tawney Young		
15	Carol Brandt		



## February Anniversaries:

5	Dave & Linda Reitzel
7	Gary & Jan Chrisman
9	Larry & Joby Dewire
17	Bruce & Lori Bashor
21	Dale & Christy Bryant
24	Jon & Suzanne Hollabaugh





# February



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 pm Family Fun Night 7:00 pm Confirmation	<b>3</b> 12:00 noon Mary Martha Circle, Gretchen Mauerhan's	<b>4</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>5th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Congregational Meeting 11:00 am Baked Potato Lunch	<b>7</b> 7:30 pm Friendship Circle	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>12</b>
		← Pastor at Continuing Education Event →				←
<b>13</b> <b>6th Sunday after Epiphany</b> <i>Second Helping Sunday</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30 pm WELCA	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>19</b>
		← Pastor On Vacation →				
<b>20</b> <b>7th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	<b>21</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>22</b> 5:00 pm Community Meal	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>26</b>
				← Youth Group 30 Hour Famine & Lock In →		
<b>27</b> <b>8th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Board Meetings 7:30 pm Council Meeting					