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March 2011

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

Our Church Leaders

Pastor
Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

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Karl Mauerhan

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Cathy Schuller
Calli Thiel
Nici Manahan

Board of Trustees
Pat Manahan
Doug Michael
Austin Fritch

Words from our Pastor:

Lent is here . . . now, what will we do with it?

For some, we celebrate Lent by giving something up, as a reminder of how Christ gave up his life for us. Typically, those who have tried to give something up, admit failing long before Easter dawns upon us. In the midst of personal sacrifice and failure, do we understand Lent any more than we did before?

For others, we celebrate Lent by adding something to our daily routines. Maybe it is family time, Bible Studies, prayer, or other items that draw you closer to God and the gifts we have been blessed with. Perhaps, in doing this, we open ourselves to the greatness of the sacrifice that is made on the cross, but do we understand Lent any more than we did before?

Regardless of whether or not you give something up or add something to your daily routine, Lent is a journey that begins with

Jesus in the wilderness and ends with Jesus on the Cross. In the midst of that journey, we realize that Christ walks with us and that the cross stands forever in our path. To highlight these two points this Lenten Season we will walk with Christ in our daily lives and focus on the cross standing before us as we gather for worship.

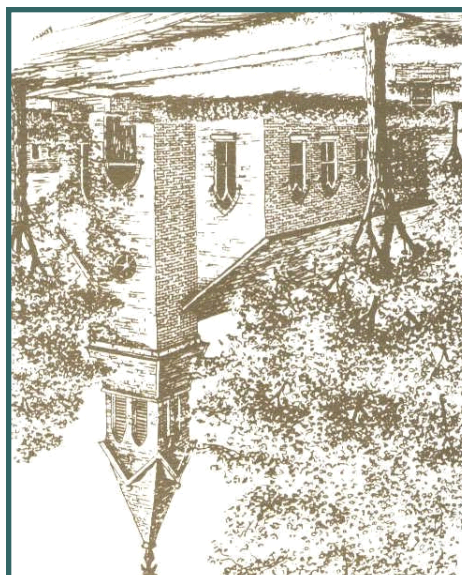
First, we will challenge each other to see if we can walk our way to Jerusalem. I know many of you are avid walkers, counting each step throughout the day. I know there are others, like myself, who have thought we should be more conscientious about our health and weight. Together, let us journey with Jesus through the wilderness journey, count our steps, see if we can make it to the Holy Land, and work to better care for the bodies God has given us. A bulletin board will be set up outside the Lounge to track our

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

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Monthly Prayer Reflection:
 Prayers go up and blessings come down. ~ Yiddish Proverb

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 journey.

Second, time will be given during each of our worship services to reflect on the end result of the journey we are on as we gaze to the Cross where we find never ending grace, mercy and forgiveness. Here we find that the Cross is not a distant far off object. Instead, we find that the Cross stands in our midst for all the world to see.

Lent is here . . . the journey is about to begin. There are many steps to be taken as we make our way through these forty days. There are many prayers that will

be shared along the way. There are many things that we may give up or add to our daily routines. While all of these things stand before us on this journey, let us remember that it is a journey to the Cross that stands in our midst!

Rev. Clayton J. Bailey



**News From The
 NORTHWESTERN OHIO
 SYNOD**
ELCA
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

Synod Assembly Registration

St. Peter's is asked to send two delegates to this year's Synod Assembly:

Friday & Saturday May 20-21 at Bowling Green

If you are interested in being one of our representatives, please see Pastor Bailey before March 15th.

Financial News:

January

General Fund:	\$10,039.62
<u>General Expenses:</u>	<u>\$9,626.82</u>
Summary:	\$412.80
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Fund Balances

Fund	December	In	Out	January
General Fund:	(\$946.04)	\$10,039.62	\$9,626.82	(\$533.24)
Memorial Fund:	\$5,747.77			\$5,747.77
Building Fund:	\$8,331.18	\$60.00	\$150.00	\$8,241.18
Air Cond. Fund:	\$7,449.76			\$7,449.76
Misc. Fund:	\$758.14	\$984.58	\$996.58	\$746.14
Summary:	\$21,340.81			\$21,651.61

Attendance Summary:

Jan 2	76
Jan 9	70
Jan 16	101
Jan 23	101
Jan 30	103
Monthly Average:	104
YTD Average:	104



"Easter Services"

Palm Sunday, April 17, 9 am
Maunder Thursday, April 21, 7:00 pm
"The Miraculous In Holy Communion"
Good Friday, April 22, 8:00 pm
"The Miracle of Good Friday"
Easter Sunrise, April 24, 7 am
Easter Service, April 24, 2011, 9 am
"The Miracle of Easter"

Council Summary:

The Council of St. Peter's Lutheran Church met in the Parish Hall on January 17, 2011. Members present were Pastor Bailey, Larry Hasselschwert, Karl Mauerhan, Ladena Ankney, Jan Mollett, Larry Wilson, Nici Manahan, Cathy Schuller, Scott Dick, Pat Manahan, and Doug Michael.

Devotions: For devotions Pastor gave an update on Brittaney's condition and prognosis. A prayer for God's will in all their lives was shared.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Karl Mauerhan with a second from Pat Manahan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: December was a good month. We finished the year in the red, but not quite as bad as 2009. Motion to accept the report as presented was made by Scott Dick with a second from Larry Wilson. Motion carried. Open invoices were presented. Motion to pay the open invoices was made by Larry Wilson with a second from Scott Dick. Motion carried.

Pastor Report: EAMA is working to revitalize the food pantry. They are looking for a new location, the possibility of a freezer and evening hours (depending on man-power). Due to Pastor's scheduled vacation, council agreed to meet Feb. 28 for the next meeting.

Trustees: The bottom latch on the front door is broken. Doug will drill and install bolts to hold it. They are getting estimates to have the trees trimmed.

Deacons: Readers are needed for March. Readers are covered for April - May 15. Ushers are covered through March.

Board of Education: Care Packages are being discussed and may be downsized due to the cost of mailing. A Thank You card from Wallbridge Elementary School was shared. They received the

January, 2010

VBS offering to help with school supplies following the tornado in the spring.

Old Business: We still need a candidate for Vice President. Karl Mauerhan made a motion to present the list to the congregation with the Vice President open. Larry Wilson seconded and the motion passed. The other candidates are:

Ass't Financial Secretary ~ Deb Nester

Recording Secretary ~ Susie McCullough

Deacon ~ Jan Mollett

Trustee ~ Pat Manahan (1 year)

Austin Fritch (3 year)

Dave Curry (3 year)

Board of Ed ~ Callie Thiel (1year)

Nici Manahan (3 year)

New Business: None

Correspondence: Council received a Thank You card from Arvilla for the gift at Christmas.

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

We closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

"Funerals"

John Henry Meyers

Beverly Kundard

Upcoming Events:



Pancake Supper

Come join us for a Pancake Dinner, Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Here at St. Peter's

This will benefit our Youth Group to promote our Missions

Second Helping Sunday

Our Second Helping offering will be March 13th and will benefit the "30 Hour Famine". Did you know that \$30 feeds one child for one month. As you are able, we pray that you would make a generous donation.



Carpenter's House Retreat

Our one night Annual Retreat is coming March 18 - 19 focusing on spirituality. Father Charlie Ritter will do some of the presentations along with Al Word, Randy Mohre, Lisa Livensparger, and Jackie Imm. The evening begins at 7:00 pm Friday evening and ends at 4:00 pm Saturday. This will be held at Kimball Camp, Reading, MI.



Community Meal

The Edon Area Community Meal will be held on March 29, 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!

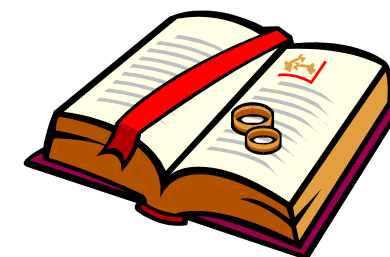
BIBLE STUDY

Father Fred and Pastor C J Bailey will continue their interesting Bible Study on the Gospel of John and the Sunday readings during Lent. It will take place on

Thursday, at the Carpenter's House in Blakeslee

March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, & April 28.

We hope you can join us.



"The Miracle of Lent"



Ash Wednesday

March 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

"The Miraculous Darkness"

Alex Kjess, Acolyte

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Lenten Service, 7:00 pm

March 16, 2011

"The Miraculous Tearing of the Temple Curtain"

Taylor Schuller, Acolyte

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Lenten Service, 7:00 pm

March 23, 2011

"The Miraculous Earthquake"

Alex Kjess, Acolyte

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Lenten Service, 7:00 pm

March 30, 2011

"The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks"

Brendon Young, Acolyte

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Lenten Service, 7:00 pm

April 6, 2011

"The Miraculous Raising of the Saints" From Death"

Alex Kjess, Acolyte

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Lenten Service, 7:00 pm

April 13, 2011

"The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers"

Taylor Schuller, Acolyte

Hear our Prayers For:

Susan Allgire ~ cancer

Jean Bailey ~ health concerns

Kent Becker

Connie Bidwell ~ Fall

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

Esther Kaltenbach ~ Hillside

Paula Kramer

Donna Lump ~ nursing home

Pat Meyers ~ home bound

Larry Mollett

Tyler Priest

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Dennis Rummel ~ coma

Andy Skiles

Lynn Skiles ~ stroke

Natalie Siebenaler ~ surgery

Travis Turner ~ cancer survivor

Vicki Woolace - cancer

Pauline Zachrich ~ homebound



Servants for February

Ushers

March Scott & Louise Dick

Readers

March 6 Deb Nester

March 13 Pam Welchl

March 20 Larry Wilson

March 27 Pam Welch

Acolyte

March 6 Kaden Sapp

March 13 Taylor Schuller

March 20 Brendon Young

March 27 Graedon Rupp

March Fellowship Committee

***Peggy Rupp ~ *Nici Manahan**

Kay Vollmer ~ Christena Headley

Esther Kaltenbach ~ Sherri Wiler

Barb Curry ~ Niann Lautzenhiser

Connie Bidwell ~ Cathy Schuller

February Altar Flowers

Mar 6 Gene & June Smith

Mar 13 Barbara Curry

Mar 20 Terry & Joyce Whitney

Mar 27 open



March Altar Guild

Joyce Whitney

Cheryl Dewire

From our Circles:

Friendship will meet March 7, 2011 in the church parish hall. Leader and Hostess is Sue Michael.

Mary Martha Circle will meet March 10, 2011 at 10:00 am with a sandwich luncheon at noon. Meeting will follow the luncheon.

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 also needed.

ALTAR GUILD

Cleaning of the brassware, altar, and cupboards will be March 10, 2011 at 1:00 pm. All altar guild members are invited to help.

Woman To Woman

March 2011

I am thankful loving Father,

1. For your son who gave his blood for me. Dime
2. That I can pay my bills today and I pray for those who can't. Nickel
3. For this opportunity to worship tonight. Dime
4. For all the people whose lives touch mine. Quarter
5. For the jobs I have to do today and that I can do them. Fifteen Cents
6. For the hymns and songs that we sang today and how they spoke to me. Quarter
7. For all that you have given me. Help me to be content. Dime
8. For the rain that falls and nourishes the earth. Nickel
9. For this new day. Help me to do YOUR will. Fifteen Cents
10. For the hope that you give me. Help me to share that with others. Dime
11. For the gift of contentment. Help me to remember that. Nickel
12. For the home that I have to clean and I pray for those who have none. Dime
13. For this day to worship you. Fifty Cents
14. For the patience you are sending me. Dime
15. For this beautiful world that we live in. Do I take time to enjoy it? Dime
16. That I have you by me side and I pray for those who don't know you. Fifteen Cents
17. For St. Patrick and all saints who help spread your word. Quarter
18. For Pastor Bailey. Thank you for calling servants of Christ to us. Dime
19. For the capacity to care, and I pray for those who don't. Fifteen Cents

20. For this Sabbath day to worship and sing of your glory. Dime
21. For this first day of spring, Lord, reminding us of your love and that another season has changed. Quarter
22. For my health and I pray for those who are ill. Nickel
23. For the good soup that is provided tonight and this midweek reminder of your ever lasting love. Fifteen Cents
24. For humor. Help me to see it in all things. Dime
25. For helping me remember that serving you is not a chore. Dime
26. For this day of work when so many have no work. Dime
27. For filling us with the glory of Christ's mind and will. Nickel
28. Lord, help me cope with the family laundry. Quarter
29. For continuing to shape and mold me to be the person you have called me to be. Nickel
30. Lord, we stand in awe under the cross and give thanks for your love, through Christ. Dime
31. For the power of the light that you give, through Christ. Fifteen Cents

.....*The Messenger*



Third Graders will be receiving their Bibles on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Classes to learn more about their new Bibles will be held during the month of March.

March Birthdays:

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|----|-----------------|----|----------------------|
| 3 | Wendy Bailey | 23 | Lance Reitzel |
| 8 | Kim Berry | | David Curry |
| 15 | John VanAusdale | | Donna Lump |
| 16 | Frank Parrish | 25 | Eugene Lautzenheiser |
| 17 | Ann Graham | 26 | Briana Miller |
| 18 | Jeannie Wise | 29 | Jared Dick |
| | Lyle Curry | | David Reitzel |
| 20 | Chris Bauer | 31 | Gene Smith |
| | Carey Kiess | | Tawney Young |
| 21 | Fritz Entenman | | Rose Chrisman |



Happy Birthday!

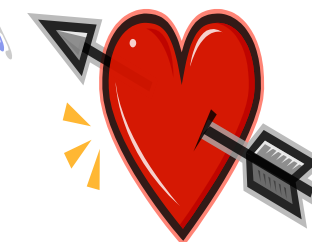
Remembering your Baptism:

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| 1 | Charlene Word | 13 | Suzanne Michael | | Maddie Nester |
| | Billie Ma'Arouf | 14 | Dawn Ma'Arouf | 23 | Beth Burkhardt |
| | Jacob Brown | 16 | Corissa Whitney | 25 | Brian Wise |
| 3 | Cindy Langenhop | 17 | Wilma Entenman | | Rosemary Nester |
| 8 | Darlene Burkhardt | 20 | Linda Clark | 26 | Kyle Sapp |
| | Katyann Graham | 21 | Sue Bauer | 27 | Gene Smith |
| 9 | Lucille Bauer | 22 | Julie Gearhart | | Linda Keppler |
| 11 | Roxana Nester | | Randy Gearhart | 30 | Andrea Rosendaul |
| 12 | Brian Miller | 23 | Jacob Reitzel | | |

March Anniversaries:

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| 2 | Tom & Christine Kirk |
| 3 | Frank & Brenda Parrish |
| 17 | Jacob & Shawna Reitzel |
| 21 | Randy & Julie Gearhart |
| 22 | James & Sandy Gearhart |
| 31 | Brian & Kylene Nester |

Happy Anniversary





MARCH



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1	2 6:30 pm Confirmation	3	4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	5
6 Transfiguration of our Lord 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship Hour & Family Sunday School	7 7:30 pm - Friendship Circle	8 5:00 p.m. Pancake Dinner	9 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Lenten Service	10 10:00 am Mary Martha 1:00 pm Altar Guild 7:00 pm Bible Study	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	12
13 1st Sunday in Lent <i>Second Helping Sunday</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School <i>Spring Forward, Daylight Savings Time</i>	14	15	16 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service 7:45 pm Confirmation	17 7:00 pm Bible Study	18 30 hr Famine & Carpenter's House Retreat	19 30 hr Famine & Carpenter's House Retreat
20 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	21 7:00 pm Board Meetings 7:30 pm Council Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22	23 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service 7:45 pm Confirmation	24 7:00 pm Bible Study	25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	26
27 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Fun With Cooking	28	29 5:00 pm Community Meal	30 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service 7:45 pm Confirmation	31 7:00 pm Bible Study		