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ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

NORWALK OHIO

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S WORSHIP

This is the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, also known as "ordinary time" because there are no major festivals during the season. The focus of this time is growing in our faith. Both services today will offer Holy Communion.

TODAY'S SERVICE SCRIPTS

Scripts for both services are available on the St. Peter webpage (stpeter-elca.org). Click on Worship at the top, then Bulletin, then September 13. Make sure you pick the correct service.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember our Sunday school ministry as we begin offering online classes.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Gary and Mary Bauer's 55th anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

For those who have signed up for future altar flowers, the cost is now \$40. You may pick the flowers up before noon on Sundays or on Monday during office hours.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

9 am WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

For the next few weeks, the 9 am service will continue to be outside. Please bring a lawn chair and dress appropriately for the weather or you may stay in your car. In case of bad weather, we will move into the sanctuary, where masks will be required. If we move the service inside, we will post that information by 8 am on our Facebook page and via One Call.

10:30 am WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

The 10:30 am service will continue to be broadcast on WLKR 93.5 and on Facebook Live. Since it will be a Service of Holy Communion, you are welcome to prepare your own bread and wine at home.

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will be online from September 13-October 18. You may go to the church website or on Facebook. Today, September 13 we will have a Covid-19 Safe Activity for the children outside, from 9:45-10:15 am, weather permitting!

GODS WORK, OUR HANDS

St. Peter's annual *God's Work Our Hands* service activity begins this week! For this year's project, the Concerns

Committee will assemble 100 dinner kits for the Blessing Box. The dinner kits will include non-perishable items such as pasta and meat sauce, scalloped potatoes, and other shelf-stable items as well as a canned vegetable and dessert mix. If you'd like to participate, donations of items for the dinner kits would be greatly appreciated. Tags with needed items will be available during outdoor worship on Sunday and in the narthex during the week. Simply select a tag or two and place the items in the donation bin by Sunday, October 4. The donation bin will be available outside during outdoor worship and in the narthex during the week. The Concerns Committee will assemble the kits and place them in the Blessing Box the first week of October. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Concerns Committee. Thank you for your support!

YEAR OF MISSION GRANTS

At our Annual Meeting in January, we set aside \$3000 to be used for outreach/mission efforts during this Year of Mission in our synod. A group/committee can request up to \$250 to start a new outreach ministry. Individuals can request up to \$100 to help someone in need. The goal is for St. Peter members to engage in acts of ministry not just give out money. If you have an idea for the Year of Mission, please get a grant form from the church office to apply. All grants are approved by the Church Council.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Want to help with Hurricane Laura recovery efforts in Texas and Louisiana? 100% of donations to Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane relief will go to relief efforts. To make a donation, go to www.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse or call 800-638-3522. You can also give through St. Peter. Be sure to mark your offering "Hurricane Relief."

CDNS BOARD MEMBER

The CDNS Board needs a new St. Peter representative. This is a two-year term. If you are interested in serving on the CDNS Board or would like more information, contact Michelle Schaffer at the church office or email her at christiandns1967@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Mildred Woodruff turns 99 on September 14. Please join us in showering her with a parade of birthday cards. Address: 66 Norwood, Gaymont-Rm. 17B, Norwalk, OH 44857. You can also send a message card to Mildred from Gaymont's website (Gaymontcare.com) under the Activities tab.

UPDATED GUIDELINES

At the August Council meeting, guidelines for worship and building use were updated. You can read the latest information on our webpage: stpeter-elca.org.

MEETINGS AT CHURCH

We are welcoming more groups to begin meeting at the church. Available spaces include the Fellowship Hall, Room 206 (library), and the narthex. Masks should be worn and physical distancing should be practiced. Groups are responsible for cleaning the tables and chairs when finished. Cleaning supplies are available for St. Peter groups to use. Contact Kathy to check on the status of the library or fellowship hall.

OFFICE HOURS/MASKS

The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. THANK YOU to everyone for wearing a mask when you come. This helps keep the staff (and you) safe as we continue to navigate this pandemic.

EVER WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT “THE FAITH?”

This may be your chance. The Northwestern Ohio Synod is again offering the *Diakonia* program, beginning in September. *Diakonia* is an educational program specifically designed for laity and taught by our local ELCA pastors and deacons. This year, you can take classes in person or online. More information is available in the narthex. Drop by to pick up a flier or call the office to talk with Kathy, who is a graduate of the *Diakonia* program.

OUTREACH NEWS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's not too early to start thinking about packing shoeboxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child. Now is the best time to purchase school supplies for your shoeboxes. Crayons can be found for 25 cents. Colored pencils, regular pencils, sharpeners, and erasers for around 50 cents. Notebooks for 25 cents. These items plus rulers, solar calculators, markers, pencil pouches and other school supplies are great to include in a shoebox. Now is the time to purchase these items while they are very reasonably priced. Remember, no liquids or anything with military symbols are allowed in the shoeboxes. Any questions, contact Vickie Hemenway 419-663-4011.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Elizabeth Young, from the Enrichment Centers for Huron County, Norwalk office, is looking for volunteers who would be willing to deliver meals to seniors and those in need, within the city of Norwalk. The individuals who receive the meals are truly grateful to those who give of their time, so that they may receive what might be the

only hot meal they eat all day. Please help us to care for those in our community. Contact Elizabeth at 419-668-6245 ext. 21.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – September 13

9:00 am Holy Communion-Outside
10:30 am Holy Communion – On-line
1:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall
3:00-5:30 pm Pigs Fly-Birthday Party-Shelter
4:00-6:00 pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY—September 14

7:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY– September 15

6:30 pm Experiment Team-Narthex

WEDNESDAY- September 16

6:00 pm Evening Christian Service-Narthex
6:30 pm Back to Church Team-Library

THURSDAY— September 17

No scheduled activities.

FRIDAY— September 18

7:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY- September 19

No scheduled activities.

SUNDAY— September 20

9:00 am Holy Communion-Outside
10:30 am Holy Communion-On line
1:00 am NA – Fellowship Hall

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am Holy Communion-Outside
10:30 am online & on radio only

The 10:30 service is always broadcast on WLKR 95.3 FM and on Facebook Live.