

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

THE FLOWERS

The flowers at the lectern are given to the glory of God by Beth Horvatich and Kathy Smith in memory of their mother, Carol Germond, whose birthday was July 5.

The flowers at the pulpit are given to the glory of God by John and Karen Fries in honor of their grandson, Luke Samuel Fries, who will be baptized today.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today, we remember Redeemer Lutheran Church in Toledo and their pastor Lori Strang.

AT THE FONT

Today through the rite of Holy Baptism, we welcome into our St. Peter family Luke Samuel Fries, infant son of Robert and Kristen Fries. We rejoice at Luke's entry into the body of Christ and into our mission of *Knowing Christ Serving Others*. We pray for God's blessing and protection in his life. Luke's sponsors are Ted Fries and Tammy Stang.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Last week we affirmed the fact that God owns everything and we occupy the highest place in created order. We now look to mankind as the steward of God's creation. We have no ownership, we are the highest of God's creation and we have been given the great responsibility for the care of His possessions for the benefit of all creation and humanity. Our possessions not only include physical things, money, land etc. but our time and talents that God has also given us. Stewardship includes our management of God's material possessions and also our individual talents and time. We are distinct individuals with a myriad of abilities that can and should be used to show how deep our love of God is in our lives. In your personal relationship with God do you freely share your time and talents for witness of your love of God?

FROM BISHOP BEAUDOIN

Our Year of Prayer memory verse is Philippians 4:6 *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* For more resources on the Year of Prayer, go to www.nwos-elca.church.

OUTREACH NEWS

BLESSING BOX

Now that summer is upon us, the Blessing Box is an additional resource to provide food for children and

families in our community who may rely on school lunches during the school year. Suggested donations include ready-to-eat meals, canned and boxed foods, and snack items. Because of the warmer temperatures, items that are heat-sensitive or may melt are not recommended. Donations can be placed directly in the Blessing Box or in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!

MEALS ON WHEELS

Make a difference!! Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers who would be willing to deliver meals to seniors and those in need, in Norwalk. The individuals who receive the meals are grateful that someone is willing to deliver, what might be the only hot meal they eat all day. Please help us to care for those in our community. Do you have an hour to spare to help others?? If you or a group are interested or would like more information please contact Chris at 419-668-6244 ext. 29.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Wrapped gifts for the Christmas in July program can be placed under the tree in the narthex anytime before July 29. Please attach tags and receipts to the outside of the package. Thank you for supporting this project and helping local families prepare for a new school year!

CHURCH NEWS

GROWING IN FAITH/YEAR OF PRAYER

The Liturgical Arts Team hopes that you are taking note of the changing, growing nature of the art and decorations in our narthex, sanctuary, and chapel. To incorporate Bishop Beaudoin's designation of 2018 as the Year of Prayer, we are creating a "growing" tree of prayer in the narthex. Please choose a leaf from the table in the narthex and on it, write a prayer of thanksgiving, a spiritual insight you have received, a prayer concern or request, or a comment on where you have seen God at work in the world. Place the leaf in the basket and we will start "growing" our prayer tree.

PASTOR ANN'S BLOG

Missing those insightful (!) pastor articles from the old monthly Parish Post? You can fix that by checking out Pastor Ann's blog at: www.pastorannmarshall.wordpress.com or click on the link found on the St. Peter webpage under "News." Sign up to follow the blog, and new articles will be delivered to your email as soon as they are posted.

10:30 USHERS

We are in desperate need of ushers for the 10:30 service. Even if you can only help for a week or two, please sign your name (with the dates available) on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. THANKS!

YOUTH DIRECTOR SOUGHT

Our longtime Youth Director, Vickie Hemenway, is stepping down from the position that she has held for 11 years. The Council has appointed a Search Team and we are currently accepting applications for the position. As a demonstration to our continuing commitment to our youth, we are seeking a half-time Youth Director who will have increased responsibilities. We are also seeking someone who has some prior experience with organized youth activities and/or specialized education in youth ministry. If you are interested in the position or know someone who is, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIFE TREE CAFE

The Lifetree Café will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month from June through August, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. behind the Zion Lutheran Church in Huron. The next scheduled event is July 9. More information is available on the table in the narthex. Everyone is welcome to attend.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Dorothy Brooks invites the members of St. Peter to join them in celebrating Dorothy's 90th birthday. An open house is being held on Saturday, July 21 from 3 – 6 p.m. at Memorial Lake Park Clubhouse at the Norwalk Reservoir and all are invited.

SUNSET CRUISE

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a Sunset Bay Cruise aboard the Goodtime I on Thursday, August 16. The family-friendly cruise boards at the Jackson Street Pier at 6:45 p.m. and returns at 9:00 p.m. While on board, enjoy light entertainment. Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$9.25 for adults and \$5.25 for children 5-15. Children 5 and under are free. Please sign up on the bulletin board no later than July 29.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – JULY 8

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
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1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
4:00 p.m. Northside 4H – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY – JULY 9

5:00 p.m. DKG - Narthex
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

TUESDAY – JULY 10

7:30 p.m. Executive Committee – Room 206

WEDNESDAY – JULY 11

THURSDAY – JULY 12

7:30 p.m. Church Council – Room 206

FRIDAY – JULY 13

7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

SATURDAY – JULY 14

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion – Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 15

****Name Tag Sunday****

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
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1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

*Announcements are due by noon on Wednesday.
Room assignments are made by Marty and Pastor Ann.*

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.