

# Messenger

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Dear member of St. Peter's,

It has been an unusual winter so far, hasn't it? Very little snow, quite a bit a rain. No bitter cold, temperatures approaching or surpassing 50 degrees frequently. I look at the calendar and it doesn't seem like it is February already, but it is. The weather seems like November, but I know it is Michigan weather and it can fool us.

This takes me to the point of this article, the seasons in the church are changing soon also. Lent is almost upon us. Lent is a special time in the church's year. In stark and graphic terms is the sacrificial life and death of Christ held before our eyes, hearts and minds. Yet it remains many Christians (myself included) favorite time of the church calendar. A Christian never really tires of the message: Christ sacrificed for me that I may be pardoned and live eternally. It is in this spirit I urge you to meditate on our Lenten theme this year: *Keep Watch With Me*. Our Wednesday Lenten services are at 7:00 PM. The Board of Stewardship is coordinating groups to provide a meal before each service. Please see their note in the newsletter.

Let us all

## **KEEP WATCH WITH ME!**

*(Based on Matthew 26:40)*

*February 22, Ash Wednesday, Pastor Schaefer*

### **Matthew 26:31-35**

The disciples fell into temptation because they put their faith in their faith. However Jesus delivered them from temptation

*February 29, Pastor Guy Purdue, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westland*

### **Matthew 26:36-38,40**

Jesus suffered to the point of death, so that we would have rest (disciples fell asleep because they were tired).

*March 7, Pastor Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Novi*

### **Matthew 26:34-46 (Luke 22:40-48)**

Jesus obeyed the Father's will and accepted his fate for us who choose to follow Satan's will

*March 14, Pastor James Frey, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Belleville*

### **John 18:1**

Jesus crosses the Brook Kidron and leads his disciples to the Mount of Olives

*March 21, Pastor Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Novi*

### **Mark 14:50-52**

Jesus was forsaken by God because he was forsaken by his disciples

*March 28, Pastor Schaefer*

### **Matthew 26:47-57 (Luke 22:47-54a)**

Jesus allowed himself to be taken captive to set us free from the power of Satan

## Music

The wonderful seasons of Advent and Christmas have come and gone for 2011, but the message of Christ's coming to save us remains throughout the year 2012. The St. Peter's musicians hope your festivities were enhanced by the beautiful music that they prepared and presented for the edification of your faith. We appreciate Audra Hoffman and Diane Wendland for setting up the fellowship reception that followed the Candlelight Service; and Jim Cutler and Bill Tomlin for recording the service. All of the school children participated in the service, as well as the Junior Choir. They were outstanding in their musical presentation of the Luke 2 Christmas Gospel. Thanks to the teachers and parents for their extra effort. We had a good turnout of presenters and listeners.

The Senior Choir has started to prepare for Lent and Easter. Ash Wednesday will be observed on February 22, and Easter's date is April 8. The Handbell Choir will start rehearsals on February 9. Junior Choir practices resumed on February 1.

Huron Valley Lutheran High School will be singing for our Sunday worship on March 18. We appreciate their music every year, as well as the sermon from Pastor Schaewe. The St. Peter's Junior Choir will be traveling to HVL for their Palm Sunday concert on April 1 at 3 p.m. We hope you will attend that concert. This year, the leaders are planning a mass choir presentation of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the oratorio "Messiah."

## Thank You

Thank you for the many gifts, thoughtful cards, meals, prayers and help over the last few months. Your generosity was incredible and appreciated. Pete and I have enjoyed sharing our son, our little miracle from God, with all of you.

Sincerely,

Christine, Pete and Jacob Baganz

## A Note from the Principal

WOW! I can't believe we are halfway through our school year already! We hope our Lord blesses us with a second half of the school that is just as exciting as the first. Here are a few of our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter highlights:

1. Our school theme for this year is "Jesus Is Our Priceless Treasure." We are truly thankful for the riches Christ has given us through his life, death, and resurrection.
2. Our enrollment currently stands at 75 students in grades PreK-8.
3. This month, Mrs. Roth held a "Taste of Kindergarten." This activity allowed future Kindergarten students an opportunity to spend a day in her classroom. She saw seven Preschool attend her class. All of these students are excellent prospects for next year. Mrs. Roth is also planning another "Taste of Kindergarten" before our Kindergarten Roundup.
4. The Terra-Nova test scores came to school. Our scores seem comparable/better to last year. We also are comparable/better than most WELS schools.
5. St. Peter's Band performed a wonderful band concert before our Christmas break. They played and sang a wide variety of songs and carols. Everyone did a great job!
6. The HVL Fine Arts Fair was held in late November. We had many students participate in art, math, spelling, and forensics. Our Math Bowl team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
7. We held our annual Book Fair in early December. Many books were sold, and many families enjoyed some food and fellowship. Special thanks to the Home & School for sponsoring this event.
8. Our Holiday Meal was held in December. Again special thanks to the Home & School for their hard work.
9. The students did a fantastic job singing and proclaiming the message of Christ's birth at our Christmas Eve service. Special thanks to Mrs. Jacobi and the rest of the faculty for preparing the students for this festive service.
10. We are planning to host an Open House later this winter. Check the school newsletter and church bulletin for more information.
11. Sporting events:
  - a. We hosted the season-ending C-team tournament on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Mr. Cording and Mr. Recto for coaching the teams.
  - b. We also host the season-ending B-team tournament on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - c. The Boys A-team will compete in the MLS Class "B" Tournament on Feb. 10-11.
  - d. The HVL Basketball Tournament is set for March 9-11.

God's richest blessings to all of you!  
Mr. Ryan Roth

Pastoral Acts

Below are Pastoral Acts for the months of  
November, December and January.

**Baptisms**

Jacob Arthur Baganz

**Marriages**

Amber Manny to Michael Baker  
David Ziolkowski to Lauren Seppanen

**Burials**

Ernestine Reddeman  
Viola Pedersen  
Louise Schroeder  
Virginia Ash

## Board of Stewardship

We have another opportunity to study God's Word as we lead up to the Lenten season with Wednesday evening Soup & Salad Bible Studies. These began on January 25 and will continue through February 8. A meal is provided each evening at 6:00 PM with the Bible Study following at 7:00 PM. The study is entitled "Blessings in Disguise" and is based on Luke 6. If you are able to do so, come join your fellow Christians for fellowship and the Word!

We are also hoping to offer meals before each of our mid-week Lenten services this year. The meals will begin at 6:00 PM each Wednesday evening from Ash Wednesday, February 22 through the last Wednesday service on March 28. Each meal will be sponsored and served by a group such as Home and School, the school Faculty, and the HVL parents. A free-will offering will be collected to offset the cost of the meal and provide extra funds for the sponsoring organization. We hope that this will make it easier for families to attend evening services as they will not have to spend time preparing an

evening meal, and everyone can enjoy some fellowship time with their fellow members. Sponsoring groups are still needed for a few of the evenings, so if any other groups would like to host an evening meal, please contact Stewardship Board Chairman Peter Baganz.

## Girl Pioneers

I would like to start by thanking the parents and the congregation for generously supporting our program. We have grown to 16 girls this year. And we are having a good time.

We have had a great year. We are working towards our Handicraft Charm. The Handicraft program requires that we use God's gifts, nature, recycle repurpose and create for others. All of the crafts that we create will be used in the celebration party that we have planned for our final awards banquet. Some of the items are table center pieces, party favors, placemats, napkin rings, place cards, decorations, etc.

In October we went on our annual cider mill/ corn maze. We all had a great time. In December we went caroling at the Independence Village Home. We brought them cards and an angle bell gift that we had made. Some of you might have seen them in the church basement drying.

Thank you again for your support, this program is a very important way to gather our young girls in fellowship fun and sharing God's grace.

Loyal in Christ,  
LGP Counselor, Sherry Talaga

	<b>February</b>	3	Shawn Knee	5	Karen Beckerman
		4	James List		
1	Thomas Constantine		Krista Ondayko	6	Joyce List

8	Paula Buermele Nicole List		Theresa Good Jacob Varner		Renee Ince Rachel Laycock
9	Albert Glotzhober Andrea Proctor Devanie Weise	8	Abbey Blanchard Sheri King	6 7	Marian Watt Debora Carr
10	Natalia Dilacovo	9	Matthew DeBeau	9	Ben Adlof
12	Renee Wendland	10	Barbara Helmke Ryan Cording Karen Ochal		Nicholas Alaniva LuAnn Eckles Jamie Senkbeil
13	Patrick Runkle		Matthew Smith	10	Alexander Brooke James Carter Carl Cutler
14	Ashley Chesters Barbara Cutler Austin Runkle	11	Barbara Ash Tracy Dilacovo		Harold Schultz
15	Sarah Bealafeld Larry Dennison	12	Lillian Heimbaugh Samantha Honke	11	Raymond Douglas Mary Wolner
16	Rebecca Lovell	13	Brianna Smith Michelle Golladay Eryn Smith	12	Elizabeth Aston John Steudle
17	Katherine Beckerman Pastor Schaefer	16	Debbie Michalik Kurt Richter	15 17	Cindy Dault Rick Coon
19	Cynthia Ash LeeAnn Carr	17	Kourtney Barber Wendy Crabtree Winton Crawford	18	Danielle Winkler Helen Goebel
20	Sherry Adlof Clayvert Marjani Richard Miller	18	Derek Ince Joseph Dilacovo	21 23	Nena Ash Whitney Blanchard Aaron Lanning Ryan Majeske Harold Richards Lauren Sylvester
21	Zachary Winkler	19	Esther Wisman		Jonathan Blanchard Laura Kramer Joseph Nelson Christopher Anderson
23	Christine Abbott Mildred Ash Christine Baganz Judy Smith	20	Julia Crawford William Tomlin		Brandon Berridge Kevin Seppanen Anne Villani Yvonne Ash Marilyn Bealafeld Tyler Cording Edwin Good
24	Marie Gentz Beatrice Reeves	21	Enoch Ochal	24	
25	Jillian Nykiel Haley Talaga	23	Jennifer DeBeau Heidi Good		
26	Michele Diener	24	William Fitzpatrick Susan Pohto	25 III	
27	Levi Bryant		Lori Schroeder		
28	Quintin Knee Joseph Richter Charles Widmaier	26	Andrea Jenkins Ronald Wendland	26 29	
		28	Jacob Hittinger Lauren Seppanen Thomas Shelton	30	
		29	Daniel Kramer Louise Schroeder		
		30	Amanda Crabtree		
		31	Sarah Stobbe		

### March

1	Carrie Moyer Kirk Steudle Sarah Steudle Sydney Sweny
2	Randy Eschelbach
3	Lila Panizzo
4	Cynthia Blanchard Rachael West
5	Warren Stobbe
7	Trey Foster

### April

1	Natalie Ondayko
2	Haley Jacobi Zachary Nelson Jonathan Townsend Diane Wendland
3	Kevin Clinansmith Fred Honke Aaron Lanza Alexander Romain
4	Ashley Button