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*The mission of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:*  
*Teach the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to all;*  
*Reach the lost with the same Word by the witness of our words and actions;*  
*Care for all in need as we live in Christ's love through the same Word.*

## **Announcements**

**Soup Suppers:** With the upcoming Advent season, there will be soup suppers prior to the Wednesday evening Advent church services.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY:** If you are a member, please plan on attending the Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to elect officers and finalize budgets. The nominations are listed below.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> VOTERS ASSEMBLY ELECTION:**

- President (1):** Dave Bischoff, Rich Howard
- Elder (2):** John Fuelling, Matthew Braun, Rodney Busick
- Deacon (2):** Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer, Jim Linder
- Trustee (2):** Doyle Fuelling, Marshall Scheumann, Tony Ohler, Bruce Scherer
- Treasurer (1):** Marjeana Lemler
- School Board (1):** Shelby Billington, Jackie Sanderson, Bubba Braun

**ST. PETER CONGREGATION:** Karen Franz and Kris Bischoff organize the funeral dinners that are held here at church. Please add their names and phone numbers into the contact list of your cell phones so you know who is trying to contact you.

**Karen Franz (260) 341-4787**  
**Kris Bischoff (260) 414-6920**

**Thank You!**

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for December and January** - "Breakfast: During the months of December and January we will be collecting "Breakfast items" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Suggestions are but not limited to: Hot chocolate, coffee/tea, cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, breakfast/granola bars, juice, syrup, muffin/pancake mix, jelly/jam. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Many report that 75-85% of their grocery needs are met at the Co-Op. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. **Thank you for all your donations.**

**SPI Christmas Program:** Please join us on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the SPI Gymnasium to hear the students tell the story of Jesus.



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

**Lunch Volunteers Needed:** SPI is looking for lunch volunteers. Responsibilities include: **Hours 10:30am-12:30pm Mondays and Wednesdays**, pick up meals from St. Rose school in Monroeville, IN at 10:45am, serve meals at SPI for both lunch periods, clean up lunch trays/pans after lunch. Contact Kelly Schlemmer (419)-203-8883 or kschlemmer@yahoo.com if interested.

**JV Boys Basketball:** SPI is excited to have a JV Boys Basketball team this year! If you can help with the home games, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44AAA22A7FF2-53101984-spibasketball#/> to sign up. Thank you!

**Fish & Tenderloin Dinner Recap:** Thank you to everyone who worked the Fish and Tenderloin Dinner on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We served 1,131 meals in three hours, what an accomplishment and new record! This event would not have been possible without your hard work, dedication, and love for SPI. The library will reap the rewards of our hard work with over \$9,000.00 to use towards making our library an AMAZING asset to SPI. A special thanks to all the students that sold tickets and helped us reach this phenomenal goal. Until next year, thank you students, staff, alumni, and parents of SPI.  
With great love and appreciation,  
The Friends of SPI

**Emmaus Cookie Fair:** Mark your calendar for the annual Cookie Fair at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8626 Covington Road Fort Wayne, IN 46804, on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. A wonderful variety of homemade Christmas cookies, fudge, and other favorite Christmas treats will be sold for \$8.00 per pound. These homemade goodies make a wonderful gift and an easy way to do your last minute “Christmas baking!” Free decorative tins will be available to make “gift wrapping” easy! In addition to the Christmas treats, we’ll have Rada Cutlery, a variety of homemade jams & jelly, and kitchen hand towels available to purchase. Come get some delicious homemade goodies and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate!

**Christmas at the Embassy:** Come celebrate Christmas at the Embassy with Concordia Lutheran High School's Music Department! **On December 15, at 4:00 pm.** Students and seniors are \$15.00, and Adults are \$20.00, tickets are available at the STAR Bank Box Office at the Embassy or at Ticketmaster.com. You'll be treated to an evening of Christmas music by our high school bands, choirs, and orchestra. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit? This year's theme is 'The Christ Child: Our Confidence and Joy Shall Be.'



## St. Peter Events in the Past

### 50 Years Ago - Pastor Paul F Stohlmann Jr

Baptism 12-22-1974	Keith Michael Clow Born 11-15-1974	Fa. Gerald Barnette Clow Mo. Kay Jannell nee Bolte
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Sponsors: Mr Richard Bolte & Miss Deborah Fritz

### 100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

Baptism 12-21-1924	Elgene Frederick Holle Born 12-6-1924	Fa. Louis Holle Mo. Caroline nee Franke
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Sponsors: Aug Böhnke, Wm Franke & Paul Dorn  
(Elgene F Holle died 11-14-1990; married M Jean Cordell)

Burial 12-25-1924	Engel Luttmann Died 12-22-1924	Born: 2-13-1837 Text: Luke 2 v 29-30
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(L C Engel Luttmann, nee Köster; widow of J Heinrich Luttmann)

### 150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

No events during December 1874

Submitted by Allen Franz



## God's Blessings to Those Celebrating in December

### December Birthdays

2	Fred M. Fuelling	15	Cindy Kortenber
3	Lainey Scherer	17	Beth Will
4	Ian McDonald	19	Susie Scherer
7	Kaden Gerardot	20	Matthew Schroeder
8	Lori Linder	24	Sam Gerke
10	Dakotta Suman	24	Gunner May
10	Veronica Franz	24	Henry Werling
11	Jennifer Mitchel	26	Liam Warren
13	Brent Sprunger	27	Hadlee Scheumann
14	Deanna Myers	28	Patricia Scherer
14	Jim Fuelling	30	Greg Light

### December Anniversaries

December 6, 2021  
Morgun & MacKenzie Werling

December 8, 2018  
Andrew & Haley Katz

December 10, 2022  
Corey & Alexis Minard

December 31, 1991  
Gerald & Kellie Fuelling



## **Additional Worship Opportunities 2024**

**Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 pm**

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm  
Mid-Week Advent Service at 7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 pm**

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm  
Mid-Week Advent Service at 7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm**

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm  
Mid-Week Advent Service at 7:00pm

**Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

**Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 am**

Divine Service of Holy Communion for Christmas Day,  
Festival of Our Lord's Nativity

**Tuesday, December 31, 7:00 pm**

New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion



# December

# 2024

Altar Guild: Brenda Wolf & Sheryl Howard

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; <b>Voter's Assembly mtg</b>	2	3	4 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Midweek Advent Service	5 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen	6	7
8 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study	9	10 7:00pm Elders Meeting	11 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Midweek Advent Service	12 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen	13	14
15 9:00am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Bible Study <b>SPI Christmas Program 3:00pm</b>	16	17	18 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Midweek Advent Service	19 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen	20	21
22 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study	23 <b>SPI- NO SCHOOL</b>	24 7:00 pm Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Christmas Eve <b>SPI- NO SCHOOL</b>	25 9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Christmas Day <b>SPI- NO SCHOOL</b>	26 9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen <b>SPI- NO SCHOOL</b>	27 <b>SPI- NO SCHOOL</b>	28
29 9:00am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Bible Study	30 <b>SPI- NO SCHOOL</b>	31 7:00 pm Divine Service w/ Holy Communion New Year's Eve <b>SPI- NO SCHOOL</b>				



# Light the Match

## A Northeast Indiana Matching Gift Challenge

*"The bottom line is that the SGO changes lives. It makes it possible for Northeast Indiana children in need to attend loving, faith-based schools where they can be known and chart a new path for their lives. We feel blessed to be able to support this work changing our community for the good." — Nate & Jodi Golm, Leaders Staffing, LLC*

### Attention All New Donors: Discover the joy of giving through the SGO program.

For the calendar year 2024, any gift from a new donor, or a new business, including sole proprietorships, LLCs, and incorporated businesses, to one of the 22 schools in our family of schools in Northeast Indiana would be matched \$1 for \$1 up to \$10,000 for an accumulated total of \$75,000. Gifts from lapsed donors (3 or more years since their last gift) will also be considered for this match. This is a first-received, first-matched basis.

**WHY Give:** Receive a 50% credit to reduce or eliminate your Indiana State taxes.

**HOW to Give:** Donate to The Lutheran SGO via check, card, stock, PayPal, IRAs, or Donor Advised Funds.

**Your support will ensure that families in Northeast Indiana will receive a quality, Christian education.**



Matching Gift Challenge is open to all new donors and new businesses, including sole proprietorships, LLCs, and incorporated businesses.



All donations would be matched up to \$10,000 per business for an accumulated total of \$75,000.



New donors can choose to fund scholarships for students to attend 22 Christian elementary and high schools in Northeast Indiana that are part of The Lutheran SGO of Indiana family of schools.

For more information, contact us at:  
Call: 260-203-4509. Email: [info@LutheranSGO.org](mailto:info@LutheranSGO.org)  
Visit: [LutheranSGO.org](http://LutheranSGO.org)



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