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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.*

Dear Saints in Christ,

It is hard to believe that we are already to February in 2025. I know that most of us are probably still dating things with 2024, but alas, it is not.

Please allow me to take this time to talk about the community of the church for a moment. I think that a lot of us take the church for granted, I know that I used to do so. It is something that we do on Sunday, maybe the occasional Wednesday night in Advent and Lent, and even more rarely weddings and funerals. And those are certainly good and worthwhile reasons to be in church.

But, what I am talking about now is the community of the church, the brethren, the family of God in Christ Jesus. I have spent a lot of time thinking about this since the fire at The Grainery. We are truly blessed to be part of the community that we are in.

It is nothing short of a small miracle that the breakfast was able to be put together on behalf of the Franz family. The amount of people in our church and school who helped are too many to list here. Rest assured, many times and talents were used to help make it successful.

But why should it stop after this fundraiser? Why do we not continue to rally behind one another? I suppose we do to some extent, but how can we make it better?

The truth is, I think we are a bit afraid. We are afraid to tell others about the stuff we are going through. I think we are afraid to be vulnerable both to the Lord and to those who want to help us. It can be hard to admit that we need help, that we are not okay, that we need prayer, we need a pastoral visit, that we need the gifts Christ freely gives.

We don't want to be a bother because everyone else is so busy. But you aren't. We are told to love our neighbor as ourselves and to "help them in every physical need." I promise that I am not too busy to take your phone call. I promise that you aren't burdening me by letting me know you are in the hospital, and you would like a visit. It is a joy and a pleasure to serve our neighbor.

Please don't be afraid to pick up the phone and call or text the pastor and tell him you aren't okay. Please don't be afraid to talk to someone else in the church about what you are going through, to admit that you need help, and you can't do it alone. They are burdens that we joyfully bare, because Christ bared it all for you!

In Christ,



Pastor Tanksley  
Tuesday of Epiphany 2

## Announcements

**March Newsletter Information:** is due Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

**Lenten Soup Suppers:** Ash Wednesday is Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>. This marks the beginning of Lent and the Wednesday evening soup suppers and worship services. There is a sign-up sheet in back of church to volunteer to provide supper for the designated days in Lent. Church will provide tableware (bowls, plates, cutlery, napkins) and bottled water.

**Bulletin Messages:** Do you have a message that you would like included in the Sunday bulletins? If so, please have the message to Amber Shaffer by Thursdays before 7:00pm. You can either call/text me at (260)-223-9897 or email me at splchurchsec@gmail.com. Thank you!

**Available Now:** The 2024 Annual Report will be available Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> on the table in the Narthex at Church.

**Daily Devotionals:** There are daily devotionals available in the Narthex.

**SPIrit Night Auction Committee:** they are looking to borrow items from February 27<sup>th</sup>- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to use as props/decorations for this year's upcoming SPIrit Night and are asking this congregation for help. If anyone happens to have saddle shoes, old roller skates, Coca-Cola stuff (boxes/signs), Leather jacket (think from the movie Grease), old diner straw holder/ napkin dispenser, 50's car photos, old booth bench, Bistro set (table & chairs), or Elvis stuff and would be willing to allow the committee to utilize the items, please call Kim Fuelling at 260-466-1211. Thank you!

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for FEBRUARY & MARCH - "DINNER":** During the months of February & March we will be collecting items for "Dinner" items. Items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of April. Some suggestions are but not limited to: Spaghetti & Alfredo sauce, pasta, noodles, canned meat & fruits, sloppy joe sauce, canned tomatoes, boxed meals, rice, macaroni & cheese, taco meals, chili mixes & beans. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) & tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary & are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church.

**Thank you for all your donations.**

### St. Peter Events in the Past

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

No events during February 1975

#### 100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

Baptism 2-8-1925

Christian Wilhelm Carl Franz  
Born 1-27-1925

Father: Hugo Franz  
Mother: Lisette nee Kukelhan

Sponsors: Wm Kukelhan, Wm Franz & Carl Kukelhan  
(Christian W C Franz died 10-16-1997; married Mildred Schumm)

Baptism 2-8-1925

Walter Albert Martin Kukelhan  
Born 1-31-1925

Father: Fred Kukelhan  
Mother: Marie nee Schüler

Sponsors: Albert Franz & Martin Schüler  
(Walter A M Kukelhan died 12-16-2016; married Lorna Schaefer)

#### 150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

Baptism nor recorded

Johann Wilhelm Franz  
Born 2-14-1875

Father: Heinrich Franz  
Mother: Dora nee Nietenstein

(John W Franz died 10-19-1955)

Submitted by Allen Franz

# God's Blessings to Those Celebrating in February



## Birthdays

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Heather Franz        | 16 Oaklynn Mitchel |
| 1 Vale Braun           | 17 Patty Sheneman  |
| 2 Bill Werling         | 20 Kiri Braun      |
| 3 Duane Franz          | 22 Karah Myers     |
| 4 Sharon Busick Howell | 23 Karen Matthews  |
| 4 Jonathon Fuelling    | 23 Nicholas Howard |
| 4 Bob Reynolds         | 23 Clarke Schultz  |
| 4 Vickie Hammond       | 24 Keith Howard    |
| 6 Hadley Fuelling      | 24 Jared Light     |
| 7 Loretta Franz        | 25 Teresa Cochran  |
| 8 Rod Busick           | 25 Brad Fuelling   |
| 10 Fred D. Fuelling    | 25 Dave Linker     |
| 10 Rebecca L. Fuelling | 26 Andrew Buuck    |
| 10 Kyle Scherer        | 27 Eric Fuelling   |
| 14 Sandra K. Franz     | 27 Emmit Gresley   |
| 14 Suzy Fuelling       |                    |

## Anniversaries

February 1, 2021  
Troy & Shelly Gerke

February 4, 2012  
Jason & Megan Buuck

February 24, 1973  
Jerry & Sandy Fuelling



# February



Altar Guild: Brenda Scherer & Kari Schultz

## 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Bible Study		7:00-9:15pm Decatur Bible Institute class at Wyneken Lutheran School	10:00 am Bible Study	9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastors' Study Group @ Bingen		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 am Divine Service; Bible Study	7:00pm SPI School Board Mtg	7:00-9:15pm Decatur Bible Institute class at Wyneken Lutheran School	10:00 am Bible Study	9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastors' Study Group @ Bingen	Valentine's Day TLSP Inservice (E-learning day)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Bible Study	Presidents' Day (No school- possible make-up day)	7:00-9:15pm Decatur Bible Institute class at Wyneken Lutheran School	10:00 am Bible Study	9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastors' Study Group @ Bingen	5:30pm SPI PTL Dodgeball w/ Dogs <b>March Newsletter Information Due</b>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
9:00 am Divine Service; Bible Study			10:00 am Bible Study	9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastors' Study Group @ Bingen		

Beat the Winter Blues & Join Us for

# Craft for a Cause

Saturday, March 1, 2025

7am - 7pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6514 E 750th N, Ossian, IN

*Ladies, pack up your crafting supplies and join us for 12 hours of fellowship, food and uninterrupted crafting fun!!!*

## Registration Includes

1/2 of an 8' Table Workspace with Padded Chair	Goodie Bags Progressive Bingo for Prizes
Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	Snack & Beverage Station

**Not Crafty? NO WORRIES!**

*Bring a hobby, coloring books, a book or whatever you want and come fellowship with us!*

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:** Register by February 1 for ONLY \$30  
\$35 after February 1

**GROUP DISCOUNT:** SAVE \$5/person when 4 people sign up together!

*All proceeds benefit the Women of Bethlehem Ministry*

Please direct inquiries to Deann Oliver at [deannrene@outlook.com](mailto:deannrene@outlook.com) or 616-894-0144.

Mail this form and check **payable to Women of Bethlehem** to  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, c/o Deann Oliver, 6514 E 750th N, Ossian, IN 46777.

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Need Electricity? Y / N

Extension cords will be provided. Please bring power strip if needed.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

**COME & LEARN**



**Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute**  
**2025 Sessions: January 28, February 4, 11 & 18**

*Choose one of these stimulating courses:*

***The Mind and the Soul – How God Cares for Both***

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Peperkorn – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

***Love is All You Need? Depends on What You Mean.***

Rev. David H. Petersen – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

***Mission Belongs to the Church Like Heat to Fire***

Rev. Dr. Klaus Detlev Schulz – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

***Petty Tyrants: Humanity's Quest for Power When Authority Isn't Enough***

Rev. Matthew T. Ulmer – Zion Friedheim Lutheran Church, Decatur

**Tuition:** \$10 per adult (covers 4 sessions), FREE for all students!

Bring your own personal Bible.

**Enrollment:** Opening night at 6:30 pm followed by classes from 7-9:15 pm

**Location:** Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School,

US Hwy 27, just north of Decatur

**Minimal Time Commitment! Low Cost! No Homework!**

## Protect Young Eyes: FREE Parent and Caregiver Event

Thursday, February 13 from 7:00-8:30 PM

at Concordia Lutheran High School

### No Filter: Creating a Tech-Ready Home in a Fast-Paced Digital World (Parents and Caring Adults Only)

It's not possible to create a home that removes all risk of digital harm. It is possible to create one that is **internet SAFER**. After well over a thousand presentations to parents, grandparents, and caregivers just like you, and countless conversations, we've observed what it takes to have kids who use technology well. **And we call it the Tech-Ready Home Framework**. This presentation breaks down these 5 foundational ideas. Do you know what's better than any parental control? Do you know why your router is the most important digital device in your home? Do you understand the toxic trio? Do you know why TikTok is so compelling to young brains? Get ready for a ton of practical tips, solutions, and ideas you can implement this weekend.

#### *Our desired outcomes include:*

- A deep understanding of why multiple layers of protection are necessary and how they work together.
- Awareness of the hardware and software tools that support your digital goals.
- How to use practical solutions so that your family is prepared, balanced, and protected online.

RSVP for the event at this link or scanning the QR code:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/protectyoungeyes/1518026>

