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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

April Newsletter Information: is due Friday March 21st. Thank you!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for MARCH - "DINNER": During the month of March we will be collecting items for "Dinner". 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.

Lenten Soup Suppers: Wednesday March 5th (Ash Wednesday) is the beginning of Lent.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex to volunteer to provide supper before one of the evening midweek Lenten services. Volunteers in the past have provided either one or two kinds of soup, crackers and or bread, and a light dessert such as cookies, brownies, etc. Church will provide tableware (bowls, plates, cutlery, napkins) and bottled water.

2024 Annual Reports: are now available in the Narthex.

Going out of town, or is the weather too bad to make it to church? Offerings can now be donated online by scanning the QR code with your phone.



Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up: If you have a child entering Preschool or Kindergarten in August 2025, please join us for Round-Up at St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School on Monday March 10th from 5:30-7:00pm. You will have a chance to meet the teachers, tour the school and receive information. Program features: Christ centered education, Play-based learning, and Developmentally appropriate curriculum. Questions, feel free to contact us at either (260)-623-6115, or by email: lirwin@spilutheran.org- Mrs. Irwin (Preschool), lconrad@spilutheran.org- Mrs. Conrad (Kindergarten), or principal@spilutheran.org – Mr. Reynolds (Principal)

LWML

The Spring LWML Prayer Service will be held at Zion-Decatur, on Saturday March 1st. Registration begins at 8:45AM and the Prayer Service, "Blessed Are They" Matthew 5: 1-12, begins at 9:00AM. Following the service there will be a short business meeting, fellowship, and lunch served by the ladies of Zion. An Ingathering for The Hope Clinic, a nonprofit medical pregnancy resource center in Adams County, will be collected. Needed items include: Diapers size 3, 4, 5, Pull-Ups Boys 3T, 4T, Pull-Ups Girls 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T, New Clothing for girls and boys sizes 2T thru 7T. They also have a wish list on Amazon.

SAVE THE DATES

LWML Spring Retreat will be held at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, Indiana, Friday, April 25, 7PM – Saturday, April 26, 3PM. "Rest, Relax, Recharge, Rejoice, Repeat" is the theme for the retreat. "For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish." Jeremiah 31:25

The 41 st Biennial Convention of the LWML will be held June 26-29, 2025, in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme for the convention is "Growing in God's Grace" – Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18. Registration begins March 1, 2025.

LWML Fall Treatshop will be presented by the Mission Service Committee on Saturday, August 9, at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Indianapolis.

LWML Fall Gathering will be held at Peace, Berne. Watch for more information.

LWML Sunday is October 5, 2025.

Donation Day at Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne, will be Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Let the games begin! The Wyneken Association is excited to host a Euchre Tournament at Friedheim's Family Life Center, March 8th. Doors open at 6 pm, tournament play begins at 6:30 pm. \$25 per player. Spectators welcome and free, adults only please. Wanting to advertise your business? We are looking for event (\$500) and table (\$150) sponsors, player spots included with both options! All proceeds go toward the parking lot project. Please reach out to Joe Gormann to register (260)706-0999.

St. Peter Events in the Past

50 Years Ago - Pastor Paul F Stohlmann Jr

Confirmation 3-23-1975

Kimberly Dawn Berning	Baptized 8-13-1961	Text: John 10: 27-28
Eric Allan Fuelling	Baptized 4-2-1961	Text: Matt 6: 33
Lisa Renee Gerke	Baptized 2-26-1961	Text: Ps 37: 5
Todd Wayne Gerke	Baptized 7-2-1961	Text: Luke 11: 28
Grant William Kukelhan	Baptized 10-16-1960	Text: Eph 2: 8-9
Scott Alan Kukelhan	Baptized 4-30-1961	Text: Rev 2: 10
Tim Allen Myers	Baptized 8-13-1961	Text: Heb 13: 5
Barry Lee Scherer	Baptized 4-30-1961	Text: John 3: 16
Tammy Lynne Shaffer	Baptized 1-1-1961	Text: Acts 16: 31

Burial 3-26-1975

Harold Tieman	Texts: Proverbs 3: 5-6 & II Tim 4: 6-8
Died 3-23-1975	82y 11m 25d

(Harold C F W Tieman, born 4-1-1892; married Luella nee Schueler)

100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

No events during March 1925

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

Baptism 3-14-1875
(Recorded at Confirmation)

Louise Wilhelmine Gerke
Born 3-9-1875

Father: Wilhelm Gerke
Mother: (Louise nee Jansen)

(Louise W Gerke died 7-15-1959; married J H Gustave Hobrock)

Submitted by Allen Franz

Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

My name is Michael Speckhard and I am a 4th year Master of Divinity student at Concordia Theological Seminary. I am originally from Valparaiso, Indiana and am the third of four children. After high school, I enlisted in the Marine Corps and served for 5 years, including 1 deployment to the Middle East. In 2015 I married my wife Meagan, also from Valparaiso, and we have since been blessed with five beautiful children: Eliza (8yo), Levi (6yo), Ezra (3yo), Delilah (2yo), and Andrew (9mo). I attended Valparaiso University as an undergrad, earning a bachelor of arts with a major in theology and a minor in classic languages.



I began my seminary studies in 2021. In 2023 I was assigned a vicarage in Howard Lake, MN. My family and I moved there for a year so that I could gain practical skills and learn what it means to be a pastor. Now, we are approaching the end of our time at seminary, and God willing, I will receive a call to a church at the end of April. I will complete my classes in May and will be ordained and installed sometime this summer.

Throughout our time at seminary, we have often found ourselves wondering how we were going to make ends meet. Being a full-time student, especially with a large and growing family, can be difficult to manage. However, we have always trusted that our Lord's promise in Matthew 6 would be kept – that all of our needs, in both body and soul, would be taken care of. One of the major ways this occurs is through the unbelievable generosity of churches and Christians around the world who donate to the clothing and food op. These resources are absolutely vital for us while at seminary. Indeed, it is not overstating the case to say that without these sources of food, clothing, and household items, we could not have made it this far into my pastoral formation. The food-op supplies us with the majority of our food and household needs, while the clothing-op ensures that we all have the necessary clothing and supplies. These two resources have been an incredible blessing to us and we pray that they continue to be made available for future students. In order for this to happen, though, we need faithful brothers and sisters in Christ to keep donating what they can.

We will be eternally grateful for everything that we received during our time at the seminary. From some, we have received generous financial gifts, from others we have received items donated to the clothing and food-op, and still others have lifted us up with their prayers. For all these and for so much more, thank you.

May God continue to bless you abundantly and may He make His face shine upon you forever. To Him alone be all the glory.

In Christ,
Michael Speckhard and family

Please Join Us for these Additional Worship Opportunities

Wednesday March 5th, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion
and Imposition of Ashes at 7:00pm

Wednesday March 12th, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday March 19th, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday March 26th, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday April 2nd, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday April 9th, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Sunday April 13th, 2025

Palm Sunday Divine Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 am

Thursday April 17th, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:00pm

Friday April 18th, 2025

Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at 12:00pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service at 7:00pm

Sunday April 20th, 2025 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Matins Service at 7:00am
Festival Divine Service of Holy Communion at 9:00am

Warm Wishes to Those Celebrating in March

Birthdays

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|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Scott Schroeder | 15 | Leyton Will |
| 1 | Maddi Hurst | 15 | Elliott Tanksley |
| 2 | Emmy Walker | 17 | Ben Franz |
| 3 | Judy Witte | 17 | Henry Shaffer |
| 4 | Tina Barker | 18 | Vera Berning |
| 4 | Emmett Liles | 18 | Adrienne Warren |
| 5 | Emalese Liles | 20 | Kristen Bischoff |
| 5 | Jonathon Keller | 21 | Josh Gresley |
| 6 | Don Hockemeyer | 21 | Adyson Beer |
| 6 | Grace Buuck | 21 | Matt Taylor |
| 7 | Lilyanna Howard | 22 | Louie Fuelling |
| 8 | Melanie Taylor | 23 | Tory Fuelling |
| 9 | Marsha Braun | 23 | James Berning |
| 10 | Darin Franz | 27 | Kurt Franz |
| 12 | Cathy Hullinger | 27 | Sydney Baker |
| 13 | Claire Hannon | 31 | Carrigan Bischoff |



Anniversaries

March 6, 2010
Mitch & Shelby Billington

March 12, 1976
Jim & Joyce Gariepy



March



Altar Guild: Pat Braun & Amber Shaffer

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						5:30 pm SPIrit Night Dinner & Auction
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Bible Study			10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Ash Wed. Service w/ Holy Communion	9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastor's Study Group @ Bingen		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 am Divine Service; Bible Study	5:30-7:00pm Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up at SPI 7:00 pm SPI School Board Mtg.	7:00 pm Elder's Mtg.	7:00 am SPI PTL Pastries w/ Parents 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service	9:00 am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30 am Pastor's Study Group @ Bingen		
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SPI Fry Pie Fundraiser

A Fry Pie Fundraiser for SPI Washington DC Trip for the 2026 7th and 8th Graders

Your support would be appreciated by purchasing these scrumptious half moon shaped, mouth watering, sweet-tooth satisfying handful of YUM.

If you have yet to experience these tantalizing treats, you may be wondering "what is a fry pie?" They are homemade pie dough cut into an 8 inch circle, folded in half over delicious filling (options are listed below), then flash fried and drizzled with a tasty donut glaze.

They also freeze well!

Order Forms and Payment due by Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The following are ways to submit your order:

1. Submit your order/payment to Jen Fuelling in the SPI Office by Wednesday, 3/19.
2. Submit your order/payment to Pastor Tanksley at St. Peter or Pastor Koeneman at Immanuel by Sunday, March 16th.

(Checks payable to SPI)

Pick up at SPI (Cafeteria Door)

**Date: Wednesday, April 9th
from 5-6:30pm**

Fry Pie Pick-Up Options

(Please Check One):

1. Pick up in car line at 2pm dismissal on Wednesday, 4/9: _____
2. Pick up at SPI cafeteria 5:00-6:30pm on Wednesday 4/9: _____

Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Pick-Up Person: _____

Flavors	Quantity
Apple	
Cherry	
Peach	
Red Raspberry	
Strawberry Rhubarb	
Cheesecake	
Total # of Pies:	
Price:	@ \$3.00 each
Total Paid:	

Circle: Cash Check#