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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 brothers and sisters in Christ,

In adult Bible study, we have been going over the prison epistles of St. Paul. We are currently on the book of Colossians. He writes in the first chapter, in the section which is called the Christ hymn: **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation (1.15)**. Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God.

Adam lost the image of God upon his fall into sin. Yet, in Christ, the Second Adam, the better Adam, God's image has been restored.

Christ, the firstborn of all creation does not somehow imply that he is the first of many creatures. Instead, it means one who is privileged. It means one who has a status afforded to him. In this context, it is correctly asserted that Christ is not part of the creation, but the cause of it. Thus, Christ is superior to creation and has dominion over it. He is the cause of creation and Jesus is also the cause of the resurrection.

I say all of this to talk about the word image. Image has many connotations in our society. It's a picture on a screen, in a book, hanging in a museum, and icon hanging in the church. But for the church, it has another connotation, one which has been argued about since the reformation. Perhaps it is an argument which you have had at the dinner table even.

I am talking about the crucifix. We have one on our altar and our processional cross also has a corpus (Latin for "body"). For the reformers who demanded that Luther go father in his reformation, this is a major deal. They recalled the Lord's command in the Old Testament to have no graven images. In a good Lutheran form we ask "what does this mean?" Perhaps another way of asking: if God has said no graven images, why do we have a crucifix?

Christ took on human flesh in His incarnation and birth. He became a living and breathing soul like you or I. He felt the same emotions we felt. He had similar issues to the ones we have today. He was like us in every way, save sin. Christ Himself says that if we have seen Him, we have seen the Father (John 14.9). To see Christ is to see the Father. To see Christ is to see God Himself. So the crucifix is not a graven image, instead it is powerful symbolism, which Luther himself found immensely helpful and important.

I don't know why many churches have done away with the crucifix. Perhaps it is because it is too brutal to look upon. Perhaps it is because it serves as a reminder that someone had to pay for our sins. But this is precisely the reason it is such a wonderful thing. Yes, it reminds us that we are sinners and Christ had to pay for our sins, but it reminds us that we are forgiven. To quote Luther: The Cross Alone is Our Theology. When we talk about the cross, or the crucifix, it means more than just the death of our Lord, but also of His Resurrection. You cannot have one without the other. As one theologian quipped: it is impossible to plumb the depths of the crucifixion without the resurrection.

Whether the crucifix or the empty cross, they are both images which remind us of what Christ has done on our behalf. And for that we are truly thankful.

Announcements

SPI BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Monday, April 11th at 7:00pm.

CHURCH ELDERS will meet Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00pm. **CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00pm.

ORGAN RECITAL: St. Peter Fuelling Ev. Lutheran Church will be hosting an Organ Recital on May 22, 2022. Mark the date on your calendars- more details will follow.

5TH/6TH GRADE TEACHER NEEDED: St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School in Decatur is searching for a 5th/6th grade teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Please submit a resume with references and a cover letter by March 31. Applicants who are members of an LCMS church and who have an Indiana teaching license are preferred. Please contact Mr. Becker, Principal, for inquiries about this position. principal@spilutheran.org, 260-623-6115.

SCHOOL SECRETARY NEEDED: St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School is accepting applications for school secretary for the 2022-23 school year. This is a 10-month position: 29 hours per week. Wages commensurate with experience. Please apply before March 31. Contact Mr. Becker, Principal, for an application and any inquiries about the position. principal@spilutheran.org, 260-623-6115.

SEARCHING FOR 3RD/4TH TEACHER: Zion Lutheran School is seeking a ¾ grade teacher for the 2022-2023 academic year. Individuals who have LCMS synodical and theological training, as well as an Indiana teaching license, are preferred. Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter. For additional information, please contact Jessica Heckler at 260-728-9995 or jheckler@ziondecatur.com.

St. Peter Events in the Past

50 Years Ago - Pastor Paul F Stohlmann Jr

No events during April 1972

100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

Burial 4-15-1922 Sophia Boknecht, nee Weichman* Age: 74y 3m 29d
Born 12-13-1847 1 Timothy 1v15
(*nee Wiegmann, widow of J Frederick Boknecht,)

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

Baptism 4-13-1872 Christopher Otto Carl Hobrock Father: Heinrich Hobrock
(Recorded at Confirmation) Born 3-29-1872 Mother: Sophie nee Christiäner
(C O Carl Hobrock died 5-27-1947; married Magdalena Bienz)

Baptism 4-18-1872 Henriette Sophie Louise Wietfeldt Father: Friedrich Wietfeldt
(Recorded at Confirmation) Born 4-5-1872 Mother: Louise nee Melcher
(H S Louise Wietfeldt died 12-18-1959; married Louis Zwick)

Marriage 4-18-1872 Wilhelm Alfeld & Maria Boknecht
(Recorded at Adams County Courthouse)

Confirmation 4-21-1872 Martin Christiäner
Eduard Schaphorst
Christiana Fritze
Lena Boknecht
Lesetta Füllung

Submitted by Allen Franz

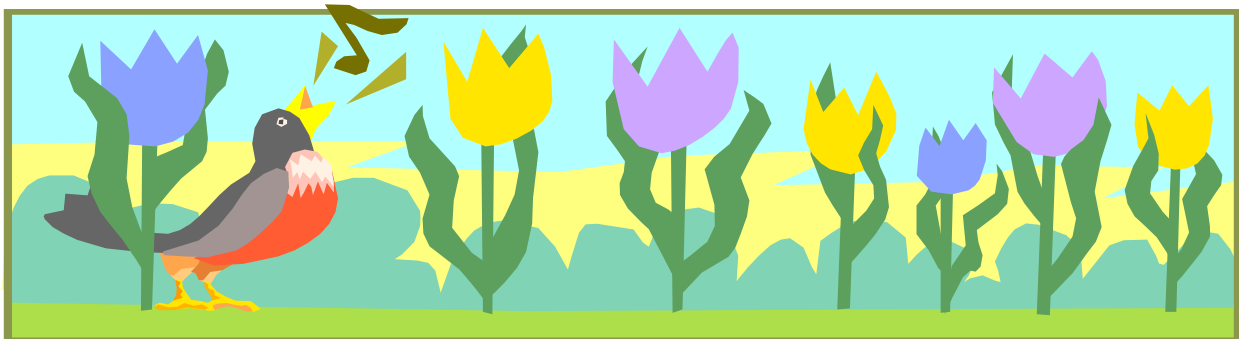
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Abigail Will	14	Marjeana Lemler
2	Andy Shaffer	16	Janice Mishler
2	Noah Will	17	Sophie Busick
4	Alex Will	17	Parker Rose
5	Austin Maldeney	19	Joseph Werling
5	Darcy Wyss	20	Zeke Schultz
6	Allen Franz	25	Arlene Zimmerman
6	Douglas Fuelling	25	Jen Fuelling
7	Vern Witte	28	Emily Fuelling
10	Barry Scherer	28	Lindy Fuelling
10	Lilly Franz	29	Steve Werling
11	Samuel Will	29	Andy Wolf
12	Leanne Busick	30	Pat Braun

ANNIVERSARIES

April 4, 1987
Tony & Lori Conrad

April 5, 1991
Allen & Sandra Franz



April 2022

Altar Guild- Karen Franz and Marjeana Lemler

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	4	5	6 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service	7 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	8	9
10 9:00am Palm Sunday Service with Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday	11 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	12 10:00am Circuit Meeting 6:00pm Elders Meet 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	13 10:00am Bible Study	14 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service w/ Holy Communion	15 12:00pm Good Friday Service with Holy Communion 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service *SPI- NO SCHOOL*	16
17 7:00am Sunrise Service 9:00am Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion	18 MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19	20 10:00am Bible Study	21 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	22	23
24 9:00am Divine Service; Sunday School *Voter's Assembly Meets After Service*	25	26	27 10:00am Bible Study	28 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	29	30

The Grainery Greenhouse

221 North First St.
Decatur, IN 46733

Phone 260-724-3709

2022 Easter Flower List

Easter Lilies 6" 1 stem (5+ blooms) _____ \$15.00

Easter Lilies 8" 2 stem (9+ blooms) _____ \$25.00

Easter Lilies 10" 3 stem (14+ blooms) _____ \$35.00

Hydrangea 6"- 3 bloom _____ \$30.00 Colors: Pink & Blue

Daffodils 6" _____ \$12.00 Colors: Yellow only

Tulips 6" _____ \$12.00 Colors: Red, Yellow, Pink, Purple, Orange

Hyacinths 6" _____ \$12.00 Colors: Pink, Blue, Purple

Azaleas 6" _____ \$30.00 Colors: Pink shades

Mums 6" _____ \$15.00 Colors: Spring Colors

Foil Pot Covers Included

Orders must be placed by April 3rd.

Additional Lenten Worship Opportunities, 2022

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Soup Supper beginning at 5:30pm
Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Soup Supper beginning at 5:30pm
Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday Divine Service of Holy Communion
with the Rite of Confirmation at 9:00am

Thursday, April 14, 2022

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

Friday, April 15, 2022

Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at 12:00pm

Friday, April 15, 2022

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 17- Easter Sunday

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

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
FLATROCK
12912 FRANKE ROAD, MONROEVILLE
IN THE GYMNASIUM

FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND, 8-5PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD, 8-NOON

BAG SALE ON SATURDAY

PRICED ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN BAG SALE.
PRICED ITEMS HALF PRICE ON SATURDAY.