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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,

It is hard to believe that thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. It seems like the last several months have flown by. Blistering cold air has replaced sunshine and shorts. But we have many things for which to be thankful for during this season. By and large the harvest is done and from what I have heard, it was another good year. For that we are truly thankful.

This year has been a challenge particularly with sickness. It seems that the sicknesses that are here are here to stay and that it often takes several rounds of medication to get rid of them, at least it did for me. But as the fifth and sixth grade class has been talking about these last few days, all of this is part of the Theology of the Cross (*theologia crucis*).

The Theology of the Cross is the calling a thing what it is. It is diametrically opposed to the Theology of Glory which calls evil good and good evil. If you want to see these things in play, look at the world around us. We are surrounded by things which the world calls good, but they are really things which the Lord has said are evil or stand opposite of his statute and commands.

The Theology of the Cross stands in opposition to everything that the world tells you. It is precisely what makes church different. The Word of God tells you that you have been saved by grace, through faith (Ep. 2.8-9). Yet the world gives you step by step guides on how you can be a better person, be more successful, can work yourself into some better standing with some higher being (if they even believe that!). The Word of the Cross will always be folly to the world (1 Co. 1.23), yet it remains the point on which the church focuses. To look upon the cross is to see the love that God has for His creation. It is where His wrath was poured out, where Christ died for you. It looks like divine child abuse, but instead it is love. It will always be a stumbling block to those outside of the faith.

Christ came to die. This is what makes Good Friday and Easter Sunday so special. But it is also what makes Christmas so special. Your Savior came, veiled in flesh, so that he might draw all things to Himself, to conquer sin and death for you. He laid aside His glory so that he might live the perfect life that you cannot. *Not in that poor, lonely stable With the oxen standing by Shall we see Him, but in Heaven, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound (LSB 376 v.5).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Seminarian Michael and Meagan Speckhard on the birth of their baby girl, Delilah Michelle, on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Delilah was born at 1:26am on 11/10/22 and weighed 7lb 6oz. Meagan and Delilah are both doing great. Delilah was baptized on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** have been printed and are available in the Narthex.

**ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** are listed in this newsletter.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** will meet Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> for a special meeting to elect officers and confirm bids. Also, Voters' Assembly will meet on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**SPI CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will take place on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the SPI gym.

**ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE** will be Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE have all reports in to Jen Fuelling ASAP with Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> as the absolute deadline. The reports will be formatted, printed, and ready to hand out by the January 29<sup>th</sup> Voters' Assembly.

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** will be Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE 2024 CLASS TRIP FUNDRAISER:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be selling Christmas wreaths again this year for \$30. We will be selling on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup> after church from 10:00-10:15 am with pick up on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 10:15-11:15am at SPI. We will have a table with students selling tickets. Please keep that ticket and bring it with you on December 4<sup>th</sup> during the pick-up time. Please contact Erin Franz at 260-341-2932 if you have any questions.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> VOTERS ASSEMBLY ELECTION:**

- President (1):** Dave Bischoff, Bruce Scherer
- Elder (2):** John Fuelling, Andy Wolf, Steve Fuelling
- Deacon (2):** Matt Rogusz, Louie Fuelling
- Trustee (2):** Sam Braun, Barry Scherer
- Treasurer (1):** Duane Franz, Marjeana Lemler
- Recording Secretary (1):** Lori Conrad
- School Board (1):** Kyle Bischoff

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME:** During the months of November and December we will be collecting "Baking" items for the Seminary Food Co-op. Suggestions are but not limited to: plastic wrap, parchment paper, foil, cake mixes, brownie mixes, cupcake wrappers, icing, flour, sugar-white, brown, powdered, spices, non-stick spray, oil, corn starch. All donations are appreciated and can be placed in the bag at Church to be delivered to the Seminary.

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP for JANUARY & FEBRUARY:** During the months of January and February we will be collecting "Laundry" items for the Seminary Food Co-op. Suggestions are but not limited to are: liquid laundry detergent, laundry pods, dryer sheets, bleach, stain pre-treater, laundry softener, spray starch. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church.

**THE 2022 CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE** will be decorating Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. This year's committee is:

**2nd year**

Jim and Joyce Gariepy  
Karen Gresley  
Josh and Laura Gresley  
Vickie Hammond  
Keith Howard

**1st year**

Rich and Sheryl Howard  
Nicholas Howard  
Doyle, Doug, and Dan Fuelling

**FISH & TENDERLOIN DINNER UPDATE-** The Friends of SPI would like to thank all the students, parents, congregation members, and SPI staff that took the time out of your busy lives and helped with the Fish and Tenderloin this past Saturday. Your cookie donations, bake sale donations, and serving hands helped to dish up 950 meals in three hours. Way to go SPI! We were blessed to raise almost \$9,000.00 toward this year's project, carpet squares for the gym. God has blessed SPI once again with a successful event and people with helping hands to continue the mission of SPI. We'll see you again next year November 4, 2023... mark your calendars!

## **St. Peter Events in the Past**

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

Burial 1-7-1973	Christine Louise Charlotte Holle Bohnke Died 1-4-1973 (nee Holle; widow of August Bohnke)	Age: 91y 5m 7d Text: John 14:21
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### **100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller**

Baptism 1-1-1923	Ruth Caroline Frieda Wietfeldt Born 12-13-1922	Fa. Friedrich H Wietfeldt Mo. Wilhelmine nee Busse
Sponsors: Caroline Bradtmoeller & Frieda Busse (Ruth C F Wietfeldt died 6-23-2019; married Herman Linnemeier)		

Burial 1-28-1923	Dorothea Ostermeyer, nee Meyer Died 1-25-1923      Born: 5-23-1838	Age: 84y 8m 2d Text: 2 Timothy 4:18
(widow of Heinrich Ostermeyer)		

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

Baptism 10-13-1872 (Missed previously)	Friederike Sophie Heuer Born 9-29-1872	Fa. Heinrich Heuer Mo. Louise nee Christiäner
Sponsors: Friederike Heuer & Sophie Hobrok (F Sophie Heuer died 2-25-1945)		
Baptism 12-19-1872 (Recorded at Confirmation)	Heinrich Jacob Friedrich Füllung Born 12-16-1872	Fa. Heinrich Füllung Mo. Sophie nee Hoppe
(Henry J F Fuelling died 2-11-1936; married Mary Heidegger)		
Baptism not recorded	Louise W M Lagemann Born 1-9-1873 (Louise W M Lagemann died 3-5-1873)	Fa. Heinrich Lagemann Mo. Karoline nee Kramer

Submitted by Allen Franz



## Thank you for attending the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Membership!

We'd appreciate your help with communicating important news from The Lutheran Foundation to your congregation!

Please give this information to your church secretary, communications person or whoever is responsible for creating your worship program and newsletters, so that everyone in your congregation can see this important information.

### Health Professions & Nursing Scholarships are available for students in northeast Indiana

The Lutheran Foundation (TLF) is encouraging northeast Indiana students who are pursuing careers in the healthcare field to submit an application for one of its Health Professions & Nursing Scholarships. TLF has scholarships (starting at \$1,000) to award to students pursuing degrees in nursing or other healthcare professions. This is a broad category that encompasses a variety of undergraduate and graduate healthcare degrees, such as:

- Nursing
- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Mental health
- Lab tech
- Physical/Occupational therapy
- And more!

Visit <https://thelutheranfoundation.org/investing/scholarships> for full details on eligibility and to apply. Applications are due at noon on February 1, 2023.

Contact Nan Meyer [nan@thelutheranfoundation.org](mailto:nan@thelutheranfoundation.org) with any questions.

## **Additional Christmas Worship Opportunities, 2022**

### **Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 pm**

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

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

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

### **Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 pm**

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

### **Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 pm**

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

### **Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

### **Sunday, December 25, 9:00 am**

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

### **Saturday, December 31, 7:00 pm**

New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

# Best Wishes to Those Celebrating in December and January

## December Birthdays

2 Fred M. Fuelling	15 Cindy Kortenber
4 Spencer Myers	16 Kristen Fuelling
4 Ian McDonald	17 Beth Will
7 Kaden Gerardot	18 Randi Linthicum
8 Lori Linder	19 Susie Scherer
11 Jennifer Mitchel	20 Matthew Schroeder
10 Dakotta Suman	24 Sam Gerke
13 Hannah Myers	24 Gunner May
13 Brent Sprunger	26 Liam Warren
14 Deanna Myers	27 Hadlee Scheumann
14 Jim Fuelling	28 Patricia Scherer
	30 Greg Light

## December Anniversaries

December 6, 2021  
Morgun & MacKenzie Werling

December 31, 1991  
Gerald & Kellie Fuelling

## January Birthdays

2 Steven H. Fuelling	18 Jackie Sanderson
3 Kade Fuelling	21 Rachel Heck
8 Kari Cummings	22 Greg Fuelling
11 Rod Scheneman	23 Martin Gerke
12 Jon Franz	24 Jake Fuelling
13 Sharon Fuelling	28 Jennifer Berning
14 James Gariepy, Sr.	28 Joel Mishler
17 Anthony Ohler	29 August Fuelling
17 Richard Counterman	30 Deb McDonald
17 Declan Cooper Scherer	

## January Anniversaries

January 8, 1982  
James & Lori Linder

January 11, 1975  
Kim & Teresa Cochran

January 24, 1975  
Bruce & Brenda Scherer

January 26, 1963  
Vern & Judy Witte

# December 2022

Altar Guild— Becky L. Fuelling and Karen Gresley

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	2	3
4 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Special Voter's Meeting/ Election	5	6	7 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Advent Mid- Week Service	8 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	9	10
11 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	12	13 7:00pm Elders Meet	14 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Advent Mid- Week Service	15 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	16	17
18 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School 3:00pm SPI Christ- mas Program @ SPI	19	20	21 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Advent Mid- Week Service	22 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	23 *NO SCHOOL SPI*	24 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion
25 9:00am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion	26 *NO SCHOOL SPI*	27 *NO SCHOOL SPI*	28 10:00am Bible Study *NO SCHOOL SPI*	29 *NO SCHOOL SPI*	30 *NO SCHOOL SPI*	31 7:00pm New Year's Eve Service

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