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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 it is already over halfway through January! Time flies when you are having fun I suppose. St. Matthew writes in his Gospel: ²¹ **“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’** ²² **But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.** ²³ **So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,** ²⁴ **leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.** ²⁵ **Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.** ²⁶ **Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.**

This is one of my favorite sections in Matthew's Gospel. I am not entirely sure why, perhaps because it focuses on reconciliation, on making right with one another before we come to the altar of our Lord. And how true that is. All the petty arguments with our family and friends, the disagreements and fights over the years, at home, in the community, in the church; as Christians we look to forgiveness and repentance instead of vengeance and revenge. We offer the other cheek if we are struck, we are slow to anger knowing that love covers a multitude of sins.

I suppose this is what we struggle with the most as Christians, forgiveness. It is far easier to harden our hearts toward our families, friends, and neighbors rather than forgive them, rather to admit our wrongs to them. Perhaps it is because we are prideful people, and it is hard to admit that we have hurt a brother or sister. Maybe we don't even realize that we have done it.

Yet, we are called to do better, to be better, as followers of Christ. I am reminded of the words of Martin Luther: *Now if you would live as a Christian and enjoy peace in the world, you must make every effort to restrain your anger and not to give way to revenge. You must suppress these passions, subduing your hatred by love, and be able to overlook and bear, even though you have to suffer great pain and injustice. So doing you will develop a noble character fitted to accomplish much good through patience and humility, to allay and abolish enmity and strife, and thereby to reform and convert others.*

It seems simple, and yet is difficult. Asking for forgiveness, and offering forgiveness are hard to do, yet these are what makes Christianity unique. In forgiveness we show who we are and live out the Christian life under the cross of Jesus Christ.

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 ANNUAL REPORTS have been printed and are available in the Narthex.

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be Wednesday, February 15th.

DEAR MEMBERS OF ST. PETER: I would like to share a heartfelt THANK YOU with all that sent cards, memorials, visits, prayers, thoughts during the past couple months here, of Mom and Dad's time here on earth and at their passing. You are greatly appreciated and loved. -Duane & Karen Franz

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will begin with Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 22nd, and will continue every Wednesday evening at 7pm through Wednesday, March 29th. A soup supper will take place at 5:30pm before each midweek service.

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 softner, spray starch. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church.

St. Peter Events in the Past

50 Years Ago - Pastor Paul F Stohlmann Jr

Baptism 2-4-1973	Scott Michael Wilken Born 1-4-1973	Father: James Louis Wilken Mother: Janell Diane nee Franz
	Sponsors: Mr & Mrs Ronald Franz & Mr & Mrs Mark Battaglia (Scott M Wilken died 4-30-2008; children: Kayla, Hannah & Jenna)	

Confirmation 2-18-1973	Lynette E Kirchner Born 9-28-1952	1 Corinthians 9v24 - 10v5 Baptized 3-29-1953
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100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

Burial 2-17-1923	Wilhelm Friedrich Gerke Died 2-14-1923 Born 1-6-1872	Age: 51y 1m 18d Text: Revelation: 7v9-17
	(Wilhelm F Gerke married Henriette Böhnke)	

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

Baptism not recorded	Christopher Friedrich Eduard Busick Born 2-3-1873	Father: Friedrich Busick Mother: Sophie nee Kükelhan
	(C F Edward Busick died 8-22-1960; married Elise Franke)	

Baptism not recorded	J K Friedrich Kükelhan Born 2-21-1873	Father: Friedrich Kükelhan Mother: Louise nee Füllung
	(J K Friedrich Kükelhan died 3-23-1878)	

Submitted by Allen Franz



diaper shower

honoring

**PASTOR & CASEY
CARL & AMBER**

— THE WHOLE MONTH OF FEBRUARY —

Help us shower both of these
families with diapers and wipes

Boxes can be found
upstairs & downstairs of church

COME & LEARN



Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute

2023 Sessions: January 24 & 31, February 7 & 14

Choose one of these stimulating courses:

O Lord, Open My Lips: Praying the Psalms with Christ and His Church

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

The Sin of Racism and a Gospel Response

Rev. Michael Saylor – Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran, Convoy, OH

Freedom vs. Bondage: Will the Modern Church Stand or Fall?

Rev. Berett Steffen – Associate Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church (Bingen)

“Look! I am creating a New...” The Gospel of Isaiah

Rev. Dr. Ryan Tietz – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

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!

God's Blessings to Those Celebrating in February

February Birthdays

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 Vickie Hammond	23 Landon Matthews
6 Hadley Fuelling	23 Clarke Schultz
7 Loretta Franz	24 Keith Howard
8 Rod Busick	24 Jared Light
10 Fred D. Fuelling	25 Teresa Cochran
10 Rebecca L. Fuelling	25 Brad Fuelling
10 Kyle Scherer	25 David Linker
14 Sandra K. Franz	26 Andrew Buuck
14 Suzy Fuelling	27 Eric Fuelling
16 Jane Linker	27 Emmit Gresley

February Anniversaries

February 4
Jason & Megan Buuck

February 24, 1973
Jerry & Sandy Fuelling

February 2023

Altar Guild- Brenda Scherer and Kari Schultz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10:00am Bible Study	<i>2</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 7:00pm LBI at Wyneken	<i>8</i> 10:00am Bible Study	<i>9</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	<i>13</i> 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	<i>14</i> 6:00pm Elders Meet 7:00pm LBI at Wyneken	<i>15</i> 10:00am Bible Study MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<i>16</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	<i>20</i> SPI- NO SCHOOL	<i>21</i> 7:00pm LBI at Wyneken	<i>22</i> 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Ash Wednes- day Service with Holy Communion	<i>23</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 7:00pm LBI at Wyneken				

Additional Lenten Worship Opportunities, 2023

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

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

Sunday, April 2, 2023

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

Thursday, April 6, 2023

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

Friday, April 7, 2023

Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at 12:00pm

Friday, April 7, 2023

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 9- Easter Sunday

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

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH FRIEDHEIM



MENU



HOMEMADE

CHICKEN
NOODLE,
& CHILI SOUPS
PULLED PORK,
& SLOPPY JOE
SANDWICHES
VARIETY OF
SALADS &
DESSERTS,
& DRINKS

FREE WILL
OFFERING

PROCEEDS TO
DEBT
REDUCTION

SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

SERVING 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

**AT ZION, FRIEDHEIM'S
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
10653 NORTH 550 WEST
DECATUR, INDIANA**

CARRYOUT WILL BE AVAILABLE

**PLAN TO SHOP AT THE
CRAFT SALE**