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**(FUELLING)**  
**DECATUR, INDIANA**

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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.**

**St. Peter Events in the Past**

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

No events during June 1972

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

Confirmation 6-4-1922	Friedrich Keuneke	Born	4-14-1908
	Ida Boehnke	Born	5-7-1908
	Flora Fuelling	Born	10-15-1908
	Paul Hermann Wilhelm Conrad	Born	2-21-1908
	Helen Gerke	Born	8-10-1908
	Geraldine Hobrock	Born	1-27-1909
	Alma Fuelling	Born	2-16-1908
	Karl Friedrich Wilhelm Dorn	Born	8-6-1908
Marriage 6-4-1922	Theodore Kleine & Sophie Fuelling		
	Witnesses: Ida Fuelling, Wm Gerke & Esther Kleine		
Marriage 6-24-1922	Theodor Ries & Elsie Moeller		
	Witnesses: C R Nennert, Ruth Nierman, A J Kuhlman & Sophie Lorence		

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

No events during June 1872

Submitted by Allen Franz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTE:** Pastor Tanksley will be on vacation June 17-21<sup>st</sup>. Information will be printed in future bulletins with contact information for this time period. Thanks!

**NOTE:** Jen Fuelling will be on vacation June 6-10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Tanksley with any bulletin information or other concerns. Thanks!

**THE COMBINED JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE OF THANKS:** Keith Martin, former principal at SPI, is retiring after 40 years of service in Lutheran schools. If you wish, you may drop him a note of appreciation or congratulations, c/o Emmaus Lutheran School, 8628 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Please email, call, text, or leave a note in my box in the Narthex with any updates on name changes, phone number, e mail addresses, or addresses. I am hoping to print the updated directory in June or July. Thank you for your help!

**SEMINARY COLLECTION:** Please refer to the announcement below on donations to the Food Co-Op at the Seminary:

### **About the Seminary Food Co-Op**

The Food Co-Op is located at the Fort Wayne Seminary and is available to all Seminary students. Students register and volunteer time to use this privilege and is available at no cost . Many students report that 75-85% of their grocery needs are met from the Co-Op. The Co-Op items are restricted to grocery items purchases and meats(beef, chicken and pork) processed by local meat lockers. The Co-Op is set up with shelves, freezers and coolers.

### **What's Next**

St, Peter continues to be blessed with many Seminary students so continuing in the month of June we will be collecting “**Breakfast**” items to donate to the Food Co-OP.

Following is a suggestion list but is not limited to these items:

#### **Breakfast Bag**

*Suggestions:*

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pop Tarts
- Breakfast Bars
- Hot Chocolate
- Juice
- Muffin Mix
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Coffee/Tea
- Canned Fruits
- Applesauce

A container will be located in the back of Church for you to place your donations. At the end of the month items will be delivered to the Seminary Food Bank.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bruce or Brenda Scherer.



## Blessings to Those Celebrating in June

### June Birthdays

1	Charlotte Fuelling	15	Corey Wolfe
1	Sheryl Howard	17	Ryan Frederick
2	Casey Scherer	19	Don Gerke
3	Rebecca E. Fuelling	19	Dr. David Matthews
4	Elijah Franz	20	Austin Will
5	Caroline Tanksley	21	Nathan Sheneman
8	Emily Light	21	Jeff Hockemeyer
9	Brenda Scherer	22	Brenda Wolf
10	Morgun Werling	22	Joyce Gariepy
11	Katelyn Roe	24	Emersen Howard
14	Justin Ohler	25	Crew Braun
14	Hannah Myers	26	Jessica Penrod
15	Rhea Fuelling	27	Jennifer Stump
15	Gregg Kukelhan	28	Doug Carpenter
15	Bruce Scherer	30	Rhonda Busick

### June Anniversaries

June 2, 1989  
Barry & Jackie Sanderson

June 5, 1981  
Barry & Denise Scherer

June 14, 1975  
Jim & Vickie Hammond

June 17, 1988  
Greg & Mary Light

June 19, 2010  
Trent & Catherine Hullinger

June 25, 1977  
Duane & Karen Franz

June 25, 1993  
David & Jane Linker

June 28, 1997  
Alex & Deanna Myers

June 28, 2014  
John & Nicole Gerardot

June 29, 1996  
Steve & Lindy Fuelling



# June 2022

Altar Guild- Janice Mishler and Vickie Hammond

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00am Bible Study	2 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	3	4
5 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study	6  *Jen Fuelling on vacation*	7  *Jen Fuelling on vacation*	8 10:00am Bible Study  *Jen Fuelling on vacation*	9 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen 1:30 Woodcrest Service *Jen Fuelling on vacation*	10  *Jen Fuelling on vacation*	11
12 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study	13 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	14 7:00pm Elders Meet	15 10:00am Bible Study	16 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	17  JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE *Pastor Tanksley on vacation*	18  *Pastor Tanksley on vacation*
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## *Andy and Brenda Wolf*

On June 22, 1949, Brenda Kay Cable was born to Norbert and Wanita Cable. She was the third of their five children, and the only child born in their home on Madison Street in Decatur. Siblings include Gloria, Roger, (Brenda), Becky Fuelling, and Cathy. Norbert spent his working career as a machine operator at Dana. On weekends he also helped his brother-in-law in home construction. Wanita was a homemaker and did not work outside the home. It should be noted that Wanita was one of 17 children, and that those siblings were a large part of her social activities throughout her life.

Brenda was baptized at Union Chapel Church on 300 E, a few miles north of Hwy 224. Not long after she was born, the Cable family moved to an area that is now near Belmont High School. She attended Adams Central schools for grades 1 – 7. After that, school district boundaries were changed and she was sent to Lincoln Middle School for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As a child, Brenda distinctly remembers being responsible for wringing out the family laundry in their ringer washer. She also helped with dishes and had to keep her room clean. Brenda's best friends in grade school included Becky Ogg and Linda Oliver. Her favorite subjects were Art and Gym. She said that she rode her bike everywhere in town, went to the city pool almost every day in the summer, and liked to play ball with the neighbors. While growing up, the family took 1 week vacations each summer to Lake George for fishing, swimming, and boating. Brenda attended Decatur High School where her favorite classes were general business and spelling. She was a member of Choir, and worked one year at B&K Root Beer stand, which was located near the current McDonald's. Given her numerous aunts and uncles, she frequently babysat for relatives.

### **What about Andy.....**

James Andrew Wolf was born to James and Ethel Wolf on April 29, 1953 at Wells Community Hospital in Bluffton, IN. He was given the name Andy because there were several people named James in his extended family. He was the second of their two children, as he has an older sister, Cynthia Jo. James farmed 120 acres through the day, and worked at Franklin Electric at night. About the time Andy turned 5, and thought he was in line to drive a tractor, his dad sold the farm and moved to town. James continued to work at Franklin Electric providing machine maintenance. On a happier note, James and Andy continued to help with Andy's grandfather's farm, which also included 70 head of cattle. Ethel was a homemaker, who also worked outside the home. She worked at Progress Store (a dime store) and at the B&K Root Beer stand on the south end of Bluffton, in the summer. She was an artistic person who painted scenery pictures, wrote poems, and created award winning crafts. She canned green beans, cherries, and peaches, and loved garage sales. Andy mentioned that he loved his time on the farm, and loved eating meals at the Root Beer stand.

Andy attended Central School in Bluffton for grades K-9. His favorite subject was History, and his best friend was Kevin Anderson. In grade school, Andy played the trombone. In 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Andy was baptized at First Church of Christ, and the family attended church there. Family vacations were usually 1 week each summer at Lake Webster, and boating at Salamonie Reservoir. By 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Andy played basketball and continued that through 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Bluffton High School. He played football in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and joined the Choir his senior year. His best friends in high school included Mark Jahn, John Cowans, and Mark Steffen. Throughout high school, he worked for the City Street Department in Bluffton, driving dump trucks, painting curbs, and mowing riverbanks. He graduated in 1971.

By the time that Andy and Brenda met in 1991, each had been married and divorced. Brenda had two sons, James and Troy. Andy had three children, James Christopher, Lindsay, and Landon. Brenda was working as a waitress at Pizza Hut. Andy was working for AEP in facility maintenance. Andy's friend,

Tim was married to Brenda's co-worker at Pizza Hut. Andy and Tim went to Pizza Hut daily for lunch, and Tim's wife ALWAYS seated them in Brenda's section. Andy and Brenda started talking more, realized that they lived ½ block from each other, and began running into each other outside of Pizza Hut. They don't really remember a first date. Their relationship just kind of evolved.

They were married on July 6, 1993. They told their parents that they were getting married, but no one else. A friend had given them the name of a pastor in Gatlinburg, TN, so they called him. He asked what kind of car they drove, and told them he would meet them in a specific parking lot. When they got to Gatlinburg, they went to the Sevier County Courthouse and people were lined up for marriage licenses. After they got their license, they went to the agreed upon parking lot. A man wearing faded gray dress pants, a burgundy polo shirt, and a John Deere cap approached their car and said that he was Harley King, their pastor. He told them to follow him, and he immediately drove through one of the bays of a coin operated carwash. Andy and Brenda took that shortcut with him, and they arrived at a City Park, with a stream and swans in the background. Their 3 day honeymoon in Gatlinburg included a helicopter ride through the mountains. They returned to Andy's home in Bluffton, and lived there for 2 years before moving to their current address near Craigville.

Brenda returned to her full-time job at Pizza Hut and also had a part-time job as a bus driver. She spent 13 years at Pizza Hut and 23 years as a bus driver before retiring. Andy worked for AEP in Fort Wayne for 40 years before they closed the office in 2012. He had started to work on his Bachelor's degree in management by that time, and AEP paid for him to finish the degree requirements, even though they closed the local office. Because he had that degree, AEP later hired him back to oversee the safety work for contractors. For example, if AEP was going to take electric wires across a major highway, Andy was in on the 5 months of planning to safely facilitate that move. In addition to his work at AEP, Andy has had several small jobs, but he has worked part-time at Thoma/Rich, Lemler funeral home in Bluffton since 2013.

Some of their favorite vacations have been a trip to Europe with Dane Fuelling's German class. Rich and Sheryl Howard also went on that trip. They have vacationed on houseboats quite often in Dale Hollow, TN. They also loved their trips to Niagra Falls, Gettysburg, and South Dakota. They hope to go to Washington, D.C., and the Marine Museum this year.

When asked how they arrived at our St. Peter church, Brenda said that when her dad was dying, he said that his one regret was that he hadn't attended church. After he passed away, Wanita said that she wanted to start going to church. Brenda and Andy did, too. Wanita wanted to come to St. Peter, where Jim and Becky attended. They knew people out here from attending local gatherings with Jim and Becky over the years. Pastor Moehring worked with Wanita, Brenda, and Andy to provide instruction on joining the Lutheran church. They were confirmed together here, and said that they are very happy here and can't imagine attending church anywhere else. They quickly joined Voter's Assembly and have served as Deacon, Elder, on Altar Guild, and are very active with the church dinners.

We want to thank Andy and Brenda for sharing their story, and for being such active members at St. Peter's.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Bischoff