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The mission of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:

<u>Teach</u> the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to all;

<u>Reach</u> 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,

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed, alleluia! A blessed Eastertide to you and your families.

Let me begin by saying a big "thank you" to all the beloved saints of St. Peter Lutheran Church. Casey, Caroline, and I continue to be overwhelmed by your love and support during the birth and arrival of Elliott. Thank you for the cards, the diapers, the meals, and most especially the prayers. You all really do make St. Peter a wonderful place. I know I say that all the time, but "this is most certainly true."

As we have recently celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord, I am reminded that our Lord is indeed good and His steadfast love endures forever.

Spring is in the air as the Eastertide daffodils begin to bloom and the yellow flowers begin to dot the ditch banks and countryside. Fields are beginning to be worked and it is a refreshing sight to see. The cold of the bleak midwinter has come to an end and we are ready for the warm weather, the beautiful plants, and the animal life to spring back into action (except maybe the groundhogs).

It is this that reminds me of this upcoming Sunday's Epistle Reading from the the First Peter Chapter 1: for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

As much as we look forward to the spring and summer, to the beauty that these months bring, eventually it fades, the beauty gives way to dreary colors and dead vegetation. But in spite of all of this, the Word of the Lord remains forever! He has given us the seed to sow recklessly to all. And we continue to do so in the midst of all that is happening, in the midst of our own infighting and the fighting of the world. And the Lord's Word will indeed remain, as it has done for millennia and will continue to do so until the return of the Lord.

It may bot look like it does now, in the freedom of churches as we have in the United States. It may be preached in the grottos or the secrecy of houses or deserted areas, but it will remain. Indeed it has to remain, for the Lord has said it will. And this is the good news that is preached to you, continually. The good news of Christ, died, buried and resurrected, for you.

In Christ, Pastor Tanksley Easter 2, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Monday, May 16th.

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!

SPI SPRING TALENT SHOW will occur on Friday, April 28th at 7pm in the SPI Gymnasium.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for MAY and JUNE - "SAUCES": During the months of May and June we will be collecting "Sauces" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Many report that 75-85% of their grocery needs are met at the Co-Op. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Thank you for all your donations.

St. Peter Events in the Past

50 Years Ago - Pastor Paul F Stohlmann Jr

Funeral 5-26-1973 Mrs August (Rosa Koenemann) Blomenberg Age: 86y 11m 1d

Died 5-24-1973

Text: Matthew 20 v 1-16

Burial at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Friedheim

100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

Confirmation 5-13-1923	Otto Boerger	Born 9-9-1909	Revelation 2 v 10
	Velma Boehnke	Born 1-22-1909	Psalm 26 v 6-8
	Herbert Lehrmann	Born 4-25-1909	Matthew 7 v 13-14
	Mildred Boehnke	Born 7-29-1910	John 8 v 31-32
	Della Schamerloh	Born 6-19-1908	Revelation 3 v 11
	Esther Ehrmann	Born 5-9-1908	Psalm 143 v 10
	Edwin Wietfeldt	Born 1-23-1909	Psalm 27 v 1
	Lydia Wietfeldt	Born 3-3-1909	1 Timothy 6 v 12
	Hilbert Holle	Born 4-22-1909	Proverbs 23 v 26

Burial 5-22-1923 Wilhelm Herrman Loui Tieman Age: 62y 5m 17d

Text: John 14 v 18 Died 5-21-1923 Born 12-2-1860

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

Confirmation 2-9-1873	Philipp Schlemmer	Born 11-9-1856
At branch church	Philipp Heinrich Siegel	Born 6-22-1856
	Maria Elisabetha Schlemmer	Born 3-11-1857
	Anna Elisabetha Schlemmer	Born 3-11-1857
	Christina Schlemmer	Born 2-17-1859
	Anna Carolina Siegel	Born 4-9-1859
	Christina Bäker	Born 1-28-1858

Confirmation 4-6-1873 Heinrich Friedrich Wilhelm Fülling Palm Sunday

Conrad Herman Schröder

Friedrich Heinrich Bernhard Engelbrecht

Johna Labnhart Kelle * Lisette Sophia Fülling Caroline Elise Boknecht Louie Mina Melcher Engel Louise Knapp

George Blenck & Mary Franz Married 5-29-1873 Marriage not recorded

(Recorded at Adams County, Indiana Courthouse)

Submitted by Allen Franz

^{*} Laynhard Kelle in communion records

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to All Celebrating in May

May Birthdays

2	Lori Sprunger	18	Keith Scherer
3	Haley Katz	18	Dan Will
3	Laura Franz	18	Rhonda Zimmerman
5	Jason May	18	Nathan Maldeney
7	Corey Cochran	20	Josh Franz
12	Lori Matthews	21	Matt Bischoff
12	Adam Will	22	Dave Bischoff
15	M. Jane Sipe	25	Katie Burke
16	Dale Busick	28	Caitlyn Mishler
16	Lawson Beer	30	Herb Banning Jr.
18	Monica Suman	30	Matthew Ellenberger
18	Justin Kukelhan	31	Erica May
18	Michael Linder		

May Anniversaries

May 4, 2019	May 27, 1988
Zeke and Kari Schultz	Eric & Leesa Fuelling

May 16, 1987	May 28, 1960
Henry Kevin & Lori Lee	Dale & Leanne Busick

May 18, 2001	May 28, 1983
John & Jessica Penrod	Steve & Katherine Fuelling

May 24, 1980	May 28, 2016
Matt & Pat Braun	Matthew & Jacqueline Rumschlag

May 25, 1996	May 28, 2011
Jon & Jody Hurst	Bubba & Kiri Braun

May 27, 1967	May 29, 1965
Fred & Becky Fuelling	Ron & Marge Franz



May 2023

Altar Guild- Lori Conrad and Bonnie Crosby

Sat	9	13	20	27	
Fi	ક	12 SPI PREK4 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	JUNE JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26	
Thu	4 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	11 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	18 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen 7:00pm Ascension Service w/Holy Com- munion	9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen SPI LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
Wed	3 10:00am Bible Study	<i>10</i> : 00am Bible Study	<i>17</i> 10:00am Bible Study	24 10:00am Bible Study	31 10:00am Bible Study
Tue	2	9 7:00pm Elders Meet	16	23	30
Mon	I	8 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	15	22	29
Sun		9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion; Bible Study/Sunday School	14 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	21 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion; Bible Study/Sunday School 3:00pm SPI 8th Grade Graduation	28 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study