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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,

As I look out of the office window (or any window, seemingly this time of year), I see many combines in the field, ground being worked (and all the *interesting* smells that go with that), trucks pulling hopper wagons back and forth from the various elevators back to the fields, and everything else that goes with the harvest season.

And the weather has turned decidedly fall like, with leaves changing, the wind blowing, the rise of trips to the pumpkin patch and all things pumpkin spice, we are in fall. With fall comes such things and hayrides, pumpkin carving, corn mazes, bonfires, and flannels. Yet sandwiched there in the middle of fall is Thanksgiving.

I am sure all of you have your own Thanksgiving traditions. Maybe it is getting up early to put the turkey in the oven. Maybe you run in a Thanksgiving Day 5k. Perhaps you gather around the TV and watch the parades and dog shows, or maybe you watch football.

For some, this year may be the first year they celebrate Thanksgiving without a loved one. They are sad because of the empty seat at the table. This Thanksgiving will be the first one without any grandparents who are alive. These things make us sad. And it is okay to be sad, but we can also give thanks!

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Church at Philippi: ²¹ **For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.** I think that we, myself included, tend to gloss over these words of St. Paul. For him to describe death as gain seems rather foreign to us. But it really, truly is gain. To die with Christ means to have life eternal, to be in the marriage feast of the lamb in his kingdom which has no end. It means that there is no more suffering for our loved ones, no more pain and agony. It is all gone as they are made perfect by Christ.

So, while we still grieve at our loss, we can still be happy for their gain. More to the point, we look forward to that day, when we join our loved ones and all the company in heaven for the eternal feast. But we are also thankful for our lives here on earth, for our family and friends, our house and vocation. No matter what, we always have a reason to give thanks!

Your humble servant,

Pastor

Announcements

THE SPI FISH AND TENDERLOIN COMMITTEE is asking for the church's help for cookie donations for the dinner on November 5th. A cookie sign-up sheet will be in the back of church.

CHURCH DINNER UPDATE: The dinner was a success! We served 574 meals and made about \$7,000. That money will be used towards purchasing a new copier machine for church. I would like to thank everyone for their donations whether it was food, time, or monetary. Putting on a dinner like this requires everyone working together to achieve such a great outcome. I would also like to thank the dinner committee for all of their input and organizational skills. Any questions, comments, or suggestions for next year can be directed to Amber Shaffer 223-9897.

STAND ON EXCELLENCE: There will be a fish and tenderloin fundraising dinner & bake sale this year at SPI school on Saturday November 5th, 2022 from 4-7pm. The dinner will be drive-thru and dine in. Cost of meal is \$12.00 & includes AYCE fish and tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, cookies, and a drink. Proceeds are going towards removable carpet squares for SPI events to preserve the gym floor. We will be needing items for the bake sale; examples might be pies, homemade candies, cupcakes, breads, etc. There are sign up sheets in the back of church. Tickets are available! Please see Amber Shaffer or Erin Franz for tickets. Any questions or comments can be directed to either Amber Shaffer 223-9897 or Erin Franz 341-2932. Thank you!

SPI FISH AND TENDERLOIN COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, November 1st at 7pm at Mike and Bonnie Crosby's shop. Anyone who is interested may come.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP NEW 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.

THE 2022 CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE will be decorating Sunday, November 27th 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

St. Peter Events in the Past

50 Years Ago - Pastor Paul F Stohlmann Jr

Baptism 11-9-1972

John Stephen Stohlmann
Born 11-8-1972

Fa. Pastor Paul F Stohlmann Jr
Mo. Mabel Anna nee Wagner

Sponsors: Mrs Walter Berning, Mrs Mark Colchin, Dr Stephen C Stohlmann,
Miss Loretta Dunker & Mrs P F Stohlmann Sr

100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

Baptism 11-5-1922

Morris Melcher
Born 10-24-1922

Fa. Edward Melcher
Mo. Della nee Molthan

Sponsors: Otto Melcher & Heinrich Molthan
(Morris Melcher died 10-22-1923)

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

Baptism nor recorded

Friedrich August Böhnke
Born 11-28-1872

Fa. Wilhelm Böhnke
Mo. Engel nee Kükelman

(F August Bohnke died 5-19-1957; married Christine Holle)

Submitted by Allen Franz

Congratulations to All Who Celebrate Their Special Day In the Month of November!

November Birthdays

2	Austin Franz	12	Nicole Gerardot
2	Dan DeLong	14	Ron Zimmerman
4	Mackenzie Neher	15	Myra Peters
4	Madison Neher	16	Emily Frederick
5	Colton Mishler	19	Zach Scherer
6	Drew Heck	20	Ashtan Carpenter
7	Harbor Braun	20	Hayden Hurst
10	Jackson Warren	23	Keeley Carpenter
10	Ian Gresley	23	Callie Bischoff
11	Kaylehn Brunner	25	Jamie Bracey
12	Amanda Colclasure	29	Vincent Myers
12	Karen Franz	30	Jon Kukelhan

November Anniversaries

November 1, 2008
Dane and Jen Fuelling

November 1, 2014
Kyle and Casey Bischoff

November 16, 1996
Sam and Mara Gerke

November 16, 2019
Jason and Erica May

November 23, 2013
Kent and Sandy Franz

November 24, 1984
Dave and Kristen Bischoff



November 2022

Altar Guild— Amber Shaffer and Emily Franz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>31</i> 8:30am SPI Grades 5-8 Field Trip to the Seminary	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 10:00am Bible Study	<i>3</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen 11:00am Adams Heritage Service 1:30pm Woodcrest Ser- vice	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> SPI FISH & TENDERLOIN 4-7pm
<i>6</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 7:00pm Elders Meet	<i>9</i> 10:00am Bible Study	<i>10</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	<i>14</i> 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 10:00am Bible Study	<i>17</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>18</i> DECEMBER/ JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 10:00am Bible Study	<i>24</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Advent Mid- Week Service	SPI-NO SCHOOL	SPI-NO SCHOOL	SPI-NO SCHOOL



Join us for a diaper shower in honor of
MICHAEL & MEAGAN

Sunday, October 23 & 30

St. Peter would like to shower the Speckhard's with diapers and wipes for
their new arrival coming in November.

- Any size disposable diapers & baby wipes -

Drop off: Diaper Box in the church basement or foyer

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born I set you apart."
Jeremiah 1:5



**STAND
ON
EXCELLENCE**



Removable carpet squares for SPI events to preserve the gym floor.

Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin

Saturday, November 5, 2022 4-7 p.m.

At St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School

3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733

Corner of Indiana State Rd. 101 & Adams County Rd. 1100 North

(Only 7 mi. from Decatur and 5 mi. south of Monroeville)

Menu: AYCE Fish and/or Tenderloin

**Also serving cheesy potatoes, home made coleslaw or
applesauce, cookies and beverage**

Meal \$12 Under 5 free

Dine-in or drive-thru service

**All proceeds go towards purchasing carpet squares to cover the gym
floor for special events.**

Tickets available in advance-give them as gifts!

Call 260-466-8792 for shut in/field delivery

*In six years this event has raised approximately \$45,000.00, all proceeds were directed for school
improvements.*

Thank you for your support!