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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.*



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS FROM THE TREASURER:** We begin October with a new school payment amount. St Peter has 33 of the 48 church member students. It is great to see so many young families and students coming to church together. With this growth also comes the responsibility of financially supporting both church and school. Our new weekly budget goal is \$5700. Regular tithing is important to meet this goal. The Vanco online giving is a convenient way to support our church and school especially if unable to attend Sunday morning service. The Vanco app can either be scanned or found on the church website. <http://www.stpeterdecatatur.org>.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy . . . But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. . . where your treasure is there your heart will be also.” Matthew 7:19-21.

**CHURCH CHOIR:** The adult choir will rehearse in the church balcony every Wednesday, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Please join us as we prepare music for the Festivals of the Church year!

**CHURCH DINNER UPDATE:** The church dinner was yet another success. We served 614 meals and raised a little over \$7600. I want to say Thank You to St. Peter congregation for your donations of items and time. I especially would like to Thank the members of the dinner committee: Bubba Braun, Sam and Marsha Braun, Dane and Jen Fuelling, Rhea Gratz, Barry Sanderson, Joe and Heidi Werling, and Andy Wolf for all of the planning, preparation, and input that goes into putting on a successful dinner. I am also looking for a few men or women to join our committee. The open chair positions are: dining room, drinks, salads, and rolls. If anyone is interested or has questions please talk to Amber Shaffer. I feel blessed to be a part of a caring church family. Thanks again! ~ Amber Shaffer

**SPI FISH AND TENDERLOIN MEAL:** The fish and tenderloin dinner will be Saturday November 4th from 4-7pm at St. Peter Immanuel school. Dine in or drive thru will be available. Cost is \$13.00, children under 5 are free. Meal is AYCE fish and or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, dinner roll, cookies and drink. There will also be a bake sale. The proceeds are going towards new window blinds at school. Pre-sale tickets are available- please see Amber Shaffer or Erin Franz. The fish and tenderloin dinner committee is once again asking the wonderful bakers of St. Peter church for donations of cookies and bake sale items. There are sign up sheets in the back of church. Any questions feel free to contact Amber Shaffer or Erin Franz. Thank you!

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER - “COMFORT FOOD”:** During the months of November and December we will be collecting COMFORT FOOD items. These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of January. Some suggestions are but not limited to: pasta(all shapes), noodles, rice, chili mix, sloppy joe sauce, taco seasoning, refried beans, beans(black, kidney, etc), canned tomatoes, taco shells, mac and cheese dinners, canned meats(tuna, beef, chicken). Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex). All your donations are greatly appreciated 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 which relies solely on donations from individuals, congregations and organizations. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Thank you for all your donations!!

Dear Saints in Christ,

As we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the walkout of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis on February 19, 1974, I would like to take this time to reflect on some of the issues that are important to understand. Over the next couple of months will be a series addressing some of the issues which were occurring throughout Synod at the time. These will come by way of a theological abstract (a fancy word for summary). These were written for a historical theology class in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Concordia Theological Seminary. The first in the series is on the Nature of Scripture.

### **The Nature of Scripture**

Why care about the Bible so much? Why is it so important to a congregation or to an individual? These questions have long been debated. These questions were asked many times by the faculty majority of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in the 1970's.

There have been 2 approaches, essentially, in understanding the Bible. In one sense, there is a theological understanding, that God uses man. In the other sense there are those who view the Bible as purely a historical document.

Those in the faculty majority at Concordia Seminary approached Scripture using the latter approach. The faculty had embraced an approach called "rationalism" which has its roots in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Rationalism places human reason over, and in many cases against, Scripture. This means that they boiled Scripture and the Gospel down to "what it means for the reader."

Scripture is clear as to what it is. St. Paul writes in his second letter to young pastor Timothy: *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness* (2 Tm. 3.16). All of Scripture testifies to the reader that it is God's Holy Book. Inspiration comes from the Holy Trinity, not through the community of believers who determine what is true and what is not true.

Because the Bible is "breathed out" by God, there are consequences which follow. One of these consequences is that Scripture is infallible. Scripture has the inability to err or contradict itself. In other words, the Bible is a true unified whole, not a mere mashing together of the Old and New Testaments. It is important to understand that Scripture is infallible, not on account of human man, but rather because it comes *extra nos*, outside of oneself.

Scriptures are the written Word of God that have come directly from the Triune God. As a result, the Scriptures possess an infallibility that can only exist because God is the primary source of Scripture and the prophets and the apostles being the instrumental source. Attributes of Scripture such as inerrancy, inspiration, perennial truth, etc., are vitally important. They undergird the *authority of Scripture* for your faith and life and for the faith and life of the Christian Church. St. Augustine understood this as he dealt with heretics and false religions in his day. Martin Luther also understood this as he dealt with heretics, erring theologians, and the papacy. We still face such challenges today, even more so in the pluralistic and atheistic society in which we live and work.<sup>1</sup>

In Christ,



Pastor Tanksley

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<sup>1</sup> Martin R. Noland, "The Nature of Scripture," in *Rediscovering the Issues Surrounding the 1974 Concordia Seminary Walkout*, ed. Daniel N. Harmelink and Ken Schurb, Concordia Historical Institute Monograph Series (Saint Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2023), 57.

## St. Peter Events in the Past

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

No events during November 1973

### 100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

No events during November 1923

### 150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

- Baptism 11-2-1873      Paul Heinrich Otto Fritze      Fa. J Andreas Fritze  
Born 10-27-1873      Mo. Caroline M R nee Hegwer  
Sponsors: Paul Rupprecht, Emilie Goebel, H D Füllung & H Holle  
(P H Otto Fritze died 1-11-1875)
- Baptism not recorded      W Carl Ostermeyer      Fa. B Heinrich Ostermeyer  
Born 11-12-1873      Mo. M Dora S nee Meyer  
(W Carl Ostermeyer died 7-19-1875)
- Baptism 11-23-1873      Wilhelm Adam Dürk      Fa. Johann Dürk  
Born 8-27-1873      Mo. M Sophia nee Miller  
Sponsor: Wilhelm Fritze  
(William A Duerk Sr died 11-14-1929; 1m Annette Wolfrum, 2m Mary Morris)

Submitted by Allen Franz

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## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

6514 E 750 N Ossian, IN 46777



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## Swiss Steak Dinner

Sunday, November 5, 2023

11:15 to 1:30 pm

in the school gym

*Swiss Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Dinner Roll  
Dessert*

*Adults \$13.00  
Children 12 & under \$6.00  
Hot Dog meal \$4.00  
DINE IN or Carry out*

*Don't forget to shop at our  
holiday booths  
and the LWML Cookie Walk*

*Proceeds will go to Women of Bethlehem project fund.*



*Help SPI fund the installation of new window blinds in the classrooms.*

## **Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023 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 \$13 Under 5 free**

*Dine-in or drive-thru service*

All proceeds go towards purchasing window blinds for the school.

Tickets available in advance-give them as gifts!

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

*In seven years this event has raised approximately \$54,000.00, all proceeds were directed for school  
improvements.*

*Thank you for your support!*

# 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 16, 2019  
Jason and Erica May

November 1, 2014  
Kyle and Casey Bischoff

November 23, 2013  
Kent and Sandy Franz

November 12, 2016  
Cy and Maddi Hurst

November 24, 1984  
Dave and Krsiten Bischoff

November 16, 1996  
Sam and Mara Gerke



# November 2023

Altar Guild— Amber Shaffer and Emily Franz

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>  <b>SPI FISH &amp; TENDERLOIN</b> 4-7pm
<i>5</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<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> 7:00pm Elders Meet	<i>15</i> 10:00am Bible Study	<i>16</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>17</i> <b>DECEMBER/ JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 10:00am Bible Study  <b>SPI-NO SCHOOL</b>	<i>23</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion  <b>SPI-NO SCHOOL</b>	<i>24</i>  <b>SPI-NO SCHOOL</b>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Advent Mid- Week Service	<i>30</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen		

## **Additional Christmas Worship Opportunities, 2023**

**Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 pm**

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

**Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 pm**

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

**Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 pm**

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

**Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 pm**

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

**Sunday, December 24, 7:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

**Monday, December 25, 9:00 am**

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

**Sunday, December 31, 7:00 pm**

New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

