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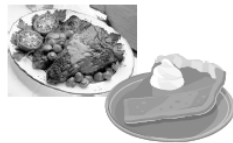
Newsletter October 2023

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.

SWISS STEAK
or
CHICKEN BREAST

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Fuelling)
Corner of Adams County Roads 1100 N & 100 E

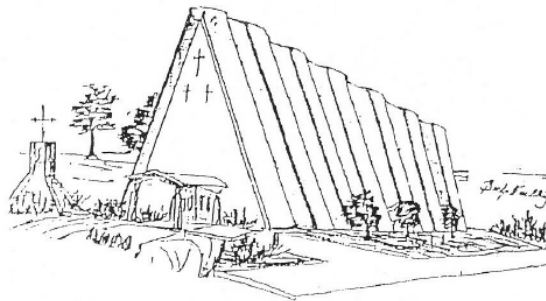
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 2023



Serving: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Price: Adults - \$10.00
Children 12 & Under - \$5.00

MENU:

Swiss Steak / Chicken Breast
Baked Potato
Green Beans and Roll
Salad or Applesauce
Dessert
Drinks



Speedy

Home Delivery Available

Call Matt Braun - 260-223-7419

Call before Saturday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m. for arrangements

Dine In or Drive-Thru Available

ANNOUNCEMENTS



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning this QR code with your phone.

CHURCH CHOIR will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the St. Peter basement. Please come join us!

ST. PETER CHURCH DINNER will be Sunday, October 8th from 1am-1pm. We will provide dine-in or drive-thru options, and the tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child 12 and under. The menu is: choice of chicken or swiss steak, baked potato, green beans, dinner roll, dessert, and drink.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER - "BAKING": During the months of September and October we will be collecting BAKING items. These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of November just in time for Holiday baking!! Some suggestions are but not limited to: flour, sugar (white, brown, powdered), Oil (vegetable, canola), nonstick spray, spices, corn starch, baking powder, brownie mix, cake mix, icing, foil, plastic wrap. 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.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL - "Around the World" Silent Auction & Gala tickets are on sale now! Mark your calendar and join us on November 4, 2023 at The Lighted Gardens in Ossian! Adventure awaits as you travel with us for a night of fun...all while raising money for our wonderful school! Doors open and the Silent Auction begins at 5:30pm, dinner will be served at 6:30pm, and comedian Glen Tickle will be performing at 7:45pm. Tickets are \$60 individual, \$110 couple, or \$440 table of 8. Purchase your tickets by October 8th and your name will go into a drawing for a chance to win \$100 to spend at the auction! The last day to purchase tickets is October 22. For more information and tickets contact Jennifer Bultemeier 419-230-8068, Melissa Price 260-433-5307, or call the school office 260-597-7366.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Friedheim, invites you to their 2nd Annual Women's Retreat that will take place on Saturday, October 21. The retreat's title is *God Help Me to be Kind and Compassionate in this Crazy World!* Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Dahling Family Life Center with the retreat from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The \$20 registration fee (per person) includes a continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch. Checks should be written to Zion, Friedheim. You can sign-up by completing the registration form and returning it to Friedheim (10653 N 550 W, Decatur, IN 46733) prior to Monday, October 16. You may also call Friedheim's church office (260-547-4248) and register or go to their church's Facebook page (which can be accessed through their church's website, www.zionfriedheim.org). Any questions can be directed to their Parish Nurse, Wava Lichtle, at wlichtle@gmail.com.

AGING WELL research journal to release Oct. 17: Did you know that most retirees are Christians and not churchgoers? According to research, older generations feel that they have something to contribute but few feel valued. A data-informed strategy can help individuals, families, caregivers, and churches reach this age group. Because of this, Worship Anew partnered with Barna Group to create a research journal, called "Aging Well." This journal features statistics and research about aging adults to help churches, families, and those caring for older generations have more information on serving them. The journal will be available to purchase on Oct. 17 at <https://shop.barna.com>.

"In serving the aging population, we reach people experiencing some of life's most difficult circumstances," said Matthew Leighty, Worship Anew's executive director. "As we investigated the needs of the aging population, we quickly realized that, while significant studies have been conducted on the faith life of younger generations, the same is not true for older generations. Given Barna Group's almost 40 years of experience in researching the Church and the needs of believers, they were the logical choice to conduct this important research." The journal provides charts, statistics, and a breakdown of the data to help readers make an informed strategy for interactions with aging adults. For Worship Anew, the research will continue to support the work of providing resources to strengthen and support the spiritual, mental, and physical well-being of aging adults and those who minister and care for them.

JOB POSTING for Donor Database Specialist: Join an amazing ministry team at Worship Anew as the Donor Database Specialist. Worship Anew is a ministry, headquartered in Fort Wayne, IN, that reaches thousands of people each week across the nation and around the world with its weekly television program. The ministry is currently growing and produces a daily devotional, Hope-Full Living, a care package ministry, and is striving to be the foremost provider of resources for aging adults. The ministry is seeking a part-time Donor Database Specialist to be responsible for all database entry, reporting, and upkeep. This position also assists with viewer requests and performs other administrative duties as needed. This candidate needs to have database skills, and be proficient in Microsoft Office, especially Word and Excel. They must possess strong customer service skills. We are seeking someone with an Associate degree or 2 years equivalent experience in related field or area. This person must have a basic understanding of the church teachings and how Worship Anew fits into it. Knowledge of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod principles and values is a plus. They must be supportive of the ministry's values and have a passion for the ministry's work with a genuine commitment to the fulfillment of the organization's mission. To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683.

St. Peter Events in the Past

50 Years Ago - Pastor Paul F Stohlmann Jr

Baptism 10-17-1973 Shelly Annette Bohnke Fa. LeRoy Bohnke
 Born 10-17-1973 Mo. Deloris nee Frank
Sponsors: Mrs Wilma J Krueckeberg & Judy A Bombka
(Shelly A Bohnke died 10-17-1973; buried at Immanuel Lutheran Union)

100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

Baptism 10-4-1923 Devona Della Kleine Fa. Gustav Kleine
 Born 10-4-1923 Mo. Alma J nee Bussick
Sponsors: Della Aumann & Ella Kleine
(Devona D Kleine died 12-1-2012; married Edward Schearer)

Burial 10-12-1923 Clamor Friedrich Füllung Died 10-9-1923 77y 8m 9d
 Born 1-30-1846 Text: 2 Tim 4 v 18
Son: Otto Fuelling

Burial 10-25-1923 Morris Melcher Died 10-22-1923 0y 11m 28d
 Born 10-24-1922 Text: Matthew 9 v 24
Son of Edward Melcher & Della nee Molthan

Burial 10-29-1923 Albert Adam Wilhelm Bucher Died 10-27-1923 31y 3m 19d
 Born 10-16-1859 Text: 1 Tim 1 v 16
Parents: Christian Bucher & Louise nee Knapp

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

Baptism 10-6-1873 Elise Gerke Fa. F D Wilhelm Gerke
 Born 9-27-1873 Mo. Louise W C nee Jansen
(E S Elise Gerke died 4-20-1875)

Burial 10-xx-1873 son Doerman
(Friedrich Christian Conrad Döhrmann died 10-17-1873; born 7-5-1872)
(Parents: Friedrich Döhrmann & Louise nee Nahrwold)

Submitted by Allen Franz

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



DRIVE - THRU

Pork Chop Dinner

Lighted Gardens

10794 N State Road 1, Ossian, IN

Sunday, October 1st

11am—1 pm

Cost: \$14.00



Dinner includes:

Smoked Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Green Beans and Roll

For dinner orders contact:

Cheryl Louison 260-414-5526 - clouison@ymail.com

Pat Meyer 260-227-0400 - spmeyer82@gmail.com

Deadline for orders is Sunday, September 24th

Proceeds Benefit Northern Wells/Ossian Food Pantry
and Women of Bethlehem Project Fund

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

October Birthdays

1	Jana Neher	11	Karrie Lee
2	Daniel Fuelling	15	Gerald G. Fuelling
2	Patrick Gerke	17	Amanda Franz
2	Kari Schultz	20	Megan Fuelling
4	Lori Conrad	20	Amy Lee
4	Nathan Beer	22	Courtney Taylor
7	Amy Rose	23	Doyle Fuelling
8	Susan Fuelling	24	Kent Franz
8	Amber Shaffer	24	Eva Mae Fuelling
10	Jonathan Mishler	28	Jacqueline Rumschlag
11	Karen Gresley	29	Gerald P. Fuelling

October Anniversaries

October 5, 1984
Brent & Lori Sprunger

October 13, 2012
Pastor & Casey Tanksley

October 17, 1970
John & Suzy Fuelling

October 18, 1975
Dan & Beth Will

October 21, 2006
Ben & Erin Franz

October 22, 1966
Ronald & Arlene Zimmerman

October 24, 1998
Jonathan & Mabelle Fuelling

October 29, 2011
Brian & Ashley Rumpel



October 2023

Altar Guild– Kiri Braun and Sara Beer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study	2	3	4 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Church Choir	5 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	6	7
8 9:00am Divine Service CHURCH DINNER 10AM-1PM	9 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	10 6:00pm Church Council Meeting 7:00pm Church Elders Meeting	11 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Church Choir	12 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	13	14
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22 9:00am Divine Service; Sunday School VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING	23 SPI FALL BREAK	24	25 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Church Choir	26 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	27 SPI FALL BREAK	28
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Deacons

This month's feature of elected church officers is Deacons, which is one of three original church positions that began with the establishment of St. Peter Fuelling. The offices of trustee and elder are the other two. Although some of the specific details have evolved over the years, the mission of the deacons has remained the same. The role of the deacons is to assist the pastor in the church service, to collect the gathering of gifts, and to supervise and help maintain the upkeep of the inside of the church.

St. Peter church is served by four deacons, with two being elected each year for a 2 year term. For those of us who have been members at St. Peter for many years, the name of the late John Myers is synonymous with the deacon position, as he gladly volunteered for decades as a deacon. Many who have held this position feel that it is a great "entry level" position, while others have served as deacons repeatedly over the years. Bruce Scherer, who first served as a deacon during Pastor Stohlman's call, has served under every pastor since, including a couple of vacancy pastors. Bruce said that the role of the deacons hasn't changed, but technology and some practices have changed. At one time, deacons folded bulletins before the service and rang the church bell at 8 am to remind those living within earshot that it was Sunday and one hour until church starts. A tradition that dates back to our church's earliest days was the tolling of the church bell on the day that a church member died. It would be tolled one time for each year of age of the deceased person. With many of the members living close to the church, it served as both a show of respect and also gave a hint to the identity of the departed soul.

Currently, our four deacons are Matt Braun (Head), Fred Fuelling, Matt Rogusz, and Louis Fuelling. For Matt Rogusz, this is his first time to serve as deacon. The other three have held this position many times. On a typical Sunday, they arrive at 8:00 AM. There is a handbook on the deacon's table in the narthex that explains the duties of the deacons, so that someone who is new will have a guideline, though everyone works together to complete the tasks for the service. The only technology is the sound system, and they stated that it is easy to use. The duties listed for deacons as stated in our constitution are as follows:

1. Assist the Pastor in maintaining proper worship attitudes and procedures, including all preparations for each Sunday Divine Service and all special services.
2. Make all necessary preparations for Baptism in the Church.
3. Supervise all ushers and ushering.
4. Assist in the collection of offerings and assist the Financial Secretary in his duties.
5. Take care of the Church building and contents.
6. See to it that the elements of unleavened bread and grape wine are in supply for the celebration of Holy Communion.
7. Assist the Pastor as needed, particularly if they need to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion.
8. Make sure that the Altar Guild's functions are carried out, and assist the Altar Guild, should special needs or problems arise.
9. Count the ballots cast in election of officers.
10. Serve as greeters to all those attending the Divine Service.

The current deacons confirmed the list of duties as written above, however, we no longer have ushers in our church services. They did add some specifics to that list, such as keeping oil in the eternal flame candle, lighting the altar candles and changing them as needed, verifying that the hymns numbers on the hymn board are correct, shoveling snow and spreading salt on slippery days. Also, they are frequently asked questions that they either answer, or refer to the proper church officer. They are able to give messages, such as special prayer requests, to the Pastor last minute, if needed. And they continue to toll the church bell at the funeral service of our departed members.

They do admit to having some funny situations arise----seeing the faces of members who forget to turn their clocks ahead or behind on those two Sundays per year; forgetting to put out the basket for used individual cups at communion and having to hurry to correct that; watching the candles go out if they guessed that they could get through one more service with the current ones; etc.

All the deacons agreed that Pastor Tanksley is great to work with, as he helps get things ready for the service. They also said that they have never served a Pastor who complained when something went wrong, which helps make it a joy to serve. Bruce Scherer stated that over the years, he's enjoyed his time as deacon as it allows him to meet more members and to better know the Pastor by working with him. When asked about their favorite parts of the deacon's job, our current deacons answered:

---Giving communion is a privilege that not everyone gets to experience. I have enjoyed giving communion to friends and my family at St. Peter.

---Opening the door and saying "Good Morning" to everyone, then hearing "Good Morning" back, is my favorite part of the deacon's job.

---Greeting people each Sunday has allowed me to meet more people than I would have, if I had not been deacon, and I have enjoyed that.

---Giving communion is an honor and a privilege that I enjoy. Greeting everyone each Sunday morning is also a pleasure.

We want to thank all our deacons, past and present, for the services that they have provided and continue to provide.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave and Kris Bischoff