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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 Saints in Christ,

Luther penned the words to *Ein Feste Burg* sometime between 1527 and 1530, on this, scholars debate. If your German is like mine and is *Nein* that would be the hymn *A Mighty Fortress*. That is the appointed hymn of the day for Lent 1, which is this Sunday. Luther wrote *A Mighty Fortress* as an exposition of Psalm 46. More specifically he wrote it to apply it to the his own life and the life of a Christian. How beautiful a hymn, but how much more beautiful a Psalm.

It is about fully trusting in the Lord. Which is something that none of us are good at doing. We like to trust Him a little bit, or maybe a bit more, but never the whole way. We want to leave part of it up to ourselves. We don't like anyone else having control. Just turn on the news or read the headlines. Autonomy is king. We are Lord's over ourselves. Society cries out with Nietzsche that "God is Dead."

But we know the exact opposite to be true. **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.** Dear people loved by God, your Lord is with you always. In the midst of the muck and mire of life, He is here. Cast your anxieties on Him.

The world may crumble around us, things may not shine as brightly as they used too, but the Lord is still good. We have nothing to fear. For the Father sent His Beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased, so that He might suffer and die. We need not fear the unknown, for Christ has conquered death and the grave is but a portal to life eternal.

**"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"** This world is full of death and decay; full of temptations and enticements; of doubt and distrust. In the midst of all of this though, your Lord is beside you "upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit. So no matter the attacks hurled at you by Satan and his legion, you can tell them to back from whence they came. They have been shut up, shackled, and silenced for you. They have been defeated. One little word can fell them, for the victory has been won and the kingdom yours remaineth.

Blessings this Eastertide,



Pastor Tanksley

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for MARCH and APRIL - "SAUCES"**: During the months of March and April we will be collecting "Sauces" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Items will be delivered the first of May just in time for grilling season. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. The Food Coop is also stocked with freezers and refrigerators. Freezers are stocked with frozen beef, pork, and chicken donated by some of our local farmers, processed and packaged for the Seminary by Manley Meats. All donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families.  
Thank you for all your donations!

**May Newsletter Deadline:** will be Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>, thank you!

**LWML:** The LWML Decatur Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 27 at St John Flatrock, 12912 Franke Road, Monroeville. Registration: 8:45 Speaker: 9:00 AM - Pastor Donald Sauls and Sandy Sauls from Compassionate Ministries Network Inc. (a not-for-profit charity dedicated to poverty relief and aid in Southern Adams County). In gathering: Food Items for Compassionate Ministries food pantry.

Registration is now open for the LWML Indiana District Convention in Danville, IN June 21-23, 2024. Registration forms can be found at [lwmlindiana.org](http://lwmlindiana.org) or in The Good News. Questions, contact Marilyn Bulmahn at 260-919-5007. Each congregation in the Decatur Circuit can send two voting delegates.

**SAVE THESE LWML DATES:**

Fall Rally is Saturday, September 14 at St Peter Fuelling

Fall Workshop is Saturday, October 5 at St Paul Preble

A special **thank you** to the family of Ron Franz for all the memorials designated to St Peter and SPI School.

**Daily Devotionals:** There are daily devotionals available on the table in the Narthex.

Please keep SPI 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students & parents in your thoughts and prayers as they travel to Washington D.C. the week of April 7<sup>th</sup> for their class trip.

**Voter's Assembly Meeting:** is Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> after the church service. Church officers, if you have any reports/notes, for the Voter's Assembly Meeting please give them to Amber Shaffer by Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. You can email them, leave in the mail slot on deacons' desk, or leave on desk in the church office in the basement. Thank you!

**Zion Lutheran- Friedheim:** We would like to invite you to Friedheim's Spring Choir Concert and Hymn Sing to be held at Friedheim on Sunday, April 21, at 3 p.m. It will feature the adult choir and the Joyful Voices Children's Choir. Following the concert, refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center.

**Updated Contact Information:** Greetings congregation members! I have been updating the phone numbers, addresses, and the digital church records but I need your help. Included in the newsletter, you will find a Contact Information Form. Please complete the form (legible handwriting please) and give it to Amber Shaffer by Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. You may hand me the form before or after church, drop off the completed form at church either in the church secretary mail slot on the deacons' desk, or on the desk in the church office in the basement, or you may mail it to: St. Peter Lutheran Church Attn: Church Secretary 1033 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. I can be reached at (260) 223-9897, or email: [splchurchsec@gmail.com](mailto:splchurchsec@gmail.com) Thank you in advance, Amber Shaffer

**Thank you** to those who have provided the soup suppers prior to the midweek Lenten services. It has been greatly appreciated!

**LOST & FOUND:** There are several items that have been left accidentally here at church. Please look through the Lost & Found box in the Narthex to see if anything may be yours. Thank you!

## St. Peter Events in the Past

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

Confirmation 4-7-1974	James Lee Berning	14y	Baptized 4-17-1960	Luke 11:28
	Machelle Renae Busick	13y	Baptized 9-25-1960	John 10:27-28
	Kurt Laird Franz	14y	Baptized 4-24-1960	John 3:16
	James Edwin Fuelling	14y	Baptized 12-27-1959	Romans 1:16
	Paul William Fuelling	14y	Baptized 5-10-1959	Revelation 2:10
	Peggy Lynn Gerke	14y	Baptized 7-26-1959	Matthew 6:33
	Lyle Gene Shaffer	15y	Baptized 2-1-1959	Acts 16:31
	Katharine Ann Tieman	13y	Baptized 9-11-1960	Ephesians 2:8-9
Confirmation 4-21-1974	Mrs. Lon Linker (Jane Anne Quinn)	17y	Baptized 3-30-1969	John 14:6
Baptism 4-28-1974	Douglas Dale Fuelling Born 4-6-1974		Father: Delmore Dean Fuelling Mother: Charlotte Rose nee Knipstein	
Sponsors: Thomas Eugene Knipstein & Dean Wayne Wass				

### 100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

Baptism 4-27-1924	Martin Keuneke Born 4-10-1924		Mother: Bertha Keuneke	
Sponsors: Otto Keuneke, Fried Steinhoff & Martin Marwehe (Martin F Eifrid born Keuneke died 2-27-1975; married M Joan Smallwood)				

### 150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

Marriage 4-16-1874	Heinrich Alfeld & Sophia Melcher			
Baptism 4-19-1874	Louise Sophie Emilie Gerke Born 4-9-1874		Father: Lui Gerke Mother: Engel (nee Füllung)	
Sponsors: Louise Gerke, Sophie Ropah & Emilie Börger (L S Emilie Gerke died 6-29-1961; married H F Louis First)				
Baptism 4-26-1874	Louise Sophia Anna Böhnke Born 4-5-1874		Father: Friedrich Böhnke Mother: Mina (nee Lagemann)	
Sponsor: Maria Melcher (L S Anna Böhnke died 11-30-1969; married John Railing)				

Submitted by Allen Franz



WYNEKEN WRESTLING



**April 20th - Start Time 11:30**

**Zion Friedheim Lutheran Family Life Center**

**10653 N 550 W, Decatur, IN 46733**

**First Place: \$100 Second Place: \$50**

**Single Elimination: Team winning first 2 out of 3 games moves to the next round**

**Opportunity to "Buy Back In" will be available**

Registration fee is \$40 per team and can be submitted the day of the tournament.

Checks can be made payable to Wyneken. Please contact Shane McBride 260-2231149 or Corbin Bultemeier 260-223-7352 with any questions.

All proceeds will be utilized for wrestling equipment and towards the purchase of new wrestling mats.

Concessions Available



**RSVP NOW TO HELP US  
PREPARE**



<https://bit.ly/WynekenCornhole>

Or scan the QR Code

# April

# 2024

Altar Guild: Karen Franz & Marjeana Lemler

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir practice in church balcony	9:00am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Bible Study	<b>SPI No School- E-learning day</b>	6:00pm Elders meeting 7:00pm Church Council meeting	10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir practice in church balcony	9:00am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study	7:00pm SPI Board of Education meeting		10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir practice in church balcony	9:00am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen	<b>May newsletter information due</b>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Bible Study			10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir practice in church balcony	9:00am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen	SPI Spring Musical 6:30pm	
28	29	30				
9:00am Divine Service <b>*Voter's Assembly Meeting*</b>						

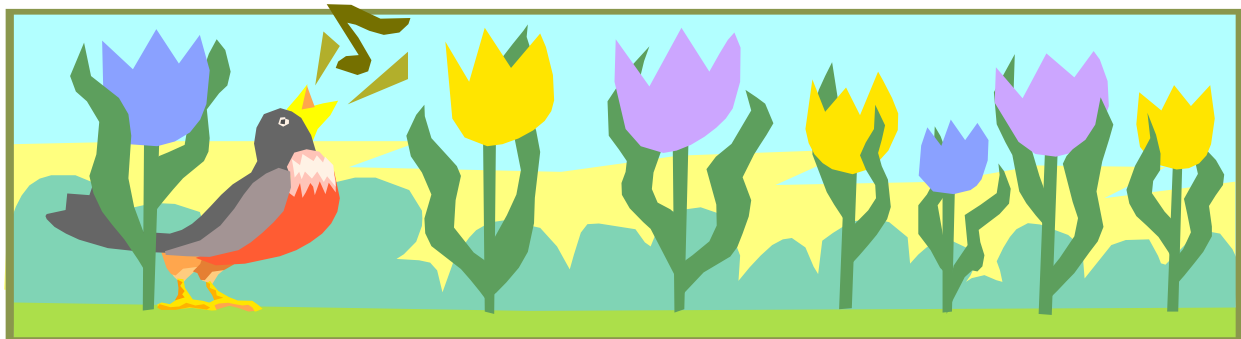
**Congratulations to All Who Celebrate Their Special Day in the  
month of April  
APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

2	Abigail Will	14	Marjeana Lemler
2	Andy Shaffer	16	Janice Mishler
2	Noah Will	17	Sophie Busick
4	Alex Will	17	Parker Rose
5	Austin Maldeney	19	Joseph Werling
6	Allen Franz	19	Nathan Scherer
6	Douglas Fuelling	20	Zeke Schultz
7	Vern Witte	25	Arlene Zimmerman
10	Barry Scherer	29	Steve Werling
10	Lilly Franz	29	Andy Wolf
11	Samuel Will	30	Pat Braun
12	Leanne Busick		

**ANNIVERSARIES**

April 4, 1987  
Tony & Lori Conrad

April 5, 1991  
Allen & Sandra Franz



# 2024 SPRING CHURCH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

**WHEN:** Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-4:00pm  
Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-NOON (bag sale)  
(Friday bag sale: \$2.00 each grocery paper bag or  
\$5.00 per 13 gal. garbage bag)

**WHERE:** EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH- SOEST  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER (Handicap Accessible)  
9909 WAYNE TRACE  
FORT WAYNE, IN 46816  
(CORNER OF EMANUEL ROAD & WAYNE TRACE)

LARGE SELECTION OF

CLOTHING - SHOES - HOUSEHOLD GOODS - FURNITURE

CRAFTS - DECORATOR ITEMS - BOOKS - TOYS

Plus Homemade Baked Goods

## St. Peter Fuelling Lutheran Church Contact Information 2024

Greetings congregation members! I am working on updating the phone and address directory and the digital church records, but I need your help. Please complete the form below (legible handwriting please) and return to Amber Shaffer by Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number, landline \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number, cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism date: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members that reside at the above address

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Confirmation date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Confirmation date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Confirmation date: \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Confirmation date: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Confirmation date: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the monthly newsletter by: mail(paper copy), email(digital copy), or both. Please circle one.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_