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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

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for May 2024 - "SNACK-TIME FOOD": During the month of May, we will be collecting SNACK-TIME items. These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of June. Some suggestions are but not limited to: Goldfish cracker, chips/pretzels, Doritos, graham crackers, fruit snacks, Nila wafers, tortilla chips, salsa, and jarred/canned chip dip. All your donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church.

Thank you for all your donations!!

June Newsletter Deadline: will be Monday May 20th. Thank you!

SPI school is now accepting bids for the 2024-2025 school custodian position. Please submit bids to Mr. Becker, the school trustee, or a School Board member. Thank you!

Sunday May 5th there will be Rite of Confirmation & Holy Communion. This year's confirmands are Lilly Howard, daughter of Nick & Lisa Howard, and Tally Sullivan, daughter of Brandon & Leslie Sullivan. Congratulations & God's Blessings to these young ladies!

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

Martini Lutheran- New Haven: Mission Rally on Wednesday May 8th, 2024, 7-8:15pm at Martini Lutheran Church, 333 Moeller Road, New Haven. The guest speaker will be The Rev. Gary Schulz, Assistant Director of Mission Central, a farmstead in Western Iowa that is the heart of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Missions. Come hear stories of our Synod's Missions & Missionaries & their work around the world. The Lord is using our missionaries as His tools to teach & preach the Gospel message for the salvation of souls in multiple languages in many countries & islands. A free will donation will be gathered to benefit Mission Central. Light refreshments will be served following the Rally. Come early & enjoy a mini organ concert presented by Vicar Matt Machermer. Please join us!

Save the Date: The SPI Booster Club is planning a Rummage Sale for Friday June 7th, 8:00am-4:00pm, and Saturday June 8th, 8:00am-NOON, to be held in the SPI gymnasium. Spring cleaning is/will be starting; as you bag up items not needed around your house, instead of taking them to Goodwill, please consider donating to the Booster Clubs's Rummage Sale. There is a box located in the basement of church for donations. Items that will be accepted: Gently Used Clothing, Shoes, Books, Toys, Household Goods, Decorator Items, Vintage/Antique items, and Crafts. Items **NOT** accepted: Mattresses, T.V.'s, VHS tapes, VHS/DVD Player, Clothing with stains/ holes in it, and Computers and other similar Electronics. Any questions can be directed to Amber Shaffer. Thank you!

Trustees

In a previous issue of the newsletter, we mentioned that the three original church offices were deacons, elders, and trustees. We have covered the first two offices, and in this issue, we will cover the Trustees office. Each year, the Voter's Assembly elects two trustees to serve a two-year term. At any given time, we have four trustees to cover the needs of the church, plus one trustee to handle the needs of St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School. Currently, Sam Braun and Barry Scherer are fulfilling their second year of a two-year term as Trustee, and Vern Witte and Greg Fuelling have begun their first year as Trustee. Ben Franz is our trustee to SPI, and he shares that responsibility with a person elected from Immanuel, so that the school also has two trustees. Currently, Ben is working with Ralph Thieme from Immanuel. Although we are describing these positions by first and second year of a term, please don't think that these men are new to their jobs. Sam became a trustee for the first time in 1985. Barry said that he took his first church office right after high school, around 1980 – 82. Vern was a trustee for the first time in 1969, and Greg isn't sure which year he started, but he has always shared the office with Vern. Ben has been our Trustee at SPI for ten years and plans to continue in that position for many more.

You may ask, what would make a person accept this church office so many times? The answer from all five of them was the same----they love fixing things. The church trustees are responsible for the outside of the church building (deacons are responsible for the inside of the church); and for other church property which includes both parsonages and the adjoining yards. All four church trustees stated that they treat these properties as if they were their homes. They do not hold regular meetings. It is also possible to go several months without being asked to work on a specific project. Yet, they do keep track of the condition of the roof, parking lot lights, the stability of electrical poles on the property, locks, etc. They all also stated that they never feel that they need to work alone. There is always another trustee (or three) to ask questions of and help with a project. Since St. Peter congregation is blessed with people who are generous with their time and talents, they each felt that there is a long list of people that they can call on when additional help is needed. According to the constitution, "The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the congregation. They shall protect the property of the congregation from loss or damage and shall keep it in good condition and repair. For the purpose of needed repairs and immediate necessity, the Trustees shall have the power to draw from the Treasury the amount needed. They are not to undertake new improvement without authority from the Voter's Assembly." In regards to being the legal representatives of the congregation, an example would be if the church needed to take out a loan, the Head Trustee would sign for the loan on behalf of the church. In regards to the school trustee, their job description is more detailed, but the responsibilities are essentially the same. The school trustee works closely with the trustee from Immanuel. They work with the SPI Board and the principal to take care of school-related matters. There is a joint SPI account to use for small expenditures. Each congregation puts \$2500 into the account annually. This usually meets the needs. There is also money available from the Lehrman Estate and from the Switzer Estate. The school trustees hire the custodian and the groundskeeper for SPI and those two people report to the Trustees. As part of their job, the school trustees are responsible for rental use and the lending of school property and equipment. They also review the insurance policy to be sure that SPI has adequate coverage.

All five of St. Peter's trustees feel that the church office of trustee is a good entry level position. They feel that anyone interested in it should enjoy fixing things and working outside, knowing that they will receive plenty of help when needed. It helps to be mechanically inclined. Some of their projects in the past have included: pouring cemetery runners, cemetery maintenance such as adding dirt to graves when they have settled, moving pinecones, removing trees along the church, planting new trees, cleaning gutters, pest control, etc. And for those who have been here for several years, a favorite project to be part of was the building of the new school. For the many years that each of these men have served St. Peter congregation as a trustee, they have many interesting stories to tell. I would like to thank them for taking their time for this interview as they provided insight to this church office. Thank you for all that you have done for our St. Peter Lutheran Church, and St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Bischof

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to All Celebrating in May

May Birthdays

2	Lori Sprunger	18	Michael Linder
3	Haley Katz	18	Keith Scherer
3	Mackenzie Werling	18	Dan Will
5	Jason May	18	Rhonda Zimmerman
6	Jackson Reynolds	18	Nathan Maldeney
7	Corey Cochran	21	Josh Franz
12	Lori Matthews	21	Matt Bischoff
12	Adam Will	22	Dave Bischoff
15	M. Jane Sipe	24	Megan Buuck
16	Dale Busick	25	Katie Burke
16	Lawson Beer	28	Caitlyn Mishler
18	Monica Suman	30	Herb Banning Jr.
18	Justin Kukelhan	30	Matthew Ellenberger
		31	Erica May

May Anniversaries

May 4, 2019
Zeke and Kari Schultz

May 27, 1988
Eric & Leesa Fuelling

May 16, 1987
Henry Kevin & Lori Lee

May 28, 1960
Dale & Leanne Busick

May 18, 2001
John & Jessica Penrod

May 28, 1983
Steve & Katherine Fuelling

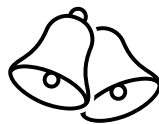
May 24, 1980
Matt & Pat Braun

May 28, 2016
Matthew & Jacqueline Rumschlag

May 25, 1996
Jon & Jody Hurst

May 28, 2011
Bubba & Kiri Braun

May 27, 1967
Fred & Becky Fuelling



May

Altar Guild: Lori Conrad & Bonnie Crosby

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice in Church Balcony	9:00am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00am Divine Service w/ Rite of Confirmation & Holy Communion; Bible Study	SPI Teacher Appreciation Week >>>>>>		10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice in Church Balcony	9:00am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen PreK3-Last Day of School	PreK4- Last Day of School. <<<<<<<<<<<<	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study Mother's Day	7:00pm SPI Board of Education meeting	6:00pm Elders meeting	10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice in Church Balcony	9:00am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen	Updated Contact Information Form Due	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion; Bible Study	June Newsletter Information Due	SPI 8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm in Chapel	10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice in Church Balcony SPI Last Day of School	9:00am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study	Memorial Day		10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice in Church Balcony	9:00am Ladies Aid Quilting 9:30am Pastors' Study Group at Bingen		

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 17th.

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: _____