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**(FUELLING)**  
**DECATUR, INDIANA**

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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,

I hope this letter finds you well.

St. Peter's has undergone some changes in the past month. Pastor Moehring has entered (a hopefully peaceful) retirement, while Judy will continue to work at Bethlehem Ossian. And now you have a new pastor; one who is eager to serve all the saints of St. Peter. Things are going to be different at first, while we get to know each other. It is going to be an adjustment for both the congregation, and for me, as the new pastor, who is still figuring things out. It is a big change for all of us, but with the Lord's help, it will be a smooth transition.

It is an honor and a privilege to be the pastor of St. Peter. I am proud to be part of the storied history of this (almost) 175 year old congregation. While I am your pastor, I am still a sinner, just like those pastors who served St. Peter before me, and just like all of you. I am not perfect. I will make mistakes. I will ask for forgiveness. That is what the Christian life is about after all.

My wife, Casey, and I look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks. We are humbled and honored by the reception we have already received. I am excited to be your pastor! In the coming months, I plan to visit each family with the purpose of getting to know you all better. It is my hope and prayer that we can have a great relationship with each other! My door is always open, and my phone is always on. Do not be afraid to call or text me any time with any questions or concerns, or if you just want to talk.

Your humble servant in Christ,

Pastor Tanksley

*SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE* will be Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

*UPDATED PHONE DIRECTORIES* will be completed in early July and will be available in the Narthex.

--Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> : Morning Service

9:00am-----Guest Pastor for morning church service

2:00pm-----Divine Service with Holy Communion,  
Ordination and Installation of Leonard E.  
Tanksley as our new Pastor here at St.  
Peter Church

\*\*A Church Dinner will follow the 2:00pm service.\*\*

*IMPORTANT NOTICE:* Traditionally, St. Peter and Immanuel Churches have maintained a rotating schedule for the SPI (St. Peter - Immanuel Lutheran School) treasurer position. Each church would alternately provide a volunteer school treasurer, for a three year term. The Immanuel volunteer has now performed treasurer duties for the past six years. SPI Treasurer does not have to be a one-person job. A team of two or three would be welcome. ANYONE interested in learning more about the job, please contact Bonnie Crosby at 728-2323 or [crosbyfarms@hotmail.com](mailto:crosbyfarms@hotmail.com).

*LWML CALENDAR OF EVENTS:*

**-Sunday, September 30, 2018** SRD Workshop 3:00 PM St Paul – Preble  
Sew Cancer Pads.

**-Sunday, October 7, 2018** LLL/LWML Fall Rally 3:00 PM St Peter  
Fuelling Speaker: TBD

*INDIANA DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS:*

*In the election for District President*, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege (St. Paul Lutheran, Preble) was elected on the second ballot with 52% of the votes cast; the second-place candidate received 35% of the vote; the remaining two candidates split the remaining votes. Pastor Brege will take office in early September, thus ending his 36-year pastorate at St. Paul-Preble.

*In the election for Vice-President of the Northeast Region (our Region)*, the Rev. Peter Brock (St. John Lutheran, Bingen) was elected with 50.4% of the votes cast (this is a part-time position; Pastor Brock will continue as pastor of St. John-Bingen).

*Pastor Moehring was elected to a second term* on the District's Worship and Spiritual Care Committee (as the pastoral member from the Northeast Region), receiving 64% of the votes cast.

*LOVE, INC OF ADAMS COUNTY* is once again (for the 20th year) sponsoring their "Clothe-a-Kid for School" project. Here is a great opportunity for you to reach out to needy children and their parents by providing school clothes. We hope you will participate with us by purchasing one or more sets of clothes which will contain the following items: 1 pair of pants, skirt, or jumper; 2 shirts or blouses; 1 package of socks; 1 package of underwear; 1 light jacket or sweater. All clothing must be new, yet moderately priced. Clothes should be "wash-and-wear," and be practical. If you participate, you will be given the first name and number of a needy child, along with the sizes needed and detailed instructions on how to handle and package the clothes. *See the registration forms on either table in the narthex/foyer.*

## St. Peter Events in the Past

### 50 Years Ago - Rev Roger D Eden

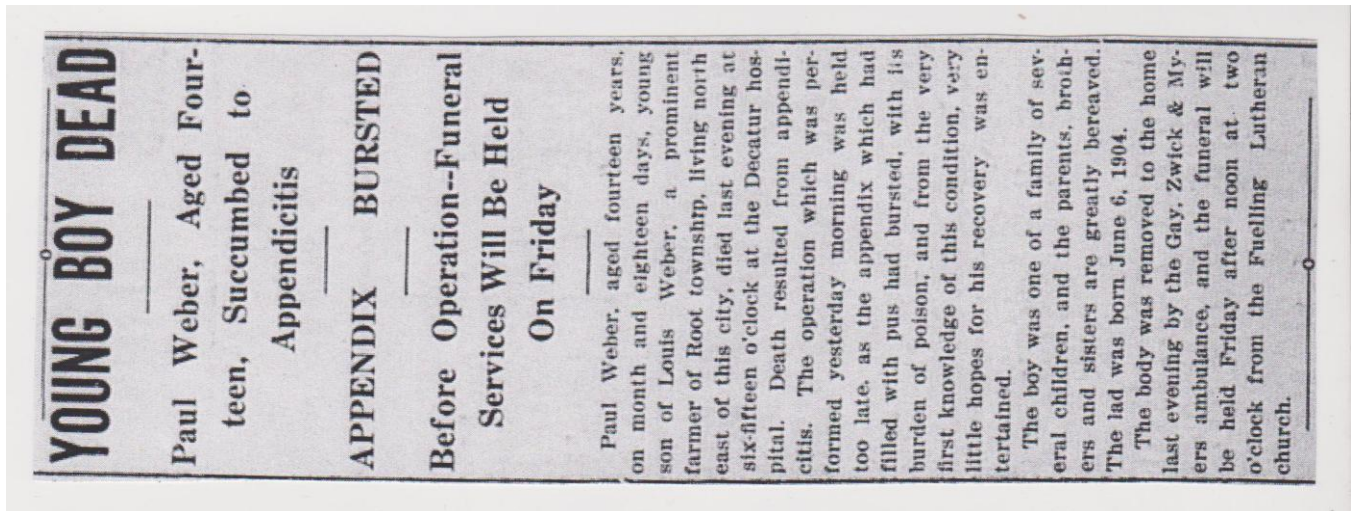
No events during July & August 1968

### 100 Years Ago - Pastor Louis W Dornseif

Burial 8-9-1918

Paul Weber  
Died 8-6-1918

Age: 14y 1m 19d



### 150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

Marriage not recorded Heinrich Franz & Dora Nietenstein  
Married 7-16-1868 (Adams County Courthouse record)

Baptism not recorded Sophie Louise Caroline Wietfeldt Father: Friedrich H A Wietfeldt  
Born: 8-24-1868 Mother: M M Louise nee Melcher  
(S L Caroline Wietfeldt married William Berning; died 12-9-1890)

Submitted by Allen Franz

# July 2018

Altar Guild— Jane Sipe and Marjeana Lemler

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Divine Service of Holy Communion 12:30pm Meal honoring Pastor Moehring	2	3	4	5 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	6	7
8 9:00 Divine Service 2:00 Divine Service of Holy Communion Ordination & Installation of Pastor Tanksley (Meal following)	9	10 7:30pm Church Council Meeting	11	12 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen 7:00pm SPI Board of Ed	13	14
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22 9:00am Divine Service Voters' Assembly to follow service	23	24	25	26 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	27	28
29 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion	30	31				



Congratulations to all of you celebrating in July!

### July Birthdays

1	Peggy Huntley	17	Angela Franz
1	Harper Billington	17	Aaron Colclasure
3	Mikey Crosby	19	Larry Brunner
6	Marj Franz	19	Marshall Scheumann
6	Caroline Kukelhan	22	James Franz
6	Scout Kukelhan	23	Gavin Scherer
7	Bradley Howard	25	Rich Howard
8	Robert Ohler	25	Robert Lehrman Sr.
9	Jody Hurst	26	Nicole Hessler
10	Shelby Billington	26	Jon Lehrman
10	Nathaniel Ellenberger	26	Lance Roe
11	Jill Ellenberger	27	Owen Gresley
12	Melissa Ohler	28	Lillian Howard
12	Denise Scherer	28	Max Fuelling
13	Brandon Scherer	28	Paityn Billington
15	Garrett Fuelling	29	Walter Berning
16	Tim Myers	29	Melvin Fuelling
16	Barry Sanderson	29	Loralie Franz
		30	Shannon Lee

### July Anniversaries

July 2, 1994  
Herb & Sharon Banning

July 3, 1959  
Ken & Sohpie Busick

July 6, 1993  
Andy & Brenda Wolf

July 15, 2000  
Leroy & Myra Peters

July 18, 1981  
Pastor & Judy Moehring

July 18, 2009  
John & Amy Rose

July 19, 2008  
Austin & Sarah Will

July 21, 1973  
Rich & Sheryl Howard

July 23, 1977  
Lynn & Lori Matthews

July 28, 1973  
Jim & Lori Franz

July 28, 2007  
Lenoard & Suzanne Rekeweg



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3	Logan Neher	20	Alexis Sanderson
4	Greg Witte	20	Bailey Richard
6	Briena Myers	22	Meghan Busick
6	Marko Fuelling	23	Ashley Rumble
7	Mark Bohnke	25	Eldora Fuelling
9	Matt Braun	26	Sandy Werling
9	Elliott Cummings	26	Gracy Suman
10	Ken Busick	27	Laura Gresley
10	Bill Carpenter	27	Lynn Matthews
10	Lon Linker	27	Kristi Avery
11	Pam Fuelling	28	Khloe Fuelling
12	Alex Pierce	29	Kyle Bischoff
16	Lori Lee	29	Sam Braun
17	Jordyn Franz	29	Louann Wolfe
19	Brian Myers	30	Kim Cochran

### August Anniversaries

August 2, 2008  
Lucas & Kari Cummings

August 4, 1956  
Walter & Vera Berning

August 6, 1977  
Melvin & Sharon Fuelling

August 11, 1984  
Mike & Bonnie Crosby

August 12, 1979  
Tom & Sharon Busick-Howell

August 13, 1994  
Rod & Sandy Busick

August 15, 1982  
Keith & Susie Scherer

August 16, 1969  
Bill & Sandy Werling

August 28, 1993  
Chris & Jana Neher

