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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,

September is here, school is back in session, parents are shuffling kids to and fro hoping to make it to all the places on time. The kids have homework and extracurricular activities. Harvest season is right around the corner. We have many things to look forward to and rejoice about as a congregation in the coming weeks. Indiana district will install its new president, Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege; We will be voting, as a circuit for who will represent us at the Synodical Convention in 2019 (One Pastor, One Lay Delegate); we will hopefully be receiving a new field worker; and we have a mission Sunday scheduled for the 7th of October. We have many things to look forward to as a congregation and many things for which we should give thanks to God.

Thank you for making St. Peter such a wonderful place. Casey and I continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity and hard work put in by all of you. I am humbled by all that you do and feel like I do not do enough. Thank you for all of the veggies and canned items, Casey and I are surely not going hungry! Casey and I have much love for you all, even in the short time we have been here, a love which will continue to grow as we get to know all of you better. Thank you so much!

St. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians: For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2). These are words which govern my ministry. We can rejoice that it is the crucified Christ who died for you, forgives your sins, and comes to you in the Means of Grace. I am but a sinner, it is Christ who does these things through me. Rejoice, dear brothers and sisters, that Christ died and rose for each and every one of you!

+Soli Deo Gloria+

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be Friday, September 21st. Thanks!

UPDATED PHONE DIRECTORIES are completed and available in the Narthex.

BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL will both resume the Sunday following Labor Day-Sunday, September 9th. All youth ages Prek-8th grade are expected to attend Sunday School. We will be ordering enough material for everyone to participate.

ALTAR GUILD: Have you ever thought about helping serve the church through altar guild? We are looking for new people to join us! Men and women are both welcome and we will have a minimum of two people per month. We are hoping to have enough willing members where everyone is assigned to only one month per year. Please contact Pastor Tanksley or Jen Fuelling if you are interested and/or willing to help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP: School is back in session, and it is time to start planning Sunday School. All school-age children should attend Sunday School every Sunday following the church service. We are planning to have a PreK-Kindergarten class, grades 1-4 class, and grades 5-8 class. Would you be willing to help teach our youth? We are looking for a few volunteers- you don't have to teach alone. We can have pairs or teams of people teaching together or rotating weeks/months. Please speak with Pastor if you are interested in learning more or willing to help out. Our kids need you!

ATTENTION: Our school, St. Peter - Immanuel Lutheran School, is in immediate need of a treasurer or a team of people to assume the duties of school treasurer. Won't you please consider serving SPI in this capacity? For more specifics, contact Bonnie Crosby at 260 760-4748 or crosbyfarms@hotmail.com Thank you!

SPI FISH AND TENDERLOIN COMMITTEE will be meeting at Mike and Bonnie Crosby's house on Wednesday September 12th at 7:00pm. All are welcomed to attend!

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

St. Peter Events in the Past

50 Years Ago - Rev Roger D Eden

Baptism 9-11-1968

John Wayne Kimberlin

Father: John Kimberlin

Born 7-25-1968

Mother: Nona nee Murray

Sponsors: Mr Robert Scherer & Mrs Robert Scherer

Baptism 9-19-1968

Sara Jane Baumgartner

Father: Allen Baumgartner

Born 9-3-1968

Mother: Helen nee Hockemeyer

Sponsors: Lorena Hockemeyer & Alice Hockemeyer

100 Years Ago - Pastor Louis W Dornseif

No events during September 1918

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

No events during September 1868

Submitted by Allen Franz

SWISS STEAK

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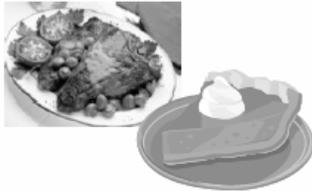
CHICKEN BREAST

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Fuelling)

Corner of Adams County Roads 1100 N & 100 E

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2018**



Serving: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Price: Adults - \$9.00

Children 12 & Under - \$5.00

MENU:

Swiss Steak / Chicken Breast

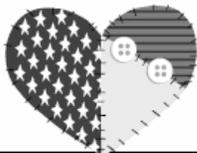
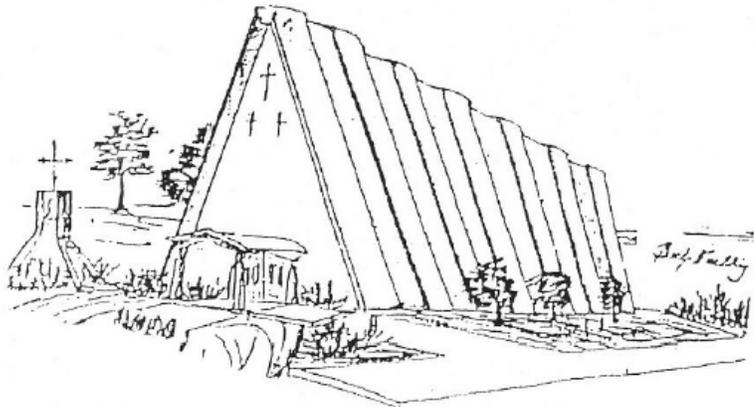
Baked Potatoes

Green Beans and Roll

Salads and Applesauce

Desserts

Drink



**BAKE SALE
and BAZAAR ITEMS**



speedy

Home Delivery Available

Call Matt Braun – 260-223-0507

Call before Saturday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. for arrangements

Dine In or Drive Thru

****If you'd like to reserve tickets, please email**

Matt Bischoff at mdbisch45@gmail.com**

“I’ve Had a Fantastic Life...”

There is no way that one church newsletter article can do justice to the almost 90 years of life that Charlie Crosby has experienced. But as he looked back on those years and shared some highlights with me, that familiar smile appeared again and again, while he talked with those large hands, and told me about his youth, his work life, and most importantly--his family.

Charles Crosby was born to Fred and Amelia (Fuelling) Crosby on October 25, 1928 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne, IN. The hospital bill for his delivery was \$25. He was the second of five children, and the oldest son. He was baptized into St. Peter Lutheran Church and attended St. Peter Lutheran School for the first seven years of his education. He had the same teacher for all seven years, and didn't really like the man, but Charlie admits that he taught him alot. He attended eighth grade and four years of high school at Monmouth H.S. His favorite subjects were math and history. While in high school, he played basketball for coach Myron Lehman in grades 10 - 12. He played softball in grades 9 - 12. Charlie was a third baseman. He batted left and threw right, should anyone need to know.

I asked if he remembers anything historical that occurred during his youth. Charlie said that while he was in the 8th grade, the youth league was putting on a play at the old school on a Sunday. Many in attendance actually were downstairs listening to the radio that day, as Pearl Harbor had been attacked. The United States had never been attacked before and no one knew what to think or expect.

Between his junior and senior year of high school, Charlie got a summer job at GE in Decatur. That summer his father died unexpectedly, leaving Charlie and his brother, Jim, to handle the farming for the family. In April of his senior year, Charlie bought a milk route. His day began by milking the cows at home. He then ran a 2 hour milk route, picking up milk from local farmers and taking it to Kraft Foods, located on Winchester Street, across from the current Arnold's Lumber. Then he went to school. He missed the first two classes everyday, and the principal noticed. Charlie explained the milk route and asked the principal to work with him on this, which he did, and Charlie graduated that spring. To recap, at age 17, Charlie was milking cows, running a milk route, going to school, and farming.

In 1952 Charlie changed to a milk route in Ft. Wayne, and built up that business. He hurt his back lifting 10 gallon milk cans everyday. (A 10 gallon can of milk weighs approximately 100 pounds). He had back

surgery and returned to work later that year. He ran the milk route for 10 years and farmed. Then in 1959 he started working at Dana. He worked there for 30 years, 23 of them working nights so that he could farm during the day. He was a foreman for 17 years . Charlie retired from Dana in 1989. He retired from farming in 2014.

Charlie will forever be grateful to his grade school classmates Louis Dornseif, Eileen Fredericks, and Marcella McIntosh, as they arranged his blind date with Ruth. Louis was attending Corcordia high school and dating a girl from Ft. Wayne. She and her friend, Ruth, were coming to Louis's mother's house and Louis asked Charlie if he would like to doubledate. After Charlie agreed, he later wondered what he would wear and what he would have to say to a *city girl*. Well, Charlie met Ruth David in September of 1951, and gave her a diamond the following Valentine's Day. They were married April 18, 1953 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne. Charlie and Ruth had four children, Debbie, Butch, Mike, and Diane, nine grandchildren, and four greatgrandchildren. Charlie said that he and Ruth worked together throughout their married life, and that "God has been so good to us!"

When asked about some favorites, Charlie said that his favorite hymn is "How Great Thou Art" and favorite Christmas song is "Silent Night". He and Ruth travelled all over the United States and Europe. His favorite vacation spot is Hawaii. He has been there three times and saw Pearl Harbor at sunrise each time. Charlie was chairman of the St. Peter congregation when they decided to build a new church, and he was on the initial Needs Assessment committee to build a new SPI school. He is very proud of both of those opportunities to serve.

Charlie finished our interview with "I've had a fantastic life! What more could I ask?"





Blessings to those celebrating in September! September Birthdays

1	Joel Lehrman	18	Martin Fuelling
3	Sharon Banning	20	Jim Linder
4	Elaine Fuelling	20	Kevin Scherer
5	Margene Fuelling	21	Jocelyn Linder
6	Michael Crosby	21	Leanna Fuelling
6	Trey Gerke	22	Alexis Counterman
9	Suzann Rekeweg	24	Troy Gerke
10	Janell Harper	25	John Fuelling
11	Shauna Franz	26	Haylee Franz
12	Phillip Schieferstein	26	Maddox Warren
12	Esme Rose Schroeder	28	Arnold Gerke
13	Hazel Franz	29	Matthew Berning

September Anniversaries

September 4, 1982
James & Rebecca Fuelling

September 7, 1985
Larry & Kaylehn Brunner

September 12, 1980
Chris & Cindy Kortenber

September 13, 2003
Josh & Laura Gresley

September 16, 2005
Aaron & Adrienne Warren

September 17, 1993
Joe & Heidi Werling

September 24, 2005
Matthew & Rhea Gratz

September 27, 1980
Sam & Marsha Braun

September 30, 1989
Steve & Charli Werling



September 2018

Altar Guild— Linda Linker and Becky L. Fuelling

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion	3 NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)	4 SPI Picture Day PreK3-8th Grade 4:30pm SPI JV Volleyball vs. SJE	5 8:00am SPI Chapel Service SPI Picture Day PreK4	6 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen 5:30pm SPI JVV@ Holy Cross	7	8
9 9:00am Divine Service (Bible Class to follow) *SPI Kids sing @Innm.) 3:00pm Install. of IN Dist.Pres@ Zion (FWW)	10 5:30pm SPI JV VB @ Emmanuel St. Michaels 7:00pm SPI Board of	11 10:00am Pastor at Circuit Meeting 6:00pm Elders Meet 7:00pm Confirmation	12 8:00am SPI Chapel Service 7:00pm SPI Fish/Tend Meet @Crosbys	13 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen 5:00pm SPI JV VB @St. Joe (Decatur)	14	15
16 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion (Bible/SunSchool) 3:00pm Circuit Forum (St. John)	17 7:00pm SPI Activities Committee Meeting	18 4:30pm SPI JV VB@St.Rose(Monrv) 7:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm SPI Auction Committee Meeting	19 8:00am SPI Chapel Service	20 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	21 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
23 9:00am Divine Service (Bible Class/Sunday School) *SPI Kids sing @St. Peter*	24 4:30pm SPI JV VB vs. St. Rose	25 7:00pm Confirmation Class	26 8:00am SPI Chapel Service	27 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	28	29
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