

**ST PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**(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.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** have been printed and are available in the Narthex.

**ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** are listed at the end of this newsletter.

**ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE** will be Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE have all reports in to Jen Fuelling ASAP with Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> as the absolute deadline. The reports will be formatted, printed, and ready to hand out by the January 30<sup>th</sup> Voters' Assembly.

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** will be Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**BIDS DUE BY DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**: Bids for Church Secretary, Church Groundskeeper, and Church Custodian are due to Steve H. Fuelling by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR THE DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> VOTERS ASSEMBLY ELECTION:**

- Vice President (1):** Fred D. Fuelling, Dr. David Matthews
- Elder (2):** Jim Fuelling, Rod Busick
- Deacon (2):** Matt Braun, Fred M. Fuelling
- Trustee (2):** Vern Witte, Greg Fuelling
- Financial Secretary (1):** Pat Braun
- School Board (1):** Bubba Braun

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (continued)

**SPECIAL NOTE:** St. Peter's Mission budget obligation for 2021 is \$11,000. To date, contributions total \$9360. Still needed to fulfill our obligation for 2021: \$1640. Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission & ministry of St. Peter.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** will meet Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> for a special meeting to elect officers and confirm bids. Also, Voters' Assembly will meet on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. PETER CHURCH CHOIR:** Our church choir will resume on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. We welcome anyone interested in singing to join with us as we begin practicing for the upcoming holidays. Practices will be held upstairs. Returning choir members, please note the start time change – 7:00pm. Thank you!

*-Pat Braun and Jackie Sanderson*

**SPI CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will take place on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the SPI gym.

**HOMANN FAMILY COLLECTION:** At the October Voter's Assembly meeting, it was decided that for the month of November we would have a door offering for the family of Brian Homann after his sudden and unexpected death. Whatever is collected, the St. Peter treasury will match and send to Emily as a gift.

**FISH & TENDERLOIN DINNER UPDATE-** Another successful year with 1029 meals served & around \$9,000 raised. The bake sale made \$892.92; thank-you for donating a wide assortment of delicious goodies. Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you to all the great volunteers for making this happen. We wouldn't be able to organize a fundraising event like this without each & every one of you. Awesome job this year everyone! Save the date for next year's dinner on Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Any questions, or comments can be directed to either Amber Shaffer 223-9897 or Erin Franz 341-2932

**SPI WREATH FUNDRAISER:** Our 7th and 8th grade students will be selling Christmas wreaths again this year. We will be selling on November 21st, & 28th after church from 10:00-10:15 am with pick up on Sunday, December 5th 10:15-11:00am. We will have a table with students selling tickets. Please keep that ticket and bring it with you on December 5th during the pick up time. Please contact Mrs. David in the school office 260-623-6115 or [mrdavid@spilutheran.org](mailto:mrdavid@spilutheran.org) if you have any questions. All proceeds go to the 2022 Class Trip.

## St. Peter Events in the Past

### 50 Years Ago - Vacancy Pastor Francis H Gerken

- Baptism 1-1-1972                      Kathryn Anne Fuelling                      Father: Donald A Fuelling  
    Born 10-2-1971                              Mother: Marian  
Sponsors: Clinton Fuelling & Shirley Fuelling
- Baptism 1-1-1972                      Barbara Jean Wilson                      Father: David Wilson  
    Born 11-9-1971                              Mother: Janice nee Hockemeyer  
Sponsors: Mr & Mrs Walter Hockemeyer
- Baptism 1-16-1972                      Steven David Fuelling                      Father: David Fuelling  
    Born 12-28-1971                              Mother: Phyllis nee Reinking  
Sponsors: John Boerger & Jenny Kolter

### 100 Years Ago - Rev August Gerken

- Baptism 12-4-1921                      Raymond Christian Heinrich Carl Franz                      Father: Hugo Franz  
    Born 11-21-1921                              Mother: Lisette nee Kükelhan  
Sponsors: Christian Franz, Heinrich Kükelhan & Karl Boehnke  
(Raymond C H C Franz died 5-27-2015; married Paula Nahrwold)

### 100 Years Ago - Pastor Alfred H Moeller

- Baptism 12-13-1921                      Eugene Tieman                              Father: Carl Tieman  
    Born 12-8-1921                              Mother: Hattie nee Rodeck  
Sponsors: Wm Tieman, Ludwig Böhne & Wm Rodeck  
(Eugene Tieman died 8-13-2002; married Eileen Judt)
- Baptism 12-25-1921                      Albert Kükelhan                              Father: Fred Kükelhan  
    Born 12-14-1921                              Mother: Marie nee Schueler  
Sponsors: Fred Schueler, Henry Fuelling & Wm Kukelhan  
(Albert Kukelhan died 2-9-2001, married Gladys Fiedler)

### 150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

- Marriage 1-11-1872                      Henry Heuer & Louise Christianer                      (Recorded at Adams County Courthouse)
- Baptism 1-19-1872                      Wilhelm Friedrich Johann Gerke                      Father: Heinrich Gerke  
(Recorded at Confirmation)                      Born 1-6-1872                              Mother: Eliese nee Knapp  
(William F J Gerke died 2-14-1923; married Henriette Boehnke)
- Baptism 1-28-1872                      Hermann Friedrich Wilhelm Martin Gerke                      Father: Louis Gerke  
(Recorded at Confirmation)                      Born 1-22-1872                              Mother: Engel nee Füllung  
(H F W Martin Gerke died 10-24-1930; married Emma Gallmeier)

# Best Wishes to Those Celebrating in December and January

## December Birthdays

2 Fred M. Fuelling	16 Kristen Fuelling
4 Spencer Myers	17 Beth Will
4 Ian McDonald	18 Randi Linthicum
7 Kaden Gerardot	18 Trent Myers
8 Lori Linder	19 Susie Scherer
11 Jennifer Mitchel	20 Matthew Schroeder
10 Dakotta Suman	24 Sam Gerke
13 Hannah Myers	26 Liam Warren
13 Brent Sprunger	28 Steven D. Fuelling
14 Deanna Myers	28 Patricia Scherer
14 Jim Fuelling	30 Greg Light
15 Cindy Kortenber	

## December Anniversaries

December 29, 1957  
Arnold & Ann Gerke

December 31, 1991  
Gerald & Kellie Fuelling

## January Birthdays

2 Steven H. Fuelling	18 Jackie Sanderson
3 Kade Fuelling	21 Rachel Heck
8 Kari Cummings	22 Greg Fuelling
8 Stephanie Klinker	23 Martin Gerke
11 Rod Scheneman	24 Jake Fuelling
12 Jon Franz	24 Jason Matthews
13 Sharon Fuelling	27 Eldon Fuelling
14 James Gariepy, Sr.	28 Jennifer Berning
17 Anthony Ohler	28 Joel Mishler
17 Richard Counterman	29 August Fuelling
17 Declan Cooper Scherer	30 Deb McDonald

## January Anniversaries

January 8, 1982  
James & Lori Linder

January 11, 1975  
Kim & Teresa Cochran

January 24, 1975  
Bruce & Brenda Scherer

January 26, 1963  
Vern & Judy Witte

# December 2021

Altar Guild– Becky L. Fuelling and Karen Gresley

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Service	<i>2</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Special Voter's Meeting/ Election	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Service	<i>9</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 6:00pm A Night at the Stable (Live Nativity at the Busick Barn)
<i>12</i> 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 7:00pm Elders Meet	<i>15</i> 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Service	<i>16</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Service	<i>23</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen *NO SCHOOL SPI*	<i>24</i> 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion *NO SCHOOL SPI*	<i>25</i> 9:00am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
<i>26</i> 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study	<i>27</i> *NO SCHOOL SPI*	<i>28</i> *NO SCHOOL SPI*	<i>29</i> 10:00am Bible Study *NO SCHOOL SPI*	<i>30</i> 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen *NO SCHOOL SPI*	<i>31</i> 7:00pm New Year's Eve Service *NO SCHOOL SPI*	

# January 2022

Altar Guild—Jen Fuelling and Casey Tanksley

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	3 *NO SCHOOL SPI*	4	5 10:00am Bible Study	6 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	7	8
9 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	10 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	11 6:00pm Elders Meet 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	12 10:00am Bible Study	13 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	14 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE	15
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30 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Voters' Assembly Meets	31					

# Treasurer Notes

## October 2021

### Mission Budget (as of 10/31/2021)

Ft. Wayne Theological Seminary	\$5000
Remitted	5000
Indiana District	\$6000
Remitted	2840
<b>Due by 12/31</b>	<b>\$3160</b>

### The Lutheran Foundation Funds (9/30/21)

Endowment Fund	\$264,363.18
Cemetery Fund	57,153.23
Scholarship Fund	38,258.25
Organ Fund	<u>62,391.63</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$422,166.29</b>

### Myers Home Expenses

Property Taxes	\$240.88
Lawn Maintenance	120.00
City Services	134.95
Electric	140.57
Insurance Rider	<u>65.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$701.40</b>

### Lutheran Church Extension Fund (Bldg.)

Balance (10/31/2021)      **\$9,173.44**

### Flagstar Bank Savings Account

Initial Opening Deposit	\$ 100.00
Fees	(8.00)
Interest	20.79
Youth Group Funds	1,730.87
Switzer Estate Funds	51,511.72
Parsonage Roof (from Switzer Funds)	(24,000.00)
John Myers Estate Funds	118,568.17
John Myers Home Sale (9/10/21)*	107,000.00
Church Dinner	<u>5,435.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$260,358.99</b>

\*27,511.72 Switzer Funds Remain

Switzer Fidelity Account\*      \$257,051.32

## Treasurer's Report October 2021

	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
Pastor's Salary	\$3,051.00	\$30,510.00
Pastor's Housing Allowance	\$833.00	\$8,330.00
Pastor's Insurance & Benefits	\$1,370.69	\$13,720.58
Guest Speakers & Conferences	\$150.00	\$740.00
Devotional Materials	\$15.00	\$751.88
Church Worship Supplies	\$0.00	\$2,549.27
Music & Organists	\$110.00	\$119,480.00
Office Supplies & Postage	\$141.31	\$2,266.34
Telephone	\$187.93	\$1,870.13
Heating	\$173.87	\$3,712.61
Electricity	\$499.65	\$4,828.98
Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,221.50
Janitor Supplies Bereavement Exp.	\$658.66	\$1,023.34
Repairs/Maintenance/Improvements	\$2,112.62	\$28,566.38
Church Secretary	\$400.00	\$4,000.00
Church Custodian	\$350.00	\$3,500.00
Grounds Custodian	\$350.00	\$3,500.00
St Peter/Immanuel School	\$12,700.00	\$107,885.87
Seminarian Mileage & Expenses	\$0.00	\$860.16
Sunday School Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
SPI School Trustee Fund	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Lutheran Foundation Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00
CWSF - Scholarship Aid	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Payments to LCEF Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Home Purpose Expenditures</b>	<b>\$23,103.73</b>	<b>\$342,817.04</b>
Missions - Pledged	\$890.00	\$7,840.00
Other Missions	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Missions Expenditures</b>	<b>\$890.00</b>	<b>\$7,840.00</b>
Building Fund	\$100.00	\$2,045.00
Cemetery Fund	\$250.00	\$375.00
Endowment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Workers Scholarship Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>	<b>\$2,420.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$24,343.73</b>	<b>\$353,077.04</b>
Checkbook Balance October 1, 2021	\$15,366.86	
Beginning Loan	\$0.00	
Savings Account Balance October 1, 2021	\$254,916.99	
<b>Monthly Deposits</b>	<b>\$22,579.00</b>	<b>\$534,771.38</b>
Account Interest Credits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Account Service Charges	\$0.00	\$150.00
Bank Loan Interest Charges	\$0.00	\$203.48
Monthly Expenditures	\$24,343.73	\$353,077.04
Additional Loans	\$0.00	\$0.00
Loan Repayments	\$0.00	\$56,855.86
Direct Savings Account Activity		
Transfer to Savings		
Transfer from Savings		
Current Loan Balance	\$0.00	
Checkbook Balance October 31, 2021	\$13,602.13	
Savings Account Balance	\$254,916.99	



## **Additional Christmas Worship Opportunities, 2021**

**Wednesday, December 1, 7:00 pm**  
Advent Midweek Service

**Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 pm**  
Advent Midweek Service

**Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 pm**  
Advent Midweek Service

**Wednesday, December 22, 7:00 pm**  
Advent Midweek Service

**Friday, December 24, 7:00 pm**  
Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

**Saturday, December 25, 9:00 am**  
Divine Service of Holy Communion for Christmas Day,  
Festival of Our Lord's Nativity

**Friday, December 31, 7:00 pm**  
New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

Save the date

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

Come and see

***“A Night At the Stable”***

**- Live Nativity -**

At the Busick Barn with Bill Werling  
Bus Service starting at 6 pm  
from the church parking lot.

(Dress for the weather)

Sign-up Sheet in St. Peter Narthex

or

Text or call Leanne: 260-701-7800  
with your name and number attending.