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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 write this letter to you at an interesting time. At the time of the writing, many things are going on. Our country is seemingly in distress, torn over the results of the recent election, a siege on the capital, uncertainty about the Covid-19 situation, and wondering where our country goes from here. We pray for our leaders and for our nation. We pray for all who make, administer, and judge our laws. We pray for our pastors, our teachers, and church workers. We pray without ceasing.

This past year, as was reported in the annual report, we had a year of both ups and downs. We had 8 funerals, none of which were easy, especially during a pandemic. Eight funerals is a lot, especially for our rural congregation, but as St. Paul writes on 1 Thes. 4.13: **But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.** Those who have preceded us in death have entered into the loving arms of their Savior, so we need not grieve, for Christ has conquered death for them.

We also have many things to celebrate as a congregation, we united 4 couples in Holy Matrimony before our altar, confirmed 3 youth and 1 adult, and brought 5 children to new life in our font. We rejoice over all of these things. These may seem like insignificant things, but they are no small things and show us that the Lord is still at work in the midst of his church, continuing to provide for it and sustain it, despite what is going on in the world around us.

Work should begin on the organ soon, and with the generous donations we have received toward the restoration as well as the grant from the Lutheran Foundation, we should be able to have the entire project paid off. We have also received a donation from the estate of Ella Switzer for around \$337,000 dollars. We pray for wisdom and discernment as the congregation decides how best to use the funds and how they will best serve the church.

Casey, Caroline, and I thank you for all of the cards and gifts given to us this Christmas season. We are so glad that we get to raise our family at St. Peter and around such a wonderful and loving church family. We are grateful for everything that you have done and do for us. We absolutely love being here and I love being your pastor. Please continue to pray for me, your unworthy servant. You all are wonderful, and we love you very much.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be Monday, February 15th.

NEW ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULES have been printed and emailed. Extra copies are available in the Narthex.

THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT has been printed and will be distributed at Voters' Assembly. A few reports need to be revised, so new copies with the updates will be available starting Sunday, January 31st. Thank you!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS will be printed in early February and will be available for pickup in the Narthex.

LENTEN MIDWEEK UPDATE: Our Lenten Midweek series will be called: "Jesus, Peter, and me", where we walk alongside Jesus in Peter's shoes.

LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE UPDATE: Out of a concern for public health, the board of directors of the Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute has decided to cancel its 2021 session. In lieu of these scheduled education opportunities, the board recommends that families take advantage of the many Christian Bible studies, devotions, discussions, video, and podcasts available online from the following websites:

Lutheran Hour Ministries (lhm.org) Daily and seasonal devotions and The Lutheran Hour.

Issues Etc. (issuesetc.org) Lutheran Talk Radio podcasts discussing current topics.

Higher Things (higherthings.org) Check the Content section for youth-oriented material.

World Wide Wolfmueller (wolfmueller.co) Rev Bryan Wolfmueller's humor and Lutheran theology applied to a variety of topics.

The Mad Christian (revfisk.com) Rev Jonathan Fisk's writings, sermons, videos deliver a unique cultural commentary based in Lutheran theology.

St. Peter Events in the Past

50 Years Ago - Rev Roger D Eden

No events during February 1971

100 Years Ago - Pastor Ludwig W Dornseif

No events during February 1921

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

No events during February 1871

Submitted by Allen Franz

February 2021

Altar Guild— Brenda Scherer and Kari Schultz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service	4 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	5	6
7 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	8 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	9 7:00pm Elders Meet	10 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service	11 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	12 SPI E-LEARNING DAY	13
14 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	15 MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SPI— NO SCHOOL	16	17 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion	18 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	19	20
21 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	22	23	24 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service	25 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	26	27
28 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School						

God's Blessings to Those Celebrating in February

February Birthdays

1	Heather Franz	16	Jane Linker
1	Vale Braun	16	Oaklynn Mitchel
2	William Werling	17	Patty Sheneman
3	Duane Franz	20	Kiri Braun
4	Sharon Busick Howell	22	Karah Myers
4	Jonathon Fuelling	23	Nicholas Howard
4	Victoria Hammond	23	Karen Matthews
6	Hadley Fuelling	24	Keith Howard
7	Loretta Franz	24	Jared Light
8	Rod Busick	25	Teresa Cochran
10	Fred D. Fuelling	25	Brad Fuelling
10	Rebecca L. Fuelling	25	David Linker
10	Kyle Scherer	23	Andrew Buuck
14	Sandra K. Franz	27	Eric Fuelling
14	Suzy Fuelling	27	Emmit Gresley

February Anniversaries

February 4
Jason & Megan Buuck

February 24, 1973
Jerry & Sandy Fuelling