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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 we have made it to the end of another school year and to the beginning of another plating season. Time has flown by, especially in this very “different” looking year. But we continue to rejoice in the Lord always because we have many things for which to be thankful. Church is beginning to return to normal. Our organ is completely finished and as I write in my office, I can hear it being played across the street! We graduated one student from SPI this year and our school continues to grow. I believe this is because of the love which St. Peter and Immanuel show to our school, the love that they have for it, and the community which surrounds it.

The theme for this school year at SPI was “Sent to Serve.” It was based on this passage from Matthew 20.28: **Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.** Each and every day, we are reminded of the unobjectionable fact that Christ died and rose from the dead, for you. But he did more than that. He washed His disciple’s feet, He fed the 5000, He healed those with broken bodies and broken hearts.

Christ really is the embodiment of the “Suffering Servant” from Isaiah 52-53. He really did come not to be served, but to serve. And likewise, we ought to follow his lead. We serve because he first served us. We serve bearing good fruit of the Spirit. We serve through our witness, through the love we have for our neighbor, for the love we have for this community, and for our love of one another. It truly is a pleasure to serve, even if it doesn’t always seem that way. We serve because Jesus the Christ served us!

For those of you who haven’t heard, our former seminarian, Brian Homann, received his divine call into the Office of the Holy Ministry and will begin his pastorate at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Beardstown, Illinois. Our current second year field worker, Carl Petzold, received his vicarage placement and will serve his year internship at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Moline, Illinois. We rejoice that the Lord continues to send workers into the harvest field. Pray for your church, its workers, and especially your pastor. God’s blessings as you begin you summer. See you Sunday!

In Christ and with His Love,  
Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTE:** Pastor Tanksley will be on vacation May 29<sup>th</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be Holy Communion on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> with The Rev. Dr. John T. Pless preaching and presiding, with Bible Study following the service. There will NOT be High Risk Service or Bible Study on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Pastor Jonker is available for emergencies while Pastor Tanksley is on vacation. You may contact Pastor Jonker at 260-418-2206.**

**NOTE:** Jen Fuelling will be on vacation May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

**THE COMBINED JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CHURCH ELDERS** will meet on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Please email, call, text, or leave a note in my box in the Narthex with any updates on name changes, phone number, e mail addresses, or addresses. I am hoping to print the update directory in June or July. Thank you for your help!

**BABY ITEMS:** St. Peter's seminarian families, the Petzolds and Sullivans, are each expecting a baby. If you have gently used baby furniture or other items that you would like to share with our seminarians or with any of the students at the Fort Wayne Seminary, please contact Amber Petzold or Leslie Sullivan. Thank you!

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### St. Peter Events in the Past

#### 50 Years Ago - Rev Roger D Eden

Baptism 6-13-1971

Rhonda Joyce Zimmerman

Fa: Ronald Zimmerman

Born 5-18-1971

Mo: Arlene nee Hockemeyer

Sponsors: Mrs Walter Hockemeyer & Mrs Edgar Zimmerman

#### 100 Years Ago - Pastor Ludwig W Dornseif

No events during June 1921

#### 150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

No events during June 1871

Compiled by Allen Franz



## Blessings to Those Celebrating in June

### June Birthdays

1	Charlotte Fuelling	15	Corey Wolfe
1	Sheryl Howard	17	Ryan Frederick
2	Casey Scherer	19	Don Gerke
3	Rebecca E. Fuelling	19	Dr. David Matthews
4	Elijah Franz	20	Austin Will
5	Caroline Tanksley	21	Nathan Sheneman
8	Emily Light	21	Jeff Hockemeyer
9	Brenda Scherer	22	Brenda Wolf
10	Morgun Werling	22	Joyce Gariepy
11	Katelyn Roe	24	Emersen Howard
14	Justin Ohler	25	Crew Braun
14	Hannah Myers	26	Jessica Penrod
15	Rhea Fuelling	27	Jennifer Stump
15	Gregg Kukelhan	28	Doug Carpenter
15	Bruce Scherer	30	Rhonda Busick

### June Anniversaries

June 2, 1989  
Barry & Jackie Sanderson

June 4, 2014  
Noah & Nicole Hessler

June 5, 1981  
Barry & Denise Scherer

June 14, 1975  
Jim & Vickie Hammond

June 17, 1988  
Greg & Mary Light

June 19, 2010  
Trent & Catherine Hullinger

June 25, 1977  
Duane & Karen Franz

June 25, 1993  
David & Jane Linker

June 28, 1997  
Alex & Deanna Myers

June 28, 2014  
John and Nicole Gerardot

June 29, 1996  
Steve & Lindy Fuelling



# June 2021

Altar Guild—Janice Mishler and Vickie Hammond

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Pastor Tanksley on vacation * *Jen Fuelling on vacation *	2 *Pastor Tanksley on vacation * *Jen Fuelling on vacation *	3 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen *Jen Fuelling on vacation *	4  *Jen Fuelling on vacation *	5
6 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study	7	8 7:00pm Elders Meet	9 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service with Holy Communion	10 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	11	12
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# SPIrit Night 2021 Summary

Last year, we were blessed with having an in-person event while other schools had to cancel or switch to a virtual event. SPIrit Night 2021 was our year to have a virtual event. For us, it meant a drive-thru dinner and the auction was done online using a mobile bidding platform. This allowed us to still come together to celebrate the Lutheran ministry at SPI but in a safe manner in our homes or socially distanced with our friends. Even though we had several new obstacles to learn and overcome we persevered and had a successful fundraiser.

We were blessed with 3 Pastors teaming up and preparing all the brisket and the chicken for the drive-thru dinner. Pastor Koeneman, Pastor Tanksley, and Pastor Brock (St. John Bingen) spent Friday and Saturday smoking the brisket and grilling the chicken for our delicious 'Pastors Dinner'. With the transition to mobile bidding, we had to focus on item pictures and platform technology that was all new to us. The virtual event did allow us to reconnect with several donors and I look forward to seeing them at future SPIrit Nights.

Even though we had all the new things to learn and do, SPI is still blessed with generous sponsors, giving donors, and passionate attendees. This year we raised just over \$56,000 with our first virtual event during a pandemic. God is great. A brief financial summary is below.

Again, this year the committee did a wonderful job with all the new tasks that we had to manage. I would like to say thank you to the committee: Shelby Billington, Megan Buuck, Erin Franz, Lisa Howard, Kelly Schlemmer and Jennie Springer. Thank you for all your time and effort to make SPIrit Night 2021 another successful night.

As a father of an SPI alum and a current student, I want to thank the congregations for supporting the Lutheran ministry at SPI. We are blessed to be able to have an outstanding, Christ-focused education right here at St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School.

Please see me if there are *ANY* questions or comments about the event. I am more than willing to share information and always looking for improvements.

Mogan David  
Chairman  
SPIrit Night

## 2021 Financial Summary

<b>Event Gross Income</b>	<b>\$56,129</b>
Event Expenses	\$10,201.65
<b>Event Net Income</b>	<b>\$45,927.35</b>

## 3 Year Event Summary

2019 SPIrit Night	\$60,495.39
2020 SPIrit Night	\$71,843.45
2021 SPIrit Night	\$45,927.35
<b>Event Net Income</b>	<b>\$178,266.19</b>

