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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,

At the time of writing, Adams county has received a foot a snow and it doesn't seem as though it is going to stop anytime soon. I suppose this is appropriate as we enter into the penitential season of Lent. With Ash Wednesday beginning this week, we are reminded of our own mortality, as we are forced to wrestle with the consequences of both the fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve, but also are daily fallings and failings, as we stand condemned under God's Law and in need of a Savior.

The Words spoken over us as we receive our ashes on Wednesday "**Remember, O Man, that thou art dust and to dust thou shall return**" are spoken over all in attendance, from the tiniest of babies to the oldest of members. This is the first year that I will place ashes on my own child's forehead. It really makes you see the seriousness of our sins, especially on a small, helpless child. These are words we carry with us, from cradle to grave, we cannot deny or argue that this is what each of us deserve. But this is not what God intended for His creation.

So, He sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, for you. You see, the flesh desires nothing but the opposite of what is good, right, and salutary. It is hostile, blind, deaf, and dumb to God. But because God's Son deigned to take on human flesh and blood, to enter into a state of humiliation, to be crucified and die, we can "daily drown the Old Adam" as Luther says. We drown him in the font at our baptism and we daily drown Him through the Word and Sacrament.

In the great writing of David, Psalm 51, he states it best: "**Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**" Likewise, the prophet Isaiah writes: "**Come now, let us reason together says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as the snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.**" As we look at the snow (and there is plenty to look at right now!) we are reminded in this penitential season of Lent that while we are sinners, while we are marked with the scarlet letters of our sins, Christ died for them. We daily rise a new man and are made whiter than the snow for the sake of Christ's death and resurrection and for that, we can truly be grateful.

Announcements

THANK YOU: Thank you for the cards, prayers and kind thoughts congregation members shared in the time my wife, Dr. Cynthia L. Molenda, was ill. She endured COPD for 8+ years and survived brain tumor surgery 6 years ago. Due to the surgery, she was unable to walk. She spent 6 years in a hospital bed at home. She visited Lutheran Hospital 46 times in the last 9 years, often in the ICU. She was vivacious, talented, smart and had a kind heart. She never complained. I loved her with all my heart. I miss her. I know she is with Jesus in Heaven. -Dr. David N. Matthews

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be Friday, March 19th.

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

THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT has been printed and revised, so new copies with the updates are available.

LENTEN MIDWEEK UPDATE: Our Lenten Midweek series will be called: “Jesus, Peter, and me”, where we walk alongside Jesus in Peter’s shoes. LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available for pickup in the Narthex.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Suggestions for the state money of Ella Switzer for the **church** may be submitted to Dave Bischoff via email at: dbischoff@eacs.k12.in.us

IMPORTANT NOTE: Suggestions for the estate money of Ella Switzer for the **school** may be submitted to Kyle Bischoff via email at: kylebischoff00@gmail.com

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

Baptism 3-14-1971

David Allen Baumgartner

Father: Allen Baumgartner

Born 2-18-1971

Mother: Helen nee Hockemeyer

Sponsors: Don Hockemeyer & Hilbert Hockemeyer

100 Years Ago - Pastor Ludwig W Dornseif

No events during March 1921

150 Years Ago - Pastor J Andreas Fritze

No events during March 1871

Submitted by Allen Franz

Warm Wishes to Those Celebrating in March

March Birthdays

1	Scott Schroeder	18	Kelsey Barker
1	Madelyn Hurst	18	Vera Berning
2	Emily Linder	18	Adrienne Warren
2	Kennedy Fuelling	19	Dane Fuelling
3	Judy Witte	20	Kristen Bischoff
4	Tina Barker	21	Joshua Gresley
5	Emalese Fuelling	21	Adyson Beer
5	Jonathon Keller	21	Kane Rumble
6	Don Hockemeyer	22	Ron Franz
6	Grace Buuck	22	Louie Fuelling
7	Lilyanna Howard	23	James Berning
8	Janice Linker	23	Bonnie Crosby
8	Ruby Fuelling	23	Tory Fuelling
9	Marsha Braun	24	Mason Werling
11	Rachel Gray	27	Kurt Franz
12	Catherine Hullinger	27	Sydney Sanderson
15	Leyton Will	28	Brandon Myers
17	Ben Franz	29	Ann Gerke
17	Henry Shaffer	30	Marissa Myers

March Anniversaries

March 6, 2010
Mitchell & Shelby Billington

March 12, 1976
James & Joyce Gariepy

March 2021

Altar Guild—Becky E. Fuelling and Emalese Liles

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service	4 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	5	6 SPIrit Night Online Auction
7 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	8 7:00pm SPI Board of Education Meeting	9 10:00am Circuit Meeting 7:00pm Elders Meet	10 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service	11 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	12	13
14 9:00am Divine Service; Bible Study / Sunday School	15	16	17 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service	18 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen	19	20 APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21 9:00am Divine Service of Holy Communion ; Bible Study/Sunday School	22 *SPI Spring Break*	23 *SPI Spring Break*	24 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service *SPI Spring Break*	25 9:00 am Quilting 9:30 Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen *SPI Spring Break*	26 *SPI Spring Break*	27
28 9:00am Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion; Bible Study / Sunday School	29	30	31 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm High Risk Service	1 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion	2 12:00pm High Risk Good Friday Service 7:00pm Good Friday Service	

Additional Lenten Worship Opportunities, 2021

****High Risk Services will continue at Noon every Wednesday****

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Service with
Holy Communion and
Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 pm

Lenten Midweek Service

Wednesday, March 3, 7:00 pm

Lenten Midweek Service

Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 pm

Lenten Midweek Service

Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 pm

Lenten Midweek Service

Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 pm

Lenten Midweek Service

Sunday, March 28, 9:00am

Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service with
Holy Communion

Friday, April 2, 12:00pm and 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 4- Easter Sunday

7am Sunrise Service

9am Divine Service with Holy Communion

Altar Guild Schedule

Master Schedule

January: Jen Fuelling and Casey Tanksley

February: Brenda Scherer and Kari Schultz

March: Becky E. Fuelling and Emalese Liles

April: Karen Franz and Marjeana Lemler

May: Lori Conrad and Bonnie Crosby

June: Janice Mishler and Vickie Hammond

July: Lindy Fuelling and Emily Fuelling

August: Pat Braun and Shelby Billington

September: Denise Scherer and Courtney Taylor

October: Brenda Wolf and Sheryl Howard

November: Amber Shaffer and Emily Franz

December: Becky L. Fuelling and Karen Gresley

Altar Guild Members –

Here is the new schedule. We have twelve groups on Altar Guild, so we are hoping to just leave this as the master schedule (meaning you will have the same month every year). If there are any conflicts, just let me know. If you will be absent one of the Sundays, you may contact anyone on the list to see if they can sub in for you that week.

Thanks! Jen (815) 216-8516

(Note: Everyone will get a schedule and extras will be available on the bulletin board above the deacons' table at church. Also, it is printed in the newsletter calendar each month.)