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Coming Events

- **December 3**
St. Peter's Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
- **December 10**
St. Peter's Sunday School Christmas Program, 9am
- **December 17**
Christmas Craft Fun Day, 10:15am
Christmas Caroling, 11:15am
- **December 24**
Advent Worship Service, 9am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 8pm
- **December 31**
Christmas Hymnsing

Youth to present "Just a Little Christmas" program

The annual St. Peter's Christmas Program will be presented at 9 a.m. during the worship service on December 10. The Christmas Program is entitled "Just a Little Christmas" and youth members, along with a few adult members and friends, will present this year's program. Any parents that can help with coordinating kids walking in and out at the correct time will be appreciated.

Practices will be as follows:

Nov. 26th, Sunday: 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Nov. 28th, Tuesday: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 5th, Tuesday: 5:00-6:30 p.m.,
FULL DRESS REHEARSAL,
last practice

Dec. 10th, Sunday: 9 a.m. Christmas program

I know that everyone will not be able to make all of the practices, but please try to attend as many as possible. Also, try to

make sure your kids have had snacks and drinks before practice, so everyone will be ready to go. Please contact Lana Jarzombek at 361-645-4793 or lane.jarzombek@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

December 10 Christmas Brunch to follow youth Christmas program

Please join us for a brunch on Sunday, December 10, 2017, honoring all participants of St. Peter's Christmas program. The congregation is asked to bring their favorite brunch food to share. The Fellowship Committee will provide coffee, tea, hot chocolate, milk and juice. If you have any questions please contact Regina Calhoun or Linda Koehler.

Special ornaments created at this year's Advent workshop with the theme "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

On Sunday, November 19th, youth gathered to create special Advent ornaments. This is the second year that they have made the ornaments, an alternative approach to the traditional Advent wreath workshops that were provided in the past. The idea of the Advent ornaments is primarily the same as the wreaths, except instead of lighting a candle each week, families hang a themed ornament on their family Christmas tree.

Youth created four ornaments that coincide with characters from this year's theme carol, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Ornaments included: a star, lyrical angel, silver cross, and baby Jesus. Be sure to find a youth member and ask them about their creations! As like last year, a puppet show will also be featured each week to help tie the lessons together.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers that made this activity possible. There were

almost as many adult helping hands as there were children! We cannot go without saying a special thank you to Jill Wiggins and Jackie Gardiner for designing each of the beautiful ornaments and leading the event.



Youth attending the Advent workshop enjoyed creating ornaments with lots of sequins, jewels, and glue!

Christmas caroling and sharing of gifts planned for December 17

Our annual Christmas caroling will be held Sunday, December 17, following the worship service and other scheduled morning activities. Christmas “goodies” and poinsettia plants will be given to shut-ins and nursing home residents, as carolers raise their voices in familiar Christmas songs.

Everyone is invited to bring goodies for the Christmas bags that will be packaged and shared that day. Cookies, individually wrapped candy, small apples, oranges, pears, etc. can be included in the Christmas bags. Please have all items in the kitchen by 8 a.m. on December 17, so we can pack the bags and be ready for the Christmas carolers to deliver.

At 11:15 a.m., we will proceed to La Bahia Nursing Home to sing, and then everyone will eat lunch in Goliad. After lunch, we will split into two groups, with one staying in Goliad County and the other going to Victoria. A sign-up clipboard, for requesting a visit from the Christmas carolers, will be passed around before worship on November 26, and then placed in the narthex. Please list the names and addresses of those requesting visits, in order for Sandra Post to coordinate the list of people to visit.

Everyone is invited to join in this St. Peter’s tradition, as we lift our voices and share the joy and love of Christmas.

Gifts to be given for Christmas Eve service

For the Christmas Eve service at St. Peter’s this year, members and friends of the congregation will have the opportunity to give gifts in memory or in honor of family members and friends.

In addition to Poinsettias that will be used during the Christmas Eve service, there will also be an opportunity to give a gift in memory or in honor of a family member or friend that will assist in the Lutheran Disaster Relief. All gifts – both Poinsettias and for Lutheran Disaster Relief – will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve service bulletin. The cost for either gift is \$10 each. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter’s. Please return the form, that is attached to this newsletter or available from the church office, with your check in the offering plate or in the church office by December 10.

Pastor’s vacation

Pastor Anne and Jerry will be on vacation December 26—January 2. Should a pastoral emergency arise that week, please contact Sherry Sanders at 361-655-0123 or Kathy Albrecht at 361-645-3912 or 361-935-6645, and they will contact a pastor.

Service plans for December 24 and 31

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP is December 24 at 8:00 p.m. Join us for this service of communion, carols and candlelight as we celebrate the birth of our newborn king.

Note: We will be celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent on the morning of December 24 at the regular 9:00 a.m. service. Join us as we finish our preparations for His coming!

A CHRISTMAS HYMN SINGING will be the worship service on December 31 at 9:00 a.m. Join as we learn how some of our favorite Christmas hymns came to be written, and join us in singing them as we continue to celebrate Christ’s birth.

New Members received on November 12

New Members were received in the family of St. Peter’s on Sunday, November 12. We welcome:

Trace and Leslie Wunsch and Kaysa, Leighton and Maevyn. This family comes to us from St. John’s Meyersville, and live on Afflerbach Road. Trace works in the oil industry and Leslie works for Cuero ISD where all three kids attend school — Kaysa in the 7th grade, Leighton in the 6th grade, and Maevyn in the 4th grade. Kaysa and Leighton are in the confirmation class, and all three kids are now serving as acolytes.

Pat McDonald recently retired and moved to Goliad from Houston. He is the father of Shelby Taylor, and grandfather to Luke and Brady.

Monica Davidson works in home health care and has been attending worship (and workdays!) with Kenneth Brand. She grew up in Refugio County, where she first met Kenneth, and transfers here from Peace, Woodsboro (where she first met Pastor Anne!).

December 30 is final postmark for 2017 gifts

All offerings to St. Peter’s sent through the mail that are to be recorded as given in 2017 must be postmarked on or before December 30.

Council approves new members, sets dates for pictures

Council approved new members, Monica Davidson by affirmation of faith, and Allison Gerhardt by affirmation of baptism, at their regular monthly meeting. Monica has already been received into membership at a recent worship service, and Allison will be received shortly.

A report by the nominating committee was presented to council and the agenda was discussed for the upcoming congregational meeting on December 3. Council continues to update the Policies and Procedures Manual. Sandra Post, congregation council secretary, will be working with church secretary, Kathy Albrecht, to retype and reorganize this document. Kenneth Brand will contact Cross Trails Ministry to set date to present the check from the proceeds from Octoberfest.

Billy Dornburg presented more details about the pictorial directory to be completed in the first quarter of 2018. Dates to take the pictures of all congregational members have been set for February 9 – 10. Sign-up sheets for specific times on those two days will be announced and displayed sometime in January, with the Outreach Committee being in charge of this project.

In the Stewardship and Finance report, Sandra Post, co-chair, shared that a “Good Gifts” Christmas tree will be set up to offer members the opportunity to take ornaments off the tree and purchase animals and other necessities for people in other countries as Christmas gifts to loved ones. She stated that Lindsey Youngblood has taken over the duties of coordinator for offering counters; thanks to her for accepting that job.

Eva Nell Griffith reported that Jackie Gardiner has completed the index for the cemetery plat, thanks to both for their work on this project. The next step will be the formation of a new committee to decide how to display this information. The December meeting and Christmas meal was set for December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Trash pick-up scheduled

St. Peter’s Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up will be held on December 2, 2017. Church property committee chair, Kenneth Brand, asks that all volunteers meet in St. Peter’s parking lot at 8 a.m. to help with picking up litter on the two mile designated highway for St. Peter’s Lutheran Church. With a large group of volunteers, this job can be completed quickly and will be greatly appreciated.

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Sat Dec 2, 2017

8am Adopt-a-highway trash pick-up, meet at St. Peter's parking lot

Sun Dec 3, 2017

9am Communion service, followed by Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
10:15am Sunday School
10:30am Confirmation class, in the sanctuary
5:30pm Women of the ELCA Christmas party

Tue Dec 5, 2017

5:00pm — 6:30pm Full Dress Rehearsal for youth Christmas program

Wed Dec 6, 2017

6:30pm Advent meal, Zion, Arneckeville
7:30pm Advent service, The Prophecy Candle

Sun Dec 10, 2017

9am Christmas Program, followed by brunch

Tue Dec 12, 2017

9am Lutheran World Relief workday, bring your lunch

Wed Dec 13, 2017

6:30pm Advent meal, St. Peter's, Ander
7:30pm Advent service, The Bethlehem Candle

Thu Dec 14, 2017

6:30pm Congregation Council meeting
7pm Christmas meal with new council members, out-going council members, and all spouses

Sun Dec 17, 2017

9am Contemporary worship service
10:15am Christmas Craft Fun Day
10:15am Confirmation class
11:15am Christmas Caroling

Mon Dec 18, 2017

9am Newsletter article deadline

Wed Dec 20, 2017

6:30pm Advent meal, St. Luke's, Schroeder
7:30pm Advent service, The Shepherd's Candle

Sun Dec 24, 2017

9am Advent communion service
8pm Candlelight service with communion

Mon Dec 25, 2017

CHRISTMAS DAY—church office closed

Mon Dec 26, 2017—Tue Jan 2, 2018

Pastor Vacation

Tue Dec 26, 2017

Submit bulletin announcements/ information to the church office

Wed Dec 27, 2017

Printing of Sunday bulletin

Fri Dec 29, 2017

Church office closed

Sun Dec 31, 2017

9am Worship service

Mon Jan 1, 2018

NEW YEAR'S DAY—church office closed



O come, let us adore him!

St. Peter's Women elect officers, receive thank you for quilt from Sunset Ministries, make plans for Dec. 3 Christmas party and Dec. 17 Christmas caroling

On November 7, St. Peter's Women of the ELCA held their monthly meeting with thirteen women attending.

Prior to the meeting, Linda Dornburg led the Bible study entitled, *"The Apostles' Creed; Session three: I believe in the Holy Spirit..."* from the November *Gather* Magazine.

Deanna Wacker presented Points to Ponder entitled *"A Passion for Life,"* with Bible passage from Isaiah 40:31. The timely tip was "Don't wait for enthusiasm to find you...go looking for it. Look at your life and your relationships as exciting adventures."

A thank you was received from Lutheran Sunset Ministries in Clifton for the quilt that Ruby Jank made and donated. It brought \$260 in the auction.

Discussion was held on the Christmas caroling, "goodie bags" and poinsettias, for those being caroled to on December 17. Valerie Albrecht volunteered again this year to purchase the poinsettias, and everyone was invited to bring cookies, fruit and candy, that will be packaged before worship service on December 17, and then distributed by the Christmas carolers that afternoon. Kathy will place an article in the bulletin and newsletter, inviting members to help with food items and candy for the goodie bags.

Marilyn Morris, chair of the Stewardship committee, presented the goal-oriented ministry fund proposal for 2018. The recommended proposed ministry funds were approved. Final plans for the Thankoffering service were made.

A sewing machine, that had been donated to LaBahia Nursing Home, has now been given to St. Peter's Women of the ELCA. The December Lutheran World Relief workday was rescheduled for December 12. Everyone attending should bring their own lunch. Yearbook pages for the Women of the ELCA will be reviewed on December 12, while everyone eats their lunch.

It was stated that 2017 secret pals should give their gifts and reveal their identity prior to the December 3 Christmas gathering. Members and guests attending should each bring a \$10 gender neutral gift for the gift exchange at the Christmas party. Everyone is invited to gather at 5:30 p.m. at St. Peter's parish hall for the Christmas party.

Officers for 2018 were elected as follows: Kathy Albrecht, president, Dorothy Bowman, vice president, Jackie Gardiner, secretary, and Eva Nell Griffith, treasurer. Installation of officers will be held during a worship service in December.

The 2018 Bluebonnet Spring Gathering report was given. Speakers, registration, food, worship and decorations are being planned.

Jackie made a suggestion to place information about St. Peter's WELCA on the webpage. Pastor Anne will work on this.

The next regular meeting will be held January 9 at 3 p.m., with Bible study from the January *Gather* magazine to be held at 2pm.

Pop tops are being collected for companion synod in Costa Rica

Collection containers for pull tabs from soda cans have been placed on the table by the open closet in the narthex. These pull tabs (or "pop tops") are used by members of our companion synod in Costa Rica, Iglesia Luterana Costarricense, to make purses and other crafts to supplement their income. The Women of the ELCA will be taking the tabs to the Southwestern Texas Women's Convention that will be held on South Padre Island in September 2018.

Prayer shawls for 2018 Synod Assembly voting members that will elect new ELCA bishop

At the Synod Assembly in 2018, the Southwestern Texas Synod of the ELCA will elect a new bishop. Anyone that can knit or crochet is invited to create prayer shawls to be gifted to voting members as they participate in the election process. As you create with yarn, pray for those making important decisions for the future of the church. You are welcome to knit or crochet, and use any pattern you are comfortable using. Shawls should be approximately 15 inches wide by 60 inches in length, depending on the style. Our goal is 400 shawls from across the synod. A box has been placed by the open closet in the narthex to receive the finished prayer shawls. On March 10, 2018, St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will be holding the 2018 Bluebonnet Spring Gathering. The completed shawls from the Bluebonnet Conference will be collected at this event. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Albrecht at the church office, 645-2922.

Sign-up for providing flowers on 2018 Flower Calendar

The 2018 calendar for providing flowers for the altar is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

If the flowers given for a particular Sunday are given in memory or in honor of particular persons, please inform the church office if you wish this information to be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.



Three congregations to host joint Advent services

St. Peter's will join with St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Schroeder and Zion Lutheran Church in Arneckeville in hosting three Advent suppers and services. Offerings for the three services have been designated to focus on assisting the hungry, both locally and globally, and will be shared with the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent and the World Hunger Appeal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Of the one-half of the offering shared with the food bank, 1/3 of the funds will be designated for use by the Goliad County Food Pantry, 1/3 for the food pantry of Fannin United Methodist Church, and 1/3 for CAMAL House in Cuero.

The evening begins with a potluck meal at the host church at **6:30 p.m.** Members of the host church will provide soup, coffee, tea, and tableware. The members of the travelling churches will bring sandwiches, salads, desserts, etc.

Worship begins at **7:30 p.m.** This year's theme is *Flames For The Faithful*, centering around the candles on the Advent Wreath. Pastor Anne and Pastor Sharon Wiggins will share in worship leadership for all three services. The schedule is as follows:

- **December 6 at Zion, The Prophecy Candle**
- **December 13 at St. Peter's, The Bethlehem Candle**
- **December 20 at St. Luke's, The Shepherd's Candle.**

Join us as we set aside time to prepare for the coming of the Christ.



At the second annual Advent Workshop, youth gathered to create special Advent ornaments, an alternative approach to the traditional Advent wreath.

Youth and adults worked together to create Advent ornaments that coincide with characters from this year's theme carol, "Do You Hear What I Hear?"—ornaments included: a star, lyrical angel, silver cross, and baby Jesus.

500th Reformation Celebration held on October 29, 2017 at Schroeder Hall



Schroeder Hall was full again as members of four congregations gather to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Along with the joint service, the congregations gathered for a meal and then a dance that afternoon. Reformation Sunday in the U.S. is celebrated as a day to honor the root beliefs of Protestant Christianity: that faith in Christ is all that's needed for salvation, and the Bible, not any human leader, is the true authority in matters of faith. Photo contributed by Lana Jarzombek.

Members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander, Martin Luther Church in Coletoville, St. Luke's Lutheran in Schroeder and Zion Lutheran Church in Arneckeville gather to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The joint church service was held at Schroeder Hall along with a blessing of the hall which has been undergoing extensive restoration. Photo contributed by Lana Jarzombek.

St. Peter's Staff

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Minister

Kathy Albrecht
Church Office Secretary

Dorothy Bowman
Organist and Choir
Director

Congregation Council

David Bowman
Co-Chair of Stewardship
and Finance
(term ends 12/31/18)

Kenneth Brand
Co-Chair of Property
(term ends 12/31/18)

Billy Dornburg
Chair of Outreach
(term ends 12/31/17)

Dalton Dornburg
Vice Chair of Christian
Education and Youth Ministry
(term ends 12/31/17)

Eva Nell Griffith
Vice President and Chair of
Christian Education
and Youth Ministry
(term ends 12/31/19)

Beverly Martin
Chair of Worship and Music
(term ends 12/31/17)

Sandra Post
Secretary and Co-Chair of
Stewardship
and Finance
(term ends 12/31/18)

Sherry Sanders
President
(term ends 12/31/19)

Terrell Wiggins
Co-Chair of Property
(term ends 12/31/19)

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Pastor (ex-officio)



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

12-01 Laura Sue Rogers
12-06 Brian Willms
12-07 Delbert McCullough
12-16 Fritz Sturm
12-17 Barrett Irwin
12-18 Kora Brandes
12-23 Brynnley Bates
12-24 Brent Dornburg
12-25 Wanda Schendel
12-26 Vicki Wimberly
12-27 Ryan Klinkerman
12-28 Luke Taylor
12-29 Tuffy Dornburg
12-29 Vernetta McMullen



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

12-9-06 Greta & Leo Henke
12-10-71 Kathy & Ray Albrecht
12-10-71 Megan & Tyler Tislow
12-12-64 Valerie & Gayle Albrecht
12-19-92 Terri Lynn & Brent Dornburg
12-20-08 Vicki & W.A. Wimberly
12-23-61 Leota & Paul Romine

If any listings of birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect, or if a listing is missing, please contact the church office at 645-2922 or office@stpetersander.org

Membership Updates: New Members—

Monica Davidson
547 Chris Thompson Road
Victoria, TX 77905
Phone: 254-289-1522

Pat McDonald
1156 Gay Meadows
Goliad, TX 77963
Phone: 281-728-9958

Trace and Leslie Wunsch
Kaysa, Leighton and Maevyn
1209 Afflerbach Road
Yorktown, TX 78164
Phone: 361-564-2882

St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through October 31, 2017

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2017	\$24,057.45
Offerings	\$162,779.20
Cost of ministries	\$120,581.09
Ministry fund ending balance, October 31, 2017	\$66,255.56

Note: St. Peter's Ministry Fund (previously known as the current fund and the general operating fund) includes all of St. Peter's regular, budgeted ministries, including ELCA Mission Support. It does not include designated gifts to the building fund, memorials, or other non-budgeted designated gifts.

ELCA Missionary Supported by St. Peter's

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Schneider
#3 To Fung Shan Road
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Hong Kong, SAR
carolyn.schneider@elca.org

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.—
11:00 a.m. (Sept. - May)
Holy Communion: second,
fourth, and fifth Sundays of
each month, throughout the
Easter season, and on all
festivals



St. Peter's Ander



Gayle Albrecht – member of St. Peter's
Joan Albrecht – wife of Wayne Albrecht
Allene Bethke – mother-in-law of June Bethke
Dawn Butler – sister of Lana Jarzombek and Ronda Irwin
Rachel Carbajal – friend of Wendi Yendrey
Family of Linda Davis – friend of Wendi Yendrey
Denise Engle – friend of Amy Wilburn
Pamela Evans – friend of Allison Gerhardt
Joyce Foster – grandmother of Shelby Foster
Robbie Friedrichs – friend of June Bethke
Ainsley Garza – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith
Barry Geary – member of St. Peter's
Allison Gerhardt – member of St. Peter's
Kerry Giles – son-in-law of Sherry and Sandy Sanders
Rebecca Graves – infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest
Wilma Grupe – aunt of Karie Wimberly
Milton Haas – friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest
Stefani Hargrove – friend of Karen Klinkerman
The Rev. Bill Hassel – retired Bluebonnet Conference pastor
Dale Henderson – father of Margaret Luker
Mark Hilbrich – friend of the Posts
Vanita Ann Hausmann Homer – friend of Brenda and Aldon Bade
Betty Jacob – friend of June Bethke
Ryan Janak – eight year old nephew of Leo Henke
Nora Karl – great-grandmother of Shelby Foster
Athalee Koehler – mother of Randy Koehler
Joe Ladeairous – father of Regina Calhoun
Ross Mansker – brother-in-law of Vicki Wimberly
Beverly Martin – member of St. Peter's
Herbie Maurer – brother of Brenda Bade
Vernette McMullen – member of St. Peter's
Jordan Peterson – husband to be of Carolyn Well's step-granddaughter
Ruth Pieper – friend of the community and member of St. Luke's, Schroeder
Allen Pollard – father of Karie Wimberly

Homebound:

Barry Geary, 1403 Gohmert Rd., Cuero, TX 77954,
phone 361-275-5591

Vernette McMullen, 510 Perth Street, Victoria, TX 77904
phone 361-485-0390

Mary Poppert – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest
Jose Reyes – friend of Shelby Foster
Marcus Rezendez – friend of Amy Wilburn
James Rung – five year old son of friend of Greta Henke
Katherine Sauer – grandmother of Jarrett Yendrey
Bonnie Staha – friend of Jamie Friedrichs
Barbara Stall – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith
Patricia Stanley – co-worker of Gayle Albrecht
Chuck Taylor – father of Ashford Taylor
Wayne Timmerman – friend of Pam and Ted Long
Kelly Thomas – friend of the Wimberlys
Victor Vargas – four year old nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife
James White – friend of Allen and Ruby Jank
Sharon Wilborn – friend of Beverly Martin
Mike Wilburn – member of St. Peter's
G.T. Yendrey – grandfather of Jarrett Yendrey
Zander York – member of St. Peter's grandson of Bob and Nancy Gerhardt
Buddy Young – friend of Allen and Ruby Jank

Help choose a name for St. Peter's picnic area

Recently, suggestions were made to give St. Peter's picnic area a name. On December 3, at the congregational meeting, members will vote to choose from the following names:

- 1) **Gift of Grace Gathering Place**—submitted by Karen Klinkerman
- 2) **God's Children Play Station**—submitted by Loyce McCullough
- 3) **Fellowship Fun Spot**—submitted by Sherry Sanders
- 4) **Muffley Mountain**—submitted by anonymous
- 5) **Das Versamein Platz (The Gathering Place)**—submitted by Allen Jank

Gerald Griffith has volunteered to paint a sign for us to hang on the wall at the picnic area. Please remember, you must be present to submit your choice. Thanks to all who participated in the contest.

Thank you from the Garrett family

Thank you so much for being there and helping us with the new electric box and installment. Thank you for all the blessings you have given us. We are very grateful. Thank you so much, always. Brenda & Amanda Garrett

Thank you from St. Luke's, Schroeder

Pastor Anne & St. Peter's Congregation,

I just personally want to thank Pastor Anne and the entire congregation of St. Peter's, Ander, for taking part and working so hard to make the 500th Reformation Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 29th such a huge and memorable success. It will long be remembered. May God bless all of you.

Thanks again!

Roma Preiss, president

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Schroeder

Special thanks to budget stew cooks

Allen Jank extends his thanks to the cooks that helped prepare the stew for the budget meal, on November 12. Those helping include Gerald Griffith, Alvin DeForest, Terrell Wiggins, David Bowman, Bob Gerhardt, Monica Davidson, and Kenneth Brand.

Notice of Congregational Meeting

The congregation council has called a congregational meeting to begin immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 3, 2017.

The following items will be on the agenda: adoption of a 2018 budget; election of members to the congregation council; and appointment of financial treasurer, financial secretary, memorial treasurer, perpetual care treasurer, and a member of the memorial committee. Plans for the camp service weekend for 2018 will also be reviewed and a name for St. Peter's picnic area will be voted on.

Copies of the proposed 2018 budget, as approved by the congregation council, were distributed at the November 12 Budget Stew.



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Worship Leaders for December

ALTAR GUILD

Eva Nell Griffith, Linda Koehler and Elaine Post

GREETERS

Geraldine Sturm and Jill Wiggins

USHERS

Linda Koehler and Terrell Wiggins

OFFERING COUNTERS

Eva Nell Griffith and Gary Wacker

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

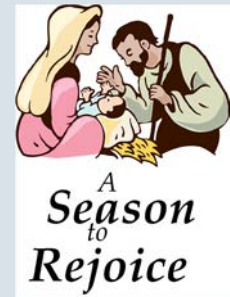
Geraldine Sturm

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Regina Calhoun and Linda Koehler

FLOWERS

12-3 open
12-10 open
12-17 Fritz and Geraldine Sturm
12-24 9am Advent Service and 8pm Christmas Eve
12-31 open





Christmas Eve Service Gifts to St. Peter's



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Please return this form with your check in the offering plate or to the church office no later than **Sunday, December 10.**

Name (of person giving gift): _____

_____ Lutheran Disaster Relief _____ Poinsettia _____ In Honor _____ In Memory

Name(s) of those being honored/memorialized _____

Name (of person giving gift): _____

_____ Lutheran Disaster Relief _____ Poinsettia _____ In Honor _____ In Memory

Name(s) of those being honored/memorialized _____

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_____ Lutheran Disaster Relief _____ Poinsettia _____ In Honor _____ In Memory

Name(s) of those being honored/memorialized _____

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS, 2017



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – 1ST Sunday in Advent

9:00 am Worship

Gospel Text: Mark 13:24-37...Soon and very soon

5:30 pm WELCA Christmas party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 – Midweek Advent Worship at Zion, Arneckeville

6:30 pm Fellowship Meal – soup provided, bring sandwiches/sides/desserts

7:30 pm Worship: *Flames for the Faithful: the Prophecy Candle*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program

Just a Little Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 – Midweek Advent Worship at St. Peter's

6:30 pm Fellowship Meal – we provide soup, casseroles and beverages

7:30 pm Worship: *Flames for the Faithful: the Bethlehem Candle*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:00 am Worship *Gospel Text:*

Mark 1:1-8....Prepare the Way of the Lord

11:00 am Lunch and Christmas Carolling

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 – Midweek Advent Worship at St. Luke's, Shroeder

6:30 pm Fellowship Meal – soup provided, bring sandwiches, sides/desserts

7:30 pm Worship: *Flames for the Faithful: the Shepherd's Candle*

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

9:00 am 4th Sunday in Advent

Gospel Text: Luke 1:26-38 ...You will conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Jesus

8:00 pm Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship with carols and communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 am 1st Sunday of Christmas

A Christmas Carol Hymnsing Celebration

