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## Coming Events

- **March 29**  
Maundy Thursday communion service, Zion in Arneckeville, 7pm
- **March 30**  
Good Friday service, St. Peter's, 7pm
- **March 31**  
Easter egg hunt, 10am
- **April 1**  
Easter sunrise service, 7am  
Easter breakfast, 7:30am  
Easter communion service, 9am
- **April 7**  
Highway clean-up
- **April 21**  
Spring clean-up
- **May 4—6**  
Synod Assembly, San Marcos
- **May 11—13**  
Camp Service Weekend, Camp Lutherhill

## 2018 Women of the ELCA Bluebonnet Conference Spring Gathering

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA, assisted by the St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Schroeder's Women of the ELCA, hosted the Spring Gathering at St. Peter's on Saturday March 10. With a theme of "Spiritual Renewal," based on Isaiah 40:31, it was a wonderful day of good food and fellowship and inspirational speakers. Worship, music and outstanding artistic decorations helped connect the theme for the day. All the food for the gathering was prepared by the ladies of these two congregations.

With 72 women attending, a morning meditation was led by Pastor Barbara Beale, Synodical Liaison to the Synodical Women's Organization. We concluded the morning with our main speaker, Pastor/Counselor Lucinda Zesch from Fredericksburg.

The afternoon session started with inspirational testimonials from leaders and participants at Restoration House Ministries in Victoria, founded by Theresa Klacman. She gratefully received the physical offering items we all donated to this ministry.

Our afternoon concluded with a closing communion service led by Pastor Anne Kolmeier, our pastor here at St. Peter's. The local portion of our offering for the day will be sent to the Goliad Ministerial Alliance.



## St. Peter's 50<sup>TH</sup> Annual Camp Service Weekend to be held May 11-13, 2018

Do join "Team Ander" at Lutherhill in LaGrange for St. Peter's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Service Weekend on May 11-13, 2018.

The days are very flexible. Arrive when you can. Help out on Saturday and leave when you need. Many of "Team Ander" arrive Friday afternoon and go out for dinner that evening. We already have potential restaurants identified!! Some members arrive on Saturday morning.

Most stay in the camp bunkbed lodging while others opt to stay in motels or go home on Saturday evening. It's your choice. We will send a detailed list of items to bring at a later date.

Meals are provided on Saturday with breakfast on Sunday. Typically, each family gives a monetary donation to

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## Holy Week and Easter services information

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** worship is at Zion, Arneckeville on March 29 at 7p.m. (no meal beforehand). Join us for this special service of communion as we focus on *The Blood of Christ* and his commandments to love one another and to *“Do this, in remembrance of me.”*

**GOOD FRIDAY** worship is at St. Peter's on March 30 at 7p.m. (no meal beforehand). Join us for this service of increasing darkness with scripture, meditation and music as we focus on Christ's last hours of life on earth and remember that he did it all for us.

**JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1**, as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

**7a.m. Sunrise Service** We celebrate the rising of the sON with the rising of the sUn with a service out on the covered slab in The Gathering Place (the picnic area). Join us as the celebration begins!

**Easter Breakfast** will be served between the services by our youth – see more details in article on this page.

**9a.m. Festival Worship** Our celebration continues with special music, special flowers, communion, and more.

*Note: there will not be Sunday School on Easter Sunday.*

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Youth Group is sponsoring its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, beginning at 10a.m. Youth of all ages are invited to participate and do not have to be members of St. Peter's to join in on the fun! To ensure that there will be plenty of eggs for everyone, families of participants are encouraged to donate 2 dozen eggs (*plastic or confetti*) and a type of treat. Members of the congregation are also welcome to donate supplies if they'd like.

## Youth groups to prepare Easter breakfast

All members and guests of the congregation are invited to a special Easter breakfast prepared by the youth groups of St. Peter's. Join us in the Parish Hall for food and fellowship promptly after the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

*In-kind donations will be accepted and go toward youth group programming within the congregation. If you are not part of the youth groups but would like to contribute to the meal, please contact Sarah Brandes at 212-8420.*

## Vacation for Pastor Anne will be April 3-10

Pastor Anne will be on "Easter Retreat" April 3-10. Should a pastoral emergency arise in that time, contact either Kathy Albrecht at the church office 361.645.2922 or Sherry Sanders 361.655.0123 and they can help you contact a pastor.

## Spring Assembly scheduled for April 8

The Annual Spring Assembly of the Bluebonnet Conference is scheduled for Sunday, April 8 at Trinity Lutheran in Victoria. Registration starts at 2p.m., with the meeting starting at 2:30p.m. There will be elections, previews of the upcoming synod assembly, and discussion of shared ministry and other issues important to our conference and synod. We are allowed 6 voting members, but visitors are unlimited, so please consider attending.

## Bible Study to resume on April 11

Wednesday night Adult Bible Study will resume on April 11 at 7:30pm. We will be focusing on the resurrection of Christ with a series of studies *Did Christ Really Rise from the Dead?* Join us for Bible Study, discussion and fellowship as we discuss whether the empty tomb was fact or just an April Fool's Day joke.

## Offerings for Tiemann endowment fund must be received by April 15

Offerings to the Tiemann Endowment Fund should be in to the church office by April 15. A reminder that this fund is being established by the synod in honor of Bishop Ray and Debbie Tiemann in honor of his eighteen years as our Bishop. The purpose of the fund is to assist leaders, lay and rostered, with funds for education, special projects and more. Our council has pledged \$500 to the fund. If you wish to add to that, put your offering in the plate or send it to the office (checks payable to St. Peter's) by April 15.

## Confirmation class resumes on April 15

Confirmation class resumes on Sunday, April 15 at 10:15a.m. Remember to have your projects ready to present as we come down the "home stretch" of our study of the Bible.

## Synod Assembly to be held in San Marcos on May 4-6

This year's Synod Assembly is May 4-6 in San Marcos. Gerald and Eva Nell Griffith will be attending along with Pastor Anne as we elect a new bishop for our synod, honor and thank Bishop Tiemann, and make other decisions regarding the ministry and mission of our Southwestern Texas Synod under the theme *Seeds of Hope*. The offering this year will go to the ELCA's Fund for Leaders, which provides assistance with seminary costs for those preparing for rostered ministry (see the enclosed insert). Our Lenten Service offerings are all going to this offering, but if you missed your chance to contribute then, please do so by April 22 (checks payable to St. Peter's.)

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cover the cost of meals. St. Peter's holds a camp worship service including communion on Saturday after dinner. Often, the camp employees provide s'mores for those interested.

"Team Ander" will once again offer our "Gaggle of Grannies" who provide outdoor and indoor activities for young children. This will include hikes, races, arts and crafts, and story time. Naptime is worked in for those who require it (kids and adults).

This year St. Peter's will give the dining hall porch a facelift. "Team Ander" will install outdoor ceiling fans and lights along the length of the porch. The support posts will be wrapped in cedar. All exposed wood will need to be stained. Additionally, the entire exterior of the pool house will be painted. Once again Aldon Bade and Kirk Klinkerman will apply for two grants from Thrivent to cover some of these project expenses.

Not only do Camp Service Weekend projects help prepare the camp for the coming summer, but members of "Team Ander" bond and become FAMILY. Another important plus is children who attend with their parents become familiar with church camps making it easier for them to transition and attend as a camper.

Please join "Team Ander" on this special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp Service Weekends!!!! Contact Aldon Bade 361-564-2063 for additional information.

April

2018

**Thu Mar 29, 2018**

7pm Maundy Thursday service,  
"The Blood of Christ," Zion,  
Arneckeville

**Fri Mar 30, 2018**

7pm Good Friday, *Tenebrae*  
*Service of Increasing Darkness*,  
St. Peter's

**Sat Mar 31, 2018**

10am St. Peter's annual Easter egg  
hunt

**Sun April 1, 2018**

7am Easter sunrise service, at  
St. Peter's picnic area  
7:30am Easter breakfast, parish  
hall  
9am Easter communion service,  
with First Communion

**Tue April 3, 2018—Tue April 10, 2018**

Pastor Anne Kolmeier's vacation

**Tue April 3, 2018**

9am Lutheran World Relief  
ingathering of quilts and kits,  
at St. Mark's, Cuero

**Wed April 4, 2018**

9am Lutheran World Relief  
ingathering of quilts and kits,  
at TLU, Seguin

**Sat April 7, 2018**

8am TxDOT Road Cleaning

**Sun April 8, 2018**

9am Communion service  
10:15am Sunday school  
2:30pm—4pm Conference  
Assembly in Victoria  
3pm Kilgore Cemetery service &  
meeting

**Tue April 10, 2018**

2pm Bible study for Women of the  
ELCA  
3pm Women of the ELCA meeting

**Wed April 11, 2018**

6:30pm Choir  
7:30pm Bible study, "*Establishing  
the Resurrection Issues*"

**Sun April 15, 2018**

9am Communion service  
10:15am Sunday school  
10:15am Confirmation class

**Tue April 17, 2018**

6:30pm Worship and Music  
committee meeting

**Wed April 18, 2018**

9am Lutheran World Relief  
workday and quilting  
6:30pm Choir  
7:30pm Bible study, "*Considering  
the Evidence 1*"

**Thu April 19, 2018**

9:30am Deanery meeting at  
St. Peter's, with noon meal  
6:30pm Congregation Council  
meeting

**Sat April 21, 2018**

8am Spring Cleaning

**Sun April 22, 2018**

9am Communion service  
10:15am Sunday school  
10:15am Confirmation class

**Mon April 23, 2018**

Newsletter articles due in the office

**Wed April 25, 2018**

6:30pm Choir  
7:30pm Bible study, "*Considering  
the Evidence 2*"

**Thu April 26, 2018**

6:30pm Stewardship and Finance  
meeting

**Sun April 29, 2018**

9am Communion service  
10:15am Sunday school

## Blessing of LWR quilts was held on March 11

By Kathy Albrecht

St. Peter's members gathered at the March 11 worship service to dedicate a total of 47 boxes that weigh 1,102 pounds. These boxes contain 110 quilts, 104 school kits, 105 personal care kits, 59 baby care kits, 10 fabric kits, and 21 pounds of soap that have been collected, bought, sewn, and assembled for Lutheran World Relief during the past 11 months. The 47 boxes of items from St. Peter's will be taken to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero on the morning of April 3. From Cuero, the boxes will be transported to Texas Lutheran University in Seguin and stacked in trucks to be shipped to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. Then the boxes of items will be shipped throughout the world to many people in need.

Why do we set aside a special time to pray, bless, and dedicate the quilts and kits? It gives us an opportunity to express our thanks to God: thanks for generous donations of fabric and supplies, thanks for the people willing to give time and talent to put these items together into something useful, thanks for the truckers and shipping crews who transport the finished quilts and kits across the country and around the world, thanks for partners in the US and abroad who take care to ensure that people get what they need, thanks for the hands that hold and cherish and use these gifts all over the world. One statement, in the LWR dedication service, that encourages me to continue to sew quilts and school bags, buy items and assemble kits is "There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life." Thanks be to God for everyone involved in the Lutheran World Relief project.

## WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held on April 10

Bible Study for the Women of the ELCA, begins at 2p.m. on April 10. The Bible study will be from the April Gather Magazine and will be led by Linda Dornburg. All are invited to join us for study, discussion and fellowship. The regular monthly meeting of St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will follow at 3p.m.

## LWR Workday scheduled for April 18

There will be a Lutheran World Relief workday on April 18. Everyone is invited to join in the quilting activities and share lunch together. Items for the soup, breads/crackers, or desserts are always welcomed and appreciated.

## Collection of pop tops continues

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.



## Collection/ingathering for LWR to be held April 3 at St. Mark's, Cuero

The Bluebonnet Conference for the Women of the ELCA, Southwestern Texas Synod, will be holding the Ingathering for Lutheran World Relief items on Tuesday, April 3, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero from 9 a.m. until noon. All collections from congregations will then be delivered to Texas Lutheran University on Wednesday, April 4.

## TLU collection site for LWR ingathering on April 4

Many workers will be needed at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin on Wednesday, April 4, to handle all of the Lutheran World Relief contributions from across the Southwestern Texas conferences. If you have questions about the LWR ingathering or want to volunteer to help, please contact Kathy Albrecht at the church office (361-645-2922) for more information.

## Keep Texas Beautiful— Adopt A Highway Texas Trash Off

Every year in April, volunteers throughout the state remove litter from roadsides, city parks, neighborhoods, and waterways during the state's single largest one-day cleanup event. We will meet in St. Peter's parking lot at 8a.m. on Saturday, April 7, to pick up the litter on St. Peter's designated 2-miles of highway. Your participation sends a clear message to Texans everywhere: The smallest efforts really do make the biggest difference. Take pride in the fact that you were part of making our great state beautiful.



## Spring clean-up date set for April 21, 2018

On Saturday, April 21, a spring clean-up day will be held at the church beginning at 8a.m. The following is a list of projects that need attention:

- 1) Clean windows, church and hall
- 2) Pressure wash concrete as needed
- 3) Yard work as needed, mow, weed eat, etc.
- 4) Clean flower beds
- 5) Clean kitchen as needed, storage cabinets, pantry, fridge, etc.
- 6) Check roof gutters, clean inside and out
- 7) Repair rust on railing at hall back porch, fill holes in concrete after railing metal is repainted to eliminate water collection around metal
- 8) Tree trimming as needed
- 9) Clean and organize outside storage shed

If you want to bring tools or equipment to complete some of the projects, this would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend on this date, but want to work on a particular project, please contact Kenneth Brand, church property chair, and let him know when you would be able to complete the project.

When we all work together, things can get done quicker and we enjoy each other's company while we attend to some needed maintenance and cleaning inside and outside the church.

## Learning and Growing Through Parish Ministry Training

By Sherry Sanders

My heart is full and my mind is open after a wonderful experience at Parish Ministry Training this month. It is not just the knowledge I am excited about, although that is impressive. Our professor in Acts has opened my eyes to a whole new way of reading the Bible using the questions, "Who, What, Where, When, How and Why" to get the greatest understanding of what we are reading. His passion for the word of God and his eagerness to share his knowledge of the Bible with us causes me to be on the edge of my seat the entire two hours of class.

Our Leadership instructor is a professor at TLU and has opened my eyes to new ways of looking at leadership and the qualities necessary for becoming a more effective leader. She encourages communication and an honest sharing of thoughts which makes discussion fun and informative. In visitation class, yesterday we had a speaker from Hospice come and

share information with us to help prepare us if we find ourselves helping people through death and dying. But I guess the best part of this program is the relationships we are creating as we listen to one another and learn from each other and from our instructors. The Holy Spirit is active and alive and flowing through us all.

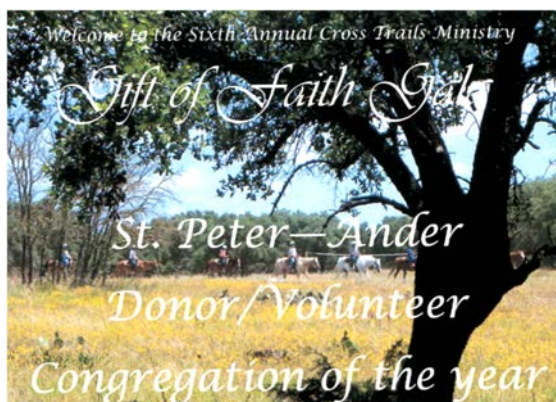
I want to say again many thanks for supporting me in this endeavor! This is something I have been wanting to do for a long time and it is well worth the effort and time. This remains a wonderful way to grow in your Christian faith and to prepare yourself for ministering to others in whatever capacity God has intended for you. We have a diverse group from many walks of life and with different plans on how to use this knowledge and experience. If anyone is interested in knowing more, please feel free to talk to me about Parish Ministry Training.

## Members of St. Peter's attended Gift of Faith Gala in New Braunfels on March 3



St. Peter's was honored by Cross Trails Ministry (the synod's camping ministry) as the donor/volunteer congregation of the year for 2018. This is in recognition not only of our financial support, but of the 50 years we have had camp work weekends.

Attending the gala were Gerald and Eva Nell Griffith, Arlene and Alvin DeForest, Pastor Anne and Jerry Kolmeier, and Billy and Linda Dornburg. We also included Deacon John Dellis, former minister of St. Peter's, in our celebration.



## St. Peter's Staff

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier**  
Pastor

**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)

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

**Sandra Post**  
Secretary and Chair of Worship  
and Music  
(term ends 12/31/18)

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

**Ashford Taylor**  
Co-Chair of Property  
(term ends 12/31/20)

**Terrell Wiggins**  
Chair of Outreach  
(term ends 12/31/19)

**Trey Wimberly**  
Co-Chair of Stewardship  
and Finance  
(term ends 12/31/20)

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier**  
Pastor (ex-officio)

## 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



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4-03 Ronda Irwin  
4-04 Mike Calhoun  
4-05 Kashlynn Tislow  
4-05 Trey Wimberly  
4-06 Sarah Brandes  
4-06 Weston Wimberly  
4-07 Garrison Jarzombek  
4-08 Payge Brown  
4-08 Nathan Irwin  
4-09 Jimmie Martin  
4-09 Sonny Wiggins  
4-11 Harper May  
4-12 Trace Wunsch  
4-14 Harold Baecker  
4-21 Logan Youngblood  
4-23 Sharon Abrameit  
4-23 Leslie Wunsch  
4-24 Linda Kohler  
4-25 Terri Lynn Dornburg  
4-28 Kaylynn Wilburn



*Happy  
Anniversary*

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4-8-1972 Eva Nell & Gerald Griffith  
4-9-2005 Lori and Jason Collins  
4-19-1997 Beverly & Jimmie Martin  
4-27-2002 Kellye & Brad Burke

*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 Update:

Jon and Jennifer Adickes  
27337 Ranch Creek  
Boerne, Texas 78006-4834

## St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through February 28, 2018

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2018	\$67,326.56
Offerings	\$27,651.80
Cost of ministries	\$39,564.90
Ministry fund ending balance, February 28, 2018	\$55,413.46

*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

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St. Peter's Ander

**Homebound:**

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

**Gayle Albrecht** – member of St. Peter's

**June Bethke** – member of St. Peter's

**Dawn Butler** – sister of Lana Jarzombek  
and Ronda Irwin

**Rachel Carbajal** – 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

**Greg Gordon** – friend of Jamie Friedrichs

**Rebecca Graves** – infant great-niece of  
Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and  
Arlene DeForest

**Gerald Griffith** – member of St. Peter's

**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

**John Hausmann** – friend of Allen and Ruby  
Jank, member of St. John's Lutheran,  
Goliad

**Dale Henderson** – father of Margaret  
Luker

**Vanita Ann Hausmann Homer** – friend  
of Brenda and Aldon Bade

**Betty Jacob** – friend of June Bethke

**Justin Janak** – nephew of Dorothy and  
David Bowman, deployed to  
Afghanistan

**Ryan Janak** – eight year old nephew of  
Leo Henke

**Nora Karl** – great-grandmother of Shelby  
Foster

**Beverly Martin** – member of St. Peter's

**Herbie Maurer** – brother of Brenda Bade

**Michael McLead** – uncle of Nathan Irwin

**Vernette McMullen** – member of St.  
Peter's

**Cole Ohrt** – friend of community and  
cousin of Ray Albrecht

**Ruth Pieper** – friend of the community  
and member of St. Luke's, Schroeder

**Allen Pollard** – father of Karie Wimberly

**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 Greta  
Henke's friend

**Katherine Sauer** – grandmother of Jarrett  
Yendrey

**Bonnie Staha** – friend of Jamie Friedrichs

**Patricia Stanley** – co-worker of Gayle  
Albrecht

**Geraldine Sturm** – member of St. Peter's

**Wayne Timmerman** – friend of Pam  
and Ted Long

**Gail Turley** – aunt of Ashford Taylor

**Victor Vargas** – four year old nephew of  
Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife

**Gary Wacker** – member of St. Peter's

**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

### Email Prayer Chain information

An email prayer chain was recently started at St. Peter's. When there is a prayer need/request, simply contact the church office by phone or email and ask to have it included on the prayer chain. How do you start receiving these prayer requests? Simply sign up on the sheet in the narthex on the table with the cross.

## Save-the-date for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School has been set for Friday, June 29, and Saturday, June 30, from 9a.m – 1p.m. The closing will be held on Sunday, July 1, at the 9a.m. worship service.

Lana Jarzombek, VBS director, requests that if you would like to help with Bible school in any way, please contact her. Volunteers are needed as teachers, helpers, kitchen help, game leaders, music leaders, older youth for help with skits, and someone to take pictures and work with the closing program. Please contact Lana by email at [lane.jarzombek@yahoo.com](mailto:lane.jarzombek@yahoo.com), or her cell phone (361) 645-4793. Thank you for your time and dedication to our youth's Christian education.

## Grave decoration to be held at Kilgore Cemetery on April 8

The annual grave decoration service will be held on April 8 at the Kilgore Cemetery located at 412 Kilgore Road. The service begins at 3p.m. Former members, families and friends of St. Paul's and the Kilgore Community are invited to attend this special service.

Prior to the Sunday service, families are encouraged to clean and decorate family grave sites. The annual Kilgore Cemetery Association meeting will follow the service.

The Kilgore Cemetery and the connecting grounds are the site of the former St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which closed as a congregation in 1954. St. Peter's and St. Paul's shared in

ministries in Goliad County. Some of St. Paul's history has been preserved by St. Peter's through the archived parish records from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

St. Peter's previous parish hall was from St. Paul's and the wood used for the narthex floor and the wainscot (wood on the walls) in the narthex and parish hall was reclaimed and restored from the parish hall building.

The original bell at Camp Lutherhill in LaGrange was the bell from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. On May 11-13, St. Peter's will be holding their 50<sup>th</sup> annual camp service weekend at Camp Lutherhill. God's work continues through our ministry.



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## Worship Leaders for April

### ALTAR GUILD

Jill Wiggins and Leslie Wunsch

### GREETERS

Karen Klinkerman and Sandra Post

### USHERS

David Bowman and Kirk Klinkerman

### OFFERING COUNTERS

Cody Foil and Karen Klinkerman

### MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

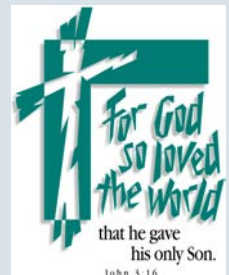
Sherry Sanders

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Brenda Bade and Annie Schwin

### FLOWERS

- 4-1 Congregation
- 4-8 Gerald and Eva Nell Griffith
- 4-15 Jarzombek Family
- 4-22 Wunsch Family
- 4-29 Wunsch Family







## Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly Offering

This year's Synod Assembly Offering will go to the  
**ELCA Fund For Leaders.**

We all celebrate when someone in our congregation experiences a call to ministry and enrolls in seminary. When it comes time to call a new pastor, we all hope there will be several good candidates to interview. But how often do we think about what comes in between?

God is faithful and continues to raise up new leaders for the church, but too often we see that path to ministry interrupted, postponed, or delayed due to financial concerns. Tuition for one year at an ELCA seminary averages \$15,000. Students also have to pay living expenses during their years of study. Most are leaving careers and paychecks behind. Many carry significant loans from their undergraduate degrees, while others are having to relocate families. Those who are able to finish often carry even more debt, and are limited in what calls they can consider and still be able to pay their bills.

The Southwestern Texas Synod has established an endowed scholarship through the ELCA Fund for Leaders to help with tuition costs for our ministry candidates. With this year's Synod Assembly Offering, we hope to support more candidates each year with more substantial scholarships.

Your congregation's contribution will help ensure that more of our candidates are able to enter ministry sooner and with fewer financial burdens to hold them back.

*Invest* in the future  
of the ELCA

ELCA Fund for Leaders and  
Youth and Young Adults



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