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The first Summer Sunday School class was held on July 14 as we continued our Toy Bible Stories with "Barbie". The Bible story was about Queen Esther, which we learned through story, songs, crafts and cookie making.



## Coming Events

- July 28**  
Second Summer Sunday School Class (Bible Toy Stories)
- August 4**  
Splashway Family Water Park in Sheridan, following worship; "Mamma Mia!" at Leo J. Welder Center
- August 11**  
Blessing of Backpacks during worship service; Summer Sunday School Class; Pot Luck Lunch; Water Kickball
- August 14**  
Meal and Bible Study, 6pm
- August 18**  
Christian Education Sunday; Summer Sunday School Class; Congregation Lunch
- August 25**  
Fall Sunday School Classes; Nursing Home Worship

## "Toy Bible Stories!" continues through the summer

Join us for another summer of fun as we continue to learn from our favorite Toy Story Characters! The following Sundays have been designated for families to come together during the Sunday School hour to study as a group. All sessions will include a theme lesson, craft, kitchen activity, and songs. Sessions begin following worship on the following days:

- July 28 with Mr. Potato Head — 1 Corinthians 12:12-19
- August 11 with Remote Controlled Car — Exodus 20:8-11
- August 18 with Train Set — Exodus 3:1-12

Lessons and activities will run from 10:15—11:15a.m. Feel free to bring a *Spark Story Bible* from home, or you may borrow one from the church. All ages welcome!

St. Peter's mission is to grow as a Christian community in faith, worship and service.

## First Communion Class scheduled for August 3

A first communion class is being offered on Saturday, August 3, 9:00 – 11:00am for those 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older who wish to participate in this sacrament. Each student is asked to bring at least one parent/guardian to the class with them as we learn together about what this special meal means. If you wish to be part of the class, please let Pastor Anne know by AUGUST 1 so that we have enough materials available.

## Blessing of Backpacks to be held on Aug. 11

Blessing of backpacks will be during the worship service on Sunday, August 11. Students of all ages, as well as anyone involved in education, are invited to bring backpacks, tote bags, laptop bags, or anything else they take to school to be prayed over as we ask God's blessings on them and their studies for the coming school year.

## Youth Group to host Water Kickball on August 11

We will be having a water kickball youth group activity on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The activities will start between 11:00-11:30. This is after the Summer Sunday School Class, lunch, and wardrobe change for everybody. There will be a light lunch (potluck sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, and byfd – bring your favorite dessert). All congregation and friends are invited to join us in praying and playing.

We will need at least 4 garden hoses and faucet splitters for hoses. Contact Leslie Wunsch with any questions.

## Summer supper and Bible study scheduled for Aug. 14

Adult Bible study will meet on Wednesday, August 14, at 7pm. This month we will be focusing on Psalm 91, *Living with God's Loving Assurance*. For those who wish to join us for a meal at 6pm, the meat will be provided, and you are asked to bring side dishes.

## July 25 Church Council Meeting Highlights

- The new wheelchair ramp is installed, complete with rails and covering. Thanks to Gerald Griffith for painting the rails.
- It was approved that the greeters take on the duties that the hospitality person was doing, and we no longer have a separate hospitality person.
- We are currently operating on a \$21,000 deficit in our budget. Some discussion was held about how to cut expenses to help recover.
- The cleaning of the roof will be done when the weather is cooler.
- Starting in September, the council will meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 10:30am in the sanctuary. This was the only time all members could be there at the same time.
- The next meeting will still be on Thursday, August 22 at 6:30pm.

## Celebration of Christian Education Sunday to be held August 18

Christian Education Sunday will be celebrated on **August 18**. The 9am worship service will be a celebration of our entire Christian Education program, with the singing of Sunday School songs old and new, the presentation of Bibles to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, and the installation of Sunday School teachers and introduction of classes for 2019-2020. In the process, the whole congregation will recommit to Christian Education for all ages at St. Peter's.

After worship, at 10:15, we'll have our final Bible Toy Story with the Train Set teaching us about leadership, then we'll gather for a potluck meal as we share in fellowship and celebrate learning about God.

## Sunday School Classes begin on August 25

The 2019 fall classes are new, some teachers are new, and the curriculum is new, so make sure to check it out! On August 25, each class will play "get to know you" games and decorate their doors and classrooms. Then on September 1 we will start doing lessons based on the scripture lessons read in worship that morning ... all classes doing the same lesson.

Classes this year will be introduced and teachers installed at the August 18 Christian Education Sunday Celebration. Teachers are: Jill Wiggins and Gerald Griffith (PreK-K); Pastor Anne (Grades 1-3) Sarah Brandes, Leslie Wunsch. Allison Ball and Ashley Post (grades 4-6), Alvin DeForest and Allen Jank (Adults). Our Junior and Senior High students will be helping in the classrooms.

Come join us for an exciting year of Sunday School!!

## Annual family waterpark outing

The Sunday School and Youth Group are taking a trip to Splashway Family Waterpark on August 4. We will leave from church, following worship service, on August 4. You can pack a sack lunch or buy something at the park. Ice chests are permitted, but can't contain glass bottles or alcohol. Splashway is located at 5211 Main St., Sheridan. We will have a reserved picnic table area in the same location as last year. Contact Brenda Bade with any questions. Please place the amount you owe in an envelope marked "**Splashway reimbursement.**"



August

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**Sun Aug 4, 2019**

9am Communion service  
10:30am Splashway Waterpark trip  
2pm "Mamma Mia!" at Leo J. Welder Center

**Wed Aug 7, 2019**

6:30pm Worship and Music committee meeting

**Sun Aug 11, 2019**

9am Communion service/Blessing of Backpacks  
10:15am Summer Sunday school  
12pm Youth Group Water Kickball

**Tue Aug 13, 2019**

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

**Wed Aug 14, 2019**

6pm Meal and Bible study

**Sun Aug 18, 2019**

9am Communion service/Christian Education Sunday  
10:15am Summer Sunday school  
Congregational Luncheon

**Wed Aug 21, 2019**

9am Lutheran World Relief workday

**Thu Aug 22, 2019**

6:30pm Congregation Council meeting

**Fri Aug 23, 2019 — Sun Aug 25, 2019**

Southwestern Texas Synod Women of the ELCA 32nd Annual Convention, Pflugerville, TX

**Sun Aug 25, 2019**

9am Communion service  
10:15am Sunday school  
3pm Nursing Home worship

**St. Peter's Calendar for Christian Education Save the Dates**

**Sat October 26, 2019**  
Scare on the Square

**Sun December 8, 2019**  
Christmas Caroling  
**Sun December 15, 2019**  
Christmas Program



**God's work. Our hands.**

**St. Peter's service projects planned for 2019 "God's Work. Our Hands."**

The churchwide ELCA celebration of helping others, "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.", will be carried out by St. Peter's on **September 7, 2019**. Starting in the morning we will break into teams and go to the homes of some of our elderly or infirm members who need help with big jobs. Details have yet to be worked out, but there will be separate activities for the children, and some people will be staying at church to prepare a lunch for everyone. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter!



St Peter's Youth hosted a church bunco party July 24. We had a great turnout! The kids caught on fast and enjoyed the friendly competition. Of course we had food and prizes with a little Gaga Ball afterwards. I think the kids are already planning the next bunco night!



# WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held August 13

All women of St. Peter's are invited to attend the Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 13. We will begin with Bible study at 2pm followed by the meeting. This month Pastor Anne will be leading the Bible study and we will read the story of Jezebel from 1 Kings 18-21 and see what lessons we might be able to learn from her life and influence. Come and join us!

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women of the ELCA Convention

Southwestern Texas Synod Women of the ELCA 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention will be held in Pflugerville at Courtyard Marriott, on August 23—25. The theme is "God's Love Changes Everything." The Bible verse is "Dear Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." — 1 John 4:7.

The "Physical Offerings" will be donated to Central Texas Table of Grace, a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter services to children and youth in the foster care system. It's mission is to create a loving nurturing homelike environment for displaced youth throughout Central Texas. Items needed for the physical offering include shampoo/conditioner, body wash, razors, paper towels, toilet paper, brushes/combs, hand sanitizer, fuzzy socks, blankets and other hygiene items. Monetary donations and Walmart/Target gift cards are also welcome. If you choose to donate a gift card, please indicate the value of the gift card on the envelope.

A "Silent Auction" will also be held during the conventions with 50% of the proceeds given to Costa Rico Lutheran Church (ILCO) and 50% to Central Texas Table of Grace.

## LWR Workday held and kit items needed

On July 17, seven ladies completed 20 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The next Lutheran World Relief workday will be held on August 21, beginning at 9am.

**Lutheran World Relief** school kit items are now being collected. Stop by the LWR display table in the narthex and pick up a shopping list for LWR school kits. Please remember to **purchase and donate only the items listed on the card.**



Now is the time for back to school sales, so take advantage of the great deals. Place items in the box labeled "School Kits Supplies for Lutheran World Relief" located in the narthex. Complete kits, kit items, or money for the purchase of items may be donated. When making a donation for supplies, please write "LWR Kits" on your offering envelope.

Other on-going projects include "Quilts," where donated fabric and sheets are always needed and greatly appreciated; "Baby Care Kits," which has a lot of donated baby clothes, but need bars of Ivory soap, baby sox, and hand towels to complete; and "Personal Care Kits" which need 4 oz. bars of any brand of soap, bath towels, adult size toothbrushes, combs, and nail clippers. You can check out all of the Lutheran World Relief kit items listed on page 33 of the 2019 St. Peter's Yearbook.

Donations for shipping of LWR items may also be made by writing on your offering envelope "LWR shipping fund."

Help us to help others! We appreciate your help in providing the needed items and monetary donations to support St. Peter's Lutheran World Relief projects.

Life can be filled with faith, joy, happiness, hope, and love when we exercise the smallest amount of real faith in Christ, even a mustard seed of faith.

M. Russell Ballard

## CAMPERS THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear St. Peter's,  
Thank you for letting me get to go to camp chrysalis. I'm so lucky to have this opportunity to go to camp and our church to go to. I really liked the mud pit, my cabin leader, and getting to make new friends. I can't wait to go back next year and meet new friends. I really like the sheep song because I learned about us being sheep and God is our shepherd.  
Love,  
Mallory Luker

Dear St. Peter's,  
Thank you sending me to camp chrysalis this year I can't wait to go back next year. I'm so thankful that I get to this through our church. I learned a lot of new things about God and Jesus. I really liked doing the swing and all camp. I loved making things with clay and arts and crafts. I really liked the creek too.  
Love,  
Marleigh Luker

Dear congregation and WELCA,  
Thank you for sending me to camp. My favorite part is tipping the canoe over. I love the mud pit a lot too. Everything was fun at camp I cannot wait for next year.  
Love,  
Maely Brandes

Dear Church Family of St. Peter's,  
Thank you so much for your generosity in allowing me to attend church camp at Camp Chrysalis this summer. I am very thankful that I had the opportunity to learn more about God's word and his love for us. I enjoyed singing, our congregation time and the giant swing. I'm truly blessed to be apart of such a wonderful church family. Thanks again for everything!  
Sincerely,  
Addison Yendrey

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for helping pay for the camp fee, so I could go to Camp Chrysalis this summer. I had a really good time at the swimming pool, the bluff, Congo time, and even at spa time. I made a lot of friends, including my entire cabin, my cabin leader Ben, and two other girls outside of my age group. We had this thing called snack quest, it was like Indiana Jones played as a game. We really enjoyed canteen time and gaga ball. I liked how we got to look up readings in our Bible. Thank you for letting me know that we are all called to do something special in God's name.  
A Happy Camper,  
Gregory Schoener

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Ladies of St. Peter's,  
My camp journey for the past few years of my life has been nothing short of a life changing experience. All of the memories have made such a great impact. Cross Trails Ministry is such a great program that all youth in our community should be informed about! Throughout my camp journey, not only did I make great friends and memories, but I really strengthened my knowledge about everything God has done for all of us. Everything that is taught at camp is so understandable and down to earth, but yet very informal. After these past few years, I can definitely say, in my own words, that Jesus has always made the ultimate sacrifice for us, and yet, just to teach us a lesson. No matter what it may be, it is truly amazing. Thank you all so much for supporting me throughout this journey. I could not have done this alone! And I really hope that along with everyone's help, that the future generations in our church family, and all around get to witness an amazing experience like that. Again, thank you so much for all of the support.  
-Fischer Saxton

Dear Saint Peter's Congregation,  
Thank you for paying my camp tuition, so that I could have this awesome experience. I loved it and hope to go again next year. I learned a lot that will help on my Christian journey. I loved the activities and gained many friends. Thank you so much for giving me this camp experience.  
Kaysa Wunsch

Dear Saint Peter's Congregation,  
Thank you for paying my way to camp. I loved the many activities that we were able to do while we were there. Thank you for giving me this Christian opportunity, so that I can grow as a Christian teenager. It definitely gave me something positive to do this summer.  
Leighton Wunsch

Dear Saint Peter's Congregation,  
Thank you for paying my camp tuition. I learned so much at camp. I met and made new friends. I loved the activities. I really loved Camp Chrysalis and plan on going again next year. Thank you so much.  
Maevyn Wunsch

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank St. Peter's for making it possible for me to again be able to go to Camp Chrysalis. I met a lot of new people from different places, and had a wonderful time. It was a great fun way to learn more about God's teachings and helped encourage me to spread his word. Thanks again.  
Mackenna Diebel



## St. Peter's Staff

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier**  
Pastor

**Kathy Albrecht**  
Church Office Administrator

**Dorothy Bowman**  
Organist and Choir  
Director

## Congregation Council

**Brenda Bade**  
Secretary and Co-Chair of  
Christian Education  
(term ends 12/31/21)

**Eva Nell Griffith**  
President  
(term ends 12/31/19)

**Linda Koehler**  
Chair of Worship and Music  
(term ends 12/31/21)

**Sherry Sanders**  
Vice-President and  
Chair of Outreach  
(term ends 12/31/19)

**Ashford Taylor**  
Council Liaison of Property  
(term ends 12/31/20)

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

**Trey Wimberly**  
Council Liaison of  
Stewardship and Finance  
(term ends 12/31/20)

**Leslie Wunsch**  
Co-Chair of Christian  
Education  
(term ends 12/31/21)

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



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8-04 Marilyn Morris  
8-07 Lana Jarzombek  
8-09 Bonnie Bates  
8-11 Jon Adickes  
8-11 June Bethke  
8-11 Brad Burke  
8-11 Nathan Smith  
8-12 Nancy Gerhardt  
8-14 Dorothy Bowman  
8-15 Gerald Griffith  
8-15 Deanna Wacker  
8-15 Mac Wimberly  
8-16 Sandy Sanders  
8-18 Lori Collins  
8-20 Glenn Karnei  
8-21 Margaret Luker  
8-21 Elaine Post  
8-22 Marleigh Luker  
8-25 Valerie Albrecht  
8-27 Cameron Krueger  
8-27 Kaysa Wunsch  
8-28 Jillian Griffith  
8-31 Mary Schmidt



St. Peter's Ander



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8-9-2014 Ashley & Jaron Post  
8-20-1988 Jackie & Tom Gardiner  
8-21-1977 Jill & Terrell Wiggins  
8-26-2006 Julie & Clayton Franke  
8-27-1966 Marilyn & Tom Morris  
8-28-2004 Melanie & Boyd Schendel

*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*

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Mac and Jess Odem, and big sister and brother, Brooklyn and Bryce, on the birth of **SCARLETT MADELINE ODEM.**

Scarlett was born July 12, 2019, 19 inches long and weighing 9 pounds. May God bless Scarlett and her family as they grow together in his love.



## Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00am  
Sunday School: 10:15am —  
11:30am (Sept. — May)

**Holy Communion:** every Sunday service that is not lay-led.

## St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through June 30, 2019

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2019	\$69,098.03
Offerings	\$99,595.38
Cost of ministries	\$115,603.23
Ministry fund ending balance, June 30, 2019	\$53,090.18

*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.*



**Homebound: Barry Geary**, 1403 Gohmert Rd., Cuero, TX 77954,  
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#### MEMBERS —

**June Bethke**  
**Barry Geary**  
**Tom Morris**  
**Mary Schmidt**  
**Mike Wilburn**

#### FRIENDS —

**Mia Balko** – friend of Karie Wimberly  
**Troy Berthold** – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball  
**Nate Boehl** – Grandson of Duck and Lucy Dell Ohrt, friend of Arlene DeForest  
**Al Brothers** – friend of Mike and Regina Calhoun  
**Dawn Butler** – sister of Lana Jarzombek and Ronda Irwin  
**Paula Calhoun** – mother of Mike Calhoun  
**Wilburn Eckhardt** – Leslie Wunsch's sister-in-law's father  
**Denise Engle** – friend of Amy Wilburn  
**Joyce Foster** – grandmother of Shelby Foster  
**Robbie Friedrichs** – friend of June Bethke  
**Ainsley Garza** – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith  
**Peggy Gentry** – friend of Elaine Post  
**Kerry Giles** – son-in-law of Sandy and Sherry Sanders  
**Harold Gleinser** – friend of community and brother-in-law of the Bowmans  
**Rebecca Graves** – infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest  
**Wilma Grupe** – aunt of Karie Wimberly  
**Stefani Hargrove** – friend of Karen Klinkerman  
**John Hausmann** – cousin of Allen Jank  
**Dale Henderson** – father of Margaret Luker  
**Betty Jacob** – friend of June Bethke  
**Kenneth Jacob** – friend of Glenn Karnei  
**Ryan Janak** – ten year old nephew of Leo Henke  
**Donna Justice** – friend of community

**Melita Keith** – friend of Margaret Luker  
**Cullen Kickendahl** – four year old son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl  
**Family of Fred Allen Knipling** – friend of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm  
**Jo Nell Martin** – friend of community  
**Michael McLead** – uncle of Nathan Irwin  
**Doris Moore** – cousin of Fritz Sturm  
**Sydney Morris** – sister of Jess Odem  
**Kevin Mozisek** – friend of Lana and Gary Jarzombek  
**Mark Mueller** – friend and classmate of Beverly Martin  
**Andy and Stephanie Navas** – granddaughter of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm  
**Mary Poppert** – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest  
**Monica Powitzsky and family** – friend of Kenneth Brand and Monica Davidson  
**Jim Prescott** – friend of Taylor family  
**Jose Reyes** – friend of Shelby Foster  
**Marcus Rezendez** – friend of Amy Wilburn  
**Tyler Rhodes** – friend of Shelby and Ashford Taylor  
**Edna May Riggs** – friend of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm  
**Susan Calhoun Rosello** – cousin of Mike Calhoun  
**James Rung** – five year old son of Greta Henke's friend  
**Jenny Sanders** – daughter of Sherry and Sandy Sanders  
**Billy Charles Scott** – cousin of Leslie Wunsch  
**Bonnie Staha** – friend of Jamie Friedrichs  
**Family of Billy Stange** – friend of Glenn Karnei  
**Bobbi Stiles** – great aunt of Shelby Foster  
**Jay Thigpen** – friend of Carl and Sarah Brandes  
**Family of Eric Trap** – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball  
**Joe and Pat Trap** – friends of Allison and Wesley Ball

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

**Rob Wall** – son of Brenda Foil's friend, Roxy

### Practicing Mercy

In what ways is our worship an opportunity to practice for a life of service, offering mercy to those who are suffering?

We *draw near* to one another: we sit shoulder to shoulder with people who might be very different from us. We see each other: over the months and years, we learn to really love each other as we are. We are *moved with compassion*: as we share our prayer concerns, we are vulnerable with one another and feel tenderness for those who are suffering. As we share the peace of Christ, we *move toward* each other in kind and loving ways. We even practice *offering* what we have to help others. The good Samaritan offered the oil and wine he had with him, and we offer canned goods for food pantries, quilts for Lutheran World Relief, school supplies for students, time, talents, and monetary gifts.

Having been nourished by the practice of mercy in our worship life, we are strengthened to “go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37)—to draw near, see, care, help, and pour out what we have been given to those we encounter.





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## Worship Leaders for August

### ALTAR GUILD

Dorothy Bowman and Wendi Yendrey

### OFFERING COUNTERS

Kathy Albrecht and Valerie Albrecht

### GREETERS

Arlene DeForest and Leslie Wunsch

### USHERS

Alvin DeForest and Pat McDonald

### FLOWERS

**8-4** Ina DeForest  
**8-11** Dorothy and David Bowman  
**8-18** open  
**8-25** open

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Dorothy Bowman and Monica Davidson

