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Coming Events

- **December 1**
Family Advent Project
- **December 8**
Annual meeting, following worship
Christmas caroling, 11am
- **December 14**
Highway clean-up and Playground workday
Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10am
- **December 15**
Youth Christmas Program
- **December 24**
Communion Candlelight
Christmas Eve service
- **December 29**
Christmas Hymnsing
- **January 5**
Youth cookie and cocoa planning meeting; potluck meal; Bunco



Midweek joint Advent worship services

We will continue our tradition of joining for fellowship meals and worship with Martin Luther of Coletoville, Zion of Arneckeville and St. Luke's of Schroeder. This year's theme is *The Stars of Advent* in which we'll look at several different kinds of stars and the Biblical symbolism behind them which lead up to Christ's birth. The meals will begin at 6:30pm, with worship beginning at 7:30pm. St. Peter's will help provide food on December 11.

- December 4: The Seven Pointed Star of Creation, at Zion, Arneckeville
- December 11: The Four Pointed Covenant Star, at St. Luke's, Schroeder
- December 18: The Six Pointed Star of David, at Martin Luther, Coletoville

Advent Offerings this year will go to the ELCA Good Gifts Global Barnyard project, which provides animals to those in need so that they have a sustainable source of food.



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 Water to Thrive, which transforms lives in rural



Africa by bringing the sustainable blessing of clean, safe water to communities in need. All gifts – both Poinsettias and Water to Thrive – will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve service bulletin. The cost for either gift is \$15 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 1.



Youth Christmas Program, *Chosen Too*, to be presented on Dec. 15, and rehearsal dates announced

CHOSEN, TOO is the title of this year's Sunday School Christmas Program, which will be presented at 9am on Sunday, December 15. Our kids and director Wendi Yendrey have been working hard, and it promises to be a good time sharing the message of Christ's birth. After the program we will have a potluck Christmas Brunch to continue the celebration.

REHEARSALS for all in the program will be during Sunday School on November 24 and December 8, and a full dress rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at 10am. It is important that as many students as possible be present at these rehearsals, so everyone knows what's going on!

Church Council Highlights of the November 17 meeting

- Council will elect officers after the Dec. 8 election meeting, committee chairs will be decided at the Dec. 13 council meeting.
- February 9 was set as the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting, Part 2 to receive annual reports and updates.
- Billy Dornburg, Mike Calhoun and Cody Foil will be this year's audit committee.
- It was approved to purchase and install an overhead outside light to shine on the porch steps at the parish hall exit. Cost not to exceed \$200.
- Hand Gun classes will be offered after the first of the year for our security team.
- It was decided that Pastor Anne does not need to spend the entire week at camp with our kids. It was approved that the congregation pay for her to stay 2 nights with the 15 kids going to Chrysalis and 1 night with the 6 kids going to Lutherhill.

All other business appears in articles in this newsletter!

Christmas caroling and sharing of gifts planned for December 8

Our annual Christmas caroling will be held Sunday, December 8, following the worship service. Christmas "goodies" and poinsettias will be given to shut-ins, as we celebrate with familiar Christmas songs. Everyone is invited to bring goodies for the Christmas bags that will be packaged and shared that day. Cookies, oranges, pears, sandwich crackers, individually wrapped candy can be included in the Christmas bags. Please have all items in the kitchen by 8am December 8, so we can pack the bags and be ready for the Christmas carolers to deliver.

At 11am we will proceed to La Bahia Nursing Home to sing, and then eat lunch together in Goliad.

Two sign-up clipboards will be in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 24 and remain until Sunday, December 1. Clipboard one for names, addresses, and telephone numbers of people to be caroled to. We need these names ahead of time to coordinate the list of people to visit. Clipboard two for names of people that want to go and sing. Everyone is invited to join in this St. Peter's tradition, as we lift our voices and share the joy and love of Christmas.

St. Peter's Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up to be held on Dec. 14, followed by assembly of new playground

A TxDOT workday has been scheduled for Saturday, December 14, beginning at 8am. Everyone is invited to come help us in this project to help our Ander community. Vests and bags are provided – just bring gloves and boots if you want them.

THE NEW PLAYGROUND will be assembled at the picnic area that same day, after road cleaning (or if you don't want to help on the road, you can get started early). We are especially inviting the parents of those who will play on it to help, but everyone is invited!



Celebrate the birth of our Savior

Christmas Eve candlelight service will be here at St. Peter's at 5:30pm. It will be a communion service filled with carols as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

5:30 a bad time for you? One service not enough? Then join one of our "sister" congregations for worship:

- 3:00 pm at St. Luke's, Schroeder
- 6:00 pm at Zion, Arneckeville
- 8:00 pm at Martin Luther, Coletoville
- 11:00 pm at Martin Luther, Coletoville

November 26 Fun Day in Victoria planned for youth

VICTORIA FUN DAY is Tuesday, November 26. Youth and their parents are invited to join together at Hangtime Trampoline Park at 10am, followed by lunch at the Mall Food Court, and wrap up with a trip to the movies to watch Frozen 2. If your family will be joining us this day please reply to Sarah Brandes ASAP. Group rates for Hangtime are dependent upon our group size. It may also be advantageous to preorder tickets for the movie.

Family Advent activity planned for December 1

THE FAMILY ADVENT WREATH workshop is December 1st during the Sunday School hour (10:15 am). Families are invited to create a new wreath for Advent OR bring their wreath/log from a previous year to spruce up! New devotional books will also be available.

Dec. 31 final postmark for 2019 gifts

All offerings to St. Peter's sent through the mail that are to be recorded as given in 2019 must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2019.

December

2019

Sun Dec 1, 2019

9am Communion service
 10:15am Family Advent Project
 10:15am Adult Sunday school
 5pm Women of the ELCA Christmas meal and gift exchange

Tue Dec 3, 2019

6:30pm Choir rehearsal

Wed Dec 4, 2019

6:30pm Meal at Zion, Arneckeville
 7:30pm Advent worship,
 7 Pointed Star of Creation

Sun Dec 8, 2019

9am Communion service, followed by
 Part 1 Annual meeting
 10:15am Christmas program rehearsal
 10:15am Adult Sunday school
 11am Christmas Caroling

Wed Dec 11, 2019

6:30pm Meal at St. Luke's, Schroeder
 7:30pm Advent worship,
 4 Pointed Covenant Star

Fri Dec 13, 2019

6:30pm Church Council Christmas and meeting

Sat Dec 14, 2019

8am TxDOT Highway Trash Pick-up
 8:30am Playground assembly
 10am Dress rehearsal for Christmas program

Sun Dec 15, 2019

9am Youth Christmas Program
 10:30am Potluck Brunch
 11am Choir rehearsal

Mon Dec 16, 2019

January Newsletter articles due in the Church office

Tue Dec 17, 2019

6:30pm Choir rehearsal

Wed Dec 18, 2019

6:30pm Meal at Martin Luther, Coletoville
 7:30pm Advent worship,
 6 Pointed Star of David

Sun Dec 22, 2019

9am Communion service
 10:15am Choir rehearsal

Tue Dec 24, 2019

5:30pm Communion Candlelight Christmas Eve worship

Wed Dec 25, 2019

Christmas Day, St. Peter's Church office closed

Sun Dec 29, 2019

9am Christmas Hymnsing

Wed Jan 1, 2020

New Year's Day, St. Peter's Church office closed

Sun Jan 5, 2020

9am Communion service
 10:15am Youth Cookie & Cocoa planning meeting
 10:15am Adult Sunday school
 11:30am Soup/Chili Potluck, followed by Bunco



Sign-up to provide altar flowers on 2020 Flower Calendar

The 2020 calendar for providing flowers for the altar will soon be 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.

WELCA OF THE WOMEN

WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held Jan. 14

All women of St. Peter's are invited to attend the next Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 14. We will begin with Bible study at 2pm followed by the meeting. More information will be provided in the January Newsletter. Please plan to join us!

January 15 date set for next Lutheran World Relief quilting

We will not be holding a Lutheran World Relief quilting workday in December. The next LWR workday will be held on January 15.

Items needed for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA continue collecting items for personal care kits. Most needed items for the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits are:

- **Bath-size towels** (20x40 to 27x52) dark color recommended
- **Bath-size bars of soap** any brand, in original wrapping

You may purchase any LWR kit items at any time that you find a special price. Complete listing of all the kits and required kit items are found on page 33 of the 2019 St. Peter's Church Yearbook. Please place all kit items in the box by the cross table in the narthex.

Money may also be designated for purchasing kit items or for shipping. When using an offering envelope, please designate "LWR kits" or "LWR shipping fund" on the envelope.

"Scare on the Square"

On October 26, St. Peter's youth had a great time showing everyone their Halloween costumes and handing out candy around the Goliad Courthouse square.



Christmas party and meal to be hosted by St. Peter's WELCA on December 1

A Christmas party will be given by our Women of the ELCA on Sunday, December 1, beginning at 5pm. Ham will be provided, everyone is asked to bring sides, salads or desserts to share. Everyone is invited – not just women!

As usual, we will have a fun gift exchange. If you want to participate, just bring one gift per person (value no more than \$15). All gifts should be appropriate for either a man or a woman.

St. Peter's Thankoffering Service held November 18

The annual Thankoffering service for St. Peter's was led by women of our church on November 17. Margaret Jackson, a Synodically Authorized Minister, and a member of St. Mark's, Cuero, was the guest speaker. We express our sincere appreciation to Margaret for presenting the very thought provoking message for the day.

Each year the Thankoffering service gives the St. Peter's faith community an opportunity to support and participate in God's ministry and mission through the programs and initiatives of the churchwide body of the Women of the ELCA. There is a rich tradition of thanking God for his many blessings through giving at the Thankoffering service. It is generous giving that enables Women of the ELCA to share our faith locally and globally. The offering for the day totaled \$616. Thank you to everyone for their generous offerings.

Notice of Congregational Meeting to be held December 8

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Part 1 will be on December 8 after the worship service. This meeting is to approve the proposed budget for 2020, as well as elect people to several positions. This is the list of who has already agreed to run. If you would consider running, please contact either Sherry Sanders, Eva Nell Griffith, Terrell Wiggins or Jamie Friedrichs to let them know.

- Church Council (3 positions to fill) : Regina Calhoun, Debbie Foster, Paul Post, Lindsey Youngblood
- Financial Secretary: Jackie Gardiner
- Treasurer: Jamie Friedrichs
- Memorial Treasurer: Brenda Bade
- Perpetual Care Treasurer: Arlene DeForest
- Memorial Committee (1 to be elected) Sherry Sanders
- Cemetery Committee (1 to be elected) Sandy Sanders
- Mission Endowment Committee (2 to be elected) Linda Dornburg, Karen Klinkerman

December 15 brunch to follow youth Christmas program

Please join us for a brunch on Sunday, Dec. 15, honoring all participants of St. Peter's Christmas program. The congregation is asked to bring their favorite brunch food to share. The Christian Education and Fellowship Committees will provide coffee, hot chocolate, milk and juice. If you have any questions please contact Brenda Bade or Leslie Wunsch, Christian Education co-chairs.



Goliad Elementary students who are members at St. Peter's presented the items our congregation collected for their new "comfort closet", which provides basic necessities to those who need them .. everything from school supplies to socks! Thanks for representing us, kids!

OKTOBERFEST 2019



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! For all your help with and donations towards this year's Oktoberfest on October 27. We raised \$7474.50, all of which goes to Cross Trails Ministry.

Pastor's vacation

Pastor Anne and Jerry will be on vacation December 26—January 2. Should a pastoral emergency arise that week, please contact Eva Nell Griffith at 361-645-3881 or 361-649-3882, or Kathy Albrecht at 361-645-3912 or 361-935-6645, and they will contact a pastor.

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)



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
- 12-18 Paisley Post
- 12-20 Allison Ball
- 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



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 12-9-06 Greta & Leo Henke
- 12-10-71 Kathy & Ray Albrecht
- 12-10-16 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



St. Peter's Ander



May God fill your life with joy, love, and peace this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

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 October 31, 2019

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2019	\$69,098.03
Offerings	\$166,310.99
Cost of ministries	\$186,852.47
Ministry fund ending balance, October 31, 2019	\$48,556.55

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.

**MEMBERS —**

June Bethke
Regina Calhoun
Ina DeForest
Barry Geary
Tom and Marilyn Morris
Mike Wilburn

FRIENDS —

Troy Allen – friend of Pat McDonald
Mia Balko – friend of Karie Wimberly
Troy Berthold – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Nate Boehl – Grandson of Duck and Lucy Ohrt, friend of Arlene DeForest
Gay Bruns – sister-in-law of Deanna and Gary Wacker
Paula Calhoun – mother of Mike Calhoun
Kim Curlee – friend of Karen Klinkerman
David Dohmann – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Wilburn Eckhardt – Leslie Wunsch's sister-in-law's father
Denise Engle – friend of Amy Wilburn
Kurt Flower and family – friend of Beverly Martin
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
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
John Hausmann – cousin of Allen Jank
Don Hedgpeth – uncle of Karie Wimberly
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

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

Cullen Kickendahl – four year old son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl
Mark Love – friend of the Taylor family
Jo Nell Martin – friend of Debbie Foster
Michael McLead – uncle of Nathan Irwin
Kit Mitchell – brother-in-law of Julie Franke
Doris Moore – cousin of Fritz Sturm
Mark Mueller – friend and classmate of Beverly Martin
Carolyn Nunley – niece of Alvin DeForest and Sis DeForest
Cole Ohrt – 16 year old cousin of the Ray Albrecht family
Mary Poppert – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest
Family of Monica Powitzsky – friend of Kenneth and Monica Brand
Family of 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
Larry Searcy – nephew of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm
Stefani Soper – friend of Karen Klinkerman
Bonnie Staha – friend of Jamie Friedrichs
Bobbi Stiles – great aunt of Shelby Foster
Jay Thigpen – friend of Carl and Sarah Brandes
Victor Vargas – four year old nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife
Rob Wall – son of Brenda Foil's friend, Roxy
Family of Anne Yendrey – stepmother of Jared Yendrey



Thank you for all your expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. We thank you for the food, for attending the visitation, for memorials and money given, for all the cards, and for all the hugs and verbal expressions of sympathy. Our church family has been with us in thought and prayer through this whole time of medical ups and downs for Kerry, and your prayers have made a difference in all our lives, but especially Sandy's and mine. We could not have gone through this without you!

Again, thanks so much for everything you have done in the past, and we ask you to continue to pray for our family and thank you for always being there.

In grateful Christian love,
 Sherry and Sandy, and family

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

are extended to Jared Yendrey and his family on the death of his stepmother, *Anne Yendrey*. May God comfort and strengthen you and your family in your time of loss.



"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your hearts; all ye that hope in the Lord" —

Psalms 31:24



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Worship Leaders for December

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Koehler and Tara Krueger

OFFERING COUNTERS

Ina DeForest and Brenda Bade

GREETERS

Payge Brown and Jill Wiggins

USHERS

Jerry Kolmeier and Terrell Wiggins

FLOWERS

12-1 Anne and Jerry Kolmeier
12-8 open
12-15 open
12-22 Geraldine and Fritz Sturm
12-24 Congregation
12-29 open

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Ruby Jank, Jill Wiggins and Leslie Wunsch



December 24, 2019
at 5:30pm

2019 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday, December 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am, Sunday School 10:15 am

WELCA Christmas 5:00 pm

Gospel Text: Matthew 24:36-44

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Wednesday, December 4 – Joint Advent Worship at Zion, Arneckeville

Fellowship Meal 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm

The Creator's Star

Sunday, December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am, Sunday School 10:15 am

Christmas Caroling 11 am

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

A voice cries: Prepare the way of the Lord

Wednesday, December 11 – Joint Advent Worship at St. Luke's, Schroeder

Fellowship Meal 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm

The Star of the Covenant

Sunday, December 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Program: *Chosen Too* 9:00 am

Wednesday, December 18 – Joint Advent Worship at Martin Luther, Coletoville

Fellowship Meal 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm

The Star of David

Sunday, December 22 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Worship 9:00 am

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid"

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service with Communion 5:30 pm

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

"Unto you is born this day a Savior, which is Christ the Lord"

Sunday, December 29 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Christmas Hymnsing Worship 9:00 am