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## God's work. Our hands.

### St. Peter's plans community day of service on September 7

**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.** is a weekend designated by the ELCA as a day of service of all congregations across the nation. Our congregation has almost always participated in this weekend, even though we do service projects for others all year long.

**ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7,** we will be working in three different service groups, beginning at 8am.

- **Adults and teens** will be doing work projects at the homes of June Bethke and Gary and Deanna Wacker. Meet at church for work assignments. Bring yard tools, or any other tools you think might be helpful. For more details on this, contact Jill Wiggins.
- **Children** will meet at the picnic area to paint and decorate flower pots and then plant flowers in them. These will then be delivered to June and Gary and Deanna. We will also have extras that we'll put on the back porch for other members in the church to take home with them. Once they are done, we can do little cleanup projects at the church and/or assist with lunch or play until the lunch is ready. Bring or wear your SPLC t-shirt for pictures. For more details on this contact either Sarah Brandes or Lana Jarzombek.
- **Kitchen crew** will be working at church preparing lunch for everyone, who will meet back at the church about 11:30am. If you want to help provide or prepare food, contact Beverly Martin.

**SIGN UP SHEETS** for each of these service groups are on the "cross" table in the narthex. Please sign up so that we know how many people to expect (and how much lunch to prepare!)

### Who's talking to your kids about money?

TV, movies, websites, friends ... all can affect your kids' attitudes about life—and money. Find out how to talk to your kids about influences, choices and responsible money habits. Join us for a free educational workshop "Parents, Kids and Money Matters" is designed specifically for parents and their children. The workshop will help you:

- Reflect on the values you want your kids to learn.
- Teach your kids about money and values. Learn practical tools to make teaching about money fun.

**Workshop Presenter:** Jeff Bibler of Thrivent Financial

**Event:** Parents, Kids and Money Matters®

**When:** September 29, 2019

**Time:** 10:15am, following worship service

**Where:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church

A pot luck covered dish meal will follow the presentation.

## Coming Events

- **August 25**  
Fall Sunday School Classes; Nursing Home Worship at La Bahia Nursing Home, 3pm
- **September 1**  
Sunday School Classes, after worship
- **September 7**  
God's work. Our hands. Day of Service
- **September 29**  
Thrivent presentation, after worship, followed by pot luck covered dish meal

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

## Commissioning of Christian education leaders and final “Toy Bible Stories!” study kicked off a new fall year of learning and Sunday school participation

Commissioning of Christian education leaders was held during worship service on August 18. The final “Toy Bible Stories!” summer study for 2019 was held following the worship service.

Sunday school classes for children and adults resume on September 1, and lessons will be based on the scripture lessons read during worship that morning.

### TEACHERS FOR 2019-2020 ARE:

- Jill Wiggins and Gerald Griffith (Pre K-K)
- Pastor Anne (Grades 1-3)
- Sarah Brandes, Leslie Wunsch, Allison Ball, and Ashley Post (grades 4-6)
- Alvin DeForest and Allen Jank (Adults)
- Sandra Post (Young Adult Discussion Group—Third Sunday)
- Our Junior and Senior High students will be helping in the classrooms.



*Youth enjoyed singing during Christian Education Celebration Sunday on August 18.*



*Youth enjoyed craft time during Summer Sunday school.*

**THANK YOU TO LANA JARZOMBEK**, who served as Sunday School superintendent for several years, and did a great job in helping build up our Christian Education program and helping our young people along their faith journeys. Serving as co-superintendents for the 2019-2020 year are Brenda Bade and Leslie Wunsch.

**WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** resumes its regular schedule beginning September 11. We will be studying the book of Isaiah and what it meant to Jesus and means to us in our lives today. The class meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Join us for study, discussion and fellowship.

**CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 4:** Dorothy Bowman, choir director, would like to extend a personal invitation to anyone who is interested in participating, to join us for choir practice on Wednesday nights. We begin promptly at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. No musical knowledge is required, just a willingness to sing God's praises and make a joyful noise! Come by and give us a try!

**NEW MEMBERS** will be received into our family on Sunday, September 29. If you are interested in joining at this time, please contact Pastor Anne or the church office by September 22.



*Youth created “I follow God” mirrors during craft time.*



*Everyone participated with cooking in the kitchen during the Summer Sunday school activities.*

# September 2019

**Sun Sept 1, 2019**

9am Communion service  
10:15am Sunday school

**Tue Sept 3, 2019**

6:30pm Mutual Ministry meeting

**Wed Sept 4, 2019**

6:30pm Choir rehearsal

**Sat Sept 7, 2019**

8am "God's Work. Our Hands." Day of Service

**Sun Sept 8, 2019**

9am Communion service  
10:15am Sunday school

**Tue Sept 10, 2019—Tue Sept 24, 2019**

Pastor Anne on vacation

**Tue Sept 10, 2019**

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

**Wed Sept 11, 2019**

6:30pm Choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Bible study

**Sun Sept 15, 2019**

9am Worship service  
10:15am Sunday school  
10:15am Young Adult discussion group  
10:30am Church Council meeting

**Wed Sept 18, 2019**

9am Lutheran World Relief workday  
6:30pm Choir rehearsal  
7:30pm Bible Study

**Sun Sept 22, 2019**

9am Communion service  
10:15am Sunday school

**Tue Sept 24, 2019**

6:30pm Budget workshop

**Wed Sept 25, 2019**

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Bible Study

**Sun Sept 29, 2019**

9am Communion service  
10:15am Sunday school  
Thrivent Presentation, after worship,  
followed by a pot-luck covered  
dish meal

### St. Peter's Calendar Save the Dates

**Sat October 26, 2019**

Scare on the Square

**Sun December 8, 2019**

Christmas Caroling

**Sun December 15, 2019**

Christmas Program



*Ruby Jank explains how the bread for communion service is made and then the first communion class had the experience of making their own loaves of bread.*

**WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE!** Conner Collins participated in the meal of Holy Communion for the first time on August 11, after attending preparation class. Conner's parents are Jason and Lori Collins. Four others will be taking their first communion in September, and we welcome all of them to this special fellowship.

**PASTOR ANNE AND JERRY** will be on vacation September 10-24, with Pastor returning to the office on September 25. Should a pastoral need arise in that time, please contact either Eva Nell Griffith at 361-645-3881 or Kathy Albrecht at the church office 361-645-2922 and they can help you contact a pastor.

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 OF THE  
**Women**

**Reminders for needs of quilt and kit ministry**

- Next Lutheran World Relief quilting workday will begin at 9am on September 18. We have a very good start with over 60 quilts completed at this time.
- Remember to bring any school kit items that you have purchased for Lutheran World Relief and place them in the box in the narthex. Most needed are the 70-sheet spiral notebooks, rulers and boxes of crayons (16 or 24). We will be completing the school kit project in September and then move the focus to collection of personal care items in October. Last year we donated a total of 138 School Kits to LWR. We received the following letter from Lutheran World Relief on August 9, 2019—

Dear Friends at St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
 Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

Because of your support LWR is able to share the tangible love of Christ with thousand of people through your quilts and kits. Last year, LWR and partners Children's Gift Ministry (CGM) and OLAM were busy distributing School Kits in Honduras, to children whose families are vulnerable due to lack of access to the most basic necessities. Parents often have to choose between feeding their children and sending them to school. School Kits were distributed to more than 28,000 Honduran children to help them get back to or stay in school, increasing their chances of breaking the chains of chronic poverty and avoiding the very real risk of gang involvement. In addition to being practical, these kits provide a source of comfort, security and hope to those who receive them.

Your quilts and kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world, and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for you contribution, and pray God's richest blessing on your life and work!

In Christ,  
 Melanie W. Gibbons  
 Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

**WELCA Bible study/meeting to be held September 10**

All women of St. Peter's are invited to attend the Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 10. We will begin with Bible study at 2pm followed by the meeting. The Bible Study, *No Hard Feeling*, session one: *The Angst of Anger*, presented by Linda Dornburg, will be from the September 2019 *Gather* Magazines. Copies of the Bible Study are available in the Church office. Come and join us!

**PACKING BOXES NEEDED!!** This year we are trying to pack and label all the kits and quilts as we finish them, but we're running out of boxes. Paper boxes are ideal for kits, but for quilts we need larger boxes - the ones from Home Depot marked MEDIUM are the ideal size, but if they're bigger we can cut them down. Please, no banana boxes! Put the boxes in the Quilting Room, by the desk in the parish hall.



**Krayleigh Irwin and Zayne Parma were presented their first Bibles during St. Peter's Christian Education Celebration Sunday on August 18. May they be filled with God's peace and joy as they read of his teachings.**

## CAMPER'S THANK YOU NOTES AND PICTURES FROM CAMP LUTHERHILL



Dear Saint Peter's Church,  
Thank you for paying for us to go to camp Lutherhill. I enjoyed going to the pool, the pond, the canteen, and making new friends. We had lots of fun in our cabin. All camp was fun, too. That's an activity we do at the end of the day. The songs were great, too. I liked Pharaoh Pharaoh, 10,000 reasons, and lots of other fun songs. I learned to appreciate the world around us. Over all it was a great time. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tyler Griffith

Dear St. Peter's,  
I am so grateful that I had the wonderful opportunity to go to Lutherhill and explore my faith with God and Jesus. I learned that each and every creation is special to God. My favorite things I got to do were the swing and sleeping in a hammock during out camp. I also enjoyed my counselors and spending time at camp with my cousins. The food was great, of course and I am looking forward to going back next summer.

Love,  
Jillian Griffith

Dear St. Peter's,  
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to Lutherhill this year. I had a great time, especially at the pond where we went on the water trampoline. I also liked night worship where we sang songs about Jesus and read bible verses. I had fun and learned about God with my cabin and my counselors too. On Friday, we won "clean cabin" award and decorated it with markers and glitter!

Thank you,  
Lynleigh Griffith

Dear St. Peter's Church,  
Thank you for giving us money to go to Lutherhill. My favorite part was...canteen and games, arts and crafts, pool and baking. We sang Pharaoh Pharaoh, Days of Elijah and Joy. My counselors were Sarah, Lizzy and Nicole. Thank you again.

Love,  
Grace Griffith

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church and WELCA,  
Thank you so much for paying for me to go to Church camp. It was so fun! My favorite activity was going to the pond, because they had a huge slide to slide down into the water! I enjoyed making lots of new friends and learning about Jesus. Thank you again and I can't wait to go next summer!

Thanks Again,  
Arlen Henke

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church and WELCA,  
Thank you so much for paying for me to go to Church camp this year. My favorite time was Night Worship because it was a nice quiet time to talk to Jesus. I had fun learning all of the new Church Camp songs, and can't wait until next year when I can stay all week, instead of 1/2 week.

Thank you again!  
Lane Henke

My Dear St. Peter's Family,  
I'd like to say thank you so much for the care packages. The thought put into them really lifted my spirits and made me work harder. It was nice to know such a wonderful congregation supported me in my decision to work at Crosstrails, so thanks again.  
Emily Klinkerman

## 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)

## Worship Schedule

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

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



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

9-02 Olivia Ball  
9-04 Greta Henke  
9-04 Gaylon Willms  
9-07 Kade Irwin  
9-08 Fred Seiler  
9-11 Gayle Baecker  
9-13 Ashleigh Post  
9-14 Ruby Jank  
9-15 Ina DeForest  
9-18 Alvin DeForest  
9-23 Carolyn Wells  
9-25 Paul Post  
9-27 Linda Dornburg  
9-27 Rhonda Ideus



### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

9-04-2004 Linnea & Eric Griffith  
9-05-1998 Melissa & Brian Bade  
9-06-1980 Sue & Gaylon Willms  
9-15-2008 Sarah & Carl Brandes  
9-20-1953 Geraldine & Fritz Sturm  
9-21-1963 Arlene & Alvin DeForest  
9-28-1996 Linda & Billy Dornburg

*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 guidelines for placing and removing people from the prayer list

Our Prayer List is an important ministry here at St. Peter's. Lately, there has been some confusion about how to get people on or off the prayer list.

The first step to getting someone on the list is to get their (or their family's) permission to be on a public prayer list. Once that is done, contact Pastor Anne by text, email, or phone call, and she will make sure the name gets added. The alternative to this is to put the request on the back of your weekly attendance card. If you put a name on the list, you or the person being prayed for are responsible for letting Pastor know when it is OK to take them off of the immediate prayer list, this will keep the phone contact to a minimum. Removal of a name from the prayer list can also be done on the back of the attendance card. We hope this clears up any confusion.

## St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through July 31, 2019

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2019	\$69,098.03
Offerings	\$117,005.05
Cost of ministries	\$130,158.18
Ministry fund ending balance, June 30, 2019	\$55,944.90

*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  
**Gay Bruns** – sister-in-law of Deanna and Gary Wacker  
**Dawn Butler** – sister of Lana Jarzombek and Ronda Irwin  
**Paula Calhoun** – mother of Mike Calhoun  
**Kim Curlee** – friend of Karen Klinkerman  
**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  
**Family of Phyllis Franke** – friend of community and former Goliad School teacher  
**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  
**Brian Harvey** – friend of Aldon and Brenda Bade

**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  
**Dona Karnei** – friend of Mike and Regina Calhoun  
**Melita Keith** – friend of Margaret Luker  
**Cullen Kickendahl** – four year old son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl  
**Jo Nell Martin** – friend of community  
**Michael McLead** – uncle of Nathan Irwin  
**Kit Mitchell** – brother-in-law of Julie Franke  
**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  
**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  
**Charles Schroeder and family** – friend of Billy and Linda Dornburg  
**Billy Charles Scott** – cousin of Leslie Wunsch  
**Bonnie Staha** – friend of Jamie Friedrichs  
**Bobbi Stiles** – great aunt of Shelby Foster

**Jay Thigpen** – friend of Carl and Sarah Brandes  
**Kelley Thomas** – friend of Karie and Trey Wimberly  
**Victor Vargas** – four year old nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife  
**Rob Wall** – son of Brenda Foil's friend, Roxy  
**Rebecca Wisnoski** – friend of Lana Jarzombek and Wendi Yendrey



### God's Word Calls Us to Pray

- “Pray for those who persecute you” — Matthew 5:44 (NIV) [1]
- “And when you pray ...” — Matthew 6:5
- “This, then, is how you should pray ...” — Matthew 6:9
- “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” — Romans 12:12
- “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.” — Ephesians 6:18
- “Do not be anxious about any thing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” — Philippians 4:6
- “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” — Colossians 4:2
- “Pray continually” — 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone ...” — 1 Timothy 2:1



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## Worship Leaders for September

### ALTAR GUILD

Brenda Bade and Leslie Wunsch

### OFFERING COUNTERS

David Bowman and Cody Foil

### GREETERS

Ina DeForest and Sherry Sanders

### USHERS

Jamie Friedrichs and Sandy Sanders

### FLOWERS

**9-1** Regina and Mike Calhoun  
**9-8** open  
**9-15** Ruby and Allen Jank  
**9-22** Arlene and Alvin DeForest  
**9-29** open

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

June Bethke and Sandra Post

