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## Coming Events

- October 25**  
"Oktoberfest 2020!" Auction and Bake Sale at St. Peter's Gathering Place; Drive-through-meal pick up at St. Peter's Parish Hall
- November 1**  
Daylight Savings Time Ends



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
*Make the Connection*

### YEA!!!! SUNDAY SCHOOL ON-LINE SET TO BEGIN PLUS FACE-TO-FACE MONTHLY YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

St. Peter's youth, you can now tune into St. Peter's Sunday School **on-line** twice a month. The popular Whirl Sunday school lessons will be presented by volunteers every first and third Sunday of each month. The first lesson will be on October 4th and the second lesson is October 18th. Lessons will be in video format and student materials will be available to be printed. These lessons will be accessible via email and on line until face to face classes are possible again.

Additionally, Mrs. Leslie Wunsch will lead a Face To Face youth group activity each month. The October 18th youth group activity will be a scavenger hunt at The Gathering Place after worship service.

We are so excited to bring a form of normalcy back to St. Peter's Christian Education.

### DRIVE IN WORSHIP IS BACK!

Starting in October, we will be worshiping at the Gathering Place "Drive in Style" at least twice a month. This means we can do more singing and have a little longer service. Dates scheduled for Drive in Worship so far are October 11 and 25 and November 8, 15 (Thankoffering) and 22. We are hoping that this will enable more people to come and participate in worship in person. All services will be recorded and posted online as usual.



## OKTOBERFEST

Everyone is invited to St. Peter's Oktoberfest which will be held on Sunday, October 25th. This year **Habitat for Humanity—Goliad Build** will be the beneficiary of all proceeds.

The live auction will begin at 3:30pm at the Gathering Place and continue until around 5pm. Anyone who would like to help or has questions can contact Brenda Bade.

A bake sale will also be held at the Gathering Place during the time of the live auction. A separate area will have baked items for sale. Please bring items before 3:30pm on Sunday. Contact Linda Koehler if you have questions or would like to help.

A drive through meal will be served from St. Peter's parish hall beginning at 5pm and continuing until 6:30pm. The plate will include BBQ sausage with sauce, potato salad, noodles, green beans, sauerkraut and homemade bread. No meals will be severed or eaten in the parish hall. Each plate will be a \$10 minimal donation. If anyone would like to help prepare plates and or serve, please contact Jill Wiggins. Hope to see everyone there!

If you are unable to attend, we will gladly accept your donation for Habitat for Humanity.

God's Peace,  
Brenda Bade  
Oktoberfest Auction Chair

## Church Council Highlights of the September 20, 2020 meeting

The council met on September 20 after worship. Highlights of that meeting (that aren't found in other articles in this newsletter) are listed below.

- Christian Education - On-line Sunday School will be held twice a month starting October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Youth group will meet in October with date to be determined. Confirmation classes started with 3 youth.
- Stewardship & Finance held their first 2021 budget planning meeting and will have one more meeting to finalize the 2021 Budget to be presented to council in October.
- Worship & Music recommended to council (and council agreed) to have 2 outside services a month at "The Gathering Place" starting in October.
- Council approved the 2019 distribution from the St. Peter's Mission Endowment Fund.
- Council approved Lutheran Disaster Response (USA disasters) as the designated recipient of the **Christmas 2020** gifts.
- Council approved opening the playground.
- Council approved Pastor Anne returning to the office to work. Pastor Anne's office hours are Tuesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

The next meeting will be October 18 after worship.

### OKTOBERFEST LIVE AUCTION

Remember we are needing items for the Oktoberfest live auction on October 25th at 3:30p.m. at the Gathering Place. The proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Please let Brenda Bade know what you are planning to bring. We are limiting the auction to 20 -25 items. Brenda needs to know what you are bringing by October 11th so that an auction order may be printed. Please plan to attend as it all will wear masks and there will be social distancing. You can even stay in your vehicle.

### OKTOBERFEST BAKE SALE

Oktoberfest is looking different this year so in addition to the Live Auction at The Gathering Place, St. Peter's will hold a bake sale offering cakes, pies, breads, cinnamon rolls, bars, etc. The baked items will be sold with a set price. Plans are made, but we will need baked items donated. Contact Linda Koehler to let her know what baked item you wish to donate. Oktoberfest proceeds will be directed to Habitat for Humanity - Goliad Build. Folks can shop the baked items before and after the auction. If you choose to not leave your car, someone will get your baked item for you. Plan to see you all there.

### Nominating committee to be appointed

**THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Beginning in October, the nominating committee will be gathering names of those willing to serve on the church council for 2021. What does being on council involve?

- A three year commitment to service
- Regular worship attendance
- Being active in the congregation
- Serving as a council liaison between council and one of these committees: Worship/Music, Outreach, Stewardship/Finance, Property, or Christian Education/Youth Ministry (for information on what these committees do, contact Pastor or Linda or refer to the annual yearbook.

Please prayerfully consider serving your church in this way – we need YOUR ideas! If you're called, consider saying "yes!", or if you want to volunteer, contact Linda Koehler, Trey Wimberly or Ashford Taylor who are on the nominating committee.



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP** will look quite different this year, so that as many as possible can join us for the celebration safely. Plans are still in the works, but initial plans are for the service to be at 5:30pm at the Gathering Place, doing Drive In Worship. Instead of lighting candles, there will be luminaries, white lights and more as we remember the birth of "The Light of the World." Keep watching newsletters and Facebook for more information as plans evolve.

# October

# 2020

**Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020**

9am Worship in the Sanctuary  
10am Confirmation Class  
Sunday School On-Line

**Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020**

9am LWR Quilting

**Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020**

9am Drive in Worship, at The Gathering Place  
10am Confirmation Class

**Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020**

2pm Women of the ELCA Bible study, in the parish hall followed by the WELCA Meeting

**Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020**

9am Worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth Group activity at The Gathering Place  
10:30am Church Council meeting  
Sunday School On-Line

**Monday, Oct. 19, 2020**

Newsletter Articles due in the office

**Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020**

9am LWR Quilting

**Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020**

9am Reformation Sunday, Drive in  
Worship at The Gathering Place  
3:30pm Oktoberfest

**Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020**

Remember to Set clocks back 1 hour—  
Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1

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

**Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020**

Daylight Savings Time Ends,  
remember to set your  
clocks back 1 hour  
Saturday night



**Monday, Nov. 30, 2020**

Christmas Video deadline

## Sharing family Christmas traditions theme for 2020 Christmas program

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be different this year, as well. This year we will be asking families of the congregation to join us for *Christmas Around St. Peter's*. Each family will be making a video of themselves telling about Christmas traditions and celebrations with their family. All the videos will then be put together in a movie which will either be shown during worship (if we can gather together) or on YouTube (if we can't gather). Start planning your presentation now (Brenda has some ideas if you need them!), and watch for more details to come. *Note: the deadline for getting your videos in will be November 30.*



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

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who pledged or donated to St. Peter's "God's work. Our hands." service project for 2020.

A very special thanks to those youth who jumped in our "Jump for Hunger" to raise money for local food pantries.

More than \$1600 was raised to help the pantries who are "going the extra mile" during this pandemic.

**THANK YOU** to Fischer Saxton, Debbie Foster and Janet Garcia for leading worship on September 20, and to Shelby Foster for recording the service for those worshipping at home.

# WELCA OF THE WOMEN

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

The next Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 13, in the parish hall. Please wear your face mask. We will begin with Bible study from the October Gather magazine at 2pm. Copies of the Bible study are available in the church office. The monthly meeting will be held following the Bible study. Please plan to join us!



Lutheran World Relief

**Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit** items are now being collected. See the listing of needed items below or pick up a card on the box in the narthex for items needed to fill the LWR personal care kits. When you go shopping, please remember to **purchase and donate only the items listed in this article and on the card, no additional items or substitutes.** Place your purchased items in the box labeled "Personal Care Kit 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.

**Boxes for shipping are also needed at this time.** Office paper boxes work well for packing school kits and personal care kits. Larger boxes are needed for quilts and baby kits.

Other on-going projects include "Quilts," where donated fabric and sheets are always needed and greatly appreciated. All of the Lutheran World Relief kit items listed on page 33 of the 2020 St. Peter's Yearbook.

Donations for shipping of LWR items may also be made by writing on your offering envelope "LWR shipping fund," or by picking up a special envelope on the table in the narthex.

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

### PERSONAL CARE KIT SUPPLIES:

- One** light- to medium-weight, full-size bath towel
- Two** bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap in original wrapping
- One** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap)
- One** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One** metal nail clippers (with or without attached file), remove packaging

## Fabric masks needed for Lutheran World Relief

All St. Peter's seamstresses, who would like to participate in sewing Lutheran World Relief Fabric Masks, need to inform Jackie Gardiner. If you want to learn more about sewing LWR masks, please check out the instructions at <https://lwr.org/masks>. They recommend a basic three pleated mask with fabric ties affixed to the sides and have a video on their site, but will accept any style of fabric mask. Jackie Gardiner continues coordinating the gathering and shipping, so if you want to make masks for this effort, now is the time to contact Jackie with the number of masks you can sew. Your help is appreciated very much.

## THANK YOU FROM CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY

September 14, 2020

Dear Members of St. Peter's,

On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to thank you for the generous gifts of \$375 dated July 31 and the gift of \$62.50 dated August 31. Many of the programs and opportunities that Cross Trails Ministry offers would not be possible without generous gifts such as yours.

Your gift to the annual fund will help to provide financial stability and ongoing support to the overall ministry. It will be used to supplement the fees paid by all campers and retreaters to keep our programs affordable, provide financial aid for those who need it, and help us to keep the day to day ministry of our camps and retreats going as we serve thousands each year!

We are truly grateful for your prayers, support and partnership. Thank you once again for your generous gift!

Yours in Christ,  
Deanna Christensen  
Executive Director

## WHERE DOES OUR ELCA MISSION SUPPORT OFFERING GO?

Offerings given and not designated to a specific ministry or fund help support the following churchwide ministries:

- + Grow the ELCA in the United States (25%) – begin and support new congregations, help existing congregations renew ministry, share resources
- + Grow the Lutheran Church (18%) – support Lutheran World Federation, train mission leaders, support missionaries
- + Provide coordination and support for churchwide ministries (16%) – keep records, provide churchwide office space, maintain archives, equip congregations and synods to assist in risk management and legal matters
- + Support and develop current and future leaders in the ELCA (15%) – support seven seminaries and 26 colleges and universities, support a system of assignment for 9900 rostered ministers, offer leadership and opportunities for youth, provide resources and opportunities for networking lay leaders
- + Technology and Communications (8%) – design communication tools, connect members with one another
- + Governance and leadership (5%) – organize governance boards and committees, coordinate meetings and support for 65 bishops
- + Grow and sustain financial resources (5%) – Design and promote congregational efforts related to stewardship education, financial literacy, mission interpretation and growth in giving
- + Address social issues and work for justice (4%) through social ministry organizations
- + Engage in research and strategic planning (2%) to improve mission and ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- + Sustain ecumenical and interfaith relationships (2%)



### Time and Talent commitment sheets

Time and Talent sheets for committing to ministries at St. Peter's were originally scheduled to be done in September this year, at the God's Work Our Hands Service. Because we are not able to gather as a whole congregation in one place, we will not be doing this.

Instead of filling out new commitment sheets for 2021, we will use the ones done for 2020, since most of those things weren't able to be done this year because of COVID 19. The coordinators for the different ministries and committees will be contacting each person on their list to confirm their continued interest/commitment in that ministry.

If you did not get a chance to fill out a sheet in 2020, and/or are interested in being part of a new ministry or service, please contact the church office or the coordinator for that ministry.

# Thank God!

In the moments of turmoil,  
in the hours of trial,  
in the midst of any circumstances,  
you can thank **God**.

Thank **Him** for His **Son**.  
Thank **Him** for His forgiveness.  
Thank **Him** for overlooking your weakness.  
Thank **Him** for the promise of eternal life.

Thank **God** for the opportunity  
to be a blessing to others,  
to be a friend to the friendless,  
to encourage those who have lost hope, and  
to cheer up those who are downcast!

**You can make a difference.**

**You can be on the Lord's side.**

**You can be a blessing to someone!**

# Be Thankful for That!

**St. Peter's Staff**

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier**  
Pastor

**Kathy Albrecht**  
Church Office Administrator

**Dorothy Bowman**  
Organist and Choir  
Director

**Congregation  
Council**

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

**Regina Calhoun**  
Chair of Outreach  
(term ends 12/31/22)

**Linda Koehler**  
President  
(term ends 12/31/21)

**Debbie Foster**  
Secretary and  
Chair of Worship and Music  
(term ends 12/31/22)

**Ashford Taylor**  
Chair of Safety  
(term ends 12/31/20)

**Paul Post**  
Chair of Property  
(term ends 12/31/22)

**Trey Wimberly**  
Chair 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)



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

- 10-01 Brooke Adickes
- 10-01 Aldon Bade
- 10-01 Adam Griffith
- 10-01 Colby May
- 10-05 Brenda Foil
- 10-07 Billy Dornburg
- 10-08 Eva Nell Griffith
- 10-08 Sandra Post
- 10-10 Brian Bade
- 10-11 William Bates
- 10-11 Monica Brand
- 10-11 Tyler Franke
- 10-12 Jason Collins
- 10-13 Michelle Pruski
- 10-15 Linnea Griffith
- 10-16 Patrick Lovett
- 10-16 Lindsey Youngblood
- 10-19 Garrett Friedrichs
- 10-19 Bob Gerhardt
- 10-19 Sue Willms
- 10-20 Daxton Krueger
- 10-21 Karolynn Youngblood
- 10-23 Kellye Burke
- 10-23 Geraldine Sturm
- 10-24 Brooke Post
- 10-27 Eric Griffith
- 10-27 Lana Schmidt-Morris
- 10-31 Karen Saxton



**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 10-07-06 Natalie & Andy Abrameit
- 10-09-04 Bonnie & Bill Bates
- 10-14-06 Allison & Wesley Ball
- 10-25-03 Margaret & Ryan Luker
- 10-30-71 Brenda & Aldon Bade

*If any listings of birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect, or if a listing is missing, please contact the church office at 645-2922 or [stpetersander@gvec.com](mailto:stpetersander@gvec.com)*



**St. Peter's Ander**

**Worship Schedule**

Sunday Worship: 9:00am

**Holy Communion:** every Sunday service that is not lay-led. (provide your own communion elements during COVID-19.)

**St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through August 31, 2020**

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2020	\$58,080.63
Offerings	\$133,515.73
Cost of ministries	\$122,736.32
Ministry fund ending balance, August 31, 2020	\$68,860.04

*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,  
phone 361-275-5591

#### MEMBERS —

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

#### FRIENDS —

Troy Allen – friend of Pat McDonald  
Mia Balko – friend of Karie Wimberly  
Vergie Bitterly – sister of Deanna Wacker  
Anne Brysch – friend of Kathy and Ray Albrecht, mother of their son-in-law  
Paula Calhoun – mother of Mike Calhoun  
Kim Curlee – friend of Karen Klinkerman  
David Dohmann – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball  
Denise Engle – friend of Amy Wilburn  
Greg Fore – friend of the Sturms  
Joyce Foster – grandmother of Shelby Foster  
Daniel Garcia – brother-in-law of Janet Garcia  
Ainsley Garza – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith  
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  
Dale Henderson – father of Margaret Luker  
Betty Jacob – friend of June Bethke  
Kenneth Jacob – friend of Glenn Karnei  
Donna Justice – friend of community  
Melita Keith – friend of Margaret Luker  
Cullen Kickendahl – son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl  
Frances Kixmueller – sister of Geraldine Sturm  
Joe Ladeairus – father of Regina Calhoun  
Jo Nell Martin – friend of Debbie Foster  
Michael McLead – uncle of Nathan Irwin  
Doris Moore – cousin of Fritz Sturm

Carolyn Nunley – cousin of Alvin DeForest and Sis DeForest  
Mary Poppert – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest  
Marcus Rezendez – friend of Amy Wilburn  
Susan Calhoun Rosello – cousin of Mike Calhoun  
James Rung – five year old son of Greta Henke's friend  
Stefani Soper – friend of Karen Klinkerman  
Bonnie Staha – friend of Jamie Friedrichs  
Bobbi Stiles – great aunt of Shelby Foster  
Zach Sturm – great grandson of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm  
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  
Mary Nell Young – friend of Ruby and Allen Jank

*Be joyful*  
in hope  
*Be patient*  
in affliction  
*Be constant*  
in prayer  
Romans 12:12

**PASTOR ANNE** will be resuming regular office hours in October. She will plan to be in the office on Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoons, and Saturday mornings. If you need to contact her at other times she is, of course, always available by phone or email, and available to schedule home visits (outside) as needed.

### Email Prayer Chain information

An email prayer chain is available 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. Make sure you have the person's permission to put them on the prayer chain before adding them.

How do you start receiving these prayer requests? Simply contact Pastor Anne or the church office and ask to be signed up on the list.

#### REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email at [revspica@gmail.com](mailto:revspica@gmail.com), or by texting or calling her at 361-676-4799, with St. Peter's prayer list updates, the person's current needs, **or when they can be removed from the list.**

### Sign-up to provide altar flowers



The 2020 calendar for providing flowers for the altar is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. If the flowers given for a particular Sunday are given in memory or in honor of particular persons, **please inform the church office by Monday, prior to the Sunday worship, if you wish this information to be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.**



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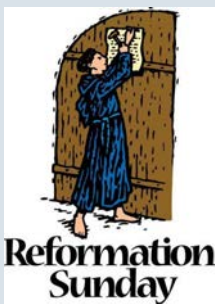
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## October

### FLOWERS

- 10-4 Kathy Albrecht
- 10-11 Griffith
- 10-18 Geraldine Sturm
- 10-25 open



October 25, 2020

