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Oktoberfest 2026

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ander

1545 E. FM 1961

Invites you to join us on Sunday, October 25, 2026

For our ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST



Festivities Timeline

3:30pm Country Store opens

4:00pm LIVE Auction begins

4:00pm Silent Auction begins

**(Silent Auction CLOSES 15 minutes AFTER the LIVE auction ENDS.
Announcements will be made.)**

5:00pm Food Serving begins

**MEAL INCLUDES: Sausage, potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut,
buttered noodles, homemade bread and desserts.**

Purchase meal tickets (onsite only) at the ticket tent for \$15.00 each.

**Beneficiaries this year of 100% of proceeds include Fannin
Methodist Church Food Pantry and Goliad Outreach.**

Remember: Time and Talent sheets are due back on, October 11, 2026, Service Commitment Sunday. Please give extra thought as to where you can serve your church in it's ministry where God is calling you to use your gifts.



Stewardship & Finance Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2026

6:30pm

Budget Workshop

St. Peter's mission: To grow together as a Christian community in faith, worship and service.

St. Peter's Staff
Rev. Kara Hairell-Speed
Pastor

Dorothy Bowman
Organist and Choir Director

Congregation Council :
(*Executive Committee)

***Linda Koehler**
President

***Jon Adickes**
Vice-President/Security

***Debbie Foster**
Secretary/Worship & Music

Kenneth Brand
Property

Sarah Brandes
Christian Education

Terri Lynn Dornburg
Christian Education Assistant

Cody Foil
Stewardship/Finance

Jarrett Yendrey
Outreach

Wyatt Ball
Youth Representative



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS!

**Preparing soup kits to give
out at the next distribution
for Goliad Outreach and
Fannin Methodist Food
Pantry.**

9-13-2026

PR. KARA'S KORNER

I cannot believe it is already October. Time flies when you are having fun! We have been busy and we are about to become even busier. How wonderful is that!? So, before we get super busy, there are a few things I would like to do.

I would like to spend some time over the next few months (in the middle of our regularly scheduled amazing things) **getting to know you all**. I haven't had the chance to sit down and have conversations, just a quick "hello", a "good morning" and wonderful hugs.

I don't want it to be an interrogation. I want to get to know who my new family members are. I want to get to know you and give you a chance to get to know me as well. I want to hear what you love about St. Peter's and the people here. What brought you here (or if you are a life-long member), and where you see God moving in the church and in the community, what dreams you have for St. Peter's and what you are most passionate about in the life of the church and its mission as the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

I would like to put a sign-up sheet with some time slots on it when I am available to visit with you. And opportunities for you to let me know when the best times for you would be. I would love to come to you, or you come to the office – whichever is more convenient and comfortable for you.

I would like to form a **Prayer Team** to pray through our yearbook (directory) and for our visitors. The goal is to pray for each and every person. I think it is important to pray for each of our members, associate members and our visitors and to bathe them in prayer as well as ask for God to continue to move in, around and through us as a congregation and a community. Every week I want to send out an e-mail to those who would like to be part of the prayer team, with the prayer and the names of those we are praying for that week. If you would like to be part of the prayer team, please let me know on the communication card and write your email address clearly, or email me. I would like to start the prayer team the first week of October.

There have been mentions of health and wellness workshops, gatherings, support groups, some sort of exercise/stretching group, Bible study around health and wellness or something to enrich ourselves. I would love to dive into this if you all can help me narrow down what you would like, or help me set a schedule of several things you would like that would allow us to hit on what you need and what you would like it to be. Feel free to stop by and chat with me and share your ideas and let's see what we can come up with to strengthen our bodies while we strengthen our souls.

I want to let you know my office is a Welcome Space for YOU. Any time you need to or want to chat, or pop in to say hello, know my door is open. It may not always be the neatest space in the church, but you will always be welcome here. So, please feel free to come by. Friday is my scheduled day off. Unless I am in an off-site meeting, doing home communion or visitations, I should be there. If you see my jeep parked under the tree, there's a really good chance I'm here. So, come on by and say "hi"!

We are Together in His Service!!

God Bless you real good!!

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Pastor Kara





ANDER-WESER
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Fall Fundraiser

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD 4:00PM - 8:30PM

SILENT AUCTION Silent Auction ends 10 minutes after the Live Auction	LIVE AUCTION Sign in before 6:00PM Start time 6:30PM
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Plates include:
Half of BBQ Chicken,
Buttered Potatoes,
and Green Beans

COST OF THE PLATE: \$15

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER Fire Departments!



"The Chosen"

VIDEO Bible Study

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
6:30 in the Parish Hall

Come join us for a great discussion
and great fellowship.

Each week is a stand alone study. We will watch the episode
together and then dive into the Bible context behind it.

You are ALWAYS welcome to invite friends and to bring snacks
any time you would like.

Mark your calendars and come on!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER

AT THE GATHERING PLACE

BRING YOUR PETS—

FURRY, FEATHERED, SCALY, HOOVED, ANYTHING IN BETWEEN

FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING AS WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE
COMPANIONSHIP, LOVE AND ALL THEY BRING TO OUR LIVES.

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PLEASE RESTRAIN ALL PETS PROPERLY.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEM IN TRAILERS TOO.

WE WILL HAVE A FUN RECEPTION AFTER.



**Checking Account Report 8-31-26**

	Monthly	Year-To-Date
Beginning Balance	\$188,833.59	\$133,562.06
Income	22,053.23	
	192,806.93	
Expenses	18,248.22	133,730.39

ADDRESS CHANGE**Garrett & Sara Friedrichs****3708 Tranquil Ln.****Austin Texas 78728**

***Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Your generous gift of \$373 on 8/27/26 helps us share God's and kindness with those who need it most. Because of your support, Upbring meets children in need right where they are by providing programs and services that address their specific needs. With your financial help, we are striving to break the cycle of child abuse. Thank you for being an advocate through your giving. KATIE EVANS, Church and Community Relations**

***On behalf of RACHEL WIND, Executive for Development, Thank you for your generous gift of \$80 to the ministries of the ELCA.**

Thank you for your gift of \$80 to ELCA World Hunger. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world. Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Thank you for your gracious gifts. With gratitude, DANIEL RIFT, Director Congregational Generosity





ANNIVERSARIES

- 10-7-06 Natalie & Andrew Abrameit
 10-9-04 Bonnie & Bill Bates
 10-14-06 Allison & Wesley Ball
 10-24-20 Meghan & Scott Hale
 10-25-03 Margaret & Ryan ,Luker
 10-30-71 Brenda & Aldon Bade



BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 1 Aldon Bade
 Adam Griffith
 Brooke Henry
 Colby May
 10-3 Kellye Burke
 10-5 Brenda Foil
 10-7 Billy Dornburg
 10-8 Eva Nell Griffith
 Sandra Post
 10-10 Brian Bade
 10-11 William Bates
 Monica Brand
 Tyler Franke
 10-12 Jason Collins
 Logan Egg

- 10-13 Michelle Pruski
 10-15 Linnea Griffith
 10-16 Patrick Lovett
 Lindsey Youngblood
 10-19 Garrett Friedrichs
 Sue Willms
 10-20 Daxton Krueger
 10-21 Karolynn Youngblood
 10-23 Geraldine Sturm
 10-24 Brooke Post
 10-27 Eric Griffith
 Taryn Schendel
 Lana Schmidt-Morris
 10-31 Karen Saxton





Mike Abrameit—brother of Dorothy Bowman and Elaine Post-snake bite
Joyce Baecker—friend of the community
Krysten Baker—niece of Ina & DeForest's
Terra Brand - Terrell Wiggins' niece
Casey Brown - friend of the Tislows
Alvin DeForest— Church member
Family of Arlene DeForest- Church member
Forrest Dye-needs kidney
Ainsley Garza - friend of the DeForests
***Barry Geary-church family member (homebound)**
Richard Gisler— father of Vickie Wimberly
Rebecca Graves - great niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin & Arlene DeForest
Jennifer Gies-teacher at Linnea Griffith's school
Kohen Hattenbach - niece of Tyler and Megan Tislow-brain cancer
Carmen Hawkins— friend of Sherry Sanders

Dale Henderson - Margaret Luker's dad
Sandra Hoff - former member-cancer
Patsy Hudson - Brenda Bade's niece-cancer
Allen and Ruby Jank— church family members
Terry Karnei - brother of Glenn Karnei
Beverly Martin— church family member
Jo Nell Martin - friend of Debbie Foster & the community
Glen Miller - Brenda Bade's brother-in-law-cancer
Mike Moseley - Margaret Luker's cousin
Robert & Donna Parkinson - Wendi Yendrey's parents
Pauline Pollard - Karie Wimberly's grandmother
Keith Poppert - brother-in-law of Ina & Alvin DeForest
Tracey Rogers—friend of Linnea Griffith-cancer
Sara - niece of Eva Griffith

Kenneth Sanders - Sandy's Brother
Nathan Smith—Geraldine' Sturm's grandson
Rose Trevino—friend of Jamie Friedrichs
Victor Vargas - nephew of Alyssa (Luke Abrameit's wife)
Gary and Deanna Wacker— church family members
Jordan Wise - friend of the Wimberly's
Buddy Young - friend of the community



REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Sandra Post by email stpetesander@gmail.com, or by texting or calling her at 361-649-5127 with St. Peter's prayer list updates, the person's current needs, **or when they can be removed from the list.**



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October Ministry Assistants



Altar Guild:
Ina DeForest
Eva Griffith

Offering Counters:
Wesley Ball
Trey Wimberly



Greeters:

10-4 Olivia Ball
10-11 Sandra P
10-18 Olivia Ball
10-25 Sandra P

Ushers:

10-4 Wyatt/Wesley Ball
10-11 Olivia Ball/Glenn Karnei
10-18 Wyatt/Wesley Ball
10-25 Linda & Randy Koehler

