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Coming Events

- December 1
 St. Peter's Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up, 8am
- December 2
 St. Peter's Congregational
 Meeting; Family Advent
 project, following meeting
 Women of the ELCA
 Christmas Party, 5pm
- **December 9**Christmas Caroling, 10:30am
- December 16
 St. Peter's Sunday School
 Christmas Program, 9am, followed by brunch
 La Bahia Nursing Home worship service, 3pm
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30pm
- December 30 Christmas Hymnsing

Three congregations to host joint Advent services

Advent is here and that means joint suppers and worship services on Wednesdays with St. Luke's, Schroeder, and Zion, Arneckeville. Offerings for the three services have been designated to feeding the hungry, with the offering shared with the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent and the World Hunger Appeal of the ELCA. Of the money sent locally, 1/3 goes to Fannin United Methodist Food Pantry, 1/3 to CAMAL House in Cuero, and 1/3 to the Goliad County Food Pantry. Join us as we set aside time to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Each evening begins with potluck soup and sandwiches at the host church at **6:30 pm**. Members of the host church will provide soup, coffee, tea and tableware. The members of travelling congregations will bring sandwiches, salads, deserts, etc. Worship begins at **7:30 pm**. This year's theme is *The Word and the Wonder*, with all services led by Pastor Anne with lay assistants.



- December 5 at St. Luke's The Word to Zechariah
- **December 12 at St. Peter's** The Word to Mary
- December 19 at Zion The Word to Joseph

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 the New Life Children's Center in Canyon Lake. All gifts – both Poinsettias and for New Life Children's Center – will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve service bulletin. The cost for either gift is \$10 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 2.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Ministries assist local residents



Thank you for helping others! Over 200 pounds of food were collected for the Goliad Food Pantry Thanksgiving boxes, and lots of toys were collected for Goliad Sheriff's Department Silver Santa Program. The food has been taken to the pantry, and the toys will be presented to Sheriff Brumby during the service on December 2.

Trash pick-up scheduled

St. Peter's Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up will be held on December 1, 2018. Church property committee chair, Kenneth Brand, asks that all volunteers meet in St. Peter's parking lot at 8 a.m. to help with picking up litter on the two mile designated highway for St. Peter's Lutheran Church. With a large group of volunteers, this job can be completed quickly and will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas caroling and sharing of gifts planned for December 9

Our annual Christmas caroling will be held Sunday, December 9, 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 8:00 am on December 9, so we can pack the bags and be ready for the Christmas carolers to deliver.

At 10:30 am we will proceed to La Bahia Nursing Home to sing, and then eat lunch together in Goliad. After lunch, we will split into two groups, with one staying in Goliad and the other going to the outlying areas. A sign-up clipboard, for requesting visits from the carolers, will be in the narthex November 25. We need these names ahead of time to coordinate the list of people to visit.

Everyone is invited to join in this St. Peter's tradition, as we lift our voices and share the joy and love of Christmas.

Family Advent craft time offers project to celebrate and prepare

An Advent family craft time will be held on December 2, right after the congregational meeting. Each family will be making an Advent Log to help them celebrate Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ. Join us for the fun as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Youth to present "An Emoji Christmas"

The annual Christmas Program, An Emoji Christmas, will be presented by our youth during the worship service on December 16. Any parent that can help with coordinating kids walking in and out at the correct time will be appreciated. The kids have been working hard in rehearsals, and the final dress rehearsal will be Sunday, December 9, 10:15am-12:15pm. Please contact Lana Jarzombek at 361-645-4793 or lana.jarzombek@yahoo.com with any questions.

December 16 brunch to follow youth Christmas program

Please join us for a brunch on Sunday, December 16, honoring all participants of St. Peter's Christmas program. The congregation is asked to bring their favorite brunch food to share. The Fellowship Committee will provide coffee, hot chocolate, milk and juice. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Brandes.

Dec. 31 final postmark for 2018 gifts

All offerings to St. Peter's sent through the mail that are to be recorded as given in 2018 must be postmarked on or before December 31.

St. Peter's to give assistance to Paradise Lutheran congregation for destruction caused by California fires

On November 8, 2018 everything changed for the residents of Paradise, California. Their town and homes were destroyed by the worst fire in the history of California.

Contact has been made with Rev. Rodney Platte, the pastor of Paradise Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation that is about the size of ours. He says the church building is still standing, but was severely scorched on one side, as the house next door burned to the ground. And there is also a great deal of smoke damage. Most of the congregation is displaced, being forced to find shelter throughout the state. The pastor and his family live in the town of Chico and have not had to evacuate.

It will be great to see our church family reach out to this Lutheran congregation in a personal way, from our church to theirs. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and begin the season of Christmas, may we remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

St. Peter's is actively taking donations that we will be sending directly to this church.

You may make checks payable to St. Peter's and designate them for California fires or Paradise Lutheran. We will collect money until December 15.

Thank you for your generosity.

Notice of Congregational Meeting to be held December 2

The semi-annual congregational meeting will be on December 2 immediately following the worship service. On the agenda are elections to several positions including church council, the approval of the 2019 ministry support budget (presented and discussed at the November 11 Budget Brunch), and a presentation and suggestions from our safety and security committee. Plans for the 2019 camp work weekend will also be discussed. All confirmed members are voting members, so make sure to come and help plan the future of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Service plans for Dec. 24 and 30

Christmas Eve worship is December 24 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for this service of communion, carols and candlelight as we celebrate the birth of our newborn king.

A Christmas hymnsing will be the worship service on December 30 at 9 a.m. Join as we learn how some of our favorite Christmas hymns came to be written, and join us in singing them as we continue to celebrate Christ's birth.

Pastor's vacation

Pastor Anne and Jerry will be on vacation December 26—January 2. Should a pastoral emergency arise that week, please contact Sherry Sanders at 361-655-0123 or Kathy Albrecht at 361-645-3912 or 361-935-6645, and they will contact a pastor.

Sat Dec 1, 2018

8am Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up

Sun Dec 2, 2018

9am Worship Service
followed by Congregational meeting
Family Advent craft, following
Congregational meeting
5pm Women of the ELCA Christmas meal
and party

Wed Dec 5, 2018

6:30pm Advent meal, St. Luke's in Schroeder 7:30pm Advent service, St. Luke's in Schroeder; *The Word and the Wonder:*

The Word to Zechariah

Sun Dec 9, 2018

9am Communion service 10:15am Program dress rehearsal 10:30am Christmas Caroling

Wed Dec 12, 2018

6:30pm Advent meal, St. Peter's
7:30pm Advent service, St. Peter's
The Word and the Wonder:
The Word to Mary

Sun Dec 16, 2018

9am Christmas Program 3pm La Bahia Nursing Home worship, in Goliad

Mon Dec 17, 2018

Turn in articles and pictures for January Newsletter to the Church office

Tue Dec 18, 2018

6:30pm Congregation Council Christmas meal

Wed Dec 19, 2018

6:30pm Advent meal, Zion in Arneckeville 7:30pm Advent service, Zion in Arneckeville; The Word and the Wonder: The Word to Joseph

Sun Dec 23, 2018

9am Communion service

Mon Dec 24, 2018

5:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion service



Tue Dec 25, 2018

CHRISTMAS DAY—church office closed

Wed Dec 26, 2018—Wed Jan 2, 2019
Pastor Vacation

Sun Dec 30, 2018

9am Christmas Hymnsing worship

Mon Dec 31, 2018—Tue Jan 1, 2019
NEW YEAR'S EVE and NEW YEAR'S
DAY—church office closed

Sun Jan 6, 2019

9am Worship service, Epiphany of Our Lord

10:15am Sunday school classes 10:15am Confirmation class



O come, let us adore him!

Epiphany of Our Lord

On January 6, we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.



2018







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 18. Sherry Sanders, who has been attending classes in the ELCA Lay Parish Ministry Training and is a member of St. Peter's, was the guest speaker. We express our sincere appreciation to Sherry 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 \$738. Thank you to everyone for their generous offerings.

Christmas party and meal for St. Peter's Women of the ELCA to be held December 2

All women of St. Peter's, and their family and guests, are invited to attend the annual Christmas party to be held on December 2, at St. Peter's parish hall. The meat for the meal will be provided, so everyone is asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. We plan to gather at 5 p.m. for fellowship and meal. A gift exchange will take place after the meal. All attending are encouraged to bring a gender-neutral \$15 wrapped gift to exchange. Everyone will be included in the gift exchange, so please bring a friend or spouse and make sure they bring a gift as well to be exchanged.

Please write your name, and number to attend, on the sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. We hope everyone will join us in sharing this festive time of food, fellowship and fun!

WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held Jan. 8

All women of St. Peter's are invited to attend the Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 8. 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 16 date set for next **Lutheran World Relief guilting**

We will not be holding a Lutheran World Relief quilting workday in December. The next LWR workday will be held on January 16.

December Activities Planned by Congregation Council

At their regular meeting in October, council previewed and discussed the budget that was presented at the Budget Brunch on November 11. They worked on agenda and nominations for election for the Congregational Meeting on December 2, with another meeting after worship planned in order to have it completed and in the hands of the congregation on November 18.

A first draft of the new Policies and Procedures Manual was given to all members to review and bring corrections for final copy. Due to phone outages in the present system, Terrell Wiggins will do research to find best alternative for phones at the church. After presentation of report by Jackie Gardner, new computer software for the church was approved.

Council heard updates on activities of youth, Scare on the Square Booth, youth T-shirts here, and Christmas program practice will soon begin with Christmas program being on December 16. During report from Outreach, council was reminded that contacting visitors who attend worship is an Outreach Committee task, caroling will be on December 9 and the next La Bahia worship service will be December 16.

From the Property Committee, it was noted that planning is in progress for handicap ramp in the front under cover, and another trash pick-up will be held before the end of the year. There will be a Worship and Music meeting November 13. The council Christmas party was set for December 18 with a short meeting prior to the meal.

Sign-up for providing altar flowers on 2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 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.











Oktoberfest 2018

The most beautiful and amazing day for St. Peter's Oktoberfest. We want to send a big thank you to all who came and supported this annual event. 100% of the \$9,000 plus proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity, Goliad build.

A giant thank you goes out to the St. Peter's "Mechanical Minded Men" who problem solved and averted disaster by getting water to Das Versamein Platz, The Meeting Place.

Also thanks to all St. Peter's youth who served in so many capacities. These events take a village. St. Peter's has an amazing village.



"Scare on the Square"

On October 27, St. Peter's youth had a great time showing everyone their Halloween costumes and handing out candy around the Goliad Courthouse square.



St. Peter's Staff

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier

Pastor

Kathy Albrecht
Church Office Secretary

Dorothy Bowman Organist and Choir Director

Congregation Council

David Bowman

Co-Chair of Stewardship and Finance (term ends 12/31/18)

Kenneth Brand

Co-Chair of Property (term ends 12/31/18)

Eva Nell Griffith

Vice President and Chair of Christian Education and Youth Ministry (term ends 12/31/19)

Sandra Post

Secretary and Chair of Worship and Music (term ends 12/31/18)

Sherry Sanders

President (term ends 12/31/19)

Ashford Taylor

Co-Chair of Property (term ends 12/31/20)

Terrell Wiggins

Chair of Outreach (term ends 12/31/19)

Trey Wimberly

Co-Chair of Stewardship and Finance (term ends 12/31/20)

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier Pastor (ex-officio)

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00am Sunday School: 10:15am — 11:30am (Sept. — May) Holy Communion: second, fourth, and fifth Sundays of each month, throughout the Easter season, and on all festivals.



<u>DECEMBER</u> 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



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

St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through October 31, 2018

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2018

\$67,326.56

Offerings \$170,877.83

Cost of ministries \$185,918.20

Ministry fund ending balance,

October 31, 2018 \$52,286.19

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.



St. Peter's Ander









Emily Brannon – friend of Linda Koehler June Bethke – member of St. Peter's Dwane Bruns – brother of Deanna Wacker Dawn Butler – sister of Lana Jarzombek and Ronda Irwin

Pearl Caldwell – sister of Allen Jank Rachel Carbajal – friend of Wendi Yendrey

Dick DeForest – brother of Alvin and Ina DeForest

Slade Doerhman – cousin of Ray Albrecht 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

Barry Geary – member of St. Peter's, in the Cuero Hospital

Rebecca Graves – infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest

The Green Family – recently relocated from Tennessee

Wilma Grupe – aunt of Karie Wimberly Milton Haas – friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest

Stefani Hargrove – friend of Karen Klinkerman

The Rev. Bill Hassel – retired Bluebonnet Conference pastor

John Hausmann – friend of Allen and Ruby Jank, member of St. John's Lutheran, Goliad

Dale Henderson – father of Margaret Luker

Matt Hoffman – son of Pastor Cheryl Koester-Schmidt of Christ the Victor Lutheran in Victoria

Vanita Ann Hausmann Homer – friend of Brenda and Aldon Bade

Betty Jacob – friend of June Bethke Ryan Janak – ten year old nephew of Leo Henke

Melita Keith – friend of Margaret Luker Cullen Kickendahl – four year old son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl

Email Prayer Chain

Did you know we have an email prayer chain 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. How do you start receiving these prayer requests? Simply contact the church office and ask to be signed up on the list.

Homebound:

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

Alvin Krueger – father of David Krueger Dawson Kutach and family – eighteen month old, mother is co-worker of Monica Davidson

Amy Lott – friend of Margaret Luker

Beverly Martin – member of St. Peter's

Jo Nell Martin – friend of community

Herbie Maurer – brother of Brenda Bade

Michael McLead – uncle of Nathan Irwin

Sydney Morris – sister of Jess Odem

Tom Morris – member of St. Peter's

Andy and Stephanie Navas –

granddaughter of Geraldine and Fritz Sturm

Cole Ohrt – friend of community
Ruth Pieper – friend of the community
Mary Poppert – sister of Ina DeForest
and Alvin DeForest

Jose Reyes – friend of Shelby Foster Marcus Rezendez – friend of Amy Wilburn

Edna May Riggs – friend of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm

Family of Lamar Riggs – friend of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm

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 Bobbi Stiles – great aunt of Shelby Foster Fritz Sturm – member of St. Peter's Victor Vargas – four year old nephew of

Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife **Rob Wall** – son of Brenda Foil's friend,

Roxy

Mike Wilburn – member of St. Peter's



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are

extended to the families of Brenda Foil and Beverly Martin on the death of their mother, Christine Haschke, on November 2. Funeral

service and burial were in Victoria on November 5.

SYMPATHIES are also extended to Nathan Irwin and family on the death of his grandmother, *Jean Faye McLead*.

May God comfort and strengthen these families in their time of loss.

"The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27a



T'was the night before Christmas,

God glanced over the earth.

He looked to and fro,

All over it's girth.

They missed it again He said with a sigh,

A heavy heart and a tear in his eye.

I gave them my son,

So they could be free.

My greatest gift,

To them from me.

They traded me in,

For a man in red.

A little tree.

And horse drawn sled.

How do I save them,

And make them see?

My love is complete,

My grace is free.

How do I help them,

When all they know,

Is a talking snowman,

And a box with a bow?

Maybe next year,

they will stop and see.

The biggest gift of Christmas.

Is the little child from me.



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Worship Leaders for December

ALTAR GUILD

Eva Nell Griffith

OFFERING COUNTERS

Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith

GREETERS

Sherry Sanders and Jill Wiggins

USHERS

Sandy Sanders and Terrell Wiggins

FLOWERS

12-2 Regina and Mike Calhoun

12-9 Beverly and Jim Martin

12-16 Sarah and Carl Brandes

12-23 Geraldine and Fritz Sturm

12-24 Congregation

12-30 open

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

Geraldine Sturm

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Sarah Brandes and Shelby Taylor







December 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.



2018 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday, December 2 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am, Sunday School 10:15 am, WELCA Christmas 5:00 pm

Gospel Text: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound.

Wednesday, December 5 - Joint Advent service at St. Luke's, Schroeder

Light supper 6:30 pm, Worship 7:30 pm
The Word and the Wonder: The Word to Zechariah

Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am, Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 10:15 am, Christmas Caroling 10:30 am

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

Wednesday, December 12 - Joint Advent Service at St. Peter's, Ander

Light supper 6:30 pm, Worship 7:30 pm
The Word and the Wonder: The Word to Mary

Sunday, December 16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent Christmas Program "Emoji Christmas" 9:00 am Worship at La Bahia 3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 19 - Joint Advent Service at Zion, Arneckeville

Light supper 6:30 pm, Worship 7:30 pm The Word and the Wonder: The Word to Joseph

Sunday, December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

We meet Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith.

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service with Communion 5:30 pm

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

The Word and the Wonder: The Word for the Angels and Shepherds

Sunday, December 30 - 1st Sunday of Christmas

Christmas Hymnsing Worship 9:00 am





Christmas Eve Service Gifts to St. Peter's

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Name (of person giving gift):			
New Life Children's Center	Poinsettia	In Honor	In Memory
Name(s) of those being honored/memorialize			
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Name (of person giving gift):			
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