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### **Coming Events**

- October 28
   Commitments of Service and Witness Sunday
- October 28
   Oktoberfest
- November 5
   Budget Barbecue

### Oktoberfest 2018 to benefit

St. Peter's annual Oktoberfest fundraising event will be held on Sunday, October 28. The exciting silent auction and wonderful music will begin at 4p.m., and the delicious meal will be served at 5:30p.m.

We will need many hands to make this year's Oktoberfest a success. Volunteers will be needed for set up; organizing the silent auction; buying, preparing, serving the food and bringing desserts or appetizers; and clean up. The Church buys the sausage for the meal, but everything else happens through the donations of our members, so that all the proceeds from the event can go to our chosen recipient. This year's proceeds will go to Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity.



If you wish to help, mark the area you are interested in serving on the flyer that is included to this newsletter or can be found on the church bulletin table in the narthex. All congregational members, friends of the congregation and members of the community are invited to participate.

Jamie Friedrichs and Jill Wiggins are co-chairs of the Oktoberfest 2018.

### **Congregational Meeting Set by Council**

At their regular monthly meeting, council set the date of the congregational meeting for November 11 immediately following worship, and named the nominating committee. They heard reports from Christian Education and Youth Ministry about T-shirts the youth are ordering and opening up to the congregation to order, and the beginning of a young adult Sunday school class to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, facilitated by Sandra Post.

In the report from the Outreach Committee, it was noted the God's Work Our Hands Sunday activities packed 24 backpacks for the elementary school in Goliad, along with extra supplies, which were delivered to the school. From Property, council was informed that the pump has been installed at the picnic area, and another meeting will be called for the team working on church security. Stewardship and Finance are working on the budget and will have their meeting September 27. Several ideas were discussed pertaining to the budget and the proposed budget will be presented at the October meeting.

It was reported that Christmas caroling will be on December 9 due to the Christmas program being on December 16. Discussion was held about some changes in setting up

for Octoberfest to better accommodate wheelchairs and walkers. Discussion was held about the designated meeting date of council following which, it was decided it will be changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, with the October meeting being on October 25, and the November meeting being on November 29 due to Thanksgiving being the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

### SAVE THE DATE: Youth Christmas Program set for December 16

The annual Christmas Program will be presented at St. Peter's at 9a.m. during the worship service on December 16. The Christmas Program is entitled "Emoji Christmas." Please let Lana Jarzombek know if your child will be able to participate in the program this year. There will be several speaking parts that need to be assigned and we need willing participates. We will also need to assign Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, Herod's Court, Shepherds, a Choir and animals. You can either email Lana at <a href="mailto:lana.jarzombek@yahoo.com">lana.jarzombek@yahoo.com</a> or call/text her at 361-645-4793. Practice dates will be scheduled soon!



# Service of Reformation and Renewal to be held October 28

A service of Reformation and Renewal will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 28. As we celebrate our Lutheran heritage and the 501st anniversary of the Reformation, we

take time to renew our baptismal and confirmation promises and renew our commitment to living out those promises in service to God and to St. Peter's through the dedication of our completed Stewardship of Service and Witness sheets. Sheets will be available for each member beginning October 14. Fill them out when you can and return them to the basket in the narthex before the service October 28.

# Young adult discussion group scheduled to begin October 21

A new young adult discussion group is forming at St. Peter's. It will mainly be geared toward parents with young children, but everyone is welcome to sit in on our discussions. The class will start out on a once-a-month schedule. This still gives parents a time to visit with each other on the other Sundays. We will usually meet on the third Sunday of the month, starting in October. Sandra Post will be the facilitator guiding the discussions. The entire class will be the teachers, as we learn from each other new ways to keep Christ in our homes and family life. We hope to see you there!

SCHEDULE: October 21, November 18, and December 9 (due to children's Christmas program on December 16<sup>th</sup>.)

### Response from Christmas Eve Worship survey

A survey for worship service time on Christmas Eve was taken during September. A total of 41 survey forms were returned with the following results: 20 for 5:30pm; 9 for 7pm;

5 for 8pm; 1 for 11pm; and 6 with no preference.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with communion will be held at St. Peter's on December 24, 2018 at 5:30pm.

# Requests for Pastor visits or hospital visits

Because people have not been signing up for visits to get to know the pastor, she will begin calling members to schedule visits either at church or at your home. If you'd rather call her, or if you want a visit sooner, just give her a call or send her an email. Her contact information is on the back page of the newsletter.



Sunday School classes resumed on September 2, beginning with a new opening at 10:15am with song and Bible verse.

### **Reformation Day**

By John Kuperus

Scripture Reading — Romans 3:19-26



But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known. — Romans 3:21

Martin Luther reasoned, "God is holy and just. I am a poor miserable sinner, no matter how hard I try. How can a holy God possibly love a sinner like me?" Luther tried to do everything possible to earn the mercy, love, and forgiveness of God. But it was never enough.

Luther was honest with himself. He did not minimize his sin, as if it made no difference to God. Luther saw sin for what it was, separating him from God. He desperately wanted to come near to God.

Freedom came for Luther when he began to understand the words of Romans 3. Prior to this point in the book of Romans, Paul explains that the entire human race is guilty and condemned before God's judgment. But then Paul says, "But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known."

God came up with a way to make the sinner righteous while also satisfying the requirement of the law. Sin had to be paid for with death, so Jesus, the Son of God, stepped forward to offer his own perfect, righteous life in our place. And now God credits us with Jesus' perfect righteousness. "All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus...to be received by faith."

Those words brought Luther face to face with the loving God. Have you met this one true God? Are you justified by faith in Christ?

#### Prayer-

Thank you, Jesus, for taking our place and paying for our sin so that we can be restored to life in God's presence. Amen.

### Wed Oct 3, 2018

6:30pm Choir practice

7:30pm Bible Study, "The Purpose Driven Life"



### Sun Oct 7, 2018

9am Worship service

10:15am Confirmation class

10:15am Sunday school class

### Tue Oct 9, 2018

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

### Wed Oct 10, 2018

6:30pm Choir practice

7:30pm Bible Study, "The Purpose Driven Life"

#### Sat Oct 13, 2018

11am Rockin' K Maze, Robstown

### Sun Oct 14, 2018

9am Communion service 10:15am Sunday school class

### Wed Oct 17, 2018

9am Lutheran World Relief workday

6:30pm Choir practice

7:30pm Bible Study, "The Purpose Driven Life"

#### Sun Oct 21, 2018

9am Contemporary service

10:15am Confirmation class

10:15am Sunday school class

### Wed Oct 24, 2018

6:30pm Choir practice

7:30pm Bible Study, "The Purpose Driven Life"

### Thu Oct 25, 2018

6:30pm Congregation Council meeting

#### Sat Oct 27, 2018

6:30pm—9pm Scare on the Square, Youth Group booth

### Sun Oct 28, 2018

9am Reformation and Renewal — Communion service 4pm—7pm Oktoberfest; silent auction; meal; live music

### Wed Oct 31, 2018

6:30pm Choir practice

7:30pm Bible Study, "The Purpose Driven Life"







# WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held October 9

All women of St. Peter's are invited to attend the Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 9. We will begin with Bible study at 2pm followed by the meeting. The Bible Study, *Turning to God, Time After Time*, presented by Linda Dornburg, will be from the October 2018 *Gather* Magazines. Come and join us!

# Items needed for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will be collecting items for personal care kits during October. A Thrivent Grant was applied for, received, and used to purchase the bath-size towels, so these are the remaining items needed to fill the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits:

- **Bath-size bars of soap** (4-5 oz.) any brand, in original wrapping
- Sturdy combs, (wide tooth preferred) remove packaging
- Adult-size toothbrushes, in original packaging;
   \*multi-packs of toothbrushes may also be donated
- Metal nail clippers, (attached file optional) remove packaging

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 2018 St. Peter's Church Yearbook or pick up the "Supplies for LWR Kits" page on the table by the closet between the narthex and fellowship hall. Please place all kit items in the plastic container by this closet.

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. If there are questions regarding Lutheran World Relief donations or kit items, please contact Linda Dornburg, Lutheran World Relief coordinator for St. Peter's Women of the ELCA.

# Reminders for St. Peter's Women of the ELCA

• Our next Lutheran World Relief quilting workday will begin at 9am on October 17. We have a goal to make more quilts than we made last year, which was 111 quilts. We have a very good start with a few over 90 quilts completed. We will be sharing "stone soup" for the noon meal at the October 17 workday. Please join us!

### Donations of clothing for Gulf Coast Family Services

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA wish to remind the congregation that clothing donations are accepted here at St. Peter's. Because Goliad Outreach no longer distributes clothing, a representative of St. Peter's will take these donations to Gulf Coast Family Services in Victoria. This organization supports The Women's Crisis Center. Simply place your unwanted clothing in the ladies' "Quilt Closet" in the parish hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Albrecht or Regina Calhoun.

# Clothing items needed for LWR baby care kits

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA are always looking for baby items for Lutheran World Relief kits. Baby clothes, in sizes up to 24 months, including jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts; long—or short—sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet); cotton t-shirts; socks; baby caps; receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted between 36" and 52" square, are all needed for baby care kits. Please do not donate any items with U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or reference to the armed forces, including camouflage.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed..." From shawlministry.com.

As the 2018 synod assembly approached, knitters and crocheters synod wide made prayer shawls one for each voting member to wear through the election/call process for our new bishop. These shawls were made with prayers for the receivers, and meant a lot to those who received them. We here at St. Peter's would like to continue this shawl ministry so that we have shawls for Pastor to give to those who are sick, shut in, grieving, and other times when they may be in need of reminders of God's love and that they are surrounded with and "wrapped in" our prayers.

If you knit or crochet, consider making these shawls for this ministry - just give them to Pastor Anne when you're done! You can use any stitch/design you wish (20"x80" rectangle is most practical as it can be used as a lap robe as well), and any color. Soft yarn (such as HomeSpun) is best, but any kind of yarn can be used. If you would be willing to teach someone else how to knit or crochet, let Kathy Albrecht know, and she can hook you up with someone who wants to learn.



# God's work. Our hands.

"God's Work Our Hands" banner made by Jackie Gardiner, with the hand prints of St. Peter's members and displayed in the narthex.

# Items from "God's work. Our hands." affirm support in education of GISD students

On September 9, members of St. Peter's joined with congregations across the ELCA in recognition of God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Supplies for twenty four backpacks were assembled for donation to Goliad Elementary School – three each for Pre-K through sixth grade. Supplies were donated and purchased using funds from our Local Benevolence monies. Joyful hands of all ages stuffed and checked the backpack contents and then loaded them for delivery. The backpacks, along with additional supplies including cases of poster board and extra pencils and erasers were delivered to the school on September 11, to a grateful administration. Thanks to all who donated funds and items to this project and to the Council and volunteers who purchased supplies and coordinated the effort."

Jackie Gardiner coordinated the 2018 "God's work. Our hands." day of service for St. Peter's. Thank you Jackie for all the time and work you gave to this Outreach project!



Members gathered to fill school supplies into the 24 backpacks for Goliad pre-K through sixth grade students.



Backpacks, filled with school supplies, to be given to Goliad students.

### Sign with new name hung at the picnic area

At the congregational meeting, on December 3, 2017, votes were cast by the congregation to rename what was formerly known as "the picnic area" to officially now be named "Das Versamein Platz" (The Gathering Place.)

Gerald Griffith was then asked to paint a sign to hang at the picnic area with the new name. The sign was painted and dedicated and is now hanging for all to enjoy.

Thank you to all who have worked on this project.



# Thank you from summer camp

Dear St. Peter's Church and Women of the Church,

Thank you so much for the money you contributed toward me being able to attend Lutherhill this year. I made lots of new friends and my favorite activity was sleeping outside during Out Camp. I can't wait to go next year.

Love, Arlen

### 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



### **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 office@stpetersander.org

### **Membership Update:**

Mac & Jess Odem Shane Davis, Brooklyn and Bryce 203 Chimney Rock Victoria, Texas 77904-1111



### **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 Davidson

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 Kellve Burke

10-23 Geraldine Sturm

10-24 Brooke Post

10-27 Eric Griffith

10-27 Lana Schmidt-Morris

10-31 Karen Saxton

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

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2018

\$67,326.56

Offerings \$130,880.88

Cost of ministries \$150,290.48

Ministry fund ending balance, August 31, 2018

\$47,916.96

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 Nate Boehl – three year old son of Megan and Kelly Boehl

Family of Adalida Boudreaux – eleven month old daughter of Betsy and Daryl, friends of Rhonda Ideus

Eric Brookhauser – cancer patient with two young children, friends of Clayton and Julie Franke

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

Ina DeForest – member of St. Peter's 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 Greg Gordon – friend of Jamie Friedrichs Rebecca Graves – infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest

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

# **Email Prayer Chain** information

An email prayer chain was recently started 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

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

Cullen Kickendahl – four year old son of Clint Kickendahl, friend of the community

Alvin Krueger – father of David Krueger Ross Mansker – brother-in-law of Vicki Wimberly

Jo Nell Martin – friend of community Herbie Maurer – brother of Brenda Bade Michael McLead – uncle of Nathan Irwin Andy and Stephanie Navas –

granddaughter of Geraldine and Fritz Sturm

Cole Ohrt – friend of community
Ruth Pieper – friend of the community
Allen Pollard – father of Karie Wimberly
Mary Poppert – sister of Ina DeForest
and Alvin DeForest

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

James Rung – five year old son of Greta Henke's friend

**Jenny Sanders** – daughter of Sherry and Sandy Sanders

Bonnie Staha – friend of Jamie Friedrichs Patricia Stanley – co-worker of Gayle Albrecht

Bobbi Stiles – great aunt of Shelby Foster 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

# Cross Trails Ministry Thank You

September 20, 2018

Dear Members of St. Peter's Lutheran,

On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$431 dated September 13, 2018. 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, retreats and expeditions 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 Cross Trails Ministry

"Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us—a crucified God—must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world."—John Piper

Martin Luther (1483-1546) — Luther's last words, written on a piece of scrap paper, echoed the humble theme of his first thesis: We are beggars! This is true.

From first thesis to last words, Luther lived at the foot of the cross, where our rebellious condition meets with the beauty of God's lavish grace in the gospel of his Son—a gospel deep enough to cover all the little and massive flaws of a beggar like Luther and beggars like us.

Reformation Sunday October 28, 2018



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## **Worship Leaders for October**

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Beverly Martin and Amy Wilburn

#### **GREETERS**

Gayle Baecker and Janice Seiler

### **USHERS**

Glenn Karnei and Jerry Kolmeier

### **OFFERING COUNTERS**

Beverly Martin and Janice Seiler

### **FLOWERS**

10-7 Gerald and Eva Nell Griffith

**10-14** Post Family

**10-21** Geraldine Sturm

10-28 Oktoberfest plants

#### MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

Gerald Griffith

#### **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Brenda Foil and Eva Nell Griffith







# Fall into family fun



with St. Peter's Youth Groups

October 13<sup>th</sup>
11:00am - Rockin' K Maze (Robstown)

October 27<sup>th</sup>
6:30-9:00pm- Scare on the Square (Youth Group will have a booth)

November 9-11<sup>th</sup>
Synod Middle School Gathering (Camp Chrysalis)

November 19<sup>th</sup>
Victoria "Fun Day" (locations and times TBD)

December 16<sup>th</sup>
9:00am- Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

Stay tuned for other dates, including Advent workshop for Families and Christmas Caroling!



Check the newsletter and church bulletin for complete information as each event approaches.



St. Peter's will celebrate its annual Oktoberfest beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 28.

Mark your calendar for an afternoon and evening of good food and drink, entertainment, and opportunities to bid on many items through the silent auction.

Oktoberfest proceeds will support the Golden Crescent Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

In order to make this year's Oktoberfest a success, several service groups are needed. St. Peter's members, associate members and friends are invited to use this page to express their interest in helping with the Oktoberfest.

Name	(s):	
Please check which group(s) you would like to serve with:		
	Food: cooking the sausage; working with other members to ensure sufficient food; staffing the serving line.	
	Facility set-up: cleaning the picnic area, including mowing.	
	<b>Silent Auction</b> : encouraging donations of items for the silent auction; coordinating silent auction during the event.	
	Entertainment: securing entertainment for the event.	
	Clean-up: cleaning the picnic area following the event; this includes putting up tables and chairs and sweeping.	

Please place this form in the offering plate or leave in the church office. For questions, contact Jamie Friedrichs at (361) 550-2090 or Jill Wiggins at (361) 645-8332, 2018 Oktoberfest co-chairs.