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Coming Events

August 26

Christian Education Sunday Spark'd Summer study, following worship Pot Luck Rally Day Meal, following Spark'd activities

• September 2 Sunday school classes begin

• September 5

Choir practice and Bible study begin, 6:30pm and 7:30pm

• September 9

"God's Work. Our Hands."
Dedicated Day of Service;
La Bahia Nursing Home
worship, 3pm

October 28
 Oktoberfest



God's work. Our hands.

Council Supports Plan for GWOH

At their regular August meeting, Council approved the plan for God's Work, Our Hands Day to pack backpacks for Goliad schools on September 9. The congregation can be involved by giving monetary donations so organizers can buy school supplies in bulk. Other items presented by Outreach Committee included the next La Bahia worship service that will be on September 9, Pictorial Directories are here, and discussion about setting two new member receptions a year with dates to be chosen in January and July by pastor.

Updates on Christian Education and Youth Ministry dates for activities were shared as discussed at the youth group planning meeting: the opportunity for a Young Adult Sunday school class, Fall Sunday school classes to begin September 2, and Wednesday night Bible Study to begin September 5. Details were shared about the Christian Education Celebration on August 26 followed by the last Summer Spark'd Kids in the Bible class and a potluck meal.

The Property Committee reported on general maintenance items, got approval from council for new water pump and well at picnic area, and shared plans for handicap ramp to be installed under porch cover. Stewardship and Finance set date for budget meeting on September 27, and asked for discussion and ideas about a method for accepting gifts of stocks, bonds, and CD's. Worship and Music will have their next meeting September 4.

Council continued work on updating Policies and Procedures Manual with a goal to be completed by end of the year. Other items discussed were local benevolence opportunities, update on church security, electronic record keeping, and beginning plans for nominating committee. The next meeting will be September 18, as council will be trying a new day of the week to better accommodate members.

St. Peter's Oktoberfest scheduled for October 28

It is time again to start preparing for Oktoberfest. This year Oktoberfest will be held on October 28, 2018. Start thinking about what items you would like to make for the silent auction. Homemade craft items, quilts, seasonal items, plants and food are just some of the items we have sold before. We welcome all your creative ideas.

We will need many hands to make it a success. Volunteers will be needed for set up, organizing the silent auction, buying, preparing, and serving the food, and clean up. We also ask that everyone bring a dessert or appetizer to share on that day. 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 those proceeds will go



to Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity.

If you wish to help, mark the area you are interested in on the flyer that is included in this newsletter and will also be available in your church bulletins during September, or just let Jill Wiggins or myself know. The Oktoberfest is a wonderful opportunity for old and new members to work together to raise money for a great cause outside of our congregation.

Jamie Friedrichs Oktoberfest Co-Chairman

New members join St. Peter's through baptism, transfer and affirmation of faith

Welcome new members! In August, we welcomed several new members into our family.

Travis, Ashleigh, Brooke and Landon Post joined on August 12. They have recently moved back to the area from Portland, TX, and we're glad to have them home! Travis works for his dad, Paul Post, at the Paul Post Ranch. Ashleigh is currently a stay at home mom. Brooke is 4 years old, and Landon is 3 years old.

Mac, Jess and Brooklyn Odem and Shane Davis joined on August 19. Mac works in Real Estate Investment and Jess is a volleyball coach at Goliad High School. Shane is 7 years old and in 2nd grade this year, and Brooklyn is two years

Baptized in August were Paisley Evelyn Post and Bryce McGloin Odem.

Paisley was baptized on August 12. Born December 18, 2017, her parents are Jaron and Ashley Post. Paisley's sponsors are Ashleigh Post and Nolan and Tanya Jacob.

Bryce was baptized on August 19. Born May 17, 2018, his parents are Mac and Jess Morris Odem. Bryce's sponsors are Roger K. Odem and Roxanne Morris.

May God bless these children and their families as they travel through life in his grace.



Paisley Evelyn Post and Pastor Anne



Bryce McGloin Odem and Pastor Anne

Commissioning of Christian education leaders and Spark'd Bible study will kick off a new fall year of learning and Sunday school participation

Commissioning of Christian education leaders will be held during worship service on August 26. The final Spark'd summer study for 2018 will be held following the worship service. The lesson, Jesus Blesses the Children, will include a Bible reading, cooking activity, crafts, and faith connections.

Sunday school classes for children and adults resume on September 2, and we are excited about the new year! The fall calendars have been made and will be posted on the church website and also on the Sunday School Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall. Classes have been assigned and are posted on the classroom doors. We are excited to have three youth classes this year. Classrooms have changed, so make sure to look for the right one!

This year we will be adding a Sunday School opening to our schedule. At 10:15, all classes through 5th grade will gather in the sanctuary to sing camp-type songs (lots of motion!) and get a Bible verse for the week. After five verses are memorized, they earn a trip to the toy chest for a prize! Miss Sarah and Pastor Anne are already working on songs, but if you have a favorite from camp, make sure to let them know!

The Wednesday evening Bible study will resume on September 5, at 7:30p.m. Pastor Anne and Sherry Sanders will lead the group, which this fall will be reading and discussing the book *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. If you need a book either get one for yourself, borrow it from someone, or let Pastor Anne know to order one for you by August 29.

Plenty of chances to learn about God and his Word! Join us for Christian Education! Classes

This year's youth classes are divided as follows: Little Lights – 2 year old—Kindergarten Awesome Adventurers – 1st – 2nd grade Courageous Challengers – 3rd – 5th grade

Leaders

Teachers are as follows:

Little Lights: Jill Wiggins and Gerald Griffith

Awesome Adventurers: Linda Koehler and Leslie Wunsch

Courageous Challengers: Sarah Brandes and Pastor Anne Kolmeier Confirmation Class (6^{th} — 9^{th} grades): Pastor Anne Kolmeier

Youth Class Substitutes: Brenda Bade, Sandra Post, and Lana Jarzombek

Music Directors: Dorothy Bowman and Sandra Post Adult Sunday Class: Alvin DeForest and Allen Jank

Adult Class Substitute: Sherry Sanders

Wednesday Bible Study: Sherry Sanders and Pastor Anne Kolmeier

Lana Jarzombek serves as Sunday school superintendent.



Blessing of backpacks was given during the worship services on August 5 and 12. Each participant received a tag to attach to their back pack, with St. Peter's logo and the statement "This is a Blessed Backpack 2018." This is to remind each student that they are surrounded by love and care from this congregation.



Sun Sep 2, 2018

9am Worship service 10:15am Sunday School

Tue Sep 4, 2018

6:30pm Worship and Music committee meeting

Wed Sep 5, 2018

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

Sun Sep 9, 2018

9am Communion service: "God's Work. Our Hands." **Dedicated day of service** 10:15am Confirmation class 10:15am Sunday school **3pm Nursing Home Worship**

Tue Sep 11, 2018

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

Wed Sep 12, 2018

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

Sun Sep 16, 2018

9am Contemporary service 10:15am Sunday school

Tue Sep 18, 2018

6:30pm Congregation Council meeting

Wed Sep 19, 2018

9am Lutheran World Relief workday

Sun Sep 23, 2018

9am Communion service 10:15am Sunday school class

Wed Sep 26, 2018

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

Thu Sep 27, 2018

6:30pm Stewardship and Finance committee meeting

Fri Sep 28, 2018—Sun Sep 30, 2018

Women of the ELCA 31st Annual **Synodical Convention, Pearl** Hotel, South Padre Island

Sun Sep 30, 2018

9am Communion service 10:15am Confirmation class 10:15am Sunday school class

Wed Oct 3, 2018

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

Sun Oct 7, 2018

9am Worship service 10:15am Confirmation class 10:15am Sunday school class

2018

Choir practice resumes on September 5

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!

St. Peter's to conduct worship service at La Bahia Nursing Home on September 9

Members of St. Peter's are reminded that the 3pm worship service at La Bahia Nursing Home will be conducted by St. Peter's church on September 9. The service consists of singing favorite hymns, scripture readings for the day, and prayer. Please consider attending this brief service that lifts the spirits of the nursing home residents and brings many smiles and blessings.

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.



WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held September 11

All women of St. Peter's are invited to attend the Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 11. 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 September 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 September and through 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 bits:

- **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 September 19. 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 70 quilts completed. We will be sharing "stone soup" for the noon meal at the September 19 workday. Please join us!
- Southwestern Texas Synodical Women's Convention will be held September 28— 30, 2018, at Pearl Hotel, South Padre Island.

Remember that the "pop tops" that are being collected will be given during this convention. So please, remember to turn in all "pop tops" by September 23.

The physical offering at the convention is gift cards—Walmart, Target, HEB, gas cards, etc. These cards will be given to La Posada, a ministry for people in crisis from around the world, who are seeking legal refuge in this country. If you want to donate a card, please speak to Kathy Albrecht, the WELCA convention voting delegate.

• Remember to bring any school kit items that you have purchased for Lutheran World Relief and place them in the plastic container by the closet between the narthex and the fellowship hall by September 16. We will be moving the focus from the school kit project to the collection of personal care items this month. Last year we donated a total of 112 School Kits to LWR. We received confirmation that some of these kits were sent to Honduras. A school kit increased the chances of breaking the chains of chronic poverty and avoiding the real risk of gang involvement. Our goal is to assemble and donate more school kits this year than we gave last year.



Youth read from the Spark Story Bible about "Young Jesus in the Temple."

Thank you from summer campers

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

Thank you for the money to go to Lutherhill. I liked swimming in the pool and going to the lake; and the arts and crafts; and playing in the canteen. Love.

Grace

Dear St. Peter's Church and WELCA.

Thank you for paying for me to go to Church camp. I had a fun time making friends and doing fun activities. I had fun on the lake and doing other activities too. The food was very good there. Thank you for helping pay for camp. From,

Tyler

Youth enjoyed craft time during the Spark'd Summer Study on August 12.



During the third session of the Spark'd Summer Study, Pastor Anne helps the youth learn a song about Jesus growing up.

Dear St. Peter's,

Word can not explain how grateful I am for the support yall gave me going to camp this year, both financially, and morally. I had a great experience as a Lyle II and plan on attending Lyle III next year. It is nothing short of an unforgettable experience. Thanks again!

Fischer Saxton

Dear St. Peter's and WELCA,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend Church camp at Lutherhill! I had an awesome time and I can't wait to go back next year! Love, Addison Yendrey

Dear Ander Church,

I would like to start off by thanking the Church for sending me to Camp Chrysalis this year. I had so much fun, I got to see some of the girls from last year, and I also got a cabin full of new girls that I became really good friends with. At Camp I got to go hiking to the Bluff, also I got to go swimming in the creek and the pool. I also got to do wood carving which was really cool, for Interest groups I did stories with Sam, and that was really fun, and then on Thursday I hiked the Bluff again with Noah. May I add that the food was really good at Camp. I had so much fun at Camp this year, I can't wait to hopefully go back next year and see my friends again. Thank you again, Mackenna Diebel

Summer travels with Jesus

At the beginning of summer, Pastor Anne reminded the children that everyone should take Jesus along on their summer vacation and other activities. As a visual reminder that Jesus travels with us, she gave each of them a picture of Jesus on a stick to color and take with them. Here are some of the places that "Flat Jesus" has traveled this summer with St. Peter's members and friends.



Gunner and Kora Brandes on Sunday School and Youth Group **Summer Trip at Splashway** Waterpark in Sheridan



Wyatt, Olivia, and August Ball; Landree, Arlen, and Lane Henke; Jillian and Lynleigh Griffith at Splashway Waterpark



Linda and Billy **Dornburg in Mexico**



Sandra and Paul Post at Lake Tahoe



Linda and Billy Dornburg fishing in Alaska

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



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

Congratulations to first time great grandparents, Sandy and Sherry

Sanders. Emily Paige was born on June 23, 2018, and

weighed in at 7 pounds and 15 ounces. Parents are Angela Giles and Tyler DeLaGarza and grandparents are Kerry and Merti Joy Giles. Congratulations and God's blessings on the new parents, grandparents, and great grandparents!

Membership Update:

Travis and Ashleigh Post Brooke and Landon 3071 FM 2987

Victoria, Texas 77905-3022

Phone: 361-633-1840

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

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2018

\$67,326.56

Born

\$112,386.05 Offerings

Cost of ministries \$132,173.53

Ministry fund ending balance,

July 31, 2018 \$47,539.08

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

Dwane Bruns – brother of Deanna Wacker Dawn Butler – sister of Lana Jarzombek and Ronda Irwin

Mike Buttles – nephew of Geraldine Sturm 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

Vanita Ann Hausmann Homer – friend of Brenda and Aldon Bade

Family of Walter 'Bubba' Horton – friend of the community

Betty Jacob – friend of June Bethke
Daisy James – friend of Sandy and Sherry
Sanders, mother-in-law of Jenny
Sanders

Jasmine James – wife of Jenny Sanders, daughter of Daisy James

Ryan Janak – ten year old nephew of Leo Henke

Family of Nora Karl – great-grandmother of Shelby Foster

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

Homebound:

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

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 Andy and Stephanie Navas –

granddaughter of Geraldine and Fritz

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

Victor Vargas – four year old nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife Mike Wilburn – member of St. Peter's

Update for Ina DeForest

Ina, who had fallen and shattered her knee, will be at Twin Pines North Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, located at 1301 Mallette Drive in Victoria, room 203, throughout the next month.

She had a check up this week and she now can start some motion therapy without the splint. In two weeks, she will be able to take the splint off, but she will not be able to put weight on the leg. Ina gets very lonely and would love company or phone calls. She really misses her Church family. If you plan a visit, please call her at 571-6586 before you go to visit. She is grateful for everyone's prayers and well wishes.

Arlene and Alvin DeForest

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.

Lutherhill Ministry Thank You

July 23, 2018 Dear Partners,

Thank you for your recent gift to Lutherhill Ministries annual fund of \$47.63, received on June 14, 2018.

We are eager to share the good things your gifts accomplish at Lutherhill. Please join us for one of our upcoming special events. Our Program Retreats run year around and are great for all ages. Want an escape? Come visit us for a weekend, a tour, or just a place to stretch your legs. Contact us for availability and check us out for more information on these great events available at www.lutherhill.org.

Please join us September 8, 2018 to celebrate Lutherhill Ministries at the 12th Annual S'mores & Champagne Gala. The evening begins at 6pm at the Woodlands Resort with cocktails and time to socialize. It will also feature an opportunity to bid on items in our popular silent auction, buy tickets in our sure to sell-out raffle and join in the fun and play the Wine Wall — all to benefit Lutherhill Ministries. Following will be dinner, a live auction and dancing to live entertainment by The Newsboyz. Dress is cocktail attire.

A room block has been set up at the Gala location, The Woodlands Resort, 2301 N. Millbend Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77381. Please contact the hotel at 800-433-2624 to reserve a room. Reference Event Booking ID #85381, the rate is \$169/night.

And again, thank you. We remember you with great joy in prayer. Y'all are Awesome!

Matt Kindsvatter Executive Director

July 15, 2018

Additional Thank You letter received for gift of three \$250 Thriven Gift Cards (\$750), that were used to purchase lumber in the renovation of Lutherhill dining hall, during St. Peter's Camp Service Weekend held May 11—13, 2018. "The Dining Hall is awesome. Y'all Rock!"

Matt Kindsvatter, Executive Director



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Worship Leaders for September

ALTAR GUILD

Brenda Bade and Monica Davidson

GREETERS

Beverly Martin and Sandra Post

USHERS

Jamie Friedrichs and Paul Post

OFFERING COUNTERS

David Bowman and Kenneth Brand

FLOWERS

9-2 open

9-9 open

9-16 Ruby and Allen Jank

9-23 Alvin and Arlene DeForest

9-30 Geraldine and Fritz Sturm

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

Alvin DeForest

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

June Bethke and Sandra Post









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.
	Silent Auction: 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.