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Coming Events

- **January 6**
Sunday School classes resume
- **January 9**
Choir and Bible study resumes
- **January 13**
Reception for Janice Seiler and Pastor Anne Kolmeier
- **February 2**
Equipping the Saints, Victoria



"An Emoji Christmas" was the title of the Christmas Program presented by the youth for St. Peter's members and guests on December 16. The annual program was attended by 109 people, who enjoyed brunch in the parish hall following the program.

2019 Budget approved and new congregational council members elected at December 2 meeting

On December 2, 2018, the congregation met after worship for "part 1" of the annual meeting (part 2 is February 24, 2019.)

A budget for 2019 was approved by the congregation, after adding additional money for benevolences to Mission congregations in our synod and the ELCA Fund for Leaders.

The following actions were taken at the meeting:

* Elected by acclamation were — Jackie Gardiner as financial secretary, Linda Koehler to serve on the memorial committee, Brenda Bade as memorial treasurer, Allen Jank and Regina Calhoun to serve on the Mission Endowment

committee, June Bethke as perpetual care treasurer, Jamie Friedrichs as church treasurer, and Sandy and Sherry Sanders as Synod Assembly Voting Members.

* New members elected to serve on Church Council were — Brenda Bade, Linda Koehler, and Leslie Wunsch. Thanks to David Bowman, Kenneth Brand, and Sandra Post, whose terms have been completed.

* Terrell Wiggins gave a report on the formation of a Safety and Security Committee which will determine how best to make our facilities safer for Medical, Fire and Violence issues.

Council receives draft of revised policies and procedures; hears committee reports and plans for new projects

The congregational council met for their regular monthly meeting on November 29. They heard the final report from the nominating committee for ballot for congregational meeting on December 2 and final agenda for meeting. Terrell reported on a proposal for safety ministry to be managed by a new committee which would take the standing committees to six: Christian Education and Youth Ministry, Outreach, Property, Stewardship and Finance, Worship and Music and the new Safety Committee. Decision was made for Terrell to present report to congregation at meeting, council will act on proposal when more details are in place.

Installation of new slate of congregational council for 2019 will be held following election on December 2. Immediately following worship on January 6, the new council will meet to elect officers and name committee chairmen.

Sandra presented final draft of new Policies and Procedures Manual for final approval before new document is printed and distributed to 2019 council.

Eva Nell gave update on activities by youth, including the presentation of new toys for Silver Santa to Sheriff Brumby during worship service on December 2. Christian Ed and Youth Ministry will meet again in January for planning.

In the report from Outreach, the giving to the Paradise Lutheran Church which was affected by the wildfires in California was discussed for which congregational members have been invited to donate, and council approved to send \$1,000 out of benevolence above whatever is donated by congregation. Terrell reported Jackie Gardiner will take on the task of contacting visitors to our worship services. Debbie Foster and Pastor Anne are working on having a

banner made with St. Peter's information on it for events that congregational members attend or for events that St. Peter's is hosting.

In the Property report, Kenneth reported a donation of an aluminum handicapped ramp that can be utilized at the Gathering Place, the well at The Gathering Place was jettied, there have been no quotes received for ramp in front of sanctuary, and there will be another trash pick-up on Saturday, December 1.

Sandra reported for Worship and Music stating that Advent and Christmas has been planned. A recommendation from the Memorial Committee to spend memorial funds to cover the entire cost of refurbishment of two more pews

St. Peter's announces date for 2019 camp service weekend

Mark your calendar and save the date for St. Peter's church work camp weekend at Ebert Ranch Camp scheduled for April 5-7, 2019. Work projects will be chosen at a later date.

Youth planning meeting to be held January 3

The youth groups' cookies & cocoa planning meeting will be held at St. Peter's parish hall on Thursday, January 3, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Bring your board games and snacks. Hot dog meal and drinks will be provided. Families are encouraged to bring their calendars to aid in planning events for this spring and work on a community service project.

Correct membership information needed for 2019 Yearbook

Gathering of information for the 2019 St. Peter's Yearbook has begun. In order to have correct information available in the yearbook, a clipboard with listings of members' names, addresses, telephone numbers, and emails will be placed on the table in the narthex. Please take a moment to check your information and any other family members' information. If all of the information is correct, please place a check mark beside the name. If corrections are necessary, draw a line through the incorrect information and clearly write the correct information in the space provided.

Your help with gathering correct information for publishing in the 2019 yearbook is greatly appreciated.

Bible study to resume on January 9

Wednesday night Bible study resumes on January 9, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. We will continue our discussion of Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life*. We will be starting with Purpose #3, Day 22. Join us for study, discussion and fellowship.

St. Peter's choir practice resumes on January 9

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 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. 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!

January

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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****Thu Jan 3, 2019****5:30pm Youth group planning meeting****Sun Jan 6, 2019****9am Worship service****10:15am Sunday school classes****10:15am Confirmation class****Tue Jan 8, 2019****2pm Bible study for Women of the ELCA****3pm Women of the ELCA meeting****Wed Jan 9, 2019****6:30pm Choir****7:30pm Bible Study****Sun Jan 13, 2019****9am Communion service****Reception for Janice Seiler and Pastor****Anne's birthday, following worship****10:15am Sunday School****Wed Jan 16, 2019****9am Lutheran World Relief workday****6:30pm Choir****7:30pm Bible Study****Sun Jan 20, 2019****9am Contemporary Worship service****10:15am Sunday School****10:15am Young adult discussion group****10:15am Confirmation class****Wed Jan 23, 2019****6:30pm Choir****7:30pm Bible Study****Thu Jan 24, 2019****6:30pm Congregation Council meeting****Sun Jan 27, 2019****9am Communion service****10:15am Sunday School****Mon Jan 28, 2019—Wed Jan 30, 2019****Tri Synod Theological Conference in Galveston****Wed Jan 30, 2019****6:30pm Choir****7:30pm Bible Study****Sat Feb 2, 2019****Equipping the Saints in Victoria****Sun Feb 3, 2019****9am Worship service****10:15am Sunday school classes**

Pastor's vacation will be Dec. 26—Jan. 2

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.

Reception to be held January 13

Janice Seiler, who will soon be moving to Kerrville, and Pastor Anne, who will celebrate her birthday on January 11, will be honored at a reception to be held following worship service on January 13.

Reminder to sign-up on 2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 flower calendar for providing flowers for the altar has been 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 to have the information printed in the Sunday bulletin.

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St. Peter's Women's Bible study and meeting to be held January 8

Bible Study for the Women of the ELCA will be held on Tuesday, January 8 at 2p.m. The Bible study, from the January/February issue of the *Gather* magazine, is *Meetings with Jesus, Session One, Come and See: Seeking and Finding Faith*, with Bible text from the book of John. All women are invited to join us for study, discussion and fellowship. If you do not have the *Gather* magazine and would like to subscribe, please contact Linda Dornburg for subscription information. For a copy of the Bible study, please call Kathy Albrecht at the church office.

Lutheran World Relief workday will be held Jan. 16

We will be holding a Lutheran World Relief workday on January 16 at 9 a.m., with stone soup for lunch.

Sunday morning classes to resume on January 6

St. Peter's Sunday morning classes for adults and youth will resume on Sunday, January 6. The first young adult discussion for 2019 will be held on Sunday, January 20.



Women of the ELCA Bluebonnet Conference Spring Gathering

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Hosted by: St. John Lutheran Church, Westhoff & Lindenau

Time: 8am Registration begins

Bible verse: "Let the little children come to me, don't stop them because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like these children."

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Kara Joy Stewart, Campus Pastor, Texas Lutheran University

Guest Speaker: Kim Reeves, Bluebonnet Youth Ranch

* Watch for posting of registration forms and more information in January.



Advent workshop presented for youth and families

On Sunday, December 2, youth and families gathered to create special Advent logs. This is an alternative approach to the traditional Advent wreath that was provided in the past. The idea of the Advent log is primarily the same as the wreath, with the lighting of a candle each week to help celebrate Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers that made this activity possible. We cannot go without saying a special thank you to Jill Wiggins and Jackie Gardiner for designing the log with the beautiful decorations and leading the event.



St. Peter's youth present *An Emoji Christmas*

On December 16, our youth presented *An Emoji Christmas* to tell the Christmas story in their own special way. Great fun was had by all. Thanks to Lana Jarzombek for directing, Wendi Yendrey for assisting with songs, our "emojis" and our choir for a wonderful program!



St. Peter's Youth present toys collected for Silver Santa Program

On December 2 Sheriff Brumby came to worship to accept all the toys that our youth had been collecting for the Goliad County Silver Santa Program. All the youth in attendance got to carry toys up to the wagons at the altar and hand them to the sheriff, who was very appreciative of their donations. This year 81 families with 197 children were given gifts to help make their Christmas a little brighter.



St. Peter's Staff

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Pastor

Kathy Albrecht
Church Office Secretary

Dorothy Bowman
Organist and Choir
Director

Congregation Council

Brenda Bade
(term ends 12/31/21)

Eva Nell Griffith
(term ends 12/31/19)

Linda Koehler
(term ends 12/31/21)

Sherry Sanders
(term ends 12/31/19)

Ashford Taylor
(term ends 12/31/20)

Terrell Wiggins
(term ends 12/31/19)

Trey Wimberly
(term ends 12/31/20)

Leslie Wunsch
(term ends 12/31/21)

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.



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 1-6 Amaly Beutnagel
- 1-6 Linda Hartman
- 1-6 Janice Seiler
- 1-8 Norman Seiler
- 1-9 Brady Beutnagel
- 1-10 Harley Jarzombek
- 1-11 Pastor Anne Kolmeier
- 1-11 Jarrett Yendrey
- 1-17 Ryan Luker
- 1-18 Carl Brandes
- 1-18 Russell Schmidt
- 1-21 W.A. Wimberly, Jr.
- 1-24 Conner Collins
- 1-26 Lynleigh Griffith



December 31 is 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.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARY:

1-10-04 Lana and Gary Jarzombek

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

(based on Isaiah 43:1-7)

The God who breathed this world alive
And sustains it day by day
Whose hands flung stars into space
And controls our destiny
Says,

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

The God who filled the ocean depths
And set tides on their way
Who caused mountains to be raised up
And rainbows to display
Says,

"I have called you by name, you are mine."

The God who made the fertile earth
And seed within to sow
Whose artistry creates butterflies
And the early morning dew
Says,

"You are precious in my sight."

St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through November 30, 2018

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2018	\$67,326.56
Offerings	\$181,666.84
Cost of ministries	\$205,710.65
Ministry fund ending balance, November 30, 2018	\$43,282.75

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

Gayle Baecker – member of St. Peter's
Troy Berthold – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Emily Brannon – friend of Linda Koehler
June Bethke – member of St. Peter's
Nate Boehl – friend of Wunsch family
David Brogger – Victoria police officer and cousin of Lethie Albrecht, Ray and Kathy Albrecht's sister-in-law
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
David Dierlam – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Slade Doehrman – 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
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
Dale Henderson – father of Margaret Luker
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
Alvin Krueger – father of David Krueger
Amy Lott – friend of Margaret Luker
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
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

Be Our Daily Star — An Epiphany Prayer

God of all heaven and earth,
 From the breath of your love
 came the creation of the world.
 We are amazed
 at the vast beauty of the night sky
 and at the intimate nature
 of the love you have
 for us your children.
 Be our daily star,
 Guiding our lives to
 search for kingdom love.
 May we always follow
 your light of truth in all that we do,
 Forever trusting, hoping and
 believing in your word.
 Lift our eyes tonight to see your
 eternal life shining brightly,
 Leading us home.
 Amen.

Thanks for your generosity ...

During this holiday season, we wanted to be sure to express our sincerest gratitude to you...you have supported us over the years and for that we are very thankful. In the past twelve months we have averaged serving 57 families or 121 people each month.

Fannin United Methodist Church

The Goliad Ministerial Alliance thanks us for our support. Through our Thanksgiving Eve offering, \$290 was donated to the ministries they carry out in the community.

Thank you for all the collection of canned goods given to Goliad Pantry Outreach. With your help we can feed those that are most in need of help at this special time of year. Thanks again and God Bless!

Tony Kouba, President

Thanks to your generosity, the congregation met the council's challenge to meet their donation of \$1000 to Paradise Lutheran Church in California in the aftermath of the wildfires. In total, \$2496.00 will be sent to the church with our prayers for the recovery of their community.



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Worship Leaders for January

ALTAR GUILD

Sherry Sanders and Lindsey Youngblood

OFFERING COUNTERS

June Bethke and Linda Dornburg

GREETERS

Brenda Bade and Monica Davidson

USHERS

Aldon Bade and Kenneth Brand

FLOWERS

1-6 open
1-13 open
1-20 open
1-27 open

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

Beverly Martin

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Regina Calhoun and Beverly Martin

