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Coming Events

- **July 10**
First Summer Meal and Bible Study
- **July 14**
First Summer Sunday School Class (Bible Toy Stories)
- **July 15—July 19**
Youth attend Camp at Lutherhill
- **July 24**
Wednesday Youth Plus Others Bunco Games
- **July 28**
Second Summer Sunday School Class (Bible Toy Stories)
- **August 4**
Splashway Family Water Park in Sheridan, following worship
- **August 11**
Blessing of Backpacks

St. Peter's VBS "Toy Bible Stories!" filled with learning, challenges, and lots of fun



Youth — along with many adult leaders and helpers — enjoyed "Toy Bible Stories!" Vacation Bible School June 20-21 at St. Peter's. The key Bible verse was Corinthians 12:27, "You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it."

Thanks to God for director, Julie Franke, all of our wonderful music leaders, skit leaders, craft and project leaders, Bible story teacher, volunteers, food preparers, parents, grandparents and especially the kids that made Vacation Bible School a huge success.

"Toy Bible Stories!" continues through the summer

Join us for another summer of fun as we continue to learn from our favorite Toy Story Characters! The following Sundays have been designated for families to come together during the Sunday School hour to study as a group. All sessions will include a theme lesson, craft, kitchen activity, and songs. Sessions begin following worship on the following days:

- July 14 with Barbie — Esther 4:1— 5:3
- July 28 with Mr. Potato Head — 1 Corinthians 12:12-19
- August 11 with Remote Controlled Car — Exodus 20:8-11
- August 18 with Train Set — Exodus 3:1-12

Lessons and activities will run from 10-11a.m. Feel free to bring a *Spark Story Bible* from home, or you may borrow one from the church. All ages welcome!

Youth group plus others Bunco night planned for July 24

We are introducing Bunco to the youth group, but all ages are invited! On July 24, we will meet at St. Peter's parish hall at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to bring snacks to share with the group. Prizes for the games will be awarded and donated prizes suitable for any age would be greatly appreciated. Also needed are hand held hole punchers to help with the score keeping. If you would like to volunteer your time to help teach the youth how to play Bunco, or if you would just like to play, please contact Brenda Bade or Leslie Wunsch as soon as possible. Come join in a fun night at St. Peter's with Bunco and fellowship!

Plans made for annual family waterpark outing

The Sunday School and Youth Group are taking a trip to Splashway Family Waterpark on August 4 and invite the congregation to join us. Please write down your name and the number of wristbands that you will need on the sign-up sheet on the clipboard located on the table in the narthex. The admission rates are \$31.99 for over 42" tall, \$29.99 for 42" and under, free for 2 years old and younger, and \$25.99 for spectators. The church will pay for all the wristbands and each family will reimburse the church. Please place the amount you owe in an envelope marked **"Splashway reimbursement"** by **July 21**.

We will leave from church, following worship service, on August 4. You can pack a sack lunch or buy something at the park. Ice chests are permitted, but can't contain glass bottles or alcohol. Splashway is located at 5211 Main St., Sheridan. We will have a reserved picnic table area in the same location as last year. Contact Brenda Bade with any questions.

May 23 Church Council Meeting Highlights

- The 2019 Christmas gift offering will go to Water to Thrive. The 2020 Easter gift offering will go to New Life Lutheran Church in Dripping Springs.
- Outreach still needs ideas for a "God's Work, Our Hands" project for September 8.
- The wheelchair ramp and roof cleaning plans are in progress. A bid has been accepted for the building of the side front handicap ramp.
- Use of a man-lift has been donated so that the company cleaning the roof and steeple can use it.
- Usher, Greeter, and Hospitality responsibilities will change with the implementation of the Safety and Security guidelines. There will be a meeting of all volunteers for those ministries on June 30 to inform them of the changes.
- Five new acolytes have been trained and are ready to serve.

Mission Endowment Fund gifts shared

A total of \$1,509.63 from St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Ander Mission Endowment Fund has been shared with 11 ministries. Established in 2008, the purpose of the mission endowment fund is to fund mission work at home and around the world, above and beyond the programs supported through regular offerings.

The following gifts represent the distribution from the endowment fund:

• ELCA Mission support—25%	\$377.41
• St. Peter's Youth Group Fund—15%	\$226.44
• ELCA World Hunger—10%	\$150.96
• ELCA Missionary Sponsorship—10%	\$150.96
• Lutheran Campus Ministry—10%	\$150.96
• Camping Ministry—10%	
Cross Trails Ministry (2/3)	\$100.64
Lutherhill Ministries (1/3)	\$50.32
• St. Peter's Local Benevolence Fund—5%	\$75.48
• Upbring—5%	\$75.48
• Lutheran World Relief—5%	\$75.48
• Texas Lutheran University—5%	\$75.48

Members of the mission endowment fund committee are Ashford Taylor, Allen Jank, Regina Calhoun, Trey Wimberly, and Rev. Anne Kolmeier, *ex officio*. Members of the committee are available to visit with members, associate members and friends of the congregation regarding a planned or current gift to the fund.

The mission endowment fund is managed for the congregation by the ELCA Foundation. The value of the fund as of December 31, 2018 is \$50,320.95.

Two summer suppers and Bible studies scheduled

The first adult Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm. We will be looking at Psalm 66, with the theme *Praising God's Mighty Works*. Those who can are invited to join for a meal before the study at 6pm. Meat is being provided, those attending are asked to bring sides/desserts to share.

The second adult Bible Study with meal will be held on Wednesday, August 14.

July

2019

Sun Jul 7, 2019**9am Communion service****Wed Jul 10, 2019****6pm Meal and Bible study****Sun Jul 14, 2019****9am Communion service****10:15am Summer Sunday school****Sun July 14, 2019—Fri July 19, 2019****Youth attend Camp at Lutherhill****Wed Jul 17, 2019****9am Lutheran World Relief workday****Sun Jul 21, 2019****9am Communion service****Wed Jul 24, 2019****6:30pm Family Bunco****Thu Jul 25, 2019****6:30pm Congregation Council meeting****Sun Jul 28, 2019****9am Communion service****10:15am Summer Sunday school****St. Peter's Calendar
for Christian Education
Save the Dates****Sun August 4, 2019****Splashway Family Water Park in
Sheridan, after worship service****Sun August 11, 2019****Blessing of Backpacks;
Third Summer Sunday School Class
(Bible Toy Stories);
Kickball & Wacky Water Games****Sun August 18, 2019****Christian Education Sunday (Rally Day);
Commissioning of Sunday School
Teachers;
Fourth and Final Summer Sunday
School Class (Bible Toy Stories);
Congregational Luncheon****Sat October 26, 2019****Scare on the Square****Sun December 8, 2019****Christmas Caroling****Sun December 15, 2019****Christmas Program**

Fourteen youth, Pastor Anne, and one counselor in training, Fischer Saxton, attended Camp Chrysalis during the week of June 23—June 28. Emily Klinkerman is at Ebert Ranch Camp serving as a counselor (they call them bunkhouse leaders at Ebert).



WELCA Bible study and meeting to resume in August

During the summer, St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will not hold a June or July meeting, but will resume with the monthly meeting on August 13, 2019.

LWR Workdays held and summer schedule announced

Twenty-nine quilts were completed at two Lutheran World Relief workdays in April and May. The next Lutheran World Relief workday will be held on July 17, beginning at 9am. Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch and we will take a noon break to share lunch together.

Upbring gifts received at the May 12 worship service

On May 12, St. Peter's Women of the ELCA invited everyone to give a gift of love to Upbring, the new Lutheran Social Services of the South, in honor of mothers and children without mothers. A total of \$181 was donated.

Thank you from Lutheran World Relief

April 22, 2019

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$500 for a brick at the Good Samaritan Quilt Plaza at Lutheran World Relief headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland! Your brick supports LWR's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, helping to get these vital items into the hands of people who need them.

Last spring, a shipment of quilts as well as school, personal care, baby care, and fabric kits traveled to Peru. LWR staff working with Peruvian communities distributed the quilts and kits, and mountain-dwelling families welcomed the warmth of quilts as winter temperatures set in.

To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, and specifically about this community in Peru, watch our brand new quilt and kit video at lwr.org/videos/quilt-kit-pipeline.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry, and for making your faith active in love through your generous gift to LWR. God bless you!

Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

St. Peter's VBS snaps of youth in action



Five St. Peter's youth were confirmed June 9

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, we gathered to celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) with five of our youth. During the last two years they have met with Pastor Anne for learning about the Bible and the Catechism, and working with their mentors who were helping them along their faith journeys. They have done service projects, and it has been our joy to watch them grow in faith. They are now confirmed voting members of St. Peter's.

After the confirmation service, confirmands were honored with a reception. This year's confirmands are:

Kade Nathaniel Irwin, son of Nathan and Ronda Irwin, Service projects: Greeter and Raking the Cemetery.

Harley DeShea Jarzombek, daughter of Gary and Lana Jarzombek, Service projects: Baking Communion Bread, Cleaning the pews.

Walker Abraham Wimberly, son of Trey and Karie Wimberly, Service projects: TxDOT road cleaning, Camp Work Weekend.

Kaysa JeAnn Wunsch, daughter of Trace and Leslie Wunsch, Service projects: Cleaning windows, Spring Cleaning.

Leighton Scott Wunsch, son of Trace and Leslie Wunsch, Service projects: Cleaning pews, Washing windows.



Singing and GaGa Ball were some of the favorite activities at VBS



St. Peter's Staff

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Pastor

Kathy Albrecht
Church Office Administrator

Dorothy Bowman
Organist and Choir
Director

Congregation Council

Brenda Bade
Secretary and Co-Chair of
Christian Education
(term ends 12/31/21)

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

Linda Koehler
Chair of Worship and Music
(term ends 12/31/21)

Sherry Sanders
Vice-President and
Chair of Outreach
(term ends 12/31/19)

Ashford Taylor
Council Liaison of Property
(term ends 12/31/20)

Terrell Wiggins
Chair of Safety
(term ends 12/31/19)

Trey Wimberly
Council Liaison of
Stewardship and Finance
(term ends 12/31/20)

Leslie Wunsch
Co-Chair of Christian
Education
(term ends 12/31/21)

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Pastor (ex-officio)



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7-06	Sherry Sanders
7-07	August Ball
7-07	David Krueger
7-11	Arlis Henry Adickes
7-12	Randy Koehler
7-22	Paxton Bates
7-22	Jamie Friedrichs
7-24	Tara Krueger
7-24	Tom Morris
7-27	Danielle Egg
7-28	Tyler Griffith
7-29	Denise Lovett

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



St. Peter's Ander



Happy
Anniversary

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7-7-07	Wendi & Jarrett Yendrey
7-9-11	Linda & Allan Hartman
7-18-09	Amanda & Wade Beutnagel
7-18-13	Shelby & Ashford Taylor
7-21-06	Jessica & Adam Griffith
7-22-78	Linda & Randell Koehler
7-24-65	Nancy & Bob Gerhardt
7-26-75	Sharon & Mike Abrameit



Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Sunday School: 10:15am —
11:30am (Sept. — May)

Holy Communion: every
Sunday service that is not
lay-led.

St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through May 31, 2019

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2019	\$69,098.03
Offerings	\$81,138.34
Cost of ministries	\$98,155.33
Ministry fund ending balance, May 31, 2019	\$52,081.04

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,
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MEMBERS —

June Bethke
Regina Calhoun
Barry Geary
Tom Morris
Sherry Sanders
Mary Schmidt
Deanna Wacker
Mike Wilburn

FRIENDS —

Mia Balko — friend of Karie Wimberly
Troy Berthold — friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Nate Boehl — Grandson of Duck and Lucy Dell Ohrt, friend of Arlene DeForest
David Brogger — Victoria police officer and friend of Ray and Kathy Albrecht
Al Brothers — friend of Mike and Regina Calhoun
Dwane Bruns — brother of Deanna Wacker
Dawn Butler — sister of Lana Jarzombek and Ronda Irwin
Paula Calhoun — mother of Mike Calhoun
Family of David Dierlam — friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Slade Doeberman — cousin of Ray Albrecht
Wilburn Eckhardt — Leslie Wunsch's sister-in-law's father
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
Peggy Gentry — friend of Elaine Post
Kerry Giles — son-in-law of Sandy and Sherry Sanders
Harold Gleinser — friend of community and brother-in-law of the Bowmans
Rebecca Graves — infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest
Wilma Grupe — aunt of Karie Wimberly
Family of Milton Haas — friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest

Stefani Hargrove — friend of Karen Klinkerman
The Rev. Bill Hassel — retired Bluebonnet Conference pastor
John Hausmann — cousin of Allen Jank
Dale Henderson — father of Margaret Luker
Family of Vanita Ann Hausmann
Homer — friend of Brenda and Aldon Bade
Betty Jacob — friend of June Bethke
Kenneth Jacob — friend of Glenn Karnei
Ryan Janak — ten year old nephew of Leo Henke
Donna Justice — friend of community
Melita Keith — friend of Margaret Luker
Cullen Kickendahl — four year old son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl
Jo Nell Martin — friend of community
Michael McLead — uncle of Nathan Irwin
Family of A. J. Moczygemba — grandfather of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm's friend, Bonnie German
Doris Moore — cousin of Fritz Sturm
Sydney Morris — sister of Jess Odem
Family of Hannah Mozisek — friend of the community
Kevin Mozisek — friend of Lana and Gary Jarzombek
Mark Mueller — friend and classmate of Beverly Martin
Andy and Stephanie Navas — granddaughter of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm
Cole Ohrt — friend of community
Mary Poppert — sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest
Monica Powitzsky and family — friend of Kenneth Brand and Monica Davidson
Jim Prescott — friend of Taylor family
Jose Reyes — friend of Shelby Foster
Marcus Rezendez — friend of Amy Wilburn
Edna May Riggs — friend of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm
Susan Calhoun Rosello — cousin of Mike Calhoun
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
Billy Stange — friend of Glenn Karnei
Bobbi Stiles — great aunt of Shelby Foster
Jay Thigpen — friend of Carl and Sarah Brandes
Victor Vargas — four year old nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife
Rob Wall — son of Brenda Foil's friend, Roxy
Arthur Williams — friend of Sandy and Sherry Sanders
Rebecca Wisnoski — friend of Lana Jarzombek and Wendi Yendrey



In this land
that is so blessed,
may we rejoice
and step out
with confidence.
Someone paid the price
so we can be happy.





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Worship Leaders for July

ALTAR GUILD

Arlene DeForest and Beverly Martin

OFFERING COUNTERS

Regina Calhoun and Deanna Wacker

GREETERS

June Bethke and Eva Nell Griffith

USHERS

Wesley Ball and Gerald Griffith

FLOWERS

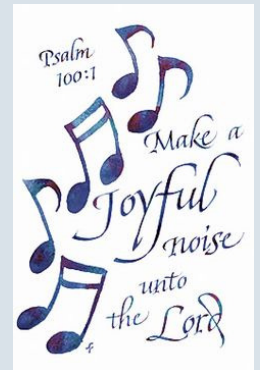
7-7 Beverly and Jimmie Martin
7-14 open
7-21 open
7-28 open

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

David Bowman

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Valerie Albrecht, Sarah Brandes, Shelby Taylor,
and Linda Dornburg



The Youth Groups of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ander presents ...

SUMMER STUDY FOR FAMILIES

Join us this summer as we continue to learn from our favorite TOY STORY Characters!

All sessions will include a theme lesson, craft, kitchen activity, and songs. Sessions begin following worship on the following days:

July 14th with Barbie

Esther 4:1 – 5:3

July 28th with Mr. Potato Head

I Corinthians 12: 12-19

August 11th with Remote Controlled Car

Exodus 20: 8-11

August 18th with Train Set*

Exodus 3: 1-12

**This is also Christian Education Sunday. See the newsletter for a complete list of activities!*



Open Eyes, Burning Hearts

Synod Assembly supports expanded engagement in the Holy Land and receives two new synodically authorized worshipping communities

By Deacon Darcy Mittelstaedt

Three hundred and seven members of the Southwestern Texas Synod congregations approved a resolution that supports engagement in the Holy Land. It was recommended to bring it to the Church-wide Assembly as a memorial in August. The assembly was engaged in learning from Deacon Peggy Hahn on adaptive leadership and faithful metrics. They also had opportunities to learn from various workshops and worshipped together.

The theme of the assembly was “Open Eyes, Burning Hearts” which is based on the Road to Emmaus story, found in the gospel of Luke (24:13-35). This theme was based on our purpose statement: God’s grace transforms and connects us to learn, to love, to lead. This is a year of learning; the whole assembly was focused in that direction. The purpose of our gathering together as the Assembly of the Southwestern Texas Synod was as follows: Gathered to be transformed and connected by God’s grace through: Our common work (the business); Discipleship experiences; Sent, energized, inspired and equipped to engage in God’s mission in the world. The assembly was held May 31-June 2 at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi.

Rev. Brenda Smith, Program Director for Faith Practices and Book of Faith in the Domestic Mission Unit of the ELCA Churchwide Office joined us and highlighted several updates, accomplishments, and new resources of the Church from last year. She expressed thanks for \$728,507 in congregational mission support from synod congregations shared in 2018 for church-wide ministries, and over \$78,000 in disaster response from our congregations. Two-hundred and fifty-four seminary students received Fund for Leaders scholarships, of which four are from the synod.

The assembly also heard from Campus Ministry, St. Luke’s Heath Ministries and the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, where they announced the four Tiemann Endowment Recipients (Misty Dush, Austin; Deacon Chris St. Clair, Garden Ridge, Margaret Jackson, Cuero and Rev. Ellen Williams, Austin).

Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities

The assembly was informed of two new Synodically authorized worshipping communities - PALM (Port Aransas Lutheran Ministries) and Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries (Note: this was a name change from: San Lucas Emergency Shelter Mission)

Resolution

A resolution that the Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly memorialize the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to encourage this church’s members, congregations, synods, churchwide office including the Office of the Presiding Bishop to expand our relationships and dialogue beyond accompaniment with companion churches to engagement with those non-church groups and individuals in the Holy Land, whose perspective we may not yet understand, including mainstream Jewish Israelis and Muslims “to undo the boundary of strangeness or suspicion between us” while at the same time continuing to affirm our unique relationship with and accompaniment of Palestinian Christians and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL).

State of the Synod and Worship

“Open Eyes, Burning Hearts” was the theme of the worships throughout the assembly. Friday evening service was composed of interactive stations (labyrinth, prayer, coloring/reflection, storytelling). All the worships had songs and readings in both English and Spanish. Hymn 643, “Somos Uno en Cristo” was learned and sung throughout our time together, and congregations are urged to sing it this Sunday for Pentecost. Bishop Sue Briner and Vice President Carl Teinert gave the state of the synod. We are comprised of 130 congregations of which 86 congregations have less than 75 average worship attendance, 20 congregations have greater than 150 as average worship attendance, 48 congregations without a called pastor, and only 6 out of the 48 have capacity to call a full time pastor. Our goal is to support congregations as they seek to become more vital and sustainable in their future. The assembly was challenged to think about reimagining what ministries could be doing and how to move forward in the future.

Budget

A 2020-21 fiscal year synod budget was adopted, calling for mission support from congregations and other revenue of \$1,537,000 and ministry expenditures of \$1,562,035. The synod’s fiscal year begins Feb. 1 and ends Jan. 31.

Offering

Synod congregations and assembly participants gave offerings totaling \$55,177.10 as of June 3. The offering went to the Tiemann Endowment Fund to help support development of congregational lay leaders, pastors and deacons. Gifts from individuals and congregations continue to be received for the Tiemann Leadership Endowment Fund and may be sent to the office of the Southwestern Texas Synod through August 31, 2019. After that, gifts can be sent directly to the [Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest](#).

Cross Trails Ministry

Meeting as the corporation of Cross Trails Ministry, voting members elected Pastor Marcus Bigott, Emanuel’s as an at-large member of the Cross Trails board of directors and Pastor Andrew Dietzel, St. Martin’s, as an at-large member of the Cross Trails board of directors. The 32nd annual Luther Fall Festival supporting Cross Trails will be held on September 21st.

Future Synod Assemblies

The 2020 Synod Assembly will be held June 5-7 at the New Braunfels Convention Center. Tentatively, the 2021 Synod Assembly will be held at the McAllen Convention Center.

All Assembly materials and videos can be found online at www.swtsynod.org/assembly_program.

Editor’s note: Congregations and ministry partners are invited to share this report through electronic and printed publications, and it may be also used when giving verbal reports regarding synod assembly. This report does not contain minutes of the assembly.