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Coming Events

- January 26**
Legacy Presentation, after worship service, followed by pot-luck lunch
- February 9**
Annual Congregational Meeting, after worship service
Nursing Home Worship service, Goliad, 3pm
- February 26**
Ash Wednesday services:
St. Peter's, Ander, 3pm
Martin Luther, Coletoville, 7pm
- March 1**
Commitment Sunday

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 26, 2020. Once again we will be joining together with St. Luke's in Schroeder, Martin Luther in Coletoville and Zion in Arneckeville for our Lenten services, beginning with this service with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. We will once again be offering the Ash Wednesday service at two different times: **3pm at St. Peter's, Ander** **7pm at Martin Luther, Coletoville.**



Please join us as we begin the Lenten Season remembering *"that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

A CROSS STUDY OF HANDS. The Encyclopedia Britannica points out that it is the human hand which distinguishes us from all other forms of life. Our hands reveal aspects of our personalities. Our hands become important instruments in the living of our Christian faith. Our hands enable and reflect much of what we do and who we are. This year's Lenten Services will look at various hands that lead to the crucifixion of our Lord and how those hands can help us reflect on how we use *our* hands in faith to serve our crucified Lord.

THESE WEEKNIGHT LENTEN SERVICES will once again join our congregation with the congregations of Martin Luther, Coletoville, Zion, Arneckeville and St. Luke's, Schroeder, meeting each week for a meal provided by that congregation at 6:30pm and worship at 7:30pm. The schedule:

March 4 at Zion, Arneckeville	"Innocent Hands"
March 11 at St. Luke's, Schroeder	"The Accusing Finger"
March 18 at Martin Luther, Coletoville	"Folded Hands"
March 25 at St. Peter's, Ander	"Helping Hands"
April 1 at Zion, Arneckeville	"Nailed Hands"

Join us for these services as we give up some time to remember the Lord who gave everything for us.

Outreach project announced for 40 days of Lent

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS is our annual outreach project for Lent. Each member is asked to bring at least one non-perishable food item for the Goliad Food Pantry for each of the 40 days of Lent – a small way of "giving up something for Lent" while helping our neighbors in need. You can bring the donations a week at a time, or bring all 40 at once...you can even bring more than 40 if you want! All donations will be collected in the narthex and taken to the pantry weekly. Just think...if every one of our 198 members brought 40 items, that would be 7920 food items to help stock the pantry



Annual Congregational Meeting to be held February 9

The Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Peter's Lutheran Church (part 2) will be held immediately following the worship service on **FEBRUARY 9, 2020**. Printed copies of 2019 reports, as well as an agenda, will be available on Sunday, February 2. If you pick up a copy to read before the meeting, please remember to bring it back for the meeting on February 9. If you want to receive the annual report by email, please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.

St. Peter's mission is to grow as a Christian community in faith, worship and service.

Church Council Highlights of the January 19 meeting

- Pastor Anne's vacation dates for 2020 were approved: February 4-7, April 14-21, July 7-14, September 15-29 and December 26-29.
- It was approved for Pr. Dan Zellmer to serve as a supply pastor while Pastor Anne is at Synod Assembly, which this year is held on a Festival Sunday (Trinity Sunday.)
- The closed circuit camera above the organ pipes is no longer working. A replacement has been ordered and should be installed soon.
- It was approved for property committee to spend up to \$750 on replacing the water fountains.
- Property committee is beginning to look into what is involved in putting wheelchair accessible restrooms down at the Gathering Place picnic area.
- Commitment Sunday will be March 1, with temple talks on February 9, 16 and 23.
- The deed for the parcel of land donated by the Adickes/Bethke family has been signed and filed at the courthouse. Now the fence can be moved.
- The constitutional amendment committee has not been able to meet and will not have proposed amendments ready for the Feb. 9 annual meeting.
- The next meeting is February 16 at 10:30am.

All other business appears in articles in this newsletter!

Christian education and youth ministry meeting plans projects and activities

By: Brenda Bade

The Christian Education Committee met after church on Sunday, January 5, to plan youth activities for the first half of 2020, while the youth enjoyed hot cocoa and helped Gerald Griffith take down the church's Christmas decorations. Activities planned include:

- **Valentines for Shut-Ins** on February 2 & 9 to be completed between church and Sunday school.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - To be held at St. Peter's on Saturday, April 11, at 10:00a.m. Lana and Harley Jarzombek will coordinate the event as well as get prizes. The congregation will be asked to bring candy and other Easter treats for the participants' Easter gift bags. Volunteers will fill the bags prior to that Saturday. Children will be asked to bring confetti eggs.
- **Easter Breakfast** - This is a fundraising opportunity for the youth to earn funds to help defray church camp expenses. Brenda Bade and Leslie Wunsch will assist the youth in coordinating and monitoring breakfast preparation. Each youth family will be responsible for two breakfast items.
- **Church Camp Work Weekend at Camp Chrysalis** - May 1-3, 2020
- **Honor 8th Grade Grads** - May 17, 2020
- **Blessing of Bicycles & Other Wheeled Things** - May 24, 2020 - Last day of Sunday school before summer.
- **Vacation Bible School (The Olympics)** - June 11th (Thursday), June 12th (Friday) and closing on Sunday, June 14th. Julie Franke will organize.
- **Youth Church Camps** - June 21-26 at Chrysalis; July 19-26 at Lutherhill

The next Christian Education planning meeting will be in May.

Advent offerings to establish farms for families in need

THANKS to your generous offerings during the Wednesday night Advent services, the four congregations together raised \$2,145. That's enough to start three farms for families in need, so that they can produce their own food. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

2020 Yearbooks will be available on February 2

St. Peter's 2020 Yearbooks will be ready for members and associate members to pick up on February 2.

February

2020

Sat Feb 1, 2020

8am Equipping the Saints event,
St. Mark's Lutheran, Cuero

Sun Feb 2, 2020

9am Communion service
Valentines for Shut-Ins — Youth project
between worship and Sunday school
10:15am Sunday school

Wed Feb 5, 2020

6:30pm Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Bible study

Sun Feb 9, 2020

9am Communion service, Temple Talk
10:15am Annual Meeting 2
Valentines for Shut-Ins — Youth project
between worship and Sunday school
10:15am Sunday school
3pm Nursing Home worship service,
Goliad

Tue Feb 11, 2020

2pm Bible study, Women of the ELCA
3pm Meeting, Women of the ELCA

Wed Feb 12, 2020

6:30pm Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Bible study

Sun Feb 16, 2020

9am Communion service, Temple Talk
10:15am Church Council meeting
10:15am Sunday school
10:15am Young Adult Discussion Group
2pm "Sister Act" at Welder Theater,
Victoria

Mon Feb 17, 2020

Newsletter Articles due in the office

Wed Feb 19, 2020

9am Lutheran World Relief workday
6:30pm Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Bible study

Sun Feb 23, 2020

9am Communion service, Temple Talk
10:15am Sunday school

**Wed Feb 26, 2020**

3pm Ash Wednesday service with
communion at St. Peter's, Ander
7pm Ash Wednesday service with
communion at Martin Luther,
Coletoville

Sun Mar 1, 2020

9am Commitment Sunday communion
service
10:15am Sunday school

Wed Mar 4, 2020

6:30pm Lenten meal at Zion,
Arneckeville
7:30pm Lenten service at Zion,
Arneckeville, "Innocent Hands"

St. Peter's Calendar Save the Date

Sat April 4, 2020

8am TX DOT, Highway clean-up

Sat April 11, 2020

10am Easter Egg Hunt

Sun April 12, 2020

7am Easter Sunrise service
7:45am Easter Breakfast, parish hall
9am Easter Festival communion
service

Fri May 1 — Sun May 3, 2020

Church Camp Service Weekend at
Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville

Thu June 11 — Fri June 12, 2020

Vacation Bible School

Sun June 14, 2020

Vacation Bible School Closing

WELCA OF THE Women

WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held Feb. 11

All women of St. Peter's are invited to attend the next Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 11. We will begin with Bible study at 2pm followed by the meeting. The Bible study, from the January/February issue of the *Gather* magazine, will be session two, **"We Are Called! Disciples of Christ."** A copy of the Bible study may be picked up at the church office. Please plan to join us!

February 19 date set for next Lutheran World Relief quilting

We will be holding a Lutheran World Relief workday on February 19 at 9am, with stone soup for lunch. Everyone is invited to join in the quilting activities and share lunch together. Items for the soup, breads/crackers, or desserts are always welcomed and appreciated.

Support from St. Peter's for LWR continues to grow

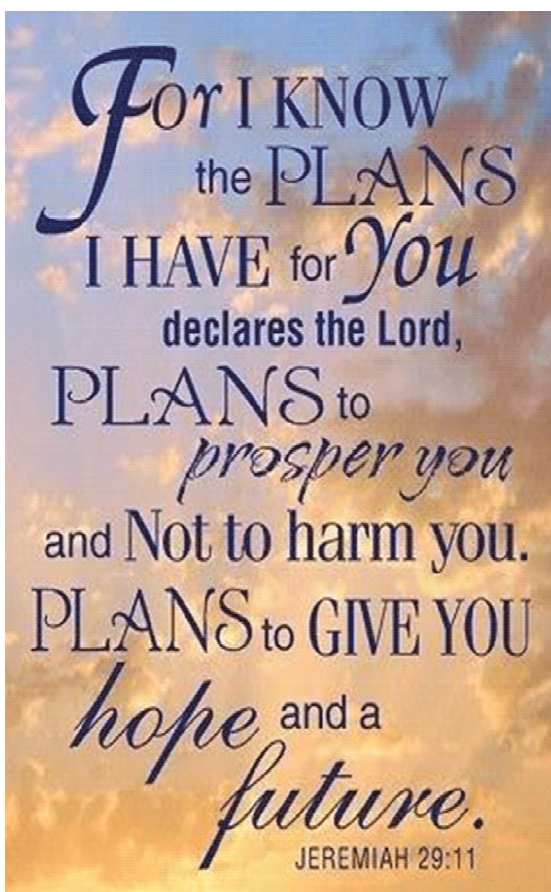
St. Peter's Women of the ELCA continue to work on increasing the contribution of Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits during February and March. The dedication of LWR items will be held during the March 29 worship service, with quilts displayed in the sanctuary and boxes packed with the LWR items displayed in the narthex. Money for shipping or purchase of kit items can still be donated. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

St. Peter's has been contacted by St. Mark's, in Cuero, and asked if St. Peter's would consider coordinating the ingathering of LWR items for the Bluebonnet Conference. Jackie Gardiner has accepted the job of coordinator. Preparations and plans for the ingathering, that will be held on Tuesday, April 14, are being made. The Fed-Ex trailer will then deliver the LWR boxes to the synod's collection site at Texas Lutheran University the next day. All Lutheran and other congregations in the area are invited to participate. What a wonderful opportunity for us to join hands and hearts in sharing God's love. More details concerning the LWR ingathering will be shared when available.

Celebrate Bold Women's Day with a hat and by wearing red

On Sunday, February 16, a special bold women's litany will be included in the worship service as we celebrate Bold Women's Day, a celebration of all women and the many and diverse ways in which we act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ. We encourage all women to wear a hat (any kind of hat!) and everyone to wear something red.

Whether women are professionals with careers or homemakers and caregivers, most are volunteers working many hours for both their church and community. Some are bold in conspicuous and visible ways while others are bold in quiet yet strong ways. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers, others in their service to those in need, and some are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. We invite women of all ages to reflect on the question, "How have I acted boldly on my faith in Jesus Christ?" Think about ways you can commit to acting boldly on your faith during the coming year. It's all about living out your baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ.



Equipping the Saints 2020 event to be held February 1 in Cuero

The annual **EQUIPPING THE SAINTS** event will be Saturday, February 1. Sponsored by the Bluebonnet conference, and hosted this year by St. Mark's in Cuero, the event begins at 9:00 am.

Registration information, along with a schedule of events for the day-long event, is available on the cross table in the narthex. Workshops containing lots of practical, Biblically-based information for personal and spiritual growth, and for doing congregational and community ministry will be presented. Opening and closing worship services, catered luncheon, and child care for young children of attendees will also be a part of the day's activities. This is the 38th year for this annual event that is intended to help Christians in matters of faith and life. Anyone may attend. The event is free of charge for all members.



At the January 5 worship service, Aldon Bade, Cross Trails Ministry Trail Guide, presented Deanna Christensen, executive director of Cross Trails Ministry, with a \$7,474.50 check from funds raised at St. Peter's 2019 Oktoberfest.

Save the Date, June 11 and 12, for St. Peter's Vacation Bible School, closing June 14

VBS IS COMING! The dates for VBS this year are June 11-12, with the closing program on Sunday morning, June 14. This year's theme is **Summer Games** as we anticipate this summer's Olympic games. Julie Franke will be our director, so if you want to help, let her know! More information will follow in the coming months, but put the date on your calendar now!



St Peter's Youth hosted a church buncó party January 5. We had a great turn out with prizes for participants! The kids and adults enjoyed the friendly competition and, of course, we had lots of food that was enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you to St. Peter's—

Dear Members of St. Peter's Lutheran,
On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to thank you again for the generous gift of \$7,474.50 dated January 6, 2020. This gift will help make it possible for us to purchase a new "Jungle Joe" for Camp Chrysalis in time for Summer 2020. As I shared when I was there to receive the check, it is such a joy to be partnered with a congregation that so truly understands the need to go beyond their own church walls with their ministry.

Your gift will be a source of joy to hundreds of campers this summer. 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

Contact information while Pastor is on vacation

Pastor Anne will be on vacation February 4-7. Should a pastoral emergency arise during this time, please contact Linda Koehler at 361-645-4819 or 361-645-8775 or Kathy Albrecht at the church office, 645-2922, or 361-645-3912 and they will contact a pastor.

Sign-up to provide altar flowers on 2020 Flower Calendar

The 2020 calendar for providing flowers for the altar is 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 by Monday, prior to the Sunday worship, if you wish this information to be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.

St. Peter's Staff

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Pastor

Kathy Albrecht
Church Office Administrator

Dorothy Bowman
Organist and Choir
Director

Congregation Council

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

Regina Calhoun
Chair of Outreach
(term ends 12/31/22)

Linda Koehler
President
(term ends 12/31/21)

Debbie Foster
Secretary and
Chair of Worship and Music
(term ends 12/31/22)

Ashford Taylor
Chair of Safety
(term ends 12/31/20)

Paul Post
Chair of Property
(term ends 12/31/22)

Trey Wimberly
Chair 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)

Worship Schedule

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

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

2-01 Cody Foil
2-02 Troy Geary
2-02 Grace Griffith
2-02 Nicholas Smith
2-02 Amy Wilburn
2-04 Brooklyn Odem
2-08 Jessica Griffith
2-08 Jerry Kolmeier
2-08 Wendi Yendrey
2-09 Parker Post
2-09 Paul Romine
2-11 David Bowman
2-12 Colin Burke
2-12 Lyle Schendel
2-13 Barry Geary
2-16 Mike Abrameit
2-24 Krayleigh Irwin
2-28 Ainsley Yendrey
2-29 Zaynee Parma



St. Peter's Ander



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

2-15-13 Danielle & Adam Egg
2-21-09 Jenny & Sonny Wiggins
2-27-93 Deborah & Ronnie Willms

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 Tyler and Megan Koehler Tislow. **WILEY SHANE TISLOW** was born December 26, 2019, at 6:04pm, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces, 20.5 inches long. Wiley is also being welcomed by siblings Kashlynn Tislow and Hunner and Zaynee Parma.

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

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2019	\$69,098.03
Offerings	\$218,829.33
Cost of ministries	\$229,846.73
Ministry fund ending balance, December 31, 2019	\$58,080.63

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.

**MEMBERS —**

June Bethke
Barry Geary
Tom and Marilyn Morris
Geraldine Sturm
Mike Wilburn

FRIENDS —

Troy Allen – friend of Pat McDonald
Mia Balko – friend of Karie Wimberly
Benny & Ellen – friends of Jill Wiggins
Troy Berthold – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Cecil Boyd – friend of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm
Debbie Brumby – friend of Regina Calhoun
Gay Bruns – sister-in-law of Deanna and Gary Wacker
Paula Calhoun – mother of Mike Calhoun
Kim Curlee – friend of Karen Klinkerman
David Dohmann – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Wilburn Eckhardt – Leslie Wunsch's sister-in-law's father
Denise Engle – friend of Amy Wilburn
Kurt Flower and family – friend of Beverly Martin
Joyce Foster – grandmother of Shelby Foster
Robbie Friedrichs – friend of June Bethke
Ainsley Garza – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith
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
Anton Haschke – brother of Beverly Martin and Brenda Foil
John Hausmann – cousin of Allen Jank
Don Hedgpeth – uncle of Karie Wimberly
Dale Henderson – father of Margaret Luker
Family of Raymond Hoffer – friend of Beverly Martin

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

Betty Jacob – friend of June Bethke
Kenneth Jacob – friend of Glenn Karnei
Donna Justice – friend of community
Melita Keith – friend of Margaret Luker
Cullen Kickendahl – four year old son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl
Family of Del Krause – friend of Monica Brand
Joe Ladeairus – father of Regina Calhoun
Mark Love – friend of the Taylor family
Jo Nell Martin – friend of Debbie Foster
Michael McLead – uncle of Nathan Irwin
Kit Mitchell – brother-in-law of Julie Franke
Doris Moore – cousin of Fritz Sturm
Carolyn Nunley – niece of Alvin DeForest and Sis DeForest
Cole Ohrt – 16 year old cousin of the Ray Albrecht family
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
Susan Calhoun Rosello – cousin of Mike Calhoun
James Rung – five year old son of Greta Henke's friend
Stefani Soper – friend of Karen Klinkerman
Bonnie Staha – friend of Jamie Friedrichs
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
Family of Amber Villareal – ex-wife of Nick Smith
Rob Wall – son of Brenda Foil's friend, Roxy

Thank you to St. Peter's—

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during my hospitalization for hip replacement surgery.

Paul Post

TEACH ME, LORD

By Heather Flood

**Teach me, Lord,
 What I don't know.
 Show me which way
 And where to go.
 Alone I stumble,
 Alone I fall,
 But your gentle voice
 Leads through it all.
 Take my hand,
 Light my way,
 Be my beacon
 Night and day.
 I am weak
 And sometimes so low,
 But you give me strength
 And make me whole.
 Teach me, Lord and Father.
 Your child has become like new.
 Empty me to myself
 So I can live for you.**





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Worship Leaders for February

ALTAR GUILD

June Bethke, Regina Calhoun and
Jamie Friedrichs

OFFERING COUNTERS

Billy Dornburg and Lindsey Youngblood

GREETERS

Gayle and Valerie Albrecht

USHERS

Billy and Linda Dornburg

FLOWERS

2-2 open
2-9 open
2-16 open
2-23 open

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Arlene DeForest and Wendi Yendrey

