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## Coming Events

- **August 30**  
Complete and turn in Jumps for  
Jump for the Hungry! "God's  
Work. Our Hands."
- **September 13**  
"God's Work. Our Hands."  
Sunday
- **October 25**  
"Oktoberfest 2020," at St. Peter's  
Gathering Place



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

## St. Peter's service project planned for 2020

**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY** is September 13, 2020. For this year we have raised money for the local food pantries with our *Jump for Hunger*. Thirteen youth are jumping, with 12 sponsors pledging to pay 25 cents per jump, and several others are making donations. All jumps are to be completed by August 30, and all donations and pledges are requested by September 6.

At the September 13 service we will recognize all our jumpers with certificates of thanks, and announce the grand total raised. Join us for the celebration!

## Lay leaders needed for Sept. 20 worship service

The September 20 worship service will be a lay led service of Prayer and Praise. There will be no communion at this service. We need help with this service...if you can help with either of these, contact Pastor Anne as soon as possible so we know that we're "good to go"!

- We need someone willing and able to record the indoor worship service and then send it to Jerry for uploading to You Tube and posting on Facebook and in emails.
- We need at least two readers for scripture, prayers, and responsive readings. You will get the service a couple of weeks in advance.

## OKTOBERFEST REINVENTED for 2020

Yes, St. Peter's, there will be an Oktoberfest this year, just a bit different! It will be held on Sunday, October 25th, and will benefit **Cross Trails Camping Ministry**. We will have a COVID distanced live auction and a bake sale at the Gathering Place. Attendees can drive through and pick up meals at the parish hall after the auction. Each plate will be a \$10 minimal donation. More details will follow on the bake sale.

You are asking, "How will this live auction work?" Glad you asked! We have had drive-in church successfully, so we will conduct the auction much the same. By adding tents/canopies, we can seat more people in the open areas in distanced groupings. Masks will be required for those choosing this arrangement. If members are not comfortable with that setup, they can stay in their cars/on backs of trucks and toot their horns to bid. We will have spotters among the cars and an auction order for all as well as someone displaying the items. When the auction is completed, attendees can drive through the parking area at the parish hall to collect the delicious sausage plates. If you are unable to attend, we will gladly accept your donation for Cross Trails Camping Ministry.

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## Church Council Highlights of the August 16, 2020 meeting

The council met on August 16 after worship. Highlights of that meeting (that aren't found in other articles in this newsletter) are listed below.

- Confirmation Classes resume in September. Since there are only 3 students, we will meet "live" at church and socially distance while wearing masks.
- Trash pickup at the church will continue to be suspended until we start to have fellowship events again
- Linda Koehler, Ashford Taylor and Trey Wimberly will be the nominating committee, with one additional congregational member.

The next meeting will be September 20 after worship.

## Time and Talent commitment sheets

Time and Talent sheets for committing to ministries at St. Peter's were originally scheduled to be done in September this year, at the God's Work Our Hands Service. Because we are not able to gather as a whole congregation in one place, we will not be doing this.

Instead of filling out new commitment sheets for 2021, we will use the ones done for 2020, since most of those things weren't able to be done this year because of COVID 19. The coordinators for the different ministries and committees will be contacting each person on their list to confirm their continued interest/commitment in that ministry.

If you did not get a chance to fill out a sheet in 2020, and/or are interested in being part of a new ministry or service, please contact the church office or the coordinator for that ministry.

— OKTOBERFEST *continued* —

Because our auction will be live with only 20 - 25 items and because I will need to create an auction order, it is really IMPORTANT for you to start thinking about your donation so that you can tell me what you are bringing. **THE DEADLINE** to inform me of your auction donation is **OCTOBER 11TH**. Because of the limited number of items, I may need to combine some donations to make baskets and when I reach the maximum, I will thank you and encourage you to save it for next year when we can celebrate Oktoberfest in our usual fashion.

We are excited to have the opportunity to hold our annual event and keep it safe. Of course, we will be monitoring the area's active COVID cases. However, right now, we are making plans and does that ever feel good! God's peace to you all.

Brenda Bade  
Oktoberfest Auction Chair



## Growing Generosity Through Legacy Planning

**September webinars to highlight planning for family, ministry**

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest will offer "Growing in Generosity--Legacies That Last," a webinar on legacy planning for family and ministry. The webinar will be offered at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on two Wednesdays – Sept. 9 and Sept. 23 – and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13. Please sign up for the one that works best for you using the link below: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_FAnTBa1rRyaP-E6ZSGT4Cw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FAnTBa1rRyaP-E6ZSGT4Cw)

This webinar is open to all congregational members to learn more about the foundation's comprehensive legacy planning services for family and ministry. The foundation is a partner ministry of the three ELCA synods in Texas and offers its services at no cost and no obligation.

A congregation member may say, "I like the idea of leaving a gift to my church when I pass away, but I'd like to know more about how to create a plan for family and ministry." The church has a dedicated ministry for just this kind of support through Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest. A gift planner is available in each synod that can guide you to clarify your goals and objectives in planning. Any congregation member can establish a robust personal legacy plan with the guidance of the synod gift planner. Those with existing plans should consider reviewing their plans to make sure they continue to meet their goals for family and ministry.

All members of ELCA congregations are invited to participate in these webinars. Those who may have additional questions or need assistance with registration are invited to contact Deacon John Dellis, senior gift planner for congregations in the Southwestern Texas Synod, at (830) 305-2758 or [jdellis@lfsfsw.org](mailto:jdellis@lfsfsw.org).

# September 2020

**Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020**

**9am LWR Quilting**

**Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020**

**9am Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**"Jump for Hunger" pledges and donations due**

**Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020**

**2pm Women of the ELCA Bible study, in the parish hall followed by 2:30pm WELCA Meeting**

**Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020**

**9am "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**10am Confirmation Class**

**Tuesday, Sept. 15 — Tuesday, Sept. 22**

**Pastor on Vacation**

**Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020**

**9am Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**10am Church Council meeting**

**Monday, Sept. 21, 2020**

**Newsletter Articles due in the office**

**Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020**

**9am LWR Quilting**

**Sun Sept. 27, 2020**

**9am Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**10am Confirmation Class**

## St. Peter's Calendar

### Save the Dates and Reminders

**Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020**

**Complete Jumps and turn in number for "Jump for the Hungry!" — "God's Work. Our Hands." Project**

**Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020**

**Oktoberfest**

**Monday, Nov. 30, 2020**

**Christmas Video deadline**

## Ministerial Alliance planning community prayer service

**A COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE** will be held at the Goliad County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 7pm. Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, Goliad congregations will gather to pray for our community, our families and our world, and face the many challenges we are dealing with prayers to God for strength and guidance.

## Sharing family Christmas traditions theme for 2020 Christmas program

**The Sunday School Christmas Program** will be different this year, as well. This year we will be asking families of the congregation to join us for *Christmas Around St. Peter's*. Each family will be making a video of themselves telling about Christmas traditions and celebrations with their family. All the videos will then be put together in a movie which will either be shown during worship (if we can gather together) or on You Tube (if we can't gather). Start planning your presentation now (Brenda has some ideas if you need them!), and watch for more details to come. *Note: the deadline for getting your videos in will be November 30.*

## Thank you so much ...

- ... Please pass along my thanks for the (teacher) gift bag. *Jason Collins*
- ... Thanks so much for the goodies (in the teacher bag). They will be used and greatly appreciated. *Vicki Wimberly*
- ... Thank you to Julie Franke for putting together an awesome Vacation Bible School as we played games as families "COVID style". Thanks to all the older youth and adults who helped at the booths/activities, to Jill Wiggins for the awesome crafts, and to the Bades and the WELCA for the water and snacks.
- ... Thank you to all who donated items for the back to school bags for teachers and students, and to those who helped put them together. A special thank you to Ronda Irwin and her Backwoods and Bling for donating all the hand soap and hand sanitizer.

# WELCA OF THE Women

## WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held September 9

The next Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 9, in the parish hall. Please wear your face mask. We will begin with Bible study from the September Gather magazine at 2pm. Copies of the Bible study are available in the church office. The monthly meeting will be held at 2:30. Please plan to join us!



Lutheran World Relief

**Lutheran World Relief** school kit items are now being collected. The **70 page spiral notebooks** are needed most. See the listing of needed items below or pick up a card on the box in the narthex for items needed to fill the LWR school kits. When you go shopping, please remember to **purchase and donate only the items listed in this article and on the card, no additional items or substitutes**. Place your purchased items in the box labeled "School Kit Supplies for Lutheran World Relief" located in the narthex. Complete kits, kit items, or money for the purchase of items may be donated. When making a donation for supplies, please write "LWR Kits" on your offering envelope.

**Boxes for shipping are also needed at this time.** Office paper boxes work well for packing school kits and personal care kits. Larger boxes are needed for quilts and baby kits.

Other on-going projects include "Quilts," where donated fabric and sheets are always needed and greatly appreciated. All of the Lutheran World Relief kit items listed on page 33 of the 2020 St. Peter's Yearbook.

Donations for shipping of LWR items may also be made by writing on your offering envelope "LWR shipping fund," or by picking up a special envelope on the table in the narthex.

We appreciate your help in providing the needed items and monetary donations to support St. Peter's Lutheran World Relief.

### LWR SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES:

**FOUR** notebooks, 70-sheets of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2";  
**no loose leaf paper**

**ONE** ruler, 30-centimeter, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other  
**ONE** pencil sharpener

**ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

**FIVE** #2 **unsharpened** pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

**FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (**no gel ink**); secure together with a rubber band

**ONE** box of 24 or 16 crayons

## THANK YOU FROM CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY

August 24, 2020

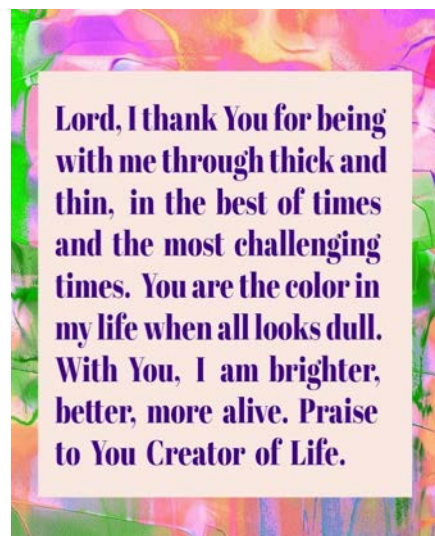
Dear Members of St. Peter's,

On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$375 dated July 31, 2020 and received August 21, 2020. 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 and retreats 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





## St. Peter's presents 2020 Vacation Bible School Game Day!



**Brayden and Tyler Franke, Jill Wiggins, and Ainsley and Wendi Yendrey**



**Logan Youngblood, Kaysa Wunsch, Hunner Parma and Kashlynn Tislow**



**Kade Irwin, Tyler and Brayden Franke**



**Gunner Brandes, Leslie Wunsch, Tyler Franke, and Wendi Yendrey**



**Brady and Amaly Beutnagel**



**Kora and Gunner Brandes**



**Kashlynn Tislow and Zaynee Parma**



## 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)



### 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  
9-12 Tricia Jacobs  
9-13 Ashleigh Post  
9-14 Ruby Jank  
9-15 Ina DeForest  
9-18 Alvin DeForest  
9-25 Paul Post  
9-27 Linda Dornburg  
9-27 Rhonda Ideus

*If any listings of birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect, or if a listing is missing, please contact the church office at 645-2922 or [stpetersander@gvec.com](mailto:stpetersander@gvec.com)*



**St. Peter's Ander**



### 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  
9-20-1996 Tricia & Mark Jacobs  
9-20-1953 Geraldine & Fritz Sturm  
9-21-1963 Arlene & Alvin DeForest  
9-28-1996 Linda & Billy Dornburg



**WYLIE SHANE TISLOW** was baptized in the presence of his family on Saturday, August 8, 2020. Wylie was born December 26, 2019. His sponsors are Sierra Tislow and Amanda Beutnagel. Wylie's parents are Tyler and Megan Koehler Tislow, with siblings Hunner and Zaynee Parma and Kashlynn Tislow. Welcome to the family, Wylie!

## Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00am

**Holy Communion:** every Sunday service that is not lay-led. (provide your own communion elements during COVID-19.)

## St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through July 31, 2020

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2020	\$58,080.63
Offerings	\$113,301.20
Cost of ministries	\$107,480.97
Ministry fund ending balance, July 31, 2020	\$63,900.86

*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**  
**Mike Wilburn**

**FRIENDS —**

**Troy Allen** – friend of Pat McDonald  
**Mia Balko** – friend of Karie Wimberly  
**Vergie Bitterly** – sister of Deanna 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  
**Greg Fore** – friend of the Sturms  
**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  
**John Hausmann** – cousin of Allen Jank  
**Family of Don Hedgpeth** – uncle of Karie Wimberly  
**Dale Henderson** – father of Margaret Luker  
**J.J. and Jackie** – High School Senior, and mother, friend of Jessica Griffith  
**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** – son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl  
**Frances Kixmueller** – sister of Geraldine Sturm

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

**Joe Ladeairus** – father of Regina Calhoun  
**Jo Nell Martin** – friend of Debbie Foster  
**Michael McLead** – uncle of Nathan Irwin  
**Doris Moore** – cousin of Fritz Sturm  
**Carolyn Nunley** – cousin of Alvin DeForest and Sis DeForest  
**Cole Ohrt** – 16 year old cousin of the Ray Albrecht  
**Mary Poppert** – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest  
**Marcus Rezendez** – friend of Amy Wilburn  
**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  
**Zach Sturm** – great grandson of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm  
**Kathy Sullins** – friend of Julie and Clayton Franke  
**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  
**Mary Nell Young** – friend of Ruby and Allen Jank

**PASTOR ANNE** and Jerry will be on vacation September 15-22. Should a pastoral emergency arise in that time, either Linda Koehler or Kathy Albrecht will know how to contact her or another pastor.



## Email Prayer Chain information

An email prayer chain is available 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 Pastor Anne or the church office and ask to be signed up on the list.

## Sign-up to provide altar flowers



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.**

## REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email at [revspla@gmail.com](mailto:revspla@gmail.com), or by texting or calling her at 361-676-4799, with St. Peter's prayer list updates, the person's current needs, **or when they can be removed from the list.**



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## September

### FLOWERS

- 9-6 open
- 9-13 Ruby and Allen Jank
- 9-20 Geraldine and Fritz Sturm
- 9-27 Sandra and Paul Post

