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On December 6, Sheriff and Mrs. Brumby came to St. Peter's worship to accept all the toys that our youth and members collected for the Goliad County Silver Santa program. A check for \$1,000 was also presented to help with the project.



A certificate of appreciation was presented to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, by Sheriff and Mrs. Brumby, for the toys and monetary support contributed over the years to the Goliad County Sheriff's Office Silver Santa Program.



## Coming Events

- December 27**  
Christmas Hymnsing, at the Gathering Place, at 9am
- January 3**  
Worship/Communion in the Sanctuary, at 9am
- February 14**  
Annual meeting part II, following worship

## Kathy Albrecht retires and Sandra Post becomes new St. Peter's office administrator

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Kathy Albrecht, the office administrator at St. Peter's for the last 23 years, will retire on December 31. We will be recognizing her during worship on January 3. We thank Kathy for her ministry here. Everyone knew that if you had a question, Kathy most likely knew the answer! In her time she has dealt with many pastors, and many changes in the way things are done, including the use of computers, and she has graciously learned it all. She has dealt with all sorts of councils and people and has done so with grace ... and lots of faith. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her a happy retirement, and look forward to continued ministry with her here at St. Peter's.

Sandra Post has agreed to be our new office administrator, beginning January 1, 2021. She is already learning all the programs and procedures as she tries to get "up to speed". We thank her for agreeing to give it a try!

Office hours for January: Sandra will usually be in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Pastor will usually be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings, but as always is available whenever you need her. Because things happen, please call to make sure someone is here if you need something.

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

## Church Council Highlights of the November 15, 2020 meeting

- Elected Linda Koehler President, Brenda Bade Vice President and Debbie Foster Secretary
- Council liaisons appointed to Committees: Brenda Bade to Outreach Committee, Lindsey Youngblood and Leslie Wunsch to Christian Education, Paul Post to Property, Regina Calhoun to Safety/Security, David Bowman to Stewardship/Finance
- The Annual Meeting Part 2 will be on February 14, 2021 following the worship service

## 2020 Christmas program presented on December 13

Thank you to all who helped to make the virtual Christmas Program a meaningful and family filled time. To the 33 families who sent in videos, to Wendi Yendrey for putting them all together, and to Jerry Kolmeier for getting them to YouTube so those not here that day could watch. We couldn't have done it without any one of you!



**Thank you to everyone on the seasonal decorations committee that helped with the beautiful decorating of our sanctuary for Christmas.**



THANK YOU SO MUCH for the wonderful celebration of the 35th anniversary of my ordination. The presentation by Sandra, the song from Sandra, Jill and Jamie, the flowers, the cookies made by Ashley to share, and especially all the love and good wishes shared from my "family" here at St. Peter's. The beautiful personalized poem written by Sandra and illustrated by Jill is hanging in my office where I will remember this special day every time I see it. Thanks again!  
*Pastor Anne*

## Congregation elects leaders and two council members

Elected to Church Council at the December 13 congregational meeting for a three year term were David Bowman and Lindsey Youngblood.

Our thanks to outgoing council members, Trey Wimberly and Ashford Taylor, whose terms end December 31, for their dedication, ministry and service.

Also elected at the December 13 congregational meeting for one year terms were Treasurer, Jamie Friedrichs; Financial Secretary, Jackie Gardiner; Memorial Treasurer, Brenda Bade; and Perpetual Care Treasurer, Arlene DeForest. Elected to three year terms were Mission Endowment, Mark Jacobs; Memorial Committee, Beverly Martin; and Cemetery Committee, Trey Wimberly. Gerald and Eva Nell Griffith were elected Synod Assembly Representatives.

## Preparation for St. Peter's Annual Congregational Meeting part II

In January, the church office will be collecting and compiling individual reports from the council president, council committee chairs, treasurer, memorial committee, Women of the ELCA president and treasurer, and any other reports from activities that St. Peter's has participated in during the year of 2020, to be included in the Annual Congregational report. If you have a report for St. Peter's Annual Report, please submit it to the church office on or before January 10, 2021.

Copies of 2020 reports, as well as an agenda, will be emailed for your review on the Sunday prior to the meeting. You may request a printed copy, but, please remember to bring it back for the meeting on February 14, 2021.

Thank you for your help!

January

2021



**Friday, Jan. 1, 2021**  
New Year's Day

**Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021**  
9am Worship/Communion, in  
the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021**  
9am LWR Quilting

**Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021**  
6:30pm Worship and Music meeting

**Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021**  
9am Worship/Communion, at the  
Gathering Place  
10am Confirmation Class

**Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021**  
2pm WELCA Bible

**Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021**  
6:30pm Stewardship and Finance  
meeting

**Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021**  
9am Worship/Communion, in  
the Sanctuary  
10:30am Church Council meeting

**Monday, Jan. 18, 2021**

Turn in all Newsletter articles to the  
office

**Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021**  
9am LWR Quilting

**Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021**  
9am Worship/Communion, Drive in  
Worship at The Gathering Place

**Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021**  
9am Worship/Communion, in the  
Sanctuary

## St. Peter's Calendar Save the Date

**Sun Feb 14, 2021**

9am Communion service, followed  
by annual congregational  
meeting, part II

### Service plans for December 27 Hymnsing

A Christmas Hymnsing service of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 27. The service will be Drive in Worship at the Gathering Place beginning at 9am. Join us as we continue our celebration of the birth of Christ! There will be no communion at this service.

### 2021 St. Peter's Yearbook available December 31, 2020

Members and associate members will be sent a PDF of the 2021 yearbook by email to download and/or print.

Printed copies will also be

**YEARBOOK**

### Sign-up to provide altar flowers on 2021 Flower Calendar



The 2021 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 if you wish this information to be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.



# WELCA OF THE Women

## WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held on Jan. 12

All women of St. Peter's are invited to attend the next Women of the ELCA regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 12, in the parish hall. Please wear your face mask. We will begin with Bible study at 2pm followed by the meeting. Pastor Anne will be leading the Bible study, from the January/February issue of the *Gather* magazine, which will be session one, Journeys with angels, **"Looking up."** A copy of the Bible study may be picked up at the church office. Please plan to join us!

## Lutheran World Relief quilting dates set

A Lutheran World Relief workday will be held on January 6th and 20th at 9am. Everyone is invited to join in the quilting, but the number of people in the parish hall needs to be limited. So, let Pastor Anne know if you want to help and please remember to wear your face mask.



## Lutheran World Relief

### Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit items are being

collected. The most needed items are light-to medium-weight, (20x40 to 27x52) bath towels and bath-size bars (4 oz. preferred) of soap in original wrapping. Place your items in the box labeled "Personal Care 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.

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 are listed on page 33 of the printed 2021 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.

# Happy New Year 2021

A time for starting over. A new beginning. A wonderful time to take stock of life and look for ways to improve and grow. Too often, careless resolutions are made that are never kept, and so one year blends into the next with little change. The fact is, all of us have areas in our lives that could stand some improvement. As this new year begins, let us look at our lives with honesty and candor. Let us approach change with a positive spirit, and work toward finding ways to become the people that God wants us to be. Most importantly, ask the Lord to guide and strengthen, for it is through His power that we are able to conquer our failings and turn them into strengths. God is able to see us both as we are and as we can be, and we need that sight in order to truly change. He will steer us away from the ungodly. He will liberate us from the way of sin. He will lead us from scorn to joy. The Lord will do all this and more because of His great and abiding love for His children. Rejoice in the love of God. He has given us a new year, and desires to give us a new life.

## Thank you to Christmas Carolers from Joyce & Preston Baecker —

St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
Thanks so much for caroling at our house. You will never know how much we enjoyed it. Preston became a member of the Lutheran church at Ander when Pastor Lien was there, he was baptized there. Sharon and Jamie McAdams, our daughter were married there and then their twin sons, Shane and Shawn were baptized there. Preston was so happy you all came and I was too. Your gifts were very much appreciated. There were so many goodies in the basket and the beautiful poinsettia. We are sending a little monetary donation to help St. Peter's with all their projects. Merry Christmas to all,  
Preston and Joyce Baecker  
Thanks again

## Christmas caroling 2020 COVID style



Christmas caroling looked a little different this year, but we are a resilient bunch and we knew we could brighten the season for some friends by doing our best to bring them some Christmas cheer. On December 13, several of St. Peter's members set out for a spirit lifting afternoon of caroling, giving goodies and poinsettias to members and friends in eight homes. The smiles of appreciation and joy, received from those visited, brought a special warmth to our hearts and brightened our day.



**Chuck Taylor and Sammie Hilbrich**



**Fritz & Geraldine Sturm and great-granddaughter**



**Bob & Nancy Gerhardt and Zander York**



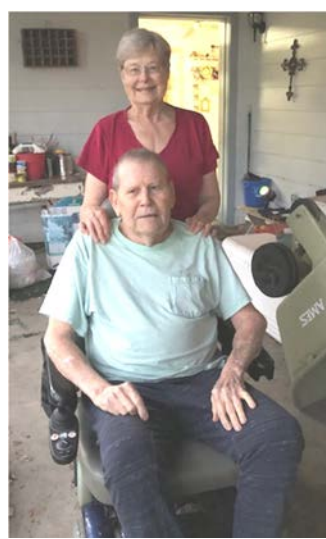
**Allen & Ruby Jank**



**Preston & Joyce Baecker**



**Gayle & Valerie Albrecht**



**Gary & Deanna Wacker**



**Annie Schwin**



## St. Peter's Staff

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier**  
Pastor

**Sandra Post**  
Church Office Administrator

**Dorothy Bowman**  
Organist and Choir Director

**Jerry Kolmeier**  
Custodian

## Congregation Council

**Brenda Bade**  
Vice-President and  
Outreach Liaison  
(term ends 12/31/21)

**David Bowman**  
Stewardship and Finance  
Liaison  
(term ends 12/31/23)

**Regina Calhoun**  
Safety and Security Liaison  
(term ends 12/31/22)

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

**Debbie Foster**  
Secretary and  
Worship and Music Liaison  
(term ends 12/31/22)

**Paul Post**  
Property Liaison  
(term ends 12/31/22)

**Leslie Wunsch**  
Christian Education and  
Youth Ministry Liaison  
(term ends 12/31/21)

**Lindsey Youngblood**  
Christian Education and  
Youth Ministry Liaison  
(term ends 12/31/23)

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier**  
Pastor (ex-officio)

## Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00am

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



## 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

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

## 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  
stpetersander@gvec.com*

Our Christian sympathies are extended to Linda Dornburg and family on the death of her father, Aubrey McDaniel, December 11 in Shepherd, TX. Funeral services were there on December 16. We pray that they feel God's comfort, strength and presence - and our love and prayers - in their time of grief.



Dear God,  
As I look forward to a New  
Year, I ask You to guide  
and protect my family and  
friends. May Your light  
shine through us and Your  
will be done in everything.  
Amen.



St. Peter's Ander

## St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through November 30, 2020

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2020	\$58,080.63
Offerings	\$186,451.36
Cost of ministries	\$173,390.83
Ministry fund ending balance, November 30, 2020	\$71,141.16

*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**  
**Ina DeForest**  
**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  
**Denise Engle** – friend of Amy Wilburn  
**Joyce Foster** – grandmother of Shelby Foster  
**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  
**Dale Henderson** – father of Margaret Luker  
**Gwen Honor** – mother of Linnea Griffith  
**Betty Jacob** – friend of June Bethke  
**Kenneth Jacob** – friend of Glenn Karnei  
**Donna Justice** – friend of community  
**Melita Keith** – friend of Margaret Luker  
**Frances Kixmueller** – sister of Geraldine Sturm  
**Joe Ladeairus** – father of Regina Calhoun  
**Melvin Luker** – grand father of Ryan Luker  
**Jo Nell Martin** – friend of Debbie Foster  
**Michael McLead** – uncle of Nathan Irwin  
**Doris Moore** – cousin of Fritz Sturm  
**Charles Nixon** – brother of Fritz & Geraldine Sturm's daughter-in-law  
**Carolyn Nunley** – cousin of Alvin DeForest and Sis DeForest

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

**Mary Poppert** – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest

**Marcus Rezendez** – friend of Amy Wilburn

**George Robin** – cousin of Linda Koehler

**Susan Calhoun Rosello** – cousin of Mike Calhoun

**James Rung** – five year old son of Greta Henke's friend

**Stefani Soper** – friend of Karen Klinkerman

**Zach Sturm** – great grandson of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm

**Liz Swetih** – mother-in-law of Garrett Friedrichs

**Jim Teltschik** – uncle of Karie Wimberly

**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

## 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. Make sure you have the person's permission to put them on the prayer chain before adding them.

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.

## REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email at [revsplca@gmail.com](mailto:revsplca@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.**



Epiphany: "*To show upon.*" A disclosure, a manifestation.

"For God so loved the world that he gave....."

*"...and when they had opened their treasures, they presented to him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*

The Christian Church has long celebrated the 6th of January as the feast of the Wise Men. We have never quite figured out who they were. But, is it really important? Probably not.

They disclosed their finest to the One they believed to be the King of the Jews. Just as God had given his best, they gave what were the most expensive gifts of their day. God for prosperity, frankincense for sweetness and atmosphere, and myrrh as a preservative symbolizing his ability to overcome even the worst of times.

The whole story of the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season is meant for you. You are the "whosoever" of John 3:16. God gave himself for you. A whole year is ahead of you as the celebration of Christmas draws to a close. If you have not done it yet, please, be encouraged to give God the best gift you ever could. Yourself. You are important, so important that Jesus came and gave himself on your behalf. All he has ever wanted is to give you the chance to be free in him. To be his. To know him as a personal God, friend, companion. Won't you give him what he wants most for Christmas?



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## January

### FLOWERS

1-3 open  
1-10 **Jarzombek Family**  
1-17 open  
1-24 open  
1-31 open

