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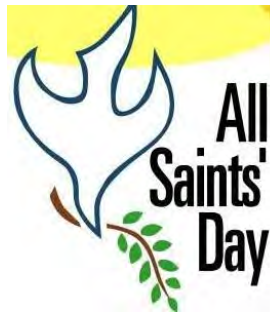
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 1, 8, 15 Advent  
Weeknight worship
- December 5 WELCA Christmas  
Party
- December 12 -Sunday School  
Christmas Program  
-Congregational  
Meeting (Part 1)  
-Christmas brunch  
-Christmas caroling
- December 24 Christmas Eve  
Worship 5:30pm



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY will be celebrated during worship on November 7, as we celebrate that God has made us his saints. The worship service will end in the cemetery where we take time to remember all the saints who have gone before us in victory.

THE ANNUAL WELCA THANKOFFERING SERVICE will be on November 14, 2021. Women of St.

Peter's will fill all the lay roles in the service, with Pastor Anne presiding over communion. Janice Seiler, a member of the Synod's

WELCA board and an associate member of St. Peter's, will bring the message. A special Thankoffering to support the churchwide WELCA will be taken in addition to our regular offering.



Our youth community service project for November is once again collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Goliad **Silver Santa** program that provides toys and clothing for children in need. Put your donations of toys in the box in the narthex. A representative will be here on December 5 to receive them after we bless them.



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

## St. Peter's Staff

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier, Pastor**

**Sandra Post**  
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, 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)

**OUR ADVENT FAMILY CRAFT** will be on Sunday, November 21, after the worship service. Families are invited to gather as we learn about and make "Chrismons" - symbols for Christ. After the craft, we will gather for an Advent Family Potluck to celebrate the coming of the season of Advent. We will also be looking at the proposed 2022 budget.



TIME AND TALENT sheets for 2022 service to God and the church were dedicated to His service on Oct. 24. If you have not turned yours in yet, please get them to the church office by November 14 so that we can get them to committee chairs, etc. to set the 2022 schedules. Don't know where yours got to? There are extras on the table in the narthex.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 10, but not on November 24th (the day before Thanksgiving). We continue to study Luther's Catechism for Adults with the focus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment: *Remember the Sabbath Day, to Keep it Holy.*"



ADVENT IS COMING! We will continue our tradition of joining for fellowship meals and worship with the Christ in the Country Co-op (Schroeder, Arneckeville and Coletoville) and their Pastor, Kara Hairell-Speed. This year's theme is *Prepare for Jesus*. We gather on Wednesdays December 1, 8, and 15 for a meal at 5:30 pm (provided by the host congregation) and worship at 6:30 pm. (the meal won't be cleaned up until 6:15 for those trying to come from Victoria). More details will be in the December newsletter.



### CHURCH COUNCIL

## Highlights

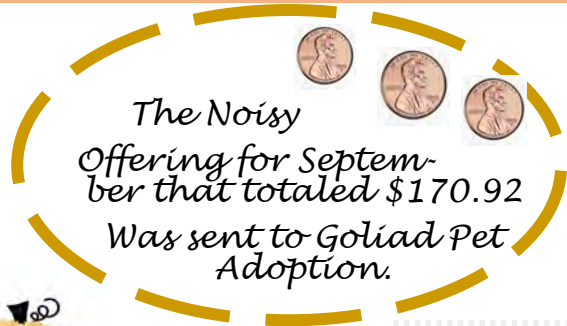
Approved \$1000 from Local Benevolence Fund for Goliad Rotary Club Silver Santa Program, Goliad County Outreach and Fan-nin United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Approved purchasing 30 lightweight blankets for La Bahia Nursing Home. Approved request from Valerie Albrecht to plant a tree at The Gathering Place in honor of the late Gayle Albrecht. Approved December 12, 2021 for Congregational meeting.



St. Peter's honored Pastor Anne with cards, desserts, coffee and punch on Pastor appreciation day, October 10th.

### Treasurer's Report as of 9-30-21

| Monthly      |                   | Year-to-date |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| \$105,313.37 | beginning balance | \$106,254.44 |
| \$15,854.29  | income            | \$156,829.73 |
| \$14,566.28  | expenses          | \$156,482.79 |
| \$106,601.38 | ending balance    | \$106,601.38 |



The Gathering Place is a wonderful addition to St. Peter's that we enjoy throughout the year. It is need of repairs and upgrades to keep it usable. A team has been assembled and they are working on ideas to improve the usability. The *tentative plans* are posted on an easel in the meeting room. If you have ideas or questions, please use one of the forms to let us know what you are thinking or concerned about. This is YOUR Gathering Place, so let them hear from you.

A few years ago on Thanksgiving Day a local "quiz kids" show was conducted over a Midwestern radio station. The quizmaster, calling each boy or girl to the microphone, asked the youngster what he or she was especially thankful for. The usual answers were offered. Some were thankful for a happy home, others for kind parents, playmates, possessions, etc. A 12 year old girl in the 7th grade had really caught the spirit of Thanksgiving Day. Her unexpected answer to the quizmaster must have deeply impressed countless radio listeners: *"I am thankful for everything God has done for me and everyone else, not only today, but all during the year."* Thanksgiving is a distinctly American holiday. It celebrates no birth, no battle, no anniversary of soldiers or statesmen. It is preeminently a condition of the heart, a pilgrimage of gratitude. Give thanks always!



The future is that time when you'll wish you had done what you aren't do-







W.E.L.C.A. quilts dedicated at the service on October 24th.



Our monthly WELCA Bible study will be on Tuesday, November 9, at 2:00 pm. We will be finishing our theme on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. At 3:00 pm we will have our regular general meeting to continue plans for our ministries.



# Harvest



## A Thanksgiving Prayer:

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. For beauty in nature, Your glory we see, for joy and health, friends, and family. For daily provision, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You graciously share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days.

At the December congregational meeting on December 12th, you will be asked to approve amendments to both the Constitution and Bylaws of St. Peter's. Most of our constitutional provisions are provided by the ELCA and are required by our church's membership in the ELCA. These provisions are amended by the ELCA periodically and most of the proposed amendments are to get current with the ELCA model constitution – we last made conforming changes in 2014.

The council is also recommending changes that are not required, but do conform to the model ELCA constitution, including changing the number of council members to not exceed nine (from six), allowing officers to serve on the Mutual Ministry Committee, and requiring a two-thirds (rather than a simple majority) vote to amend the Bylaws. Additionally, the council is recommending amending the limit for out of budget contracts from \$1,500 to \$5,000, to allow for more flexibility for issues like the roof repair.

The council also is recommending amendments to the Bylaws to add the Safety and Security Committee to our list of standing committees and clean-up some terminology. Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws showing all of the proposed changes, along with more detailed explanations will be available in the narthex during November or will be provided directly to you upon request. Any questions can be addressed to David Bowman or Jackie Gardiner (from the ad hoc constitutional committee) or Linda Koehler.





**CONGRATULATIONS to Aldon and Brenda Bade, who celebrate 50 years of marriage on October 30. On November 7 they will be receiving a special blessing during the worship service, and will be honored with a reception after the service, so come back inside and join in the celebration!**



|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| November 7, 1959  | Harold & Gayle Baecker  |
| November 9, 1962  | David & Dorothy Bowman  |
| November 17, 1984 | Jonathon & Rhonda Ideus |
| November 23, 1989 | Mike & Regina Calhoun   |
| November 27, 1976 | Paul & Sandra Post      |



|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| November 1  | Megan Tislow     |
| November 1  | Karie Wimberly   |
| November 3  | Addison Yendrey  |
| November 4  | Brady Taylor     |
| November 5  | Jennifer Adickes |
| November 5  | Leighton Wunsch  |
| November 7  | Ronnie Willms    |
| November 8  | Wayne Albrecht   |
| November 8  | Kenneth Brand    |
| November 8  | Dalton Dornburg  |
| November 9  | Brenda Bade      |
| November 9  | Clayton Franke   |
| November 10 | Beverly Martin   |
| November 11 | Cody Parma       |
| November 12 | Kaid Brand       |
| November 20 | Jaron Post       |
| November 21 | Evan Lovett      |
| November 23 | Julie Franke     |
| November 27 | Braydon Franke   |
| November 30 | Ashford Taylor   |







Dear St. Peter's Lutheran family: I wanted to thank you for all the clothes you provided Berclair's program. We have enough for a year now! In our 4 small rooms, we have clothes for families and children, to help out those who need a helping hand. You are so generous!

Thank you, Alicia Cowley



Dear St. Peter's Church,  
Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,074.97 to the ministries of the ELCA. With your gifts, you are putting God's love into action. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you. With gratitude,

Rachel Wind  
Executive for Philanthropy



Dear St. Peter's Lutheran,  
On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$437.48. Many of the programs and opportunities that we offer would not be possible without generous gifts such as yours. We truly appreciate your prayers, support and partnership.

Yours in Christ,  
Deanna Christensen,  
Executive Director

Thank you for your generous donation of \$170.92 to Goliad Pet Adoption. With your financial support, many more dogs, puppies, cats and kittens can be saved from euthanasia. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Betty Rhodes  
Board Member  
Goliad Pet Adoption, Inc.



Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for answering the call to rise up and build. When you give to Habitat, you're setting your hands to do a good work that keeps giving to our community. Your gift of \$212.69 for building efforts in Goliad County is an investment in our community that makes a difference for generations to come. Respectfully,  
Holly Marshall  
Advancement Director



Dear Lord,  
Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they

made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.





### Family and friends—

**Lessie Arnold and Mr & Mrs Ed Arnold**—friends of Morelands

**\*June Bethke**—church family member

**Dwayne Bruns**—brother of Deanna Wacker

**Roland Capistran**—friend of Yendrey's

**Kim Curlee** - friend of Klinkerman's

**David Dohmann** - friend of Ball family

**Denise Engle** - friend of Amy Wilburn

**Joyce Foster** - grandmother of Shelby Foster

**Ainsley Garza** - cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith

**\*Barry Geary**—church family member (*homebound*)

**Rebecca Graves** - infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest

**Dale Henderson** - father of Margaret Luker

**Kenneth Jacob** - friend of Glenn Karnei

**Donna Justice** - friend of community

**Melita Keith** - friend of Margaret Luker

**Joe Ladeairus** - father of Regina Calhoun

**Kristen Lambright**—friend of Shelby Foster

**Butch Lorenz**—brother of Linda Koehler

**Jo Nell Martin** - friend of Debbie Foster

**Herbie Mauer** -brother of Brenda Bade

**Michael McLead** - uncle of Nathan Irwin

**Doris Moore** - cousin of Fritz Sturm

**\*Tom & Marilyn Morris**—church family members

**Charles Nixon** - brother of Sturm's daughter-in-law

**Carolyn Nunley** - cousin of Alvin DeForest and Sis DeForest

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

**David & Cathy Poppert** - nephew of Alvin and Ina DeForest

**Vanette Rathkamp** -friend of Kathy & Ray Albrecht

**Marcus Rezendez** - friend of Amy Wilburn

**Shannon Roberts**—daughter of Rich Harding

**George Robin** - cousin of Linda Koehler

**James Rung** - eight year old son of Greta Henke's friend

**Sara** -

**Marsha Schneider** friend of Griffith's

**Stefanie Soper**— friend of Klinkerman's

**Liz Swetish** - mother-in-law of Garrett Friedrichs

**Dale Teague**—nephew of the Baeckers

**Jim Teltschik** - uncle of Karie Wimberly

**Jay Thigpen** - friend of Brandes'

**Pat and Joe Trapp**—friends of Allison Ball and Clayton Franke

**Victor Vargas** - nine year old nephew of Alyssa and Luke Abrameit

**\*Mike Wilburn**—church family member

**Buddy and Mary Nell Young** - friends of the community



### 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.

**KIDS, age 10 or younger:**  
How many turkeys did you see in the newsletter?

**TELL SANDRA**





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## November Ministry Leaders



Called to *Serve*

### Ushers:

|       |      |
|-------|------|
| 11-7  | open |
| 11-14 | Post |
| 11-21 | open |
| 11-28 | open |



**Altar Guild:**  
Regina Calhoun &  
Debbie Foster

**Fellowship:**  
Trisha Jacobs &  
Linda Koehler  
**Offering Counters:**  
Eva Nell Griffith &  
Pat McDonald



**Altar Flowers:**  
11-7 Bowman  
11-14 Post  
11-21 Wiggins  
11-28 Wiggins





# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

## November 2021

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday               | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---|---|------------------------|--------|----------|
|  | 1      | 2   | 3   | 4                      | 5      | 6        |
| 7 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY<br>9:00 am Worship  | 8      | 9<br>2 pm WELCA Bible Study<br>3 pm WELCA Meeting | 10<br>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30 pm Bible Study  | 11                     | 12     | 13       |
|  |        |   |   |                        |        |          |
| 14 THANKOFFERING<br>SUNDAY<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:30 am Conf: Class  | 15     | 16  | 17<br>9:00 am LWR Quilting<br>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | 18                     | 19     | 20       |
|  |        |   |   |                        |        |          |
| 21 CHRIST THE KING<br>SUNDAY<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:15 am Advent Family<br>Craft<br>10:15 am Church Council<br>11:15 am Advent Family<br>Potluck | 22     | 23  | 24  | 25<br>THANKSGIVING DAY | 26     | 27       |
| 28<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:30 am Confirmation<br>Class  | 29     | 30  |   |                        |        |          |

# **Celebrate** *The Holiday Season* *with the Gift of* *Giving!*

**Join St. Peter's Youth Groups**  
**in their Community Service**  
**Project donating toys to the**  
**Silver Santa Toy Drive.**

We will be accepting new unwrapped toys  
through the end of November. Look for  
the donation box in the parish hall.









