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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1 food pantry

workday

(September)

September 6 picnic area

workday

September 11 God's Work

Our Hands

September 12 Group Sunday School



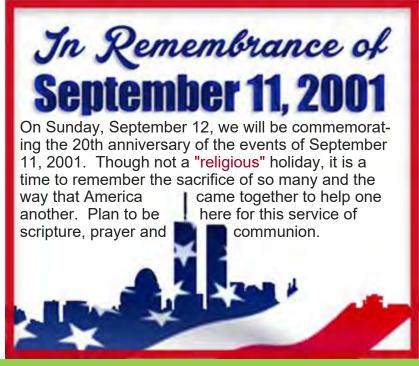
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. Happens across the ELCA the weekend of September 10-12. We have been collecting clothing and linens for the Berclair Clothing Ministry and School Supplies for the supply closet at Goliad Elementary (see

God's Wo

lists in last month's newsletter). On SATURDAY, SEP-TEMBER 11 we will gather

at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall to sort and pack up all the donations for delivery to Berclair and to the school. All ages are welcome to come and help!





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The Worship/Music committee has had some inquiries regarding the homemade communion bread that Ruby Jank supplied us with for many years. During COVID we began using a flatbread that was much easier/safer to distribute and leaves less crumbs. After Ruby decided she could no

longer bake our weekly bread, we continued the use of this flatbread, to uphold the tradition of unleavened bread used at the first Passover (when they had to flee Egypt in a hurry and didn't have time to let bread rise), and at the Last Supper (when Jesus was celebrating Passover). Anyone who would like to supply small loaves of homemade bread (your own recipe or we can supply a recipe) please feel free to volunteer. Just contact the church office and let us know. We will put you on the schedule!

FOOD PANTRY

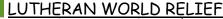
WORKDAY has been scheduled for St. Peter's at the Goliad Food Pantry on Wednesday, September 1, at 9:00 am. If you can join us in helping to fill bags and boxes to get them ready for distribution, sign up in the narthex or contact Regina Calhoun. Any help would be appreciated!





How many times are listed in the Bible, where people were raised from the dead? Name them, including scripture where they are found.

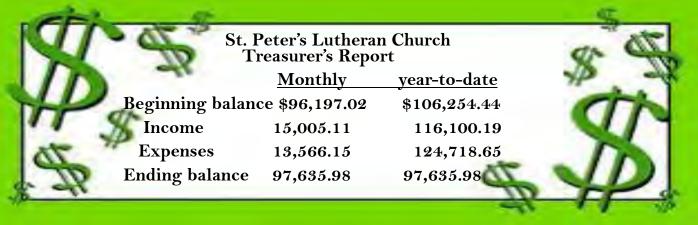
The WINNER for August was: Gerald Griffith



WORKDAY to make quilts and more happens Wednesday September 15, beginning at 9:00 am. If you can

cut, tear, tie a knot or enjoy fellowship, you are welcome to join us (men AND women). This month we will resume our "stone soup" tradition, everyone that wants to, can bring an item to add to the soup, or bring crackers, desert, etc. as we join in fellowship and give thanks for being able to gather to work for God's people.







PICNIC AREA CLEANUP DAY is Monday, September 6th at 8:30 am. Bring your gloves, rakes, shovels, chopping hoes, tree trimmers, and wagon or wheelbarrow. We'll be cleaning up around the picnic area and inside the kitchen in preparation for Oktober-

fest. The more the merrier and the quicker we will knock it out! Drinks and snacks provided.





PLANS FOR OKTOBER-FEST HAVE BEGUN! The date is October 31st. Live music will begin at 3:30 pm, with a live auction at

4:00 pm with 25-30 items. Instead of a Silent Auction, there will be a country store with items for all ages. Food will be served at the Gathering Place beginning at 5:00 pm for \$10 a plate. All plates will be packaged in to-go boxes and can be either taken home or eaten there. The youth will once again help serve drinks, carry plates, show auction items, and more.



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Aug. 15, 2021

Youth are considering a "Trunk or Treat" after the Oktoberfest Auction

Brenda helped the Fannin Methodist Food Pantry Outreach in Berclair. They could use 1-2 extra helpers during these distributions.

We are still waiting for the roof repair to begin when ordered materials arrive

David will meet with Alvin about removing the wall between two classrooms to accommodate meetings and Sunday School.

It was approved to separate the church bylaws from the constitution for easier reference in the future

ADULT BIBLE STUDY continues on September 8 and September 22, and will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 pm. We will finish our study on baptismal promises, then move on to an adult study of Luther's Small Catechism.

THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a cross in my pocket— A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian, no matter where I may be.
This little cross is not magic, nor is it a good luck charm;
It isn't meant to protect me from every physical harm.
It's not for identification for all the world to see;
It's simply an understanding, between my Savior and me.
When I put my hand in my pocket to bring out a coin or key,
The cross is there to remind me of the price He paid for me.
It reminds me, too, to be thankful for my blessings day by day,
And to strive to serve Him better In all that I do and say
It's also a daily reminder of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master and give themselves to His care.
So, I carry the cross in my pocket, reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life—If only I'll let Him be.

Author Unknown

CHOIR is ready to resume! It's time again to gather together to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" and sing praises to his name. Choir will begin meeting weekly starting on Wednesday, September 15th from 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Practice

begins on Sunday, September 12, and will be meeting in the fellowship hall after worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Thanks to all the adults who have volunteered to sit in on the class and offer their insights this year, and to all who have agreed to be mentor for these eight.

The ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL class will resume on September 12 at 10:30 am. The theme for this quarter is *Love One Another* with such titles as God Loves all of Us, Love and Devotion to Others, Love your Enemies, Loving by Serving, Abiding Love and Impartial Love. All adults are invited to join us for Bible study, devotion, discussion and fellowship.

GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL for September is September 12 at the Gathering Place. We will have a fun lesson, do a craft, then make something as part of the God's Work, Our Hands. Weekend.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY is Tuesday, September 14, at 2:00 pm. All women are invited to join us for this time of study, discussion, and fellowship.

WELCA GENERAL MEETING follows the Bible Study, at 3:00 pm. Join us as we plan our ministries and activities for the rest of 2021 and beyond.

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September 2 Olivia Ball September 4 Greta Henke September 4 **Gaylon Willms** September 7 Kade Irwin September 8 Fred Seiler September 11 Gayle Baecker September 12 Tricia Jacobs September 13 Ashleigh Post September 14 Ruby Jank September 15 Ina DeForest September 18 Alvin DeForest September 25 Paul Post September 27 Linda Dornburg September 27 Ronda Irwin



September 4	Eric and Linnea Griffith
September 5	Brian and Melissa Bade
September 6	Gaylon and Sue Willms
September 15	Carl and Sarah Brandes
September 20	Mark and Tricia Jacobs
September 20	Fritz and Geraldine Sturm
September 21	Alvin and Arlene DeForest
September 28	Billy and Linda Dornburg



How You Spend Your Time

By Pastor Anne Kolmeier

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ander

"We are each responsible for our own conduct." (Galations 6:5, NLT)

How do you spend your time? The hours of the days, the days of the years? Is there time for everything you need? For everything you want? For everything God wants for you?



You are the one in charge of your time. Remember, your choices are far more powerful than your circumstances.

You can see that clearly in how you spend your time. You may not like how complicated and busy your life has become. But with few exceptions, no one is forcing you to keep your life complicated and your calendar packed beyond the space allowed.

You have the power to simplify your life. In fact, God expects you to assume responsibility for your calendar and to carefully choose how you spend your time.

Do you know how much time you have on Earth? You have just enough time to do God's will. In other words, you've been given just enough time to fulfill your purpose.

When you try to do more than God planned for you, it's only natural that you find yourself constantly out of time or stressed over your schedule.

Take some time this week to pray over your calendar. Ask God to show you what parts of it are part of His purpose for you. As you do this, I pray that you will find relief from stress and a new sense of satisfaction as you do only the things God created you to do.



Dear St Peter's Congregation:

I absolutely love going to camp and this year is no exception. I made so many friends and learned so much. I got to be in the same cabin as Grace and Lynleigh. We got to do the regular fun things like the pond, pool and canteen. My favorite things about camp were outcamp, where we got to sleep in hammocks and the big swing where you are harnessed in, they pull you up in the air and you swing through the air. The theme was "Be Bold" and the most helpful thing to me was to be bold in fear. It taught me to talk to God boldly about my fears. We got a big cabin and my counselor's names were Jessie and Kilee. They were awesome. I really liked night worship and sing-a-long with my friends Conealy and Maryn. I want to thank you all once again for a wonderful year at camp with my cousins.

TH thanky 00.

Jíllían G.

Dear St Peter's:

Thank you for giving me and my cousins the chance to go to Lutherhill this year. I had an absolutely wonderful time. We did lots of fun activities like the pond, archery and the canteen, but my favorite activity was the big swing. I also really liked learning how to be bold and how to be yourself. As you can see we did lots of fun things at camp and I would really like to thank you again for such a great time.

THthanky VO!

Lynleigh G.

Dear St Peter's:

I had the best time at camp Lutherhill. We did outcamp this year for the first time and slept in the hammocks outside. I couldn't sleep so I moved my stuff to the tree house, I also got to do the swing! You get harnessed to a long rope, pulled 40ft. Into the air and then let go. It was so fun, a little scary when they first drop you. The theme was "Be Bold". One of the days be bold in your fear, it taught me that if you're scared then do not fear and keep going. I hope to do the highropes. Thank you so much for helping me go to camp.

THEhanky OU!

Grace G.

Thank you for paying for me to go to camp. I had a really fun time and made many friends. This year, we loaded our cabin group in some vans, traveled to Bastrop, and went canoeing and hiking. I was something we didn't do last year and I really enjoyed doing this year. This year, I also got to do the high ropes course for the first time and I really look forward to doing it next year. The high ropes course is basically a couple of very high telephone poles with metal cables and some obstacles like pvc pipe connected to between them. You are harnessed to the cables and at the end you get to do a zip line. This year at camp, we learned that sometimes you have to be bold in fear and trust God in times that you are scared to do something. Again, thank you for paying for camp. I look forward to going next year!



Tyler Griffith



Family and friends—

*June Bethke-church family member

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

*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

REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email at 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.

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

Jamie McAdams—friend of the community

Michael McLead - uncle of Nathan Irwin

Doris Moore - cousin of Fritz Sturm

*Tom & Marilyn Morrischurch family members

Charles Nixon - brother of Geraldine & Fritz Sturm's daughter-in-law

Carolyn Nunley - cousin of
Alvin DeForest and Sis
DeForest

Mary Poppert - sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest

Marcus Rezendez - friend of Amy Wilburn

George Robin - cousin of Linda Koehler

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

Sara -

Marsha Schneider
friend of Gerald
and Eva Nell
Griffith

Stefanie Soper—friend of Karen Klinkerman

Liz Swetish - mother-inlaw of *G*arrett Friedrichs

Jim Teltschik - uncle of Karie Wimberly

Jay Thigpen - friend of Carl and Sarah Brandes

Pat and Joe Trappfriends of Allison Ball and Clayton Franke

Victor Vargas – nine year old nephew of Alyssa and Luke Abrameit

Rob Wall - son of Brenda Foil's friend, Roxy

*Mike Wilburn-church family member

Buddy and Mary Nell Young - friends of the community

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September Ministry Leaders



Ushers:

September 5 September 12

September 19

September 26

Altar Guild:

Brenda Bade & Linda Koehler

Fellowship:

Sandra Post & Wendi Yendrey

Offering Counters:

David Bowman &

Cody Foil

Altar Flowers Provided By:

September 5

September 12 Jank

September 19 Sturm

September 26 Post

Anniversary Prayer for 9/11

Holy God,

Creator of all people and all nations,

It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events. That occurred on this day.

We lift to You in prayer all those who died

In the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93 In Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

We entrust them to Your loving care.

Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss

In the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.

We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted.

May their painful memories of that day

Be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance.

We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression;

We stand in need of Your assistance.

Enable us, Dear God, to put an end to fear:

By resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another;

By resolving to abide in a peaceful manner

and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way;

By resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions

in response to acts of hostility;

By resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.

Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love;

That in times of despair, we will be voices of hope

And creators of new dreams;

That in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.

Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness,

But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.

And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001

By resolving, with Your help Almighty God,

To truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us.

Amen.

St. Peter's Lutheran		Church			Sept	September 2021
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			I s:00 am Food Pantry Workday	7	3	4
5 9:00 am Worship	6 LABOR DAY 8:30 am Picnic Area Workday	7	8 7:30 pm Bible Study	6	10	1.1 9:30 am GOD'S WORK.OUR HANDS.
12 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Group Sunday School	13	14 2 pm WELCA Bible Study 3 PM WELCA Meeting 6:30 pm Stew/Finance	15 9:00 am LWR Quilting 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	91	17	18
19 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Church Council	20	21	22 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Conf. Class	27	28	29 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	30		