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## STEWARDSHIP MONTH

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FEBRUARY IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH here at St. Peter's. Our annual stewardship emphasis begins February 12, culminating in the dedication of our offering commitment cards on Commitment Sunday, March 5. The theme this year is *Make it Simple*.

February 12: Following Jesus: Matthew 6:25-33 *We are pieces of God's abundant creation, adorning God's world and cherishing God's abundant blessings.*

February 19: Facing the Truth: Mark 4:37-41 *The parades of our lives are often disrupted as we face the truth that faithfulness, simplicity and generosity are not always easy to live out.*

February 26: Acting Together: John 13:34-35 *Looking beyond ourselves, we see clearly that we are not alone in living out God's will for the world. We are disciples in the body of Christ.*

March 5: Sharing Enough: Philippians 4:11b-13 *Our lives are blessed with the gift of God's "enough", and so we can be satisfied with what we have.*

The ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Part 2, is scheduled For Sunday, February 19, following the worship service. On the agenda is the approval of updated bylaws, and approval of recipient for Oktoberfest funds. The annual reports will be available to pick up on February 12th. Please read them ahead of time and bring them with you to the meeting.

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

## St. Peter's Staff

**The Rev. Anne Kolmeier**  
*Pastor*

**Dorothy Bowman**  
*Organist and Choir Director*

**Lisa Rock**  
*Church Secretary*

**Jerry Kolmeier**  
*Custodian*

### Congregation Council :

**David Bowman**  
*President*  
(term ends 12/31/23)

**Billy Dornburg**  
*Vice-President*  
Stewardship/Finance liaison  
(term ends 12/31/24)

**Gerald Griffith**  
*Outreach liaison*  
(term ends 12/31/24)

**Pat McDonald**  
*Safety/Security liaison*  
(term ends 12/31/25)

**Sandra Post**  
*Worship/Music liaison*  
(term ends 12/31/25)

**Terrell Wiggins**  
*Property liaison*  
(term ends 12/31/25)

**Wendi Yendrey**  
*Christian Education and Youth  
Ministry liaison*  
(term ends 12/31/24)

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

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



**Women of the ELCA** Bible study is February 2, 2023, at 10:00 am. We will continue our study of the Ten Commandments from the Gather Magazine. Copies of the study are available in Linda Dornburg's folder if you plan on coming and want to read ahead.

**WELCA GENERAL MEETING** follows the Bible Study at 11:00 am. Join us as we plan our ministries and activities for 2023.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets on February 8 to continue our study on "I'm Waiting God: Finding Blessings in God's Delays." This month we will look at the book of Ruth. This will be our last study until after Easter.

## CAMP WORK WEEK- END

is scheduled for Ebert Ranch March 10-12. We gather there on Friday night, work all day Saturday, and worship there Sunday morning before heading for home. All ages are invited to come and help...if there are enough smaller children we will arrange separate activities for them. Please let Kenneth Brand know as soon as possible how many from your family will be there to help, so they can plan food, lodging and projects ahead of time.

### AT YOUR SERVICE

**NEW SERVICE COORDINATORS:** Sandra Post is now the coordinator for Altar Guild, Regina Calhoun is now the coordinator for Ushers and Greeters. Call them if you cannot serve as scheduled and cannot find your own replacement!



**ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 22, 2023. We will join with the congregations of the Christ in the County co-op for worship here at St. Peter's at 7:00 pm (no meal). Join us for this service of communion with the imposition of ashes as we begin Lent remember that "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."



FOR LENT THIS YEAR, we will once again be joining with our sisters and brothers of the Christ in the Country Co-op for Lenten Worship.

- Ash Wednesday is **February 22**, and will be here in Ander (see article elsewhere).
- **February 29** will be in Schroeder, with a meal at 6:00 pm and worship at 7:00 pm.



**EQUIPPING THE SAINTS** is back! After a 2 year pandemic hiatus this annual learning/fellowship event of the Bluebonnet Conference is returning full force on Saturday, February 4, 2023, 9:00 – 3:30 pm with lunch provided. Several workshops will be offered, for a variety of interests. And it's free to congregations of our conference! Registration forms are on the table in the narthex and can be submitted by email or by mail by FEBRUARY 1, so they have a count for the meal and the workshops. Hope to see you there!



**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** for those 1st grade and older will be on Saturday, February 18, 10:00 am– 12:00 pm. Each student is asked to bring a parent with them to the class. If you have a student who will be part of this class, contact Pastor Anne by February 16 so that we have enough materials available. If you want to learn about communion, but cannot attend that day, you can set up an individual time with Pastor.



St. Peter's **Stewardship and Finance Committee** met on January 19, 2023, at 6:30pm. At this meeting:

- ◆ "Make is Simple" was chosen as the Stewardship Campaign Theme for 2023.
- ◆ We decided to reintroduce Stewardship "Temple Talks" for 2023. The dates for these talks are February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Set March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as Commitment Sunday, and the day for Stewardship Stew.
- ◆ We accepted volunteers to write the Quarterly Stewardship "Giving Letter" through January, 2024.
- ◆ The committee reviewed the designation of Special Offering recipients for 2023. Both Easter and Christmas offerings will go to the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent.
- ◆ The current treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.
- ◆ The committee determined that there was a need for more specific coordination/direction regarding the Gathering Place construction project.

## YEARBOOK

**2023 YEARBOOKS** were sent out in January in PDF form to all with email address. There are also printed copies available for those who want them. Please check YOUR information now and let us know of any corrections. Corrections already to be made: **MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE** members should include Jason Collins, and no longer includes Lana Jarzombek. **AN ADDRESS CORRECTION:** Mac and Jess Odem and family are at 939 N. San Patricio, Goliad, TX 77963.



**FEBRUARY QUILTING DAY** is Wednesday, February 15. If you can tie a knot, pin, sew or talk, you are invited to join us (men and women) for fun and fellowship as we make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Stone soup will be made and shared for lunch, if you want to bring something to put in it or to go with it.

**THE NOISY OFFERING** received on Christmas Day collected \$120.10 for the Fannin Food Pantry. January 29 noisy offering will go the ELCA Good Gifts/ Agriculture to help farmers get started with and sustain crops. In February 26 noisy offering goes to Goliad Food Bank.

### Checking Account Report as of 12-31-22

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 113,453.32	\$ 119,937.08
Income	\$ 61,738.63	\$ 279,901.74
Expenses	\$ 18,938.81	\$ 243,585.68

**GATHERING PLACE UPDATE:** The loan has been closed on, and we are now able to draw on it as necessary. A separate fund has been set up for construction funds, and any monies that come in from offerings or from MIF will go into that fund so we can better keep track of income/expenditures. The first payment to the construction company was made from offerings already collected (\$41,000) as were the closing costs on the loan. Watch your bulletins and emails for plans on taking down the current structure to make room for the new!

**THANK YOU** for your ministry to us in December. First, to Brooke and Landon Post for making the beautiful manger scene and to everyone for contributing the “logs” of cash. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Also a thank you for all the prayers, cards and food when I had my foot surgery Dec. 27. By the time you read this, I should be out of the boot and moving around on my own power! Your patience, prayers, love and support are greatly appreciated! We are truly blessed to be part of this family of St. Peter’s!

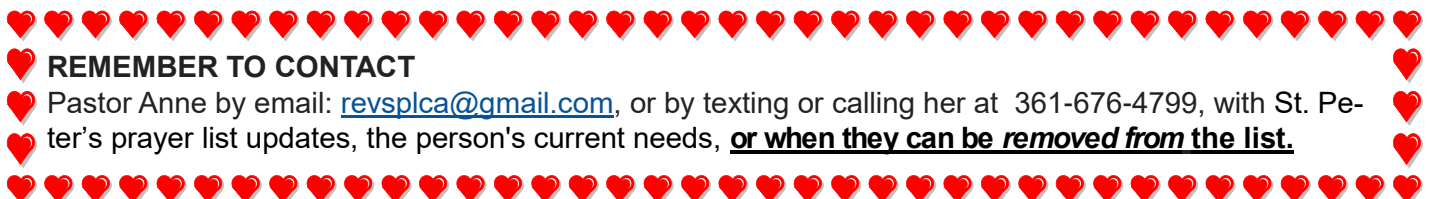
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**BRING THEM TO CHURCH.**

Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's hard. Even when when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior ... because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from? The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job.





# FEBRUARY

## 2023



Cody Foil	February 1
Troy Geary	February 2
Grace Griffith	February 2
Nick Smith	February 2
Amy Wilburn	February 2
Brooke Odem	February 4
Jessica Griffith	February 8
Jerry Kolmeier	February 8
Wendi Yendrey	February 8
Parker Post	February 9
Paul Romine	February 9
David Bowman	February 11
Colin Burke	February 12
Lyle Schendel	February 12
Barry Geary	February 13
Krayleigh Irwin	February 24
Ainsley Yendrey	February 28
Zaynee Parma	February 29

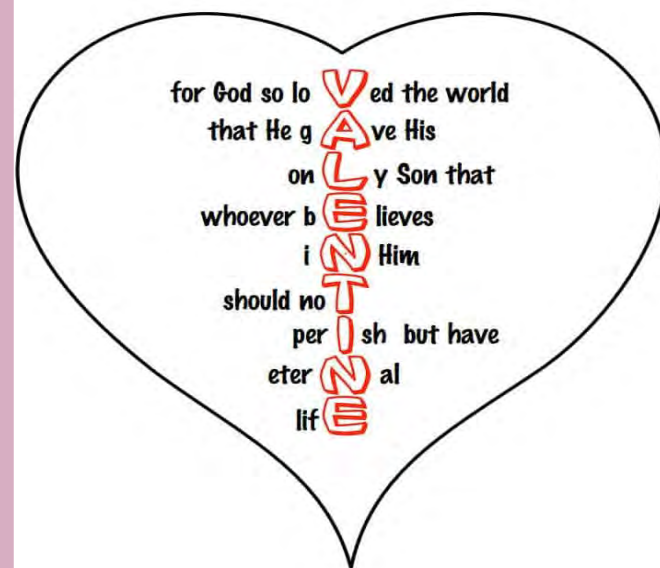


**Adam & Danielle Egg 2-15-13**

**Jenny & Sonny Wiggins 2-21-09**

**Deborah & Ronnie Willms 2-27-93**

## John 3:16





### Family and friends—

**Verena Albrecht—**

Ray's Mother

**Dwane & Gaye Bruns—**

brother and sister-in-law of Deanna Wacker

**Terra Brand -Terrell**

Wiggins' niece

**Pauladeen Calhoun - mother**

of Mike Calhoun

**Joyce Foster - grandmother**

of Shelby Foster

**Ainsley Garza - cousin of**

Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith

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

**\*Bob Gerhardt-church family member**

**Floyd Gift- friend of Sandy Sanders**

**Rebecca Graves - friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest**

**Olga Gutierrez -friend of Ruby Jank**

**Dale Henderson -Margaret Luker's dad.**

**Donna Justice - friend of community**

**Terry Karnei -brother of Glenn Karnei**

**Melita Keith - friend of Margaret Luker**

**Joe & Maureen Ladeairus - parents of Regina Calhoun**

**Kristen Lambright—friend of Shelby Foster**

**Loraine—friend of the Posts**

**Dorothy Lude-Glenn Karnei's aunt**

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

**Roy Miller—friend of Fran Harding**

**Randy Moore—friend of John Helwig**

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

**Charles Nixon—daughter-in-law's brother of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm**

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

**Marcos Rezendez—friend of Amy Wilburn**

**James Rung - son of Greta Henke's friend**

**Sara— niece of Eva Griffith**

**Doug and Kate Schroeder Friends of the Balls**

**Jay Thigpen - friend of Brandes family**

**Victor Vargas - nephew of Alyssa and Luke Abrameit's wife**

**\*Mike Wilburn-church family member**

**Randy Willms—friend of Morelands**

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





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## February Ministry Leaders



### Altar Guild:

Feb. 5 Jackie Gardiner, Sandra Post  
 Feb. 12 Brenda Bade, Sandra Post  
 Feb. 19 Marilyn & Gary Moreland  
 Feb. 26 Marilyn & Gary Moreland, Sherry Sanders

### Greeter:

Feb. 5 Beverly Martin  
 Feb. 12 Gayle Baecker  
 Feb. 19 Jill Wiggins  
 Feb. 26 Addison Yendrey

### Fellowship Committee:

Arlene DeForest  
 Julie Franke

### Offering Counters:

Billy Dornburg  
 Lindsey Youngblood

### Ushers:

Feb. 5 Glenn Karnei, Alvin DeForest  
 Feb. 12 Paul Post, David Bowman  
 Feb. 19 Pat McDonald, Terrell Wiggins  
 Feb. 26 Jarrett & Wendy Yendrey







# February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir 6:30 pm	2 Bible Study 10 am WELCA 11 am	3	4
5 Worship 9 am	6  Pastor Sabbath Day	7	8  Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30	9  Pr. Pericope Study/Victoria 10 am	10	11
12 Worship 9 am Confirmation 10:30	13  Pastor Sabbath Day	14	15	16  Pr. Deanery in Cuero 9:30 am	17	18
19 Worship 9 am Council 10:15 am	20  Pastor Sabbath Day	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 7 pm in Ander	23	24	25
26 Worship 9 am Confirmation 10:30	27  Pastor Sabbath Day	28				



