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New Council Members and other officers for 2023 were elected at the Annual Congregation Meeting, Part 1 on December 4.

The newly elected council members are Sandra Post, Pat McDonald, and Terrell Wiggins

Others elected for service in 2023 are:

Treasurer, Jamie Friedrichs

Financial Secretary, Jackie Gardiner

Memorial Treasurer, Brenda Bade

Memorial Committee, Linda Dornburg

Perpetual Care Treasurer, Arlene DeForest

Mission Endowment Committee, Valerie Albrecht, Deanna Wacker, Jill Wiggins

Cemetery Committee, Aldon Bade

A big thank-you to Regina Calhoun, Paul Post and Debbie Foster, who have completed their three year terms on council. Also thanks to Sandy Sanders who has completed his term on Cemetery Committee, Sherry Sanders who has completed her term on Memorial Committee, Linda Dornburg, Karen Klinkerman, and Mark Jacobs who have completed their terms on Mission Endowment Committee.

We appreciate the willingness to serve of both incoming and outgoing committee members, and thank them for their service, commitment and dedication to St. Peter's.

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)

DECEMBER 4 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the December 4 congregational meeting, it was voted to proceed with the plans for updating the Gathering Place (*Versamein Platz*), as well as to procure a loan from the Mission Investment Fund for \$300,00. If you did not see the drawings or attend the meeting here is some of what that update entails (*Estimated completion: Summer 2023*) :

*The current kitchen/bathroom area will be remodeled into two wheelchair accessible restrooms and a storage area

*The concrete slab will be extended out to make room for a new building which will be kitchen where cooking can be done as well as serving

*The concrete slab will be extended on the sides to make more room for tables/chairs/people, and to include a new drive up drop off point

*Roll down doors will be installed on the north side as a wind break

*Improved lighting

This commitment was accepted, which means each member has committed to, over the next three years, giving monetary offerings above and beyond their weekly offering to support to mission/ministry budget of \$216,479.

We will doing a lot of the work ourselves: tearing down the existing metal structure, purchasing and installing appliances, building and installing kitchen cabinets, shelves and bathroom vanities and more. So the approval of this plan is also a commitment to from those who are physically able, to provide help when called upon to do these projects.

Together we can do this, as we expand out capacity to serve and reach out to the community!



Women of the ELCA

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA meets on Thursday, January 5. Bible study begins at 10:00 am, using the new January Gather Magazine's study of the Ten Commandments with *Dancing the Decalog*. The general meeting begins at 11:00 am as we plan our ministries for 2023. All women are invited to join us!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY resumes on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month until Lent. In January and February we will focus on the topic "*I'm Waiting, God: Finding Blessing in God's Delays*". On January 11, we will look at Hannah in 1 Samuel 1. On January 25 we will look at Ruth in Ruth 1-4. The studies begin right after choir at 7:30 pm. All adults are invited to join us for study, discussion and fellowship.

Checking Account Report as of 11-30-22

	Monthly	Year-To-Date
Beginning Balance	\$ 124,349.73	\$ 119,937.08
Income	\$ 19,151.91	\$ 218,163.11
Expenses	\$ 30,048.32	\$ 224,646.87
Ending Balance	\$ 113,453.32	\$ 113,453.32

THE NOISY OFFERING collected for November was \$119.14 for the ELCA Good Gifts/Water Support. December's noisy offering on Christmas Day will go to the Fannin Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity to ministries beyond our congregation!



THE JANUARY QUILTING day is January 18. If you can sort, tear, cut, tie a knot, pin, sew, or talk, you are invited to join us for fun and fellowship as we make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We took 176 to the ingathering, now we start over for 2023! Stone Soup will be served. If you want to bring stuff to put in the soup, or bread, crackers, or dessert, feel free to do so, but plan now (women AND men) to join the fun and service.



On Wednesday, JANUARY 4, we will be taking our turn sacking groceries at the Goliad Outreach Food Pantry. All hands are welcome to gather at the pantry at 9:00 am. We're usually done in an hour or less, and it makes such a difference to the needy in our community!

THANK YOU!

Dear Members of St. Peter's Lutheran,

On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$1,938.58 dated October 31, 2022 and received on November 25th. Many of the programs and opportunities that Cross Trails Ministry offers would not be possible without generous gifts such as yours. We are truly grateful for your prayers, support and partnership. Thank you once again for your generous gift!



Cross Trails Ministry
Camp Chrysalis * Ebert Ranch

Yours in Christ,
Deanna Christensen

Dear Pastor Anne and members of St. Peter's Lutheran church,

Thank you for welcoming my family to your church.. We truly enjoy attending and participating... A very special thanks for coming to sing Christmas carols this last Sunday

It was a better day for me and it felt so good being outdoors and singing with you.. Thanks for the poinsettia and Christmas bag of goodies.

We will be back, hopefully soon. Thank you for your kindness and prayers... May God bless you many times over. *Margaret Rutherford*



From Upbring: Your generous gift of \$91.37 on 11/23/22 will help us share God's love and kindness with those who need it most. We know that our mission is bigger than any one organization and are grateful for your steadfast partnership. As the body of Christ, we will join hands together and stand united against the horrors of child abuse and neglect. With my deepest gratitude, *Katie Evans, Upbring*



On behalf of myself and the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent, I want to say "Thank "You!" for your...donation of \$14,830.90. We received an additional donation of \$169.10, bringing your total donation to \$15,000.... \$5000 for each of the food pantries in Goliad, Fannin and Berclair. With much appreciation, *Robin Cadle, President/CEO Food Bank of the Golden Crescent*



Dear Friends,

Texas Lutheran University ...truly appreciates your gift of \$391.37 to the Campus Ministry. Your donation ...enables us to serve students.

Sincerely,

Jereme S. Matthews '98



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grow in Christ



Our Sunday School Christmas Program, "The Christmas Alphabet" was presented on December 4.



January



Amaly Beutnagel	January 6
Linda Hartman	January 6
Janice Seiler	January 6
Norman Seiler	January 8
Brady Beutnagel	January 9
Harley Jarzombek	January 10
Anne Kolmeier	January 11
Jarrett Yendrey	January 11
Ryan Luker	January 17
Carl Brandes	January 18
Russell Schmidt	January 18
W.A. Wimberly	January 21
Conner Collins	January 24
Lynleigh Griffith	January 26



Gary and Lana Jarzombek
January 10, 2004



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief

At the November 2 ingathering, our Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits were gathered together with those of other congregations in our synod to ship off to the LWR warehouse in Maryland. The total collected from across the synod:

Quilts	8,326
School kits	3,613
Personal Care kits	3,226
Baby care kits	965
Fabric kits	168

REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email: 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.**



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

Family of Vicki Pollard—

mother of Karie

Wimberly

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

Jay Swan -Linda Koehler's

cousin

Jay Thigpen - friend of

Brandes family

Victor Vargas - nephew

of Alyssa and Luke

Abrameit's wife

***Mike Wilburn-church**

family member

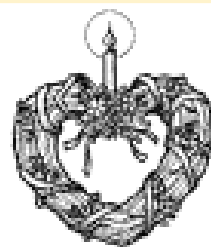
Randy Willms—friend of

Morelands

Buddy and Mary Nell

Young - friends of the

community



With Sympathy

Our Christian sympathies are extended to the family of VICKI POLLARD. Vicki, the mother of Karie Wimberly, passed away on December 13, 2022 in Corpus Christi. A celebration of her life was held in Corpus on December 19, with burial in Bandera on December 20. May God comfort and strengthen this family in their time of loss.



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January Ministry Leaders

**Fellowship
Committee:**
Regina Calhoun
Linda Dornburg

Altar Guild:
Sherry Sanders
Leslie Wunsch

Offering Counters:
Allison Ball
Julie Franke

Flowers for the altar:

Jan. 1
Jan. 8
Jan. 15
Jan. 22
Jan. 29

Greeter:

Jan. 1
Jan. 8 Debbie Foster
Jan. 15 Gayle Baecker
Jan. 22 Lana Jarzombek
Jan. 29 Addison Yendrey

Ushers:

Jan. 1
Jan. 8 Paul Post, Wyatt Ball
Jan. 15 Pat McDonald, David Bowman
Jan. 22 Aldon Bade, Jamie Friedrichs
Jan. 29 Jarrett & Wendi Yendrey



Start the New Year with
Prayer

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hymnsing 10 am	2 Pastor's Vacation	3 Pastor's Vacation	4 Food Pantry 9 am	5 Bible Study 10am	6	7
8 Worship 9 am Confirmation 10:30 am	9 Pastor's Sabbath Day	10 Worship/Music 6:30p	11 Bible Study 6:30 pm	12 Pr .Pericope Study 10 am	13	14
15 Worship 9 am Council 10:15am	16 Pastor's Sabbath Day	17	18 Choir 6:30 pm	19 Pr. Deanery in Ganado 9:30	20	21
22 Worship 9 am Confirmation 10:30 am	23 Pastor's Sabbath Day	24	25 Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Worship 9 am	30 Pastor's Sabbath Day	31				

The WELCA sponsored their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 4., with great food, fellowship, and Bingo! A great way to start the season!



