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The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 22. We continue our weeknight services with the Christ in the Country Co-op every Wednesday. The theme this year is *Words That Last Forever*, with the following schedule

March 1	<i>Paradise</i>	at St. Luke's, Schroeder
March 8	<i>Behold</i>	at Zion, Arneckeville
March 15	<i>Forsaken</i>	at Martin Luther, Coletoville
March 22	<i>Thirst</i>	at St. Peter's, Ander
March 29	<i>Finished</i>	at St. Luke's Schroeder

Each worship service begins at 7:00, and is preceded by a fellowship meal at 6:00 provided by the host congregation for those who wish to come.

**MARCH 5 IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY.** All through February we have been hearing about stewardship and praying about our financial commitment to St. Peter's beyond the Capital Campaign. March 5 is the service where we pray over those commitments and dedicate them to the glory of God. Join us for this special service, then plan to stay after for the annual STEWARDSHIP STEW. The stew is provided, members are invited to bring bread or desserts to go with it.

**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 Administrator

**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)



**WELCA BIBLE STUDY** is on Thursday, March 2, at 10:00 am, as we continue our study of the ten commandments.

**A SPECIAL WELCA MEETING** follows the Bible study at 11:00, with Lisa Lopez, our synodical WELCA president and Michelle Schlinke, a WELCA representative from the Bluebonnet Conference. They will be letting us know what's going on the WELCA synodically and conference wide, and answer questions we might have. All women are welcome to join us for this special meeting!



Outreach Committee met on February 12 to discuss ministries and activities for 2023. Highlights of that meeting:

- Food pantry dates are April 5th, July 5th, and October 4th
- \$40 for 40 days planned for Lent - money will go to Water to Thrive
- Discussed possibility of moving camp work weekend to February in 2024 to get younger participation and avoid fair interference
- Discussed possibilities for God's Work our Hands Sunday .. more info to come
- Plan to donate to Water Well Cafe again for Thanksgiving to help them provide meals
- We will be part of Silver Santa program again with donations of toys and money
- Several options for Christmas Caroling were discussed ...more info to come

**CHURCH COUNCIL** met on February 19, 2023. Highlights of that meeting not mentioned in other newsletter articles:

- ◇ Easter Breakfast this year will be "potluck" - everyone invited to bring breakfast items to share between the services
- ◇ Permission was given to GISD Superintendant Holly Lyon to use the fellowship hall on April first for a community meeting to discuss the upcoming school bond proposal
- ◇ From now on, anyone with council's permission to use the church computer will have their own password and settings. :Lisa Rock, Pastor Anne, Jackie Gardiner, Sandra Post and Kathy Albrecht are already approved and Lisa will set up them up. Anyone else wanting to use the computer will need to get council approval.
- ◇ The audit committee consisting of Ryan Luker, Cody Foil and Shelby Torres, have reviewed the books for 2022 and given approval.
- ◇ A grant has been applied for from GVEC (up to \$20,000) to use for the capital improvements at the Gathering Place. We should have a reply in April.
- ◇ Pastor Anne's vacation days for 2023 were approved: April 11-18, June 6-13, August 15-22, October 10-17 and December 26-January 2.



## **CAMP WORK WEEKEND** is

March 10-12 at Ebert Ranch. We arrive on Friday evening, and get to work on Saturday morning. This year we will be erecting a structure for arts and crafts, and building 100 wooden seats among other things. All ages are invited. If you are coming, contact Kenneth Brand and let him know so that we know about housing and food

(all meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast), as well as if we need to plan alternate activities for our younger children.

**NOT ABLE TO GO?** Then let Pastor Anne know if you can help lead worship here at St. Peter's on March 12!

On **SUNDAY, MARCH 12**, those who will not be at camp work weekend will be celebrating our favorite hymns. The idea is for you to submit your favorite hymn, and then at the service you'll get to tell everyone why it's your favorite hymn (if you want to).

There are forms in the narthex to fill out with your requests, but if you'd rather email them, send them to Pastor Anne at [revsplca@gmail.com](mailto:revsplca@gmail.com). Please include in the email what your hymn request is, why it's your favorite hymn, and if you'd be willing to share that reason with everyone else.

We hope to make this a joyous celebration of music ... and it's a chance for us to sing that song you ask "why don't we ever sing that more often" !

Please have all requests in by March 5 so we can put the service together.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, PART 2:

- Crosstrails was approved as the recipient of the funds raised at the 2023 Oktoberfest
- The proposed revisions to the bylaws were approved



## Lutheran World Relief Kits – Donations

*Spring is when WELCA focuses on donations for personal care and baby kits. Items of particular need are regular sized bar soap (Ivory brand is great), toothbrushes (regift the ones from your dentist) and wide tooth combs. The Yearbook has complete lists of items for these kits.*

*Donations can be placed in the box on the desk in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your help!*

**QUILTING DAY** for Lutheran World Relief quilts is Wednesday, March 15. We begin laying out, tacking and sewing at 9:00 am, then break at noon for *Stone Soup*. All are welcome to help with the quilting (if you can tie a knot you can help!) and all who come are welcome to bring items to put in the soup or to go with it.



From the Outreach Committee



\$40 for 40 Days

Our offering opportunity for Lent will be Water to Thrive, a non-profit organization out of Austin that works to bring clean, safe water to those who need it in rural Africa. They have built 1,687 wells in 15 years with the help of donations and volunteers, changing 810,000 lives. St. Peter's has helped build a well in the past, each well costs \$5,000. We are excited to welcome a guest speaker, Vic Miller, to share information about their work. He will be here the first Sunday in Lent, February 26, to kick off this emphasis. He will give a short temple talk at the end of the worship service and invite everyone to stay for the full presentation to begin following a 10:15 am pot-luck brunch. There will be informational inserts in bulletins during the Lenten season as well as a poster outlining other steps we can do to conserve and protect our own water.



## GATHERING PLACE UPDATE



Picnic Area Capital Campaign				
Data as of	2/20/2023			
Pledges Received to date	\$ 178,880.00	26 pledges received		
Giving to Pledge	\$ 68,746.27			
Giving no Pledge	\$ 13,812.96			
Total Giving for Campaign	\$ 82,559.23	after project approved		
Goal	\$ 300,000.00			
Percent of Goal Pledged	60%			
Percent of Goal Received	28%			
2022 Giving before Project Approved	\$ 7,686.96			

The deconstruction is done at the Gathering Place, ready for new electrical, then the new slab will be poured and construction begins!

It looks pretty bare up there on the hill! The roof and pipes have been removed from the Gathering Place, the bathrooms and kitchen have been stripped, and the playground and gaga pit are on their way down to nearer the church building. The contractor was coming Feb. 20 to lay out the footprint, then they will install the piers for the slab. After we have laid the new electric, the additional slab will be poured. Finish date is still projected to be the end of June. Thanks to all who have worked so hard on the "deconstruction!"



### Checking Account Report as of 1-31-2023

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 156,253.14	\$156,253.14
Income	\$ 36,069.42	\$ 36,069.42
Expenses	\$ 67,074.38	\$ 67,074.38
Ending Balance	\$ 125,248.18	\$125,248.18

THE NOISY OFFERING in January was \$119.63 given to ELCFA Good Gifts/ Agriculture to help establish and sustain crops. In February the noisy offering will go to the Goliad Food Bank, and in March it goes to ELCFA Good Gifts/ Health to help stock health clinics with basic supplies.

### REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email: [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.**



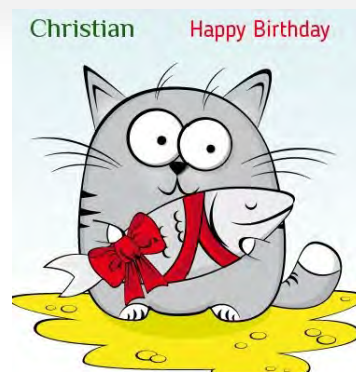
## GOLIAD COUNTY FAIR!

MARCH 16-18 is the GOLIAD COUNTY FAIR. Most of our youth have animals, crafts, and/or baked goods they are entering, please support them with your prayers, encouraging words, and attendance at the fair if you can!



3-1 SHELDON MAY  
 3-1 HUNNER PARMA  
 3-2 MAC ODEM  
 3-4 MAELY BRANDES  
 3-11 JACKIE GARDINER  
 3-12 TERRELL WIGGINS  
 3-13 KAREN KLINKERMAN  
 3-19 KIRK KLINKERMAN

3-19 MEGAN LOVETT  
 3-22 LANDON BURKE  
 3-25 ALLISON GERHARDT  
 3-26 JONATHAN IDEUS  
 3-29 GUNNER BRANDES  
 3-29 ALLEN JANK  
 3-30 REGINA CALHOUN  
 3-31 ANNIE SCHWIN  
 3-31 SHELBY TAYLOR





**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

**Clifford Goebel—Friend of**  
the community

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

**Olga Gutierrez -friend of**  
Ruby Jank

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

**Ray Jaynes - friend of Pat**  
McDonald

**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 Torres

**Loraine—friend of the Posts**

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

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

**Glenn Miller— friend**

**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

**Kathy Rutherford—daughter-**  
in-law of Mararet Rutherford

**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



**SPRING FORWARD ONE**  
**HOUR MARCH 12, 3am**

Daylight saving time is the practice of advancing clocks during warmer months so that darkness falls at a later clock time. The typical implementation of DST is to set clocks forward by one hour in the spring, and to set clocks back by one hour in the fall to return to standard time.





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## March Ministry Leaders



### Altar Guild:

Mar. 5	Regina Calhoun, Jill Wiggins
Mar. 12	Regina Calhoun, Jill Wiggins
Mar. 19	Regina Calhoun, Jill Wiggins
Mar. 26	Regina Calhoun, Jill Wiggins

### Greeter:

Mar. 5	Beverly Martin
Mar. 12	Jill Wiggins
Mar. 19	Gayle Baecker
Mar. 26	Beverly Martin

### Fellowship Committee:

Valerie Albrecht, Linda Dornburg,  
Linda Koehler

### Offering Counters:

Terrell Wiggins  
Karolynn Youngblood



### Ushers:

Mar. 5	Jim Martin, Regina Calhoun
Mar. 12	Jim Martin, Terrell Wiggins
Mar. 19	Jim Martin, Aldon Bade
Mar. 26	Jim Martin, Trey Wimberly



# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Meal 6 pm Worship 7 pm In Schroeder	2 Bible Study 10 am	3	4
5 Worship 9 am	6 Pr. Sabbath Day	7	8 Meal 6 pm Worship 7 pm In Coletoville	9 Pr. Pericope Study 10 am	10	11
					——-Camp	Weekend——-
12 Daylight Saving Begins Worship 9 am	13 Pr. Sabbath Day	14 Worship/Music	15 Quilting 9 am Meal 6 pm Worship 7 pm	16 ——Golliad County	17 Fair ——	18 ——
19 Worship 9 am Council 10:15 am	20 Pr. Sabbath Day	21	22 Meal 6 pm Worship 7 pm In Ander	23	24	25 WELCA in Coletoville 9-3
26 Worship 9 am Confirmation 10:30	27 Pr. Sabbath Day	28	29 Meal 6 pm Worship 7 pm In Schroeder	30	31	



