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## FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

Oktoberfest	Oct. 29
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**OKTOBERFEST** is October 29, 2023. As is tradition, there will be music, a live auction, a country store, a sausage plate with sauerkraut and all the trimmings (plates are \$12 each), and homemade desserts as well. There will also be an area for children's games coordinated by one of our confirmation students. This year ALL money raised will go to Crosstrails Ministry to support their outdoor ministries. The Country Store opens at 3:30 in the afternoon. The live auction begins at 4:00 p.m., food serving is from 5-6:30 (or when we run out). There is always a need for volunteers to help ... just talk to the person in charge of that area:

Country Store: Linda Koehler

Food Service: Jamie Friedrichs and Jill Wiggins

Live Auction: Brenda Bade

Children's Games: Hunner Parma

*\*\*Even if you can't work, please consider making a donation to help cover the costs, and come join the fun, fellowship, and good food.\*\**

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR OKTOBERFEST COUNTRY STORE!** The country store features home-made baked goods, plants, and crafts. Whole cakes & pies, home –canned vegetables, plants, homemade crafts, jars of dry cookie mixes, jars of dry soup mixes, fresh garden veggies.... From your house to the country store with love for Crosstrails!

**HOME MADE DESSERTS** will be provided with the meal. We need desserts: cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, candy. Any donations would be appreciated! If you can slice your goodies ahead of time, it would be really helpful!

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

## Who do I Contact?

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

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

**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)



Once again, there will be a live auction at **Oktoberfest**. There will be only 25 - 30 items (groupings) for the live auction so it is really IMPORTANT for you to start thinking about your donation so you can tell Brenda Bade what you are bringing as an auction order will need to be printed. Items may be left in the church parish hall with a note saying who donated it or get it to Brenda. Make sure to mark it for the AUCTION so it doesn't get mixed up with country store!

**IT'S OUR TURN** to work at the **Goliad Outreach Food Pantry** on Wednesday, October 5. We gather at the Pantry at 9:00 a.m. to fill bags of groceries to be distributed to the needy in our county. Join us in this important outreach ministry!

**TxDOT** road cleaning on our adopted stretch of 1961 will happen on Saturday, October 21, at 8:00 a.m. Bags and vests will be provided, just wear sturdy shoes and bring yourself and, if you want them, your own gloves and pick up sticks. Help make the road leading up to our property look clean for Oktoberfest!

**PASTOR ANNE AND JERRY** will be on vacation October 9-17. Should a pastoral emergency arise in her absence, David Bowman can help you to contact a pastor.

## 33rd Annual Scare on the Square

August Ball is organizing the Scare on the Square booth for St. Peter's this year. If you would like to help, there will be a signup sheet available October 1. The Main Street Board is expecting more trick-or-treaters this year- so please be generous this year and drop off a bag or two of individually wrapped "Halloween size" candy or small toys in the box that will be in the fellowship hall starting October 1.





**Bible Study**

**THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** class resumes on Sunday, October 1 in the kitchen. Join us for fellowship and Bible study!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets on Wednesdays October 4 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. We will be continuing our study of the parables of Jesus. All adults are welcome to join us for this time of study, conversation and fellowship. Copies of the study will be available the Sunday before the study if you wish to read ahead – just let Pastor know you want one!

Our **WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH** meet on Thursday, October 5 for Bible study at 10:00 a.m. We will use the October Bible study from the Gather Magazine, with the fall theme of Holy Places (copies available from Linda Dornburg's folder Oct. 1.) All women are invited to join us for study, discussion and fellowship. The WELCA general meeting follows the Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. as we continue plans for our ministries including LWR ingathering, Thankoffering, Christmas and plans for 2023 ministries.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** of the Southwestern Texas Synod meet in assembly on Saturday, October 21 at St. Mark's Lutheran in Cuero. Registration (\$65 person) can be made online or by USPS by October 1, using the forms posted on the WELCA bulletin board.



**QUILT MAKING** for Lutheran World Relief continues on Wednesday, October 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m. At noon we will break for "stone soup" – the starter is provided. Those attending are invited to bring veggies, noodles, etc. to put in it, or to bring bread/crackers or desert to go with it! Everyone is invited – if you can tie a knot, you can help!

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** quilts and kits will be dedicated during the October 22 worship service. You will have an opportunity to "Adopt-a-Quilt" by contributing to the cost of shipping. Come see some of our beautiful quilts as we prepare o box them up and take them to the Ingathering November 1.

On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$187.50 dated July 31, 2023. Many of the programs and opportunities that Cross Trails Ministry offers would not be possible without generous gifts such as yours.

Your gift to the annual fund will help to provide financial stability and ongoing support to the overall ministry. It will be used to supplement the fees paid by all campers and retreaters to keep our programs affordable, provide financial aid for those who need it, and help us to keep the day to day ministry of our camps and retreats going as we serve thousands each year!

We are truly grateful for your prayers, support and partnership. Thank you once again for your generous gift!

Yours in Christ,

Deanna Christensen  
Executive Director





On September 3, we welcomed **NEW MEMBERS** into the family of St. Peters:

**ELMER JACOB** was born and raised in Goliad County. He taught school, then became the owner of the Western Auto Store in Woodsboro, TX, which he ran for many years.

**NELSON JACOB** was born and raised in Goliad County. He graduated from A&M and used his degree to work with the Peace Corps until his retirement. He and his wife, Gerlane, settled in Brazil and upon retirement moved to the Houston area to be near their children. Gerlane passed away earlier this year, and he moved back to Goliad County and is sharing a house with his brother Elmer.



**RAY AND KATHY SCHNEIDER** have lived in Goliad County for 3 years. Ray was raised in Maxwell, and is a retired music teacher/band director. Kathy left the military after 30 years, under 100% disability. Between them they have seven adult children, and they love to travel. We also welcome Kathy's service dog, Dakota, who is a hard worker and dedicated to her calling!



#### Directory Updates:

##### Ray and Kathy Schneider

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Kathy 210-428-1054

##### Elmer Jacob

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Victoria, TX 77905  
361-543-6564

##### Nelson Jacob

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Victoria, TX 77905  
832-360-4275

**Our Christian sympathies** are extended to Linda Koehler and family on the death of her brother, Harold "Butch" Lorenz on September 12. A memorial service was in Katy on September 23. May God comfort and strengthen this family in their time of loss.

Our sympathies are also extended to Mike Calhoun, on the death of his mother, Pauladeen Calhoun on September 22. Funeral arrangements were pending at the time of printing.



#### Checking Account Report as of 8-31-2023

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 94,299.16	\$ 156,253.14
Income	\$ 12,483.18	\$ 193,184.65
Expenses	\$ 18,502.69	\$ 261,158.14
Ending Balance	\$ 88,279.65	\$ 88,279.65

The **NOISY OFFERING FOR** August was \$95.07 donated to the Goliad Astron Club to support their GHS scholarships and donations to Goliad County non-profit organizations. September 24<sup>th</sup> noisy offering will benefit ELCA good gifts/School Supplies, and the October 29<sup>th</sup> noisy offering will benefit Goliad Pet Adoption.

# THANK YOU!



Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for making it possible for me to attend Lutherhill church camp. This was my first year to go to camp and I had so much fun! My favorite part of church camp was night worship. We got to stay up really late at night and worship in the dark! I love to sing and I learned so many new praise and worship songs! I also loved the carnival at church camp. They had bouncy houses and obstacle courses that I had fun doing with my cousins. Thanks again for helping me grow closer to Jesus by going to church camp. I can't wait to go again next year.

- Thanks again, Landree

Dear St. Peter's congregation,

Every year I go back to camp and discover new things about my relationship with God. Being in the older group at camp is really fun and I feel like we get to talk about different perspectives more. I really took in my last year as a regular camper. The pond, canteen and 9 square are my favorite things to do. We even got to go off site for their new amazing racers program this year. This year was really awesome and I wanted to say thank y'all for providing me this opportunity every year!

- From Jillian

Thank you St. Peter's for sponsoring me and making it possible for me to go to camp. On Monday we went to ropes and I got to go on the big swing and obstacle course. The amazing race part was really fun. Tuesday we went to White Rock Park and ate sandwiches. On Wednesday we went to HEB to buy groceries for our service project. My favorite thing at camp was the carnival where I got to play gaga ball, eat popcorn, and snow cones. As I did all these fun activities I was reminded how God is a part of our lives and I am so blessed that I get the opportunity to go to camp every summer. Thanks again for making it possible for me to go to camp. I am looking forward to going back next year.

- Love, Grace G.

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for making it possible for me to attend Lutherhill church camp. I had so much fun this year! My favorite part of camp this year was night worship. It was so quiet and peaceful and I really felt close to God during those worships. This year I got to do the high ropes swing. I was a little nervous at first, but with the help of my village, the "Holy Uga Bugas," I did it! Thanks again for allowing me this opportunity and I can't wait to go back this year.

- Thanks again, Lane Henke

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for making it possible for me to attend Lutherhill church camp. It was so much fun! Every night we had a night time devotion. On the last night of camp our devotion was very moving and left many of us in tears. It was very cool! I made good friends with the boys in my cabin, with one of them playing for the El Campo football team we play each year. It's going to be fun playing football against El Campo this year to see my friend on the opposite team. Thanks again for supporting me in my faith journey. I can't wait to go back next year.

- Thank you, Arlen Henke

Dear Members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for allowing my family to go to camp this year. We all had a blast but here are some things I especially liked. One thing that stood out to me was the night worships and devotions with my cabin. I love night worship because it is when I feel most connected to God and I love the songs, too. For devotionals I liked it because it was a time to reflect on my day and the last night we did a very special one, we all sat down as a village and it was sort of an affirmation time that was really meaningful and nice. Now that was my church part of "church camp" but the camp part was just as good. Since it was so hot we got to go swimming in the pond or pool everyday. Other things I enjoyed were all camp and canteen games where the whole camp got to play games and have fun together. Overall this year's camp was really fun and I am very grateful for every thing!

- From Lynleigh



## Birthdays

October 1	Brooke Henry	October 13	Michelle Pruski
October 1	Aldon Bade	October 15	Linnea Griffith
October 1	Adam Griffith	October 16	Patrick Lovett
October 1	Colby May	October 16	Lindsey Youngblood
October 3	Kellye Burke	October 19	Garrett Friedrichs
October 5	Brenda Foil	October 19	Bob Gerhardt
October 7	Billy Dornburg	October 19	Sue Willms
October 8	Eva Nell Griffith	October 20	Daxton Krueger
October 8	Sandra Post	October 21	Karolynn Youngblood
October 10	Brian Bade	October 23	Geraldine Sturm
October 11	William Bates	October 24	Brooke Post
October 11	Monica Brand	October 27	Eric Griffith
October 11	Tyler Franke	October 27	Taryn Schendel
October 12	Jason Collins	October 27	Lana Schmidt-Morris

## Happy Anniversary!



Andrew & Natalie Abrameit  
October 7, 2006

Bill & Bonnie Bates  
October 9, 2004

Wesley & Allison Ball  
October 14, 2006

Scott & Meghan Hale  
October 24, 2020

Ryan & Margaret Luker  
October 25, 2003

Aldon & Brenda Bade  
October 30, 1971





# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers



**Daren Abernathy** - friend of Margaret Luker

**Verena Albrecht** - Ray's Mother

**David Blevins** - Cousin of Alvin & Ina DeForest

**Terra Brand** - Terrell Wiggins' niece

**Joyce Foster** - grandmother of Shelby Foster

**\*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

**Joe Haschke** - brother to Brenda Foil and Beverly Martin

**Tony Haschke** - Brother of Beverly Martin and Brenda Foil

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

**Bonnie Holland** - friend of Linnea Griffith

**Patsy Hudson** - Brenda Bades' neice

**Ray Jaynes** - friend of Pat McDonald

**Terry Karnei** - brother of Glenn Karnei

**Melita Keith** - friend of Margaret Luker

**Zak Koenig** - friend of the Lukers

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

**Kristen Lambright** - friend of Shelby Torres

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

**Marvin Marcell** - friend of the Lukers

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

**Jackie Modrow** - friend of Jamie Friedrichs

**Laynie Milliff** - Friend of Sandra Post

**Randy Moore** - friend of John Helwig

**\*Tom Morris** - church family member

**Pauline Pollard** - Karie Wimberly's grandmother

**Mary & Keith Poppert** - sister/brother-in-law of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest

**Marcos Rezendez** - friend of Amy Wilburn

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

**Edna Rutherford** - mother to the Schneider's daughter-in-law

**Sara** - niece of Eva Griffith

**Craig Sturm** - nephew of Fritz Sturm

**Jay Thigpen** - friend of Brandes family

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

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

**Betty Williams** - Family of Alvin and Arlene DeForest

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

**Patsy Zandonatti** - cousin of Beverly Martin and Brenda Foil

## REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email:

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## OCTOBER MINISTERS OF WORSHIP

**Fellowship  
Committee:**  
Jamie Friedrichs  
Wendi Yendrey

**Altar Guild:**  
10/01--Jill Wiggins &  
Sherry Sanders  
10/08--Jill Wiggins &  
Brenda Bade  
10/15--Jill Wiggins &  
Marilyn Moreland  
10/22--Jill Wiggins &  
Allison Ball  
10/29--Jill Wiggins &  
Linda Koehler

**Flowers for the altar:**  
10-1  
10-8  
10-15 Geraldine Sturm  
10-22  
10-29

**Offering Counters:**  
Lindsey Youngblood (1st,  
15th, 29th)  
Shelby Torres (8th &  
22nd)  
Sandy Sanders

**Greeters:**  
10-1  
10-8  
10-15 Wendi Yendrey  
10-22 Brenda Bade  
10-29 August & Olivia Ball

**Ushers:**  
10-1 Paul Post, Karolynn Youngblood  
10-8 Paul Post, Glenn Karnei  
10-15 Eva Nell Griffith, Marilyn Moreland  
10-22 Aldon Bade, Sandra Post  
10-29 Wesley Ball, Allison Ball





# October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 am	2 Pr. Sabbath Day	3	4 Food Pantry 9a Choir 6:30 pm Bible St 7:30pm Pr. Hours 8:30-8:30	5 Bible St. 9 am WELCA 10 am Mut Min. 6:30p Pr. Hs 8:30-8:30	6 Pr. Work at home	7 Pr. Hrs 8:30-12:30
8 Worship 9 am Conf. 10:30 am	9 Pr. Sabbath Day	10 -----Pastor	11 Vacation----- Conf. 4:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm	12 -----	13 -----	14 -----
15 Worship 9 am Council 10:15 -----	16 Pr. Sabbath Day Pastor Vacation-	17	18 Minis..All. 9am Quilting 9 am Choir 6:30 pm Bib. St. 7:30	19 Pr. Dnry/Mict 10a Worship/Mus 6:30 Pr. Hours 9-8	20 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	21 TxDOT 8 am Synod WELCA in Cuero GP/Hall Reserved
22 Worship 9 am Conf. 10:30 am	23 Pr. Sabbath Day	24	25 Conf 4:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Pr. Hrs. 12:30-8:30	26 Stewardship/ Finance 6:30 Pr. Hrs. 2:30-8:30	27 Pr. Assembly plans/Cuero 11 am	28 Scare on Square Goliad 6-9 Pr Hrs. 12:30-830
29 REFORMATION Worship 9 am Oktoberfest 3:30-6:30 pm	30 Pr. Sabbath Day	31 Pr. Hours 8:30-4				

# God's work. Our hands.

The first part of our God's Work, Our Hands. celebration was September 10. During worship our youth made a chain - on the links were the names of everyone present, showing how we all work together to do God's work. After worship we put together 83 school kits for Lutheran World Relief and 172 soup kits for clients of the Goliad Outreach Food Pantry and Emergency Services.









