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EASTER SUNDAY March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE is at 7:00 am. at the Gathering Place. This devotional service will last about a half hour, as we celebrate the rising of the sun with the rising of the sun!

EASTER BREAKFAST follows the Sunrise Service in the fellowship hall at 7:45 am. The breakfast will be POTLUCK so bring your favorite breakfast goodies to share!



EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP our Easter celebration continues with special music, a children's processional, communion and more.

GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL follows the Festival Worship service with the Easter Story, crafts and games and ends with our annual Egg Hunt. Ages through 5th grade are invited to hunt, older youth will be our "Easter Bunnies" hiding the eggs.

It is time to **CELEBRATE AND DEDICATE** our newly redesigned Gathering Place/ Versamein Platz. The date is set for **April 28** to gather together and celebrate the completion of this project. The 9:00 am worship service, including the dedication service, as well as a meal and activities will all take place at the Gathering Place.



The service will be a celebration worship with instruments, communion, and lots of singing. Activities for the young and young-at-heart will follow the service, then we will enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixins. If you can bring sides and desserts to share, there will be sign-up sheets in the narthex soon.

Plan now to join us for the celebration!

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 :

Kenneth Brand
Property liaison
(term ends 12/31/2026)

Sarah Brandes
Secretary
Christian Education liaison
(term ends 12/31/2026)

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
President
Worship/Music Liaison
(term ends 12/31/25))

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

Wendi Yendrey
Christian Education liaison
(term ends 12/31/24)

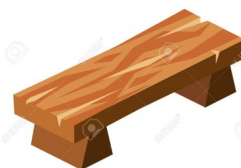
ST. PETERS' turn to work at the **Goliad Outreach Food Pantry** is Wednesday, April 3. We gather at 9:00 am to stuff 150 bags with groceries. All help is appreciated!



TEXAS TRASH OFF, when everyone in Texas cleans their adopted stretch of highway, is **SATURDAY, APRIL 6**. We will gather at the church at 8:00 am to clean our stretch of FM 1961. Bags and vests will be provided, but bring your own gloves and wear appropriate footwear for long (possibly wet) grass and weeds.



BUILDING BENCHES for Crosstrails ministry happens at the Gathering Place on **Saturday, April 6**, after trash pickup. We need help from **everyone** to measure, cut, hold, screw together and clean up sawdust. The more help we have, the more benches we can get done (we did 100 at camp work weekend last year). Bring tools, gloves and a sack lunch and help us with this service project!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK! Spark Story Bible Adventures will be the theme **July 18-19, 2024**. We will meet 5:30-8:00 pm each evening for a light supper, games, bible story, crafts and lots of fun learning about Jesus. Put the date on your calendar now!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY resumes on Wednesday, April 3. Since there is no choir that evening, we will start at 6:30 pm, as we begin a study on Proverbs. Studies will be in your folders on March 31.



On Wednesday April 17 we will meet at our usual 7:30 time after choir.



CONFIRMATION CLASS resumes on Wednesday, April 10, and repeats on Sunday, April 14. Because of the Gathering Place Dedication on April 28 (our usual class time), this is the only class this month so please make an effort to be there one of those two dates.

WELCA DATES :



- * Bible Study April 4, 10:00 am
- * Meeting April 4, 11:00 am
- * Quilt workday/lunch April 17 9 am



PASTOR'S EASTER RETREAT will be April 1-8, 2024. Should a pastoral emergency arise in that time, Sandra Post (361-649-5127) can help you get in contact with Vicar Margaret or another pastor.

ON APRIL 14, 2024 the BLUEBONNET CONFERENCE will be meeting for their annual Spring Assembly here at St. Peter's. Gathering at 2:00 pm, the meeting will begin at 2:30 pm. We are allowed 6 voting members at this spring event, in addition to Pastor Anne. On the agenda is discussion of the upcoming assembly, including discussing names to forward for consideration for the office of Bishop of the Synod.

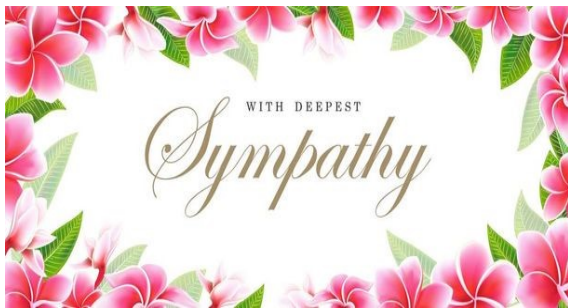
Our fellowship committee is asking for people to donate cookies and finger food, so look for the sign up list in the narthex!



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE shares healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disaster in the United States and around the world - wherever a disaster may strike.



THE ANNUAL OFFERING for the May 3-5 synod assembly is going towards Lutheran Disaster Response. While the offerings from the two Lenten services held here at St. Peter's will go towards this offering, members are asked to add to our offering as we work together to reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. Just put your offering in an envelope marked **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**, and it will be added to the check that is taken to the assembly.



OUR SYMPATHIES are extended to Kathy and Ray Albrecht on the death of Ray's mother, Verena Albrecht on February 27 at the age of 103. Verena's funeral was March 4 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Meyersville - the church she spent her whole life worshipping at and serving. Our prayers are with her family that they may feel God's comfort and strength in their time of grief.

To the members of St. Peter's, Your kindness made a difference and your thoughtfulness touched our hearts. Ray and I sincerely appreciate the prayers, kind words of comfort, and beautiful cards we received after the passing of his mother. Verena will always hold a special place in our hearts, and we know she is happy and at peace in the arms of her Lord and Savior.

May God bless everyone!

Thank you, Kathy and Ray Albrecht



Checking Account Report as of 2-29-2024

	Monthly	Year-To-Date
Beginning Balance	\$ 82,948.43	\$ 146,150.94
Income	\$ 17,965.59	\$ 36,706.59
Expenses	\$ 24,663.68	\$ 106,607.19
Ending Balance	\$ 76,250.34	\$ 76,250.34



Why go to Church?

I think this is fantastic, I just love the guy's answer, and the interpretation for the word BIBLE. Enjoy and pass it on.

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".



This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

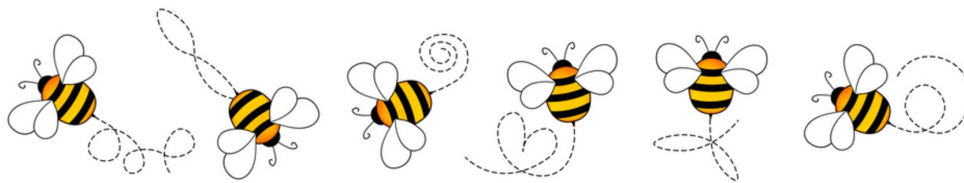
When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL !

B I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!



THE NOISY OFFERING in February was \$105.73 for the Ander/Weser VFD.

On March 31, the noisy offering will be given to ELCA Good Gifts/ Refugee Assistance.

The April 28 noisy offering will go to the Goliad Education Foundation.



Birthdays

3	Ronda Irwin	12	Archer May
4	Mike Calhoun	12	Trace Wunsch
5	Trey Wimberly	20	Gary Moreland
6	Sarah Brandes	21	Logan Youngblood
7	Garrison Jarzombek	23	Leslie Wunsch
8	Payge Brown	24	Linda Koehler
8	Nathan Irwin	25	Terri Lynn Dornburg
9	Jim Martin	26	Jess Odem
9	Sonny Wiggins	28	Kaylynn Wilburn
11	Harper May		



Shelby and Jake Torres
4-2-2022

Beverly & Jim Martin
4-19-1997

Eva Nell & Gerald Griffith
4-8-1972

Kellye & Brad Burk
4-27-2002

Lori & Jason Collins
4-9-2005

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Deran Abernathy - friend of Margaret Luker

David Blevins - Cousin of Alvin & Ina DeForest

Terra Brand - Terrell Wiggins' niece

Gay Bruns - sister-in-law of Deanna Wacker

Mike Buckert - friend of Debbie Foster

Ina "Sis" DeForest—church family member

Joyce Foster - grandmother of Shelby Foster

Ainsley Garza - friend of the DeForests

Barry Geary-church family member ([homebound](#))

Bob Gerhardt - church family member

Rebecca Graves - infant great niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin & Arlene DeForest

Kohen Hattenbach - niece of Tyler and Megan Tislow

Dale Henderson - Margaret Luker's dad.

Bonnie Holland - friend of Linnea Griffith

Patsy Hudson - Brenda Bade's niece

Mike Jensen - friend of Linda Koehler

Terry Karnei - brother of Glenn Karnei

Melita Keith - friend of Margaret Luker

Athalee Koehler - Randy Koehler's mother

Linda Koehler - church family member

Zac Koenig - friend of the Lukers

Joe & Maureen Ladeairus – parents of Regina Calhoun

Dorothy Lude - Glenn Karnei's aunt

Marvin Marcell - friend of the Lukers

Jo Nell Martin - friend of Debbie Foster & the community

Glenn Miller - Brenda Bade's Brother -in -law

Lanie Milliff – friend of the Posts

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 & Alvin DeForest

Marcos Rezendez - friend of Amy Wilburn

James Rung - 10 year old son of Greta Henke's friend

Kenneth Sanders - Sandy's Brother

Sandy Sanders - church family member

Sara - niece of Eva Griffith

Jay Thigpen - friend of Brandes family

Dusty Tullis - cousin of Margaret Luker

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

Mike Wilburn - church family member

Buddy & Mary Nell Young friends of the community



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.



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Offering Counters:
Wesley Ball
Shelby Torres

Flowers for the altar:
4-7
4-14
4-21
4-28

Greeters:
4-7 Wendi Yendrey
4-14 Jamie Friedrichs
4-21 Jamie Friedrichs
4-28 Zaynee Parma

Ushers:
4-7 David Bowman, Kenneth Brand
4-14 Glen Karnei, Paul Post
4-21 Glen Karnei, Paul Post
4-28 Glen Karnei, Paul Post





April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2	3 Food Pantry 9 am Bible. St. 7:30	4 Bible St. 10 am WELCA 11 am	5	6 Texas Trash Off 8 am Bench Building 8:30
7 Worship 9 am Outreach Committee 10:15 am	8 Pastor Vacation	9 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	10 Conf. 4:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Pr. Hours 12:30-8:30	11 Pr. Pericope in Victoria 10 am Pr. Hours 8:30-4	12 Pr. Sabbath Day	13 Pr. Hours 8:30-12:30
14 Worship 9 am Conf. 10:30 am Conference Assembly in Ander 2 pm	15 Pr. Sabbath Day	16 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	17 Quilting 9 am Choir 630 pm Bible St. 7:30 p Pr. Hours 8:30-8:30	18 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	19 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	20 Hall Reserved Pr. Hours 8:30-12:30
21 Worship 9 am Council 10:15am	22 Pr. Sabbath Day	23 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	24 Conf. 4:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Pr. Hours 12:30-8:30	25 Stew/Finance 6:30 pm Pr. Hours 12:30-8:30	26 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	27 Pr. Hours 8:30-12:30
28 Worship@GP 9 am Meal @ GP 11 am	29 Pr. Sabbath Day	30 Mutual Ministry 6:00 pm Pr. Hours 12:30-8:30				

WELCA Bluebonnet Conference Gathering, hosted here at St. Peter's on March 2.



