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FOR YOUR CALENDARS:



NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS and other officers for 2024 were elected at the Annual Congregation Meeting, Part 1 on December 3. The newly elected council members are Sarah Brandes and Kenneth Brand.

Others elected for service in 2024 are:

Treasurer - Jamie Friedrichs
Financial Secretary - Jackie Gardiner
Memorial Treasurer - Brenda Bade
Memorial Committee - Linda Koehler and Valerie Albrecht
Perpetual Care Treasurer - Arlene DeForest
Cemetery Committee - Paul Post

A big thank-you to David Bowman and Lindsey Youngblood, who have completed their three year terms on council. Also thanks to Trey Wimberly who has completed his term on Cemetery Committee, and Beverly Martin who has completed her term on Memorial 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.

THE MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE continues to be liaison between pastor, council and congregation. We thank Sherry Sanders and Alvin DeForest who have completed their terms in December. We welcome Allison Ball and Ryan Luker to the committee! The current committee is: Allison Ball, Jason Collins, Linda Dornburg, Linda Koehler, Ryan Luker, and Shelby Torres. Please feel free to contact any of them with any kudos or concerns.



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)

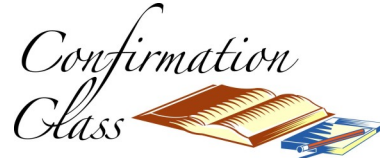
Pat McDonald
Safety/Security liaison
(term ends 12/31/25)

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)

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 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.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES resume this month! We meet on Wednesdays, January 10 and 24, with those classes repeated on Sundays January 14 and 28. Remember to turn in the mentor assignment due, and make an effort to turn in any overdue makeup worship and class assignments by then!

THE ANNUAL DIRECTORY with contact information for all members, as well as committee members, service schedules for altar guild, fellowship, ushers, greeters and offering counters, etc will be printed in January. Please check your information in the 2023 directory and notify JACKIE GARDINER of any corrections that need to be made. Schedulers are reminded to get their January 2024 - Feb. 2025 schedules to Jackie as

WANT TO RESERVE the fellowship hall or Gathering Place? Or even the chairs/tables from the Gathering Place? Eva Nell Griffith has agreed to be the "reservation manager." Sheets are available on the bulletin board by the calendar .. turn them in to Eva Nell for clearance on the date and to get it on the calendar.

***** Please do not borrow tables and chairs (only the ones from the Gathering Place can be borrowed) without clearing it with Eva Nell, and remember that if you borrow them, they need to be returned the next day.**



I am Margaret Jackson and my husband, Bill, and I have lived in Cuero for over 20 years. I have been a member of St. Mark's in Cuero for most of that time. I have swerved St. Mark's in many ways from assisting minister to Council President and I am currently co-treasurer. I am also currently the President of our Bluebonnet Conference. In 2017, it was suggested to me, by a friend, that I might like to become a SAM and I was accepted into the class that Fall. I graduated from our Synod's SAM training in 2020 and Bishop Sue asked me if I would be interested in attending seminary. I explained that I was very interested, I loved studying and learning, but I really could not afford it. With her encouragement I applied for candidacy and to seminary. There was a whirlwind of applications and forms and essays and testing which ended up with me attending Wartburg Seminary in the fall of

2021 as a distance learner and serving as interim with St. John's Lindeneau and Westhoff for about a year. In May of 2022 I was awarded a full tuition, four-year scholarship by the Lutheran Fund for Leadership and I began serving as Vicar with the Tri-County Cooperative Ministry, where I have been serving for almost two years. In November, the Candidacy Committee met and voted to Endorse me, which means I am well on track for graduation and ordination, and they also suggested that I might like to work with your congregations for Internship. I am delighted with this opportunity, and I am looking forward to the next 18 months serving as your Vicar. I am bringing many years of administration and church experience as well as life skills to this partnership. I have an accounting background and budget experience as a church treasurer as well. I have a passion for worship and ministry, and I hope we will each learn from each other and broaden our horizons. During my time with you, I will still be attending classes remotely and I will also need to be on campus in Iowa two weeks a year. I already know many of you, but I hope to get to know all of you in the next few months.

VICAR MARGARET JACKSON will be installed as intern for St. Peter's and Christ in the Country on Sunday, January 21. The service with all four congregations will be held at 3:00 pm at St. Luke's Lutheran, Schroeder. Please come and help us welcome Vicar

ST. PETER'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA meets on Thursday, January 4. Bible study begins at 10:00 am, using the new January Gather Magazine's study : *Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith*. The general meeting begins at 11:00 am as we plan our ministries for 2024, including the hosting of the upcoming conference spring assembly here at St. Peter's. All women are invited to join us!



Adult Bible Study resumes on January 17 at 7:30 pm as we continue our study of the Parables with the parable of the prodigal son from Luke 15. All adults are invited !

An **INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE** has been set up for Vicar Margaret. This committee works just like the Mutual Ministry committee works for Pastor - a liaison between her and council and congregation. There will be one member from each of the four congregations, plus the two pastors. Sherry Sanders has agreed to be our representative on the committee.

THE JANUARY QUILTING day is January 17. 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. Stone Soup will be cooked for lunch. 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.



Gathering Place Finances – Loan Update

We borrowed \$171,000 of the \$330,000 cost of the renovations. This loan is for 25 years at 5.25% interest rate. Monthly loan payments of \$1,035 started December 1st.

As of the end of November we have \$19,429 in the Gathering Place fund and in December (as of the 17th) have received \$28,000 more in contributions. We'll retain 4 – 6 months of loan payments to ensure adequate funds for the monthly payments and plan to make an additional principal payment in January of at least \$40,000 (hopefully more), depending on contributions through the end of the year.

That early payment will eliminate over \$70,000 of potential interest and reduce the payment term by 9 years! We encourage you to continue your generous giving to the Campaign so we can make more early payments and keep our interest costs as low as possible.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Committee meets Thursday, January 4, at 6:30 pm to plan services for the coming



Checking Account Report as of 11-30-2023

	Monthly	Year-To-Date
Beginning Balance	\$ 95,637.89	\$ 156,253.14
Income	\$ 24,852.85	\$ 313,275.31
Expenses	\$ 18,388.54	\$ 367,426.25
Ending Balance	\$ 102,102.20	\$ 102,102.20

Thank
You

THANK YOU for a successful and meaningful Angel Tree experience! St. Peter's adopted 7 families (37 children) and were able to give three gifts to each child, as well as an \$100 HEB gift card to each family. Thanks to all who donated money and/or toys, to all those who wrapped, sorted and bagged the gifts, and to those who delivered the gifts to the family on Dec. 16.

Thank you for all the texts, calls, cards and especially your prayers while I was in the hospital. These are the times we need our families the most to lean on. Thank you to my church family.

- Sandra Post

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS from the Dec. 16 meeting:

- Officers were elected for 2024: Sandra Post - President; Billy Dornburg - Vice President; Sarah Brandes - Secretary.
- Vestal Odem, a friend of the congregation from camp workdays, is fighting cancer and needs help with medical expenses. Council voted to send him \$5,000 from local benevolence
- Fire extinguisher report: three out of date extinguishers were replaced, the other three were inspected and certified for another year.
- Church Mutual is discontinuing coverage of some area churches. We are checking with them to see if they are going to continue to cover us when our policy comes due in September.



THE NOISY OFFERING collected for November was \$111.83 for the ELCA Good Gifts/Disaster Relief.

December's noisy offering on December 31 will go to the Goliad Rotary Club.

Thank you for your generosity to ministries beyond our congregation!



Birthdays

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



Gary and Lana Jarzombek
January 10, 2004



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers



Deran Abernathy - friend of Margaret Luker

David Blevins - Cousin of Alvin & Ina DeForest

Terra Brand - Terrell Wiggins' niece

Mike Buckert - friend of Debbie Foster

Ina DeForest - church family member

Joyce Foster - grandmother of Shelby Foster

Ainsley Garza - friend of the DeForests

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

***Allison Gerhardt** - church family member

***Bob Gerhardt** - church family member

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

Olga Guttierrez - friend of Ruby Jank

Tony Haschke - brother of Beverly Martin and Brenda Foil

Dale Henderson - Margaret Luker's dad.

Bonnie Holland - friend of Linnea Griffith

Patsy Hudson - Brenda Bade's niece

Marjorie Ideus - mother of Sherry Sanders

Ray Jaynes - friend of Pat McDonald

Terry Karnei - brother of Glenn Karnei

Melita Keith - friend of Margaret Luker

Athalee Koehler - Randy Koehler's mother

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

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

Paul Romine - assoc. member of St. Peter's

James Rung - son of Greta Henke's friend

Sara - niece of Eva Griffith

Pastor Craig Sturm - nephew of Fritz Sturm

Jay Thigpen - friend of Brandes family

Dusty Tullos - cousin of Margaret Luker

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

***Mike Wilburn** - church family member

Bettye Williams - mother of Carrie 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: 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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JANUARY MINISTERS OF WORSHIP

**Fellowship
Committee:**
Julie Franke
Linda Koehler

Altar Guild:
Jill Wiggins

Offering Counters:
Allison Ball
Julie Franke

Flowers for the altar:
1-7
1-14
1-21
1-28



Greeters:
1-7 Brenda Bade
1-14 Brenda Bade
1-21 Brenda Bade
1-28 Zaynee Parma

Ushers:
1-7 Aldon Bade, August Ball
1-14 Aldon Bade, August Ball
1-21 Aldon Bade, August Ball
1-28 Paul Post, Terrell Wiggins



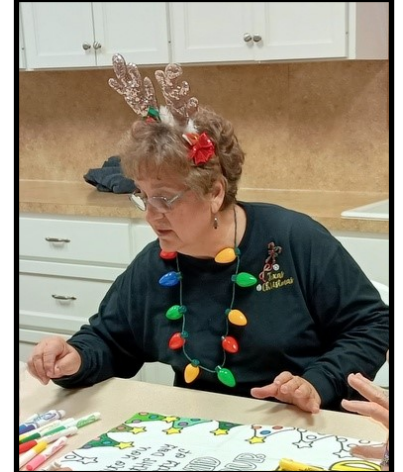
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEARS'	2 Pr. Vacation	3 Choir 6:30 pm Bible St. 7:30 p	4 Bible St. 10 am WELCA 11 am Worsh/Music 6:30 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	5 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	6 Pr. Hours 8:30-12:30
7 Worship 9 am Mut. Min. 10:15a	8 Pr. Sabbath Day	9 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	10 Conf. 4:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Pr. Hours 12:30-8:30	11 Pr. Pericope St. 10 am	12 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	13 Pr. Hours 8:30-12:30
14 Worship 9 am Conf. 10:30 am	15 Pr. Sabbath Day	16 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	17 Quilting 9 am Choir 6:30 pm Bible St. 7:30 p Pr. Hours 8:30-8:30	18 Pr. Deanery in Ganado 10 am	19 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	20 Pr. Hours 8:30-12:30
21 Worship 9 am Council 10:15 Intern Inst. 3pm	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 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	26 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	27 Pr. Hours 8:30-12:30
28 Worship 9 am Conf. 10:30 am	29 Pr. Sabbath Day	30 Pr. Hours 8:30-4	31 Pr. Hours 12:30-8:30			



On Dec. 10 we gathered to wrap more than 100 gifts for the recipients of our St. Peter's Angel Tree. Thanks to all who helped!



On December 17 the youth of St. Peter's presented the annual Christmas program.



