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WEEKNIGHT ADVENT SERVICES will once again join together the pastors, vicar, and congregations of St. Peter's and Christ in the Country. This year's theme is *Signs of Christ's Coming*, with worship at 7:00 pm.

All are also invited to join in the fellowship meal, provided by the host congregation, at 6:00 pm

December 4	St. Peter's, Ander <i>A Voice Calls in the Wilderness</i>
December 11	Zion, Arneckeville <i>A Small Town is Blessed</i>
December 18	St. Luke's, Schroeder <i>Peace Comes to our Hearts</i>

Join us in setting aside some time to prepare for Christ as we prepare for Christmas!

sanctuary for this service of communion, carols and candlelight as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

If 5:30 just doesn't work for your family – perhaps you could worship with a congregation of Christ in the Country:

St. Luke's, Schroeder	3:00 pm
Zion, Arneckeville	6:00 pm
Martin Luther, Coletoville	9:00 pm

A CHRISTMAS HYMNSING service is planned for Sunday, December 29, so we can sing those favorite Christmas songs again, and listen to some readings from Max Lucado.



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)



The **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, Part I will be on Sunday, December 1 after the worship service. On the agenda are election of church council for 2025, and voting on the budget for 2025. All confirmed members have a voice and a vote, so help us plan the future of our congregation!



The **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, during worship.

The play is titled "LIVE from Bethlehem" and is based on TV reporters chasing a most miraculous story. It is sure to be quite entertaining and uplifting. We need kids of all ages to help make this happen (maybe some adults as well). There are no reading or speaking parts, just lots of fun costumes and minor acting.

Practice times in December will be after church on December 1. If anyone interested in taking part is unable to be at practice, but available on December 8, just let Debbie Foster know, we can work something out.

AN ADVENT BRUNCH will follow the program, so bring your favorite brunch goodies to share!





St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will be hosting their **annual Christmas Party and Meal** on Sunday, December 1 at 5:00pm. All St. Peter's members are invited to attend. This year we are doing a Mexican Feast. Most major items have already been signed up for, but if you want to bring something, contact Dorothy Bowman.

At the party there will also be games and gift "draw" – if you want to participate, each person is asked bring a wrapped/bagged \$15 gift that would be appropriate for either a man or a woman. We hope you will join us in sharing this festive time of food, fellowship and fun!

Merry Christmas

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Because our regular workday at the Goliad Outreach Food Pantry falls on New Year's Day, we are postponing until the first Wednesday in February, February 5. The rest of the year will be back on our regular schedule - April 2, July 2, and October 1, 2025.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING to our shut-in members and friends will be on Sunday, December 8. We will leave right after the Christmas Program Brunch to carol at the nursing home then around town and then in the country. Speak to Gerald Griffith if you need further details. We will be giving "goodie bags" to the people we carol to. All members are invited to help by bringing goodies, such as packaged cookies, individually wrapped candy or sandwich crackers, or fruit (oranges, apples, pears) for the bags. Please have items in the kitchen by December 8, and we'll pack the bags before we go caroling.

PASTOR ANNE AND JERRY will be on vacation December 26 - January 2. Should a pastoral emergency arise in that time, Sandra Post can help you contact Vicar Margaret or another pastor.





ST. PETER'S ANGEL TREE UPDATE:

All of the gifts for ST. PETER'S ANGEL TREE have been spoken for. If you're buying a gift, make sure to get it to the meeting room by December 15. We will give each of our 9 families \$100 gift cards for HEB. If you'd like to help pay for these, make your offering marked "Angel Tree."

ON DECEMBER 15 we will have a "wrap party" to wrap and label all those gifts. We need wrappers, packers, runners, and more – or come and watch the fun! We also need smaller sized boxes to make wrapping easier. We will get started right after worship!



Oktoberfest 2024



Checking Account Report as of 10-31-2024

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 61,102.30	\$ 146,150.94
Income	\$ 32,463.60	\$ 230,915.68
Expenses	\$ 14,776.58	\$ 298,277.30
Ending Balance	\$ 78,789.32	\$ 78,789.32

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF gathering for this part of our synod was on November 6, 2024. Jackie Gardiner and Kathy Albrecht delivered our 73 boxes of quilts and kits to Marion, with help from Jerry to load on this end. Thanks to the help and generosity of many through the year we delivered:

- 179 Quilts
- 151 School Kits
- 47 Personal Care Kits
- 87 Baby Kits
- 1 Blanket



Our Quilters meet this month on Wednesday, December 18, to work on the quilts for next year! Join us at 9:00 am and stay for fellowship and stone soup for lunch!

- The AC in the Gathering Place kitchen has been repaired.
- Approved a motion by the memorial committee to use up to \$2,000 to purchase and install a granite bench by the columbarium.
- Because of pastor's retirement, Sarah Brandes was approved to attend camp with our youth, with the congregation paying all her expenses.
- It was voted to pay the custodian \$100 for every time he cleans for non-Sunday events like funerals.
- It was approved to spend up to \$900 from local benevolence towards HEB gift cards for the families receiving gifts from our Angel Tree.
- Debbie Foster, Cody Foil, and Jarrett Yendrey were approved to have their names voted on to be on 2025 church council.



NOISY OFFERING UPDATE:

The Noisy Offering for October was \$104.52 to the Goliad Outreach Food Bank.

The November 24th Noisy Offering will go ELCA Good Gifts/Health.

The December Noisy Offering will go to the St. Peter's Local Benevolence Fund.





Birthdays

December 1	Laura Rogers	December 25	Wanda Schendel
December 6	Brian Willms	December 26	Wylie Tislow
December 7	Delbert McCullough	December 26	Vickie Wimberly
December 17	Barrett Irwin	December 27	Ryan Klinkerman
December 18	Kora Brandes	December 27	Tracer Schendel
December 20	Allison Ball	December 28	Luke Taylor
December 23	Brynnley Bates	December 29	Tuffy Dornburg
December 24	Brent Dornburg		



December 9, 2006
Leo and Greta Henke

December 10, 1971
Ray and Kathy Albrecht

December 10, 2016
Tyler and Megan Tislow

December 19, 1992
Brent and Terri Lynn Dornburg

December 20, 2008
Vickie and W.A. Wimberly

December 23, 1961
Paul and Leota Romine



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

Gay Bruns - sister-in-law of
Deanna Wacker

Joyce Foster - grandmother
of Shelby Foster

Ainsley Garza - friend of the
DeForests

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

***Bob Gerhardt** - church family
member (nursing home)

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

Linnea Griffith - assoc. member

Kohen Hattenbach - niece of
Tyler and Megan Tislow

Dale Henderson - Margaret
Luker's dad.

Patsy Hudson - Brenda
Bade's niece

Mike Jensen - friend of Linda
Koehler

Terry Karnei - brother of
Glenn Karnei

Melita Keith - friend of
Margaret Luker

Lily Knetl—friend of our youth

Zac Koenig - friend of the
Lukers

Maureen Ladeairus –
family of Regina
Calhoun

Kai Luera - friend of the Lukers

Marvin Marcell - friend of the
community and Debbie
Foster

Jo Nell Martin - friend of
Debbie Foster & the
community

Glen Miller - Brenda Bade's
brother-in-law

Randy Moore - friend of John
Helwig

Christy Paulsgrove - friend of
the community

Corey Pedeville - friend of the
community

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 - Aldon Bade's
brother-in-law

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

Sara - niece of Eva Griffith

Kenneth Sanders - Sandy's
Brother

Sandy Sanders - church
family member

Joan Searcy - sister-in-law
to Geraldine Sturm

Ava Soliz - friend of the
community

Gloria Stehling - Marilyn
Moreland's aunt

Jay Thigpen - friend of
Brandes family

Rose Trevino -

Dusty Tullos - cousin of
Margaret Luker

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

Jordan Wise - friend of the
Wimberlys

Buddy & Mary Nell Young
friends of the
community

REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email:
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calling her at
361-676-4799,
with St. Peter's prayer list up-
dates, the person's current
needs, **or when they can be
removed from the list.**



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DECEMBER MINISTERS OF WORSHIP

Altar Guild:

Sandra Post
Jackie Gardiner
(24th)

Offering Counters:

Brenda Bade
Ina DeForest

Flowers for the altar:

12-1
12-8
12-15
12-22
12-24
12-29 Poinsettias



Greeters:

12-1 Wyatt Ball
12-8 Wyatt Ball
12-15 Glen Karnei
12-22 Glen Karnei
12-24
12-29 Glen Karnei

Ushers:

12-1 Jamie Friedrichs, Beverly Martin
12-8 Jamie Friedrichs, Beverly Martin
12-15 Jamie Friedrichs, Beverly Martin
12-22 Jim Martin, Pat McDonald
12-24
12-29 Jim Martin, Pat McDonald



December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 am Cong Meeting 10:15 Prog. Reh 10:30 WELCA Xmas 5 pm	2	3	4 Meal in Ander 6 pm Worship 7 pm Choir after Worship	5	6 Parking Lot Workday	7 Parking Lot Workday
8 Christmas Prog. 9am Brunch ChristmasCarolling	9	10	11 Meal Arneckeville 6 Worship 7 pm	12 Pr. Periscope Study In Victoria	13	14 Hall Reserved
15 Worship 9 am Angel Tree Wrap 10:15 am	16	17	18 Quilting 9 am Meal Schroeder 6 p Worship 7 pm	19	20	21
22 Worship 9 am	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Worship 5:30 pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 _____ Pastor	27 Vacation_____	28 _____
29 Worship 9 am _____	30 Pastor Vacation_____	31 _____				

2024 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday, Dec. 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am

Gospel: **Luke 21:25-36**

Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man

WELCA Christmas 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 4 – Joint Advent Worship at St. Peter's, Ander

Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm

Voice in the Wilderness

Sunday, December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am

Christmas Program *Live! From Bethlehem*

Christmas Brunch

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 11 – Joint Advent Worship at Zion, Arneckeville

Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm

A Small Town is Blessed

Sunday, December 15– 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am

Gospel: **Luke 3:7-18**

One more powerful is coming, baptizing with fire

Angel Tree Gift Wrapping

Wednesday, December 18 – Joint Advent Worship at St. Luke's, Schroeder

Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm

Peace Comes to our Hearts

Sunday, December 22– 4th Sunday in Advent

Worship 9:00 am

Gospel: **Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

Blessed are you among women / My soul magnifies the Lord

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service with Communion 5:30 pm

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

"Unto you is born this day a Savior, which is Christ the Lord"

Sunday, December 29 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Christmas Lessons and Carols 9:00 am

