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Join us after worship on September 8 to celebrate **GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS** Sunday as we make a difference in our community. We will be putting together Soup Kits – they are in much demand! What could be simpler, just add water! On that day also, we will help the WELCA group put together school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

The soup kits already made will be given at the regular food distribution day for the Food Pantry on September 19, all hands are welcome! And the ones made on GWOH Sunday will be handed out on the Food Pantry's first distribution date in November, first Thursday of the month, to prepare for Thanksgiving. We welcome and appreciate the congregation's support of these Outreach Ministries.

ALSO on GWOH Sunday—we will be dedicated our Time and Talent sheets for 2025 service. Make sure to get yours in!



God's work.
Our hands.



St. Peter's annual trip to **SPLASHWAY** Family Waterpark in Sheridan will Sunday, September 15th. If you are interested in attending please sign up in the church annex by September 1st. Ticket prices vary depending on the height and number of members attending. All who have signed up will be contacted with the price, then each family needs to get their money to Wendi by Sept. 1, so that we can purchase all the wristbands at once and distribute them the Sunday of the trip. We leave after church service on that Sunday. Please feel free to bring food, snacks and drinks on your own, but they are also available to purchase at the park. We will try to reserve a spot for our group with plenty of shade and picnic tables. If you have any questions please contact Wendi Yendrey at 979-450-4299.

EVER WONDER WHY we do what we do as part of the worship service every Sunday? The order of service is called the liturgy, and on **Sunday, September 22** the liturgy will be explained piece by piece along with songs and the Bible verses those parts are based on. Join us for this special service!

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)



Mark your calendars for our annual celebration of **OKTOBER-FEST** on Sunday, October 27, 2024. We will again be selling sausage plates with all the sides for \$12 each.

We will need **volunteers** to help prepare the food and serve and for all other areas. We will also need church members to provide desserts or appetizers to share. At least 25 really nice items will be needed for the live auction. Show off your talents in quilting, wine-making, woodwork, or art, to name a few. We will also need all kinds of baked goods, canned items like jelly, pickles or hot sauce, homemade craft items, plants, etc. for the Country Store. Start working on your special items now.

- Live auction begins at 4:00. Food will be served from 5:00 to 6:30.

All the money raised this year will go to **Goliad County Food Banks**.

Confirmation Class

CONFIRMATION CLASS resumed on August 25. This year we have nine students who will be learning about Luther's Small Catechism and what it means to be Lutheran, as they form their own personal faith in and relationship with God.

We will meet in either in the meeting room or at the Gathering Place the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (4:30-6:00) AND the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (10:30-12 noon) and need adults willing to sit in on the class each week. A sign up sheet is in the narthex for anyone willing to help.

2023-2025 Confirmation Class and their mentors:

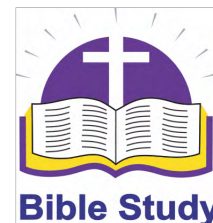
August Ball/Jackie Gardiner
Brady Beutnagel/Beverly Martin
Maely Brandes/Shelby Taylor
Shane Davis/Terrell Wiggins
Krayleigh Irwin/Karie Wimberly
Brayden Franke/Jill Wiggins
Lynleigh Griffith/Sherry Sanders
Mallory Luker/Brenda Bade
Logan Youngblood/Wendi Yendrey





WELCA Bible study and general meeting happens on Thursday, September 5, 2024. Bible study begins at 10:00 am, with the business meeting starting about 11:00 am. All women are invited to join us as we study, fellowship, and plan activities and ministries for the rest of this year into 2025.

Winning the Worry Battle. Because there are no choir rehearsals in September, we will meet at 6:30 pm.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. This month we meet on September 4 and 18 as we begin our study of the book of Joshua with



Sunday School will be September 8th. Afterwards, the youth helping with soup kids for God's Work Our Hands.



The **Stewardship and Finance Committee** will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 pm to take a "first pass" at the 2025 budget.

PASTOR ANNE and Jerry will be on vacation September 10-24. Should a pastoral emergency arise in that time, Sandra Post can help you to contact Vicar Margaret or a pastor on call.



Pastor Is On Vacation



SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES are coming in well, thanks to your generosity. The limit to how many we can put together is how many spiral notebooks and crayons come in, so please pick some up and bring them in before Sept. 8 when we hope to pack up the kits as part of God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday.



Our Christian sympathies are extended to Wade, Amanda, Brady and Amaly Beutnagel on the death of Wade's father, Armin William Beutnagel on July 17th at the age of 79. His funeral was on July 30 in Poth. May God comfort and sustain those who grieve.



THANK YOU for your **NOISY OFFERINGS**, our monthly collection for ministries beyond our congregation!

In July we collected \$96.64 for ELCA Good Gifts/Water.

On August 25, the noisy offering will go to the Fannin Food Pantry

On September 29, the noisy offering will go to ELCA Good Gifts Women & Children.

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to go to church camp. It was truly amazing traveling around as a Sr. Adventurer, getting to camp in tents outside at night, as well as swim and hike during the day. One of my favorite things was playing Uno with my village-mates late by the fire at night, and listening to music in the car on the long road trips. One moment I felt truly connected to God was sitting by the huge bonfire late at night as we all listened to music and looked up at the beautiful night sky. I also loved seeing His creation during sunset atop the peak of a huge mountainous hill overlooking all of the Hill Country. It was all an experience I will never forget, which makes me so grateful for having the opportunity to go.



~ Thank you St. Peter's! *Tyler Griffith*

Dear St. Peter's,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to get to go to Lutherhill this summer. This summer I got to expand my faith by learning that it is ok to show/have "real" emotions because Jesus had them too. For example, on Monday we learned about "Real Wonder" and we compared times that we wondered to a time when Jesus was also curious. The week's theme of being real really touched me in knowing that Jesus can create miracles and a whole bunch of other amazing things but also that he's human like the rest of us. Another part of camp I enjoyed was all of the fun activities. One of my favorites was canteen and games because we got to play games inside, like ping pong and games outside, like gaga ball and nine square. The second one that I liked was pond because we got to go on the big slide and the trampoline. Lastly, I really liked singing songs, especially at night worship, seeing the pretty sunset while praising the one I love made me feel so good. Plus I know most of the songs by heart so that was a really special time for me. That's just a few things I enjoyed about church camp this summer but I wanted to thank you for helping me be able to go and let you know that going to camp is one of my favorite parts of summer and I really do love it.

~ Sincerely, Lynleigh

Thank you St. Peter's for the opportunity to go to camp. I had so much fun and made lots of new friends. My favorite activity was the pool. They just recently redid the pool house so it looks really nice. Another one of my favorite things to do is night worship where we sing songs and worship God. My two favorite songs were Oceans and Sanctuary. I'm really glad I was able to go to camp this year and excited to go back next year. Thanks again for an amazing week.

~ Love, Grace G.

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church, thank you so much for making it possible for me to attend Lutherhill church camp this summer. I had so much fun and it was the best! My favorite part of church camp was the slipping slide and the big slide in the pond. I also loved the morning and night worships. I like to sing and dance so I really liked worship time. Thanks again for giving me the chance to grow closer to Jesus by going to camp. I can't wait to go again next year!

~ Landree Henke



Checking Account Report as of 7-31-2024

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 67,657.17	\$ 146,150.94
Income	\$ 16,904.32	\$ 159,593.12
Expenses	\$ 14,346.33	\$ 235,528.90
Ending Balance	\$ 70,215.16	\$ 70,215.16

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church, thank you so much for making it possible for me to attend Lutherhill Church camp this summer. I had so much fun! My favorite part of camp this year was "outcamp" because our counselor let us stay up as late as we wanted! I also really enjoyed the night time devotions. My favorite one was the last night of camp. Our counselor had a bandana that all my cabin mates got to sign and got to write our favorite memories on. Once we were all done, we cut the bandana into pieces with each of us getting to take a piece of camp home with us. We all tied our bandanas around our ankle as a reminder of church camp and all we learned. Thanks again for allowing me the opportunity to grow in my faith, and can't wait to go back next year!

~ Lane Henke

To the congregation of St. Peter's,
I truly can't express the gratitude I have for y'all and the support provided so that I could go to camp this year. Every year at camp has been a blessing but this year, being a LYLE, has been in my top 10 favorite things in life. The 10 girls in my cabin and 17 people in my village are people I will forever call family. Through the 2 weeks I was able to share something very special with these people, experiencing Christ. Our devotions were longer and more in depth, we had amazing Bible studies exploring the real wonder and presence of God, and we sat on the porch every night looking at the stars and talking. We got to know each other so well and I made lasting friendships and connections with God day by day. My favorite memory made at camp this year had to be when it started raining and we played volleyball and slid around in the mud, or when we went to outcamp and played catching stars. The memories I made this year as a LYLE are unforgettable and I can't wait to be a LYLE 2 next year. I'm so glad I decided to do the LYLE program instead of being just a regular camper, and I think it shows that God will put us on the path we need to be on. Anyways thank y'all again for your generosity and love for the youth at St. Peter's because it continues to allow me to grow my relationship in Christ and find a community at Lutherhill.

~ Jillian Griffith



Church council met on August 25, 2024 with 7 members in attendance. Highlights of that meeting (that are not in articles elsewhere in the newsletter):

- Handicap parking is an ongoing project.
- The bell tower has been repainted at a cost of \$3300.
- Septic sprinklers have been replaced.
- Lightbulbs for the dimmer switch in the narthex are more than \$12 each, and are not LED and are hard to find. Dimmable LED's would require a new switch, and replacement of all the "flame" candles in the other fixtures. Council voted to keep the dimmer light rather than replace it with a regular bulb.
- We are waiting to hear an updated price from insurance to include the renovated Gathering Place.
- Christmas program will be December 8, with Debbie Foster and Shelby Torres as directors.
- Revisions on rental agreements for the fellowship hall and Gathering Place were reviewed and approved.
- The 150th anniversary of St. Peter's is in 2025 ...everyone needs to be thinking about when and what, and we will need a chairperson for a planning committee.
- Uranium mining is coming, and will impact our water wells. Billy will be asked to write a formal letter from the church with our concerns about the impact on our community.



Birthdays

September 2 Olivia Ball

September 4 Greta Henke

September 4 Gaylon Willms

September 7 Kade Irwin

September 7 Nelson Jacob

September 8 Fred Seiler

September 11 Gayle Baecker

September 12 Tricia Jacobs

September 13 Ashleigh Post

September 14 Ruby Jank

September 15 Sis DeForest

September 18 Alvin DeForest

September 25 Paul Post

September 27 Linda Dornburg

September 27 Rhonda Ideus

Happy Anniversary

September 4, 2004
Eric & Linnea Griffith

September 5, 1998
Brian & Melissa Bade

September 6, 1980
Gaylon & Sue Willms

September 20, 1996
Mark & Tricia Jacobs

September 21, 1963
Alvin & Arlene DeForest

September 28, 1996
Billy & Linda Dornburg

September 15, 2007
Carl & Sarah Brandes





IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers



Deran Abernathy - friend of Margaret Luker

Luke Abrameit - Annie Schwin's grandson

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

***Arlene 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.

Patsy Hudson - Brenda Bade's niece

Mike Jensen - friend of Linda Koehler

Terry Karnei - brother of Glenn Karnei

Melita Keith - friend of Margaret Luker

Zac Koenig - friend of the Lukers

Joe & Maureen Ladeairus – parents of Regina Calhoun

Dorothy Lude - Glenn Karnei's aunt

Kai Luera—friend of the Lukers

Marvin Marcell - friend of the Lukers

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

Gloria Stehling - Marilyn Moreland's aunt

Geraldine Sturm—church family member

Jay Thigpen - friend of Brandes family

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 updates, the person's current

needs, or when they can be

removed from the list.



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SEPTEMBER MINISTERS OF WORSHIP

Altar Guild:

Jamie Friedrichs
(every Sunday)
Allison Ball
(15th & 22nd)

Offering Counters:

Wendi Yendrey
Trey Wimberly

Flowers for the altar:

9-1

9-8

9-15

9-22

9-29

Greeters:

9-1 Gerald Griffith
9-8 Gerald Griffith
9-15 Terrell Wiggins
9-22 Terrell Wiggins
9-29 Terrell Wiggins

Ushers:

9-1 Jarrett & Wendi Yendrey
9-8 Jarrett & Wendi Yendrey
9-15 Wesley & Wyatt Ball
9-22 Wesley & Wyatt Ball
9-29 Wesley & Wyatt Ball





September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 am	2 Pastor Sabbath Day	3	4 Confirmation 4:30 Bible Study 7:30 pm	5 Bible Study 6:30 pm WELCA 11 am	6	7
8 GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS Worship 9 am Group SS 10:15 am Conf. 10:45 am	9 Pastor Sabbath Day	10	11	12	13 Pastor Vacation	14
15 Worship 9 am Council 10:15 am	16	17 Pastor Vacation	18 Quilt 9:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Worship 9 am	23	24	25 Conf. 4:30 pm	26	27	28
	Pastor Vacation					
29 Worship 9 am Confirmation 10:15	30 Pastor Sabbath Day					

Rally Day/Christian Education Sunday



Sole Mission—104 pairs of shoes given away to Goliad youth



