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NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS and other officers for 2025 were elected at the Annual Congregation Meeting, Part 1, on December 1.

The newly elected council members are Cody Foil, Debbie Foster, and Jarrett Yendrey.

Council met on December 22 and elected officers:

President Sandra Post, Vice President Terrell Wiggins, and Secretary Debbie Foster.

A big thank-you to Billy Dornburg, Gerald Griffith, and Wendi Yendrey, who have completed their three-year terms on council. We appreciate the willingness to serve of both incoming and outgoing council 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. Because the committee only needs to be active until Pastor's retirement, all current members have agreed to continue serving.

The current committee is: Allison Ball, Jason Collins, 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
Christian Education liaison
(term ends 12/31/2026)

Cody Foil
Stewardship/Finance liaison
(term ends 12/31/27)

Debbie Foster
Secretary

Worship/Music Liaison
(term ends 12/31/27))

Pat McDonald
Gathering Place liaison
(term ends 12/31/25)

Sandra Post
President
(term ends 12/31/25))

Terrell Wiggins
Vice President

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

Jarrett Yendrey
Outreach Liaison
(term ends 12/31/24)

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Because our turn to serve would be January 1, we will not be working at the Food Pantry in January. We WILL be working there on **February 5**, so put the new date on your calendars and plan to come and help sack 150 bags of groceries!



Confirmation Class

CONFIRMATION CLASS resumes in January, with the weekday class changing from Wednesday to the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:30-7:00 pm to give everyone more of a chance to attend class instead of doing make up. That means that in January, we meet on January 12/14 and January 26/28. If no one can make Tuesdays, either, we will stop offering the alternative class.



by council. Some changes:

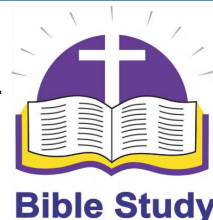
Recently the guidelines for the use of the fellowship hall and Gathering Place were revised and approved

- All requests for dates and reservations must be made through Eva Nell Griffith, our Reservation Facilitator. Do not put a date on the calendar without clearing it with her first.
- All requests for use by non members (\$250 per day) must be approved by council before being put on the calendar.
- For the Gathering Place, the use is free (with a free will donations suggested for utilities, etc) if the event is for a church member. If the event is for a *non member*, then there is a \$300 deposit, and a \$250 fee for use (the same fees as a non-member renting the facility).



WELCA will not meet for Bible study or general meeting in January. We will be doing the January Bible study from Gather Magazine in February.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume their study of the book of Joshua on January 8 at 6:30 pm, and will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from now on. We will also meet on January 22 at 6:30 pm. Please join us for study, discussion and fellowship.



LIVING LUTHERAN, the magazine of the ELCA, will resume offering print issues quarterly (spring, summer, winter and fall) by mail for those who want it. The cost for one year will be \$19.95.

To subscribe call 800-328-4648 or sign up at www.ivinglutheran.org/subscribe. (Note: we will not be offering a group subscription at this time.)



THE JANUARY QUILTING day is January 15. 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 items 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.

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 2024 directory and notify **JACKIE GARDINER** of any corrections that need to be made. Schedulers are reminded to get their January 2025 - Feb. 2026 schedules to Jackie as soon as possible to be included in the directory.



EQUIPPING THE SAINTS 2025 happens Saturday, February 1, 2025 at the Lutheran Church in Shiner. This year is different, in that there will not be breakout workshops, but 2 main speakers. Registration forms are available in the narthex, or register at www.swtsnod.org/events . The event, including lunch, is free. Information from the synod:

Our living Triune God keeps pulling God's people towards God's preferred and promised future through many challenges and into the opportunities of our time. This year's Equipping the Saints event will have two keynote speakers, Rev. Dr. Craig Nessen from Wartburg Seminary and Pastor Jon Anderson from Luther Seminary, who will engage the way we are being invited, encouraged, and sometimes driven by God's Spirit to shift our ways of doing Church towards a more lay-led and clergy supported approach to mission and ministry in the coming years. This shift will take reimagining, patient listening, many experiments, and open sharing about what we learn to serve better our communities of faith and the communities where God has placed us.

The Rev. Dr. Nessen will speak about the surprising ecclesiology that grows from our Lutheran movement and guides us toward a fresh orientation to our ministry and mission. God calls and sends the whole body of Christ to live out our many callings to serve God's world. We gather and are nourished to be sent into our swiftly changing context to plant the Good News of Jesus.

Pastor Anderson will explore four key pivots that Faith+Lead believes God is calling us to focus on as we seek to serve our communities and God's world, He will focus on planting seeds around the fourth pivot for God's Church in small town and rural settings, the "Pivot in Leadership: From Clergy-Led/Lay-Supported to Lay-Led/Clergy-Supported Ministry" In his more extensive presentation he will invite and challenge us to imagine and engage in Faithful Innovation in Rural and Small Town Settings: Three Key Moves.



Checking Account Report as of 11-30-2024

	Monthly	Year-To-Date
Beginning Balance	\$ 78,789.32	\$ 146,150.94
Income	\$ 21,805.10	\$ 252,720.78
Expenses	\$ 17,981.20	\$ 316,258.50
Ending Balance	\$ 82,613.22	\$ 82,613.22

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU for a successful and meaningful Angel Tree experience! St. Peter's adopted 9 families and were able to give three gifts to each of the 35 children, as well as a \$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. 19-20.

THANK YOU to Debbie Foster and parents who coordinated this year's Christmas Program, *Live! From Bethlehem*, and to all the youth who participated from preschool to high school. What a creative way to bring the message of the baby's birth!

On December 8 the youth of St. Peter's presented the annual Christmas program.



THE NOISY OFFERING collected for November was \$87.24 to ELCA Good Gifts/Healthcare.

December's noisy offering on December 29 will go to St. Peter's Local Benevolence.

January's noisy offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief.



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

Dwayne and Gay Bruns - brother and 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

Sandra Hoff - former member

Patsy Hudson - Brenda Bade's niece

Terry Karnei - brother of Glenn Karnei

Melita Keith - friend of Margaret Luker

Zac Koenig - friend of the Lukers

Maureen Ladeairus – family of Regina Calhoun

Jo Nell Martin - friend of Debbie Foster & the community

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

Christy Paulsgrove - friend of the community

Pauline Pollard - Karie Wimberly's grandmother

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

Paul Romine - Aldon Bade's brother-in-law

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—friend of Jamie Friedrichs

Dusty Tullos - cousing of Margaret Luker

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

Jordan Wise - friend of the Wimberlys

Buddy Young - friend 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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JANUARY MINISTERS OF WORSHIP

Altar Guild:
Jill Wiggins

Offering Counters:
Allison Ball
Julie Franke

Flowers for the altar:
1-5
1-12
1-19
1-26

Greeters:
1-5 Brenda Bade
1-12 Brenda Bade
1-19 Brenda Bade
1-26 Jill Wiggins

Ushers:
1-5 Aldon Bade, August Ball
1-12 Aldon Bade, August Ball
1-19 Aldon Bade, August Ball
1-26 Paul Post, Terrell Wiggins





January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 —————Pastor	2 Vacation ———	3	4
5 Worship 9 am	6 Pr. Sabbath Day	7	8 Bible Study 6:30 pm	9 Pr. Pericope study 10 am—Victoria	10	11
12 Worship 9 am Conf Class 10:15	13 Pr. Sabbath Day	14	15 Quilting 9 am	16 Pr. Deanery 9:30am in Shiner Worship/Mus. 6:30	17	18
19 Worship 9 am Council 10:15 am	20 Pr. Sabbath Day	21	22 Bible Study 6:30 pm	23	24	25
26 Worship 9 am Conf. class 10:15	27 Pr. Sabbath Day	28 Conf. class 5:30	29	30	31	

On Dec. 15, we presented Goliad County Food Pantries with the funds raised at Oktoberfest.



On Dec. 15, members went caroling at the homes of St. Peter's shut in members and friends



On Dec. 15 we wrapped gifts for our St. Peter's Angel Tree recipients. We provided 105 gifts for 35 children in 9 families, thanks to the generosity of the congregation.



