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COMMITMENT SUNDAY

MARCH 9, 2025 is Commitment Sunday!

St. Peter's Stewardship theme this year invites us to imagine the things we do for love – the love of God, of one another, and of the world. Our commitment to St. Peter is an overflowing of love – it's a place and a community where we have grown in our capacity to love God and others, and it's a vehicle for expressing that love in a concrete way. For 150 years St. Peter's has been a church home for so many and made a concrete difference in the lives of many others outside our walls. As we enter a time of transition this year, being bold in our giving, and growing in our commitment will help strengthen St. Peter's ministry for the future. We are being asked to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider how to share His gifts of time, talent and treasure to ensure the continuation of the outpouring of His love through St. Peter's.

Beginning February 16, we'll hear from members about how stewardship has affected them, and you will have an opportunity to make a commitment – either online or using the cards available in the narthex. During worship on March 9, we will pray over and dedicate these commitments, and then join together for our annual Stewardship Stew!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church is 150 years old this year. On Sunday, March 30, we will celebrate our anniversary. We invite everyone to attend, and to invite friends and family that may have been



part of St. Peter's and have moved away.

Former Pastors of St. Peter's are being invited to participate in the service and join us in fellowship, and a slide show is being created to share our history. Join us for Festival Worship at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. Gather in the fellowship hall after worship for the slide show and fellowship. A catered German meal will be served about 11:30 am at the Gathering. After the meal, former pastors and others will be asked to share special memories from their time at St. Peter's.

Members will be asked to sign up to bring salads and desserts. Monetary donations are welcome to help pay for the catered main course. Just mark the envelope "Anniversary Meal."

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)



LENT BEGINS on Ash Wednesday, March 5. As is our tradition, we will be joining with Christ in the Country to share these services. This year's theme is Places of the Passion. All services begin at 7:00 pm. All but Ash Wednesday and Holy Week will be preceded by a meal provided by the host church at 6:00 pm.

MARCH 5 Ash Wednesday - A Place at the Table
St. Luke's, Schroeder

MARCH 12 The Upper Room: A Place of Service
Martin Luther, Coletoville

MARCH 19 Gethsemane: A Place of Strength
Zion, Arneckeville

MARCH 26 Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love
St. Peter's, Ander

APRIL 2 The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal
St. Luke's, Schroeder

APRIL 9 The Trial: A Place of God's Will
Martin Luther, Coletoville

APRIL 16 Maundy Thursday -
The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness
Zion, Arneckeville

APRIL 17 Good Friday Tenebrae
St. Peter's, Ander



ACOLYTE TRAINING, for anyone 4th grade and older, will be on Sunday, March 2, after the worship service in the sanctuary. Current acolytes are encouraged to come and help train the newcomers

40 DOLLARS FOR 40 DAYS, our annual appeal for each member to give up at least one dollar for each day of Lent, kicks off March 5. This year all money raised through these donations will go to the Habitat for Humanity's Goliad Build, so give generously! Special envelopes are available in the narthex.



THE BLUEBONNET CONFERENCE WELCA will meet for their Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 5 in Nordheim. Registration forms will be available in March, so watch for them!



WELCA BIBLE STUDY is on Thursday, March 6, at 10:00 am, as we continue our study on Being Faithful from the Gather Magazine (using the February study in March). Copies of the study will be available the Sunday before in Linda Dornburg's folder.

WELCA GENERAL MEETING begins at 11:00 am to plan our ministries for 2025.



SPRING AHEAD MARCH 9 ! Daylight saving time is the practice of advancing clocks during warmer months so that sunset falls at a later clock time. Make sure to set your clocks **AHEAD** an hour on March 8 before going to bed, so you make it to the Commitment Sunday festivities at the right time!

MARCH 13-15 is the GOLIAD COUNTY FAIR. Many of our youth have animals, crafts, photos, and/or baked goods they are entering. Please support them with your prayers, encouraging words, and attendance at the fair if you can! Pastor Anne will not be in the office as much those days as she spends time at the fair supporting our youth , or on Wednesday March 12 as she helps judge homemaking.



THE MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY at La Bahia Nursing and Rehab will be hosted by St. Peter's on **Tuesday, March 18.** We will gather there at 2:00 to set up, and start the party (cake, ice cream, gifts and more) at 2:30. We will ask the residents to join us in singing some of the "old favorite" hymns. All are welcome to join us!



We have a few **DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS** for our church yearbook:

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Jessica Griffith email: jessaggie33@gmail.com

Karie Wimberly email: kawimberly@gmail.com



THE CHURCH COUNCIL met on February 16. Highlights of that meeting:

- Ratified the vote taken by text to allow funeral service and burial for non-member Thomas Wunsch to happen at St. Peter's
- Approved donating \$250 to the GYM (Goliad Youth Ministry) project to pay for three days of lemonade for those working
- The entire cost of the new well has been covered by a donation for which funds were matched. Installation will occur soon
- Property committee was busy: The breaker boxes were cleaned of mud dauber infestation, the thermostats have all been changed out for ones that are simpler to use, new sealed LED lights were installed up front to shine on the cross on the building



FROM JANUARY MEETING:

- ♦ Call committee has been appointed and will be installed soon
- ♦ Pastor's vacation for April 22-29 was approved
- ♦ \$1000 has been sent to the Sole Mission project to reserve a spot for us to sponsor I in August



Checking Account Report as of 1-31-2025

	Monthly	Year-To-Date
Beginning Balance	\$ 107,446.05	\$ 107,446.05
Income	\$ 15,731.60	\$ 15,731.60
Expenses	\$ 41,880.30	\$ 41,880.30
Ending Balance	\$ 81,297.35	\$ 81,297.35

THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$2,963.53 to Fannin Methodist Food Pantry...We are so blessed to have St. Peter's supporting our mission to feed God's hungry. Thank you also for the soup mixes you prepare and donate. Our clients love them! Your monetary donations are used to purchase food from the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent (we can purchase 160 meals with \$20.00) and to pay for the processing of beef, venison chicken and turkeys that are donated to us. The soup mixes help us feed people more for the month. We appreciate your long term commitment to this mission.. Your donations allow us to continue to feed and serve God's people. We serve a mighty God, and he is good!

~ From the Fannin Food Pantry:

We are so grateful to all who prayed, called, visited, and sent cards this past month as David has been recovering from his surgeries. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring church family and thank you for your continued support!

~ Dorothy and David Bowman

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Trace Wunsch and family on the death of Trace's father, Thomas Wunsch on February 12. Funeral services were held here at St. Peter's, with burial in our cemetery. May God comfort and strengthen this family in their time of loss.



The **Columbarium bench** was dedicated February 9.



LOTS OF NOISE! The Noisy offering of \$84.74 in January went to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

The February 23 noisy offering will go to Goliad County Library.

The March 30 noisy offering will go to the ELCA Fund for Leaders.



Birthdays

March 1	Sheldon May	March 19	Megan Lovett
March 1	Hunner Parma	March 22	Landon Burke
March 2	Mac Odem	March 25	Allison Gerhardt
March 4	Maely Brandes	March 29	Gunner Brandes
March 11	Jackie Gardiner	March 29	Allen Jank
March 12	Terrell Wiggins	March 30	Regina Calhoun
March 13	Karen Klinkerman	March 31	Annie Schwin
March 19	Kirk Klinkerman	March 31	Shelby Taylor



Janet and Martin Garcia
3-3-2016



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers



Deran Abernathy - friend of
Margaret Luker

Joyce Baecker - friend of
Valerie Albrecht

Terra Brand - Terrell
Wiggins' niece

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 (nursing home)

Rebecca Graves - 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

Maureen Ladeairus –
family of Regina
Calhoun

***Jim Martin** - church family
member

Jo Nell Martin - friend of
Debbie Foster

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

Mike Moseley - Margaret
Luker's cousin

Robert Parkinson - Wendi
Yendrey's father

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

Danny Salazar

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 Tullis - cousin 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:
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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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MARCH MINISTERS OF WORSHIP

Altar Guild:
Ina Deforest

Offering Counters:
Kenneth Brand
David Bowman

Flowers for the altar:
3-2
3-9
3-16
3-23
3-30

Greeters:
3-2 Gayle Baecker
3-9 Karolynn & Lindsey Youngblood
3-16 Karolynn & Lindsey Youngblood
3-23 Karolynn & Lindsey Youngblood
3-30 Wendi Yendrey



Ushers:
3-2 Jim and Beverly Martin
3-9 Gerald, Eva Nell, Tyler Griffith
3-16 Gerald, Eva Nell, Tyler Griffith
3-23 David Bowman, Kenneth Brand
3-30 David Bowman, Kenneth Brand



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9 am Ac. Training 9:15 BB Conf. Assembly Nordheim 2 pm	3	4	5 ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 7 pm In Schroeder	6 Bible Study 10 am WELCA 11 am	7	8 <i>Hall Reserved</i> 8-3
9 COMMITMENT SUNDAY Worship 9 am	10	11	12 Lenten Meal 6 pm Worship 7 pm In Coletoville	13 Pr. Pericope Study 10 am Victoria	14 GC Fair	15 GC Fair
16 Worship 9 am	17	18	19 Quilting 9 am Lenten Meal 6 pm Worship 7 pm In Arneckeville	20 Pr. Deanery in Cuero 9:30 am	21	22
23 Worship 9 am Council 10:15 am	24	25	26 Lenten Meal 6 pm Worship 7 pm In Ander	27	28	29
30 Worship 9 am	31					