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November Ministry Assistants

Altar Guild:	Greeters:	Ushers:
Brenda Bade	1 Kora	1 Paul/Sarah & Gunner
	8 Kora	8 Paul/Gunner
Offering Counters:	15 Ainsley	15, 22 Wesley & Olivia
Eva Griffith	22 Ainsley	Sarah & Kora
Pat McDonald	29 Gerald	

- A SPECIAL EARLY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held at our 9am service on Sunday, November 15. We ask everyone to bring canned goods or nonperishable food items that will be stacked as high as we are able all around our altar. These items will then be donated to the Goliad County Food Pantry to make a more blessed
- Thanksgiving for others in our community.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Ander

the CROSS WORD

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I'm thankful for having loving people around me that support my decisions and goals.

Mallory Luker

Give Thanks with A Grateful Heart

My greatest blessings call me Grandma.
Dorothy Bowman

I'm thankful for the opportunities to get higher education at Texas State and the new friends along the way. Marleigh Luker

I am thankful that I attend a church that works hard cheerfully and is also generous in giving.

Sandra Post

I'm thankful for another day of life and the blessing of sharing it with my family.

Linda Koehler

I'm thankful for my family, friends and an amazing first year of work at Goliad Texas Farm Bureau Insurance.

Margaret Luker

ADVENT MID-WEEK SERVICES

12/2 St. Peter's, Ander

12/9 Martin Luther, Coletoville

12/16 Zion, Arneckeville

Meal 6pm, Service 7pm

Theme: "Joy to the World"

Let's form a 'PRAYER TEAM' to pray for members, associate members and visitors. Every week, Pastor Kara sends out an email to the prayer team, with the names of those we are praying for that week, along with the prayer. Write "PRAYER TEAM" on top of your communication card, as well as your email address.

I am very grateful to our St. Peter's family for their overwhelming generosity. The response to Oktoberfest and our Lutheran World Relief shipping request has once again made me so proud and thankful.

Jackie Gardiner

St. Peter's mission: To grow together as a Christian community in faith, worship and service.

St. Peter's Staff

Rev. Kara Hairell-Speed
Pastor

Dorothy Bowman
Organist and Choir Director

Congregation Council :
(*Executive Committee)
***Linda Koehler**
President
***Jon Adickes**
Vice-President/Security
***Debbie Foster**
Secretary/Worship & Music
Kenneth Brand
Property
Sarah Brandes
Christian Education
Terri Lynn Dornburg
Christian Education Assistant
Cody Foil
Stewardship/Finance
Jarrett Yendrey
Outreach
Wyatt Ball
Youth Representative

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Highlights

October 18, 2026

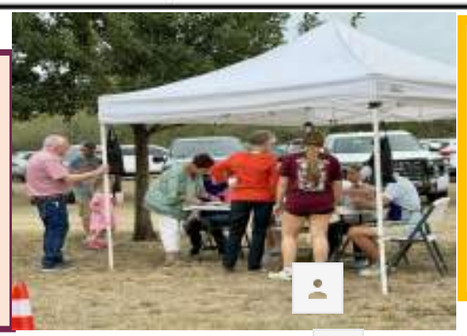
Advent Family event will be November 15 & 22, during Sunday School. Sunday School Christmas program has been set for December 6. Outreach is striving to have a list of names for the Angel Tree by 10/31 and posted to tree 11/8, with wrapping of these gifts on 12/13 with Rotary volunteers assisting, followed by pizza & refreshments. Possibly distributing gifts 12/18 or 12/19. - Christmas caroling has been set for 12/20. Wednesday Advent service dates are 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16. These will be rotated with Christ in the Country congregations, times & schedule to follow. - The joint Goliad Thanksgiving evening service will be on 11/15, at First Baptist Church in Goliad. Details to follow. All Saint's Day Sunday morning service, November 1, will include honoring all deceased family and friends, not just those that passed in 2026. The Big Ass Fans for the Gathering Place have been installed. Next meeting, November 22, 2026.

"The Chosen"
*****VIDEO Bible Study*****
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
6:30 in the Parish Hall

Come join us for a great discussion and great fellowship.
Each week is a stand alone study. We will watch the episode together and then dive into the Bible context behind it.
You are ALWAYS welcome to invite friends and to bring snacks any time you would like.
Mark your calendars and come on!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026, 6:00PM

The First Baptist Church will host the community Thanksgiving service. The entire community is invited to share in this service. Come and enjoy the community fellowship and worship with us.



Tickets for the meal and auction numbers

Joyce Baecker—friend of the community

Krysten Baker—niece of Ina & DeForest's

Terra Brand - Terrell Wiggins' niece

Casey Brown - friend of theTislows

Alvin DeForest– Church member

Forrest Dye-needs kidney

Ainsley Garza - friend of the DeForests

*Barry Geary-church family member (homebound)

Family of Richard Gisler– father of Vickie Wimberly

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

Jennifer Gies-teacher at Linnea Griffith's school

Kohen Hattenbach - niece of Tyler and Megan Tislow-brain cancer

Carmen Hawkins– friend of Sherry Sanders

Vickie Heidaker—Brenda Bade's niece (breast Cancer)

Dale Henderson - Margaret Luker's dad

Sandra Hoff - former member-cancer

Patsy Hudson - Brenda Bade's niece-cancer

Allen and Ruby Jank– church family members

Terry Karnei - brother of Glenn Karnei

Jo Nell Martin - friend of Debbie Foster & the community

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

Mike Moseley - Margaret Luker's cousin

Robert & Donna Parkinson - Wendi Yendrey's parents

Pauline Pollard - Karie Wimberly's grandmother

Tracey Rogers—friend of Linnea Griffith-cancer

Sara - niece of Eva Griffith

Kenneth Sanders - Sandy's Brother

Nathan Smith—Geraldine' Sturm's grandson

Rose Trevino—friend of Jamie Friedrichs

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

Gary and Deanna Wacker– church family members

Jordan Wise - friend of the Wimberly's

Family of Arlene Wold-former Interim pastor's wife

Buddy Young - friend of the community

Pr. Dan Zelmer—friend of The community

REMEMBER TO CONTACT
Sandra Post by email stpetesander@gmail.com, or by texting or calling her at 361-649-5127with St. Peter's prayer list updates, the person's current needs, **or when they can be *removed from* the list.**

Hello November

BIRTHDAYS

11-01 Megan Tislow
11-01 Karie Wimberly
11-03 Addison Yendrey
11-04 Brady Taylor
11-05 Leighton Wunsch
11-07 Ronnie Wilms
11-08 Wayne Albrecht
11-08 Kenneth Brand
11-08 Dalton Dornburg
11-09 Brenda Bade
11-09 Clayton Franke
11-10 Beverly Martin
11-11 Cody Parma
11-12 Kaid Brand
11-21 Evan Lovett
11-23 Julie Franke

ANNIVERSARIES

Dorothy & David Bowman
11-9-62

Rhonda & Jonathan Ideus
11-17-84

Sandra & Paul Post

Checking Account Report 9-30-26

	Monthly	Year-To-Date
Beginning Balance	$192,638.60	$133,562.06
Income	31,105.63	223,912.56
Expenses	32,839.14	166,569.53
Ending balance	$190,905.09	190,905.09

St. Peter's,

Fannin Methodist Food Pantry would like to thank you very much for the soup mixes prepared by the members. Our clients absolutely love these soups and we appreciate you providing them. They always comment on how grateful they are to receive them. Your hands and hearts make a difference in the world. God's Blessings,

Donna Brandes—Administrator

Recipients, Cooks, Bidders, They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength (with a little sausage, kraut, and noodles)

Thankful in November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Father, thank you for your love for me. (John 3:16)	2 Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice and for the gift of salvation for me (Philippians 2:6-8)	3 Father, thank you for both your mercy and your grace for my life. (Hebrews 4:15-16)	4 Father, thank you for you Word and the ways you communicate through scripture to guide my life (2 Timothy 3:16)	5 Holy Spirit, thank you for living in me and being a guide and comforter (John 14:16-17, 16:13)	6 Father, thank you that you are always with me. (Deuteronomy 31:6)	7 Father, thank you for creating me and knowing me even when I was in my mother's womb. (Ps 139:13-14)
8 Father, thank you for every breath you give me (Isaiah 42:5)	9 Father, thank you for the ways you change my heart. Help me to abide in you all of my days (Ezekiel 36:26)	10 Jesus, thank you for coming to offer abundant life for all who know you (John 10:10)	11 Father, thank you that I may have eternal life in Jesus Christ (John 3:15)	12 Abba, thank you for the oceans, mountains, fields, deserts, and all the amazing landscapes you created for our enjoyment (Isaiah 40:12)	13 God, thank you for your light-for the sunrises, sunsets and the moon and the stars that add light to darkness (Genesis 1:14-19)	14 God, thank you for the animals you created-from the largest whale to even the smallest goldfish (Genesis 1:21)
15 Father, thank you for how I notice your beauty in the people around me through their smiles, laughter and the unique ways you created them (Genesis 1:21)	16 Father, thank you for my family and for those friends I call family – may we love each other well (John 15:12-13)	17 Father, thank you for adopting me into your spiritual family (Romans 8:14-17)	18 Father, thank you for the fellowship of believers and what we share together in you (Acts 2:42-47)	19 Father, thank you for marriage and the ways this relationship reflects Christ's relationship with the church (Ephesians 5:21 -33)	20 God, thank you for the gift of children and the way they remind me how to approach you (Matthew 19:14)	21 Lord, thank you for any strangers I might meet today, who could well turn out to be blessing directly from you (Hebrews 13:2)
22 Father, thank you for the work you give me to do so that I may honor you (Colossians 3:23)	23 Lord, thank you for the plans and purposes you have for me (Jeremiah 29:11-13)	24 Jesus, thank you that in you I'm a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)	25 God, thank you for being sovereign so that I can trust your work in my life (Psalm 71:5)	26 Lord, thank you for the truth and the foundation you laid through Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11)	27 Jesus, thank you for your peace that surpasses all understanding (John 14:27)	28 Father, thank you for guiding me to have a greater faith (Hebrews 11:1)
29 Father, thank you for the hope you give me in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 1:3-4)	30 Father, thank you for infusing me with your love, so others may know you love (John 13:34-35)					

PR. KARA'S KORNER

For some people, it is easy to look around and find many things to be thankful for, and for this, we give thanks. For others, it is not so easy to identify things for which to give thanks. And for this, we pray for peace, ease of burden, and for God vision to be able to find "God winks" in the smallest of places and the most unexpected places.

I give thanks for so many things. If I tried to list them all, I would run out of space. But I will list a few...

I give thanks for a God who never gives up on me, especially when I think I know best. God continues to nudge me, and shove me, and drag me right where I am supposed to be. Without that nudge, shove and dragging I wouldn't be able to give thanks for God shoving me right here where Jeff and I feel so welcomed and loved and at home in such a short amount of time. God knew this is where we were supposed to be! I give thanks that God unplugged my ears and helped me to hear His call loud and strong. And I give thanks that you all also heard God's call loud and strong as well.

I give thanks for each one of you and for the infinite possibilities that God has placed in front of us to dive into His word, listen to where He wants us to serve, and to go out into the world and tell of His amazing love, serving one another. I give thanks that God has chosen US to do this together!

I give thanks that I get to worship with you every Sunday, to sing God's praises, to hear God's word and to grow together and to pray together. I give thanks that our prayer team is growing, that we have a group of people excited about praying for one another and praying for our church, who are excited to see the Holy Spirit move in each of us and through the church into the community and the world.

Prayer is such a powerful thing. When we lift our of prayers of thanks and praise together, God hears them, just as he hears our prayers of help and hope and pleading.

This month, I have included a calendar of Prayers of "Thankful in November". Each day has a small prayer of thanks and a Bible verse. Take a moment to say the prayer and then read the scripture. You can use it to start your day, or to end your day. Or you could use it as a pause in the middle of the day.

Let's lift our prayers together, daily, for all these things and for the prayers of each of our hearts as we remember all God has blessed each one of us with, as well as our church and our community. Nothing is more powerful than a church that prays together!

We are Thankful Together. We are Praying Together. We are Together in His Service!!