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## Coming Events

- **March 1**  
Ash Wednesday service, Zion in Arneckeville, 7pm
- **March 5**  
Commitment Sunday; Annual congregational meeting, followed by Stewardship stew
- **March 8**  
Lenten meal and service, 6:30pm St. Luke's, Schroeder
- **March 15**  
Lenten meal and service, 6:30pm St. Peter's
- **March 22**  
Lenten meal and service, 6:30pm Zion, Arneckeville
- **March 29**  
Lenten meal and service, 6:30pm St. Luke's, Schroeder



Faith in Every Future

[Upbring.org](http://Upbring.org)

## Council selects Upbring as recipient of 2017 special Easter gifts

The congregation council has selected Upbring to be the recipient of the 2017 special Easter gifts. Michael Nevergall, who serves as Vice President of Agency Advancement for Upbring, the new Lutheran Social Services of the South, will give the sermon during the February 26 worship service and speak with members after the service.

A native of Ohio, Mike has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Valparaiso University in Indiana and a master's degree in nonprofit administration from North Park University in Chicago. Mike leads a team of philanthropic advisors who work with individuals, congregations, and businesses to provide financial support for the mission and ministry of Upbring. Mike began his career in Chicago, where he worked for eight years at the ELCA churchwide offices. Mike lives in Austin,



with his wife Rachel, their children Caroline and Elliott, and their dog Winni. They are members of Triumphant Love Lutheran Church.

## Thirteen Youth Registered for Summer Camp, Cemetery Plat and Index almost Completed

Council met on February 16 for their regular meeting. Upbring was selected to be the recipient of the special Easter gifts along with flowers for the sanctuary. On Sunday, February 26, Mike Nevergall, Vice President of Agency Advancement for Upbring, will give a presentation on Upbring with a special emphasis prayer for refugees and immigrants.

Council has also begun the process of reviewing and updating, as necessary, the Policies and Procedures Manual. The agenda for the March 5 Congregational Meeting was approved. Sherry Sanders, president, noted that special thanks go to Janice Seiler for her work to the current time on the web site, and special thanks to Linda Koehler for

volunteering to work with Terrell Wiggins on that project beginning now. Sherry reported the Congregational Report for 2016 has been submitted to the synod, by the deadline, with the help of all council. Pastor Mike Robinson has been scheduled as the supply pastor for April 2 and May 14.

The Christian Education and Youth Ministry report, by Eva Nell Griffith, included plans for First Communion Classes to be taught by Pastor Mike Robinson on Saturday, April 1, and Sunday, April 2. At the worship service on May 14, the First Communion Class will celebrate receiving their first communion. She also stated that

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## Call Committee Report:

By Sarah Brandes

"The Call Committee is finalizing the Ministry Site Profile. If you have not yet had a chance to visit with a committee member about any goals, hopes, or expectations you feel should be included in the profile please do so very soon. We value everyone's feedback and want to ensure that the profile is a reflection of our congregation in its entirety. Your support and prayers as we continue through this process are greatly appreciated. With persistence we pray: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall choose a pastor for this congregation, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

## Lent, Holy Week services shared with St. Luke's and Zion to begin March 1

St. Peter's joins St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Schroeder and Zion Lutheran Church in Arneckeville to share joint Lenten and Holy Week services.

The joint Ash Wednesday service will begin at 7pm on March 1 at Zion. The following five Wednesday services, entitled "With Awe and Love: A Midweek Service Based on Luther's Small Catechism," will be held at 7:15pm, following supper beginning at 6:30pm. The April 13 Maundy Thursday and April 14 Good Friday services will both begin at 7pm and do not include meals.

The topics of Lenten services will be based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism in observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The overview for each week is as follows: week 1: Ten Commandments, week 2: Creed, week 3: Lord's Prayer, week 4, Baptism, and week 5: Holy Communion.

The offering received at all of the joint services has been designated for the synod assembly offering. This year's assembly offering will go to Global Mission.



## Keep Texas Beautiful— Adopt A Highway Texas Trash Off

Each April, volunteers throughout the state remove litter from roadsides, city parks, neighborhoods, and waterways during the state's single largest one-day cleanup event.

Meet in the parking lot at 8am on April 8 and help St. Peter's pick up the litter on the highway as we join in this annual event for the Great American Cleanup.



The complete schedule of services is as follows:

- **March 1**, 7pm, Ash Wednesday, Zion
- **March 8**, supper at 6:30pm, service at 7:15pm, St. Luke's
- **March 15**, supper at 6:30pm, service at 7:15pm, St. Peter's
- **March 22**, supper at 6:30pm, service at 7:15pm, Zion
- **March 29**, supper at 6:30pm, service at 7:15pm, St. Luke's
- **April 5**, supper at 6:30pm, service at 7:15pm, St. Peter's
- **April 13**, 7pm, Maundy Thursday, St. Luke's
- **April 14**, 7pm, Good Friday, St. Peter's

## Notice of St. Peter's Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of St. Peter's Lutheran Church will be held following the 9am worship service on March 5, 2017.

## Bishop Tiemann to visit St. Peter's

Bishop Tiemann will visit St. Peter's on Sunday, September 17, 2017. He is visiting selected congregations this year and will be available to preach in worship, teach a class, lead a Bible Study, meet with youth, lead a question and answer time, or lead a mission conversation. There will be more information on his visit as plans are made, but mark your calendar to be here for his visit.

## Stewardship Stew and Commitment Sunday set for March 5

An emphasis on year round stewardship is practiced at St. Peter's. This is how we respond to God's call to us to share our time, talents, and treasures entrusted to our care. On March 5, we will join together to present our commitment of financial giving to support the ministries of St. Peter's. Following the worship service we will gather in the Parish Hall for our annual famous stewardship stew. The congregation is asked to bring desserts.

## Plans for shared Lenten meals with St. Luke's and Zion

As the relationship between St. Luke's in Schroeder, St. Peter's in Ander, and Zion in Arneckeville continues in observance of Lenten services and meals, there will be a change in how those meals are provided. In a kind of semi-potluck, beginning in March, the host church will provide the soup and the drinks. All others who attend services at all three churches and from all three churches will bring sandwiches or desserts. If you would like to provide food for the Lenten meal, the March Fellowship committee has placed a clipboard in the narthex for you to sign-up. Thank you for your assistance as we gather at our joint Wednesday Lenten meals and services.

March

2017



**Wed Mar 1, 2017**  
 7pm Ash Wednesday service, Zion,  
 Arneckeville

**Sun Mar 5, 2017**  
 9am Worship/Commitment Sunday;  
 Annual congregational meeting,  
 followed by stewardship stew  
 10:15am Sunday school

**Mon Mar 6, 2017**  
 9am Lutheran World Relief workday

**Wed Mar 8, 2017**  
 6:30pm Lenten meal, St. Luke's,  
 Schroeder  
 7:15pm Lenten service, St. Luke's

**Sun Mar 12, 2017**  
 9am Communion Service  
 10:15am Sunday School  
 11am Confirmation

**Tue Mar 14, 2017**  
 2pm Bible Study, Women of the  
 ELCA  
 3pm Women of the ELCA meeting

**Wed Mar 15, 2017**  
 6:30pm Lenten meal, St. Peter's  
 7:15pm Lenten service, St. Peter's

**Thu Mar 16, 2017**  
 6:30pm Congregation council  
 meeting

**Sun Mar 19, 2017**  
 9am Contemporary Worship Service  
 10:15am Sunday School  
 11am Confirmation

**Tue Mar 21, 2017**  
 2:30pm La Bahia Nursing Home  
 March Birthday Party hosted by  
 St. Peter's Women of the ELCA

**Wed Mar 22, 2017**  
 6:30pm Lenten meal, Zion,  
 Arneckeville  
 7:15pm Lenten service, Zion

**Sun Mar 26, 2017**  
 9am Communion Service, Rev. Kara  
 Stewart  
 10:15am Sunday School

**Wed Mar 29, 2017**  
 6:30pm Lenten meal, St. Luke's,  
 Schroeder  
 7:15pm Lenten service, St. Luke's

**Sat April 1, 2017**  
 11am — 1:30pm First Communion  
 Class with Pastor Mike Robinson

**Sun April 2, 2017**  
 9am Contemporary Worship Service  
 10:15am Sunday School  
 11am First Communion Class with  
 Pastor Mike Robinson



Daylight Saving Time  
 Begins March 12, 2017



Please refer to  
 Lenten Service Schedule on page 2  
 of this newsletter for service and  
 meal dates and times.

## Women of the ELCA plan to observe Bold Women's Day and prepare for La Bahia Nursing Home Birthday Party

By Kathy Albrecht

St Peter's Women of the ELCA discussed goals and projected expenses for 2017, assigned needed items for the March 21 birthday party at La Bahia Nursing Home and made plans for the "Bold Women's Day" to be observed at the February 26 worship service.

Nine members and guest, Michelle Schlinke, attended the monthly gathering of St. Peter's Women of the ELCA. Michelle serves as lay minister at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero.

Bible study, "Christian Faith and Christian Freedom: Children of God through faith" with readings from Galatians 2:19—3:29, was led by Linda Dornburg from the January/February *Gather* magazine prior to the February 7 meeting.

Deanna Wacker presented "Points to Ponder" with a reading entitled "The Power of Faith" with a Bible passage from 2 Chronicles 20:20. "Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe in His prophets, and you will succeed." It was stated in the devotion, "Faith is strengthened only when we ourselves exercise it. If you don't have faith, you'll never move mountains. But if you do have faith, there's no limit to the things that you and God, working together, can accomplish."

Dorothy Bowman, president, extended an invitation from Janice Seiler to attend the 2017 Victoria Quilt Fest that will be held March 31 and April 1 at Holy Family Catholic Church Activity Center in Victoria. She also read a thank you for the 2016 Thankoffering gift of \$622.

The Bluebonnet Spring Gathering will be held on March 25 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gonzales. Registration forms are available from Dorothy Bowman and registration fee is \$15. It was approved that a \$125 "Love Gift" will be given by St. Peter's women at the gathering. Each unit is also ask to provide a door prize for the gathering and the physical offerings will be nonperishable food for Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministry and medium stuffed animals for Norma's House, a division of Gonzales CPS.

Assignments for providing birthday party items for residents at La Bahia Nursing Home were made. Brenda Foil volunteered to provide birthday gifts for the residents with birthdays in the month of March. The birthday party will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 2:30pm.

It was reported that thirteen youth will attend summer camp this year. St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will contribute \$50 to assist each camper with the cost of attending summer camp.

The final workday for the 2016/2017 Lutheran World Relief quilt and kit project was set for March 6. Dedication of the quilts and kits will be held at the April 2 worship service.

Bold Women's Day will be observed on February 26 and all women are encouraged to wear hats to the worship service to proclaim their boldness. Marilyn Morris will lead the "Litany of

Commitment for Bold Women" during the worship service.

Ella Goeble, Board Member Bluebonnet Conference and a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Arneckeville, is the 2017 mentor for St. Peter's women and will be contacted when need arises.

Michelle requested that St. Peter's Women's group consider being the host church for the 2018 Bluebonnet Spring Gathering. After discussion was held, and it was noted that 2009 was the last time that St. Peter's had hosted the Spring Gathering, a motion was made, second and carried that St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will host the 2018 Spring Gathering. It was agreed that we will invite St. Luke's Women of the ELCA to assist as co-hosts.

Discussion was then held concerning the upcoming Lenten meals and St. Peter's participation in assisting with sandwiches and desserts for the meals at St. Peter's, at St. Luke's and at Zion.

Offerings were then given and the meeting closed with Dorothy leading the group in the responsive "Litany of Boldness."

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will hold their next regular meeting at 3pm on March 7. Bible study will be held prior to the meeting at 2pm.

### Sign-up to receive free trial subscription for the Gather magazine

The Women of the ELCA at St. Peter's will be offering a free copy of the "*Gather*" magazine, which includes the Bible study lessons that we use at our monthly meetings. The free copy will be placed in your church file folder once a month for a three month period. We will rotate the magazine every three months among those interested in receiving the *Gather* magazine. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.

#### Women of the ELCA Bluebonnet Conference Spring Gathering "What You Do for Others You Do For Me."

**Date:** Saturday, March 25, 2017

**Place:** First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1206 N. St. Joseph, Gonzales

**Time:** 8:30am—3pm

**Key Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Jay Alanis

**Speakers:** Prof. Holly Heinsohn and Jeanie Noack



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thirteen youth plan to attend Summer Camps. Lana Jarzombek and Kathy Albrecht are coordinating the necessary steps for early registrations, discounts and payments to be made.

Council was reminded of the Sunday worship service at La Bahia Nursing Home on February 19 at 3 pm.

Kenneth Brand reported on the annual water well testing, there were no changes. Repairs for leaks in the parish hall roof are scheduled to be made on February 17, weather permitting. Gerald Griffith, columbarium committee chair, continues work on plans for the columbarium. Kenneth reported that the annual Adopt a Highway Trash-Off is scheduled for Saturday, April 8. Everyone is asked to meet at 8am in the parking lot to help with the highway clean-up.

David Bowman reported on the Stewardship campaign, Live Simply, which is currently in progress. One more Temple Talk will be given on February 26, followed by Commitment Sunday and the Stewardship Stew which will be served following the annual Congregational Meeting on March 5. Sandra Post added that the Audit Committee has met and completed their work.

Eva Nell reported John Creech will be available for Defibrillator Training on March 12, following worship. Brenda Bade is working on plans for a special Camp Work Weekend emphasis during worship service, prior to the weekend of May 19. Sandra Post will write an article for the newsletter in search of a volunteer to learn how to print bulletins and other basic jobs to allow our church secretary to take time off occasionally.

The Archives Committee's project of making a cemetery plat and index is almost completed, as reported by Eva Nell. The plans are for it to be displayed somewhere in the Parish Hall, so all can appreciate. Special thanks to her and Arlene DeForest for their work in this undertaking.

March 16 will be the next regular meeting of the congregation council.

**Camp service weekend set for May 19-21**

St. Peter's 49<sup>th</sup> annual camp service weekend will be held May 19-21 at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville.

At this time, a project has not been finalized. Updated information will be shared when it is available.



Photo by Lana Jarzombek

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church** Ander youngsters made Valentine animal pencil holders and Valentine Bugs with sweet Valentine messages after service Sunday morning. These were delivered to area nursing home residents. Of course, there was hot chocolate and cookies for the youngsters before the fun began.



Photo by Lana Jarzombek

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church** Ander youths decorated Alleluia Eggs Sunday to help them understand the meaning of Lent after the Sunday service. They will start opening their eggs on Ash Wednesday.

**Youth groups planning Easter breakfast**



All members and guests of the congregation are invited to a special Easter breakfast prepared by the youth groups of St. Peter's. Join us in the parish hall for food and fellowship promptly after the Sunrise service on Easter Day.

*In-kind donations will be accepted and go toward youth group programming within the congregation. If you are not part of the youth groups, but would like to contribute to the meal, please contact Sarah Brandes at 212-8420.*

**EASTER EGG HUNT!**



**Easter egg hunt planned**

Grab your basket! The youth group is sponsoring its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15 beginning at 10am. Youth of all ages are invited to participate and do not have to be members of St. Peter's to join in on the fun! To ensure that there will be plenty of eggs for everyone, families of participants are encouraged to donate 2 dozen eggs (plastic or confetti) and a type of treat. Members of the congregation are also welcome to donate supplies if they'd like. A pink and white checkered box will be placed in the narthex to collect all donations.

We would like to have the donations collected by Sunday, April 9, so that goodie bags can be prepared that morning during the Sunday School hour. Parents and volunteers are welcome to assist in assembling goodie bags.

## St. Peter's Staff

**The Rev. Joseph Wold**  
Transitional Minister

**Kathy Albrecht**  
Church Office Secretary

**Dorothy Bowman**  
Organist and Choir  
Director

## Congregation Council

**David Bowman**  
Co-Chair of Stewardship  
and Finance  
(term ends 12/31/18)

**Kenneth Brand**  
Co-Chair of Property  
(term ends 12/31/18)

**Billy Dornburg**  
Chair of Outreach  
(term ends 12/31/17)

**Dalton Dornburg**  
Vice Chair of Christian  
Education and Youth Ministry  
(term ends 12/31/17)

**Eva Nell Griffith**  
Vice President and Chair of  
Christian Education  
and Youth Ministry  
(term ends 12/31/19)

**Beverly Martin**  
Chair of Worship and Music  
(term ends 12/31/17)

**Sandra Post**  
Secretary and Co-Chair of  
Stewardship  
and Finance  
(term ends 12/31/18)

**Sherry Sanders**  
President  
(term ends 12/31/19)

**Terrell Wiggins**  
Co-Chair of Property  
(term ends 12/31/19)

**The Rev. Joe Wold**  
Transitional Pastor (ex-officio)

## Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.—  
11:00 a.m. (Sept. - May)  
Holy Communion: second,  
fourth, and fifth Sundays of  
each month, throughout the  
Easter season, and on all  
festivals



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

3-01 Sheldon May  
3-01 Hunner Parma  
3-02 Gayle Albrecht  
3-03 Floyd Karnei  
3-04 Maely Brandes  
3-12 Terrell Wiggins  
3-13 Karen Klinkerman  
3-19 Kirk Klinkerman  
3-22 Landon Burke  
3-29 Gunner Brandes  
3-29 Allen Jank  
3-30 Regina Calhoun  
3-31 Annie Schwin  
3-31 Shelby Taylor

*If any listings of birthdays or  
anniversaries are incorrect, or if a listing  
is missing, please contact the church  
office at 645-2922 or  
office@stpetersander.org*



Daylight Saving Time  
Begins March 12, 2017

## 2016 Gifts to the Southwestern Texas Synod, ELCA

2016 Annual Statement of Designated  
Gifts from St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
(Ander):

Assembly offering	\$1,412.75
Campus Ministry	389.18
Campus Ministry UT Austin	95.00
Campus Ministry UT San Antonio	95.00
Campus Ministry Christ Chapel TXSU	95.00
Cross Trails Ministry	470.00
Domestic Disaster	10.00
Carolyn Schneider	1,201.25
World Hunger	605.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,373.18</b>

\*Please also note Mission Support thank  
you certificate from Southwestern Texas  
Synod for \$19,480.71, included in this  
newsletter.

## St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through January 31, 2017

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2017	\$24,057.45
Offerings	\$16,862.75
Cost of ministries	\$10,312.46
Ministry fund ending balance, January 31	\$30,607.74

*Note: St. Peter's Ministry Fund (previously known  
as the current fund and the general operating fund)  
includes all of St. Peter's regular, budgeted ministries,  
including ELCA Mission Support. It does not include  
designated gifts to the building fund, memorials, or other  
non-budgeted designated gifts.*

## ELCA Missionary Supported by St. Peter's

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Schneider  
#3 To Fung Shan Road  
Shatin, N.T.  
Hong Kong, SAR  
carolyn.schneider@elca.org



St. Peter's Ander



**Allene Bethke** – mother-in-law of June Bethke  
**Sharon Bethke** – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith  
**Nate Boehl** – two year old son of Megan and Kelly Boehl, cousin of Ray Albrecht  
**Dawn Butler** – sister of Lana Jarzombek and Rhonda Irwin  
**Cheryl Edmondson** – cousin of Lana Jarzombek  
**Denise Engle** – friend of Amy Wilburn  
**Joyce Foster** – grandmother of Shelby Foster  
**Robbie Friedrichs** – friend of June Bethke  
**Janie Garcia** – co-worker of Jamie Friedrichs  
**Ainsley Garza** – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith  
**Barry Geary** – member of St. Peter's  
**Kerry Giles** – son-in-law of Sherry and Sandy Sanders  
**Rebecca Graves** – infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest  
**Kyndal Gruetzmacher** – student at Goliad High School  
**Milton Haas** – friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest  
**Emily Harrison** – teacher of Maely Brandes  
**The Rev. Bill Hassel** – retired Bluebonnet Conference pastor  
**Dale Henderson** – father of Margaret Luker  
**Vanita Ann Hausmann Homer** – friend of Brenda and Aldon Bade  
**Carolyn and Eddie Houseton** – friends of Beverly Martin  
**Betty Jacob** – friend of June Bethke  
**Ryan Janak** – eight year old nephew of Leo Henke  
**Nora Karl** – great-grandmother of Shelby Foster  
**Joe Ladeairous** – father of Regina Calhoun  
**Jo Nell Martin** – former member of St. Peter's and friend of Arlene DeForest  
**Herbie Maurer** – brother of Brenda Bade  
**Bryce Ousley** – student at Goliad High School, friend of Wendi Yendrey  
**Jordan Peterson** – husband to be of Carolyn Well's step-granddaughter  
**Ruth Pieper** – friend of the community and member of St. Luke's, Schroeder  
**Randy Poppert** – nephew of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest  
**Janelle Reha** – friend of Geraldine and Fritz Sturm

**Marcus Rezendez** – friend of Amy Wilburn  
**Allison Rideout** – friend of Beverly Martin  
**Lamar Riggs and family** – friends of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm  
**Jack Robinson** – grandfather of Fischer Saxton  
**Leota Romine** – sister of Aldon Bade and associate member of St. Peter's  
**Debra Rouse** – friend of Wanda Schendel  
**Stefani Soper** – friend of Karen Klinkerman  
**Bonnie Staha** – friend of Jamie Friedrichs  
**Patricia Stanley** – co-worker of Gayle Albrecht  
**Geraldine Sturm** – member of St. Peter's  
**Chuck Taylor** – father of Ashford Taylor  
**Victor Vargas** – infant nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife  
**Hope Vornsand** – friend of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm's son and daughter-in-law  
**James White** – friend of Allen and Ruby Jank  
**Verlene Weise** – aunt of Randy Koehler  
**Terrell Wiggins** – member of St. Peter's  
**Sharon Wilborn** – friend of Beverly Martin  
**Mike Wilburn** – member of St. Peter's  
**Zander York** – member of St. Peter's grandson of Bob and Nancy Gerhardt  
**Buddy Young** – friend of Allen and Ruby Jank  
**Lindsey Youngblood** – member of St. Peter's

## Thank you —

St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
 Thank you for giving to the work of the church! Generosity is a sign of the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. It is a fruit of the spirit. It is a signal that God is at work in our lives. Thank you for your gift of \$500 to the Synod Disaster Fund for Houston flood relief. With your help we are making a difference in the world.

Yours in Christ,  
 Michael Rinehart, Bishop  
 Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

\* *Local benevolence gift approved by the congregation council at its April 18, 2016 meeting. The \$500 gift assisted with disaster recovery in Houston.*

## Homebound:

**Barry Geary**, 1403 Gohmert Rd., Cuero, TX 77954,  
 phone 361-275-5591

8<sup>th</sup> Annual



Saturday, March 25, 2017  
 SON VALLEY RANCH EVENTS CENTER

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM	Open Registration Begins
9:30 AM	Silent Auction Begins
9:45 AM	Devotion
10:00 AM	FUN RUN Starts
10:15 AM	STROLLERS (Walkers) Start
10:30 AM	Meal Service Begins
10:45 AM	Kid's Race Starts
11:00 AM	Roller's Race Begins-Wheelchairs
12:00 PM	Raffle Drawing
12:00 PM	Meal Service & Silent Auction Ends

Fees: **FUN RUN** \$30.00-Adult and \$15.00-Child (under 12)

**WALK** \$30.00-Adult and \$15.00-Child (under 12)

**KID'S FUN RUN** (Ages 1-11 years) \$10.00 per child

Registration Fee for Runners, Walkers and Rollers includes:  
 Race Day T-Shirt & Lunch

Event is FREE if not participating in races.

## Stroll-Roll 'N' Run Event

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual ALS Stroll-Roll 'n' Run event will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 in Legacy Hall at the Son Valley Ranch Special Events Center from 9am to 12pm. Our goal this year is to raise at least \$30,000. If you are interested in supporting this year's event, please send monetary donations to "SRNR", 108 Cherrystone Circle, Victoria, 77904" and make check payable "SRNR". This year's event will include a fun run and walk as well as kids and wheelchair races to be held on the beautiful grounds at Son Valley Ranch. A silent auction, raffle drawing and complimentary BBQ lunch will be held inside Legacy Hall. For additional information, please contact Bryan Serold, Event Chairman at 361/573-2387 or by e-mail at sserold@suddenlink.net. Visit us on FACEBOOK at "ALS Stroll Roll N Run" for more information on the event schedule.



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Phone: 830-632-5471 or 248-330-4274  
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## Worship Leaders for March



### ALTAR GUILD

Gayle Baecker and Geraldine Sturm

### MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

Allen Jank

### GREETERS

Ina DeForest and Elaine Post

### USHERS

Kenneth Brand and Paul Post

### OFFERING COUNTERS

Bob Gerhardt and Terrell Wiggins

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Gayle Baecker and Jill Wiggins

### FLOWERS

3-5 Brandes Family  
3-12 open  
3-19 Valerie Albrecht  
3-26 Allen Jank



Daylight Saving Time  
Begins March 12, 2017



## Easter Day Service Gifts to St. Peter's

For the Easter Day service at St. Peter's, members and friends of the congregation have the opportunity to give gifts in memory or in honor of family members and friends. In addition to Hydrangeas that will be used during the Easter Day service, there is an opportunity to give a gift to Upbring, the new Lutheran Social Services of the South.

All gifts—both Hydrangeas and for Upbring—will be acknowledged in the Easter Day service bulletin. The cost for either gift is \$15 each. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church. All flowers for Easter Day should be ordered through the church. Please return this form with your check in the offering plate or to the church office no later than **Sunday, April 2.**

Name (of person giving gift): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Upbring    \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas    \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor    \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory

Name(s) of those being honored/memorialized \_\_\_\_\_

Name (of person giving gift): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Upbring    \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas    \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor    \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory

Name(s) of those being honored/memorialized \_\_\_\_\_

Name (of person giving gift): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Upbring    \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas    \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor    \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory

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# MISSION SUPPORT 2016



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*United in Christ*  
*Diverse in People*  
*Called by the Spirit*  
 Equipping the people of God  
 to be instruments of God's love.

Ministry Focus

**GOD's People**  
 Growing in faith  
 Outwardly focused  
 Doing mission

January 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*Grace to you and peace from God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

It was Martin Luther who said, "I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

How true that is, and yet how difficult it is at times to have such faith! Sometimes in life we are tempted to hold tightly to the gifts that God has bestowed upon us, not wanting to share those blessings with others. At other times we step forward in faith, knowing that in giving, we receive the joy of participation in God's mission to save and bless the world.

You may have heard stewardship defined as "everything I do after I say that I believe." That saying illustrates the depth of true Christian stewardship, which is first and foremost a matter of faith. In his book *Generous People*, Dr. Eugene Grimm, ELCA stewardship leader, says this about stewardship as a faith response:

"People know that giving their money is a spiritual response to God's gift of our salvation. Giving liberally is a direct consequence of commitment to Christ. Christian stewardship is a spiritual matter. The writer of 1 John declares: We love because Christ first loved us. (4:19). We know how to express Christian love because we give to express our appreciation to God for the greatest gift of all - the gift of our redemption." (*Generous People*, p. 78)

Therefore, out of joy and thanksgiving and on behalf of a grateful church, please accept the enclosed 'Certificate of Appreciation' for your congregation's mission support in the year 2016. We have also included the 2016 annual statements of Mission Support and Designated Gifts / Other.

Together, as the congregations of the Southwestern Texas Synod, we are *God's people: Growing in faith, Outwardly focused and Doing mission!* Through our generous gifts we join across the ELCA to make Christ known.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry as you generously share the grace and love of God with those in your neighborhood and beyond.

Gratefully in Christ,

Ray Tiemann  
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Enclosures



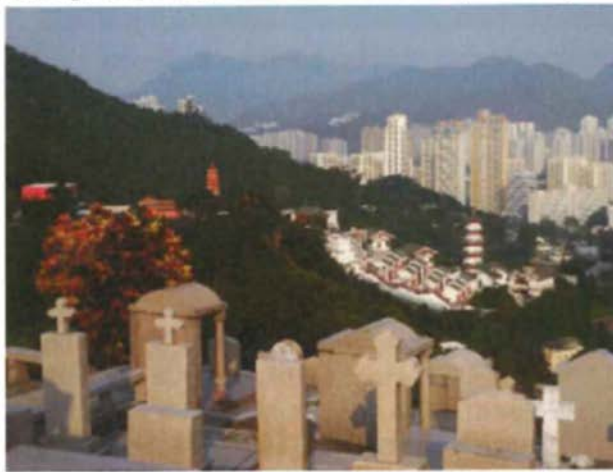
# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Friends and Partners in Ministry,

New Year 2017

Happy New Year! As I write, it is the last day of our long New Year break (Jan. 28-Feb. 6), and tomorrow classes start again at the seminary. The celebration of the lunar new year is the most important occasion in the Chinese calendar. We are now in the year of the rooster, a year to be alert! One of the traditions that ushers in each new year is the lion dance. Trained dancers in lion costume go through the villages and markets accompanied by musicians playing loud drums and cymbals. They visit



each home and market stall and dance to drive away evil spirits and open the way to a prosperous new year. I happened upon a lion dance yesterday at the vegetable stand where I usually shop in the market. I made a little movie of it and have attached it separately. (To see it, click on the down arrow in the attachment, then click on "View in OneDrive," then click on "Lion Dance".)

Hong Kong is full of so many different traditions and beliefs. To give you a sense of the diversity, I will take you on a tour with my students. We will start in my office, where I look down at the red-colored 10,000 Buddhas temple

complex (on the left in the photo). It got its name from the 10,000 statues in all sizes representing the Buddha. Many people go there to pray and to visit the niches of their loved ones in the columbarium. Facing 10,000 Buddhas and overlooking the town of Shatin is the Christian cemetery, on the hill just under the seminary.

There are many different traditions even within the Christian community in Hong Kong. For example, if we catch the metro train in Shatin and cross Victoria Harbor to Hong Kong island, we can

visit a Cantonese-speaking Lutheran congregation called Abiding Grace. A few months ago, Pastor Simon Kwan invited me and some of the international students from LTS (the Lutheran Theological Seminary) to talk with the adult Sunday School class about the ministries of the churches in our countries. In the photo, Pastor Kwan is seated next to me as I explain the congregational, synodical, national, and global ministries of the ELCA. The group was most interested in the ELCA's synodical ministries because they liked the idea of congregations in a region working together to carry out social ministries that they could not do effectively on their own.



Staying on Hong Kong island, we can also visit a very different kind of church. There is a small Coptic Orthodox Church here, where I frequently bring students to experience the Christianity that comes from Egypt. The early history of Egyptian Christianity is one of the areas I focus on as a scholar. Here are students Seng Tawng, Casthelia, Robby and I with Abuna (Father) Zocima at St. Thomas Coptic Orthodox Church, where the members come not only from Egypt but also from other countries, including Hong Kong itself.



Not too far from the Coptic church we can visit another religious community with origins in the Middle East, the Zoroastrians. Ervad

Homyar always hospitably welcomes us to the Zoroastrian prayer hall and explains how his religion started in Persia and then moved to India, from which it spread around the world, even to Hong Kong, with the Indian soldiers and merchants during British colonial rule. Here is Ervad Homyar with students Kam, Polly, Syvonia, Winnie, and me. Zoroastrians have made many contributions to Hong Kong, one of which is the Star Ferry. Every visitor to Hong Kong and many locals ride the Star Ferry across Victoria Harbor, and we can go back to Kowloon that way.



On the way home, we can stop at the Kowloon Masjid, one of several large Islamic mosques in Hong Kong. Like the Zoroastrians, Muslims came to Hong Kong with the British a long time ago. There are many established Muslim families of Pakistani descent in Hong Kong, but the largest number of Muslims are new arrivals: domestic workers from Indonesia. Here is Mufti (scholar) Ibrahim, our host at the masjid, with students Ola and his mother, Tony, Catriona, and me.



I bring students of church history to visit these neighbors because Christians around the world have lived for centuries among people of all these religions, working out how best to show God's love in Jesus Christ. To understand our Christian ancestors, I think we need to try to understand their neighbors as well, who are also our neighbors, as we work out for our own time how to show God's love in Jesus Christ.

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# Youth Group News

## **SPARKHOUSE FAMILY BOOK FAIR!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Looking for that perfect Easter gift for your kids or grandkids? Stop by our Book Fair and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for kids. Save up to 50% PLUS free shipping on all titles. Our church will also earn 20% of the proceeds to go towards curriculum or other resources!

Our Book Fair, sponsored by Sparkhouse Family, is designed to help parents instill an open-hearted, transformational, lifelong Christian faith in their children at every age and stage.

## *Cookie and Cocoa **SUCCESS!***

Thank you for a great morning of fellowship, service, and crafts! Don't forget— your ALLELUIA EGGS begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1st



## **SAVE THE DATES!**

Saturday, April 15 @ 10am—Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16 - Easter Breakfast hosted by the youth groups

