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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 1, 8, 15 Advent Weeknight worship
- December 5 WELCA Christmas Party
- December 12 -Sunday School Christmas Program -Congregational Meeting (Part 1) -Christmas brunch -Christmas caroling
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship 5:30pm



WEEKNIGHT ADVENT

SERVICES will once again be together with Pastor Kara and the Christ in the Country Co-op (Coletoville, Schroeder, Arneckeville) with the theme *Preparing for the King*. The services begin at 7:00 pm.



- December 1 Coletoville *Preparing for the King*
- December 8 Ander *Mary's Witness*
- December 15 Arneckeville *Unbreakable Christmas*

EACH SERVICE will be preceded by a fellowship soup/sandwich meal provided by the host congregation from 6:00-7:00 pm. Come for the meal, or just come for worship, but set aside some time to celebrate our coming King!

THE CHRISTMAS EVE candlelight worship will be at 5:30 pm on Friday, December 24. Join us in the



sanctuary for this service of communion, carols and candlelight as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you find it easier to stay in your vehicle, the speakers will be outside and candles and communion will be provided for you.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM this year will be part of the worship service on Sunday, December 12, at 9:00 am. There will still be communion that Sunday. All parents have been sent the information to get their kids ready, and costumes and parts will be handed out Dec. 5 during group Sunday School.



St. Peter's Staff

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier, *Pastor*

Sandra Post
Office Administrator

Dorothy Bowman
Organist and Choir Director

Jerry Kolmeier
Custodian

Congregation Council :

Brenda Bade
Vice-President and Outreach Liaison
(term ends 12/31/21)

David Bowman
Stewardship and Finance Liaison
(term ends 12/31/23)

Regina Calhoun
Safety and Security Liaison
(term ends 12/31/22)

Linda Koehler
President
(term ends 12/31/21)

Debbie Foster
Secretary, Worship and Music Liaison
(term ends 12/31/22)

Paul Post
Property Liaison
(term ends 12/31/22)

Leslie Wunsch
Christian Education and Youth Ministry Liaison
(term ends 12/31/21)

Lindsey Youngblood
Christian Education and Youth Ministry Liaison
(term ends 12/31/23)

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Pastor (ex-officio)

Highlights™

from COUNCIL on 11/21/21:

1. The fence has been completed between the church/Adickes properties.
2. Approved the slate of officers for 2022 (see elsewhere in newsletter)
3. Voted not to send the budgeted amount of \$3000 for Mission Development to the synod for 2021
4. Approved disbursement of Mission Endowment funds as defined in the bylaws
5. Approved sending \$400 from local benevolence to the Berclair Ministry for cleaning supplies
6. Set February 20, 2022 as the Annual Meeting, Part II.



THERE WILL BE two hymn-sing opportunities this year, at our worship services on December 26 and January 2. December 26 will be a service of Lessons and Carols with communion. January 2 will be a service of carols and Christmas stories. Join us as we continue the celebration of Christmas!



SLATE OF THOSE RUNNING FOR OFFICE in 2022 (to be elected at the Dec. 12 meeting – nominations will be received from the floor)
Church Council: Gerald Griffith, Wendi Yendrey, 1 open position
Financial Secretary: Jackie Gardiner
Treasurer : Jamie Friedrichs
Cemetery Committee: Gary Moreland
Memorial Committee: Marilyn Moreland
Memorial Treasurer: Brenda Bade
Mission Endowment Committee: Carl Brandes, Ryan Luker
Perpetual Care Treasurer: Arlene Deforest

The ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Part I will be on Sunday, December 12 after the worship service. On the agenda are the presentation of constitutional changes (available on the table in the narthex), election of church council for 2022, and voting on the budget for 2022. All confirmed members have a voice and a vote, so help plan the future of our congregation!

A POTLUCK BRUNCH will be held after the congregational meeting, then we will go Christmas Caroling to shut-ins and friends (all ages invited to carol!)





2021 OKTOBERFEST was a huge success!

Everyone used whatever talent they were given. Food preparation, food service, musical ability, showing off our auction items and hauling hay for the photo booth.



OKTOBERFEST
TOTAL: \$9,444



Thank You

To all who gave of their time and talents to make OKTOBERFEST possible.

On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$62.50. We are truly thankful for your prayers, support and partnership.
Yours in Christ,
Deanna Christensen, Executive Director



Light of the world so clear and bright,
Enter our homes on Christmas night;
Re-light our souls so tenderly
That we may grow to be like Thee.



Fannin Food Pantry wanted to express sincere gratitude for the \$1,000.00 you have given us. With your support, we continue feeding many families in Goliad County. Blessings to you and your families.
Donna Brandes, Administrator

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE for the picnic area renovations has posted their suggested renovation plans and want YOUR comments, concerns, ideas and suggestions. They need your suggestions by DECEMBER 5, so they can progress with and/or change the plans.





The Silver Santa program, headed by the Rotary Club, the Fannin Food Pantry (which includes Berclair) and the Goliad Food Pantry were chosen to receive local benevolence funds from St. Peter's Lutheran



There are many of you ... who think to yourselves: "If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby! I would have washed his linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!" Yes, you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time, you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. ... Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself.



—Martin Luther

At the December congregational meeting on December 12th ,you will be asked to approve amendments to both the Constitution and Bylaws of St. Peter's. Most of our constitutional provisions are provided by the ELCA and are required by our church's membership in the ELCA. These provisions are amended by the ELCA periodically and most of the proposed amendments are to get current with the ELCA model constitution – we last made conforming changes in 2014.



The council is also recommending changes that are not required, but do conform to the model ELCA constitution, including changing the number of council members to not exceed nine (from six), allowing officers to serve on the Mutual Ministry Committee, and requiring a two-thirds (rather than a simple majority) vote to amend the Bylaws. Additionally, the council is recommending amending the limit for out of budget contracts from \$1,500 to \$5,000, to allow for more flexibility for issues like the roof repair.

The council also is recommending amendments to the Bylaws to add the Safety and Security Committee to our list of standing committees and clean-up some terminology. Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws showing all of the proposed changes, along with more detailed explanations will be available in the narthex during November or will provided directly to you upon request. Any questions can be addressed to David Bowman or Jackie Gardiner (from the ad hoc constitutional committee) or Linda Koehler.



A reception was held for Aldon and Brenda Bade celebrating 50 years of marriage. October 30, 1971 to October 30, 2021. Congratulations to them!


 FOR
 unto us a
 Child
 is
 unto us a Son
 is given; and the government
 will be upon His shoulder. And
 His name will be called
 Wonderful
 MIGHTY GOD
 Everlasting Father
 PRINCE OF PEACE
 ISAIAH
 9:6

Merry
Christmas


OUR MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND continues to draw interest, and 75% of that interest is sent out to other ministries according to our bylaws. In 2020, \$1687.47 was earned. Disbursed in 2021:

ELCA Mission Support	\$421.88
St. Peter's Youth Fund	\$253.12
Cross Trails Ministry	\$112.55
Lutherhill Ministries	\$56.19
ELCA World Hunger	\$168.75
Lutheran Campus Min.	\$168.75
ELCA Global Mission	\$168.75
St. Peter's Local Benev.	\$84.37
Upbring	\$84.37
Lutheran World Relief	\$84.37
Texas Lutheran University	\$84.37

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Financial Report

as of 10-31-21

checking account report

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
• beginning balance	\$106,601.38	\$106,254.44
• income	24,961.68	181,791.41
• expenses	21,630.59	178,113.38



**WOMEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER
FABULOUSLY FESTIVE ATTIRE**

All men and women of St. Peter's are invited to the Women's Annual Christmas Dinner on December 5th, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Hall. We all need to laugh after so much we all have dealt with during COVID, SOOOOOO let's all wear our FABULOUSLY FESTIVE CHRISTMAS ATTIRE. Wear Christmas PJ's. Decorate a shirt or blouse with tinsel and ornaments. Decorate a hat. Wear your Christmas tie. Wear your Christmas socks or come as you. We just want you to come.



Attendees will enjoy socializing and sharing a delicious Christmas dinner. Plans are for a fun Christmas activity. Hint, the activity involves kitchen oven mittens!!! Please come. There will be NO gift exchange.



R.S.V.P. to Dorothy Bowman regarding food for the meal. Meat dish will be provided and everyone will bring a side dish, which will be coordinated through Dorothy.





BIRTHDAYS

12-1	Laura Rodgers
12-6	Brian Willms
12-7	Delbert McCullough
12-16	Fritz Sturm
12-17	Barrett Irwin
12-18	Kora Brandes
12-18	Paisley Post
12-20	Allison Ball
12-23	Brynnley Bates
12-24	Brent Dornburg
12-25	Wanda Schendel
12-26	Wylie Tislow
12-26	Vicki Wimberly
12-27	Ryan Klinkerman
12-27	Tracer Schendel
12-28	Luke Taylor
12-29	Tuffy Dornburg

ANNIVERSARIES

12-10-71	Kathy & Ray Albrecht
12-10-16	Megan & Tyler Tislow
12-19-92	Brent & Terri Lynn Dornburg
12-20-08	W.A. & Vicki Wimberly
12-23-61	Paul & Leota Romine



Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.

Amen.





Family and friends—

Lessie Arnold and Mr & Mrs Ed Arnold—friends of Morelands
***June Bethke**-church family member
Dwayne Bruns—brother of Deanna Wacker
Roland Capistran—friend of Yendrey's
Kim Curlee - friend of Klinkerman's
David Dohmann - friend of Ball family
Denise Engle - friend of Amy Wilburn
Joyce Foster - grandmother of Shelby Foster
Ainsley Garza - cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith
***Barry Geary**-church family member (homebound)
Rebecca Graves - infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest
Olga Gutierrez -friend of Ruby Jank
Dale Henderson - father of Margaret Luker

Kenneth Jacob - friend of Glenn Karnei
Wayne Jacobs -brother of Loyce McCullough
Donna Justice - friend of community
Melita Keith - friend of Margaret Luker
Joe Ladeairus - father of Regina Calhoun
Kristen Lambright—friend of Shelby Foster
Butch Lorenz—brother of Linda Koehler
Jo Nell Martin - friend of Debbie Foster
Herbie Mauer -brother of Brenda Bade
Michael McLead - uncle of Nathan Irwin
Doris Moore - cousin of Fritz Sturm
***Tom & Marilyn Morris**- church family members
Charles Nixon - brother of Sturm's daughter-in-law
Carolyn Nunley - cousin of Alvin DeForest and Sis DeForest
Mary Poppert - sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest
Vanette Rathkamp -friend of Kathy & Ray Albrecht
Marcus Rezendez - friend of Amy Wilburn
Shannon Roberts—daughter of Rich Harding

James Rung - eight year old son of Greta Henke's friend

Sara -

Marsha Schneider
 friend of Griffith's

Stefanie Soper- friend of Klinkerman's

Liz Swetish - mother-in-law of Garrett Friedrichs

Dale Teague—nephew of the Baeckers

Jay Thigpen - friend of Brandes'

Pat and Joe Trapp- friends of Allison Ball and Clayton Franke

Victor Vargas - nine year old nephew of Alyssa and Luke Abrameit

***Mike Wilburn**-church family member

Buddy and Mary Nell Young - friends of the community



REMEMBER TO CONTACT

Pastor Anne by email at 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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December Ministry Leaders



Altar Guild:

Allison Ball, Karie Wimberly

Fellowship:

Jill Wiggins, Leslie Wunsch

Offering Counters:

Brenda Bade, Ina DeForest



Flowers



December 5
December 12 Sturm
December 19 Koehler
December 24 Poinsettias
December 26 Poinsettias

2021 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday, November 28 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man

Wednesday, December 1 – Joint Advent Worship at Martin Luther, Coletoville

Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm

Preparing for the King

Sunday, December 5 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am Group Sunday School 10:15 am

WELCA Christmas 5:30 pm

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord

Wednesday, December 8 – Joint Advent Worship at St. Peter's, Ander

Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm

Mary's Witness

Sunday, December 12 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship 9:00 am with Christmas Program and Communion

Advent Brunch Potluck

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 15 – Joint Advent Worship at Zion, Arneckeville

Fellowship Meal 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm

Unbreakable Christmas

Sunday, December 19 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Worship 9:00 am

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Blessed are you among women / My soul magnifies the Lord

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service with Communion 5:30 pm

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

"Unto you is born this day a Savior, which is Christ the Lord"

Sunday, December 26 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Christmas Lessons and Carols with communion 9:00 am

Sunday, January 2 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Christmas Stories and Hymns 9:00 am

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 pm Fellowship Meal 7:00 pm Advent Worship in Coleville	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Mutual Ministry 5:30 WELCA Christmas	6	7	8 6:00 pm Fellowship Meal 7:00 pm Advent Worship in Ander	9 10am Pr. Pericope Study In Cuero	10	11
12 9:00 am Christmas Program 10:00 am Cong. Mtg. 10:30 Brunch 11:30 Christmas Caroling	13	14	15 9:00 am LWR Quilting 6:00 pm Fellowship Meal 7:00 pm Advent Worship in Atmeckville	16	17	18
19 9:00 am Worship 11:00 Council Meal	20	21	22 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:30 pm Worship	25
26 9:00 am Worship	27	28	29 Vacation Through 1/4/22--	30	31	
		Pastor				