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September Ministry Assistants



Altar Guild for the month:
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Offering Counters for the month:
Sandra Post
Wendi Yendrey

Greeters for the month:
Sherry Sanders

Ushers for the month:
Aldon Bade and Sandy Sanders



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THE SOLE MISSION PROJECT HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026 GAVE AWAY NEW PAIRS OF SHOES TO THOSE ATTENDING. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS EVENT EACH YEAR BECAUSE IT PUTS SMILES ON SO MANY FACES—WE SMILE BECAUSE IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE, MOMS ARE SMILING BECAUSE THE SHOES WERE FREE, AND THE KIDS ARE SMILING BECAUSE THEY GOT SOMETHING NEW. IF YOU MISSED US, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US NEXT YEAR AT THE SOLE MISSION PROJECT. COME SMILE WITH US!



"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!





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER
AT THE GATHERING PLACE
BRING YOUR PETS—
FURRY, FEATHERED, SCALY, HOOFED, ANYTHING IN BETWEEN

FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING AS WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE COMPANIONSHIP, LOVE AND ALL THEY BRING TO OUR LIVES. FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PLEASE RESTRAIN ALL PETS PROPERLY. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEM IN TRAILERS TOO. WE WILL HAVE A FUN RECEPTION AFTER.



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

**Rally Sunday!****Checking Account Report 7-31-26**

	Monthly	Year-To-Date
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$161,275.40	\$133,562.06
INCOME	43,581.36	170,753.70
EXPENSES	16,023.17	115,482.17
ENDING BALANCE	\$188,833.59	\$188,833.59

BACK-TO-SCHOOL: It's a great time to find back to school bargains to fill school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Most needed items are 70 page notebooks (wide or college rule) and crayons (16 or 24 pack) or cash donations for purchase of school items. The complete list of items needed for the LWR school bags can be found in St. Peter's 2026 Church Yearbook on page 34. You can also pick up a school bag card that lists the items needed from the table in the narthex. Please support this life changing ministry for needy children around the world.

FIRST, WE WORSHIP

THEN WE EAT.

CELEBRATING PR. KARA



Council Meeting Highlights August 16, 2026

- A trip to Splashway is scheduled for August 30, please contact Sarah if interested in going.
 - The Wimberly family has replaced the St. Peter's wooden sign that is in Weser with a beautiful new sign.
 - New Lifetime tables and chairs should be purchased and delivered to the picnic area before Oktoberfest.
 - Safety and Security will be meeting again in October, date to be determined.
 - Stewardship & Finance has a meeting on 8/20, to begin working on 2027 budget.
 - We will begin using Worship bulletins in letter size with a staple in the corner, saving the booklet style for special occasions (in color).
 - October 4 is St. Francis of Assisi Day, and to honor this day, we will be having the worship service at the picnic area, with Blessing of Animals. Details will be shared soon.
 - Pastor Kara would like to visit with parents and kids regarding confirmation and 1st communion, to make a schedule that works for all.
- She is also working on a list of homebound and inactive members, to make a an introduction.
- Installation service will be August 23 at 3:30 pm.
 - Replacing the pew cushions and adding cushions for the backs of pews was approved by the congregation at the meeting on May 31. The order will not be placed until the entire amount of \$12,315 has been received. Thus far, we have \$8620 to be used for this purchase. If the order is not placed by the end of August, we will need to get an updated quote.
 - A motion was approved to increase the monthly internet service with GVEC to a higher level of speed, as the current service is not sufficient.
 - Next meeting, September 20, 2026.



Dear St. Peter's, Thank you for yet another amazing year at camp. This summer as a LYLE truly had such an impact on my relationship with Christ and my love for teaching others. I gained meaningful connections, lots of laughter and life-time friends I didn't know I needed. Whether it was a late ight devotion or a midday dance party, I could feel God moving in every strp of my life. I also had the privilege of shadowing a 10 year old cabin of girls and I absolutely loved getting to know them and help guide them through their faith. And I'm so blessed to say that what started as a summer camp, quickly became home. Lutherhill will forever hold a special place in my heart and your support means more than you know. Thank you for the best 2 weeks! Lynleigh

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Thank you for your generous donation to our fire department. Your gift is greatly appreciated as it helps us maintain equipment to stay ready to protect our community and beyond. SVSD (Schroeder)



PR. KARA's KORNER:

**GIVE THANKS...**

Typically, November is the month we focus our attention on "Giving thanks". But I am going to give thanks in September.

I GIVE THANKS for a wonderful congregation filled with energy and excitement in receiving a new pastor. Every Sunday I am greeted with smiles and hugs, warm welcomes and genuine excitement and thanks for me being here. This warms my heart so much! It is such a joy to be greeted the way, I like to think, I greet others. Thank you for giving me that energy and that welcome.

I GIVE THANKS for the congregation filled with laughter. Sometimes I have a corny sense of humor, but I love to laugh! It is a blessing to have a congregation filled with people who love to laugh as well. Laughter does so much for people! It lowers stress, relaxes muscles, protects the heart, improves moods, helps change perspectives, stops bad feelings, and eases conflicts. So, a congregation that laughs together is healthier and stays together. Plus, I'm pretty sure, even though nowhere in the Bible does it tell us specifically, "Jesus laughed", he had to have laughed! For him to be with the hardheaded disciples day in and day out, for him to be with the crowds of people following him continuously, for him to be on earth for 33 years with humanity, he had to have had a sense of humor and laughed. The gospel writers just didn't think it was important enough to document it. But I like to think Jesus had a great sense of humor to get through each and every day.

I GIVE THANKS for the "let's do this" attitude. I have yet to hear "no" or "we can't" or "we don't" or "we won't". Everyone steps up to do something. You are all such a blessing to each other. Just as God reminded Zechariah (8:13b) "I will save you and you shall be a blessing" We are blessed because we have been saved by the grace of God, therefore we shall be a blessing to others! Thank you for giving that blessing to me! Let's continue being a blessing to others!

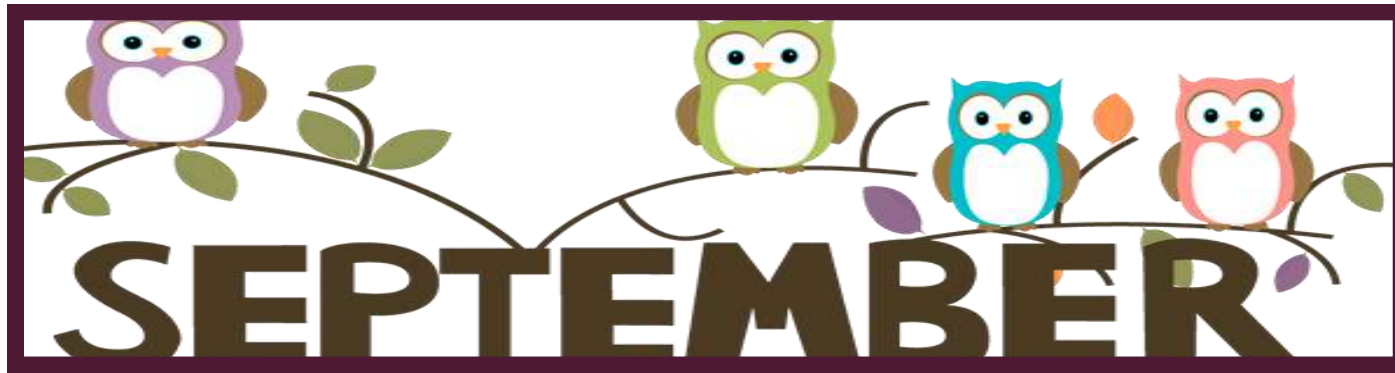
I GIVE THANKS for the ministry that you have been doing here! And I am excited to be part of it. I am excited for us to dream together how we can continue to be the hands and feet, the eyes and ears, the voice and the heart of Christ out in Goliad and Dewitt counties and farther in the world, together. I, truly, cannot wait to hear what God is saying to us, and where God is leading us.

My prayer is that we all keep our ears open to hear God's word, our eyes open to see the path God is laying out for us, our mouth ready to speak God's words, and not our own words, our hands ready to serve in whatever way we can, our feet, or canes, or wheels, or whatever mode of travel ready to move when God calls and our hearts and minds ready to receive the call. We are Together in His Service!!

God Bless you real good!!

Pastor Kara



**BIRTHDAYS:**

9-2 Olivia Ball
 9-4 Greta Henke
 9-4 Gaylon Willms
 9-7 Kade Irwin
 9-7 Nelson Jacob
 9-8 Fred Seiler
 9-9 Janet Garcia
 9-11 Gayle Baecker
 9-12 Tricia Jacobs
 9-13 Ashleigh Post
 9-14 Ruby Jank
 9-15 Sis DeForest
 9-17 Jeff Speed
 9-18 Alvin DeForest
 9-25 Paul Post
 9-27 Linda Dornburg
 9-27 Rhonda Ideus

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

9-4-2004
 Eric & Linnea Griffith
 9-5-1998
 Brian & Melissa Bade
 9-6-1980
 Gaylon & Sue Willms
 9-15-2007
 Carl & Sarah Brandes
 9-20-1996
 Mark & Tricia Jacobs
 9-21-1963
 Alvin & Arlene DeForest
 9-24-2016
 Jeff & Pastor Kara
 9-28-1996
 Billy & Linda Dornburg



SEPTEMBER



Mike Abrameit—brother of
 Dorothy Bowman and
 Elaine Post-snake bite
 Joyce Baecker—friend of the
 community

Krysten Baker—niece of Ina &
 DeForest's

Terra Brand - Terrell Wiggins'
 niece

Casey Brown - friend of
 theTislows

Alvin & Arlene DeForest—
 Church members

Forrest Dye-needs kidney
 Ainsley Garza - friend of the
 DeForests

***Barry Geary-church family
 member (homebound)**

**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

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

**Beverly Martin— church
 family member**

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

Keith Poppert - brother-in-
 law of Ina & Alvin
 DeForest

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
 Buddy Young - friend of
 the community

**REMEMBER TO
 CONTACT**

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