St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Ander

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Coming Events

- **March 4**
  Commitment Sunday, 9am
  Stewardship stew, 11:30am
- **March 10**
  Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering, 8am
- **March 18**
  La Bahia Nursing Home worship service, 3pm
- **March 29**
  Maundy Thursday communion service, Zion in Arneckeville, 7pm
- **March 30**
  Good Friday service, St. Peter's, 7pm
- **March 31**
  Easter egg hunt, 10am
- **April 1**
  Easter sunrise service, 7am
  Easter breakfast, 7:30am
  Easter communion service, 9am

Council Designates Gift for Tiemann Endowment Fund

Council finalized plans for four couples to represent St. Peter's at the annual Cross Trails Gala fundraiser, using the four complimentary tickets given to them in appreciation for St. Peter's continued support of the camping ministry. They designated Goliad Independent School District Educational Programs as the recipient of the Easter gifts and set aside a monetary gift for the Tiemann Endowment Scholarship Fund with plans for the congregation to have the opportunity to add to the gift as so desired, all at their regular monthly meeting in February.

They continue to work on their annual task of reviewing the membership roster and the project of reviewing and updating policies and procedures. In the report from Christian Education and Youth Ministry chairman, Eva Nell Griffith, council heard details for the next First Communion instruction taking place on March 24, adjusted the recommendation about age for the instruction, and learned that First Communion for those children will be whenever they are ready. Eva Nell reported on Easter activities of the youth and VBS which has been set for June 29-31.

Terrell Wiggins, chair of Outreach, updated council on the pictorial directory, stating that many people had participated in having their pictures taken and Eva Nell, Brenda Bade, and Pastor Anne will be working on getting it all put together with other church activity pictures. Thanks for a good job following up and getting this project accomplished. He announced the next worship service at La Bahia nursing home will be March 18.

In the report from Property, Kenneth Brand and Ashford Taylor reported on lighting repairs, propane purchase, announced St. Peter's involvement in Texas Trash Off cleaning up the highway on April 7 at 8a.m., and set a Spring Cleaning Day on April 21 at 8a.m. Trey Wimberley reported as co-chair of Stewardship and Finance that the temple talks are proceeding as planned working toward Commitment Sunday on March 4. Sandra Post reported from Worship and Music that the changes in the flow of traffic during Communion seem to be working and they have started using the email prayer chain and people are still signing up to be involved.

It was reported that the Columbarium records have been placed on the computer to keep up with purchases and niches and the offering plates are here and are being used. It was discussed and approved for the two pews that have not been refinished to be done to accommodate the larger body of worshipers on Sunday mornings.

The next council meeting will be on March 22 at 6:30p.m.

On February 11, St. Peter's Sunday school youth shared God's love as they delivered Valentines that they had creatively designed and made for the residents at La Bahia Nursing Home in Goliad.



St. Peter's mission is to grow as a Christian community in faith, worship and service.

First Communion class to be offered

First Communion class will be offered on Saturday, March 24 at 10a.m. Each student is asked to attend with at least one parent. Council has recommended first communion for those in first grade and older, but if the parents of younger students feel they might be ready they may participate in consultation with the pastor. Students take this class, then can receive communion whenever their parents feel they are ready. Some have already committed to first communion on Easter Sunday, but you can pick the date when your child is ready. Please contact Pastor Anne if you wish to be part of the March 24 class, to make sure enough materials are available.

Holy Week and Easter services information

MAUNDY THURSDAY worship is at Zion, Arneckeville on March 29 at 7p.m. (no meal beforehand). Join us for this special service of communion as we focus on *The Blood of Christ* and his commandments to love one another and to "*Do this, in remembrance of me."*

GOOD FRIDAY worship is at St. Peter's on March 30 at 7p.m. (no meal beforehand). Join us for this service of increasing darkness with scripture, meditation and music as we focus on Christ's last hours of life on earth and remember that he did it all for us.

JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1, as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

7a.m. Sunrise Service We celebrate the rising of the sOn with the rising of the sUn with a service out on the covered slab in The Gathering Place (the picnic area). Join us as the celebration begins!

Easter Breakfast will be served between the services by our youth – see more details in article on this page.

9a.m. Festival Worship Our celebration continues with special music, special flowers, communion, and more.

Note: there will not be Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Lent, Holy Week services shared with St. Luke's and Zion continue through March

Wednesday joint midweek Lent and Holy Week services with Zion, Arneckeville, St. Luke's, Schroeder and St. Peter's, Ander continue through March. The theme for this year is ***"The Body of Christ."*** Week by week God's people, who are the Body of Christ in God's world today, are invited to meditate thoughtfully on the human body with which our Lord first brought God's saving love to the world. During Holy Week we will have worship at 7:00 pm. The other weeks worship starts at 7:30 pm.

February 28 ***The Hands of Christ*** at St. Luke's, Schroeder
- 6:30 meal, 7:30 worship

March 7 ***The Eyes of Christ*** at St. Peter's, Ander
- 6:30 meal, 7:30 worship

March 14 ***The Ears of Christ*** at Zion, Arneckeville
- 6:30 meal, 7:30 worship

March 21 ***The Mouth of Christ*** at St. Luke's, Schroeder
- 6:30 meal, 7:30 worship

March 29 *(Maundy Thursday)* ***The Blood of Christ*** at Zion Arneckeville
- 7:00 pm (no meal)

March 30 *(Good Friday)* ***Tenebrae Service of Increasing Darkness*** at St. Peter's, Ander
- 7:00 pm (no meal)

Lenten Offering: The offerings received at the joint Lenten services will be designated for the synod assembly offering. This year's theme is "Seeds of Hope: Beyond All Imagination," and the offering has been designated for the ELCA Fund for Leaders to help future pastors attend seminary.

Easter Egg Hunt

Grab your basket! The Youth Group is sponsoring its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, beginning at 10a.m. 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 has been placed in the narthex to collect all donations.

We would like to have the donations collected by Sunday, March 25, 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.

Youth groups to prepare 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 Sunday.

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 Day Service Gifts to St. Peter's



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 Hydrangea floral arrangements that will be used during the Easter Day service, there is an opportunity to give a gift to Goliad Independent School District Educational Programs. 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. Extra forms for these gifts are on the bulletin table in the narthex. Please return the form with your check in the offering plate or to the church office by Sunday, March 18. All gifts—for Goliad Independent School District Educational Programs and Hydrangea floral arrangements—will be acknowledged in the Easter Day service bulletin.

Email Prayer Chain information

An email prayer chain was recently started at St. Peter's. When there is a prayer need/request, simply contact the church office by phone or email and ask to have it included on the prayer chain. How do you start receiving these prayer requests? Simply sign up on the sheet in the narthex on the table with the cross.

March 2018

Sun Mar 4, 2018
9am Worship/Commitment Sunday
10:15am Sunday school
10:15am Confirmation
11:30am Stewardship Stew

Wed Mar 7, 2018
6:30pm Lenten meal, St. Peter's
7:15pm Lenten service, *"The Eyes of Christ,"* at St. Peter's

Sat Mar 10, 2018
8am Women of the ELCA Bluebonnet Spring Gathering, St. Peter's

Sun Mar 11, 2018
9am Communion service, Dedication of Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts
10:15am Sunday School

Tue Mar 13, 2018
2pm Bible Study, WELCA
3pm Women of the ELCA meeting

Wed Mar 14, 2018
6:30pm Lenten meal, Zion, Arneckeville
7:15pm Lenten service, *"The Ears of Christ,"* at Zion

Thu Mar 15, 2018
2:30pm LaBahia Nursing Home birthday party hosted by St. Peter's WELCA

Sun Mar 18, 2018
9am Contemporary worship service
10:15am Sunday school
10:15am Confirmation
3pm LaBahia Nursing Home worship service

Mon Mar 19, 2018
Newsletter deadline

Tue Mar 20, 2018
6:30pm Worship and Music committee meeting

Wed Mar 21, 2018
6:30pm Lenten meal, St. Luke's, Schroeder
7:15pm Lenten service, *"The Mouth of Christ,"* St. Luke's

Thu Mar 22, 2018
6:30pm Congregation council meeting

Sat Mar 24, 2018
10am First communion class

Sun Mar 25, 2018
9am Palm Sunday communion service
10:15am Sunday school

Thu Mar 29, 2018
7pm Maundy Thursday service, *"The Blood of Christ,"* Zion, Arneckeville

Fri Mar 30, 2018
7pm Good Friday, *Tenebrae Service of Increasing Darkness*, St. Peter's

Sat Mar 31, 2018
10am St. Peter's annual Easter egg hunt

Sun April 1, 2018
7am Easter sunrise service, at St. Peter's picnic area
7:30am Easter breakfast, parish hall
9am Easter communion service



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ELCA

Women of the ELCA

Registration deadline is Feb. 25 for the WELCA Spring Gathering

Completed registration forms for the Women of the ELCA 2018 Bluebonnet Conference Spring Gathering along with the $15 fee should be received at St. Peter's Church office by February 25, but late registrations will be accepted. Registration forms are available in St. Peter's narthex on the bulletin table or online on St. Peter's webpage.

This is an opportunity to spend a day this Lenten season focused on Spiritual Renewal (the theme for the day) hearing inspirational speakers and worshiping in fellowship with women from our broader conference. If you have questions or are interested in helping with the event contact Dorothy Bowman (361-645-2831) or Linda Dornburg (361-564-9733).

Information concerning the 2018 Spring Gathering:
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018
Place: St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Time: 8am—3pm
Theme: Spiritual Renewal
Bible verse: "*Those Who Wait for the Lord Shall Renew Their Strength.*"—Isaiah 40:31
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Lucinda Zesch, chaplain for Knopp Healthcare and Rehab, Fredericksburg
Guest Speaker and Physical Offering Recipient: Theresa Klacman, Restoration House Ministries, Victoria
Physical Offering Items: College Rule Spiral Notebooks, Journals, Pens, Envelopes, Stamps, New Ladies Footies, Ankle Socks, Booties, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Liquid Laundry Detergent, Dawn Dish Detergent, and Oven Mitts

Collection of prayer shawls and pop tops continues

On March 10, 2018, St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will be hosting the 2018 Bluebonnet Spring Gathering. The completed shawls for the 2018 Synod Assembly will be collected at this event. There is still time for anyone that can knit or crochet to create prayer shawls to be gifted to voting members as they participate in the election process for the new bishop. As you create with yarn, pray for those making important decisions for the future of the church. You are welcome to knit or crochet, and use any pattern you are comfortable using. Shawls should be approximately 15 inches wide by 60 inches in length, depending on the style. Our goal is 400 shawls from across the synod. A box has been placed by the open closet in the narthex to receive the finished prayer shawls.

Collection containers for pull tabs from soda cans have been placed on the table by the open closet in the narthex. These pull tabs (or "pop tops") are used by members of our companion synod in Costa Rica, Iglesia Luterana Costarricense, to make purses and other crafts to supplement their income. The Women of the ELCA will be taking the tabs to the Southwestern Texas Women's Convention that will be held on South Padre Island in September 2018.

Blessing of LWR quilts and kits to be given on March 11

During the March 11 worship service, the pews in the sanctuary will be hung with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) mission quilts completed by women of the church during the past year. The quilts and other items collected will be blessed prior to sending them across the globe. Our gifts to LWR include 110 quilts, 59 baby kits, 10 sewing kits, 104 school kits, 105 personal care kits and 21 pounds of soap. To assist with the cost of shipping the LWR quilts and kits, we are contributing $650.

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations of items, money, time and talents to complete these life sustaining necessities and help them reach their destinations. As we are told in Matthew 25, to serve the most needy of our neighbors is to serve the King. With this ministry we can reach some of our most distant neighbors with a tangible display of our love of God.

St. Peter's WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held on March 13

Bible Study for the Women of the ELCA, begins at 2p.m. on March 13. The Bible study will be from the March Gather Magazine and will be led by Linda Dornburg. All are invited to join us for study, discussion and fellowship. The regular monthly meeting of St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will follow at 3p.m.

St. Peter's Women to Host La Bahia March Birthday Party

The women of the church will host the March birthday party for residents of La Bahia Nursing Home on March 15 at 2:30p.m. Cake, fruit, ice cream and other snacks, along with small gifts will be furnished to each resident to help make their birthday month more joyful. If you've not already signed up to help and would like to, contact Brenda Foil at (361) 220-0499.

No LWR Workday Scheduled in March

There will be no Lutheran World Relief workday in March. On April 18, we will begin a new year of making LWR quilts and collecting items for kits. Look for more details in the April newsletter.

Commitment Sunday to be held on March 4

In the four week presentation on ways to trust God to meet our needs in life, we were reminded that generosity plays a part in our congregational life and is an expression of our congregational leadership. On March 4, Commitment Sunday, Pastor Anne will present our final meditation entitled, "Live Simply: Share Enough." The Stewardship committee hopes that you have enjoyed this series, and that you have prayerfully considered your annual commitment and have taken to heart the message presented to "Live Simply." Following the Commitment Sunday worship service, the Stewardship committee will host the annual Stewardship Stew. The congregation is asked to bring desserts.

St. Peter's 50th camp service weekend set for May 11-13, 2018

Aldon Bade announced that St. Peter's 50th annual camp service weekend, to be held at Camp Lutherhill near La Grange, will begin on Friday evening, May 11, through Sunday morning, May 13. This is Mother's Day weekend, but we will be leaving after breakfast on Sunday. Everyone will be notified of projects at a later date.

Tiemann Endowment Scholarship Fund

The congregational council has pledged to give $500 to the Tiemann Endowment Fund in honor of retiring Bishop Ray Tiemann and his wife. If you would like to add to that amount, put a designated check (made out to St. Peter's Lutheran Church) in the offering plate, or mail it to the church. The deadline for giving is April 15.

TLU collection site for LWR ingathering

Many workers will be needed at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin on Wednesday, April 4, to handle all of the Lutheran World Relief contributions from across the Southwestern Texas conferences. If you have questions about the LWR ingathering or want to volunteer to help, please contact Kathy Albrecht at the church office (361-645-2922) for more information.

Keep Texas Beautiful—Adopt A Highway Texas Trash Off



Every year in April, volunteers throughout the state remove litter from roadsides, city parks, neighborhoods, and waterways during the state's single largest one-day cleanup event. We will meet in St. Peter's parking lot at 8a.m. on Saturday, April 7, to pick up the litter on St. Peter's designated 2-miles of highway. Your participation sends a clear message to Texans everywhere: The smallest efforts really do make the biggest difference. Take pride in the fact that you were part of making our great state beautiful.

Spring clean-up date set for April 21, 2018

On Saturday, April 21, a spring clean-up day will be held at the church beginning at 8a.m. The following is a list of projects that need attention:

1) Clean windows, church and hall
2) Pressure wash concrete as needed
3) Yard work as needed, mow, weed eat, etc.
4) Clean flower beds
5) Clean kitchen as needed, storage cabinets, pantry, fridge, etc.
6) Check roof gutters, clean inside and out
7) Repair rust on railing at hall back porch, fill holes in concrete after railing metal is repainted to eliminate water collection around metal
8) Tree trimming as needed
9) Clean and organize outside storage shed

If you want to bring tools or equipment to complete some of the projects, this would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend on this date, but want to work on a particular project, please contact Kenneth Brand, church property chair, and let him know when you would be able to complete the project.

When we all work together, things can get done quicker and we enjoy each other's company while we attend to some needed maintenance and cleaning inside and outside the church.

St. Peter's Yearbooks are available

St. Peter's 2018 Yearbooks are available for pick up. The yearbook is a guide to all that goes on at St. Peter's including a directory of our members, schedules for ushers and greeters, offering counters and altar guild throughout 2018, descriptions of our committees and who serves on them, a calendar of activities for 2018, and answers to "Frequently asked Questions" about what we do and who we are. All members and associate members are reminded to check your membership file in the narthex for your copy of the 2018 St. Peter's Yearbook.

Save-the-date for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School has been set for Friday, June 29, and Saturday, June 30, from 9a.m – 1p.m. The closing will be held on Sunday, July 1, at the 9a.m. worship service.

Lana Jarzombek, VBS director, requests that if you would like to help with Bible school in any way, please contact her. Volunteers are needed as teachers, helpers, kitchen help, game leaders, music leaders, older youth for help with skits, and someone to take pictures and work with the closing program. Please contact Lana by email at lana.jarzombek@yahoo.com, or her cell phone (361) 645-4793. Thank you for your time and dedication to our youth's Christian education.



SPARKHOUSE FAMILY BOOK FAIR

Shop faith-filled children's books at a special discount while earning money for St. Peter's! Stop by the table in the fellowship hall March 4—March 18 to place your order. All orders will be delivered by Easter and will go great in any Easter basket! See Sarah Brandes for details!

St. Peter's Staff

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Pastor

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)

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

Sandra Post
Secretary and Chair of Worship and Music
(term ends 12/31/18)

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

Ashford Taylor
Co-Chair of Property
(term ends 12/31/20)

Terrell Wiggins
Chair of Outreach
(term ends 12/31/19)

Trey Wimberly
Co-Chair of Stewardship and Finance
(term ends 12/31/20)

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
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
3-11 Jackie Gardiner
3-12 Terrell Wiggins
3-13 Karen Klinkerman
3-19 Kirk Klinkerman
3-22 Landon Burke
3-25 Allison Gerhardt
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

Membership Update:

Michelle Pruski
4247 Knollpass
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JR Pruski
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Mary Schmidt
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St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through January 31, 2018

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2018	$67,326.56
Offerings	$14,859.53
Cost of ministries	$16,443.94
Ministry fund ending balance, January 31, 2018	$65,742.15

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

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Family of Joan Albrecht – wife of Wayne Albrecht
June Bethke – member of St. Peter's
Dawn Butler – sister of Lana Jarzombek and Ronda Irwin
Paula Calhoun – mother of Mike Calhoun
Rachel Carbajal – friend of Wendi Yendrey
Denise Engle – friend of Amy Wilburn
Pamela Evans – friend of Allison Gerhardt
Joyce Foster – grandmother of Shelby Foster
Robbie Friedrichs – friend of June Bethke
Ainsley Garza – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith
Barry Geary – member of St. Peter's
Greg Gordon – friend of Jamie Friedrichs
Rebecca Graves – infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest
Wilma Grupe – aunt of Karie Wimberly
Milton Haas – friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest
Stefani Hargrove – friend of Karen Klinkerman
The Rev. Bill Hassel – retired Bluebonnet Conference pastor
John Hausmann – friend of Allen and Ruby Jank, member of St. John's Lutheran, Goliad
Dale Henderson – father of Margaret Luker
Family of Mark Hilbrich – friend of the Posts
Vanita Ann Hausmann Homer – friend of Brenda and Aldon Bade
Betty Jacob – friend of June Bethke
Justin Janak – nephew of Dorothy and David Bowman, deployed to Afghanistan
Ryan Janak – eight year old nephew of Leo Henke
Nora Karl – great-grandmother of Shelby Foster
Athalee Koehler – mother of Randy Koehler
Herbie Maurer – brother of Brenda Bade
Michael McLead – son of Jean Faye McLead
Vernette McMullen – member of St. Peter's
Cole Ohrt – friend of community and cousin of Ray Albrecht
Ruth Pieper – friend of the community and member of St. Luke's, Schroeder
Allen Pollard – father of Karie Wimberly
Lori Poppert – niece of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest
Mary Poppert – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest
Jose Reyes – friend of Shelby Foster
Marcus Rezendez – friend of Amy Wilburn
James Rung – five year old son of Greta Henke's friend
Katherine Sauer – grandmother of Jarrett Yendrey
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
Wayne Timmerman – friend of Pam and Ted Long
Gail Turley – aunt of Ashford Taylor
Victor Vargas – four year old nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife
Sharon Wilborn – friend of Beverly Martin
Mike Wilburn – member of St. Peter's
G.T. Yendrey – grandfather of Jarrett Yendrey
Zander York – member of St. Peter's, grandson of Bob and Nancy Gerhardt
Buddy Young – friend of Allen and Ruby Jank



Christian Sympathy is expressed to Wayne Albrecht and family, upon the death of Joan Albrecht, wife of Wayne, who passed away on January 26. Burial was at Glendale Cemetery in Goliad on February 2 .

Christian Sympathy is also expressed to Patrick Lovett and family, upon the death of Jamey Talmadge Lovett, brother of Pat, who passed away on February 2. Memorial service was held on February 6 at Grace Funeral Home in Victoria.

"The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27a

Cross Trails Ministry

Dear Members of St. Peter's,

On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your congregation for the generous expression of support of $9,600 dated January 14, 2018 from your 2017 Oktoberfest.

It is because of the financial gifts of congregations like St. Peter's Lutheran Church that we are able to continue the ministry that we provide to individuals, families, and groups as a direct extension of your congregational ministry. Your gift will help us to minister to thousands of people in our summer camp, retreat and expedition programs.

All of the amazing opportunities we offer could not happen without congregations like yours who believe in this ministry. Please continue to keep the annual fund of Cross Trails Ministry in your budget so that we may continue to serve the hundreds of individuals we do each year. Thanks for your prayers, support, and partnership! We are truly grateful!

If there is anything we can do to assist your ministry work, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are delighted to assist in your ministry work and look forward to partnering with you soon.

Once again, thank you for your generous gift! You are an amazing church!

Yours in Christ,
Deanna Christensen
Executive Director

Dear St. Peter's Family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and prayers while I was hospitalized. A special thanks to those who called daily and my texting buddies who blew up my phone and kept me busy with texts. I appreciate everyone for their concern.

Love,
Sandra Post

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Worship Leaders for March





ALTAR GUILD
Gayle Baecker and Geraldine Sturm

GREETERS
Gayle Albrecht and Ina DeForest

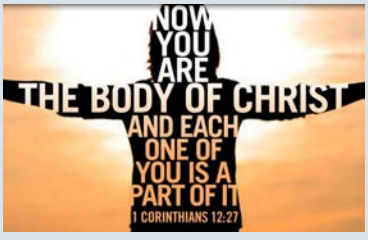
USHERS
Valerie Albrecht and Regina Calhoun

OFFERING COUNTERS
Bob Gerhardt and Terrell Wiggins

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY
Allen Jank

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
Gayle Baecker and Jill Wiggins

FLOWERS
3-4 Brandes Family
3-11 open
3-18 open
3-25 Allen and Ruby Jank





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Easter Day Service Gifts to St. Peter's

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Name (of person giving gift):_____

_____ Goliad Independent School District Educational Programs _____ In Honor _____ In Memory

_____ Hydrangea floral arrangements _____ In Honor _____ In Memory

Name(s) of those being honored/memorialized_____

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St. Peters' Annual

Easter Egg Hunt

1545 FM 1961, Goliad

Saturday, March 31st

10:00 a.m.

All ages are welcome! You do not have to be a member of St. Peter's to participate.

Refreshments will follow.

Sparkhouse Family

Book Fair

Shop faith-filled children's books at a special discount while earning money for St. Peter's!

Stop by the booth in the fellowship hall March 4 through March 18 to place your order.

All orders will be delivered by Easter and will go great in any Easter basket!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH YOU!





Each day, our family, friends, neighbors, and those we have yet to meet are impacting our communities in profound ways through the work of the church.

For the past 18-years (39-years of ordained ministry), Bishop Ray Tiemann has faithfully served our community as he equipped lay leaders, pastors, and deacons, in building and strengthening our ministries.

Tiemann Endowment Fund for Leadership Development

The *Tiemann Endowment Fund for Leadership Development* has been established to support the development of congregational lay leaders, pastors, and deacons serving under call.



Roberto, a volunteer youth worker, will now receive an *Advanced Certification in Youth and Family Ministry* to strengthen the ministry in his congregation.



To further congregational experiences and reach our multicultural community, Sarah will attend an intensive language course, while Katie will journey on a pilgrimage.



Pastor Martin will receive financial assistance to participate in continuing education during his sabbatical.

Together with *YOU*, we can make a lasting impact in our community while honoring Bishop Ray and Debbie Tiemann.



Goal: To raise $39,000 by May 2018 to ensure at least two scholarships are awarded in this first year.

To Donate: Give during your congregations special appeal, or go to the fund website to give directly. Remember all gifts are tax-deductible! www.swtsynod.org/tiemann

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January 2018

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 2017. We have also included the 2017 annual statements of Mission Support and Designated Gifts / Other.

Together, as the congregations of the Southwestern Texas Synod, we believe that *God's grace transforms and connects us to learn, to love, to lead!* Through our generous gifts we join across the ELCA to make Christ known.

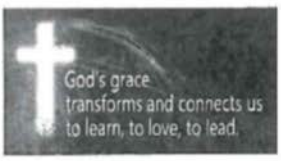
May God continue to bless you and your ministry as you generously share the grace and love of God with those in your neighborhood and beyond.

Gratefully in Christ,

Ray Tiemann
Bishop

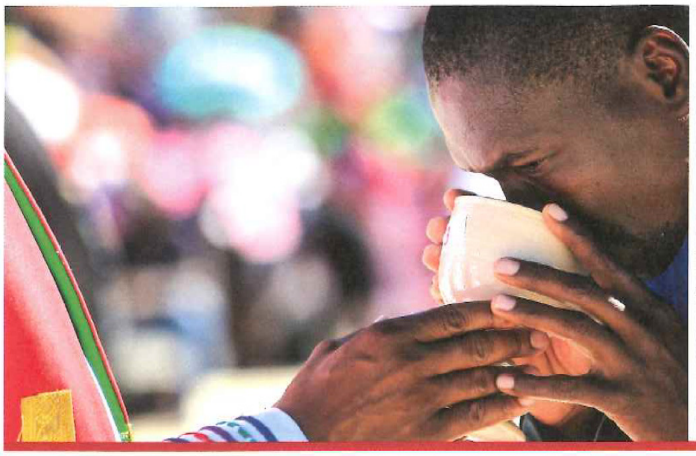
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Dear Friends, February 2018

Happy new year to you all!

In this newsletter I bring you greetings from the members of Centre Lutheran Church in the Kwai Chung district of Hong Kong. Here they are, waving at you!



↑ Lai Wing Yiu ↑ Sanjo Tam ↑ me

I go to Centre Lutheran Church once a month as a sacramental minister to preside over holy communion because the congregation is served by an evangelist who is still preparing for ordination. Her name is Sanjo Tam. Sanjo is delightful to work with. She puts out a lot of hospitable energy to print a bilingual version of the worship service for me so that I can follow it, and she arranges for members of the congregation to translate my sermons. Since each sentence of the sermon needs to be repeated in Chinese, I have to work on keeping the sermons relatively short; a 20-minute sermon becomes a 40-minute sermon. But the congregation is patient and engaged, in spite of the limitations of my language.

The last time I was there I sat down after church with Mr. Lai Wing Yiu, an English-speaking member, to hear the story of the congregation so that I could share it with you. Mr. Lai is a retired social worker and active volunteer in the administration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (ELCHK), the broad church network to which Centre Lutheran Church belongs. Over the years, in addition to helping with the ELCHK's social services department, Mr. Lai has served as the treasurer and as a member of the Executive Committee of the ELCHK.

He told me that Centre Lutheran Church was started 43 years ago by the Norwegian Missionary Society. The congregation bought the space where they currently worship 35 years ago. It is the third floor of a building that is now aging and is difficult to access for people with mobility problems.

So the congregation is working toward buying a new space in a more accessible building nearby.

You can see from the photo above that Centre Lutheran Church is a small (but committed!) congregation, with fewer than 100 members. They are excited that their evangelist, Sanjo, has a heart for young people and a gift for involving young people in the congregation in various ways in order to teach them how to serve so that they can grow into leadership.

The members of Centre Lutheran Church would love it if I could share with them greetings and photos from you and your congregations. You can send me messages, congregational stories, and pictures for them at this email address: Carolyn.schneider@elca.org.

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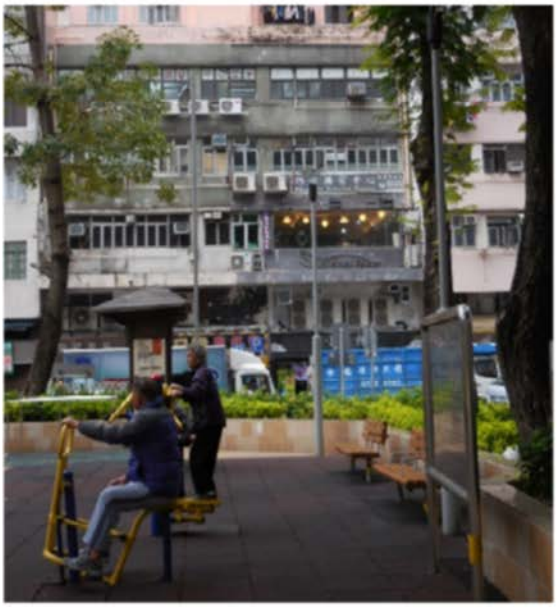
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1. By check: Make payable to "ELCA Global Church Sponsorship" with "Carolyn Schneider (GCS2016)" in the memo line. Give through your synod office or mail your check to:

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ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

2. By credit or debit card: See https://community.elca.org/HongKong or call 800-638-3522 and specify "Carolyn Schneider (GCS2016)".

3. By automatic monthly bank withdrawal, or to establish a covenant of prayer, communication and support: Contact 800-638-3522, ext. 2657,or globalchurch@elca.org.



The church is just past this park, on the top floor of the grey building.



Here the worship leaders are preparing as the congregation begins to arrive.