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Proverbs 31:28-30 NRSV

Her children rise up
and call her happy;
her husband too,
and he praises her:

“Many women have
done excellently,
but you surpass
them all.”

Charm is deceitful,
and beauty is vain,
but a woman who
fears the Lord is to
be praised.



Photos from our Easter Celebration!

Our Easter morning service was a glorious event as the choir sang and rejoiced in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

After worship, the kids had a great time hunting Easter Eggs.



**STARK REALITY****MAY 2022**

As we enter May we are just entering the season of the church that is post Easter. This is a season to begin focusing on how we build the church. In these days, we find the post resurrection appearances of Jesus in which Jesus is trying to prepare the disciples for their mission of spreading the Good News. The birthday of the church is traditionally marked by Pentecost which will be June 5.

For now, let's focus Jesus's message of Good News. I think one of the critical messages for our time is the call to love one another in a world that is filled with so much hate. Listen to the words of I John 4:7-8, 11.

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love ... Beloved, since God loves us so much, we ought to love one another."

Friends, we live in a very diverse world filled with all kinds of people. I have to believe that God created all of these people and so we are called to love them as our sisters and brothers. Unfortunately, we don't often treat them like family. We still live under the misguided notion that we need to be a part of a homogenized church! This is a church where **everyone fits our mold** of what it means to be a Christian. If you don't fit the mold – you don't fit our church.

I will be honest with you that I can't accept that view of the church. If God had wanted us all to fit the same mold – God would have created us that way. When I look at the world around us and all of creation, I am struck by the beauty of the diversity that I find, and it reinforces for me the view that God has created all that is. In God's plan, all of the different threads of creation are woven together into a beautiful tapestry.

Now it is interesting how we handle people who are different from us. Do we invite them to join us? Not very often. Unfortunately, what we usually do today with people who are not like us is we find a label to identify them as being different so the whole world will know which mold, we are from.

Think of all the myriad of labels that we use to divide up the people of God's creation.

- Conservative – Liberal
- Traditional – New Age
- Gay – Straight
- Pro Life – Pro Choice
- Misogynist – Feminist
- Black – White

I am sure you can add many different labels to this list by which we divide up God's creation.

As we consider God's call on our lives to build up the church, it means that we will need to learn to live with diversity. The reality is that the true church will never be made up of people who all think alike. If that were the case, we would be more like a cult than a church.

So, I encourage you to go out and boldly love one another regardless of your differences!

Shalom

Rev. Charles L Stark
Interim Pastor



Church Council

Council will meet Sunday May 15 at 11:30am



Senior Luncheon

Our next Senior Luncheon will be on May 17 at 11:30am. If you would like to play bingo, it is suggested but not required that you bring a prize under \$10 "42" Dominoes also will be played.

We hope to see you there!!
Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli
Co-Chairs



Weir Fire Department Annual BBQ Fundraiser

The Weir Fire Department will have a BBQ Fundraiser Saturday May 21 from noon to 3pm at the Weir Volunteer Fire Station, 450 FM 1105, Georgetown TX 78626. BBQ plates are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. Plates include brisket, sausage & all the fixings. Dine in or Take Out. Cash or Credit Cards accepted.



Potluck Sunday

Join us on Sunday May 29 for food and fellowship after morning worship. Bring your favorite dish to share!



Diners Sign Up Sheet

If you would like to coordinate diners night out, there is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Diners is the third Thursday of the month. We will not meet in November or December. Everyone is welcome to attend. After dinner, we will "pass the hat" to collect an offering for the Taylor Food Pantry.

Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Irene Florida: Shavano Park Senior Living, 3220 North Loop 1604 W, Apt #102 Shavano Park, TX 78231

Denny Poldrack: Will-O-Bell Nursing Home, P.O. Box 107, Bartlett, TX 76511

Nancy Goodlett: at home

Ann Johle: Sagebrook Nursing Center, 901 Discovery Blvd, Room #210 Cedar Park, TX 78613

May Birthdays

- 3rd Beau Finn, Robby Shuttles
- 4th Stephanie Ochoa, Susan Schmidt, Charles Stark
- 6th Doreen Streit, Nathaniel Gregory
- 7th Kate Wellings
- 8th Tallie Thompson, Carolyn Haverland
- 11th JoAnn Ging
- 18th Sylvia Summers
- 24th Paige Kreidel
- 26th Betty Marosko
- 28th Easton Finn
- 29th Kerry Finn





March 2022 Income

Total Regular Giving for March \$9,068

Budgeted Amount for March \$11,579

Total Regular Giving January thru March \$31,782.76

Budgeted Amount January thru March \$37,631.75

Regular Offering Only



May 2022 Special Offerings:

Sunday May 1 - Board of Christian Education
Sunday May 15 - Cemetery Fund

May Worship Schedule

May 1 Liturgist: Tammy Sane Ushers: Zac & Cindy Wood	May 8 Liturgist: Laurie Morris Ushers: Roy Morris
May 15 Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: Zac & Cindy Wood	May 22 Liturgist: Becky Sutton Ushers: Paul & Tammy Sane
May 29 Liturgist: Cindy Wood Ushers: OPEN	



South Central Conference Annual Meeting

The South Central Conference Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday May 27 thru Sunday May 29 at Camp Allen. The last day to register will be Friday, May 13, 2022.

This is a bring your family event with activities planned for children, youth, and adults. The focus is Rest, Cultivate, Grow, and the Heart of Texas Association planning committee have been working hard to ensure that all three things can happen!

Churches, please be sure to send your delegates so quorum can be met and the business of the Conference can be completed.

On Sunday, Rev. Phil Hodson will be installed as the SCC Conference Minister. The worship service will be livestreamed so your churches can participate and your clergy can attend this important mark of the South Central Conference.

Rev. Nikki Stahl
Heart of Texas Association Minister



Easter Reflection

Thank you to the Ging's for donating the Easter Lilies, and to everyone who brought flowers to decorate the Easter Cross. A special thank you to Judy Downing and Bonnie Sladek for planting these beautiful flowers for our Easter Celebration!



Sunrise Service



Photo Courtesy of Andy Sharp



Cemetery Tree

A big thank you to Scott Ging and Don Wernli for cutting down a large dead tree at the cemetery.

Recent Memorials

N= New Horizon C=Cemetery L=Landscaping M=Memorial Fund

There are no recent memorials to report



**St. Peter's Church of
Coupland
Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2022**

Members present: Sharon Kreidel, Janet Doss, Carolyn Haverland, Anita Holubec, Roy Morris, Bonnie Sladek, Sandra Wernli

Absent: Pastor Charles, S.R. Moss, Peter Wabbel

The agenda was adopted with additions.

Approval was received for the minutes of last month.

Financial reports for Income & Expense and Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual were reviewed by council members.

Committee reports:

Pastoral Search Committee: One application has been received and under review.

Pastor's report:

No report available at meeting due to Pastor Charles accident.

Old Business:

Member List: Letters were mailed on March 23, 2022. Some responses have been received as of April 4th. Council agreed to wait for more responses before the member list is updated.

Committee list: Assigned task force to work on committee lists. The group consists of Pastor Charles, Sharon Kreidel, Roy Morris, and Carolyn Haverland. Future meeting dates to be determined.

Call list: The Call List has been updated for 2022.

Playground: This is on hold until the siding is determined. The possibility of applying for grant money for playground equipment was brought up. Irene Florida will provide information on grant application. Looking for a volunteer to research the information.

Authorize all St. Peter's accounts to be updated to current contacts. Stacy Stork is in process of updating all accounts.

Conference Delegate: Anita Holubec will be attending the South Central Conference.

New Business:

Domain/Facebook: Dana Smith purchased a new domain for St. Peter's Church.

Diners Group: A signup sheet will be available for members to volunteer to set up destinations.

Update facility contract: The council approved a motion to update the contract to include a guideline that states no alcohol is allowed in Fellowship Building or on church grounds.

Heart of Texas annual conference meeting will be held in April in San Antonio, TX. The council agreed that St. Peter's will send Pastor Charles as our church delegate, but no lay delegate would be sent.

Member Care: The council discussed the purpose for this fund and how the funds can be disbursed. It was determined that a process needs to be created that would provide the necessary guidelines. A committee consisting of Carolyn Haverland, Anita Holubec and Sandra Wernli will be responsible for creating the process.

Summer Program: There will be no summer program at St.

Peter's. Coupland School will be notified, and information will be included in the newsletter.

Review of leveling and siding bids: The quotes were reviewed and discussed by council members. A motion was made and approved by the council to sign the Roof Connections siding contract to lock in current prices. The council also approved the expenses for the leveling and underpinning. The estimated cost for the projects is \$167,640.

The council also discussed future projects that will need to or may be addressed:

- A propane leak was discovered and repaired. It was noted that the propane tank and line are 30+ years old and may need to be replaced.
- A new fire extinguisher for the kitchen area needs to be purchased. The building maintenance fund will be used for this.
- A monitoring system for the church and Fellowship Building would allow for emergencies to be identified when no one is on the premises.
- Updating the Parsonage: The estimated cost is \$40K-50K to update the parsonage. This includes leveling, new siding, replacing AC, dishwasher, and carpet.

Sign: The estimated cost is \$6,000 to purchase a new sign.

Grounds upkeep: Will need to be addressed.

A review of the calendars was done for May and June with a few changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alexander

Secretary

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May Bread Baker Bonnie Sladek May Event Coordinator Bonnie Sladek						
<i>1</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Confirmation 5:30pm	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship Mother's Day	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Confirmation 5:30pm	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion Church Council	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Elgin Ministerial Alliance 11:30am Senior Lunch 11:30am Confirmation 5:30pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Diners 6:30pm Newsletter Deadline	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am	<i>25</i> Confirmation 5:30pm	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> South Central Conference Annual Meeting	<i>28</i> South Central Conference Annual Meeting
<i>29</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship Potluck Luncheon South Central Conference Annual Meeting	<i>30</i> Memorial Day Office Closed	<i>31</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 10:30am Confirmation 5:30pm				

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Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 12 noon

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WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS

10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Interim Pastor: Charles Stark

Interim Pastor Phone: 830-660-7239

Pastor Email: clstark52@gmail.com

Licensed Ministers -

Charlotte Albert

Music Director- Anna Harbuck

Secretary - Barbara Coleman

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