

OTHER GROUPS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS

BEST TIMERS

Our last meetings will be on October 16 and December 18, 2025, at 11:30 AM

Best Timers is a monthly social gathering of various ages, backgrounds, and life circumstances that like to meet, socialize, eat, and experience various types of restaurants that can accommodate group gatherings. We always meet bimonthly on the 3rd Thursday routinely at 11:30 AM. Your only cost is your food. If interested in joining us, and we hope you do, please contact the coordinator, Lynda Griffin at lk.griffin@gmail.com

BURGER MINISTRY

The First Sunday of each month (date subject to change on holiday weekends)

Each month at the Doyle Center, a team of volunteers serves 120 burgers (first come first served) to the local community. All are welcome to this free meal. Burgers are served at 1 PM. If you would like to volunteer or contribute to this ministry, please contact Ross Rommel at rommelross3@gmail.com



MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR

Claire Rabson, Chancel Choir Director, claire@stpeteskerrville.com

The Chancel Choir welcomes musicians of all ability levels. We meet Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm in Shelton Hall. We learn and prepare a wide variety of styles of choral music to enrich the Sunday morning 10 AM service. Chancel Choir is a low key and no stress group of fun and music loving folks. Drop in for a week, a month, or a season! We welcome you for whatever works for your family and schedule. Join us and make a joyful noise!

PRAISE TEAM

David Miron, Director of Music/Organist, david@stpeterskerrville.com

If you play any kind of stringed instrument (or any instrument at all) or just love to sing God's praises, come join us!. Instrumentalists need to contact David Miron, music director, for orientation and to get 'in tune' with everyone else.

GUILDS AND MINISTRIES (WORSHIP)

ACOLYTES

An acolyte is a person assisting the celebrant in a religious service or procession. The acolyte ministry at St. Peter's welcomes children beginning in 2nd grade to train and become a member. We also welcome adults to be a member of this ministry. In the fall after the school year begins, there is a training for all interested and current acolytes.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is a ministry, a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house, in this case St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The duty of the Altar Guild is to prepare all the things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist or for any of the other sacraments and offices of the church. In other words, to care for the sacred vessels, the bread and the wine, the linens and hangings and the candles and torches used for worship in the Sanctuary. We are told that all things must be done "properly and in good order." It is the work of the Altar Guild that makes it possible to do so. If you are called to serve the Glory of God through this ministry, please contact the church office.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS (EV)

The ministry of Eucharistic Visitors is two-fold. Pastorally, the EVs represent the church to those they visit by being living reminders that the sick and infirm are integral members of our community. Sacramentally, the EVs bring with them the Body and Blood of Christ and share holy gifts with the people of God. Beth Wickenberg Ely writes, "Not only does the eucharist unite us with Christ, it also unites us with other members of Christ's Body. [The EV is] a Christ-bearer used by God to connect those visited to the larger Body of Christ in the church and in the world in the past, present, and future". This ministry is vital to our mission at St. Peter's, and if you would like more information about our EV ministry, please contact one of the clergy.

GUILDS AND MINISTRIES (WORSHIP) continued

ST. PAUL'S GUILD – LECTORS & LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (LEM)

The Rev. Bert Baetz, Rector, bert@stpeterskerrville.com

The Rev. Mike Wheeler, Assistant Priest, mike@stpeterskerrville.com

The St. Paul's Guild is comprised of lay ministers commissioned to read the Scriptures and administer the consecrated elements of the eucharist. Members of the St. Paul's Guild have been trained by our clergy to support the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and they are integral to the spiritual nourishment of Christ's people. If you would like more information about the St. Paul's Guild, please contact one of our clergy.

USHERS

Nellwyn Sadler, head usher at the 9:15 AM service, nellwynsadler@gmail.com

Doug Holmes, head usher at the 11:15 AM service, holmes.d4549@gmail.com

Ushers serve our church at most every church service whether it's Sunday morning, a funeral or other special service. Ushers are responsible for seating guests and parishioners and maintaining the order and security of the church service. If you are interested, please contact John Pike or Nellwyn Sadler.

GUILDS AND MINISTRIES (FORMATION)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BOXES

Children's activity boxes are provided at each church service by the Children's Ministry for the youngsters of our church. The activity boxes are in the church narthex at each Sunday service. The activity boxes are filled with crayons, stickers, pencils, pipe cleaners and an age appropriate Children's Worship bulletin referring to the Gospel of the day. The activity boxes are refurbished weekly.

GUILDS AND MINISTRIES (FORMATION) continued

ST. JEROME'S GUILD

Victoria Mosty, Coordinator, victoria92@me.com

St. Jerome's Guild is St. Peter's library guild. Our work is to provide books and library space for parishioners to grow in knowledge, faith and new understanding. We catalog and shelve new books (both purchased and donated), host book reviews and offer book sales. The guild meets the first Wednesday of every month at 2 pm in the church library in the church office.

INREACH/OUTREACH

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK)

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. By affirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS (JR. DOK)

Heather Stebbins, heathernp3@yahoo.com

Junior Daughters of the King provides girls or young women the opportunity to grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus Christ while serving their church and community. For more information, contact Heather Stebbins at heathernp3@yahoo.com

INREACH/OUTREACH

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Don Glover, donaIdgloversr@gmail.com

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew was founded in 1883 at St. James' Episcopal Church in Chicago. This international organization is the oldest ministry of the Episcopal Church. The Brotherhood aims to inspire, empower and equip men and boys to fulfill the Great Commission, bringing men and youth to Christ. They endeavor to accomplish this mission through the threefold disciplines of Prayer, Study, and Service.

HOSPITAL VISTORS

The Rev. Mike Wheeler, Assistant Priest, mike@stpeterskerrville.com

Hospital visitors assist the priests in visiting members of the parish and other Episcopalians hospitalized at Peterson Medical Center. Occasionally they visit assisted living facilities and nursing homes as needed. Visitors typically visit one day a week, either alone or in groups of two. Total time spent is from 15 to 45 minutes. Contact Father Mike if you would like to be part of this important ministry.

PRAYER LIST

Individuals and prayer ministries have available to them each week in the Sunday bulletin short, long term, and military/diplomatic prayer lists for people for whom there is a special need or care. If you or you know someone that needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact the office@stpeterskerrville.com

COMMUNICATIONS

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Ginny Stehling, Parish Administrator, ginny@stpeterskerrville.com

The work of our office volunteers are the foundation for everything this church does. The departments, staff members, and parishioners depend on the office to provide vital support work, such as answering the telephone and greeting visitors. Our Volunteers are often the first person a visitor sees – whether it is the Bishop, a parishioner, a member of the community needing help, workmen, visitors seeing a new church home, colleagues from other churches in the community, or members of the community seeking a place to hold meetings, receptions, and the like. Office volunteers are compassionate, patient, friendly, and helpful.

THE ROCK ROAD

Lauren Vereen, Communications Coordinator, communications@stpeterskerrville.com

The Rock Road is our church's monthly newsletter which includes timely messages from the priests, usher and altar guild schedules, vestry meeting highlights, notices for upcoming events, and other noteworthy information. It is truly an integral means of communication for our church. The newsletter is mailed out on the last Wednesday of each month, followed by an emailed version for those that request. To receive the Rock Road, please email office@stpeterskerrville.com to specify how you would like to receive it.

ROCK ROADIES

office@stpeterskerrville.com

The Rock Roadies meet monthly to collate, label, sort, band and otherwise prepare our Rock Road newsletter for mailing. Many hands are involved in this process before the newsletter is finally delivered to the post office for mailing.

SOCIAL MEDIA*

We have several digital communication channels, listed below. If you would like to receive parish emails, contact office@stpeterskerrville.com.

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/StPetersKerrville/>

INSTAGRAM

[@stpeterskerrville](https://www.instagram.com/stpeterskerrville)
[@st.peters.sprouts](https://www.instagram.com/st.peters.sprouts)

YOUTUBE

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEpiscopalChurchKerrville>

WEBSITE

www.stpeterskerrville.com

**Incredible moments happen at St. Peter's regularly, which we share through our website and social media pages. Events at church, including worship, are frequently photographed. If you do not want to be included in church photos, please notify the office.*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. PETER'S (ECW)

Episcopal Church Women of St. Peter's includes all women of the Church. If you are a member of St. Peter's, you are automatically a member of ECW and there are no membership dues. Four officers are elected each year in the last general meeting of the year. The President appoints approximately 20 additional women to the ECW Board to serve as committee chairs. A yearbook is printed annually listing ECW ministries, members, by-laws, and meeting dates. You may pick up a Yearbook in the Church Office.

The ECW board meets 4 times during the year. Four general meetings are planned each year and include speakers for spiritual growth, a meeting highlighting our church, our church school, and a meeting highlighting our Cottage Shop volunteers. The board may vote to add an event if there appears to be a parish need for another meeting. Our budget is currently over \$50,000 which is approved by the Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

ECW COMMITTEES

If you are interested in more information of any of the following ministries, contact office@stpeterskerrville.com, or attend our monthly ECW meetings. We put regular updates in the Rock Road newsletter, which can be found on the church website.

THE COTTAGE SHOP

The Cottage Shop is the St. Peter's thrift store located on the church campus. It was founded by 8 ladies of ECW in 1967. It has served our parishioners as well as our community for more than 50 years. It is the Cottage Shop that funds the ECW and allows ECW the privilege to contribute to 15 ministries in our community, and 11 ministries within St. Peter's. The Cottage Shop provides quality clothing and household items at greatly reduced prices to those in our community who are not otherwise able to afford these items. It also serves a need to various charitable organizations that consign goods and clothing and consequently share the profits with the Cottage Shop. Our parishioners derive a community of fellowship volunteering in the Cottage Shop. On Monday, inventory is received, priced, and stocked. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the store is open for business and run by a dedicated group of volunteers.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF ST. PETER'S (ECW)

ALPHA

Alpha is the ECW ministry that presents a newborn whose family is a member of our church with a special baby gift welcoming him/her into this world and into our church family.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

During the season of Lent our parish gathers on Wednesday evenings after the 5:15 pm church service for a Soup Supper and five-week Lenten series program with guest speakers. This ministry enlists church volunteers to provide a crockpot full of homemade soup for one Wednesday night Soup Supper during the Lenten series program weeks to share & serve our parishioners.

OMEGA

The Omega Teams come to the aid of Parishioners and their families to provide for their needs for a reception after the death of a loved one. This team follows the direction of the Rector and serves only 1 quarter of the year. There are 4 different teams that cover the entire year. Please consider serving our parish community in this very worthwhile ministry.

ROSEMARY'S HELPING HANDS

This ministry provides meals to parishioner's returning home from the hospital or those that are ill and need assistance with meals. If you volunteer to help with this ministry, your name will be placed on a rotating list and you will be contacted when it is your turn to provide the meal to the parishioner. You will be reimbursed by E.C.W. for the expense of the meal provided.

OTHER ECW MINISTRIES

Book of Remembrance
Church Periodical Club
Scholarship (Graduating Seniors)
United Thank Offering (UTO)

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WEST TEXAS

CAMPS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS

The vision of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas Camps and Conference Centers is to remain a premier provider of experiences in the outdoors, grounded in the Christian faith and Episcopalian tradition, where children, youth and adults work, play, and grow together as they develop a community of trust, openness, and sharing.

CAMP CAPERS

Waring, TX

An atmosphere of caring and acceptance pervades the camp programs of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Children, youth and adults work, play and grow together as they develop a community of trust, openness and sharing. Participants are challenged to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally and socially. Opportunities abound for making new friends, meeting people from across the state, learning new skills, taking responsibility for oneself, others and God's world, and having lots and lots of fun!

Camp Capers Main Gate is our entrance during Summer Camp and for retreat guests. For service gate access, please contact the office before driving to Camp Capers, as some cell phone service plans have unreliable coverage near the gate. If you are arriving after dark, there are red reflectors on the road and a red reflective "C" at the entrance. Once you arrive, you will turn in and drive 1/2 mile (past St. Francis Chapel) to the Elder Family Welcome Center.

MUSTANG ISLAND

Mustang Island Conference Center, a ministry of Christian hospitality, provides a sacred place that offers our guests rest, reflection, and renewal surrounded by God's coastal creation. As a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, it is open year-round and available to approved religious, educational, and non-profit organizations. We are here to welcome God's children and provide them with a loving and peaceful place to gather.

The Mustang Island Conference Center is located at the center of Mustang Island, a barrier island off the South Coast of Texas, bordered by the Gulf of Mexico and Corpus Christi Bay. The Conference Center is 10 miles north of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Causeway, 9 miles south of the Port Aransas ferry landing, and about 30 miles from the Corpus Christi International Airport.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Peter's Episcopal School is to offer families in our community an enriched early childhood learning program with extended day options which are conducted in a Christian environment emphasizing the development of each child's potential.

HISTORY

St. Peter's Episcopal School was established in September of 1969. Mrs. Betty Smith had conducted private kindergarten classes in her home on Elm Street for almost twenty years. She was anxious to move to California, to be near her daughter. She needed a place to leave her legacy of teaching excellence. The rector of St. Peter's Church, Rev. Marvin "Red" Bond, convinced Mrs. Smith to move her kindergarten program to St. Peter's new Education Building. Within a few years, Rev. Bond added Pre-K classes for three and four year olds. Before starting St. Peter's School, he also founded an Episcopal School in Wharton, Texas. In December 2013, Rev. Bond passed away but St. Peter's School was always a source of great pride.

Over the years, St. Peter's School has expanded and changed to meet the needs of our community. Expansion became an annual affair until 1985-86 when St. Peter's School graduated its first fifth grade class. Cost factors eventually forced the School to restructure its program. Grade school classes were dropped and St. Peter's began offering classes for two year olds through kindergarten in the 1987-1988 school year. Since then, additional programs have been added to enhance our very special early childhood program.





A NAEYC accredited, Christian-based pre-school, St. Peter's offers the young child personal growth in the safest, most nurturing environment outside of the home.

THE PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Designed for children ages 18 months to 5 years of age, Children will be enrolled for 5 days each week from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Extended day options are available.

THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Our kindergarten school day runs from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and offers a well balanced curriculum including Children's Chapel, Saxon Phonics, Journeys Language Arts, GO Math, Library and Music.

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE

Additional services include After School Care, Early Bird Program, Elementary After School Care, Kid's Day Out, and Gymnastics. Visit our website for more information about school services and costs.

SCHOOL BOARD

The basic policies of St. Peter's School are determined by the School Board. The Board is comprised of seven (7) members of St. Peter's Parish who have been elected by the Vestry of the Church. The School Director, Rector of the Parish and the Assistant School Director are non-voting members of the Board. Members of the School Board serve staggered, three year terms. The School Board is responsible to the elected Vestry of St. Peter's Church. The School operates as a non-profit organization. The current board members and their term limits are listed below:

Mickey Horany, 2025
Brent Ives, Vice President, 2025
Mark Haufler, Treasurer, 2025
Marla Coffee, 2027
Becky Purl, 2025
Amanda McDonald, 2027

Barbara Jansen, 2027
Betty Mosty, Vestry Liaison, Non-Voting Member
Janet Boutin, School Director, Non-voting Member
Felicia Lehmann, Asst. Director, Non-voting Member
Rev. Bert Baetz, Non-voting Member