

Opportunities for Lay Ministry

“ Every Member a Minister ”

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WORSHIP	

Lectors & Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM'S) Sunday 8 am 9:30 am 11:15 am; occasional services

Lectors (licensed by the Rector) read the appointed lessons , psalms and prayers of the people. LEM'S (licensed by the Bishop) serve as chalice bearers during Holy Communion. These ministries are overseen by the Rector.

Contact: Jane Quein (scheduler) 367-1133

Acolytes Sunday 8 am 9:30 am 11:15 am and occasional services

Acolytes, 3rd grade and above, serve as torchbearers, flag bearers, crucifers and servers, assisting during the worship services. A training course is held once a year in the fall. An adult is needed for scheduling. An acolyte " mom or dad" attends to the vestments and helps the young ones in the vesting room. An acolyte " master" supervises the acolytes during the service.

Contact: Linda Jordan 928-9453 or Lee Underwood 739-2268

Altar Guild Sunday 8 am 9:30 am 11:15 am; midweek and occasional services

The altar guild maintains the church vestments, vessels and linens. They set up the altar for each service and are assigned to special functions such as weddings and funerals. They also deliver the altar flowers to those in the hospital or homebound.

Contact: Betty Capshaw 896-0944

Ushers Sunday 8 am 9:30 am 11:15 am; occasional services

Ushers distribute the bulletins and welcome each person, helping them find seats as needed. They collect the offering and help regulate the flow of people to the communion rail. After the service, they clear the pews of service bulletins. They are also attentive to any persons with special needs or problems.

Contact: Nellwyn Sadler 459-3131 9:30 am
John Pike 285-3330 11:15 am

Prayer Lists

Individuals and prayer ministries have available to them each week in the Sunday bulletin short term, long term, and military/diplomatic prayer lists for people for whom there is a special need or care.

Contact the church office to add names to these lists: 257-8162

Pastoral Lay Eucharistic Visitors (PLEVS)

Individuals, after training and certification by the Bishop, take the Eucharist to hospital patients and the homebound.

Contact Tom Murray, Jr. for hospital visitation on Sunday. 257-2889
Contact our Priests

Music Sunday 9 am 11 am; occasional services

Music for worship is provided by a praise team consisting of band and choir at the 9am family service. A chancel choir sings in the worship at the 11am and special occasions. Anyone with a love of music, praise and prayer is welcome to join. Reading music is not required. Practices are Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm for the chancel choir and Tuesday evenings at 5:30 for the 9 am Praise Band.

Contact: Kara Joy Baker 859-608-1079

SPIRITUAL FORMATION/ADULTS

Adult Education Sunday at 10 am and Wednesday at 6:30 pm

A variety of classes are offered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Some are taught by the clergy and some are lay led. Various topics and interests are covered. An adult Christian Education Board meets regularly to plan classes. Classes are listed in the weekly Sunday bulletin and the monthly Rock Road .

Contact: Dane Tune 896-0846 or Church office 257-8162
Lenore Langsdorf 634-2576 or Church office 257-8162

Bible Studies

Path of Life Wednesday 10:30 am (weekly Gospel reading study)

Contact: Betty Mosty 257-6585

Romans 12 Women's Group Wednesdays 4 pm Parlor

Contact: Chrisie Jennings 257-8162

Between the Lines Lectionary Readings Study Brown bag lunch-11:30, class starts- noon.

Contact: Fr. Tom Murray, III 257-8162

Sisters & Scriptures Wednesdays 6:30 pm (Young Womens bible study)

Contact: Lisa Earl 928-7299

Book Studies Friday at 11 am

Contact: Susan Parker 257-3918

Contemplative Prayer Groups Tuesdays 2 pm Friday 9:45 am

The Contemplative Prayer Group meets in the church upstairs conference room each Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. We begin with a brief introduction and then begin lectio divina using the upcoming Sunday gospel. This leads us into a time of silence that lasts about 25 minutes.

Contact: Susan Parker 257-3918

Inquirer's Class

Held twice a year, these classes are led by the Rector in preparation for joining the church, confirmation, or rededication. Anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church is welcome to attend.

Contact: Dick Elwood, Interim Rector 257-8162

Labyrinth Guild

The labyrinth guild supports and maintains the labyrinth, surrounding gardens and sponsors regular education events to share this experience with the community. There is a traditional New Year's Eve labyrinth walk.

Contact: Dee Elliott 238-4958

SPIRITUAL FORMATION/CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children's Ministries

Children's ministries organize and implement a variety of spiritual formation activities, including Sunday morning classes, Vacation Bible School, and the children's center.

Contact: Linda Jordan 928-9453

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation classes are held yearly to prepare young people for confirmation. Teachings are offered on basic Christianity, the history and traditions of the church, ethics and the essential elements of the faith.

Contact: Church Office 257-8162

Youth Groups

Bible studies and fellowship for those in middle school and high school. They participate in other fellowship activities and retreats locally and diocesan wide, such as Happening, mission work, and trips.

Contact: Linda Jordan 928-9453

This nationally accredited day school provides a curriculum for children two years old through kindergarten.

Contact: Janet Boutin 257-0257 (377-4156 cell in summer)

ADMINISTRATION

Parish Library

Volunteers are needed to help receive, catalog, shelve and maintain the library collection.

Contact: Jennifer Timko 367-1982

Office Volunteers

Needed to answer phone, make copies, help with mailings and other office duties.

Contact: Church Office 257-8162

Rock " Roadies "

Meet monthly to collate, label, sort, band and prepare Rock Road for mailing. Another volunteer delivers the boxes to the post office. This is the central means of communication for the parish.

Contact: Loa Morris 792-5844

COMMUNICATIONS

Rock Road

The Rock Road is the church's newsletter that is published monthly and is the main source of information for the parish.

Contact: Church Office 257-8162

Bulletin Board

Bulletin boards are located on the outside wall and inside Tucker Hall to inform parishioners about upcoming events as well as to highlight ministries and people in ministry.

Contact: Kristen Cook 257-8162

St. Peter's web site that provides information about the church. Email addresses for clergy, vestry, and other church sites are available. Our web address is www.stpeterskerrville.com
Contact: Chrisie Jennings 257-8162

HOSPITALITY

Greeters Sunday 8 am 9 am 11 am

Greeters welcome first time visitors to our church with a gift bag at each Sunday service. Training is done on a personal basis by the Greeter Coordinator.
Contact: Brooksie Bledsoe 955-5334

Food and Fellowship

This hospitality ministry involves planning and hosting parish social events. Individuals or groups serve coffee and pastries for Sunday morning fellowship in Tucker Hall.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Each Wednesday evening during Lent a variety of soups and light fare is offered.
Contact: Episcopal Church Women- President

Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The St. Peter's Youth cook and serve the pancake supper for eat in or take out.

Newcomers Dinner

A dinner is held at the Rector's home to welcome newcomers and confirmands. Vestry members and others are also invited.
Contact: Dee Elliot 238-4958; Brooksie Bledsoe 955-5334

Children's Activity Boxes

The Church Office Volunteers sponsors these boxes and a volunteer replenishes them weekly to provide quiet activities for youngsters during church.
Contact : Michelle Tapscott 257-8162

Aesthetics Committee

This committee does a variety of jobs to enhance the beauty and function of the church interiors.

Contact: Linda Thorne 257-8990

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Homebound/Nursing Home Visitation

Visits the homebound and those in nursing homes are made to bring cheer, news and a continuing association with the parish family. Assistance is also given to families and/or persons transitioning from their homes to care facilities.

Contact: Karen Weber 895-9566

Hospital Visitations

Volunteers visit patients at Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital to provide an opportunity for fellowship and prayer. Altar flowers from Sunday services are shared with hospital patients.

Contact: Fr. Tom Murray 257-8162 ext. 253

Rosemary's Helping Hands

This ministry offers and delivers meals to those recently home from the hospital.

Contact: Lenore Langsdorf 634-2576

Parish Giving Tree (Christmas)

The Giving Tree is located in the narthex several weeks before Christmas. Parishioners take an ornament from the tree and, in exchange, bring back a wrapped and labeled gift suitable for members who may be shut-in or alone during the Christmas season. The gifts are assembled and parishioners deliver them on the Sunday before Christmas.

Contact: Fr. Tom Murray 257-8162

Alpha and Omega

Families of newborns are visited with a gift and a meal (Alpha). Teams of women also provide a meal at home or a reception at the church for bereaved families (Omega).

Contact: Alpha - Brandy Weatherford 257-6977

Omega – Joyce Filgo 896-2546

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is a religious order for women. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism.

Contact: Polly Horany 257-5896

Community of Hope

The Community of Hope's mission is to create Christian communities of lay volunteer pastoral caregivers united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine spirituality and equipped for and serving in pastoral care ministries.

Contact: Fr. Tom Murray 257-8162 ext. 253 Susan Parker 257-3918

OUTREACH

Cottage Shop Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) sponsor this shop which provides quality used goods at greatly discounted prices. Donations and consignments are accepted. The funds raised through sales are distributed as donations to the community and church organizations through the ECW. Volunteers are needed to price items, do inventories, and to sell. This ministry provides a great service to the community, the church and to those who serve.

Contact: Cathy Murray 257-2889

Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)

CAM is a community-wide effort which operates a food pantry and additionally provides clothing, bedding, toiletries and cash assistance to persons in need. St. Peter's has a CAM Sunday on the second Sunday of every month to collect donations of food, clothing and money.

Contact: Church Office 257-8162

SOCIAL/SERVICE

Episcopal Church Women 1st Thursday, 10:30 am-1 pm

All women of St. Peter's Church are invited to become part of this active group which oversees the distribution of funds from the Cottage Shop and provides special ministries and outreach for the parish and community. Meetings, programs and luncheons are held monthly during the school year. All are invited to come.

Contact: Polly Horany (281) 701-1378

Best Timers is a group of seniors that meets monthly at various restaurants to eat lunch and enjoy fellowship.

Contact: Lynda Griffin 896-5163

RETREATS

Diocesan Retreats

This diocese has two retreat centers, Camp Capers in Waring and Mustang Island Retreat Center in Port Aransas. Camp Capers is host to several adult retreats such as Women's Gatherings (twice yearly) and Men's Retreat (twice yearly). Mustang Island Retreat Center also hosts a variety of retreats such as Family Camp in the summer. For the most current information check the diocesan web site at www.dwtx.org

Cursillo Held four times a year usually in March, May, September, and November

This "short course in Christian living" is a three day retreat weekend followed by a commitment to regular meetings with a small group for prayer, reflection and accountability to evangelism and ministry.

Contact: Barbara Whipple 257-9463

Laitly Lodge

Laitly Lodge offers St. Peter's church family a once a year retreat opportunity. Other retreats are held throughout the year.

Contact: Church Office 257-8162

Youth Retreats

Various retreats are available during the year, both here and at other Parishes. Summer Camp is held at Camp Capers for ages 9 - 18.

Contact: Linda Jordan 928-9453