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PROCLAIMER

April 2024

How to Have a Welcoming Spirit

"In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?" [LBW]

With these words, the pastor addresses the parents of the baptismal candidate. The parents respond, "I do." The water is poured three times, the forehead is anointed with oil, & a candle is lit. We stand in awe of what God has done. His grace has flowed through the font & washed over the life of this precious little one. The babe is now given a new name: "Child of God."

As a congregation, we've gotten the chance to witness this joy three times so far this year when Rachel, McKenna, and Graelynn were each baptized. We have more baptisms coming up that we are preparing for with families.

It is exciting to see families with children worship alongside us on Sunday mornings. We love to see children bounce down the aisle as they come forward for a children's message. We love to hear their coos and see their cute smiley faces. It's so good to be together as the Church, all of us at different ages and stages of life. Together, we're the body of Christ, and that takes all of us to be a part.

Recently our youth group interviewed several members of our church to ask them about their favorite memories from their time at St. Peter's. Through sitting down and talking with more "seasoned saints" our teenagers got the opportunity to hear stories of what it takes to keep the Church going. The original intention of the project was to create a video to show the congregation, which you'll get to see at our Homecoming lunch. Through these interview sessions we also got the added blessing of people of different generations engaging in conversation, sharing their perspectives on life in the Church.

How might you extend your welcome to someone in a different age or stage of life than you? Will you sit down with them at Coffee Time? Will you reach across the pews to share the peace? Will you stop in the grocery store aisle and talk to that (cont.) Church Business

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familiar face and say, "Hey, haven't I seen you at St. Peter's?" Will you serve alongside them? Will you sing with them in the choir, or study the Bible with them in Sunday School?

Who did you think about in all these scenarios? How might the Holy Spirit be nudging you? I'll be bold enough to ask the Holy Spirit for more of those nudges. We are so blessed to have a welcoming spirit here at St. Peter's. Let's see what God will do.

Blessings!

Pastor Cassie

St. Peter's By the Numbers February 1-29, 2024*				
Actual Received YTD	\$ 106,272.45			
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 91,232.25			
Difference YTD	+\$ 15,040.20			

*Because our newsletter is published before the end of the month, the numbers here & for the month, will always be a month behind.

month, will always be a month behind. Mini Music Camp ages 1-5 Saturday, April 13 10 am to Noon Fellowship Hall Theme: JOY We will sing songs, play games, do arts & crafts, and have a snack. Call Kayla with questions.

Ministry Highlights

Church Council met March 10th @ 4 pm.

Attendance: Debbie Dent was absent.

- **Bob Dernbach** has been accepted into the deacon program in the NALC.
- Homecoming: Sunday, April 28th this year. It will be catered this year.
- Education: Mini Rally Day is April 14th. Grad recognition is April 28th. Confirmation is May 19th. VBS planning has begun. Help needed.
- Evangelism: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper fed 290 people & brought in 141 pounds of food & \$670 for Mission Lexington. St. Peter's night at the Blowfish baseball game on May 31st.
- **Property**: A small stable was built by Claude Lindler & Paul Arnold to be used with the new manger scene. Work has been done to repair the leak in the steeple. Tiles on the front steps to the Sanctuary have been repaired.
- **Safety** is sponsoring a Basic Life Saving Course on Saturday, April 27th. If you are interested, please call Jo Wessinger.
- **Scouts**: Thanks for supporting the Pinewood Derby & spaghetti fundraiser. Lots of camping trips planned in coming months.
- Service is planning a Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser in April. Relay for Life is May 3rd.
- **Sound System:** First quote received. Waiting on 2nd quote.
- Worship & Music: Preparations for Easter are going as planned. Music camps being planned.
- Youth: Interviewing potential candidate.
- **Pictorial Directory**: Proof copy arriving during Holy Week.
- **Carolina Missions District Meeting** will be May 3rd & 4th. Delegates needed for the 4th.

Next meeting is April 14th @ 4 pm



Church Business

	February
Funds	Fund Totals
General	\$51,914.60
Boy Scouts	\$100.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$25.00
David Davis	\$340.00
Easter Lilies	\$105.00
Endowment	\$1,210.00
Evangelism	\$260.00
Maintenance	\$1,605.00
Mission Lexington	\$730.00
Music Camp	\$1,024.00
Music Ministry	\$45.00
Nursery	\$40.00
Safety	\$400.00
Sanctuary Sound	\$16,494.00
School Supplies	\$200.00
Snack Sacks	\$820.00
Tartu Seminary	\$3,706.00
Women's Retreat	\$1,420.00
Russel Bickley Mem.	\$50.00
Clayton Rawl Mem.	\$180.00
TOTAL GIVING	
for February	\$80,668.60



Dear St. Peter's,

We wanted to thank you for your partnership in the Dam to Dam Relay. Allowing us the use of your facilities* on February 17, 2024 has helped us tremendously. One hundred percent of the profit from this race goes to help people in our communities. We support Mission Lexington as they serve families in need in the community. We also contribute to the Faith Home Recovery Center in Greenwood. Thank you again for helping us support these worthwhile organizations.

We hope this partnership will continue and we look forward to talking to you soon. If you have any concerns please let us know.

Sincerely,

Simon Froese & Matt Porth

*Our church parking lot was one of the first exchange places on the route from the Lake Murray Dam to the Greenwood Dam. By allowing them to use the restrooms at the Scout Hut they were able to donate more funds to Mission Lexington.





Relay for Life

- Friday, May 3
- 6 pm–11 pm
- Lexington High School
- Come out & enjoy a hamburger with all the fixings!
- Want to volunteer? Call Rachel Price @ 803-238-9159



Fundraising for Relay for Life

- Purchase a luminary in honor of or in memory of loved ones for \$10.
- Be a "Proud Supporter" for \$100 (includes a sign you can take home at the end of the night). This is great for your business, Sunday School class or choir (hint, hint).



Do you know someone who might need rental, mortgage, or financial assistance? Mission Lexington can help.

Spring Cleaning? Bring your working household items & small appliances to Mission Lexington. They need:

- Crockpots
- Breakfast Items
- Irons
- New men's socksNew women's

socks

- Toasters
- Can openers
- blenders



- ★ Fundraiser
- ★ April 22-26
- ★ \$6.50 per Bundtlet



Thank you to everyone who donated blood! We collected **16 pints** which could save up to 48 lives. WOW!

Evangelism Committee

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring St. Peter's Night at the Blowfish game on Friday, May 31, 2024. This means:

- We will get all-you-can-eat Ballpark Menu (hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken sandwiches, fresh lettuce, tomatoes, onions, Cole slaw, chips, brownie, Coke products, and bottled water) served in the Stadium Club until the top of the 7th inning.
- A veteran from our church will be honored.
- Our choirs will sing the National Anthem before the first pitch and will sing *God Bless America* at the 7th inning stretch.
- We need at least 50 people, but can have as many as 120.
- All seats in sections 101 and 102 behind the home dugout will be ours if we have at least 68 people.
- Parking is \$3 per game paid at entrance to the lot on Game Day. We can take the bus and/or the van if there is enough interest.
- Tickets include all of the above except parking.
- Tickets for the first 100 adults are \$21. Children (12 & under) are \$15. Children 2 & under are free.

- A nonrefundable \$10 deposit per person is required to hold your place or you may pay in full.
- After these tickets are sold the price will be \$27 for adults & children over the age of two.
- Ticket/deposit collection & sign-up is after each service out in front of the Sanctuary.
- Deadline is April 10th.
- Please do not put money in offering plates. Give it to Dot Rish or Brenda



Safety Committee

First-a Thank you!!

A heartfelt thank you from the Safety Committee to Barry Powell, Claude Lindler, the Property Committee and to all who are helping and have helped with our safety initiatives. Your hard work and expertise is greatly appreciated.

Basic Life Support Training Course

Who? Open to everyone When? Saturday, April 27th Where? Fellowship Hall What is taught?

- High-quality CPR for adults, children & infants
- The AHA Chain of Survival, specifically the BLS components
- Important early use of an AED
- Effective ventilations using a barrier device
- Importance of teams in multi-rescuer resuscitation and performance as an effective team member during multi-rescuer CPR
- Relief of foreign-body airway obstruction (choking) for adults & infants

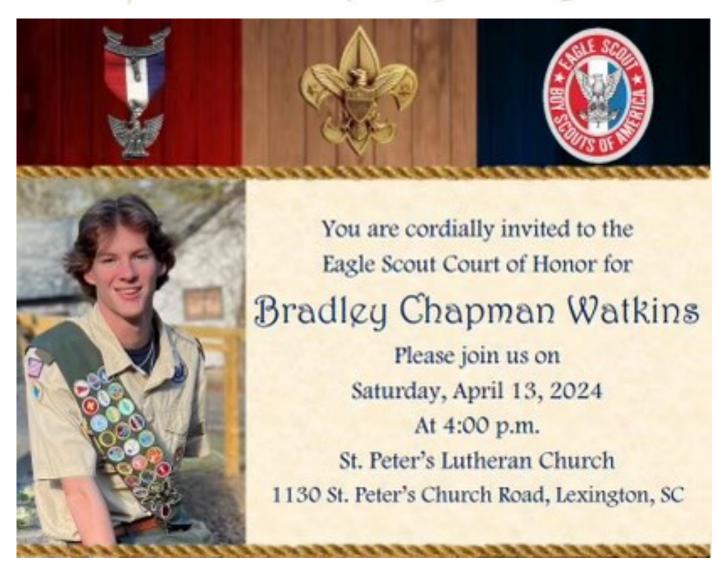


The Rest of the Story...

Each BLS class can accommodate 8 students & the course cost per student is \$50. the American Heart Association BLS course utilizes a video instructional and hands-on practical approach to teaching you basic lifesaving knowledge and skills.

Please contact Dennis Wessinger at 803-730-6928 with any questions. A sign-up sheet for the 9 am and 1 pm classes is on the table in the Parish Life Center.

Scouts



The congregation is invited. Major General R. Van McCarty, the Adjutant General for SC will be our guest speaker. A reception with finger foods will follow.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your continued support of the Scouting program. The Spaghetti fund raiser and Pinewood Derby on March 10th was a great success. An enjoyable time was had by all during the races.



Pack 309 & Troop 309

Educational Ministry

The Education Committee has a lot going on this spring! We are looking for additional folks to help us grow our ministry. We especially need anyone with children to help us reach out and excite the young ones learning about Jesus.

Sunday, April 14th is **Mini Rally Day**. We are calling all Super Sleuths for our mystery hunt! You will put on your detective hats to test your investigative skills with your team. We need YOU to find all the clues that lead to the TREASURE! And YES, we have special detective hats just to help you sleuth!



April 28th we will recognize and celebrate all **graduates** with a breakfast during coffee time. Come and meet our graduates and congratulate them on a job well-done! If you have a student graduating from high school or college this spring, please send their **picture** (along with the name of the

institution and their future plans) to Carol @ <u>office@stpeterslexsc.org</u> to be included in the bulletin insert for that Sunday.

Confirmation is in May and we are celebrating our confirmands with a Brunch for them & their families.

Vacation Bible School planning is starting soon! If you are interested in serving on our 5-person leadership team or helping with VBS in any other way, please let Pastor Cassie know soon as soon as possible. Our first planning meeting will be held Sunday, May 19th. VBS will be held July 7-11, 2024 in the evenings.





SundaySCHOOL ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD Growing in Faith Together



1000 Thank Yous in 2024

This **year** in our ministry we are placing a special emphasis on expressing our thankfulness to others. All are invited to take part in our congregation's challenge to write "One Thousand Thank Yous" this year. Take a card from this table or use your own, jot down a simple thank you note, and give it to someone you want to thank!

Do you think we can send "One Thousand Thank Yous?"

You can help us track our progress by adding to our display board. When you write a card, please take a mini Post-it note, write the name of the person you are thanking, and stick the Post-it note on the display board.

There are several ways to send your thank you notes:

Drop your card for a church member right in our mail shelf created by Brenda Hedgecock near the Fellowship Hall .

(Thank you, Brenda! There, only 999 more to go!)

Hand deliver your card! You could brighten someone's day.

Send your card in the mail. Yay, something other than a bill!

Who will you thank?

A committee member for all their hard work.

Our choirs for their musical offerings during our worship.

A coworker for helping you with a big project.

A classmate or neighbor for their friendship.

A young family for bringing their baby to worship with them.+

The clerk at Publix that is always smiling & helpful!

And anyone else you can think of!

The people we cherish and the reasons for giving thanks are endless! Donations are welcome for thank you cards (blank inside). If you have any questions or you'd like to share a God moment, contact the Pastors!

Our Prayer List

Member Needs Steve Alford Landis Ballington **Mike Bickley Mitchell Bowman Olin Chassereau Terry Coker Charlie Eargle** Summer Eargle Kathy Fornal **Bob Hundley** Michelle L. Jones **Connie Lindler** Jennifer O'Neill **John Oxner** Marvin Parson **Mike Rowell** Patti Shannon Sam Shannon **Rvlee Smith Dick Sullivan James Thompson Elizabeth Ward** Nancy Zeffiro

Homebound

Betty Amick (Wellmore) Meredith Arnold Wanda Arnold Grace Harmon Frank & Peggy Howard (Wellmore) Lonna Paul Oddie & Joyce Porth Ann Rowell (Lakeside) Jake Rush (Wellmore) Barbara Whiteside (Carroll Campbell) Rita Wingard

Missionaries & Ministry Partners

David Davis in Brazil Pastor Siimon Haamer in Estonia N&N-World Mission Prayer League NALC Mission Congregations: Immanuel, Sumter, SC Reformation, New Bern, NC Trinity, Flat Rock, NC The NALC

Family & Friends of the St. Peter's Congregation

Lanier Amick (father of LeAnne Ballentine) Jerry & Ashley Anderson (niece & nephew of Cynthia Johnson) Paul Aull (brother-in-law of Wayne O'Neill) Autumn (friend of Robert Prielipp) Courtney Boyd & Children (friends of Catherine Oxner) Leanne Buckner (friend of Natalie Carter) Lauren Buie & Kids (daughter of David Spence) Kathie Cashion (mother of Hillarie Vaughan) Diane Chavz (cousin of Diane Robison) Charles Clamp (friend of Rylee & Gracie Smith) Danny Covington (uncle of Elizabeth & Michael Covington) Keagan Cox (granddaughter of Claude & Elizabeth Lindler) Hewitt Dickerson (family of Charlie & Marie Eargle) Gil Ferro (husband of Barbara Ferro) Sarah Harmon (friend of Julynn Spence) Please update Baby Eloise Lance (cousin of Karen Cook) Gil Leader (grandfather of Kayla Spangler) family Ellie McGowan (friend of Natalie Carter) members. Millie McMillan (mother of Keith McMillan) THANK YOU! Jeff Morris (family of Mike & Christen Weidner) Baby Eme Viola Okam (friend of Julie Werner) Jim Orth (nephew of Doreen Edmondson) Ronnie Palm (uncle of Julie Werner) Diana Phillips (friend of Adam & Vickie Davis) Christine Poole & 3 sons (friends of Julie & James Watkins) Ronda Porth (daughter of Joyce H. & Oddie Porth) Tracy Pound (friend of Catherine Oxner) John Richardson (friend of Julynn Spence) Jim Salyer (friend of Jennifer McMillan) Gene Schofield (friend of Patti Switter) Tammy Seal (Debbie Dent's sister) Brandon Shealy (grandson of Fulmer & Joyce Shealy) George & Jackie Shull (parents of Kim Massey) Krysten Sidaway (friend of Julynn Spence) Kim Sims (daughter of Joyce M. Porth) Fred Smith (great uncle of Rylee Smith) Nancy Senn Smith (cousin of Wayne O'Neill) Kitty Spence (family of Zack & Julynn Spence) *Roger Spires (friend of Russell Rawl) Billy Switter (family of Bob & Patti Switter) Catherine Taylor (daughter of Dick & Patricia Derrick) *Fern Ulmer (aunt of Keith McMillan) Doug Wells (friend of Paul & Diane Robison) Garrett Wright (friend of Wilson Oxner)

Military

David Ballington (Army) Michael Edmondson (Army) Brian Gilbert (Marines) Alex Schneider (Marines) Matthew Teeter (Marines-deployed) Kyle Weed (Navy-deployed) Kyle Williams (Navy)



Updated 3-25-2024

Serving in /	

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28		
Acolyte Early	VOLUNTEER	Morgan Davis Lilly Johnson		Trey Porth		
Late	Gavin Shealy	Scarlett Ellingson Max Cooper Li		Lilly Johnson		
Altar Flowers	Dot Rish	Chris & Angie Keith & Ashley Meetze Powell		Carl & Donna Shealy		
Altar Guild	Donna Alford, Pat All	en, and Bobbi Buff				
Bulletins	Russell & Robin Rawl					
Camera	Debbie Arnold	Crystal Dennison	Debbie Arnold	Crystal Dennison		
Coffee Time	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	Education		
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Steve Wyndham	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Judson Steve Wyndham Wine: Diane Robison Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Karen Cook Kelly Rhoads		
Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Barbara Weed	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Kayla Ellingson Anna Stiglbauer	Bread: Pastor Judson Barbara Weed Wine: Marie Eargle Doreen Edmondson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Bobbi Buff Cindy Evans		
Greeters Early	Volunteers	Tom & Diane Lawhead	Ed Hedgecock	Carol Arnold		
Late	Mark & Doreen Edmondson	Volunteers	VolunteersBob & Barbara Weed			
Lectors Early	Not Needed	Tommy Stone	Dot Rish	Chip Rhoads		
Late	Not Needed	Anna Stiglbauer Marie Eargle Deb		Debbie Marcolini		
Pew Crew	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman					
Ushers Early & Late	Jeff Elliott & Buck Vaughan—Co-Chairs 8:30—Steve Alford & Steve Ellisor / 11:00—Mark Edmondson, Matt Hendrix, Carl Shealy					

GOLF SHIRT ORDERS! Dot Rish will be in the PLC during Coffee Time on Sundays or you can catch her in the church office on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 am — 3 pm. Deadline for ordering will be April 21st so we can wear them to the Blowfish game. Payment is due when ordering. Make checks payable to St. Peter's & put "golf shirt" in the memo line. Cash is also accepted. Shirts come in Kelly green, royal blue, slate grey, & red. Sizes & prices are:

S-XL are \$273X are \$29Shirts are available for men & women in2X are \$284X are \$30all sizes and all colors!

April Birthdays

1st	Melanie Webb
4th	Mackenzie Smith
5th	Charlee Branham Cindy Evans Jared McMullan Caroline Shirer William Shirer
6th	Chris Jordan Parker Turner
8th	Amy Blobaum Emily Carter Elizabeth Cartin Alden Crapps Karen Gobbi
9th	Haleigh Brown Caroline Hendrix Buck Vaughan

10th	Adam Davis Brenda Rawl Greg Webb
11th	Allison Black Doug Riley Sonja Shull
12th	Christopher Lunsford
13th	Mary Howard
14th	Julianna Schreiber
15th	Curry Hook
16th	Calder Shirer Michelle Jones
18th	Pr. Judson Merrell
19th	Virginia Brooks Bledsoe Grayson Webb

20th	Calvin Porth Zach Taylor
22nd	Edie Beaver
24th	Doreen Edmondson Annelise Williams
26th	Lauren Buie Nicholas Huffstetler Will Womble
27th	Grayham Carter Pr. Olin Chassereau Drew Sweatman
28th	Ryan Lever Walker Wilson
29th	Jennifer O'Neill Ben Wilson
30th	Sandy Coleman

April Anniversaries

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2nd	Steve & Teresa Ellisor	30 years	
5th	Charlie & Marie Eargle	55 years	
10th	Rudolph & Kathy Cooper	48 years	
10th	Chip & Kelly Rhoads	20 years	
12th	Michael & Gloria Sargent	44 years	
21st	David & Sheila Kinnard	34 years	
22nd	Darin & Lynn Roberts	7 years	
23rd	Keith & Ashley Powell	8 years	
23rd	Grayson & Kelly Webb	2 years	
24th	Jesse & Laura Riley	14 years	
28th	Dustin & Amy Hoffman	17 years	

29th	Carl & Donna Shealy	24 years
30th	Don & Kathy Fornal	41 years



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SUNDAY			1	2	3	4	5	6
8:30 am	Worship			2		-	5	U
9:30 am	Coffee Time		Office Closed Today		No Bib Study	le		
9:45 am	SonShine Choir		0	0	-		10	10
10:00 am	Angel Choir	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 am	Sunday School		Lutheran	Service	Lydia			Mini
10:15 am	Chancel Choir		Men 6:30 pm/	6 pm/CR	Circle 1 pm/F	н		Music Camp
11:00 am	Worship		FH	Education 6 pm/CR	- p/ I			10am-
4:00 pm	Cub Scouts / SH			Cemetery				Noon/FH
4:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal			6:30 pm				Eagle Scout
5:00 pm	Jr & Sr. Youth/YR			Youth				Ceremony
MONDAY				Committee				4 pm/PLC
6:30 pm	Matins Choir			7:15 pm/ CR				
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts/SH			Worship				
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TUESDAY				CR				
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting/CR			Evangelism 7:15 pm/				
WEDNESDA	λΥ			FH				
10:00 am	Bible Study / FH	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
6:30 pm	Mustard Seeds/FH	Mini		Finance				
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir	Rally Day		7 pm/CR				CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY
		Council						Scrappers
		4 pm/CR						10 am/FH
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		New						Basic
		Member Lunch &			When	you put it on social media	in the bulletin	Life Support
CR=Confere	nce Room	Learn			shared	l it during service, and a c ey never heard about it:		Classes
FH=Fellowsh	nip Hall	12:30 pm						
GR=Gathering Room behind PLC		28	29	30		Therefore I told	l you	
PLC=Parish Life Center		Youth	-	Loving		these things long before they happ		
		Mission		Group		I announced th		
YR=Youth Room		Trip Mtg. 10 am/YR		10:30 am	T.C.	to you Isaiah 48:5		
		HOME-			DIDIT	*		
		COMING			FUDL			
		LUNCH	13					







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