

St. Peter's Lutheran

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PROCLAIMER

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So...who does that? Is it the Church Mouse?

Each of you should use whatever you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10

I don't remember the exact day that it happened. I do remember that I was a new student at the seminary, and I do remember that it was in my pastoral care class. Dr. Tony Everett, the professor, got our attention and said something to the effect of "It's time you learned the hard truth." The following is a synopsis of that class:

- Most of you will be at a small church where your salary is 75% of the budget. Don't ever vote on the church budget. Always abstain.
- Most of you will be the only staff person at the church. You may have a volunteer secretary.
- Most of you at some point will get on a ladder to change a light bulb, scrub a toilet, or buy paper towels.
- Most of you will prepare your sermons alongside of bulletins, newsletters, and anything else that needs to be printed.

I would like to say that most of what he told us that day isn't true & doesn't exist in the church, but the reality is that his comments are true. I served two congregations where I can say "yes" to all of the above. Now that I have spent over a year here at St. Peter's, I find myself reflecting back on previous experience as well as what I have been taught. I can confidently say none of the above exists here. However, that opens the door to other questions such as "Who is it that does most of the stuff around here?"

St. Peter's, as a congregation, is beyond blessed with volunteers. I cannot name all the folks that are in & out each week doing things at the church. Maybe it's working on Snack Sacks, working in the kitchens, working on events such as VBS or music camp, maybe decorating a bulletin board, or even fixing things that need a little TLC. We are SO BLESSED with so many hands. But this can also be a huge issue for us. When we have folks that so kindly give of their time & talents, it can lead to complacency within the congregation. Out of respect we may NOT volunteer for something because we don't want to offend or hurt someone's feelings. Remember, if we are volunteering out of Christian love, that can never happen.

Currently we have several committees that need additional volunteers, especially Youth Committee and Education Committee. We have great people already on these and we realize not everyone can come every month, but input, ideas, and a willingness to be

Church Business

heard are important! We want what you can offer! Both Youth and Education Committees meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (Education @ 6 pm and Youth @ 7:15 pm). Meetings last one hour. Please pray about whether your gifts can be helpful as we continue our ministry here at SPLC.

Pax, Pr. Judson

St. Peter's By the Numbers March 1-31, 2024*			
Actual Received YTD	\$ 159,772.46		
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 148,923.07		
Difference YTD	+ \$ 10,849.39		

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

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Music Camp

Grades K-5

May 4th 10 am to 2 pm May 5th 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm Parish Life Center

Theme: 'May the Lord Be With You'"

Lunch is provided both days. Dinner & sharing Sunday @ 5:30 pm

> Questions? Call Molly 803-920-7342

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Ministry Highlights

Church Council met April 14th @ 4 pm. Attendance: Jeff Elliott & Pat Allen were absent.

- **Bus/Van:** Bus had servicing done. A/C works.
- **Cemetery** workday. Sprayed for fire ants.
- Education: Mini Rally Day was huge success. VBS will be July 7-11. Fall Rally Day will now be called "Back to Sunday School Event" & will be August 4th. Teacher Appreciation August 18th.
- Evangelism: St. Peter's night at the Blowfish baseball game on May 31st. Have sold 101 adult tickets as of this meeting.
- Property: Steeple work is complete. Per request from Safety, additional handrails will be added at front of sanctuary.
- **Safety:** Work is being done to convert all doors (with codes) to also have FOB access.
- Scouts: Court of Honor was held for Eagle Scout. Sold jerky, water & soft drinks at Palmetto Sportsman Classic. Planning trip to Patriot's Point to spend night on the Yorktown.
- Service: Relay for Life is May 3rd. Cards to shut -ins this month were done by Kathy Schreiber & her grandkids who colored pictures to be included. Pleased with Blood Connection simple & successful. Next drive in the fall. VBS service project being planned.
- **Sound System:** Have 2 quotes. Finalizing now. Both systems have wi-fi for hearing aids.
- Worship & Music: Easter attendance was 489. Special thanks to the Fulmers for the fabulous job of decorating the Sanctuary, Property for putting up crosses & Joyful Believers for great job decorating the cross. Mini Music Camp was great & had 7 in attendance. Handbells planning cleaning party/food & will invite guests interested in joining the group.
- Youth: Did not have a quorum in March & April. Urgent need for new chairperson. May change meeting day/time for member's needs.
- YAYA update: The search continues.
- **Pictorial Directory** is currently at the printer.
- Carolina Missions District Meeting will be May 3rd & 4th. Delegates are Bob Dernbach and Donna Shealy.

Next meeting is May 5th @ 4 pm

Church Business

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Funds	March Fund Totals
General	\$68,048.01
Bereavement Meals	\$125.00
Boy Scouts	\$580.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$480.00
David Davis	\$450.00
Easter Breakfast	\$200.00
Easter Lilies	\$615.00
Endowment Fund	\$2,025.00
Evangelism	\$1,200.00
Homecoming Meal	\$400.00
Maintenance	\$3,240.00
Music Camp	\$1,100.00
Music Ministry	\$200.00
Nursery	\$40.00
Office Expenditures	\$75.00
Safety	\$750.00
Sanctuary Sound	\$630.00
School Supplies	\$400.00
Snack Sacks	\$848.00
Tartu Seminary*	\$8,391.00
Women's Retreat	\$970.00
World Hunger	\$246.98
Russel Bickley Mem.	\$200.00
Ann Clement Mem.	\$50.00
Clayton Rawl Mem.	\$300.00
Steve Rivard Mem.	\$150.00
TOTAL GIVING	
for March	\$91,713.99

Grand Total sent to Tartu Seminary = \$12,473.66

PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

Bulletin—Noon on Wednesdays Proclaimer—15th of every month Prayer List—5 pm on Wednesdays

I'M NEW HERE. WHAT ARE ALL OF THESE INITIALS?

CR=Conference Room in office building
FH=Fellowship Hall downstairs
GR=Gathering Room behind PLC
PLC=Parish Life Center (big windows)
SH=Scout Hut in back of cemetery
YR=Youth Room upstairs

Dot will have our tickets & wristbands at a tent outside of the gate the night of the game.



LUTHERAN MEN

Mon., May 6th @ 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Dinner is served.
Please RSVP to Bill Jennings



Odds 'n' Ends

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).

First Responders Needed

If you are medically trained and would like to volunteer to assist your brothers & sisters in Christ when St. Peter's events are scheduled. we would love to have your help. Most of us don't expect a medical need to occur when we are gathered. There's fellowship and worship, or fun and food, and lots of laughter by our members when we're together, but in the event that a need should arise, a medically trained volunteer can make a difference for someone needing help. If you would like to be that person and volunteer to stand-by and help, please check the church-wide events calendar and let the church office know that you would be willing to serve as a volunteer to use your medical skills and training. If you're already volunteering, we offer a grateful thanks for assisting and serving our Church Family.



Bundt Cakes Pick-Up

Friday, May 3rd

12-2 pm or 4-6 pm

Gathering Room Double Doors

We can be the light of the world without leaving our high beams on and annoying everybody.

~ Bob Goff

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.

Come Celebrate with us on Sunday morning, May 19th as six of our young people are confirmed as adult members of our congregation.

Vacation Bible School planning is under way! If you are interested in helping with VBS in any way, please let Pastor Cassie know. VBS will be held July 7-11 in the evenings.





Back to Sunday School Day is August 4th @ 10 am. We are planning carnival games and prizes as we kick-off the new Sunday School year. There will be a blessing of the backpacks during worship services that morning as we send our kids back to school.

BOOK CLUB FOR MAY

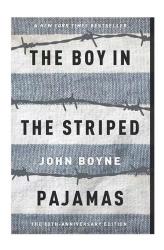
Which Book? The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Author? John Boyne

Discussion Date? Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:30 pm

Where? Gathering Room

Details? Books are \$7.99 from Target or if you would like for Brenda to order your book, please place money in an envelope with your name & book club on the outside. We need 5 people to order for free shipping.





Thank You Notes

Dear Rev. Merrell,

Your church continues to bless our community! Thank you most sincerely for your thoughtful giving to Harvest Hope Food Bank. Because of your kindness, children and families are finding both hope and food at their tables. Our seniors & Veterans are also being helped—those who otherwise would not have food to eat.

Thank you for your continued support right here at home.

With gratitude— Rhea Adkins Harvest Hope

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in this year's Ms. Betty Lou's Bunny Bash. We had 30 kiddos and about 60 adults attend this year. A special thanks to our wonderful youth who hid the eggs and to the best Easter Bunny, Morgan! Thank you again for your participation. See you next year! And don't forget, everybody needs a little Iesus.

Thank you,
The Fulmer Family



Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

We want to thank you for your prayers, calls, texts, & cards during our illness and Dennis' hospitalization. You were such a source of encouragement for us during a difficult and challenging time. The end of March was a welcome change for us. We are tremendously grateful for you and consider it a privilege to be part of such a loving community of faith.

In His love, Dennis and Jo Wessinger

Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

Steve & I are grateful for the many acts of kindness after his recent fall & hospitalization. Your phone calls, cards & texts lit him up!

We are blessed with a wonderful Church family! Your continued prayers during this long recovery are appreciated.

In Christ's Love,
Steve & Donna Alford

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, meals, calls, visits, and texts after my mother, Elizabeth Ward's injury and my son, Mitchell Bowman's illness. God is good! He heard your prayers and both are on the mend. Our family greatly appreciates & are humbled by your generosity.

May God bless you abundantly & may His face shine upon you.

With gratitude, *Debbie Dent*

News You Can Use

Welcome to our series...

Everything You Wanted to Know About _____ But Were Afraid to Ask This month: How We Do Things

Every church has its ways, habits, procedures, etc. Churches have a lot of moving parts and every church works a little differently. Some procedures make perfect sense to someone coming in from the outside and some do not. This month I will try to cover a few things that differ here from other churches.

- * ALTAR FLOWERS: Some churches have a standing order for flowers and you just drop a check into the offering plate when you have signed up to give flowers. *Here* you call the florist of your choice and order what you'd like. They will even deliver them for you. Or you can make an arrangement out of your yard if you'd like. As long as they are live & here before worship Sunday morning they're great.
- ★ **COFFEE TIME:** If a committee, a Sunday School class, or a group of friends wants to provide snacks during Coffee Time, there is a sign-up sheet in the PLC kitchen—at the beginning of the serving line. Pick an open date and put down who's covering it. It's that simple. Please remember that if your committee signs up, then it is your committee's responsibility to cover it that day from set up to clean up. Please check the sign-up list *before* your committee decides on a date to make sure it's open.
- * SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES: There are two calendars in the St. Peter's Universe. One is on our website. The other is the paper version in the office. Nothing goes on the online version until it is *first* approved & put on the paper version. Private events—baby showers, bridal showers, family reunions—do not go on the online version at all since we don't want folks thinking they can crash your party. PLEASE, before your committee plans an event ALWAYS check with Carol before choosing a date to avoid conflicts. Don't forget to clean up after all events and/or activities. There's always another after yours.
- **★ EACH COMMITTEE HAS SPECIFIC DUTIES:** Committees are designed to not overlap responsibilities.

Bus & Van—takes care of, you guessed it, the bus and van

Cemetery—another easy one—they handle *all* things related to the cemetery

Education—handles Christian Education (Sunday School, VBS, Bible Studies)

Evangelism—keeps our name out in the community & helps to make guests feel welcome

Homecoming—handles our annual "birthday" party

Kitchen—monitors the upkeep and use of both of our kitchens

Property & Grounds—handles maintenance & upkeep of our property & grounds

Safety—keeps us safe: handles first-aid kits, parking issues, & all safety training

Service—makes sure we are giving back to the community (Mission Lexington, ALS, Relay, etc.)

Stewardship/Finance—makes sure we are being good stewards of our finances

Worship & Music—handles everything relating to worship including choirs, nursery, ushers, etc.

Youth—coordinates our ministries with grades 3 to college

Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol Wyndham
Chaos Coordinator

Luke 7:23 ~ "Blessed are those who are not offended by me." (ESV)



Our Prayer List

Member Needs

Steve Alford

Landis Ballington

Mike Bickley

Mitchell Bowman

Sam Bruce

Olin Chassereau

Jeanne Dernbach

Charlie Eargle

Summer Eargle

Kathy Fornal

Bob Hundley

Michelle L. Jones

Sheila Kinnard

Connie Lindler

Jennifer O'Neill

Marvin Parson

Mike Rowell

Patti Shannon

Sam Shannon

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)

Jeff Ashcraft (friend of Larry James)

Paul Aull (brother-in-law of Wayne O'Neill)

Autumn (friend of Robert Prielipp)

Debra Bumgarner (mother of Alyson Shirer)

Jonathan Buster (grandson of Paul & Diane Robison)

Kathie Cashion (mother of Hillarie Vaughan)

Diane Chavz (cousin of Diane Robison)

Bobbie Clamp (sister of Johnnie Amick)

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)

Jan Kincaid (friend of David Spence)

Ursula & Tom Lain (friends of Joyce M. Porth)

Baby Eloise Lance (cousin of Karen Cook)

Gil Leader (grandfather of Kayla Spangler)

Claude Marthers (co-worker of Steve Wyndham)

Ellie McGowan (friend of Natalie Carter)

Millie McMillan (mother of Keith McMillan)

Ginger Moore (friend of Christy & Doug Riley)

Jeff Morris (family of Mike & Christen Weidner)

Jerry Nunamaker (brother-in-law of Donna Shealy)

Baby Eme Viola Okam (friend of Julie Werner)

Jim Orth (nephew of Doreen Edmondson)

Ronnie Palm (uncle of Julie Werner)

Darlene Pitts (friend of Fulmer Family)

Ronda Porth (daughter of Joyce H. & Oddie Porth)

Jimmy Price (guest of St. Peter's)

Jim Salyer (friend of Jennifer McMillan)

Tammy Seal (sister of Debbie Dent)

Arthur Shealy (brother of Carl Shealy)

Brandon Shealy (grandson of Fulmer & Joyce Shealy)

George & Jackie Shull (parents of Kim Massey)

Kim Sims (daughter of Joyce M. Porth)

Fred Smith (great uncle of Rylee Smith)

Nancy Senn Smith (cousin of Wayne O'Neill)

*Roger Spires (friend of Russell Rawl)

Stacie (friend of Kay & Jennifer Raasch)

Billy Switter (family of Bob & Patti Switter)

Catherine Taylor (daughter of Dick & Patricia Derrick)

*Fern Ulmer (aunt of Keith McMillan)

Military

David Ballington (Army)

Michael Edmondson (Army)

Brian Gilbert (Marines)

Alex Schneider (Marines)

Matthew Teeter (Marines-deployed)
Kyle Weed (Navy-deployed)

Kyle Williams (Navy)

Please update

family

members.

THANK YOU!

Updated 4-24-2024

Serving in May

	May 5	May 12	May 12 May 19		
Acolyte Early	Volunteer	Trey Porth	Gospel Procession	Volunteer	
Late	Max Cooper	Wilson Oxner	Gospel Procession	Wilson Oxner	
Altar Flowers	Steve & Carol Wyndham	Julie Porth Smith	Brian & Karen Cook	Tom & Diane Lawhead	
Altar Guild	Jean Hundley & Jackie	e Jumper			
Bulletins	Angie Meetze & Jenny	Stone			
Camera	Crystal Dennison	Debbie Arnold	Crystal Dennison	Debbie Arnold	
Coffee Time	Volunteer	Evangelism	Volunteer	Volunteer	
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Donna Alford	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Karen Cook B. Hedgecock	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Jenny Stone Dot Rish	
Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Catherine Porth Terry Coker	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Marie Eargle Doreen Edmondson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Marie Eargle Carl Shealy	
Greeters Early	Jean Hundley	Volunteer	Volunteer	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	
Late	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	
Lectors Early	Steve Wyndham	Addison Cook	Karen Cook	Tommy Stone	
Late	Debbie Dent	Catherine Oxner	Tommy Chaplin	Marie Eargle	
Pew Crew	Tom & Diane Lawhead				
Ushers Early & Late	Adam Davis & Toby Porth—Co-Chairs 8:30—Dot Rish & Meagan Schneider / 11:00—Chris Marcolini & Bob Weed				

You would think things would slow down around here eventually, but that's not the case at all. As soon as one event is over we are preparing for three more. Such is life around here the first week in May. In the course of three days we will have Relay for Life, Cub Scouts camping trip, a wedding, two days of music camp, council meeting, and our regular Sunday calendar. We are more than blessed to be so busy! Because of this, we kindly ask that you help by cleaning up after your event. Yes, we have a service that takes care of the restrooms and such, but they don't know what to do with some of the other things left behind. Please help them by removing signs, etc. after your event. Thank you!

May Birthdays

2nd	Jean Hundley Bob Martin		
3rd	Blakely Jumper Charles Henry		
4th	Hayden Porth		
7th	Rosemary Davis Marja Phelan Ted Zee		
9th	Stacie Craps Claude Leitzsey		
10th	Pastor Cassie Kathy Schreiber		

12th	Charlotte Davis (4)
13th	Lonna Paul
14th	Landis Ballington Ean Crapps Laura Riley
16th	Chuck Bledsoe Don Nichols
18th	Buffy Pearson
19th	Anna Harmon Rachel Powell (1)

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21st	Hannah Harmon Tina Lindler
22nd	Betty Baines Yeats Porth
24th	Carl Shealy
25th	Michael Covington Marie Eargle
27th	Dottie Rivard
28th	Molly Teem Russell Watkins

May Anniversaries

13th	Chris & Debbie Marcolini	24 years
15th	Mark & Doreen Edmondson	14 years
18th	Brian & Karen Cook	22 years
19th	Paul & Debbie Arnold	45 years
19th	Eric & Kayla Ellingson	17 years
19th	Ben & Valeri Wilson	17 years

20th	Johnnie & Betsy Amick	52 years	
21st	Rich & Beverly Smith	25 years	
24th	Rusty & Kim Massey	38 years	
25th	Marion & Linda Gable	28 years	
28th	Chris & Angie Meetze	41 years	

If your birthday or anniversary is not showing up on this list it means your information is not in our system. If you would like to be included, please put the dates on the back of your communion slip to be added to our database.

Thank you!



MAY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Coffee Time
10:00 am Angel Choir
10:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Chancel Choir

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm Cub Scouts / SH 5:00 pm Jr & Sr. Youth/YR

MONDAY

6:30 pm Matins Choir 6:30 pm Boy Scouts/SH

TUESDAY

10:00 am Staff Meeting/CR

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study / FH6:30 pm Mustard Seeds/FH7:00 pm Chancel Choir

CH=Choir Room

CR=Conference Room in office

FH=Fellowship Hall

GR=Gathering Room behind PLC

PLC=Parish Life Center

SH=Scout Hut

YR=Youth Room

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					RELAY FOR LIFE American Society	MUSIC CAMP
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Council 4 pm/CR		Education 6 pm/CR	Lydia Circle 1 pm			
MUSIC CAMP		Evangelism 7:15 pm/ FH	/FH			
		Youth 7:15 pm/CR				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Meris		Service 6pm/CR	Staff Support		BINGO Night	
		W&M 7:15 pm/ CR	7pm/CR		6:30 pm in PLC	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Pentecost Confirmation		Safety 6 pm/CR				
Endowment Board 12:30pm/FH		Finance 7 pm/CR				
VBS Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Office Closed Today	Loving Group 10:30 am /FH Book Club			BLOWFISH	
		6:30 pm/ GR				







