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PROCLAIMER

August 2026

Why We Have Music in Worship

Martin Luther once said, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise." In *Luther's Works*, he wrote, "I would certainly like to praise music with all my heart as the excellent gift of God which it is and to commend it to everyone." Luther would go on to describe music as a divine gift that appears throughout nature, but reaches perfection in humans.

Music was a cornerstone component of the Reformation. Luther understood that music was one of the Church's primary instruments, and that incorporating familiar hymn tunes, with language in the vernacular of a society where fewer people understood the Latin of the traditional Mass setting, was a unique and powerful tool to share the Word of God.

Nearly five centuries later, those convictions continue to shape the ministry here at St. Peter's where we have long valued the role of music in our traditional services. From our two choirs, the handbell choir, children's choirs, and instruments on special services, we are blessed to be able to have such a rich musical component to our worship services. Music in our church has many roles. Our highest task is, and will always be, to proclaim the message of Christ. We strive to add to the liturgy and enhance the scripture on Sundays to our congregation, guests, and community. But there are many other aspects of our music ministry—fellowship, performance, cake and ice cream each month, or simply a chance to slow down for an hour during the week and allow your ears and voice to turn your heart towards God. Rehearsals are a welcome pause from busy schedules, a time to laugh, pray, sing, and be in fellowship for God.

There is one thing—and one thing alone—that makes our music department so successful: the members of our choirs. Some members are new, some are seasoned and have been in the choir for years—even decades! Some are young and learning to sing in our children's choirs for the first time. Some read a little music, many do not read music at all—but all of us sing, & make a joyful chorus to the Lord.

So the question to you is—what are you doing out there in the pews? Whether you've sung in a choir for decades or only sing in the privacy of your car or shower, there is a place for you in our choir. We hear you out there on Sundays, answering the Psalms, singing the hymns, chanting the liturgy. Come to a rehearsal and find out!



Church Business

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Matins Choir currently rehearses with Craig on Mondays at 6:30 pm. Chancel Choir rehearses with Barry on Mondays at 7:15 pm beginning August 31st. SonShine Choir (gr. 1-5) rehearses with Molly on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am and Angel Choir (ages 1-5) rehearses with Kayla at 10 am.

No musical training or ability is needed, bring only your voice & your heart to lead others in worship and we will handle the rest!

Blessings!

Craig

Funds	June Fund Totals
General	\$ 38,283.50
Boy Scouts	\$ 580.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 75.00
Charity Crafts	\$ 40.00
David Davis	\$ 190.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 300.60
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,490.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,135.00
Music Camp	\$ 625.00
Music Ministry	\$ 75.00
Safety	\$ 25.00
School Supplies	\$ 2,388.00
Snack Sacks	\$ 1,170.00
VBS	\$ 881.00
World Hunger (Noisy Offering)	\$ 414.79
Rita Wingard Memorial	\$ 25.00
Eddie Wiggins Memorial	\$ 365.00
June TOTAL GIVING	\$ 49,062.89

Insurance Update! We have video cameras in all church vehicles capturing events on the inside & outside for safety. If you have questions, call Pastor Judson.

St. Peter's By the Numbers June 1-30, 2026*

Actual Received YTD	\$ 339,252.07
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 342,225.23
Difference YTD	- \$ 2,973.16

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

Ministry Highlights

Church Council did not meet in July.

Next meeting is August 16th @ 3 pm.

Constitution Changes

We have a couple of things to update in our constitution. We will vote on these in our November 8th Congregational Meeting.

Under Membership

8.03 currently reads: "All applications for confirmed membership shall be submitted to and shall require the approval of the Church Council."

New wording: *All names for membership shall be presented to Church Council. At the recommendation of the Pastor(s), persons transferring into the membership of St. Peter's shall need the approval of the Church Council.*

Under Church Council

12.04 currently reads: "No two family members of the same household shall serve as voting members of the Church Council at the same time."

New wording: *No two immediate family members shall serve as voting members of the Church Council at the same time. Immediate family is understood to include spouses, parents, children, siblings, step-parents, step-children, and step-siblings.*



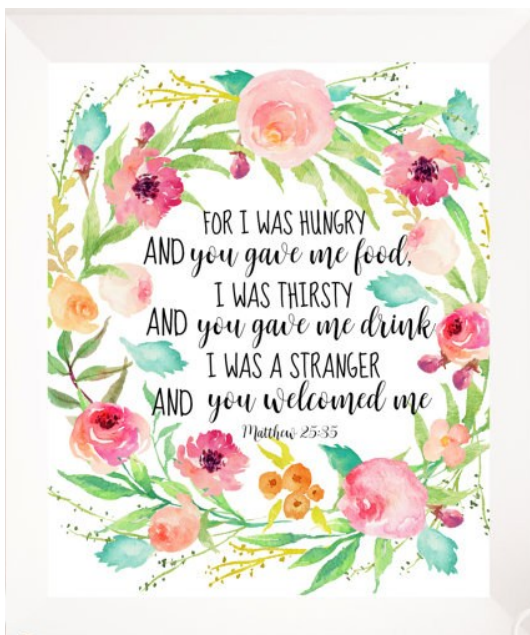


Snack Sack Ministry

This mission outreach program began at our church in the fall of the 2011 school year, so this will be the 16th school year! We began with Meadow Glen Elementary and we still deliver to them.

The program provides a "Snack Sack" of food for children on the weekends and holidays during the school year. Last year we prepared/delivered bags for 65 children each week & that number could increase this year. These children may not get meals over the weekend without these food bags. We purchase the prepackaged food bags from Harvest Hope for a small fee.

The children in need of the sacks are identified by school personnel and their identities are kept confidential. Our only mission is to purchase, pack, and deliver the sacks to the school. We have a devoted group of volunteers who are ready to pack the sacks and deliver them each week.



How can YOU help?

Pray...for this mission outreach program.

Pray...for the volunteers who pack and deliver the sacks.

Pray...for the children who receive the sacks.

And finally, if YOU feel led to give, we need your help with monetary donations throughout the school year. Please mark your check or envelope *Snack Sack Ministry*. We will also be asking for donations of large plastic jars of PB&J that are included with their snack sacks at Christmas & at the end of the school year. There is a bin in the Parish Life Center (PLC) for those donations.

We are so grateful for your continued support & prayers for this ministry. If you have any questions, please call: Edie Beaver @ 803-920-1748 or Jenny Stone @ 803-605-1325.

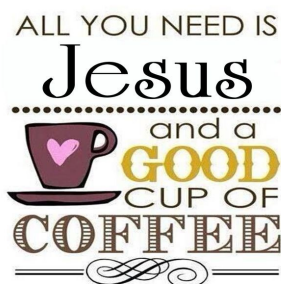
**Do what lasts.
Get around to everything else.**

~ Bob Goff



Cemetery Updates! Many years ago, St. Peter's was blessed to have a road paved from the cemetery gates down to the Gazebo. This road was paved in memory of John H. Harmon by his family. After Clayton Rawl entered into the Church Triumphant, his family decided to use the financial memorials to continue the original paving. St. Peter's was blessed to receive an additional anonymous gift in 2025 that allowed us to pave more than we originally anticipated. We now have a completed loop through our cemetery as well as a paved drive to the Scout Hut. Additionally, we had one of the Boy Scouts who repaired the Gazebo for us. Broken and warped boards were replaced, it was repainted, and now will continue to stand as a place of quiet respite for those visiting their loved ones. *So the Gazebo can continue to be a lovely place to gather, we will no longer be putting misplaced or faded flowers there, but will instead put them in the container at the front gate of the Cemetery.*

We are blessed that God continues to work through various people to help us be good stewards of the things He has entrusted to us. If you haven't driven the new road yet, please do so!



Coffee Time was designed to be a time of fellowship so we would not become two separate congregations who

just happen to meet in the same building. And so we gather at 9:30 am every Sunday morning in the Parish Life Center to share a cup of coffee and perhaps a snack.

There are no magic elves who lay out snacks or make coffee. There is, however, a man every passionate about our fellowship time. Passionate enough to purchase snacks out of his own pocket and lay them out so we have something to nibble with our coffee. So passionate, in fact, that he usually comes up on Saturday to make sure everything is just right for Sunday.

Occasionally, we have a team of folks who volunteer to do the same, sometimes even adding casseroles or fruit to our morning fare. Though all of that is not necessary, the smells do bring more people to that room after early worship on those days.

If you and a couple of friends would like to help the elf, please sign up on the sheet in the PLC Kitchen. I'm sure he would enjoy an occasional Saturday at home.





Children & Youth Ministry



I teach
Sunday School
what's your
superpower?

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for our 2nd-5th graders. We would like to have four teachers so we can rotate and you will only serve once a month.

If you are interested, please join us for a Lunch & Learn on Sunday, August 23rd @ 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact Pastor Cassie with questions.

ATTENTION: 7th & 8th GRADERS
CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN!
Lunch & Learn Format
5 weeks of classes

Sept. 13—Orientation for **students & parents**
After Golden Age Lunch
1-2:30 pm / YR

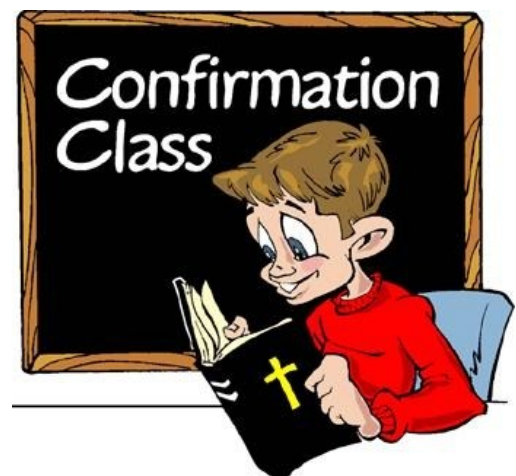
September 20—12:30-2 pm / FH

September 27—12:30-2 pm / FH

October 4—12:30-2 pm / FH

October 18—12:30-2 pm / FH

Confirmation will be Sunday, May 16, 2027.



Save the Dates!



If you can read the words, you can be in the choir! See you at rehearsal.



Praise God from Whom Our A. C. Flows

A Song for the Church Blessed with Both Air Conditioning and a Sense of Humor

Linda Bonney Olin, 2018

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
(LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is simple and catchy, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

Praise God from whom our A. C. flows! Praise God for pews where cool air
blows! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Wor - ship with us in com-fort
sweet, in sum-mer's most op-press-ive heat! No more stick - ing to your
seat - ing! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!



Dates to Remember

This list gets **updated weekly** as things are added/deleted or updated. Please update your calendars as well.

August 2—Music Team Meeting @ 10 am / CR

August 5—Bible Study Returns @ 10 am / FH

August 9—SonShine Choir Returns @ 9:45 am

August 9—Women's Tasting Event @ 3-5 pm / FH (details at bottom of this page)

August 9—Children's Ministry Critter Keeper Event @ 3 pm/PLC

August 16—Angel & SonShine Choirs sing @ 8:30 am

August 16—Parent/Youth Meeting @ 10 am / YR

August 16—Endowment Board @ 12:15 pm / CR

August 16—Church Council Meeting @ 3 pm / CR

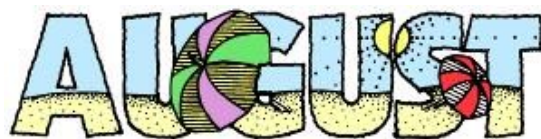
August 23—Lunch & Learn Kids' Ministry @ 12:30 pm / FH

August 25—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC

August 27—Lutheran Men @ 6 pm / FH

August 27—Women's Book Club @ 6:30 pm / GR

August 30—Noisy Offering for World Hunger



September 7—Office Closed for Labor Day—No Activities Today

September 13—Golden Age Luncheon @ 12:30 pm / PLC

September 14—Women's Bible Study w/Lisa Leitzsey @ 6:30 pm / GR

September 15—Women's Bible Study w/Teresa Russell @ 10 am / GR

September 20—Kids sing @ 11 am Worship

September 20—Church Council Meeting @ 3 pm / CR

September 21—Women's Bible Study w/Lisa Leitzsey @ 6:30 pm / GR

September 22—Women's Bible Study w/Teresa Russell @ 10 am / GR

September 24—Women's Book Club @ 6:30 pm / GR

September 25-27—Scouts Backyard Bash

September 28—Women's Bible Study w/Lisa Leitzsey @ 6:30 pm / GR

September 29—Women's Bible Study w/Teresa Russell @ 9:10 am / GR

September 29—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC



October 4—Blessing of the Animals @ 3 pm / Front Lawn

October 5—Women's Bible Study w/Lisa Leitzsey @ 6:30 pm / GR

October 10—Women's Ministry Pie Making w/Teresa Russell @ 10 am / FH



Women's Ministry Taste Test Details—August 9—3-5 pm—Fellowship Hall

Ladies, you may bring any dishes you like: main course, salad, vegetable, drink, or dessert. Please bring a copy of your recipes. Each participant will receive a booklet of all the recipes tasted at the Taste Test. **Do NOT go to PLC. Reptile Man will be in there.**



Thank you! & Book Club

Dear Church Family,

Charlie and I want to thank Pastor Judson and our church family for the kind words & caring in the recent death of our sister-in-law, Pam Eargle.

We especially thank Pastor Chassereau and Claudia for their 50 years of pastoral care and love for the Eargle family.

With heartfelt thanks,

Charlie & Marie Eargle

Dear St. Peter's,

We appreciate the continued support of one of our founding churches! Thank you for all that you do that enables us to better serve our neighbors in crisis!

Blessings, **Joe Miley**

Dear St. Peter's Church,

We remain every thankful for your generous support to our ministry of care! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Blessings...

Ernest Beck, President & CEO
Lutheran Homes of SC Foundation

Dear Fellow St. Peter's Members,

I would like to thank you for all the visits, calls, cards, delicious food, and all other ways that we were shown your kindness and love during my shoulder surgery recovery. I truly love the people at St. Peter's and enjoy the fellowship and visits at anytime whether well or sick. God is blessing each of us daily and His love shows in many ways.

Again, thank you,

Elizabeth Lindler

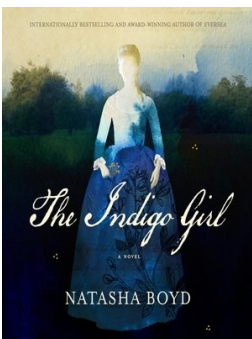
Dear St. Peter's Church,

We would like to thank you all at St. Peter's for your thoughts, prayers, calls, cards, and fruit basket during my hospital stay and recovery.

We love our church family.

Blessings...

Barry & Trudy



The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd is an historical fiction novel set in 1739, that tells the story of 16-year-old Eliza Lucas Pinckney. Left in charge of her family's three plantations while her father pursues military ambitions in Antigua, she faces financial ruin and societal constraints on women. Eliza discovers that indigo dye could save her family, and forms alliances with an aging horticulturalist, a married lawyer, and a slave, striking a daring deal to learn the secret process of indigo dye in exchange for teaching the slave to read—an act that defies the laws and norms of the time. The story explores her growth in confidence, resilience, and autonomy as she navigates the complex social and political landscape of colonial South Carolina.

Women's Book Club—Thursday, August 27th @ 6:30 pm / GR



Serving This Month

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Acolyte Early	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Juliana Schreiber	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated
Late	Volunteer	Scarlett Ellingson	Carter Ellingson	Miles Hendrix	Camryn Merrell
Altar Flowers	Godfrey & Jane Burnett	Tommy & Jenny Stone	Volunteer Appreciated	Jerry & Sarah Richey	Bill & Ellen-Marie Knehans
Altar Guild	Jean Hundley & Jackie Jumper				
Bulletins	Russell & Robin Rawl				
Coffee Time	Volunteers Appreciated	Volunteers Appreciated	Jean Hundley & Crew	Busters SS Class	Stewardship
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Ellen Knehans Michele Zee	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Brenda Hedgecock	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Judy Nichols Don Nichols	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Michele Zee
Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Catherine Oxner Marion Gable	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Marie Eargle Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Karen Cook Jo Wessinger	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Ernie Chaplin Valeri Wilson
Greeters Early	Rochelle Roof	Paul & Susan Schreiber	Kay Keisler	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	Paul & Diane Robison
Late	Sheila Kinnard	Rochelle Roof	Marie Eargle	Elizabeth Lindler	Volunteers
Lectors Early	Michele Zee	Michele Zee	Michele Zee	Judy Nichols	Michele Zee
Late	Tommy Stone	Catherine Oxner	Marie Eargle	Karen Cook	Tommy Chaplin
Pew Crew	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman				
Ushers Early & Late	Jeffrey Crapps & Keith Powell—Co-Chairs Alden Crapps, Steve Ellisor, Tanner Long, Meagan Schneider, Carl Shealy, Greg Webb				



Celebrations!



August BIRTHDAYS

3rd	Alex Spangler
6th	Cole Galub
7th	Troy Crapps
9th	Karen Cook
11th	Paul Arnold
12th	Ellen-Marie Knehans Justin Schneider
13th	Julie Pell Ann Simpkins
14th	Katie B. Bismack Emma Grace Jordan Eva Claire Porth

17th	Ann Rowell
18th	Derek Boehringer Max Cooper Jeff Elliott Linda Gable Marvin Parson
19th	Karen Connor Kristina Gilbert Teresa Russell
20th	Paul Duell Kathy Love
21st	Lucas Smith
22nd	Diane Robison

23rd	Lauren Henry
24th	Mark Beaver
25th	Sarah Schurg
27th	Breanne Mefford Patrick Werner
28th	Erica Sweatman
29th	Paul Robison Madeline Sawyer
30th	Jennie Porth Gretchen Parker



August ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Marvin & Connie Parson	29 years
3rd	Jim & Amy Shealy	41 years
4th	Godfrey & Jane Burnett	63 years
4th	Adam & Vickie Davis	25 years
4th	Drew & Carleigh Zee Barnes	3 years
10th	Steve & Dixie Black	10 years
21st	Rev. Gary & Amy Blobaum	49 years
22nd	Jim & Susan Thompson	34 years
23rd	Bill & Darla Jennings	24 years
23rd	Russell & Carolyn Watkins	51 years
25th	Russell & Robin Rawl	53 years

27th	Jerry & Sarah Richey	62 years
28th	Paul & Diane Robison	56 years
28th	Richard & Alyson Shirer	33 years
29th	Wayne & Betty Lou O'Neill	62 years
29th	Jim & Kim Elliott	34 years



AUGUST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Coffee Time
9:45 am SonShine Choir
10:00 am Angel Choir
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Youth

MONDAY

12:00 pm Charity Crafts/FH
6:30 pm Matins Choir
7:15 pm Chancel Choir
beginning August 31st
6:30 pm Boy Scouts/SH

TUESDAY

10:00 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study is back!
6:00 pm No Mustard Seeds
in August

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



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Ladies Tasting 3 pm/FH Reptile Man 3 pm in PLC Staff Support 4 pm	10	11 Primary in PLC Service 6 pm/FH Safety 6:30 pm	12 Lydia 1 pm/FH	13	14	15
16 Parent/Youth Mtg. 10 am Endowment Board 12:15 pm/CR Council 3 pm/CR	17	18 Finance 7 pm/CR	19	20	21	22
23 Lunch & Learn Children Ministry 12:30-2 pm/FH	24	25 Primary in PLC Loving Group 10:30 am in FH	26	27 Lutheran Men 6 pm/FH Book Club 6:30 pm	28	29
30 Noisy Offering	31					



Evening at Saint Peter's

Don't forget to pick up
your copy of the
church portrait from
the church office.

**If you are homebound
& need it delivered,
please call the office.**