

# ST. PETER'S



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LEXINGTON, SC

## 2024 Annual Reports 2025 Leadership

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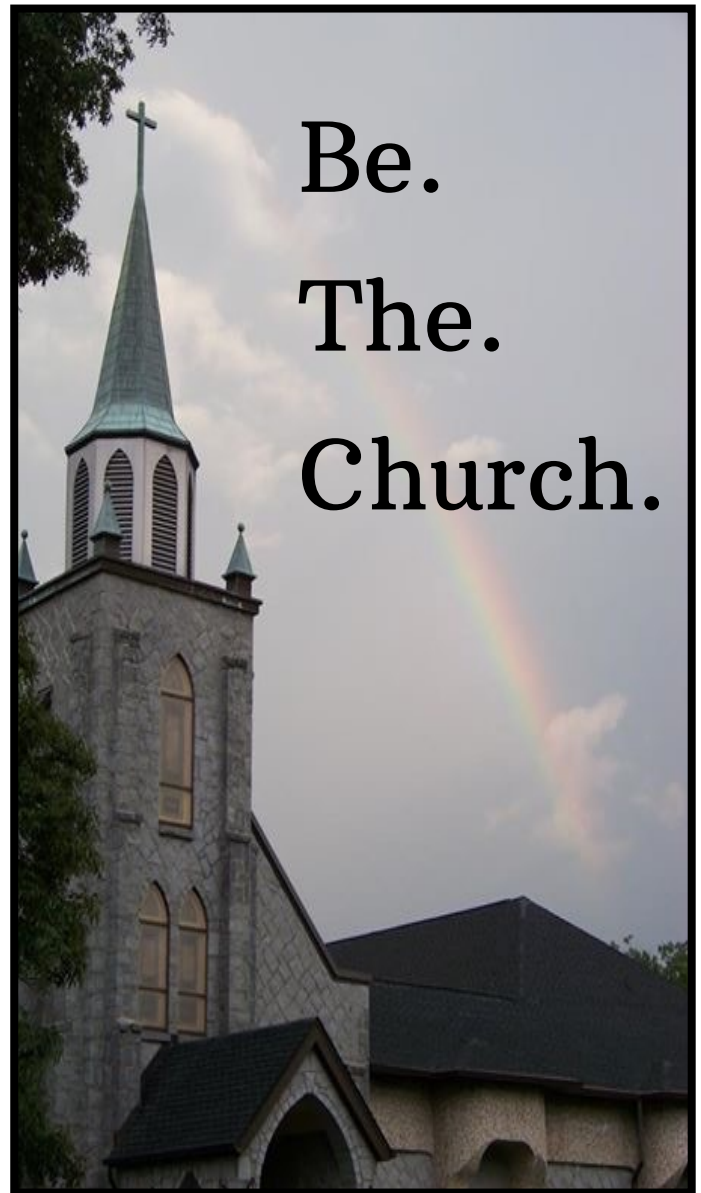
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# A Letter From Our Pastors

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

We once again have another year of ministry under our belts here at St. Peter's. It has been a great year with lots of amazing things going on. When we wrote this same report last year, we used the following words: "There has been newness, celebrations, times of grief, and lots of busyness. In all this we have seen how the Holy Spirit continues to work in and through us as we continue Christ's ministry in our little section of Lexington County." Those words continue to describe St. Peter's.

As we began 2024, we noticed a surge in our weekly attendance. While we had (and continue to have) visitors from many different church backgrounds, a large percentage of our weekly visitors were from Cedar Grove Lutheran Church in Leesville. We were blessed that several of them joined our congregation, but more so in that we developed new relationships. As the year came to an end, news that Cedar Grove joined the NALC was welcomed news to us. While we would have rejoiced if everyone had joined St. Peter's, we rejoice more that we have another sister congregation close to us. We look forward to how God continues to work through the SC Mission District of the NALC.

We also had a specific joy that originated from our new-found relationship with Cedar Grove: we met Clay & Jessica Morell & their two children. After visiting with us for several months & then joining the congregation, Clay inquired about our opening that we had for a Youth & Young Adult Director. This conversation, along with lots of prayer and discernment, led to him submitting a resume. Clay interviewed with the task force that had been set up, & then eventually with church council. As you all know by now, Clay was hired & hit the ground running the first day. We are thankful that he has joined our ministry team & look with eagerness on how he continues to build our YAYA program here.

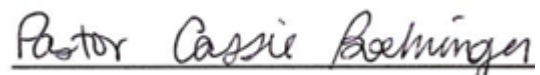
In addition to the Morells, St. Peter's received more new members this year. Overall, our congregation grew by 22, of which 11 of those were baptisms! It is a joy to hear so many angelic voices on a Sunday morning! Penni & Lauren have their hands full in the nursery & what a blessing that is for our whole congregation! Our new members easily found their place here at SPLC, joining the choirs, handbells, Sunday School, & participating in the life & ministry of the church. We are so blessed to have them all.

As we reflect on our membership roll, we would be remiss to not mention those that have entered into the Church Triumphant during 2024. Bob Hundley, Dr. Sam Shannon, Connie Lindler, and Grace Harmon joined the saints in light through the completion of their baptisms into Christ. As we grieve their loss, we celebrate that they are in the eternal care of God. We give thanks that they, along with all the saints, pray for us and the church as we continue to walk daily with our Lord in a world of sin.

Finally, we want to share a goal that we have in 2025. This past year we had the "Year of 1,000 Thank You's" and we easily surpassed that goal! A goal we have for 2025 is simple: "Be the Church." Being the Church means reflect on Jesus before we do anything. It means asking the question "Is this what God is asking of me?" & then showing it! Being the Church is not hard. Instead, it is joyful. It is authentic. It is meaningful. Be. The. Church.

We both continue to give thanks for each of you. We are blessed that we are called to be your pastors, and look forward to the ministry that we will continue to do together.

  
Pastor Jason Monroe

  
Pastor Cassie Boehminger

# A Letter From Our Youth Ministry

Oh, where to start, and what a year it has been...

Greetings to all,

I have been with the ministry team now for about two and a half months, and what a time it has been. We have all been told our entire lives the phrase, "The Lord works in mysterious ways". As I look back on the events that brought my family and me to this point in life, I can see but some of the mysteries that God has begun to unveil for me. My family and I have been so welcomed by and into this congregation. I knew we had found a place we could call home from my first visit. My normally shy daughter began to flourish immediately here, which gave Jessica and me even more drive to make sure that we were here.

Watching that shy little girl begin to thrive and yearn for church ignited something in me. I began to realize just how many kids we have in this congregation, and how active they are. Having children, and wanting them to be able to grow up in a church and have a strong active group of peers is part of what drew my family here. After some time, getting to know the congregation, and a lot of prayer, Jessica and I decided that if this is what I felt God calling me to do, it was not our place to do otherwise.

I would like to thank the members of the task force, council, our Pastoral Team, our congregation, and most importantly our kids. They seem to have accepted me, and I have started building relationships with them. In a very short time, we have accomplished some pretty amazing things together. We have assembled hundreds of hygiene kits, helped with 105 Operation Christmas Child boxes, and brought Christmas to 15 local children through an angel tree. We have discussed the Gospel of Christ and how good and wonderful He is. We have put together a plan for the new year, and what we want to start learning and studying as a group. We have had some laughs, learned a little, shared a lot of smiles, weathered a few challenges, accomplished so much, and it has only been less than three months.

Our Young Adults have showed a lot of interest in a new ministry opportunity. I expect that after the first of the year we will be hitting the ground running as we begin to find our identity as a group and grow in faith together.

I have been truly overwhelmed by the support of our congregation! I look forward to seeing how God will continue to work in our lives and the opportunities that we will have together by "Being the Church".

Together In Christ,  
Clay Morell

"The YAYA Guy"

# Annual Meeting 2024 Minutes

## Congregational Meeting - 11/10/2024

I. **Call to Order** – Pastor Judson

II. **Opening Prayer** – Pastor Cassie

III. **First Ballot** – First ballot elected Larry James, Rachel Price, Keith Powell. Runoff between Martin Bowers and Bob Weed. Bob Weed removed his name from the ballot, so Martin was declared elected.

Endowment board – Catherine Oxner elected

Cemetery Endowment – Steve Alford elected

IV. **Approval of Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting** – presented by Council, amended 4 years to 3 years. Landis Sandel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**Point of order** by Debbie Arnold needs to ratify amendments from the last meeting at the next congregational meeting. - 17.02 in constitution

Pastor is saying they were not amendments, they were bylaws and therefore do not need to be ratified.

Do you have to put a date in the bylaws when they are changed? Pastor Judson said no because others don't have it.

Debbie said it would be good to do the dates.

V. **2025 Proposed Spending Plan**

A. 2025 proposed spending plan – Ed Hedgecock presents the budget.

B. Questions – Dennis Wessinger says there is a correction from when the proclaimer went out until today. They have dropped safety and security and using Safety Ministry as the name of the committee. To be a safety committee you would have to be certified by SLED.

C. Stewardship presented budget to council and council approved.

D. Buck Ray seconds motion to approve budget.

E. Voice vote was unanimously in favor. Pastor Judson abstained from the vote.

VI. **Approval of Bylaws Updates**

A. Pastor Judson read current bylaw and then read proposed bylaw.

B. The cemetery Committee voted in favor and passed it to the council to vote.

Council also voted in favor.

C. Ed Hedgecock and Kayla Ellingson seconded the motion.

D. Questions -

1. Cynthia Johnson asked about small lights that are put on Christmas trees. It says they are discouraged but not prohibited. There is no way to name all lighted items.

2. Steven Johnson asked if he put a little tree on his daddy's grave will it be removed? It's discouraged but if it's in a pot it should be fine. They are discouraged, not prohibited.

3. Melanie Webb made a comment that as long as you go back & get it in a timely manner it should not be a problem. However, if it's still there in February or March it may be removed.

4. Angie Williams – Can family members be notified before removal of items? Jeff Elliott said they don't have that level of organization but will try. – Pastor Judson said wind is an issue and wire hooks should be used.

5. It was mentioned that all items that are found in the cemetery and not on a grave are put in a lost and found box. That box is located in the gazebo.

6. Larry James made a comment that Christmas items in the cemetery should be removed when the Christmas items in the church are removed at the end of the Christmas season.

7. Karen Gobbi asked if wire hooks would be supplied. Jeff will bring it up at the next committee meeting.

8. Elizabeth Lindler mentioned that if wire hooks are used, they should be very sturdy.

# Annual Meeting 2024 Minutes (cont.)

E. There was a call for the vote. Bylaw changes go into effect immediately and do not have to wait until January. The vote was unanimously in favor.

\* Cynthia Johnson noted again that there should not be an issue with small Christmas trees and that the wording cannot be changed without another vote. (Discouraged vs prohibited)

**Point of order** – All evaluations have not been completed. Pastor Cassie's has not been finished. It was asked how the raises were determined. Staff load, church size increase, cost of living, etc. were factored into the raises. The same raise was given last year.

Greg Webb stated that staff support went through a rigorous process and had everything lined out. Ed Hedgecock said it will be taken to the council to get the process back in order.

## VII. Approval Scout Van & Trailer Sale

a. Jason Williams presented that the boy scouts can no longer use the van we have. The Guide to Safe Scouting says 15 passenger vans must be newer than 2005. Vans older than 2005 do not have electronic stability control and some did not have seatbelts.

b. When Troop 221 merged with Troop 309, they now have 3 trailers. The one trailer requires a full-size heavy-duty truck to tow. No one has a vehicle capable of towing that. The scouts are proposing to sell that trailer as well.

c. No questions

*Pastor Judson noted bylaws section 3 item 2, that when the church is selling something only confirmed, only active members over the age of 18 may vote.*

d. Proceeds will go to purchasing a new van for the scout program. Scouts are also fundraising. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**\*\*Steven Johnson made a motion to bring the American flag and Christian flag back into the sanctuary. He is asking for a congregational vote. Jeff Elliott seconded the motion.**

## Discussion

- There was then discussion about if this was allowed. 10.03 notice of all meetings two consecutive Sundays by email or mail in advance of 10 days – Jeff Elliott states that is the meeting and has nothing to do with the content of the motion.
- Angie Williams asked why it was removed.  
Pastor Judson said he removed it on Maundy Thursday 2023. He did not put it back on Easter Sunday because that is the day we celebrate the Lord. He also mentioned that it was not displayed properly due to flag code because it was behind the church banners. Theological code says it does not belong in God's house.
- Sandy Coleman - She stated that services you watch on TV on Sunday mornings all have the American flag displayed. Our country was founded on pilgrims and God so the flag should be displayed.
- Andrew Ellisor – You state the pledge of allegiance where it says under God and he thinks it would be ok to have flags displayed in the PLC.
- Point of order – Pledge says that you are pledging allegiance to the country.
- Teresa Ellisor stated that they reached out to NALC and it can be a controversial topic. NALC stated it should be left up to the congregation and cannot be in the chancel area. Pastor Judson said we would also need to follow flag code.
- Ekkas – could not be on camera for fear of their belief of Christianity because they don't live & work where it's supported.
- We do not have to hide. We are able to worship safely and freely. Our country does protect us.
- Debbie Arnold – The manner in which it was removed was wrong and that it was not returned to its proper place.
- Teresa Ellisor spoke again on some facts.



# Annual Meeting 2024 Minutes (cont.)

- Steven Johnson spoke and read the email sent to council from the NALC.
- Pastor Judson mentioned that who sent it was redacted. Debbie Arnold stood up & said she sent it and never asked to have her information redacted.
- Steven Johnson mentioned that the council just kicked it down the road.
- Buck Ray clarified that we did not “kick it” down the road. We voted to move it to the November meeting so that we would have time to research and go over all the information. We were not given any information during the October meeting.
- Larry James called a point of order – We have to be unified in church. This is not God’s work.
- Pastor Cassie spoke up and said we should be in worship. We are meant to be stewards of God.
- John Oxner called for the question.

Motion on floor - To call a congregational meeting to vote to put the flags back in the sanctuary.

- Pastor Judson called for a hand vote.
- Addison Cook, Debbie Dent, Paul Robinson and Paul Schreiber counted hands.
- Do not have exact numbers but he said the opposition have it.
- Motion fails. Church council will still discuss this at their November meeting.

## VIII. Adjournment & Closing Prayer

- a. Ed Hedgecock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Switter seconded the motion.
- b. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Price, Secretary



# 2025 Spending Plan

<b>BUILDING, GROUNDS, &amp; BUS/VAN</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>	<b>2025</b>
Grounds Maintenance (Contract)	6,300.00	300.00	6,600.00
Recurring Facilities	11,255.00	-15.00	11,240.00
Paper Goods and Supplies	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
Janitorial Services (Contract)	15,360.00	-760.00	14,600.00
Utilities	33,300.00	3,200.00	36,500.00
Van/Bus Expenses & Insurance	5,138.00	762.00	5,900.00
Insurance - Buildings and Workmen's Comp.	25,005.00	1,095.00	26,100.00
<b>Total Building, Grounds, and Bus/Van</b>	<b>100,858.00</b>	<b>4,582.00</b>	<b>105,440.00</b>
<b>MINSTRIES AND COMMITTEES</b>			
Archives and Library	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Cemetery	8,540.00	736.00	9,276.00
Educational	15,900.00	200.00	16,100.00
Evangelism	8,150.00	0.00	8,150.00
Golden Age Sunday	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Homecoming Celebration	950.00	3,050.00	4,000.00
Kitchen	700.00	0.00	700.00
Loving Group	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Safety Ministry	1,500.00	1,200.00	2,700.00
Service	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Stewardship/Finance	3,900.00	7,000.00	10,900.00
Technology	12,350.00	0.00	12,350.00
Women Ministry	4,500.00	1,000.00	5,500.00
Worship & Music	19,460.00	0.00	19,460.00
Youth	11,300.00	0.00	11,300.00
<b>Total Ministries and Committees</b>	<b>96,250.00</b>	<b>13,186.00</b>	<b>109,436.00</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE &amp; MISSION OUTREACH</b>			
Carolinas Mission District	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Lutheran Homes	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Mission Congregation - Emmanuel, Sumter	3,675.00	0.00	3,675.00
NALC 20/20 Vision	5,675.00	0.00	5,675.00
MC - Lamb of God Lutheran Fellowship, Simpsonville	3,675.00	0.00	3,675.00
NALC	45,045.47	3,262.53	48,308.00
NALC Approved Seminary Candidate or NALS	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
NALC Seminary	6,600.00	0.00	6,600.00
<b>Total Benevolence and Mission Outreach</b>	<b>74,670.47</b>	<b>3,262.53</b>	<b>77,933.00</b>

# 2025 Spending Plan

CHURCH STAFF	2024	Increase / Decrease	2025
<b>Senior Pastor - Salary &amp; Housing Allowance</b>	92,303.12	3,692.12	95,995.24
Benefits: Pension, Health	22,334.37	4,930.51	27,264.88
Continuing Ed./ Professional Expense	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
Car Allowance	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
Cell Phone	880.65	0.00	880.65
<b>Associate Pastor - Salary &amp; Housing Allowance</b>	63,769.45	2,550.78	66,320.23
Benefits: Pension, Health	14,636.21	3,089.88	17,726.09
Continuing Ed./ Professional Expense	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Car Allowance	3,880.00	0.00	3,880.00
Cell Phone	968.20	0.00	968.20
<b>Director of Youth &amp; Young Adults-Salary</b>	47,173.62	10,826.38	58,000.00
Continuing Education	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Car Allowance	625.00	0.00	625.00
Cell Phone	300.00	200.00	500.00
Organist/Accompanist Salary	31,501.54	1,260.06	32,761.60
Chancel Choir/Hand Bell Director Salary	21,949.76	877.99	22,827.75
Matins Choir/ Instrumentalist Director Salary	18,568.60	742.74	19,311.34
SonShine Choir Director Salary	3,636.04	145.44	3,781.48
Angel Choir	1,397.43	55.90	1,453.33
Administrative Coordinator Salary	41,142.50	1,645.70	42,788.20
Nursery Worker 1 Salaries	5,487.50	219.50	5,707.00
Nursery Worker 2 Salaries	5,487.50	219.50	5,707.00
Bookkeeper	14,744.08	589.76	15,333.84
Payroll Taxes	18,938.10	-2,758.61	16,179.49
Optional Year End Bonus	3,825.00	0.00	3,825.00
<b>Total Salary and Benefit Expenses</b>	<b>423,948.67</b>	<b>28,287.65</b>	<b>452,236.32</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>			
Supply Pastor, Speakers, Substitute Organist	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
NALC Church Assemblies	3,500.00	4,000.00	7,500.00
Bank Service Charges/ Online Giving Fees	1,300.00		1,300.00
Background Checks	500.00	1,600.00	2,100.00
Office Supplies	12,000.00	-4,300.00	7,700.00
Postage	2,750.00	-750.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>22,450.00</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>23,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES</b>	<b>718,177.14</b>	<b>49,868.18</b>	<b>768,045.32</b>
<b>WEEKLY NEED - 52 WEEKS</b>	<b>13,811.10</b>	<b>959.00</b>	<b>14,770.10</b>

# 2024 Ministry Reports

## BUS & VAN COMMITTEE

*Chris Marcolini—Chair*

*Addison Cook—Council Representative*

The objective of the committee is to maintain the church vehicles and to ensure they are not only roadworthy, but also safe and comfortable for the congregation. We also ensure that the registration and license plates are up to date. In 2024, both vehicles had oil changes and were washed periodically.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

*Jeff Elliott—Chair*

*Pat Allen—Secretary*

*Jeffrey Crapps—Treasurer*

*Jeff Elliott - Council Representative*

**Members:** *Debbie Arnold, Paul Duell, Sam Harmon, Wayne O'Neill, Russell Rawl, Jim Teeter, Greg Webb, & Ted Zee*

No report submitted.

## CEMETERY ENDOWMENT BOARD

*Jeffrey Crapps—Chair*

*Jason Williams—Secretary*

*Rachel Price—Treasurer*

**Members:** *Paul Duell, Ed Hedgecock, Tom Lawhead, Dot Rish, Paul Schreiber*

No report submitted.

## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

*Kelly Rhoads—Chair*

*Debbie Marcolini—SS Superintendent*

*Doreen Edmondson—Council Representative*

**Members:** *Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Lisa Leitzsey, Russell Watkins*

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for one hour. We welcome anyone to join this committee. It can be a lot of fun!

### Here's what was accomplished in 2024:

- Mini Rally Day scavenger hunt in April called, *Super Sleuth Your Way Through the Bible*, was held during the Sunday School hour for all youth. This was a successful, fun event for all youth (and some adults).
- Graduates were recognized in April during Coffee Time.
- Confirmands were honored with a brunch in May.
- VBS, *Camp Firelight*, was successful with the hands of many volunteers!
- Back to School Carnival was enjoyed by many youth in August. It was a fun event!
- Appreciation to our Sunday School teachers was shown by providing breakfast & Altar flowers that morning.
- A new adult Sunday School class was started entitled *Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity* and taught by Chip Rhoads. Class began with 16.
- Bibles were given to 1st, 2nd, 6th, & 7th grade students on Reformation Sunday.
- Bible inventory was taken to assess the Sunday School needs for the coming year.
- *Happy Birthday Jesus* party was held in December after youth Christmas program.

Total Sunday School attendance averaged 74 in 2024. We encourage parents to bring their children in 2025 to learn about Jesus & His love.

# 2024 Ministry Reports

## ENDOWMENT BOARD

*Adam Davis—Chair*  
*Doug Schreiber—Secretary*  
*Jeff Elliott—Treasurer*

Adam Davis—term ends 2024  
Doug Schreiber—term ends 2025  
Jeff Elliott—term ends 2026  
Brian Cook—term ends 2027  
Bill Jennings—term ends 2028

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

*Dot Rish—Chair*  
*Brenda Hedgecock—Secretary*  
*Debbie Dent—Council Representative*

**Members:** Linda Ballington, Pastor Cassie Boehringer, Ed & Brenda Hedgecock, Michelle Jones, Landis Sandel

### 2024 Accomplishments:

- Sponsored Shrove Tuesday/New Member Recognition Pancake Supper. Served 290 people. Collected 141 lbs. of food & \$670 for Mission Lexington.
- Served as greeters at VBS.
- Continued to offer St. Peter's golf shirts to the congregation.
- Encouraged Spirit Sunday the last Sunday of each month.
- Continued First Time Guest Mug Ministry
- Sponsored Coffee Hour breakfast quarterly
- Secured two billboards on Hwy. 1 and one on Hwy. 378.
- Sponsored St. Peter's Night at the Blowfish Baseball game. (178 adults/20 kids came)
- Enlarged St. Peter's sign at Hwy. 378 and St. Peter's Road.
- Secured date for 2025 Blowfish game.
- Purchased new church sign featuring new logo for roundabout.

## HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

*Julie Werner & Diane Lawhead—Co-Chairs*  
*Debbie Dent—Council Representative*

**Members:** Bobbi Buff, Dick Derrick, Patricia Derrick, Cindy Evans, Becka Jumper, Jackie Jumper, Diane Lawhead

Homecoming was held April 28, 2024. Shealy's BBQ, Ice Cream Truck & Carnival games. FUN!

## KITCHEN COMMITTEE

*Landis Sandel—Chair*

**Members:** Bobbi Buff, Teresa Ellisor, Cindy Evans, Jackie Jumper, Buffy Pearson, Robin Rawl, Russell Rawl, Jerry Richey, Sarah Richey, Diane Robison, and Barbara Weed

This group does a great job of taking care of both the Fellowship Hall & Parish Life Center kitchens.

## LUTHERAN MEN

*Bill Jennings—Chair*

St. Peter's Lutheran Men had another good year. We had guest speakers & fellowship. This group meets on the first Monday night of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

## PROPERTY & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

*Claude Lindler & Paul Arnold—Co-Chairs*  
*Doug Schreiber - Secretary*  
*Tommy Stone—Council Representative*

**Members:** Ean Crapps, Paul Duell, Bobby Harmon, Chris Marcolini, Keith McMillan, Wayne O'Neill, Barry Powell, Keith Powell, Buck Vaughan, and Bob Weed

P&G oversees maintenance & upkeep of all church property & grounds. Summary below.

### The following were completed in 2024.

- Fire Alarm: to replace entire system would be approx. \$17,000. Replace bad parts in existing system could be done at no charge, changing just the fixture (no cable).
- Repaired steeple. Shingles and new flashing.
- Fire inspections in April & October.
- Power washed all windows except stained glass in sanctuary.

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## PROPERTY & GROUNDS (cont.)

- Power washed office building & all sidewalks.
- Cleanup & disposal of all obsolete equipment, tools, paint, etc. in old scout hut.
- Met with Sure Seal Asphalt Paving and Maintenance Co. to get estimate to re-stripe parking lot. Rep. suggests that the cracks & bad places in the parking lot need to be sealed & patched.
- Elevator shaft continues to collect water. It is not known where water originates or what is causing it to collect in the bottom of the shaft. The springs at the bottom of the shaft & their mounts in concrete have rusted from the moisture & water collection & will need to be replaced sometime in the future. **Note:** shaft was dry at the bottom 9/13/2024, but no guarantee it will remain dry.
- Trimmed & removed limbs from storm Helene.
- Replaced lights out in sanctuary.
- Painted basement windows in sanctuary.
- Negotiated & contracted grounds maintenance.
- Negotiated & contracted janitorial services.
- Changed out water heater.
- Installed crosses for Easter season.
- Installed manger scene for Christmas season.
- Installed hand rails in sanctuary.

## SAFETY MINISTRY *(sub-committee of Property)*

**Dennis Wessinger—Chair**

**Jo Wessinger—Secretary**

**Jeffrey Crapps - Council Representative**

**Members:** Marion Gable, Bobby Harmon, Pastor Judson Merrell, Wayne O'Neill, Russell Rawl, Buck Vaughan, Greg Webb, Steve & Carol Wyndham

### We completed the following in 2024:

- Conducted annual review of Safety policies, recommendations & guidelines, including Emergency Response Guidelines.
- Affirmation and review of 2024 church CWP guidelines regarding the new 2024 SC Open Carry Law.
- Hosted Basic Life Saving (BLS) training.
- Coordinated VBS logistics & planning.
- Hosted SLED-led Active Shooter training for the congregation.
- Team attended ALICE training hosted by Lex. County Sheriff Dept.

## SAFETY MINISTRY (cont.)

- Reshaped the committee into a Ministry team concept (Discretion-Unity-Christ Honoring) for outreach and support to fellow church committees.
- Developed medical volunteer support and involvement for church events.
- Upgraded existing first aid-kit & supplies and provided three new first aid kits for youth mission trip to Perry, Florida.
- Developed an advanced BLS response kit for RN/EMT use at future church events.
- Fobs distributed to all church members as requested.

## SCOUTS

**Jason Williams—Congregation Rep**

Yearly recharter process complete and the scouts are thankful to the Lutheran Men for continuing to sponsor them by giving a donation to help cover insurance & recharter expenses.

Scouts participated in the following in 2024:

- November-Camping trip to Mission Lake
- December-Lexington Christmas Parade
- December-Wreaths Across America
- Three new Eagle Scouts this year
- Sold un-needed Scout trailer

## SERVICE MINISTRY

**Rachel Price—Chair**

**Donna Alford—Secretary**

**Donna Alford—Council Representative**

**Members:** Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Bobbi Buff, Debbie Dent, Catherine Porth, Kathy Schreiber, Susan Schreiber, Dr. Carl & Donna Shealy

Service Ministry continues to serve those in need at St. Peter's, in our community and beyond.

The following projects were done in 2024:

- Packed 105 Operation Christmas Child boxes with the help of the Youth.
- Raised around \$1000 for Alzheimer's. Sold donut cards & walked at the church. Youth helped pack over 200 flood buckets & 200 personal kits were packed for disaster relief after Hurricane Helene.

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## SERVICE MINISTRY (cont.)

- We also collected and delivered lots of food & clothing for NC.
- Relay for Life raised \$1,559.50 by selling luminaries, bundt cakes, & food @ Relay.
- Food collection for Mission Lexington was successful throughout the year. We donated approximately 1000 pounds of food and 20 Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.
- Hosted Noisy Offering on 5th Sundays for World Hunger.
- Hosted breakfast twice during the year.
- Sent cards to shut-ins each month.
- Brought back the Missions Market. Raised \$5,332.50 for charity! We will donating to Mission Lexington, Relay for Life of the Midlands, Disaster Relief St. Peter's, and LaVie Pregnancy Center.
- We had two blood drives with Blood Connections.
- Bereavement Committee works well & always welcomes more volunteers.

## STAFF SUPPORT

*Jeanne Dernbach & Christy Harmon: Co-Chairs*  
*Teresa Ellisor: Council Representative*

The purpose of the Staff Support committee is:

- To support & encourage staff.
- Make performance recommendations to the Stewardship & Finance Committee and Church Council.

Members of Staff & their reps for 2024 were:

Pastor Judson Merrell—Christy Harmon  
Pastor Cassie Boehringer—Diane Robison  
Craig Davis—Paul Schreiber  
Kayla Ellingson—Matt Hendrix  
Lauren & Penni Henry—Matt Hendrix  
Barry Moore—Jennifer McMillan  
Valerie Porth—Diane Robison  
Dot Rish—Jennifer McMillan  
Molly Teem—Paul Schreiber  
Carol Wyndham—Jeanne Dernbach

## STAFF SUPPORT (cont.)

In 2024 we:

- Updated existing Maternity/Paternity leave policy for full-time and part-time employees so all are covered in the policy. Increased the amount paid leave for full-time. Updated policy was approved 2/11/2024 by council.
- Completed and reviewed evaluation of pastors.
- Set a goal for committee to have more check-ins with assigned staff members and to be more supportive of them.

## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

*Ed Hedgecock—Chair*

*Paul Robison—Secretary & Council Rep.*

*Dot Rish—Treasurer of Congregation*

*Members: Debbie Arnold, Adam Davis, Pastor Judson Merrell, Joyce M. Porth, Chip Rhoads*

Monitored church budget & spending program monthly. The church continues to receive contributions in excess of expenditures. Church finished the year in a strong financial position.

### Sponsored the following in 2024:

- Did a review of TR (Temporarily Restricted) accounts with purpose of combining some accounts to reduce tracking and work load. Committee combined some & eliminated others.
- Resolved an insurance reimbursement issue with Pr. Cassie. Reimbursed her for under payment over the course of 2024.
- Agreed on a policy of "laddering" investments of the church CD's & General Fund savings account. This will allow the church to take better advantage of fluctuations in interest rates.
- Worked with Youth & Young Adult selection committee to fund the position.
- Adam Davis gave a presentation for Soil Sunday.
- Set new policy on records retention. Giving envelopes will be kept for four years. Other financial records will be kept for seven years.

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## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE (cont.)

- Presented list of names to Council for Church Endowment Board for vote at annual meeting
- Completed church budget & presented it at annual meeting. Budget was approved.
- Provided breakfast twice during coffee time.
- Held annual Stewardship Dinner Oct. 27th in conjunction with Trunk or Treat. Event was well attended & meal was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Barry Moore, cooking crew, & ladies of the church who prepared cookies for dessert.
- Secured CPA firm to complete audit of 2024 financial records as required by constitution. Waiting on quote from the firm.

## TECHNOLOGY (sub-committee of Property)

**Martin Bowers—Chair**

**Members:** Pr. Merrell, Steve & Carol Wyndham

Technology works in conjunction with several groups to meet the needs of the church.

In 2024 we:

- Provided updated laptops for Pastor Judson, Pastor Cassie, and Clay Morell (new YAYA).
- Supervised installation of new sound system in Sanctuary including hearing impaired system.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY (sub of Education)

**Brenda Hedgecock—Chair**

**Members:** Pastor Cassie Boehringer, Debbie Dent, Lisa Leitzsey, Kelly Rhoads, Donna Shealy, Carol Stealey, & Christen Weidner

In 2024, we coordinated:

- Women's Bible studies offering Monday evening and Tuesday morning sessions
- Summer Book Club and the following:
  - Family Game Night
  - Movie Nights
  - BINGO Night
  - Ice Cream Social
  - Cookie Decorating
  - Ornament Painting

## WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

**Pat Allen—Chair & Council Rep.**

**Carol Wyndham—Secretary**

**Members:** Debbie Arnold, Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Craig Davis, Kayla Ellingson, Marion Gable, Pr. Judson Merrell, Barry Moore, Trudy Moore, Molly Teem, & Tyler Teem

### 2024 Highlights

- **Soup Supper:** February 4th
- **Mini Music Camp:** April 13th
- **Music Camp:** May 4th-5th
- **Golden Age Sunday** meal September 8th
- **Blessing of the Animals** October 6th
- **Thanksgiving Worship** was held Sunday, November 24th with a record amount of food collected for Mission Lexington.
- **Christmas Cantata** was presented in the Sanctuary December 8th at 11 am & 6:30 pm.
- **Cantata** was also presented on Sunday, December 15th at Cedar Grove Lutheran. We were warmly welcomed by a great crowd. It was followed by a reception in our honor.

### Other items Handled by W&M:

- Provided musicians for special services.
- Prepared the church for special services including Palm Sunday, Easter & Christmas.

### Choirs/Musical Groups:

- **Angel Choir** sang several times during the year with practice on Sunday mornings.
- **Chancel Choir**—11 am service with practice on Wednesday nights
- **Handbells**—played several times during the year with practice on Sunday afternoons.
- **Matins Choir**—8:30 am service with practice on Monday nights
- **SonShine Choir** sang several times during the year with practice on Sunday mornings.

### Other Worship & Music Teams include:

- *Acolytes*
- *Altar Guild*
- *Communion Assistants*
- *Greeters / Lectors*
- *Ushers*

**We give glory to God and thank Him for all our many blessings!**



# 2024 Ministry Reports

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Addison Cook—Chair & Council Representative**

**Members:** *Vickie Davis, Teresa Ellisor, Katie Kupchinsky, Catherine Oxner, Meagan Schneider, Becky Shealy, & Tommy Sweatman*

From January to the end of September, Pastor Cassie led this group which ministered to grades 3-12. Once our *Youth & Young Adults Director* took charge in October, Clay became responsible for our youth—grades 6-12 and our young adults ages 18-32.

### **2024 Highlights included:**

- Hired Clay Morell as our new YAYA. He began October 1, 2024.
- Weekly youth meetings
- Helped with Easter Egg Hunt for all youth
- Helped set up/take down Relay for Life
- Youth Mission Trip to Perry, Florida.
- Several mission fundraisers.
- Held Youth Week with service & fun projects
- Back to School skating party
- Tailgated at local high school football game
- Took all youth to Little Bethlehem in Gilbert
- Took Club 345 to Little Bethlehem in Gilbert
- Christmas Caroling to shut-in members
- Youth Christmas Party
- Supported FCA breakfast at Gilbert High

# 2025 Ministry Rosters

## Bus & Van

**Chair:** Chris Marcolini  
**Council Rep:** Jackson Kohl  
**Members:** Jason Williams

## Cemetery

**Chair & Council Rep:** Jeff Elliott  
**Secretary:** Pat Allen  
**Treasurer:** Jeffrey Crapps  
**Members:** Debbie Arnold, Mark Edmondson, Sam Harmon, Ed Hedgecock, Pr. Judson Merrell, Wayne O'Neill, Dot Rish, Greg Webb, Bob Weed, Ted Zee

## Educational Ministry

**Chair:**  
**Council Rep & Secretary:** Doreen Edmondson  
**Members:** Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Debbie Marcolini, Pr. Judson Merrell, Clay Morell, Donna Shealy, Angie Williams, and Carol Wyndham

## Endowment Board

**Chair:**  
**Members:**

Doug Schreiber	Term ends 12/31/2025
Jeff Elliott	Term ends 12/31/2026
Brian Cook	Term ends 12/31/2027
Bill Jennings	Term ends 12/31/2028
Catherine Oxner	Term ends 12/31/2029

## Evangelism Ministry

**Chair:** Dot Rish  
**Secretary:** Brenda Hedgecock  
**Council Rep:** Debbie Dent  
**Members:** Landis & Linda Ballington, Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Ed & Brenda Hedgecock, Michelle Jones, Pr. Judson Merrell, Landis Sandel, Mike & Gloria Sargent, Christen Weidner, Mike Weidner

## Homecoming Celebration

**Chair:** Julie Werner  
**Council Rep:** Donna Alford  
**Members:** Allison Black, Bobbi Buff, Dick Derrick, Patricia Derrick, Cindy Evans, Jackie Jumper, Becka Jumper, Diane Lawhead, & Carol Wyndham

## Kitchen

**Chair:** Landis Sandel  
**Council Rep:** Teresa Ellisor  
**Members:** Bobbi Buff, Larry James, Jackie Jumper, Robin Rawl, Russell Rawl, Jerry Richey, Sarah Richey, Barbara Weed

## Lutheran Men

**Chair:** Bill Jennings

## Property & Grounds

**Co-Chairs:** Claude Lindler & Paul Arnold  
**Secretary:** Doug Schreiber  
**Council Rep:** Tommy Stone  
**Members:** Bobby Harmon, Stephen Kupchinsky, Wayne O'Neill, Tommy Stone, Bob Week, Stan Whiteside

## Safety Ministry

**Chair:** Dennis Wessinger  
**Council Rep:** Jeffrey Crapps  
**Members:** Debbie Arnold, Jeffrey Crapps, Marion Gable, Bobby Harmon, Steve Johnson, Claude Lindler, Debbie Marcolini, Keith McMillan, Pastor Judson Merrell, Meagan Schneider, Buck Vaughan, Greg Webb, Jo Wessinger, Carol Wyndham, Steve Wyndham

## Service

**Chair:** Rachel Price  
**Council Rep:** Donna Alford  
**Members:** Kathy Love, Catherine Porth, Kathy Schreiber, Susan Schreiber, Carl Shealy, Jo Wessinger

# 2025 Ministry Rosters

## Staff Support

**Chair:** Paul Schreiber

**Council Rep:** Larry James

### Staff & Their Support Person:

- Pastor Judson—Paul Schreiber
- Pastor Cassie—Jennie Porth
- Clay Morell—Karen Cook
- Carol Wyndham—Jeanne Dernbach
- Craig Davis—Karen Cook
- Kayla Ellingson—Matt Hendrix
- Penni & Lauren Henry—Matt Hendrix
- Barry Moore—Jennifer McMillan
- Valerie Porth—Jennie Porth
- Dot Rish—Jennifer McMillan

## Stewardship & Finance

**Chairs:** Ed Hedgecock

**Secretary:** Chip Rhoads

**Council Rep:** Keith Powell

**Treasurer of Congregation:** Dot Rish

**Members:** Debbie Arnold, Adam Davis, Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Adam Davis, Teresa Ellisor, Christy Harmon, Pr. Judson Merrell, Joyce M. Porth, Chip Rhoads, Paul Robison

## Worship & Music

**Chair:** Jackie Jumper

**Secretary:** Carol Wyndham

**Council Rep:** Martin Bowers

**Members:** Pastor Cassie Boehringer, Cathy Bowers, Craig Davis, Kayla Ellingson, Cindy Evans, Marion Gable, Pastor Judson Merrell, Barry Moore, Trudy Moore, Molly Teem, Tyler Teem

## Youth

**Chair:** Clay Morell

**Council Rep:** Jackson Kohl

**Members:** Karen Cook, Katie Kupchinsky, Meagan Schneider

# 2025 Recurring Church-Wide Events

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Responsible Ministry</b>
Soup Supper	February 2, 2025	Worship & Music
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	March 4, 2025	Evangelism
Mini Music Camp	April 5, 2025 / 10am-Noon	Kayla Ellingson
Betty Lou's Bunny Bash	April 12, 2025 / 9:30-11 am	Fulmer Family
Easter Breakfast	April 20, 2025 @ 8:30 am	Congregation
Relay for Life	May 2, 2025	Service Committee
Homecoming Celebration	May 4, 2025	Homecoming Team
St. Peter's Night @ Blowfish	Friday, May 30, 2025	Evangelism
Confirmation	June 8, 2025	Ministry Team
Music Camp	June 28-29, 2025	Molly M. Teem
Vacation Bible School	June 8-12, 2025	Pr. Cassie & Team
Youth Mission Trip	July 7-12, 2025	Youth Ministry
Youth Week	July 20-25, 2025	Youth Ministry
Graduate Send-Off	TBA	Youth Ministry
Back to Sunday School Day	August 10, 2025	Educational Ministry
Golden Age Luncheon	September 7, 2025	Worship & Music
Blessing of the Animals	October 5, 2025	Worship & Music
Stewardship Dinner	October 26, 2025	Stewardship
Trunk or Treat	October 26, 2025	Kayla Ellingson
Thanksgiving Worship	November 23, 2025	Worship & Music
Children's Christmas Program	TBA	Volunteers Needed
Christmas Cantata	December 14—11 am & 6 pm	Barry & Craig
Christmas Eve Services	December 24—5:30 & 10 pm	Worship & Music

*\*All dates & times subject to change*

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