



Martin Luther's Humor

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We often talk about how great a theologian Martin Luther was. His writings are still the core theology of the Lutheran Church. However, many people do not realize that Luther was one that had many struggles in his life. His relief from those struggles was humor. Whether it was making fun of the pope, the devil, or himself, Luther often had a wittiness that was visible in his writings. Below is a sample of some of the wittiness (with references to the writings). Perhaps laughter can be the best medicine. I give thanks that we are a church that can laugh together, no matter what.

- *No one can become an expert among ignoramuses.*
- *The bird sings according to the size of its beak. (TH 133:121)*
- *The church is a mouth-house rather than a pen-house. (WA 10 1/2, 48:5)*
- *The Franciscans are the lice which the devil put into the fur-coat of God. (TT no. 301, 1532. WATR 1, 125:1-2) (Luther did not like the Franciscans.)*
- *Tomorrow I have to lecture on the drunkenness of Noah, (Gen. 9:20-27) so I should drink enough this evening to be able to talk about that wickedness as one who knows by experience. (TT No. 3476. LW 54:207)*

And my favorite:

- *Some people need a fig-leaf on their mouths. (TH 105:86)*

There is also a website called the [Luther Insulter](http://LutherInsulter.com). Feel free to go check it out and be insulted by Luther!

This year for VBS, I will be teaching an adult class using some of Luther's more "salty" writings & exploring the reasons why Luther was this way. Hope you can join us for the adult class of VBS!

Blessings!

Pr. Judson

Luther Insulter—<https://ergofabulous.org/luther/>



Church Business

St. Peter's By the Numbers April 1-30, 2025*

Actual Received YTD	\$ 216,071.58
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 225,065.76
Difference YTD	- \$ 8,994.18

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

Funds	April Fund Totals
General	\$ 56,803.00
AED	\$ 40.00
Boy Scouts	\$ 5,195.41
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 330.00
David Davis	\$ 415.00
Easter Lilies	\$ 448.00
EKKAS (Lent Offering)	\$ 2,674.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 986.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,345.00
Maintenance	\$ 4,895.00
Mission Lexington	\$ 100.00
Music Camp	\$ 1,000.00
Music Ministry	\$ 50.00
Relay for Life	\$ 500.20
Safety	\$ 200.00
Snack Sacks	\$ 1,340.00
SPLC Disaster Relief	\$ 40.00
Tartu Seminary	\$ 20.00
Vehicles	\$ 300.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00
Frank Howard Mem.	\$ 300.00
Connie Lindler Mem.	\$ 50.00
Charles Risinger Mem.	\$ 125.00
April TOTAL GIVING	\$ 79,809.61

Ministry Highlights

Church Council met May 18th @ 4 pm.

Attendance: Teresa Ellisor & Larry James were absent.

- **Education:** met via email. No report.
- **Evangelism:** Blowfish update—117 tickets sold. Twelve of those are children 12 & under.
- **Property:** Nursery floor has been installed. Outside lights have been repaired. Storage shed has been cleaned up.
- **Safety:** Will provide safety & medical assistance during VBS in the building and in the parking lot.
- **Scouts:** Last month's propane overage was due to Palmetto Propane billing us twice. The propane company is sending us a check for about \$1,000. Once this check is received, the Scout propane account balance will be \$147.12. Council approved Scouts spending up to the amount currently in their account without further approval from Council as vans are coming available & being sold quickly without time for further approval.
- **Service:** Raised over \$5,000 for Relay for Life! Over \$1,200 raised in food sales during the hour or so before the storms. Prepping for Service night at Vacation Bible School on Thursday night.
- **Staff Support:** Still working on evaluation form.
- **Stewardship:** Prep complete for annual audit. The Audit will begin June 3rd. Preliminary work being done on 2026 budget.
- **Technology:** Thanks to Clay's tweaking of the sound system settings, sound quality continues to improve & delay between speakers & Bluetooth transmitter has been significantly reduced.
- **Worship & Music:** We will provide "breakfast for dinner" again for opening night of VBS. Combined choirs will sing *National Anthem* & *God Bless America* for Blowfish game on May 30th.
- **Youth:** first children's message went well on Mothers' Day. Youth are at Lakeside this afternoon playing BINGO with the residents.

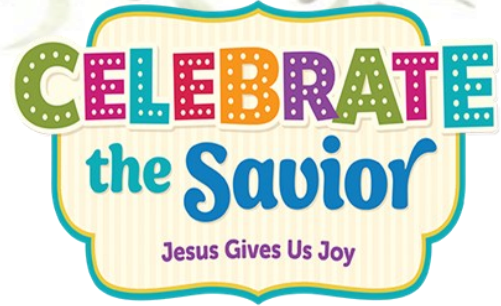
Next meeting is June 15th @ 4 pm

VBS & Service

Join us for an exciting week at Vacation Bible School!
Sunday–Wednesday we will have:

- ♪ Dinner
- ♪ Bible Story
- ♪ Crafts
- ♪ Games
- ♪ Music

Check-in begins at 5:15 pm in the Parish Life Center.
Car line dismissal begins at 8:00 pm.



VBS—June 8-12

THURSDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT!

We invite parents and siblings to stay for dinner @ 5:30, join as we share the songs we have learned, and help us with a service project to bring joy to others. Dismissal @ 7:30 pm.

Relay for Life

We would like to thank everyone that supported, helped, or came out to support Relay for Life. We raised over \$5,000! We could not have done that without everyone's generosity! Thank you!

MISSIONS MARKET NOVEMBER 15TH

We are looking for someone to coordinate a frozen casserole section. If you are interested, please reach out to Rachel Price.

Thursday Nights is Service Night at VBS!

Service Committee will be helping with Service Night at VBS! Come help us pack personal kits, flood buckets, make tie knot blankets or pack pet food. It will be a great time of fellowship and working together for others!

PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

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



Odds 'n' Ends

Women's Ministry Patriotic Wreath Project



Join us Saturday, June 14th from 10 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bobbi Buff will lead us in making a festive patriotic wreath for our door!

All basic supplies will be furnished. You may want to purchase your own sign for the middle of the wreath. Dollar Tree & Hobby Lobby have some great choices.

[Please click this link and sign up by June 6th so we can get the necessary supplies.](#)

I'M CONFUSED.

WHERE IS MY EVENT/MEETING?

Sometimes there's not enough room to print out things like Parish Life Center or Conference Room, so we use initials.

Here's a hint.

CH=Choir Room (on nursery hall)

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

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING

JUNE 22, 2025 @ 9:45 AM / SANCTUARY

The only business of this meeting is to vote on ratifying the Carolinas Mission Region article 7.02. This change is in regard to the number of lay delegates each congregation may send. Currently the number is based on the number of baptized members of a congregation. The change reflects that every congregation may send two. This will enable all congregations to have an equal voice and vote.

Current Article 7.02

7.02 Delegates with voting privileges at a Convocation of the Carolinas Mission Region, or any Convocation of a member Mission District (see Art. 7.05), shall be the ordained ministers of the Mission Districts that comprise the Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC and the official lay delegates of the congregations of the Mission Districts in the Carolinas. Each congregation of the Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC shall elect one lay delegate to the Convocation for every 400 baptized members, or fraction thereof, of such congregation. In the event that the total number of lay delegates elected pursuant to the preceding sentence is less than the total number of ordained clergy, the Regional Council of the Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC (or, in the case of a specially called Mission District Convocation, the Regional Council representatives of the Mission District in question) shall apportion additional lay delegates based on the relative size of the congregations in the member Mission Districts.

Proposed change to Article 7.02

7.02 Those with voting responsibilities at a Convocation of the Carolinas Mission Region, or any Convocation of a member Mission District, shall be the ordained ministers of the Mission Districts that comprise the Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC and the official lay delegates of the congregations of the Mission Region and Mission Districts. Each congregation may send up to two lay delegates to the annual CMR Convocation and Mission District Conventions. Lay persons chosen by their congregations to represent them at the Convocation are delegates. Clergy and delegates have voice and vote.



Music Camp



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSIC CAMP 2025

JUNE 28TH 10AM-2PM (LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

CHECK IN 9:30AM- 10AM

JUNE 29TH 12:30PM- 5PM

**CHECK IN (LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED) 12PM-12:30PM
FOLLOWING 11AM SERVICE**

Rising 1st- 5th Graders are welcome

**MUSIC, SCRIPTURE LESSONS, CRAFTS, GAMES AND
MORE.**

**Contact Molly Teem if you have any questions
Cell#- 803-920-7342**



Music Camp 2025 Registration Form

Child's Name: _____ Grade 2025-2026: _____

Allergies: _____

Parents' Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Child's T-Shirt Size: _____

Breakfast Casserole Cookbook

- **Lydia Circle** is working on a *Breakfast Casserole Cookbook* and would love for you to share your favorite recipe(s). *Questions? Call Cindy Evans @ 803-206-9367*
- We will be collecting recipes the entire month of June.
- Please fill out the form below with your recipe. Extra forms in the Narthex & PLC Lobby.
- You can drop your recipe in the offering plate, put it on the breezeway, or email it to Cindy at clxi366@aol.com



BREAKFAST CASSEROLE RECIPE

a recipe for: _____

from the kitchen of: _____

yield: _____

prep. time: _____

ingredients:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

directions:



Notes of Thanks

Dear St. Peter's Family,

I wanted to write and say thank you for my prayer cross and the sweet note. This church has been a big part of my high school career and I will miss you all so much. But don't worry, I'll be back! Thank you again!!

With love,

Addison Cook
#famous

Pastor Cassie,

Thank you for the concern and prayers you offered for Frank Howard during the days after his stroke—leading to his passing. You helped us through everything—your kind words will never be forgotten.

Please mention our appreciation and thanks to the congregation for all the visits & memories. They were so nice to hear.

Love to all,

Dianne, Paula & David Howard

Dear Rev. Merrell & Rev. Boehringer,

I hope this letter finds you well! I want to thank you again for your incredible generosity during our Hurricane Helene response. I've enclosed our final impact report as I hope it is an encouragement to you! If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you!

With gratitude—

Parker Toney, Partnerships Director
Water Missions

Dear St. Peter's Family—

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone for the love and support you've shown us during this very difficult and trying time. The endless prayers, visits, phone calls, texts, gift cards and gift baskets, have truly meant a lot. We've felt every prayer, & we witnessed all those prayers turn into a testament of divine intervention. We pray when we feel weak, defeated or discouraged and we need God's help because we know we aren't strong enough. Other times our weakness and feel of defeat tests our faith and we rely on others to give us the strength we so desperately need and remind us that we are not alone. All of you have been that strength for us when we felt like our ship was sinking and we will forever be grateful.

We would also like to extend a special Thank You to Pastor Judson, Pastor Cassie and Clay for all they did. From being there with us daily, praying with us and Josh, to making frequent deliveries. Your presence alone gave us so much comfort when we needed it most.

Please continue to keep Josh and our family in your prayers as he continues down his road to recovery.

God Bless,
Jennifer & Josh Lever

St. Peter's Family,

Thank you for your continued support of the Snack Sack Ministry. Your gifts of money and PB&J are much appreciated!

Stay tuned for school year 2025-2026!

Snack Sack Ministry

Serving in June

	June 1	June 8-Pentecost	June 15	June 22	June 29
Acolyte Early	Volunteer Appreciated	Gospel Procession	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated
Late	Volunteer Appreciated	Gospel Procession	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Camryn Merrell
Altar Flowers	Charlie & Marie Eargle	Volunteer Appreciated	Steve & Carol Wyndham	Dot Rish	Ricky & Julie Werner
Altar Guild	Bobbi Buff & Kayla Ellingson				
Bulletins	Russell & Robin Rawl				
Coffee Time	Lydia Circle	Confirmation		Congregational Mtg.	Kitchen Committee
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Jenny Stone Brenda Hedgecock	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Donna Alford LeeAnn Crapps	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Dot Rish Steve Wyndham	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Pat Allen Steve Wyndham
Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Bobbi Buff Cindy Evans	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Barbara Weed Debra Carlsen	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Marie Eargle Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Cathy Bowers Martin Bowers
Greeters Early	Kay Keisler	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	Jean Hundley	Rochelle Roof	Volunteer Appreciated
Late	Barbara Weed	Rochelle Roof	Volunteer Appreciated	Marie Eargle	Volunteer Appreciated
Lectors Early	Pat Allen	Dot Rish	Chip Rhoads	Judy Nichols	Steve Wyndham
Late	Larry James	Tommy Chaplin	Tommy Chaplin	Marie Eargle	Martin Bowers
Pew Crew	Russell & Robin Rawl				
Ushers Early & Late	Paul Duell & Tommy Stone—Co-Chairs Terry Coker & Ken Lunsford				



June Birthdays

1st	Steve Black Carrie Merrell Nancy Wylie
2nd	Donna Shealy Julie Werner
3rd	Dwight Amick Chris Marcolini Amberly Womble
4th	Gavin Shealy
5th	Ann Dixon
6th	Wilson Oxner Christy Riley
7th	Barbara Oswalt
8th	Teresa Ellisor Sydney Taylor
9th	Leighann Pearson
11th	Kathy Fornal
12th	Randy Weed

13th	Alli Bledsoe Allyson Morris Rhonda Rawl
14th	Preston Bledsoe Barbara Whiteside (92)
18th	Sam Harmon Bill Jennings
19th	Mary-Charles Bledsoe Steven Johnson Robert Pell
20th	Dixie Black Karen Jordan Emmy Kupchinsky Hudson Kupchinsky Luke Taylor
21st	Isabella Ludy Sandra Martin
22nd	Debra Carlsen Victoria Davis Joyce M. Porth

23rd	Sheryll Gill Sheila Harmon Christen Weidner
24th	Jim Teeter Susan Thompson Jake Weidner
25th	Abigail Davis Avalee Morell
26th	Megan Aguilar Pat Allen Belverly Taylor
27th	Anna Coutsos
29th	Reagan Boland Jim Elliott Amanda Johnson Coleman Szuhly

June Anniversaries

2nd	Landis & Linda Ballington	52 years
4th	Claude & Lisa Leitzsey	31 years
6th	George & Susan Bailey	33 years
6th	Mark & Stacie Craps	33 years
6th	Curry Hook & Catherine Porth	17 years
6th	Nathan & Erika Galub	10 years
6th	Ted & Michele Zee	33 years
7th	Charles & Penni Henry	39 years
8th	Tommy & Erica Sweatman	23 years
9th	Allan & Katelyn Smith	13 years
9th	Fulmer & Joyce Shealy	58 years
11th	Bob & Jeanne Dernbach	42 years

12th	Alden & Abby Crapps	5 years
12th	Barry & Terri Powell	15 years
12th	Doug & Christy Riley	26 years
13th	Richard & Karen Connor	55 years
14th	Mark & Eadie Beaver	41 years
15th	Steve & Carol Wyndham	39 years
18th	Pr. Judson & Carrie Merrell	20 years
19th	Jonathan & Amanda Hoyle	15 years
21st	Derek & Pr. Cassie Boehringer	11 years
29th	Joe & Karen Price	51 years
29th	Buck & Hillarie Vaughan	29 years
29th	Randy & Carolyn Weed	40 years

JUNE 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
 10:15 am Chancel Choir
 11:00 am Worship
 4:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal*
 5:00 pm Jr & Sr. Youth/YR

MONDAY

9:30 am Charity Crafts/FH
 6:30 pm Matins Choir
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts/SH

TUESDAY

10:00 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study / FH
 6:30 pm Mustard Seeds/FH
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir*

*No Rehearsals during summer

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YR=Youth Room



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Funeral- 1 pm-Dick Sullivan	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Pentecost Confirmation Finance 2pm Cemetery 2pm VBS Volunteer Training 4 pm	9	10	11	12	13	14 Women's Ministry Wreath Making 10am- noon/FH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
15 Council 4pm	16	17	18	19	20	21 Scrapping 10am-4pm/ FH
22 Called Mtg. 9:45 am Sanctuary Endowment 12:15 pm Mission Pre-Trip Meeting 5pm/PLC	23	24 Loving Group 10:30 am	25	26	27	28 MUSIC CAMP
29 MUSIC CAMP	30					

"I don't think Bible verses were meant to be thrown like grenades at each other. They were meant for us to use to point each other toward love and grace and invite us into something much bigger." ~ Bob Goff