



## Joy for Jesus

### St. Peter's Lutheran

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One of my favorite parts of Vacation Bible School this year was floating around to the different activity rooms to see all the children learning their Bible stories. It was such a great week of exploring our faith through storytelling, music, games, art and service.

At one point one evening it was time for me to leave the music room and head over to crafts. I pranced out of the music room and in the quiet stillness of the upstairs elevator lobby, the biggest kid-at-heart member of our safety ministry was sitting peacefully in a chair.

So of course, in true kid ministry fashion, I couldn't just nod and keep walking. As soon as I saw him, I raised my arms and theatrically belted out, "JESUS HAS THE POWER! THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN'T DO!" And he just smiled and laughed and said, "Yes! Amen!"

We never lose our joy for Jesus. That's what a lifelong faith does for us. And perhaps that foundation of faith really starts to set in place in the summer time at church.

This month our teenagers and Lutheran Men will get to go serve in Burnsville, NC, as part of the NALC's ongoing mission for Hurricane Helene relief. I wonder what songs of praise to God will carry them through as they trudge through evidence of brokenness and loss. Even historic hurricanes can't rid us of our hope in Christ.

That's the thing about faith in God. Our faith allows us to speak boldly and truthfully about how God is at work even when we are confronted with painful realities. We can sing "There's *nothing* He can't do." With confidence, we can recite the Psalmist's verse, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of *death*, I will fear *no* evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4).

And, yes, even young people get that. They experience the great depth of mercy of Christ in powerful ways. I can't wait to hear the stories of our youth when they return from Burnsville, NC. Clay is leading our mission trip this year and I know our youth must be excited to have their youth director with them on this adventure of service.

Please pray for our children & our young people this summer. May we be a congregation of believers who help foster their joy for Jesus.

Blessings!

**Pr. Cassie**



# Church Business

## St. Peter's By the Numbers May 1-31, 2025\*

General Fund Received YTD	\$ 260,291.03
General Fund Spent YTD	\$ 274,655.70
Difference YTD	- \$ 14,364.67

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

Funds	May Fund Totals
General	\$ 43,679.45
Boy Scouts	\$ 2,405.44
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 440.00
David Davis	\$ 160.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 825.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,200.00
Evangelism	\$ 134.00
Homecoming	\$ 475.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,345.00
Mission Lexington	\$ 40.00
Relay for Life	\$ 455.00
Safety	\$ 200.00
Snack Sacks	\$ 1,115.00
SPLC Disaster Relief	\$ 80.00
VBS	\$ 125.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
Frank Howard Memorial	\$ 75.00
Charles Risinger Mem.	\$ 1,640.00
Dick Sullivan Memorial	\$50.00
<b>MAY TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 55,468.89</b>

*"We can be the light of the world without leaving our high beams on and annoying everybody." ~ Bob Goff*

## Ministry Highlights

Church Council met June 15th @ 4 pm.

Absent: Martin Bowers

- **Education:** VBS was a success! Had the first training session for our Child Protection Policy prior to the start VBS. ([Click here for policy in bottom left-hand corner of church website's homepage.](#))
- **Evangelism:** Great night at the Blowfish game.
- **Property:** Repairs have been made to the gas stove in the PLC and the doorknob in the Bride's room. Working to repair a leak in the storage room in the Fellowship Hall. Repair & paving of the parking lot should begin this week (barring rain).
- **Safety:** During VBS, provided safety and medical assistance in the building & in the parking lot.
- **Scouts:** Purchased a used van from a church in Darlington. The church was very grateful it will finally be used. The van is a 2013 Chevrolet with 47K miles & holds 15 passengers. Thanks to all who helped make this happen!
- **Service:** Helped with service project at VBS. We packed cat & dog food, packed 50 flood buckets, tied numerous tie knot blankets, and flattened grocery bags for Mission Lexington.
- **Staff Support:** Pastor Judson is beginning work on staff evaluations so Finance will have them before they being working on the 2026 budget.
- **Stewardship:** Audit is underway.
- **Technology:** Paul Schreiber is working on a quote for our electronic sign. It will fit in the same place between the existing stone.
- **Worship & Music:** Provided "breakfast for dinner" for VBS on the first night. Not having a final count, we had a lot of food leftover.
- **Youth:** preparations are being made for the Youth Mission Trip to Burnsville, NC. Clay is getting to know the young adults. Some work schedules keep them from attending every Sunday. He is working on other times & activities to get them together.
- **Council:** voted not to meet in July.

**Next meeting is August 17th @ 4 pm**



# Have You Found Your Place of Service?

It's been said that you never really become part of a church family until you find your place of service. You don't have to preach or teach, you just have to find your "spot". As Bob Goff says, "Stop doing what you're able to do and figure out what you were *made* to do—then do lots of that."

Serving should be fun! Not sure what you would enjoy? We have lots of choices. Try one. If you like it, do it again. Hate it? Try something different next time. **July needs are on page 5.** Here are a few things we need in August, September, and October.

## Communion Assistants:

August 10 @ 8:30	September 21 @ 8:30 am	October 12 @ 8:30
August 17 @ 8:30 am		October 19 @ 11 am
August 24 @ 8:30 & 11 am		October 26 @ 8:30 am
August 31 @ 8:30 & 11 am		

## Greeters:

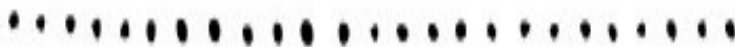
August 3 @ 8:30 & 11 am	September 7 @ 8:30 & 11 am	October 5 @ 8:30 & 11 am
August 10 @ 8:30 & 11 am	September 14 @ 11 am	October 12 @ 11 am
August 24 @ 8:30 & 11 am	September 21 @ 8:30 am	October 19 @ 8:30 am
August 31 @ 8:30 & 11 am	September 28 @ 11 am	October 26 @ 8:30

## Lectors:

August 3 @ 8:30 & 11 am	September 7 @ 8:30 am	October 5 @ 8:30 & 11 am
August 10 @ 8:30	September 14 @ 8:30 am	October 12 @ 8:30 am
August 24 @ 8:30		October 19 @ 8:30 am
August 31 @ 8:30		

## Altar Flowers:

August 31	October 19	November 30
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Still don't see anything that suits your fancy? We always need help with Altar Guild, Ushers, Pew Crew, and bulletin stuffers. These folks serve on a team for a month at a time which gives you the opportunity to meet and hang out with different people and make new friends.

Please call Carol @ 803-359-2470 to volunteer for any of these spots.

# Odds 'n' Ends

**BEEP! BEEP, Y'ALL!** WOW! Didn't school just get out for the summer? Yes, but with vacations and other summer activities, we want you to have plenty of time to participate in this great ministry.

If you enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of a good school supply aisle, you are more than welcome to purchase and bring them to the church and put them in the bin in the Parish Life Center by Sunday, **July 20th**. If you prefer to avoid the crowds, your monetary donations are more than welcome. Larry James and his team love to shop! Monetary donations need to arrive by **July 27th**.



This year we will take supplies to Lexington, Oak Grove, Red Bank, and White Knoll Elementary Schools.

Needed:

- Bookbags (no wheels)
- 10-count Bold Crayola Markers
- Glue Sticks, large & small
- Plastic pencil pouches or boxes
- Packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
- Expo, black dry-erase markers
- Black & white composition notebooks, wide-ruled
- Large pink erasers
- Blunt-nosed scissors
- Cap erasers
- Crayola colored pencils
- 24-count Crayola crayons
- Pencils

## 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 @ 803-238-9159.

## JULY BOOK CLUB

### *A Lasting Impression*

By Tamera Alexander

Thursday, July 31 @ 6:30 pm/GR

Call Brenda w/questions

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for being there when we needed you so much. The prayers, cards, phone calls, food, flowers, memorials, hugs. All your acts of kindness were so comforting. Our whole family is thankful for such a loving church. We can't thank you enough.

Jane, Jan, Cindy, & Penni



# Serving in July

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
<b>Acolyte</b> Early	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	Julianna Schreiber
Late	Hayden Porth	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Bobby & Christy Harmon	<b>SURPRISE!</b>	Jason & Angie Williams	Paul & Susan Schreiber
<b>Altar Guild</b>	LeeAnn Crapps & Catherine Porth			
<b>Bulletins</b>	Angie Meetze & Jenny Stone			
<b>Coffee Time</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	Evangelism	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	Busters Sunday School Class
<b>Communion Servers</b> Early	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> Wine: Pastor Judson	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> <b>Pastor Judson</b> Wine: <b>Pat Allen</b> <b>Steve Wyndham</b>	<b>Bread: Pastor Judson</b> <b>Pastor Cassie</b> Wine: Dot Rish Brenda Hedgecock	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> <b>Pastor Judson</b> Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Jenny Stone
Late	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> Wine: Pastor Judson	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> <b>Pastor Judson</b> Wine: Dr. Carl Shealy <b>Debra Carlsen</b>	<b>Bread: Pastor Judson</b> <b>Pastor Cassie</b> Wine: Marie Eargle Jenny Stone	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> <b>Pastor Judson</b> Wine: <b>Marie Eargle</b> Barbara Weed
<b>Greeters</b> Early	Rochelle Roof	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	<b>Rochelle Roof</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>
Late	Sheila Kinnard	Rochelle Roof	Marie Eargle	<b>Debra Carlsen &amp; Elizabeth Lindler</b>
<b>Lectors</b> Early	Michele Zee	Dot Rish	Michele Zee	<b>Tommy Stone</b>
Late	Clay Morell	Dr. Carl Shealy	Marie Eargle	<b>Debra Carlsen</b>
<b>Pew Crew</b>	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman			
<b>Ushers</b> Early & Late	<b>Ean Crapps &amp; Keith McMillan—Co-Chairs</b> Kevin Gobbi, Wayne O'Neill, Landis Sandel			

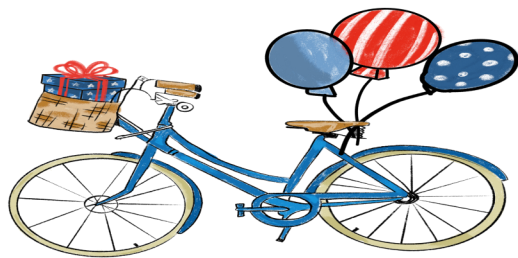
## UPDATED CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

We have updated our policy from 2004. It has been posted on the home page of our church website (bottom left-hand corner) and we have a few hard copies in the Narthex.

You can click anywhere in this box to get to the online version.







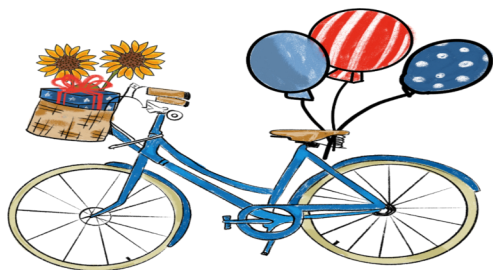
# JULY

## *birthdays*

2nd	Janet Wiggins
3rd	Robert Hook George Schneider Eddie Wiggins
4th	Paul Chumley Jesse Riley
5th	Allison Werner
6th	Pat Carr Meagan Schneider Parker Turner Nadaly Womble
7th	Addison Cook Jeanne Dernbach Kyle Weed Angie Williams
8th	Chet Ballentine Ed Hedgecock
9th	Chris Meetze

10th	Tommy Chaplin Larry James Lisa Szuhly
11th	Courtney Weed
13th	Gibbs Jumper Betsy Shealy
14th	Meredith Arnold Benjamin Kitchen
15th	Kim Elliott
16th	Morgan Mobley Valerie Porth
17th	Jason Williams
18th	Linda Heffner Keith McMillan Bob Weed
19th	Holden Hook Bill Knehans Darin Roberts

21st	Linda Ballington Gerald Long
22nd	Kay Amick
23rd	Debbie Dent Adam Ellisor
25th	Hannah Branham Britt Sims Joyce Smith Jullynn Spence
26th	Daisy Teem Stan Whiteside
27th	David Kinnard Carla Lindler Trey Porth Quincey Ray
28th	Talor Robert
30th	Barbara Weed
31st	Dory Arnold



# JULY

## *Anniversaries*

1st	<b>Dan &amp; Teresa Russell</b>	<b>53 years</b>
2nd	Mikel & Donna Lax	42 years
2nd	Mike & Christen Weidner	31 years
2nd	Stanton & Natalie Weber	3 years
10th	Bobby & Christy Harmon	21 years
12th	William & Jennifer Mann	17 years
19th	Chuck & Alli Bledsoe	28 years
19th	Bob & Sandra Martin	7 years
21st	Stephen & Katie Kupchinsky	24 years

21st	Keith & Jennifer McMillan	13 years
21st	Brett & Jennie Porth	18 years
23rd	Gene & Joyce M. Porth	37 years
23rd	Calvin & Missy Porth	42 years
25th	Tommy & Gloria Shealy	44 years
<b>26th</b>	<b>Pr. Olin &amp; Claudia Chassereau</b>	<b>61 years</b>
28th	Brett & Becka Jumper	13 years
29th	Dwight & Kay Amick	13 years

## JULY 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

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



# July 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 No Bible Study	3	4 Office Closed Today	5
6	7 No Matins Choir	8	9 No Bible Study	10	11	12
Youth Mission Trip to Burnsville, NC						
13	14	15	16 No Bible Study	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 No Bible Study	24	25	26
Youth Week						
27	28	29 Loving Group 10:30 am	30 No Bible Study	31 Book Club 6:30 pm/GR		

### 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.*

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