

ST. PETER'S



St. Peter's Lutheran

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PROCLAIMER

August 2025

You Are Invited...

End of Summer
Blow-Out

When? Sunday, August 10th from 5-7 pm

Who is invited? Entire Congregation—cradle to grave

Where? In the back of the graveyard (*see what we did there?*)

What are we eating? Barry & Marion are cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. There will also be ice cream.

How can I help? We need tents, coolers, folding chairs, tents, fans, power cords, & did we mention tents?

We also need... canned drinks (so we don't have to mess with cups & ice), chips, desserts like cookies, brownies, pound cake (stuff we can eat with our hands, please).

What activities are planned? We will have two huge blow-ups—a Firetruck bouncy house and a 50' obstacle course with ends in a giant slide. We will also have games—cornhole boards, ring toss, lawn-size dominoes, & a few more fun things.

What about the ice cream you mentioned? Those "with game" are encouraged to bring a churn of homemade ice cream. (*Please run your churn at home so we don't blow a fuse at the Scout Hut.*) We don't plan to have toppings (so the judging is not tainted), so your ice cream will need to be good enough to stand on it own. Yes, there is a cool prize for the best ice cream!

It's gonna be hot! In more ways than one, but we will have misters, fans, and tents for shade. Join us for a huge family picnic. Food, fun, and fellowship! Don't miss it!

Clay, YAYA

Church Business

ST. PETER'S ENDOWMENT REMINDER

Your SPLC Endowment can be funded with generous gifts in the following forms:

- Cash
- Naming SPLC Endowment as the beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy
- Publicly traded securities
- Required minimum distributions from a 401(k) or IRA.
- Property
- Bequests

Benefits from endowments are numerous, including:

- Funding in perpetuity
- Possible tax benefits for givers
- Enabling the funding of special projects like NALC mission work, local community outreach programs & capital improvements.

Contact any of your 2025 Endowment Board members (Doug Schreiber, Jeff Elliott, Bill Jennings, Brian Cook, & Catherine Oxner) with questions.

Ministry Highlights

Church Council did not meet in July.

Next meeting is August 17th @ 4 pm

Funds	June Fund Totals
General	\$ 52,105.95
Boy Scouts	\$ 94.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 125.00
David Davis	\$ 520.00
Ekkas	\$ 55.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 370.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,362.00
Kitchen Fund	\$ 25.00
Lydia Circle	\$ 10.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,811.00
Mission Lexington	\$ 100.00
Music Camp	\$ 100.00
Music Ministry	\$ 40.00
Propane Reimbursement	\$ 1,016.88
Refunds	\$ 182.13
Safety / AED	\$ 50.00
School Supplies	\$ 485.00
Snack Sacks	\$ 1,180.00
SPLC Disaster Relief	\$ 100.00
Tartu Seminary	\$ 12.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 726.00
Women's Ministry	\$ 250.00
World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Youth Missions	\$ 100.00
Regina Heyward Memorial	\$ 175.00
Charles Risinger Memorial	\$ 350.00
Dick Sullivan Memorial	\$ 365.00
TOTAL GIVING for June	\$ 62,824.96

Remember, if you prefer, or find it more convenient, we have an online giving option on our website.



St. Peter's By the Numbers June 1-30, 2025*	
Actual Received YTD	\$ 311,833.98
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 340,259.16
Difference YTD	- \$ 28,425.18
*Because our newsletter is published before the end of the month, the numbers here & for the month, will always be a month behind.	

Mark Your Calendars

There are TONS of things that happen around here. *(Even this list is not complete as committee meetings, Family Reunions, & set-up dates are not included.)* Most events happen every year like clockwork & some things are new. Don't miss anything! Please remember to call Carol to get *any* event on the calendar.

Lutheran Week in Pittsburgh, PA—August 3-8

Blessing of the Backpacks—August 3rd—bring your backpack for a blessing—both services

NO Bible Study—August 6—Pastors in Pennsylvania

1st Annual End-of-Summer Blow-Out! Details on front cover

Women's Ministry Tasting Event—August 17th @ 3pm / FH

Loving Group—August 26th @ 10:30 am / PLC

Noisy Offering—August 31st @ both services

OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day—September 1st / No Activities

Golden Age Sunday Lunch for entire congregation—September 7th @ 12:30 pm / PLC

Confirmation Orientation for 7th & 8th graders & Parents @ 1-2:30 pm / YR

Septemember for Youth—September 14, 21, & 28 @ 5 pm / PLC

Christmas Cantata Reveal—September 24th @ 7 pm / PLC

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

Alzheimer's Walk—October 4th @ 9 am / Church Parking Lot

Blessing of the Animals—October 5th @ 3 pm / Front Lawn

Cemetery Work Day—October 18th @ 9 am

Silent Auction for Youth Missions—October 26th—bidding begins during Coffee Time / PLC

Stewardship Dinner—October 26th @ 6 pm / PLC

Trunk or Treat—October 26th @ 7 pm / Back Parking Lot

Loving Group—October 28th @ 10:30 am / PLC

Annual Congregational Meeting—Sunday, November 9th @ 10 am / Sanctuary

Missions Market—November 15th @ 9 am to 1 pm / PLC—Call Rachel Price w/questions

Women's Ministry Advent Log Making—November 22nd @ 10 am / FH

Thanksgiving Worship—November 23rd

Loving Group—November 25th @ 10:30 am / PLC

Office Closed—November 26th-28th

Noisy Offering—November 30th during both Worship services

Loving Group Christmas Luncheon—December 9th @ 11 am / PLC

Christmas Cantata—December 14th @ 11 am & 6 pm

Loving Group Proclaimer Assembly—December 16th @ 10:30 am PLC

Christmas Eve Worship—December 24th @ 5:30 pm & 10 pm

Church Office Closed—December 25th thru January 2nd—see you on Jan. 5th



School Supply Drive

9,600	Pencils
12	Pencils (Ticondarosa)
280	Colored pencils (boxes)
438	Pencil Pouches
6	Pencil boxes
706	Boxes of Crayons
374	10-ct lg. markers (boxes)
40	Markers (small)
16	Dry Erase Markers
3,620	Cap erasers
612	Large red erasers
2,388	Small Glue sticks
12	Large glue sticks
10	Bottles of glue
385	Pocket Folders
523	Bookbags
180	Bookbags to disaster relief & missions
586	Packs of Notebook Paper
1,984	Black & White Notebooks
387	Colored bound notebooks
10	Spiral notebooks
528	Scissors

Do you ever wonder what happens to all of the money we collect for school supplies? Well, here's this year's list of what was purchased or donated.

First, we gathered everything—some from Larry's house, most from Wal-Mart & the rest from donations. We outgrew the FH, so the PLC was used. Thanks to all of the volunteers who gathered to help unload trucks. Y'all are the best! Next, items are sorted & backpacks were tagged. Special thanks to our Youth Group who are ALWAYS excited to help!

During Youth Week, we delivered items to Lexington, Oak Grove, Red Bank, & White Knoll Elementary schools and prayed with their staff.

Our phenomenal coordinator for this massive project is our own Larry James. He has made it his mission for MANY YEARS to make sure kids have what they need to succeed in school. Larry's passion is what takes our school supply drive to another level. Thank you, Mr. Larry!



Food & Music News

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TASTING EVENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

3 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

- Prepare your recipe and bring enough to share.
- Cut into small portions to share with the group.
- Consider bringing one of the following categories: appetizers, casseroles, vegetables, salads, or desserts.
- Bring a copy of the recipe you are sharing so a recipe book can be created for those who attend. A printed or emailed copy of the book will be sent after the event.
- This lets us sample all of the goodies *and* get a copy of all of the recipes. Yum!
- Questions? Contact Carol Stealey at castealey@gmail.com
- [Please sign up at Sign-Up Genius by clicking here.](#)

The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.

-J.S. BACH



Christmas is Coming!

I know it seems early, but it takes time to get the music rehearsed & ready for Christmas.

Cantata Reveal

September 24th @ 7 pm / PLC

If you are interested in singing with us this year, please plan to join us that evening. We will listen to all of the music, get our copies, along with a complete rehearsal schedule.

Cantata Choir is open to Youth!



MATINS CHOIR

Mondays @ 6:30 pm

Now accepting new members!

(okay, we're always accepting new members)

We lead worship @ 8:30 am each Sunday and would love to have you join our ranks.

We laugh, learn cool music, and we eat cake once a month! What's not to love about that?

Contact Craig Davis or Carol Wyndham with questions.

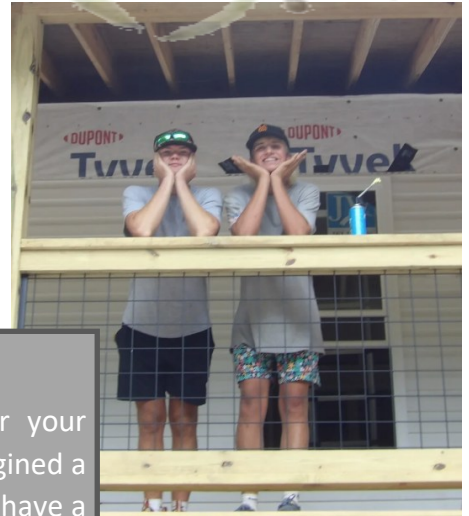
BTW—this group is open to our Youth members as well.

Youth Mission Trip

July 7-12, 2025
Burnsville, NC



Note from Shoal Creek Baptist



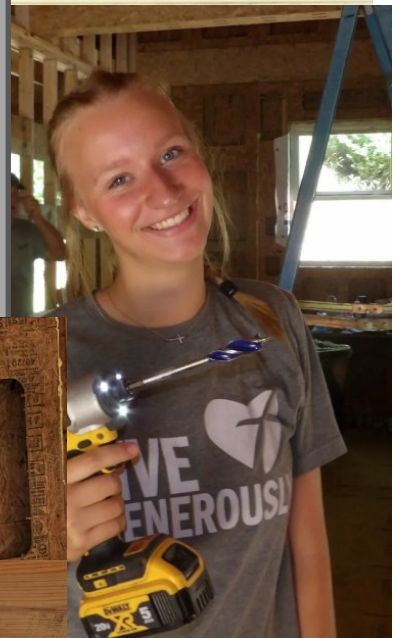
Brothers and Sisters,

I want to personally thank you all for your serious donation. I could have never imagined a greater partnership. Your disaster teams have a true Christ-like heart & the commitment is greatly appreciated.

We know that all the works gives the story to God. I pray that these efforts draw new people to Christ and strengthens those who already know Him.

Love always,

Rev. Eddie McClure



Snack Sack Ministry

This mission outreach program began at our church in the fall of the 2011 school year, so this will be the 15th 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.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”

- Matthew 25:35

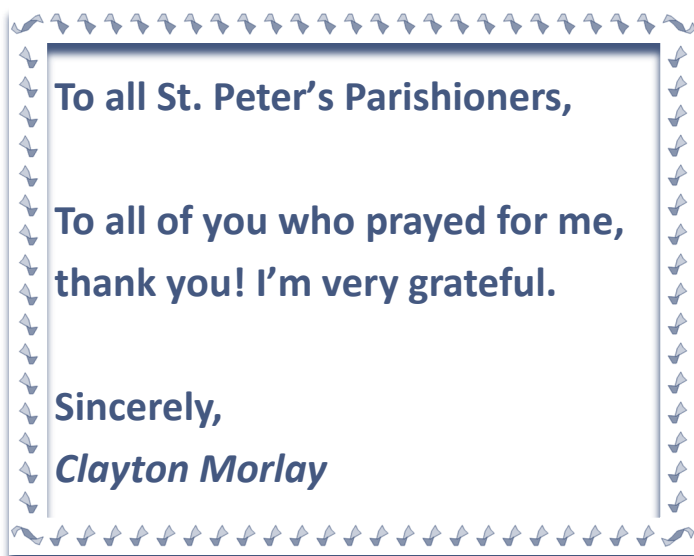
Weekly Bible Studies

Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets, as the name implies, on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Led by our Pastors, this group takes an in-depth look at different books of the Bible. There is a lot of discussion and good fellowship in this group. Free coffee.

Mustard Seeds gather for Bible study & then out to dinner together on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They will begin Season 5 of **The Chosen** soon. Call Brenda Hedgecock with questions.

Sunday School Classes span all ages & life stages. Here's the current list of classes.

- **Refuge** is made up of young married couples with small children. Pastor Cassie teaches this group in the Gathering Room at 10 am on Sunday mornings. Call Pastor Cassie to see what we're studying now.
- **Busters** class members are typically (but not always) married and have kids ranging from upper elementary to college age. They meet in room 210.
- **Joyful Believers** are typically couples with grown children and are entering the "check out this picture of my grandchild" phase of life. Spouse doesn't come to church or is otherwise detained during the SS hour? Not a problem. Several of their folks come alone. Joyful Believers meet in room 209.
- **The Seekers** group covers all adult ages and study topics. They are taught by Larry James and they meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult One** Sunday School class is led by Bible expert Nancy Wylie and is open to all ages. They meet in room 202.
- **Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity** class is designed to assist in understanding the Lutheran Church's teachings in a nontechnical way. The class will guide us to learn the Christian tenets held by the Lutheran church based on Scripture alone. Chip Rhoads teaches this class. They meet upstairs.



Serving in August

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Acolyte Early	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Julianne Schreiber	Volunteer Appreciated
Late	Volunteer Appreciated	Miles Hendrix	Carter Ellingson	Scarlett Ellingson	Volunteer Appreciated
Altar Flowers	Godfrey & Jane Burnett	Educational Ministry	Jerry & Sarah Richey	Russell & Carolyn Watkins	Volunteer Appreciated
Altar Guild	Jean Hundley & Jackie Jumper				
Bulletins	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman				
Camera	Debbie Arnold—If you would be interested in helping, please contact Clay. THANKS!				
Coffee Time	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Stewardship/ Finance	Jean Hundley & Crew	Service Committee
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Judson Wine: Pastor Cassie	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Michele Zee	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Pat Allen Brenda Hedgecock	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Angie Meetze Michele Zee	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Dot Rish Steve Wyndham
Late	Bread: Pastor Judson Wine: Pastor Cassie	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Ernie Chaplin Barbara Weed	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Marie Eargle Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Debra Carlsen Barbara Weed	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Barbara Weed Carrie Merrell
Greeters Early	Rochelle Roof	Bob & Patti Switter	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	Volunteer Appreciated	Rochelle Roof
Late	Barbara Weed	Rochelle Roof	Marie Eargle	Sheila Kinnard	Carrie Merrell
Lectors Early	Paul Robison	Michele Zee	Chip Rhoads	Michele Zee	Steve Wyndham
Late	George Mills	Tommy Chaplin	Marie Eargle	Donna Shealy	Carrie Merrell
Pew Crew	Bob & Jeanne Dernbach				
Ushers Early & Late	Jeffrey Crapps & Keith Powell—Co-Chairs Meagan Schneider, Steve Ellisor & Dr. Carl Shealy				
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August Birthdays

3rd	Alex Spangler
4th	Tori Porth
6th	Cole Galub
7th	Troy Crapps
9th	Karen Cook
11th	Paul Arnold
12th	Ellen Knehans Justin Schneider
13th	Julie Pell Ann Simpkins
14th	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
27th	Breanne Mefford Patrick Werner
28th	Erica Sweatman
29th	Paul Robison Madeline Sawyer
30th	Gretchen Parker Jennie Porth

August Anniversaries

2nd	Marvin & Connie Parson	28 years
3rd	Jim & Amy Shealy	40 years
4th	Godfrey & Jane Burnett	62 years
4th	Adam & Vickie Davis	24 years
4th	Drew & Carleigh Zee Barnes	2 years
10th	Steve & Dixie Black	9 years
21st	Rev. Gary & Amy Blobaum	48 years
22nd	Jim & Susan Thompson	33 years
23rd	Bill & Darla Jennings	23 years
23rd	Russell & Carolyn Watkins	50 years
23rd	Eddie & Janet Wiggins	57 years
25th	Russell & Robin Rawl	52 years

27th	Jerry & Sarah Richey	61 years
28th	Paul & Diane Robison	55 years
28th	Richard & Alyson Shirer	32 years
29th	Wayne & Betty Lou O'Neill	61 years
29th	Jim & Kim Elliott	33 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
 10:15 am Chancel Choir
 11:00 am Worship
 4:00 pm Handbells *
 5:00 pm Jr & Sr. Youth/YR

MONDAY

1:30 pm Charity Crafts/FH
 6:30 pm Matins Choir
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts/SH

TUESDAY

10:00 am Staff Meeting/CR

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study/FH
 6:00 pm Mustard Seeds/FH
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir *

* No practice 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



August 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5	6 No Bible Study	7	8	9
Lutheran Week in Pittsburgh, PA						
10 Finance 2 pm/CR End of Summer Blow-Out 5-7 pm	11	12 Safety 6 pm/CR	13 Lydia 1 pm / FH	14	15	16
17 Tasting Event 3 pm / FH Council 4 pm / CR	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Loving Group/PLC 10:30 am	27	28	29	30
31 Noisy Offering						

ATTENTION: 7th & 8th GRADERS CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN!

Sept. 7—Orientation for students & parents
 1-2:30 pm / YR

Sept. 14
 Sept. 21
 Sept. 28
 Oct. 5

Lunch & Learn
 12:30—2:00 pm
 Start in PLC