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2023 Annual Reports 2024 Leadership

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**SERVE**  
THE LORD WITH  
**GLADNESS:**  
COME BEFORE HIS  
PRESENCE WITH  
**SINGING.**  
**-PSALM 100:2**

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Online version will be updated as necessary.

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A Letter From Our Pastors

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

What a year it has been here at St. Peter's! There has been newness, celebrations, times of grief, & 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.

As we began 2023, we began with staff changes. Pr. Judson, Carrie, Addison and Camryn joined us. A few weeks later Pr. Cassie celebrated her 5th anniversary of Ordination as well as her 5th year of service as pastor. Later in May, we said goodbye to Josh as he left us to return to seminary and pursue ordained ministry. Although his position remains open, we continue to search for the next person to fill this vacant position. We are confident that God will send us the person that we need. We are blessed to have our other staff positions filled with wonderful people. Although the two of us are your pastors, our collective staff here at the church is an integral part of the ministry we all do as a congregation. We would not be able to do all we do without them. Additionally, we are thankful for the volunteers that we have at St. Peter's. Many folks complete many tasks...some that are not even known. We give thanks for all the "busy bees" that help our ministry to move forward.

Throughout the year we have had changes in our church roll. Earlier in the year we began the process of contacting members who did not fulfill the requirements that our constitution requires to be a member. Through this process, we learned many things. Some folks had joined other congregations, some moved away, and some returned. Additionally, we were able to update our home-bound members list. As pastors, along with the church council, we are trying to fully update our membership roll so that we can make sure all of our members are getting the pastoral care that they need and so that they can maintain a healthy relationship with the whole congregation.

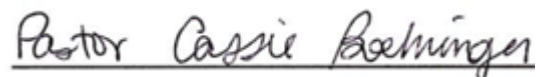
One way in which we are putting a new emphasis on that healthy relationship is through our Lay Visitation ministry. We re-started this ministry earlier in the year and now have multiple members of the laity that take monthly communion to our homebound members. This ministry, which is an extension of our pastoral ministry among you, allows the two of us to ensure that all of our members are receiving the gifts of God on a regular basis. We are thankful for our lay visitors, especially when they communicate to us that a pastoral visit is asked for in addition to their monthly visits. We both continue to put a focus on hospital visits and home visits when requested. We hope that the communication we send via our OnRealm database (the Oremus emails) is a welcome improvement for updating your own prayer lists and communicating needs and information within our church family.

As we reflect on our membership roll, we would be remiss to not mention those that have entered into the church triumphant during this past year. Steve, John, Rebecca, Anna, Larry, Russel, Clayton, Gail, and Steve have gone before us and have joined the saints in light. 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 for 2024. We all do a good job of showing our appreciation within our congregation. This is a sign that SPLC is a healthy congregation. Keeping a healthy congregation is our goal. That doesn't mean we will always agree (and to be honest disagreements are a part of being healthy!). It does mean that we will always be thankful for each other & that we will show that. So, for 2024, let's make sure that we are always showing our appreciation: for service, for opinions, for agreements, for disagreements. When we do that, we remember that we are a single body of Christ striving to be the people that God wants us to be.

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


Pastor Judson Monroe


Pastor Cassie Boehminger

Annual Meeting 2023 Minutes

The Annual Meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church congregation was held Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 10 am in the Sanctuary. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Judson Merrell and an opening prayer was offered by Rev. Cassie Boehringer. There were 125 members present.

Pastor Judson explained that members will be voting for five individuals - four for a three-year term and one for a one-year term to complete a three-year term that was vacated early. The top four vote getters will receive the three-year terms and the fifth highest vote getter will serve the one-year term. Members will also be voting for one Youth Representative and one Endowment Board member.

The first ballot for Church Council was taken with the following elected: Jeffrey Crapps, Paul Schreiber, and Donna Alford. There was a three-way tie for the fourth and fifth positions. A runoff ballot was held with Doreen Edmondson, Rachel Price, and Chip Rhoads. Doreen Edmondson was elected to a three-year term and Rachel Price was elected to a one-year term.

The Youth Representative elected was Addison Cook. The Endowment Board member elected was Bill Jennings. Both were elected on the first ballot.

The minutes from the 2023 Congregational Meeting were distributed for review. Greg Webb made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Keith McMillan seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Pastor Judson read and explained the proposed Church Bylaw Addition and Updates. Complete texts of these are found at the end of this report.

The Bylaw Addition to add a Youth Committee to the Church's established committees was addressed first. Being that this was a recommendation coming from the Church Council, no motion was needed. Rachel Price seconded the recommendation. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Bylaw Updates were addressed next. Again, this was a recommendation coming from the Church Council, so no motion was needed. Debbie Marcolini seconded the recommendation. The floor was open for discussion and Ted Zee made a motion to strike "[not appoint]" in the next to last sentence of Item 1 under the Cemetery Endowment Board Membership and Responsibilities. Ed Hedgecock seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion carried. The congregation then voted regarding approval of the Bylaw Updates as amended in the previous vote. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The 2024 Spending Plan was recommended by the Stewardship and Finance Committee to the Church Council. In turn, the Church Council voted to recommend the 2024 Spending Plan to the congregation and no motion was needed. Tom Lawhead seconded the recommendation. Ed Hedgecock and Dot Rish came forward to explain budget changes and answer questions. Ed explained fluctuations in the budget resulting from changes in pastoral insurance plans (open enrollment) and adding garbage service. There was discussion regarding the investments of the Cemetery Endowment funds. Currently, the interest is being reinvested to build the balance of the fund. Funds could be used for cemetery maintenance if needed. Larry James made a motion to amend the 2024 Budget line item from "Director of Youth and Family Ministry" to "Director of Youth and Young Adult" to be consistent with the Constitution. Landis Sandel seconded. There were 124 in favor and one opposed. Motion carried. The congregation then voted on the proposed 2024 Spending Plan. There were 124 in favor and one abstention. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Buck Ray and seconded by several members of the Congregation. The closing prayer was led by Pastor Judson and the meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Cook, Secretary

Annual Meeting 2023 Minutes (cont.)

Bylaw Addition

If adopted, effective date November 12, 2023.

(To be added as item 11 of Section 6, page 17 of the SPLC Constitution and Bylaws)

Youth Committee

There shall be a Youth Ministry Committee whose responsibility is to assist the Youth & Young Adult Director in planning and implementing programming for Club 345, (3rd-5th grades), Junior Youth (grades 6th-8th), and Senior Youth (grades 9th-12th) and Young Adults. Youth and young adult activities may include, but not limited to, Youth Missions, Youth Week, seasonal retreats, adopt a college student, and young adult small group activities.

Bylaw Updates

If adopted, these will take effect January 1, 2024.

Board Membership and Responsibilities

Section 9: St. Peter's Endowment Board Membership & Responsibilities, page 19, Item 1 to be updated.

Last sentence change: instead of "The Church Council of the Congregation" to be "The Stewardship and Finance Committee shall nominate two (2) persons for each seat expiring and the Church Council will approve each candidate to be elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting."

Section 10: St. Peter's Cemetery Endowment Board Membership & Responsibilities, page 21, Item 1 to be updated.

The sentence beginning "Upon adoption of this resolution," will be changed to "Upon adoption of this resolution by the Congregation, Church Council will appoint seven (7) members to the Cemetery Endowment Board from a list provided by the Cemetery Committee:" and not use the words "from a slate of the cemetery committee." The next sentence beginning, "Thereafter...will now read "Thereafter, ...the Church Council will approve (~~not appoint~~) each candidate to be elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting to serve a term of five (5) years."

Page 22, Item 2: Last sentence stating, "In the event of a vacancy on the Cemetery Endowment Board, the Church Council shall appoint" will change the rest of the sentence to read "a member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting of the Congregation, at which time the Congregation shall elect a member to fulfill the term of the vacancy." The words "from the slate of the cemetery committee" will be deleted.

2024 Spending Plan

| BUILDING, GROUNDS, AND BUS/VAN | 2023 | 2024 | Difference |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Grounds Maintenance (Contract) | 6,000.00 | 6,300.00 | 300.00 |
| | 10,420.00 | 10,455.00 | 35.00 |
| Paper Goods and Supplies | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Janitorial Services (Contract) | 15,360.00 | 15,360.00 | 0.00 |
| Utilities | 33,300.00 | 33,300.00 | 0.00 |
| Van/Bus Expenses & Insurance | 4,300.00 | 5,138.00 | 838.00 |
| Insurance - Buildings and Workmen's Comp. | 18,826.00 | 25,005.00 | 6,179.00 |
| Total Building, Grounds, and Bus/Van | 92,706.00 | 100,058.00 | 7,352.00 |
| MINISTRIES AND COMMITTEES | 2023 | 2024 | Difference |
| Archive and Library | 1,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Cemetery | | 8,540.00 | 8,540.00 |
| Educational Ministry | 15,100.00 | 15,900.00 | 800.00 |
| Evangelism | 8,150.00 | 8,150.00 | 0.00 |
| Golden Age Sunday | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Homecoming Celebration | 950 | 950 | 0.00 |
| Kitchen | 700 | 700 | 0.00 |
| Loving Group | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Safety | 1,200.00 | 1,500.00 | 300.00 |
| Service | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Stewardship/Finance | 4,100.00 | 3,900.00 | -200.00 |
| Technology | 12,350.00 | 12,350.00 | 0.00 |
| Women's Ministry | 600.00 | 4,500.00 | 3,900.00 |
| Worship & Music | 19,310.00 | 19,460.00 | 150.00 |
| Youth | 11,300.00 | 11,300.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Ministries and Committees | 80,760.00 | 96,250.00 | 15,490.00 |
| BENEVOLENCE AND MISSION OUTREACH | 2023 | 2024 | Difference |
| Carolinas Mission District | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Lutheran Homes | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Mission Congregation - Immanuel, Sumter | 3,675.00 | 3,675.00 | 0.00 |
| NALC 20/20 Vision (Replaced Joy Mission & World Relief) | 5,675.00 | 5,675.00 | 0.00 |
| MC - Lamb of God Lutheran Fellowship, Simpsonville | 3,675.00 | 3,675.00 | 0.00 |
| NALC | 43,768.44 | 45,487.94 | 1,719.50 |
| NALC Approved Seminary Candidate or NALS | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 0.00 |
| NALC Seminary | 6,600.00 | 6,600.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Benevolence and Mission Outreach | 73,393.44 | 75,112.94 | 1,719.50 |

2024 Spending Plan

| CHURCH STAFF | 2023 | 2024 | Difference |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Senior Pastor - Salary & Housing Allowance | 88,753.00 | 92,303.12 | 3,550.12 |
| Benefits: Pension, Health, Death Benefit | 27,323.54 | 27,749.55 | 426.01 |
| Continuing Education/ Professional Expense | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 0.00 |
| Car Allowance | 4,800.00 | 4,800.00 | 0.00 |
| Cell Phone | 880.65 | 880.65 | 0.00 |
| Associate Pastor - Salary & Housing Allowance | 61,316.78 | 63,769.45 | 2,452.67 |
| Benefits: Pension, Health, Death Benefit | 16,047.83 | 16,342.14 | 294.31 |
| Continuing Education/ Professional Expense | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Car Allowance | 3,880.00 | 3,880.00 | 0.00 |
| Cell Phone | 968.20 | 968.20 | 0.00 |
| Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Salary | 36,067.50 | 36,067.50 | 0.00 |
| Continuing Education | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 |
| Car Allowance | 625.00 | 625.00 | 0.00 |
| Cell Phone | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| Benefits | 11,106.12 | 11,106.12 | 0.00 |
| Organist/Accompanist Salary | 30,289.94 | 31,501.54 | 1,211.60 |
| Chancel Choir/Hand Bell Director Salary | 21,105.54 | 21,949.76 | 844.22 |
| Matins Choir / Instrumentalist Director Salary | 17,854.42 | 18,568.60 | 714.18 |
| SonShine Choir Director Salary | 3,496.19 | 3,636.04 | 139.85 |
| Angel Choir | 1,343.68 | 1,397.43 | 53.75 |
| Administrative Coordinator Salary | 39,560.10 | 41,142.50 | 1,582.40 |
| Nursery Worker 1 Salaries | 5,487.50 | 5,487.50 | 0.00 |
| Nursery Worker 2 Salaries | 5,487.50 | 5,487.50 | 0.00 |
| Financial Secretary | 14,177.00 | 14,744.08 | 567.08 |
| Payroll Taxes | 16,770.00 | 18,938.10 | 2,168.10 |
| Optional Year End Bonus | 3,825.00 | 3,825.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Salary and Benefit Expenses | 417,065.49 | 431,069.78 | 14,004.29 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES | 2023 | 2024 | Difference |
| Supply Pastor, Speakers, Substitute Organist | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 0.00 |
| NALC Church Assemblies | 7,500.00 | 3,500.00 | -4,000.00 |
| Bank Service Charges/ Online Giving Fees | 1,500.00 | 1,300.00 | -200.00 |
| Background Checks | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Office Supplies | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Postage | 2,750.00 | 2,750.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Administrative Expenses | 26,650.00 | 26,650.00 | -4,200.00 |
| TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES | 690,574.93 | 724,940.72 | 34,365.79 |
| WEEKLY NEED - 51 WEEKS | 13,280.29 | 13,941.17 | 660.88 |

2023 Committee Reports

BUS & VAN COMMITTEE

John Stiglbauer—Chair

Jeff Elliott—Council Representative

Members: Russell Rawl & John Stiglbauer

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 2023, both vehicles had oil changes and were washed periodically.

On February 24, 2023, we purchased our new van. A 2021 Ford Transit XLT van with only 6,341 miles became ours. The purchase of this wonderful new van was fully paid for by an anonymous donor. We are blessed with a wonderful new vehicle that we will enjoy for many years to come.

Our 2023 Bus Trips

- 2/10 Bus to NC: Youth Ski Trip
- 2/25 Van to Chapin: Youth/Service disaster relief packing
- 2/23 Van Purchase: 2021 Ford Transit
- 4/29 Van to NC: Billy Graham library
- 6/11 Bus to WV: Youth mission
- 7/16 Van to Lexington: Youth Menchies
- 8/30 Bus AC repair
- 9/18 Van to NC: Loving group apple picking
- 10/4 Van Oil change
- 12/3 Van to Gilbert: Youth to Little Bethlehem
- 12/17 Van to Various Locations: Youth Christmas Caroling
- Various Dates: Van to Chick-Fil-A for Youth prayer breakfast

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

Accomplishments in 2023:

- Mowing under contract with Cherokee Trail.
- Completed additional surveying to create a single map.
- Volunteers pick up displaced flowers and remove unsightly decorations.
- Volunteers made treatments to control fire ants and weeds.
- Volunteers placed flags on veteran's graves.
- Two workdays completed including placing Block/Lot markers and general cleanup.

CEMETERY ENDOWMENT BOARD

Jeffrey Crapps—Chair

Jason Williams—Secretary

Rachel Price—Treasurer

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

- During 2023, funds on deposit @ Truist (\$106,000) were transferred to Hahn Financial and Charles Schwab.
- June 1 an initial deposit of \$53,300 was transferred to Hahn.
- During August, a second transfer of \$26,500 was made. Effective September, the Hahn account was transferred to Charles Schwab. At transfer, account balance was \$81,916.65.
- During November, the last installment of \$26,500 was made.
- As of December 31, the account balance was \$115,905.35 for an overall increase of approximately \$9,300.

2023 Committee Reports

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Kelly Rhoads—Chair

Debbie Marcolini—SS Superintendent

Doreen Edmondson—Council Representative

Members: Pastor Cassie Boehringer, Larry James, Lisa Leitzsey, Valerie Porth, Lynn Sprayberry, Erica Sweatman, Russell Watkins, & Michele Zee

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 2023:

- Graduates were recognized in April with the help of the Lydia Circle.
- A church outing to the Billy Graham Library took place in April.
- Confirmands were honored with a brunch in May.
- Vacation Bible School was a huge success with the help of many volunteers. Check the hotline—they're our Heroes! Our theme was *Hero's Hotline*. We appreciate all of the hometown heroes who came to visit.
- The Sunday School Superintendent's computer was installed & is up & running.
- Appreciation was shown for Sunday School teachers with altar flowers and breakfast in August.
- Rally Day was held at Saluda Shoals Park.
- Altar flowers were provided honoring Elizabeth Lindler for her many years of service dedicated to the church library.
- The school supply drive was a huge success!

We encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday School in 2024. It is a time to learn about the love of Jesus & interact with other children.

ENDOWMENT BOARD

Adam Davis—Chair

Doug Schreiber—Secretary

Jeff Elliott—Treasurer

Furman Cantrell—term ends 2023

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

Mike Weidner—Council Representative

Members: Linda Ballington, Pastor Cassie Boehringer, Debbie Dent, Ed Hedgecock, Michelle Jones, Tom Lawhead, Pastor Judson Merrell, Teresa Russell, and Landis Sandel

2023 Accomplishments:

- Sponsored Shrove Tuesday/New Member Recognition Pancake Supper
- Sponsored "Get a Ride to Church" Ministry
- Continued small groups with 2:7 Series
- Sponsored CORE Team (discipleship)
- Began looking at NALC Life to Life Program
- Helped with Vacation Bible School
- Continued to offer St. Peter's golf shirts
- Established new church logo for use on all correspondence, bus, and vans
- Established guidelines for an on-going St. Peter's branding project proposal
- Offered t-shirts with new church logo
- Continued First Time Guest Mug Ministry
- Sponsored four Coffee Time Breakfasts
- Held New Member Recognition Breakfast
- Continued shepherding new members
- Placed new signage at Hwy. 378 & Saint Peters Road and another at Old Cherokee & Wise Ferry Road
- Sponsored St. Peter's billboard with new logo on Hwy. 378 at Spool Wheel Road
- Placed ad with new logo in November and December issues of Lexington Life Magazine.
- Working with Property & Grounds Committee to update church sign at roundabout to include new logo
- Began planning for a St. Peter's night with the Blowfish on May 31, 2024
- Placed monthly quotes in Proclaimer from "Membership vs. Discipleship" document.

2023 Committee Reports

HOMEcomings COMMITTEE

Debbie Dent—Council Representative

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

Homecoming was held May 7, 2023. Thank you to everyone who helped us decorate, provided food, and helped to clean up!

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

A big thanks to Landis Sandel for overseeing the update to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen & to everyone who contributed funds. The old kitchen was demolished and new flooring, cabinets, counter tops, fixtures, and some new appliances installed. We had many members help (everything from demo to finalizing things).

LUTHERAN MEN

Bill Jennings—Chair

St. Peter's Lutheran Men had another good year. We had guest speakers & fellowship.

- Ron Cook, retired SLED agent & genealogist talked about our church cemetery & some of the families buried there.
- Dean Hunt, local historian, spoke about the Civil War in Lexington County and the burning of Lexington. He spoke twice.
- Ray Ammarell, P.E., Civil Engineer with Dominion Energy, talked about the Original Landowner Database, original SP location, & family cemeteries on 18-mile creek which are now buried under Lake Murray.
- Steve Johnson, DNR Game Warden spoke about hunting, fishing, & boating in SC.
- David Davis, our missionary to Brazil, talked about his work there.
- Rob Woods, 34-year Law Enforcement Veteran, Major in SC Highway Patrol, & Director of SC Dept. of Public Safety spoke about his career.

- Bob Dernbach, Regional Director for NALC Disaster Relief, spoke about his new position & the functions of Disaster Relief through the NALC.
- We also met with our Boy Scout Troop #309 and their leaders.

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 performs & oversees the maintenance and up-keep of all church property and grounds excluding the cemetery. Below is a summary of items completed by the Committee in 2023. Thanks to ALL who contribute their time and abilities to the completion of this work.

The following were completed in 2023.

- Power washed & repainted all metal railings & stairs at the rear of the church.
- Replaced HVAC units for Sanctuary & PLC.
- Removed old carpet & replaced flooring in hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall.
- Assisted with demolition of FH Kitchen.
- Oversaw installation of new keypads on front PLC doors, Gathering Room doors, & added a fob entry on the door near the nursery.
- Had lead repairs made to steeple roof & office building. Removed plaster, repaired, and repainted area damaged by leak in Sanctuary. Repaired & painted ceiling in office bathroom damaged by leak in roof.
- Installed ceiling fans and new water heater in Scout Hut.
- Purchased & installed shed for trailer storage at Scout Hut.
- Contracted with Capital Waste Services to pick up garbage twice a month for \$100/month.
- Winterized irrigation pumps.
- Smoke detectors upgraded in Sanctuary from battery to electric.
- Flood water cleanup & ceiling tile replacement in Gathering Room after toilet overflow in Youth Room.

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- Replaced floodlight outside office building and replaced about a dozen bulbs in track lighting in Sanctuary.
- Set up the crosses for the Easter season and the manger display for the Christmas season.
- Maintenance contracts negotiated and renewed for grounds & janitorial.
- Fire inspections. All fire alarm systems were tested and fire exchangers serviced.
- Replaced pine straw around shrubbery.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

(sub-committee of Property)

Steve Wyndham—Chair

Carol Wyndham—Secretary

Debbie Arnold - Council Representative

Members: Marion Gable, Bobby Harmon, Claude Lindler, Wayne O'Neill, Russell Rawl, John Stiglbauer, and Buck Vaughan

We completed the following in 2023:

- Keypads added to Gathering Room & PLC doors
- Toggle switches added to all doors w/ keypads
- Codes changed to all keypads
- Fobs added to Nursery door. Key lock disabled.
- New items added to first aid kits based on advice from first responders.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Bobbi Buff—Chair

Rachel Price—Secretary

Debbie Dent—Council Representative

Members: Pastor Cassie Boehringer, Bob Dernbach, Brenda Elliott, Barbara Ferro, Carl Shealy, Donna Shealy, Ashley Ray, Tommy Stone, Christen Weidner, and Mike Weidner

The following projects were done in 2023.

- Bobbi & Rachel will be stepping down. Consideration is being given to having one person responsible for each of the many service project to share the opportunity to bless by leading.

- Packed 101 boxes for OCC—Operation Christmas Child.
- Collected \$187 in the “ALS Penny Wars”
- ALS donations of \$945 were given in memory of Sharon James.
- Flood buckets & 200 personal kits (packed at VBS service night) for Disaster Relief were delivered to St. Jacob’s in Chapin for storage.
- Boy Scouts were very active this year and the troop is growing.
- Relay for Life raised \$1,512 by selling food at the event for a total of \$4,096.
- Food collection for Mission Lexington was successful throughout the year. Currently collecting new socks.
- Held a Packing Party for school kits.
- Hosted Noisy Offering & Breakfast on each 5th Sunday—July 30, Oct. 29, Dec. 31
- Planning a Missions Market for 2024.
- Three blood drives held for Am. Red Cross
- Bereavement Committee works well and always welcomes more volunteers.

SCOUTS

Congregation Rep: Jason Williams

Scouting at St. Peter’s celebrated its 70th year with a backyard bash at the Scout Hut. It was attended by both the Troop and the Pack. We have had a steady growth of membership. The troop has 24 Scouts. Two Scouts earned their Eagle rank in 2023. We have 5 Life, 1 Star, 4 First Class, 3 Second Class, 6 Tenderfoot, and 2 Scout ranks in the troop. The Pack has 17 Cub Scouts, 1 Lion, 9 Tigers, 3 Wolf, 2 Bear, 1 Webelo, and 1 Arrow of Light. The unit has been very active this year with multiple camping trips and service projects. The Troop had a crew go to the Sea Base in the Florida Keys. The Troop does litter removal on Saint Peters Road as part of Adopt-A-Highway. The Troop was also a part of the Veterans Day & Christmas parades in the Town of Lexington.

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STAFF SUPPORT

Jeanne Dernbach & Christy Harmon—Co-Chairs
Debbie Arnold—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 representative for 2023 were:

Pastor Judson Merrell—Debbie Arnold
Pastor Cassie Boehringer—Diane Robison
Craig Davis—Paul Schreiber
Kayla Ellingson—Debbie Marcolini
Lauren & Penni Henry—Christy Harmon
Barry Moore—Paul Schreiber
Valerie Porth—Diane Robison
Dot Rish—Linda Ballington
Molly Teem—Debbie Marcolini
Josh Wills (left 5/31)—Linda Ballington
Carol Wyndham—Jeanne Dernbach

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ed Hedgecock—Chair

Paul Robison—Secretary & Council Rep.

Dot Rish—Treasurer of Congregation

Members: Debbie Arnold, Adam Davis, Pr. Judson Merrell, Chip Rhoads, Paul Schreiber, & Tommy Stone

- Held annual Soil Sunday on April 30th
- Moved from Southern Mutual to Brotherhood Mutual to increase facilities coverage and liability coverage for Church and Staff
- Began process to move Certificates of Deposit to laddered brokerage accounts.
- Sponsored two breakfasts during Coffee Time
- Held Stewardship Supper & Trunk or Treat
- Prepared & presented 2024 Budget at Annual meeting—received approval.
- Shifted funding from Joy Mission Church & World Relief to fund NALC Vision 2020 Program

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

(sub-committee of Property)

Martin Bowers—Chair

Members: Buck Vaughan, Carol Wyndham & Steve Wyndham

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

In 2023 we:

- Provided a computer for Sunday School office to maintain attendance records & connected copier to same.
- Installed a new computer in Administrator's office.
- Installed Admin's old computer in office to show security cameras on campus.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

(sub-committee of Education)

Brenda Hedgecock—Chair

Members: Pastor Cassie Boehringer, Debbie Dent, Brenda Hedgecock, Lisa Leitzsey, Donna Shealy, Carol Stealey, & Christen Weidner

In 2023, we coordinated:

- Women's Bible studies offering Monday evening and Tuesday morning sessions
- Summer Book Club and social event
- Flower Arranging Class led by Landis Sandel
- Family BINGO & Game Night
- Smocking Christmas Ornament led by Linda Ballington
- Cupcake Frosting led by Kelly Rhoads

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WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Jackie Jumper—Chair
Carol Wyndham—Secretary
Pat Allen—Council Representative

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

2023 Highlights

- **Soup Supper** February 5th
- **Mini Music Camp** April 22nd
- **Music Camp** June 24th
- **Golden Age Sunday** meal September 10th
- **Blessing of the Animals** October 8th
- **Thanksgiving Worship** was held Sunday, November 19th with a record amount of food collected for Mission Lexington.
- **Christmas Cantata** was presented in the Sanctuary December 10th at 11 am & 6 pm.

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.

Worship & Music Sub-Committees include:

- *Acolytes*
- *Altar Guild*
- *Communion Assistants*
- *Greeters*
- *Lectors*
- *Livestreaming Team*
- *Ushers*

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

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Buck Ray—Chair & Council Representative

Members: *Pastor Cassie Boehringer, Melody Boland, Elizabeth Covington, Vickie Davis, Teresa Ellisor, Katie Kupchinsky, Catherine Oxner, Toby Porth, Meagan Schneider, Becky Shealy, Erica Sweatman, & Tommy Sweatman*

2023 Highlights included:

- Began school year with weekly prayer breakfasts on Tuesdays but temporarily stopped in November due to lack of participation.
- Weekly youth meetings
- Ski trip to Beech Mountain, NC with 9 youth
- Helped with Easter Egg Hunt for all youth
- Created Youth brochure with QR code
- Helped set up/take down Relay for Life
- YouthWorks Mission trip to Charleston, WV with 13 youth and 3 adults
- Several mission fundraisers raising over \$7,000
- Held Youth Week with service & fun projects
- Formed a Search Committee for a new youth director after Josh Wills left in May
- Club 345 Pool Party
- Back to School skating party
- Tailgated at local high school football game
- Hosted NALC Carolina's Youth District Reformation Party
- Bonfire night with telescope & Martin Bowers
- Took all youth to Little Bethlehem in Gilbert
- Christmas Caroling to shut-in members
- Christmas Party
- Supported FCA breakfast at Gilbert High

2024 Committee Rosters

Bus & Van

Chair: Chris Marcolini
Council Rep: Addison Cook
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: Kelly Rhoads
Council Rep: Doreen Edmondson
Members: Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Lisa Leitzsey, Debbie Marcolini, Erica Sweatman, Russell Watkins

Endowment Board

Chair: Adam Davis
Members: Brian Cook, Jeff Elliott, Bill Jennings, Doug Schreiber

Evangelism

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

Homecoming Celebration

Chair: Julie Werner
Council Rep: Debbie Dent
Members: Allison Black, Bobbi Buff, Dick Derrick, Patricia Derrick, Cindy Evans, Jackie Jumper, Becka Jumper, Diane Lawhead, Buffy Pearson, Catherine Porth, Donna Shealy, Alyson Shirer, Jo Wessinger, Nancy Wylie

Kitchen

Chair: Landis Sandel
Council Rep: Teresa Ellisor
Members: Bobbi Buff, Cindy Evans, Jackie Jumper, Buffy Pearson, Joe Price, Robin Rawl, Russell Rawl, Jerry Richey, Sarah Richey, Diane Robison, Paul Robison, Barbara Weed

Property & Grounds

Co-Chairs: Claude Lindler & Paul Arnold
Secretary: Doug Schreiber
Council Rep: Tommy Stone
Members: Ean Crapps, Paul Duell, Bobby Harmon, Chris Marcolini, Keith McMillan, Wayne O'Neill, Barry Powell, Keith Powell, Buck Vaughan, Bob Week, Stan Whiteside

Safety

Chair: Dennis Wessinger
Council Rep: Jeffrey Crapps
Members: Debbie Arnold, Ean Crapps, Steve Ellisor, Marion Gable, Bobby Harmon, Claude Lindler, Keith McMillan, Pr. Judson Merrell, Wayne O'Neill, Russell Rawl, John Stiglbauer, Greg Webb, Jo Wessinger, Carol Wyndham, Steve Wyndham

Service

Co-Chairs: Rachel Price & Donna Shealy
Council Rep: Donna Alford
Members: Allison Black, Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Bobbi Buff, Debbie Dent, Pr. Judson Merrell, Buffy Pearson, Catherine Porth, Kathy Schreiber, Susan Schreiber, Carl Shealy, Christen Weidner

Staff Support

Co-Chairs: Jeanne Dernbach & Christy Harmon
Council Rep: Paul Schreiber
Members & Their Assigned Staff Members:

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

Stewardship & Finance

Chair: Ed Hedgecock
Secretary: Paul Robison
Council Rep: Paul Robison
Members: Debbie Arnold, Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Adam Davis, Pr. Judson Merrell, Joyce M. Porth, Valerie Porth, Chip Rhoads, Paul Schreiber

2024 Committee Rosters

Worship & Music

Chair & Council Rep: Pat Allen

Secretary: Carol Wyndham

Members: Debbie Arnold, Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Cathy Bowers, Craig Davis, Kayla Ellingson, Cindy Evans, Jackie Jumper, Pastor Judson Merrell, Barry Moore, Trudy Moore, Toby Porth, Joe Price, Molly Teem, Tyler Teem

Youth

Chair & Council Rep: Buck Ray

Members: Pr. Cassie Boehringer, Melody Boland, Addison Cook, Vickie Davis, Teresa Ellisor, Katie Kupchinsky, Catherine Oxner, Toby Porth, Meagan Schneider, Becky Shealy, Erica Sweatman, Tommy Sweatman

Facilities Use Guidelines

1. Scheduling

- Congregational functions have first priority for use of all facilities.
- Use of all facilities must be coordinated and scheduled through the church office.
- Non-church related functions must normally be scheduled 4 weeks in advance.

2. Use of the Facilities

- The Parish Life Center should be used only for functions involving more than 30 persons. Smaller groups should use the Fellowship Hall.
- Commercial functions, political functions, or any non-church-sponsored fund raising functions will not be permitted to use church facilities.
- Non-profit organizations that are chartered and are community oriented may use the facilities with approval of Church Council. Use by these organizations would be subject to the current published fees.

3. Care of the Facilities

- All activities will be adequately supervised and/or chaperoned. Responsible persons must be identified and listed with the church office prior to use.
- NO alcoholic beverages (except Holy Communion) may be served in the facilities.
- NO smoking is allowed at any time in the facilities or bathrooms.
- Foggers or any equipment affecting the fire alarm system will not be allowed.
- No auxiliary equipment may be attached to the building.
- Any damages or shortages will be the responsibility of the group using the facilities.

4. Cleaning of the Facilities

- The facilities must be cleaned immediately after each function (church-sponsored or non-church-sponsored)
- All trash must be removed after all functions.
- For church-sponsored functions, the sponsoring group will be responsible for cleaning the facility or a cleaning fee will be charged.
- For non-church-sponsored functions, a cleaning fee will be charged at the current published rate.
- Refer to the clean up sheet posted in each kitchen (see "Closing the Kitchen" instructions).

5. Fees

- Facility use fees will be charged for all non-church-sponsored functions and are at the currently published rates (see fee schedule).
- ALL fees are due and payable 30 days in advance of the function. If the function is in less than 30 days, the fees are due and payable immediately.

6. Equipment

- Tables and chairs or other building furnishings cannot be loaned out from the Parish Life Center.
- Church members may borrow tables & chairs from the Fellowship Hall.
 - These items must be signed out through the church office & returned within 24 hours of the event or sooner if needed by St. Peter's for a church-sponsored event.
 - These items can be used only for indoor functions and must be returned in the same condition in which they left.
- Set up of tables & chairs can be arranged through the church office. A layout form for setup is available.

Facilities Use Guidelines

7. Kitchen

- Kitchen use should be reserved through the church office to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- Kitchen equipment (including dishes, flatware, etc.) must not be removed from its location and cannot be loaned out.
- A kitchen supervisor must be present for all non-church-sponsored functions that use the kitchen.
- For church-sponsored functions using the kitchens, a kitchen supervisor must be contacted to coordinate the use of the equipment and supplies.
- St. Peter’s Kitchen Guidelines should be followed for all kitchen use.

8. Sound System

- Music appropriate for a church setting is allowed.
- Prior arrangements must be made for use of the sound system.
- Volume should be kept at a reasonable level so as to not disturb the neighbors or damage the equipment.
- No auxiliary equipment will be attached to the sound system.
- DJ’s and/or bands will not use the church’s sound system.

Facilities Use Fees

| Facility Fees | Active Church Members | Inactive & Non-Church Members |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Sanctuary | \$100 | \$ 600 |
| Fellowship Hall | \$ 50 | \$ 150 |
| Parish Life Center | \$100 | \$ 600 |
| Sanctuary & FH | \$125 | \$ 650 |
| Sanctuary & PLC | \$175 | \$1000 |

All Facility Use Fees are payable in advance to “St. Peter’s Lutheran Church”

Kitchen Supervisor \$15 per hour
Kitchen fees are paid to the individual who supervises.

| Janitorial Services | Active Church Members | Inactive & Non-Church Members |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Sanctuary | \$75 | \$75 |
| Fellowship Hall | \$50 | \$50 |
| Parish Life Center | \$75 | \$75 |

Janitorial Fees are payable in advance to “Service Master”

2024 Recurring Church-Wide Events

| EVENT | DATE | COMMITTEE |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Soup Supper | February 4, 2024 | Worship & Music |
| Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper | February 13, 2024 | Evangelism |
| Betty Lou's Bunny Bash | March 23, 2024 / 9:30-11 am | Fulmer Family |
| Easter Breakfast | March 31, 2024 @ 8:30 am | Congregation |
| Mini Music Camp | TBA | Kayla Ellingson |
| Graduate Recognition | TBA | Educational Ministry |
| Homecoming Celebration* | April 21, 2024 | Homecoming Committee |
| Relay for Life | May 3, 2024 | Service Committee |
| Music Camp | May 4-5, 2024 | Molly M. Teem |
| Confirmation | May 19, 2024 | Educational Ministry |
| Vacation Bible School | TBA | Educational Ministry |
| Rally Day | TBA | Educational Ministry |
| Golden Age Luncheon | September 8, 2024 | Worship & Music |
| Blessing of the Animals | October 6, 2024 | Worship & Music |
| Stewardship Dinner | October 27, 2024 | Stewardship |
| Trunk or Treat | October 27, 2024 | |
| Thanksgiving Worship | November 24, 2024 | Worship & Music |
| Children's Christmas Program | TBA | Volunteers Needed |
| Christmas Cantata | December 8—11am & 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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