



PROCLAIMER

October 2026

An Update on Snack Sack Ministry

St. Peter's Lutheran

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Thank you to everyone who has, for many years, helped with this ministry in a variety of ways. From shopping for food, to packing the bags, or organizing and sorting, to delivering the bags to the schools each week, we have had many hands help with this ministry. We also deeply appreciate those who have donated to this ministry.

Back in August, we were notified that Harvest Hope was raising the cost of the program. Additional information gathered by Edie Beaver and Jenny Stone, provided some concerns that we had with the way the program was being run between Harvest Hope and the school system. What we know is that at some point there were some significant changes in the oversight of the program which led to a breakdown in communication between the two.

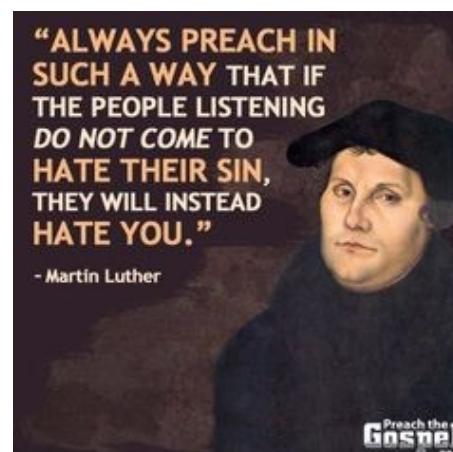
At this time, Church Council has voted to suspend our participation in the program. We are hopeful that it will have the kinks worked out and that we can resume with this ministry. If not, we will be on the lookout for a similar ministry in which we can participate.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

Pastor Judson



We appreciate our
PASTORS ♥





Church Business

Funds	Monthly Fund Total
General	\$ 51,817.48
Boy Scouts	\$ 450.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 1,495.00
David Davis	\$ 140.00
Ekkas	\$ 50.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 4,785.60
Endowment	\$ 1,685.00
Kitchen Fund	\$ 25.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,600.00
Music Ministry	\$ 140.00
Refunds	\$ 288.62
Safety/AED	\$ 100.00
School Supplies	\$ 425.00
Snack Sacks	\$ 1,083.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 55.00
Gil Ferro Memorial	\$ 100.00
TOTAL GIVING for August	\$ 64,239.70

St. Peter's By the Numbers January 1—August 31, 2026*

Actual Contributions YTD	\$ 449,212.07
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 459,540.04
Difference YTD	- \$ 10,327.97

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

Being Good Stewards—If you are in the habit of giving online & prefer not to receive envelopes, please let us know. If you would like to receive envelopes & haven't had them in the past, let us know as well. *Thanks!*

Ministry Highlights

Church Council met September 20th @ 3 pm.

Absent: Donna Alford, Jeffrey Crapps, Doreen Edmondson, Matt Hendrix, Dennis Wessinger

- **Treasurer:** We continue to do well.
- **Education:** Providing fall-themed devotional activity to give out at Trunk or Treat. Bibles (provided by Lydia Circle) will be given to 1st graders on Nov. 1st.
- **Evangelism:** Hosting breakfast Nov. 1st & will be paying for the trophies for the Car Show.
- **Kitchen:** All supplies have been restocked.
- **Property:** Choir room is complete-wall down, paint, new drywall, additional chairs, new white boards. Funds came of Music Program TR. Burgin repaired flashing blown off in recent storm. We need to start a fund for a new roof. \$100K for shingles (that don't really last 30 years) or \$200K for metal. Claude also wants to replace carpet in hallway downstairs—no more than \$5000.
- **Safety:** We make sure we have a presence at every event here on campus. We have medical folks on duty as well. Stewardship Dinner, Trunk or Treat, Missions Market & Car Show will be covered. All Christmas events in the planning stages.
- **Service:** A love offering for Alzheimer's will be collected on Sunday, Oct. 18th.
- **Stewardship/Finance:** Working on the 2027 budget. Will present at Oct. Meeting.
- **Technology:** camera system had to be reset after recent storm. Researching options for battery or unit replacement/upgrade.
- **Worship & Music:** Hosted lunch for 200 Golden Agers. Many thanks to Chef Barry & the many hands that prepared & served the food & cleaned up afterwards. Cantata Reveal is September 28th. Cantata is Dec. 13th.
- **Youth:** We've had a busy summer. We are currently planning silent auction for Oct. 25th.

Next meeting is October 18th @ 3 pm



Council Nominations

- Council Nominations will be received **Sunday, October 18, 2026** at both morning worship services only. No early drop off or mail in nominations are allowed. Please be praying about who will best serve the interests of our congregation. Look through your church directories. If you need one, call Carol.
- Council members serve for three years & must be full, active, **voting members*** of the congregation.
- Council members must rotate off for a minimum of three years before being eligible to serve again.
- The following persons are **not** eligible to be nominated at this time.

Donna Alford

Jeff Elliott

Paul Robison

Pat Allen

Teresa Ellisor

Paul Schreiber

Martin Bowers

Matt Hendrix

Tommy Stone

Brian Cook

Larry James

Gregg Webb

Jeffrey Crapps

Keith Powell

Dennis Wessinger

Debbie Dent

Rachel Price

Doreen Edmondson

Buck Ray

The names in **bold print** will be remaining on Council, therefore their family members are also not eligible to serve. Family members of other names **are** eligible to serve. Family members of staff members are **never** eligible to serve.

ANNUAL MEETING

- November 8th @ 10 am in the Sanctuary
- Election of 2027 Church Council and Approval of 2027 Church Spending Plan

***VOTING MEMBERS** are members who have communed *and* made a contribution of record during the current or preceding calendar year.



Stand up & be
counted.

**Don't Miss the
Congregational
Meeting!**

Sunday
November 8th
10 am
Sanctuary



Stewardship Sunday

STEWARDSHIP DINNER

Sunday, October 25th
6 pm / Parish Life Center

Menu: Meatloaf, Green Beans,
Macaroni & Cheese, Fried Okra,
Hawaiian Rolls, Sweet Tea, &
Lemonade

2027 Volunteer Opportunities

During the Stewardship Dinner, we will have the sign-up sheets for places of service for 2027. If you are interested in serving as Lector, Greeter, Altar Guild, Communion Assistant, donating Altar Flowers, Bereavement Team, or Usher, this is the time to sign up.

In addition, we will have a place for you to sign up to help with different projects & events that happen throughout the year. If you have questions, please call Carol in the church office.

SILENT AUCTION

October 25th in PLC

How can you help?

Donate items or services to the auction. Baked goods, babysitting, pet sitting, yard work, etc. can all be donated. We would appreciate all items at the church by **Sunday, October 18th**. Other fun ideas—getaways—tickets to events & experiences. Don't forget about the men in our lives: an outing would be fun—hunting, fishing, golfing, shooting, etc. For any business donations, come to the office and we can give you a letter for tax purposes.

Bid! Come & get in on the fun, There will be something you would love to have! Bidding begins during Coffee Time & ends at 7 pm.

Money goes to St. Peter's Mission Trips.



**Trunk
or
Treat**



Sunday, October 25th
7 pm

Back Parking Lot

Call Becka Jumper @

843-729-5662

To volunteer your vehicle



Women's Ministry

TASTY PASTRY

OCTOBER 10TH @ 10 AM / FH

Bring from Home:

- ★ Rolling Pin & Whisk
- ★ Measuring Cup that whisk will fit inside
- ★ Tablespoon-size measure
- ★ Fresh fruit cut up OR 2 cans pie filling

We will furnish aluminum pie pans if you don't have a pie plate. You will take your pie home to bake. (Your choice of fruit.)



Women's Book Club

October 29th @ 6:30 pm/Gathering Room

The Silver Ladies of Penny Lane

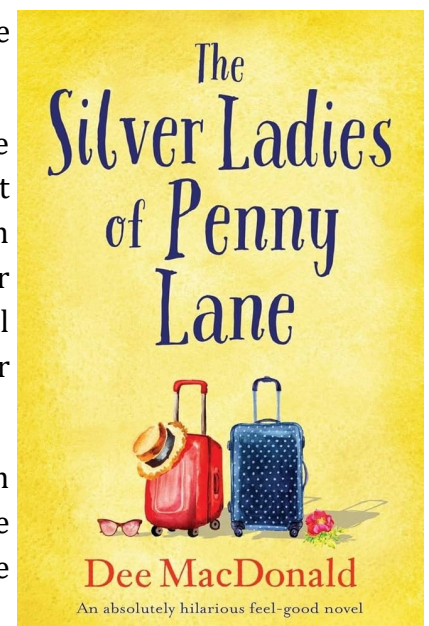
by Dee MacDonald

A totally uplifting, heart-warming, hilarious page turner about embracing the moment, learning to love again, and the joy of second chances.

Tess and **Orla** have been best friends throughout most of their adult lives. So, when life gave them lemons & their loved ones let them down, they pooled their resources and bought a dressmakers shop on the corner of Penny Lane and they've been doing just fine ever since.

But one day, while studying her tired eyes and shapeless figure in the mirror, 62-year-old Tess realized that she doesn't want her life to be just fine anymore. She wants it to be extraordinary. For as long as she can remember she's put everyone else first. Now she wants to rediscover herself—and to experience the kind of whirlwind adventure that will have the power to make her smile when she's confined to the armchair of a retirement home.

With the encouragement of fun-loving and quirky Orla, Tess joins an over-the-hill dating agency and the two friends book a singles cruise around the Mediterranean, and that's when their adventure of a lifetime really begins.





Missions Market

We have over 20 outside vendors, vintage ice cream truck, coffee truck, baked goods, fresh veggies, homemade jams & jellies, various hot food

Join
US!



SHOP
Local

MISSIONS MARKET
SAT., OCT. 31
9AM-2PM

Halloween isn't just for the kids!
Come explore our treats!

25+ VENDORS,
VINTAGE ICE CREAM TRUCK &
NEW THIS YEAR-
A CAR SHOW FROM 9AM-1PM!

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LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN LEXINGTON
ONE STOP
SHOP!

AND GRAB LUNCH
WHILE YOU SHOP!

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NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
LEXINGTON, SC

★ **INAUGURAL** ★
CAR SHOW



DATE:
OCTOBER 31, 2026



RAIN DATE:
NOVEMBER 7, 2026



EVENT HOURS:
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTRATION FEE
\$20

TROPHIES

FOOD

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

All Makes & Models
Welcome!

★ **COMMUNITY, FELLOWSHIP & CARS!** ★

★ **BENEFITS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIPS** ★



CALL THE CHURCH AT 803-359-2470
FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER.



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1130 St. Peter's Road
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All proceeds will go to

- LaVie Pregnancy Center
- Alzheimer's Foundation
- St. Peter's Mission Trips

"Peace if possible, truth at all costs."

~ Martin Luther





Odds 'n' Ends



VETERAN PICTURES NEEDED

Brady Porth, Jr. is preparing for this year's Veteran's Day display and needs your pictures. If they are framed, that would be wonderful. Please bring them to the office breezeway. We will set up the display on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Limit your pictures to members or former members only, please. They will be displayed in the PLC Sunday, November 8th through the 22nd.

PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

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

Dates move up a little when we approach the holiday season since things have to be printed earlier. Please watch the bulletin & E-Blast for changes. If in doubt, turn your stuff in early. November & December get crazy!

All men are invited to

Lutheran Men

Monday, Nov. 9 @ 6 pm / PLC

Jerry Richey's Catfish Stew

Speaker: TBA



October is



Show our Pastors
some love

"The world doesn't want to be punished. It wants to remain in darkness. It doesn't want to be told that what it believes is false. If you also don't want to be corrected, then you might as well leave the church and spend your time at the bar and brothel. But if you want to be saved-and remember that there's another life after this one-you must accept correction." ~ Martin Luther





More Odds 'n' Ends



Help Us Fill
SHOEBOXES
with Hope!



We are collecting items for
Operation Christmas Child!

Items Needed:



Jump Ropes



Crayons



Markers



Colored Pencils



Socks
(in a variety of
kids sizes)



Matchbox Cars



Hair Accessories

Please make sure all items are

NEW!



Turn in to the Donation Station
or Service Committee member

BY NOVEMBER 14TH.





More Odds 'n' Ends

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 & 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 if you have any questions.

ATTN: HANDBELL PLAYERS

If you have played handbells before and would like to join the group or would be willing to be a substitute when the need arises, please talk to Barry Moore.

Handbells practice Sundays at 4 pm.
THANK YOU!

Church Calendar

Did you know that the Church Calendar is on our website? Go to www.stpeterslexsc.org/news & click on **CALENDAR** to see what has been planned for the rest of this year and into next year.

Remember, for safety reasons, not everything is on the website, so if your group is planning a holiday party & need a room on campus, please call the church office to get on the official calendar.



"We need to hear the Gospel every day, because we forget it every day." ~ Martin Luther

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4TH
2:30 PM
FRONT LAWN



We will be collecting dry dog & cat food for Mission Lexington.
We also need old blankets & old towels. (No reptiles or spiders, please.)





Mark Your Calendar

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. Please remember to call Carol to get *any* event added to the calendar.

October 4—Blessing of the Animals @ 2:30 pm / Front Lawn

October 5—Women's Bible Study w/Teresa Russell @ 10 am / GR

October 5—Women's Bible Study w/Lisa Leitzsey @ 6:30 pm / FH

October 10—Pie Making w/Teresa Russell @ 10 am / FH

October 11—after early worship-Youth Apple Picking Trip—see Clay to reserve your spot

October 12—Women's Bible Study w/Teresa Russell @ 10 am / GR

October 12—Women's Bible Study w/Lisa Leitzsey @ 6:30 pm / FH

October 12—Cantata Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm / Music Suite

October 18—Council Nominations @ both worship services

October 18—Angel & SonShine Choirs sing @ 8:30 am

October 18—Church Council Meeting @ 3 pm / CR

October 19—Women's Bible Study w/Teresa Russell @ 10 am / GR

October 19—Women's Bible Study w/Lisa Leitzsey @ 6:30 pm / FH

October 19—Reformation Worship Rehearsal w/Brass @ 6:30 pm / Sanctuary

October 19—Cantata Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm / Music Suite

October 25—Silent Auction/Stewardship Dinner @ 6 pm / PLC

October 25—Trunk or Treat @ 7 pm / Back Parking Lot

October 26—Women's Bible Study w/Teresa Russell @ 10 am / GR

October 26—Women's Bible Study w/Lisa Leitzsey @ 6:30 pm / FH

October 26—Cantata Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm / Music Suite

October 27—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC

October 29—Book Club @ 6:30 pm / GR

October 31—Missions Market 9 am—2 pm / Car Show 9 am—1 pm

November 1—Cantata Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm / Music Suite

November 2—Cantata Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm / Music Suite

November 3—Mid-Term Elections @ 7 am—7 pm / PLC

November 8—Congregational Meeting @ 10 am / Sanctuary

November 8—Cantata Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm / Music Suite

November 9—Lutheran Men—Catfish Stew @ 6 pm / PLC

November 9—Cantata Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm / Music Suite

November 15—Angel & SonShine Choirs sing @ 11 am

November 15—Cantata Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm / Music Suite

November 15—Church Council Meeting @ 3 pm / CR

November 16—Cantata Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm / Music Suite

November 22—Cantata Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm / Music Suite

November 23—Cantata Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm / Music Suite

November 24—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC

November 25—NO Bible Study Today

November 25-27—OFFICE CLOSED—THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

November 29—Noisy Offering for World Hunger

November 29—1st Sunday of Advent

November 29—Cantata Rehearsal @ 2:30 pm / Music Suite

November 30—Cantata Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm / Music Suite



Serving in October

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Acolyte Early	Julianna Schreiber	Jacob Johnson	Volunteer Appreciated	Gospel Procession
Late	Camryn Merrell	Scarlett Ellingson	Carter Ellingson	Gospel Procession
Altar Flowers	Catherine Porth	Jean Hundley	Dustin & Amy Hoffman	John & Catherine Oxner
Altar Guild	Donna Alford, Pat Allen, Bobbi Buff, Missy Porth			
Bulletins	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman			
Coffee Time	Volunteer Appreciated	Safety Ministry	Lydia Circle	Volunteer Appreciated
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Steve Wyndham Wine: Ellen Knehans Michele Zee	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Brenda Hedgecock	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Donna Alford Judy Nichols
Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Martin Bowers Wine: Kim Massey Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Marie Eargle Donna Shealy	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Catherine Oxner Jenny Stone
Greeters Early	Rochelle Roof	Jean Hundley	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	Rochelle Roof
Late	Elizabeth Lindler	Rochelle Roof	Marie Eargle	Barbara Weed
Lectors Early	Dot Rish	Michele Zee	Michele Zee	Judy Nichols
Late	Donna Shealy	Catherine Oxner	Marie Eargle	Debbie Dent
Pew Crew	Marion & Linda Gable & Connie Parson (updated)			
Ushers	Jeff Elliott & Buck Vaughan—Co-Chairs Mark Edmondson, Kevin Gobbi, Hudson Kupchinsky, Stephen Kupchinsky, Chris Marcolini, Don Nichols Updated 9-29-2026			



Don't forget at Stewardship Dinner to:

- ★ Grab your 2027 offering envelopes
- ★ Sign-up for your areas of service
- ★ Sign-up to help with projects

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."
~ Martin Luther





OCTOBER

birthdays

1st	Julie Harmon
2nd	Dan Novak Lisa Roberts
3rd	Cathy Bowers Addie Porth David Smith (99)
5th	Shelbie Vaughan James Watkins
6th	Toby Porth Julie Smith
7th	Brett Jumper Susan Schreiber
9th	Mark Edmondson Jennifer Lever
10th	Mark Craps C.J. Williams

11th	Furman Cantrell Karen Price*
12th	Jeffrey Crapps
14th	Teresa Deliz Kayla Ellingson
15th	Connie Kyte Jenny Stone
17th	Betty Amick Thomas Morell
18th	Carter Ellingson Amy Hoffman
19th	Chip Rhoads
20th	Chancelor Cotten
22nd	Wanda Harmon Addie Kate Sweatman

23rd	Brenda Hedgecock Adam Hoffman Blake Hoffman Clay Morell Garrett Smith
24th	Becka Jumper
25th	Tommy Stone
26th	Haley Arnold Amanda Hoyle
29th	Monroe Lindler Jennifer McMillan Brady Porth, Jr. Nolan Wessinger
31st	Craig Davis



OCTOBER

anniversaries

3rd	David & Joyce Smith	78 years
4th	Larry & Sonja Shull	62 years
7th	Butch & Julie Harmon	31 years
8th	Steven & Amanda Johnson	21 years
9th	Chris & Karen Jordan	27 years
10th	Roy & Gretchen Parker	56 years
11th	Bob & Patti Switter	12 years

15th	Dick & Patricia Derrick	60 years
17th	Tyler & Molly Teem	6 years
21st	David & Linda Heffner	65 years
23rd	Ken & Connie Kyte	44 years
26th	Buck & Ashley Ray	30 years
27th	Jason & Julie Watkins	19 years
29th	John & Catherine Oxner	21 years



OCTOBER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship
 9:30 am Coffee Time/PLC
 9:45 am SonShine Choir
 10:00 am Angel Choir
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts / SH
 4:00 pm Handbells
 5:00 pm Youth w/Clay

MONDAY

10:00 am Women's Study/GR
 6:30 pm Women's Study/FH
 6:30 pm Matins Choir
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts/SH
 7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal

TUESDAY

1:00 pm Staff Meeting/CR

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study / FH
 6:00 pm Mustard Seeds /FH

CR=Conference Room

FH=Fellowship Hall

GR=Gathering Room behind PLC

MS=Music Suite

PLC=Parish Life Center

SH=Scout Hut

YR=Youth Room

October 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 Blessing of Animals 2:30 pm	5	6	7	8	9	10 Pie Making w/Teresa 10 am/FH
11 Youth Apple Picking	12	13 Service 6 pm/FH Safety 6:30 pm Cemetery 6:30 pm	14 Lydia 1 pm/FH	15 Finance 7 pm/CR	16	17 ALZ Walk around church for ALZ
18 Kids Sing 8:30 am Council 3 pm/CR Council Nominations ALZ offering	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Stewardship Dinner 6 pm/PLC Trunk or Treat 7pm	26	27 Loving Group 10:30 am	28	29 Book Club 6:30 pm	30	31 Missions Market & Car Show



**HERE I STAND
WITH MY
95 REESE'S**

**I CANNOT
DO OTHERWISE
FOR THEY ARE
MY ONLY
INDULGENCE**



"The harvest is
plentiful but the
workers are few."

Matthew 9:37