



PROCLAIMER

May 2025

Do We Ever Really Graduate?

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May is one of the busiest months for families with kids in school! There are end of the year recitals, awards assemblies, concerts, and exams for which you must study. If you have a senior, you also have graduation parties and ceremonies. If it's a college graduation, there may also be travel involved. There seems to be a never ending list of "things to do".

In recent years, society has us "graduate" from lots of things in life—kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, karate class, drivers' ed training. The list is endless.

Graduating implies that you have learned all you can learn from that particular class or institution. It also implies that you don't return to that institution for more education. But, if you are a life-long learner, do you ever really graduate?

I have a friend with degrees from five different universities. At least two of those are PhD's. At the age of 95, John is truly a life-long learner. My hubby took him to the USC library the other day so he could do some research. He has never "graduated" because he says there is "always more to learn".

One place from which I hope to never graduate is church! Every time I open my Bible, I learn something new. After all these years, I am still seeing something new in passages I am reading for 100th time. Not happening in your world? Try a different translation. Try a Study Bible and actually *read* the footnotes. Read one of the many commentaries available. Come to one of the many Bible studies we have. Some meet on Sunday mornings & some meet on other days. Find something that fits in your schedule.

Another way you can keep from "graduating" from church is to find a place of service! You might be amazed at the things you can learn about God, from doing things like serving on Altar Guild, singing in one of our choirs, or just hanging out with fellow Christians.

This year, we will be honoring our 2025 high school & college graduates during our Homecoming Celebration Sunday, May 4th. Join us in celebrating their accomplishment and encourage them to not graduate from church!

Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol

Church Business

St. Peter's By the Numbers March 1-31, 2025*

Actual Received YTD	\$ 176,653.44
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 158,567.08
Difference YTD	- \$ 18,086.36

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

Funds	March Fund Totals
General	\$ 57,768.10
Boy Scouts	\$ 185.00
Cemetery Endowment	\$ 75.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 25.00
David Davis	\$ 390.00
Easter Lilies	\$ 80.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 673.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,490.00
Lenten Offering	\$ 2,896.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,780.00
Mission Lexington	\$ 468.00
Music Camp	\$ 200.00
NALC Disaster Relief	\$ 40.00
Relay for Life	\$ 965.00
Safety	\$ 540.00
Snack Sacks	\$ 270.00
SPLC Disaster Relief	\$ 80.00
Tartu Seminary	\$ 20.00
World Hunger*	\$ 368.75
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
Youth Missions	\$ 100.00
Connie Lindler Mem	\$ 200.00
March TOTAL GIVING	\$ 69,686.85
<i>*Noisy Offering</i>	

Ministry Highlights

Church Council met April 27th @ 4 pm.

Attendance: Rachel Price & Debbie Dent were absent.

- **Cemetery** workday was held April 12th.
- **Education:** Discussing alternate meeting times for the YALL group to better accommodate their schedules.
- **Evangelism:** St. Peter's night at the Blowfish baseball game on May 30th. Have sold 103 adult tickets & 17 of the 18 kids tickets as of this meeting.
- **Property:** Flooring in Nursey scheduled to go down on Monday, April 28.
- **Safety:** Purchased Pediatric Pad Pack & Respond ER Premium CPR/AED packs for current AED.
- **Scouts:** Raising funds by selling water, sodas, and meat sticks at Sportsman Classic & Amphitheatre concerts. Dot asked that Scouts address propane usage. We are \$800 over budget for this item.
- **Service:** Relay for Life May 2nd-40th anniversary. Alzheimer's Walk is October 4th at church.
- **Staff Support:** Still working on evaluation form.
- **Stewardship:** Prepping for annual audit.
- **Worship & Music:** Easter attendance was 490. Special thanks to the Fulmers for the fabulous job of decorating the Sanctuary, Property for putting up crosses & Joyful Believers for decorating the cross. Attendance down for mid-week Lenten and Advent services. Will be discussing next meeting.
- **Youth:** Youth attendance has been great & they are bonding well with Clay. Reach out to Clay with questions or ideas about Youth.
- **Carolina Missions District Meeting** will be May 2nd & 3rd. Delegate is Clay Morrell.

Next meeting is May 18th @ 4 pm



Odds 'n' Ends

SAVE THE DATE

Music Camp

Grades K-5

June 28-29

*Watch for more information in
the June Proclaimer.*

Dot will have our tickets
& wristbands ready for
us before May 30th.
Watch the bulletin for
details.



PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

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



I'M CONFUSED.

WHERE IS MY EVENT/MEETING?

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

Here's a hint.

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

Relay for Life

- Friday, May 2
- 6 pm–10 pm
- Lexington High School
- Come out & enjoy new goodies from Barry & Company
- Want to volunteer? Call Rachel Price @ 803-238-9159



Fundraising for Relay for Life

- You can still purchase a luminary in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones for \$10. Please get your form & your money turned in as soon as possible.
- You can still donate or join our team. [Click here!](#)



YOU ARE INVITED TO
Saint Peter's Lutheran
Church

HOMECOMING
Celebrating 245 years

Parish Life Center
12:15-2:00 P.M. MAY 4, 2025
1130 Saint Peter's Road
Lexington, SC. 29072

News You Can Use

Welcome to our series...

Everything You Wanted to Know About _____ But Were Afraid to Ask
This month: *Being in the Choir*

So, you sing in the shower and think you might like to share that talent with the congregation. Here's what you need to know.

- ★ **HOW TO JOIN:** * Auditions are stressful & strenuous. Just kidding—**THERE IS NO AUDITION.**
* Reading music is helpful, but not required.
* All you have to do it **SHOW UP** for rehearsal and **you're IN!**
* We'll find you a robe and a folder & get you set up immediately.
- ★ **MATINS CHOIR:** Leads worship at the 8:30 am worship service each week. They meet on Monday nights from 6:30-7:15 pm. Craig Davis is the director of this group. Once a month we end practice early and celebrate the birthdays for that month. It's a great time for food and fellowship.
- ★ **CHANCEL CHOIR:** Leads worship at the 11 am worship service each week. They meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8 pm and on Sunday mornings from 10:15 am until worship time. Barry Moore is the director of this group. This group occasionally meets at Barry's home for food & fellowship.
- ★ **COMBINED ACTIVITIES:** These two choirs join forces for special services throughout the year including Reformation, Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, & Easter. We typically sing for both services on these high, holy days.
- ★ **CANTATA CHOIR** is open to both choirs **and** anyone else in the congregation that may not have time to commit to every Sunday, but wants to lend their talents for a season. The music is introduced in the fall and rehearsals begin after that on Wednesday evenings. Sectional rehearsals are held on Sunday afternoons during the month of November. Cantata is always on the 2nd Sunday in December @ 11 am and again @ 6 pm. Piano, organ, and strings provide the accompaniment. This year's date is December 14th.

Being a member of a choir is a great way to get to know people, learn some great music, and have some fun! If you have questions, call me. I play for both groups so I know the scoop.

Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol Wyndham

Chaos Coordinator

Luke 7:23 ~ "Blessed are those who are not offended by me." (ESV)



*The views expressed are the author's own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Pastors,
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Church Council, the NALC, or the Association of Sassy Organists.*

Our Prayer List

Member Needs

Landis Ballington

Godfrey Burnett

Olin Chassereau

Jason Davis

Charlie Eargle

Mark Edmondson

Don & Kathy Fornal

Sam Harmon

Regina Heyward

Michelle L. Jones

Josh Lever

Claude Lindler

Kathy Love

Jennifer McMillan

Barbara Novak

Jennifer O'Neill

Barbara Oswalt

Brady Porth, Jr.

Gene Porth

Family of Charles Risinger

Reba Sandel

Julynn Spence

James Thompson

Homebound

Betty Amick (Wellmore)

Meredith Arnold

Wanda Arnold

Peggy Howard (Wellmore)

Lonna Paul

Oddie & Joyce Porth

Ann Rowell (Lakeside)

Jake Rush (Wellmore)

Barbara Whiteside (Carroll Campbell)

Rita Wingard

Missionaries & Ministry Partners

David Davis in Brazil

Pastor Siimon Haamer in Estonia

Mali People Group (Gardeners in India)

N&N-World Mission Prayer League

NALC Mission Congregations:

Immanuel, Sumter, SC

Lamb of God, Simpsonville, SC

The NALC

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Family & Friends of the St. Peter's Congregation

Hal Adams (life-long friend of Doug Schreiber)

Lanier Amick (father of LeAnne Ballentine)

Family of Paul Aull (brother-law of Wayne O'Neill)

David Ball (father of Rosemary Davis)

Susan Bedard (twin sister of Sara Victora)

Robert Blackledge (dad of Jennie Porth)

Debra Bumgarner (mother of Alyson Shirer)

Jack Carlton (grandson of Barbara Ferro)

Kathie Cashion (mother of Hillarie Vaughan)

Family of Cheryl Coker (cousin of the Terry & Toni Coker)

Keagan Cox (granddaughter of Claude & Elizabeth Lindler)

Heather McGee Dickerson (family of Marie Eargle)

Chris Dougan (friend of Debbie Dent)

Gil Ferro (husband of Barbara Ferro)

Family of Linda Freeman (sister-in-law of Jay & Rachael)

Bill Fulmer (friend of Wayne O'Neill)

Tina Hensley (friend of Debbie Marcolini)

J.J. Haselbarth (LHS student—friend of Collin Davis)

Emma Hunt (cousin of Terry & Toni Coker)

Jan Kincaid (friend of David Spence)

Donnie LeJohn (friend of Zack & Julynn Spence)

Jarvis Manvel (friend of Buck Ray)

Betty McLeod (cousin of Toni Coker)

Millie McMillan (mother of Keith McMillan)

Bruce Merchant (friend of Terry Coker)

Sally Nemec (mother of Laura Riley)

Kevin Orth (nephew of Doreen Edmondson)

David Parson (brother of Marvin Parson)

Johnny Payne (brother of Wayne O'Neill)

Ronda Porth (daughter of Joyce H. & Oddie Porth)

Jimmy & Gloria Price (parents of Kristi Kohl)

Jayce Richardson (3-yr-old nephew of Natalie Weber)

Bob Reynolds (family of Terry & Toni Coker)

Rodger Roberts (brother of Ginny Bruce)

Rhett Sharpe (friend of Tom & Gloria Shealy)

Charles & Nancy Shealy (friends of Johnnie & Betsy Amick)

Richard Shealy (brother of Tom Shealy)

Blance Shipman (friend of Christen Weidner)

Jackie Shull (mom of Kim Massey)

Chris & Charlie Stone (friends of David Spence)

Family of Catherine Taylor (daughter of Dick & Patricia Derrick)

Corey Ulmer (cousin of Keith McMillan)

Faye Wessinger (cousin of Karen Cook)

Lacey Ervin White (grand-daughter of Wayne O'Neill)

Military

David Ballington (Army)

Troy Crapps (Air Force)

Michael Edmondson (Army)

Pvt. Brian Gilbert (Marines)

Capt. Jordan Neeley (Army-Germany)

Alex Schneider (Marines)

Cpl. Matthew Teeter (Marines-deployed)

CTMCS Kyle Weed (Navy)

Kyle Williams (Navy)



Serving in May

	May 4 Homecoming	May 11	May 18	May 25
Acolyte Early	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated
Late	Camryn Merrell	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated	Volunteer Appreciated
Altar Flowers	Steve & Donna Alford	Dr. Carl & Donna Shealy	Brian & Karen Cook	Surprise
Altar Guild	Jean Hundley & Jackie Jumper			
Bulletins	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman			
Coffee Time	Busters Sunday School Class	Volunteer Appreciated	Evangelism Ministry	Jean Hundley & Crew
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Brenda Hedgecock	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Chip Rhoads Kelly Rhoads	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: S. Wyndham LeeAnn Crapps
Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Dr. Carl Shealy Debbie Marcolini	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Jenny Stone Doreen Edmondson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Marie Eargle Barbara Weed
Greeters Early	Volunteer	Jean Hundley	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	Rochelle Roof
Late	Elizabeth Lindler	Sheila Kinnard	Rochelle Roof	Marie Eargle
Lectors Early	Steve Wyndham	Chip Rhoads	Michele Zee	Michele Zee
Late	Marie Eargle	Donna Shealy	Tommy Chaplin	Marie Eargle
Pew Crew	Carol Arnold & Rochelle Roof			
Ushers Early & Late	Adam Davis & Toby Porth—Co-Chairs Collin Davis, Yeats Porth, Meagan Schneider & Bob Weed			

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

Bob Goff



May Birthdays

2nd	Jean Hundley Bob Martin
3rd	Blakely Jumper Charles Henry
4th	Hayden Porth
7th	Rosemary Davis Marja Phelan Ted Zee
9th	Stacie Craps Claude Leitzsey
10th	Pr. Cassie Boehringer Beau Lindler Kathy Schreiber

12th	Charlotte Davis
13th	Lonna Paul
14th	Landis Ballington Ean Crapps Laura Riley
16th	Chuck Bledsoe Don Nichols
18th	Buffy Pearson
19th	Anna Harmon Rachel Powell
20th	Kristi Kohl

21st	Hannah Harmon Kaylee Kohl Tina Lindler
22nd	Betty Baines Yeats Porth
24th	Carl Shealy
25th	Michael Covington Marie Eargle
27th	Dottie Rivard
28th	Molly Teem Russell Watkins

May Anniversaries

4th	Morgan & Taylor Kaigler	1 year
13th	Chris & Debbie Marcolini	25 years
15th	Mark & Doreen Edmondson	15 years
18th	Brian & Karen Cook	23 years
19th	Paul & Debbie Arnold	46 years
19th	Eric & Kayla Ellingson	18 years
19th	Ben & Valeri Wilson	18 years

20th	Johnnie & Betsy Amick	53 years
21st	Rich & Beverly Smith	26 years
24th	Rusty & Kim Massey	39 years
24th	Clay & Jessica Morell	11 years
25th	Marion & Linda Gable	29 years
26th	Bill & Ellen-Marie Knehans	25 years
28th	Chris & Angie Meetze	42 years

If your birthday or anniversary is not showing up on this list it means your information is not in our system. If you would like to be included, please put the dates on the back of your communion slip to be added to our database. **Thank you!**



MAY 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 Cub Scouts / SH
 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

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



May 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2 Relay for Life 6pm 	3
4 Mission Trip Mtg. 10am/YR	5	6 Loving Group to Buc-ee's	7	8	9	10
11 No Nursery-Noisy Worship Finance 2 pm Education 2 pm Evangelism 3:15 pm W&M 3:15 pm	12	13 Service 6 pm/FH Safety 6:30pm/CR	14	15	16	17
18 Youth to Lakeside Council 4 pm/CR	19	20	21	22 Book Club 6:30 pm/GR	23	24
25	26 	27 Loving Group 10:30 am	28	29	30 	31

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