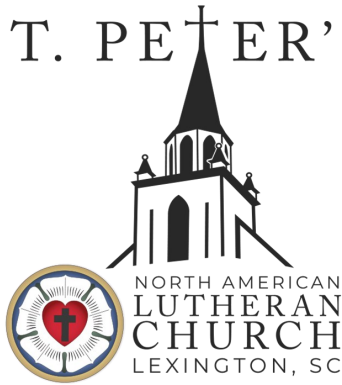


ST. PETER'S



PROCLAIMER

January 2025

Make Church a Priority in 2025

St. Peter's Lutheran

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Mon.-Thurs. 9 am-6 pm

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Kayla Ellingson

Angel Choir Director

Lauren Henry & Penni Henry

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Forget Elf on the Shelf



Jesus wants Ewe in a Pew

Blessings!

Pastor Judson

Church Business

| St. Peter's By the Numbers | |
|---|---------------|
| January 1—November 30, 2024* | |
| Actual Received YTD | \$ 550,426.81 |
| Actual Spent YTD | \$ 525,221.92 |
| Difference YTD | + \$25,204.89 |
| <i>*Because our newsletter is published before the end of the month, the numbers here & for the month, will always be a month behind.</i> | |

PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

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

LOOKING FOR PAST EAGLE SCOUTS OF TROOP 309!

- ★ Were you a past member of the troop?
- ★ Were you a past Scoutmaster?
- ★ We are planning an Eagle Nest Wall in the Scout Hut with names, photos, & plaques.
- ★ Scout Trailer would have a list of all Eagle Scouts on the back door.

If you fall into any or all of these categories, contact Steve Ellisor at 803-518-6978. THANKS!

Ministry Highlights
by Rachel Price

Church Council met December 15 @ 4 pm.
Absent: Pat Allen, Paul Robison, Buck Ray

- **2025 Officers:** Vice-Chair Larry James, Secretary Rachel Price, Treasurer Dot Rish.
- **Council welcomed new members:** Martin Bowers, Larry James, Keith Powell, Rachel Price, & Jackson Kohl
- **All Committee Encounter** will be held on Sunday, January 12th @ 3 pm. We will add all activities on the 2025 church calendar.
- **Membership:** We welcomed 22 new members in 2024, 11 by baptism. Four funerals were held.
- **Bus/Van:** Scouts are cleaning church logo off of old van to prepare for sale. Large trailer has been sold.
- **Education:** VBS will be June 8-12. Still discussing ways to increase Sunday School attendance.
- **Endowment:** is doing well.
- **Evangelism:** Blowfish Night May 30, 2025
- **Stewardship/Finance:** We are doing fine financially.
- **Scouts:** participated in Wreaths Across America. Annual recharter completed. Wills Ullman & Andrew Ellisor earned Eagle Scout this year.
- **Technology:** Speakers being installed week of January 6, 2025.
- **Worship & Music:** In addition to our regular December activities, our Cantata was performed at Cedar Grove Lutheran on Sunday, December 15th.

Next meeting is January 19 @ 4 pm



Church Business

| Funds | October Fund Totals |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| General | \$44,500.40 |
| Alzheimer's | \$725.00 |
| Boy Scouts | \$20.00 |
| Cemetery Maintenance | \$300.00 |
| David Davis | \$380.00 |
| EKKA | \$585.00 |
| Endowment | \$10,920.00 |
| LaVie Pregnancy | \$64.51 |
| Maintenance | \$2,015.00 |
| Mission Lexington | \$100.00 |
| Missions Market | \$155.00 |
| Music Ministry | \$50.00 |
| NALC Disaster Relief | \$675.00 |
| Poinsettias | \$40.00 |
| Safety Ministry | \$100.00 |
| Snack Sacks | \$2,040.00 |
| Sound Sanctuary | \$100.00 |
| SPLC Disaster Relief | \$20,319.00 |
| Stewardship Dinner | \$50.00 |
| Youth Ministry | \$25.00 |
| Youth Silent Auction | \$3,324.14 |
| Connie Lindler Memorial | \$950.00 |
| TOTAL GIVING for October | \$87,473.05 |

| Funds | November Fund Totals |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| General | \$41,987.75 |
| Boy Scouts | \$250.00 |
| Cemetery Endowment | \$20.00 |
| David Davis | \$290.00 |
| EKKA | \$500.00 |
| Endowment | \$1,160.00 |
| Kitchen Fund | \$25.00 |
| Maintenance | \$2,405.00 |
| Mission Lexington | \$838.00 |
| Missions Market | \$4,936.00 |
| Music Ministry | \$100.00 |
| Poinsettias | \$465.00 |
| Safety Ministry | \$400.00 |
| School Supplies | \$300.00 |
| Snack Sacks | \$810.00 |
| SPLC Disaster Relief | \$740.00 |
| Youth Ministry | \$100.00 |
| Youth Mission Trip | \$165.00 |
| Grace Harmon Mem. | \$450.00 |
| Bob Hundley Mem. | \$75.00 |
| Connie Lindler Mem | \$1,025.00 |
| TOTAL GIVING for November | \$57,030.75 |

LUTHERAN MEN: Our January 6, 2025 meeting will be dinner and a tour of Pleasure Craft Marine Engine Company in Little Mountain. We need to RSVP for this event so they can plan food and we can arrange transportation.

Please call Carol in the church office to reserve your spot. THANKS!



Ladies' Ministry

Ladies Sewing Circle

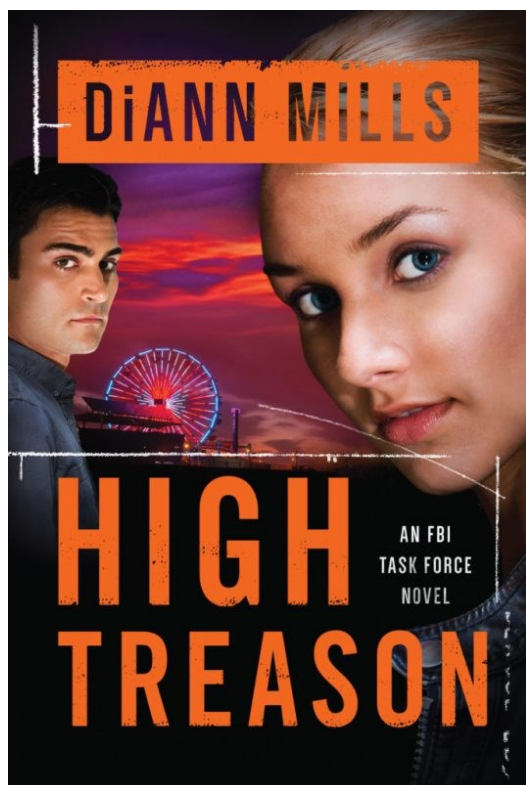
We are starting a group to sew, knit, crochet, or work on craft on Monday mornings from 9:30 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall. We are working on various charity projects. We have fabric & yarn and just need workers.

You do not have to know how to sew as we always need folks to press, cut out designs, wrap yarn into balls, match ribbon, etc.

Our first meeting is January 6, 2025. Bring your ideas & come join us as we create things for others in need.

Questions?

Call Brenda Hedgecock @ 803-957-4649



January Book Club:

High Treason

We will meet January 28th @ 6:30 pm in the Gathering Room to discuss.

When Saudi Prince Omar bin Talal visits Houston to seek cancer treatment for his mother, an attempt on his life puts all agencies on high alert. FBS Special Agent Kord Davidson is the lead on the prince's protective detail because of their long-standing friendship, but he's surprised—and none too happy—when the CIA brings one of their operatives, Monica Alden, in on the task force after the assassination attempt.

Kord and Monica must quickly put aside inter-agency squabbles, however, when they learn the prince has additional motives for his visit—plans to promote stronger ties with the US and encourage economic growth & westernization in his own country. Plans that could easily incite a number of suspects both in the US & in countries hostile to Saudi Arabia. Worse yet, the would-be assassin always seems to be one step ahead of them, implicating someone close to the prince—or the investigation. But who would be willing to commit high treason, and can Kord and Monica stop them in time?

Call Brenda with questions.



Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

There are no words to express how much I appreciate the love and concern you have shown me since I got conked on the head. Pastors Judson and Cassie's visits, your cards, prayers, calls, and kindness have meant so much. I give GOD all the credit for giving me a neighbor, nurses, and doctors who saved me. My doctor gave me permission today to drive, but my family wants me to wait a while since I live alone and they do not live here in Lexington. I am doing really well and the CT scan looks good. Please keep me in your prayers & I look forward to being back with you soon.

Your Friend in Christ,
Pat Allen

Dear St. Peter's Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the thoughts and prayers throughout the year. A special thanks to the Lydia Circle for the wonderful fruit basket and a very special thanks to the Service Committee for the cards and well wishes all throughout the year.

May you all have a happy healthy and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,
Lonna Paul



ALL COMMITTEE ENCOUNTER Sunday, January 12, 2025 @ 3 pm

*All committees will meet together in the PLC.
Chairs will be elected & dates will be added
to the church calendar.*

*Haven't picked a place to serve?
Come check us out & see what we do.*

Odds & Ends



Join us
Sunday,
February 2nd
6 pm—Parish Life Center

If you are new to our church and have never attended our annual **Soup Supper**, then you are in for a treat! The members of our Worship & Music Committee each make a pot of soup or stew. Congregation rotates bringing sides. This year's assignments are:

A-H brings Dessert

I-P brings Sandwiches

Q-Z brings Salad

Join us for the best party of the year!

Church Calendar

Did you know that the Church Calendar is on our website? Go to www.stpeterslexsc.org/news and click on CALENDAR to see what's planned for the coming months.

It's also a great tool to use when you're in a committee meeting and need to choose a date for an event and would like to avoid conflicts on dates or event space.

REMINDER: Because this is the world-wide web, not everything is on here. You will still need to check with Carol before finalizing your plans. Thanks!

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.

When you put it on social media, in the bulletin, shared it during service, and a church member says they never heard about it:

Therefore I told you
these things long ago;
before they happened
I announced them
to you...
Isaiah 48:5



**"Grace doesn't seem fair until you
need some."**

~BOB GOFF

Our Prayer List

Member Needs

Steve Alford

Pat Allen

Landis Ballington

Olin Chassereau

Charlie Eargle

Scarlett Ellingson

Teresa Ellisor

Kathy Fornal

Matt Hendrix

Lonnie Huffstetler

Darla Jennings

Michelle L. Jones

Claude Lindler

Keith McMillan

Jennifer O'Neill

Jerry Richey

Dot Rish

Julynn Spence

Belverly Taylor

James Thompson

Susan Thompson

Christen Weidner

Family of Wayne Whiteside

Missionaries & Ministry Partners

David Davis in Brazil

Pastor Siimon Haamer in Estonia

Mali People Group (gardeners in India)

N&N-World Mission Prayer League

Brandon Thompson (Japan)

NALC Mission Congregations:

Immanuel, Sumter, SC

Lamb of God, Simpsonville, SC

The NALC

Military

David Ballington (Army)

Michael Edmondson (Army)

Pvt. Brian Gilbert (Marines)

Capt. Jordan Neeley (Army-Germany)

Alex Schneider (Marines)

Cpl. Matthew Teeter (Marines)

CTMCS Kyle Weed (Navy)

Kyle Williams (Navy)

Family & Friends of the St. Peter's Congregation

Emily Alford (step-mother of Steve Alford)

Lanier Amick (father of LeAnne Ballentine)

David Ball (father of Rosemary Davis)

Coach Bart (friend of Brooks Galub)

Robert Blackledge (dad of Jennie Porth)

Bettie Boehringer (grandmother of Derek Boehringer)

Joyce Carter (niece of Godfrey & Jane Burnett)

Kathie Cashion (mother of Hillarie Vaughan)

Robert Caulder (papa of Dalton & Ellie Summers)

Keagan Cox (granddaughter of Claude & Elizabeth Lindler)

Jay DuBose (friend of Richard Shirer)

Hewitt Dickerson (family of Charlie & Marie Eargle)

Dr. Bill Dunovant, Sr. (friend of Donna Alford)

Pam Eargle (sister-in-law of Charlie & Marie Eargle)

Gil Ferro (husband of Barbara Ferro)

Jill Graves (cousin of Vickie Davis)

James Hinson age 5 (friend of the Merrell Family)

Jan Kincaid (friend of David Spence)

Baby Eloise Lance (cousin of Karen Cook)

Baby Mia Matulis & family (friends of Diane Robison)

Betty McLeod (cousin of Toni Coker)

Millie McMillan (mother of Keith McMillan)

Dawn Meehan (friend of Debbie Marcolini)

Sally Nemec (mother of Laura Riley)

Jim 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 Price (grandfather of Kaylee Kohl)

Robbie Rector (friend of Bobby Harmon & many others)

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

Clyde Sanders (knee replacement)

Brandon Shealy (grandson of Fulmer & Joyce Shealy)

George & Jackie Shull (parents of Kim Massey)

Campbell Smoot (friend of Jackie Jumper)

Claudette Staggs (family of the Bolands)

Michelle Starmack (friend of Debbie Marcolini)

Catherine Taylor (daughter of Dick & Patricia Derrick)

*Fern Ulmer (aunt of Keith McMillan)

Jennifer Watkins (daughter of Russell & Carolyn Watkins)

Erin Lavisky Zee (daughter-in-law of Ted & Michele Zee)

Homebound

Betty Amick (Wellmore)

Meredith Arnold

Wanda Arnold

Frank & Peggy Howard (Wellmore)

Lonna Paul

Oddie & Joyce Porth

Ann Rowell (Lakeside)

Jake Rush (Wellmore)

Barbara Whiteside (Carroll Campbell)

Rita Wingard



Serving in January

| | January 5 | January 12 | January 19 | January 26 |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Acolyte Early | Camryn Merrell | Adam Hoffman | Blake Hoffman | VOLUNTEER |
| Late | Kaylee Kohl | Scarlett Ellingson | Carter Ellingson | Hayden Porth |
| Altar Flowers | Dennis & Jo Wessinger | Ed & Brenda Hedgecock | Bob & Barbara Weed | Mike & Teresa Bickley |
| Altar Guild | LeeAnn Crapps, Catherine Porth | | | |
| Bulletins | Angie Meetze & Jenny Stone | | | |
| Camera | Debbie Arnold—Volunteers Needed—Please see Pastor Judson if you are interested. | | | |
| Coffee Time | VOLUNTEER | VOLUNTEER | Jean Hundley & Crew | VOLUNTEER |
| Communion Servers Early | Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Dot Rish Steve Wyndham | Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Brenda Hedgecock Jenny Stone | Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Chip Rhoads Kelly Rhoads | Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Troy Crapps |
| Late | Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Clay Morell Barbara Weed | Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: D. Edmondson Marie Eargle | Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Cindy Evans Barbara Weed | Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Bobbi Buff Debbie Marcolini |
| Greeters Early | Ted & Michele Zee | Jean Hundley | Ed & Brenda Hedgecock | Jean Hundley |
| Late | VOLUNTEER | Marie Eargle | VOLUNTEER | Leeann Boehringer |
| Lectors Early | Kelly Rhoads | Karen Cook | Rachel Price | Michele Zee |
| Late | Tommy Chaplin | Marie Eargle | Tommy Chaplin | Donna Shealy |
| Pew Crew | David & Linda Heffner | | | |
| Ushers Early & Late | Ean Crapps & Bobby Harmon—Co-Chairs 8:30 am: Landis Sandel / 11 am: Chris Marcolini | | | |

If you are available to fill one of these open slots, please call Carol at the church.

THANK YOU!!

“It’s easy to confuse a lot of activity with a purposeful life. Do what lasts; let the rest fall away.”

~ Bob Goff



January Birthdays

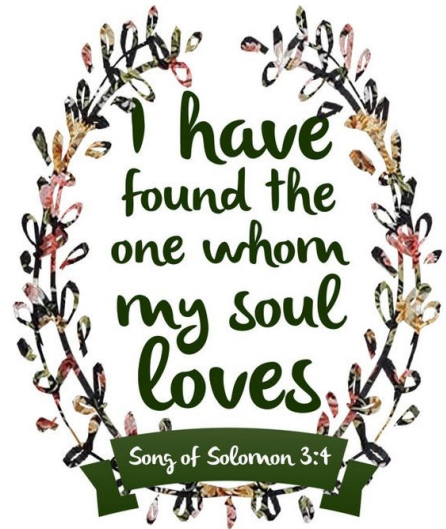
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| 2nd | Bobby Harmon Lisa Leitzsey Jane Risinger Mike Rowell |
| 5th | Natalie Carter John Oxner |
| 6th | Mitchell Bowman Stephen Kupchinsky |
| 7th | Billy Boehringer |
| 8th | Anna Kate Davis Jillian Leitzsey |
| 9th | Sylvia Durden |
| 10th | Lynn Roberts |
| 11th | Rhea Claire Riley |
| 12th | Bob Switter Paul Taylor Jason Watkins |

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| 13th | Rory Branham |
| 14th | Tetie Paul |
| 15th | Ken Lunsford Russell Rawl |
| 17th | Catherine Porth |
| 18th | Lorelei Williams |
| 19th | Kay Keisler Julie Watkins |
| 20th | Marilyn Dozier Michael Harmon |
| 22nd | Charlie Eargle Carolyn Weed |
| 24th | Allan Smith |
| 25th | Matt Hendrix |

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| 26th | Bobby Arnold Jane Burnett Miles Hendrix Steve Wyndham |
| 27th | Vickie Davis |
| 28th | Mike Bickley Teresa Bickley Martin Craps |
| 29th | Raymond Jones Becky Porth Fulmer Shealy |
| 30th | Claude Lindler Janet Mobley |
| 31st | Stella Hendrick Oddie Porth |

January Anniversaries

| | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 4th | Dennis & Jo Wessinger | 50 years |
| 10th | Oddie & Joyce H. Porth | 60 years |
| 21st | Bob & Barbara Weed | 59 years |
| 23rd | Indy & Teresa Deliz | 15 years |
| 24th | Paul & Jodi Chumley | 38 years |
| 24th | Ed & Brenda Hedgecock | 56 years |
| 24th | Doug & Kathy Schreiber | 55 years |
| 28th | Mike & Teresa Bickley | 44 years |
| 28th | Tom & Diane Lawhead | 15 years |
| 29th | Steve & Donna Alford | 42 years |



**JANUARY
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
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts / SH
 5:00 pm Jr & Sr. Youth/YR

MONDAY

9:30 am Sewing Circle
 6:30 pm Matins Choir
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts/SH

TUESDAY

1:00 pm Staff Meeting/CR

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study / FH
 6:30 pm Mustard Seeds/ FH
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir

CR=Conference Room
 FH=Fellowship Hall
 GR=Gathering Room behind PLC
 PLC=Parish Life Center
 SH=Scout Hut
 YR=Youth Room

January 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Lutheran Men Field Trip | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Install Speakers in Sanctuary | | | | | | |
| 12 All Committee Encounter 3 pm/PLC SS Chili Cook-Off 5 pm / PLC | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Council 4 pm/CR | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Loving Group 10:30 am FH | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

THE LOVING GROUP

If you're new here, you may not know about this fabulous group! The Loving Group is made up of some of the finest folks around! They are retired and get together in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am on the last Tuesday of every month for a little work, a little play, and a whole lot of fun!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

