

St. Peter's Lutheran

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PROCLAIMER

June 2024

Why go way over there? We could do that here!

That's a great question. Actually, that's a great way to look at things, especially when we think about sharing the Gospel and serving in the Church.

Acts 1:8 answer that question like this: "Well, let's start here, but let's make sure we go there, too." Luke records Jesus' words before He ascended into heaven: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Most of the time we're "here", going about our normal daily routines, and doing ordinary things that God calls us to do. Then there are times when God calls us to go "there" to the place that is new and very different and perhaps unexpected. Sharing our witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ is a great thing to do, regardless of our physical location.

For the past several years we've taken our youth group on mission trips with an organization called YouthWorks. Those were awesome experiences that both challenged and inspired us. Yes, you can survive extreme humidity, sleeping on air mattresses, and road trips with buses full of teens blasting their favorite music. This year our youth mission trip will be with NALC Disaster Response to Perry, Florida.

Our many YouthWorks trips taught us that whatever you do while on mission over "there" you can also do "here". The deep needs for hope and practical help are just a part of the human experience. Going "there" helps us to see what we might overlook while we're "here". Our family in Christ grows through new connections made. We start to open our eyes more to see the image of God that has been sewn into our neighbors next door.

We haven't reached "the end of the earth" yet with our gospel reach. There is always more witnessing to do. The Gospel is worth it. While we serve in Perry this month, please pray for the people we'll meet, for opportunities to witness there, and for more chances to deepen our witness here.

Blessings!

Pr. Cassie

Church Business

St. Peter's By the Numbers April 1-30, 2024*

Actual Received YTD	\$ 216,056.79
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 192,272.88
Difference YTD	+ \$ 23,783.91

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

	April Fund		
Funds	Totals		
General	\$ 41,810.93		
Boy Scouts	\$ 85.00		
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 225.00		
David Davis	\$ 490.00		
Easter Breakfast	\$ 416.00		
Endowment Fund	\$870.00		
Evangelism	\$1,975.00		
Homecoming Meal	\$ 2,824.00		
Maintenance	\$ 2,695.00		
Mission Lexington	\$ 2,024.00		
Music Camp	\$ 200.00		
Nursery	\$ 40.00		
Relay for Life	\$ 1,039.50		
Safety	\$ 350.00		
School Supplies	\$ 200.00		
Snack Sacks	\$ 975.00		
Tea Dispenser	\$ 985.00		
Women's Retreat	\$ 440.00		
Russel Bickley Mem.	\$ 50.00		
Ann Clement Mem.	\$ 50.00		
TOTAL GIVING			
for April	\$ 57,744.43		

^{*}YAYA=Youth And Young Adult Director

Ministry Highlights

Church Council met May 5th @ 4 pm. Attendance: Pat Allen, Addison Cook, Buck Ray, & Paul Robison were absent.

- **Bus/Van:** Boy Scouts of America has stated that no scouts can be transported in a van built prior to 2003 due to lack of safety features. Scouts will start fundraising for a new van soon. This will remain a St. Peter's vehicle.
- Evangelism: Blowfish Update: We have sold 145 adults tickets & 20 for kids under 12. 23 golf shirts have been sold.
- Homecoming: Over 300 in attendance.
- **Kitchen:** Tea dispenser in PLC was replaced with donations from several individuals
- Property: Claude got a quote on water coolers from Ricky Sanders @ Culligan. It would be \$1750 each but the picture is not what we want. We have sent him a picture. It was also suggested we contact Jerry Richey.
- Safety: (update 5/15) Work has been completed on all doors. If you need a fob, please call Carol @ 803-359-2470.
- Scouts: Met April 22 to clean windows in PLC.
- **Service:** Relay for Life & Nothing Bundt Cakes raised around \$3,000. Around 100 burgers were sold. There were a variety of food trucks this year. It was fun with lots of lounge chair chats.
- **Sound System:** We have an updated quote & have contacted installation crew for a price.
- Worship & Music: Music Camp was held May 4-5. Theme was "May The Lord Be With You".
- YAYA* update: We have contracted with a headhunter who specializes in working with churches to find good candidates.
- **New Members:** approved 24 for membership.
- Church directories have arrived & can be picked up in the PLC on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

Next meeting is June 9th @ 4 pm

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

Youth Week

We want you to be a part of our annual Youth Week tradition! It's our kick-off to a year full of fun & meaningful youth group gatherings. The week of July 21-26, we will have a different event each day for Jr. & Sr. Youth (rising 6th-12th graders).

Theme: What's Next?

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

~ Isaiah 43:1b



Sunday, 7/21—Family Night @ Lake, 5-9 pm at the Cook's Home

Monday, 7/22-Sundaes & Yard Games, 6-9 pm at the Huffstetler's Home

Tuesday, 7/23—Service Day—sorting school supplies, 6-7:30 pm in the PLC

Wednesday, 7/24-Service Day @ Harvest Hope Food Bank, 10 am-2 pm, meet @ PLC

Thursday, 7/25–Guy's Night, 6-9 pm at the Wessinger's Home

Girl's Night, 6:30-9:30 pm at the Porth's Home

Friday, 7/26-Movie Night @ The Big Mo, meet in PLC at 6:15 pm

Registration:

Please <u>register here</u> by Wednesday, July 17th @ 5 pm! You may use one registration form for up to 3 students. **Please invite your friends to attend with you!**



Congratulations to Our 2024 Confirmation Class

Front Row: Morgan Davis

Trey Porth

Back Row: Mary Rae Oxner

Anna Kate Davis

Gracie Ray Smith

Max Cooper

Pastor Judson

Pastor Cassie

Picture credit: Larry James



Music News

Interested in Joining the Choir?

It's always a good time to join! Summer is a good time, but, with vacations & VBS we may not be practicing every week, but we always practice on Sunday mornings. No auditions required. Here are the details.

Matins Choir: Craig Davis, Director

- Leads worship @ 8:30 am
- Rehearses on Mondays @ 6:30 pm
- Run-thru on Sundays @ 8:00 am

Chancel Choir: Barry Moore, Director

- Leads worship @ 11:00 am
- Rehearses on Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
- Rehearses on Sundays @ 10:15 am

Purpose of the Choir in Worship

Have you ever wondered why we have a choir? The choir, in concert with the pastors, is there to lead the hymns, lead the congregation in the singing of the liturgy, & last, but not least, sing something (hopefully) inspirational during the offering. Directors choose music that goes with the liturgical season, is thought-provoking, & touches the heart. It is not a performance. It is our musical gift to God. If you are especially moved by any of the music on a Sunday morning, a simple "amen" is always appropriate.

Soli Deo Gloria

(Glory to God Alone)

EVERYTHING'S COMING UP Daisy!

Drop-In Baby Shower For

MOLLY & TYLER TEEM

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 12:30-2:00 PM IN PLC

RESISTERED @ AMAZON

Educational Ministry



Vacation Bible School is Sun., July 7- Thurs., July 11 from 5:30-8 pm with Camp Firelight! This is a wonderful time of Christian learning and fellowship through song, stories, and crafts.

Children any age through completed 5th grade are welcome to participate. You may register up to 3 children in your family on one form. If you are bringing a friend, please register your friend separately.

Register your child here! Dinner will be provided each evening.

If you would like to volunteer in any way or have any questions about VBS, please contact Pastor Cassie at 678-492-3956.

Back to Sunday School Celebration is August 4th at 10 am. We are planning carnival games and prizes as we kick-off the new Sunday School year.





Please bring your school backpack to worship for a special blessing during the children's message.

Sunday, August 4th @ both services

Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity, is a new adult Sunday School class that begins on August 25th. The class will meet in the conference room and will be led by Chip Rhoads.

As Robert Preus affirms in his writing, Lutheran study is also Bible study. The Preface to the Book of Concord (A) says, "...it has always been our purpose that in our lands, dominions, schools, and churches no other doctrine be proclaimed and accurately set forth than that which is founded upon the Word of God. Since, therefore, such is the case, and being instructed from the Prophetic and Apostolic Scriptures, we are sure concerning our doctrine and confession."

The intent of the **Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity** class is to understand the Lutheran Church's teachings in a nontechnical way. The class is discussion based and will guide us to learn the Christian tenets held by the Lutheran church based on Scripture alone.

⁽A) Quotations from the Lutheran Confessions are from *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, copyright 2005, 2006 by Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Odds 'n' Ends

WOW! Didn't school just get out for the summer? Yes, but with vacations and other summer activities, we want you to have plenty of time to participate in this great ministry.

If you enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of a good school supply aisle, you are more than welcome to purchase and bring them to the church and put them in the bin in the Parish Life Center by Sunday, **July 21st**. If you prefer to avoid the crowds, your monetary donations are more than welcome. Larry James and his team love to shop! Monetary donations need to arrive by **July 21st** as well.



Needed:

- Bookbags (no wheels)
- 10-count Bold Crayola Markers
- Glue Sticks, large & small
- Plastic pencil pouches or boxes
- Packages of wide-ruled notebook paper
- Expo, black dry-erase markers
- Black & white composition notebooks, wide-ruled

- Large pink erasers
- Blunt-nosed scissors
- Cap erasers
- Crayola colored pencils
- 24-count Crayola crayons

SCHOOL BUS

Pencils

LUTHERAN MEN

Mon., June 3rd @ 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Dinner is served.

Please RSVP to Bill Jennings

Committee Reminders

- ★ Don't forget to discuss your committee's financial needs for 2025 during your June meeting. Most committees don't meet in July & budget requests are due in August.
- ★ Please let the office know if you will or will not be meeting in July so our calendar will be correct. Thanks!

MISSION LEXINGTON

In April the Service Committee donated 35 pounds of food and 140 pairs of socks!

NOISY OFFERING

On Palm Sunday, our Noisy Offering raised \$246.98 for world hunger. We donate through the SonNetwork. Check them out here.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the St. Peter's team! We had a successful event raising a total of @2,280.

Thanks, etc.

Dear St. Peter's,

I want to thank all of my friends & family at St. Peter's for all the love and support in our time of need. Pastor Cassie did a wonderful sermon for Steve. We will always remember all the love and support you gave Steve.

A special thanks to the ladies for food at Steve's service. It was lovely.

St. Peter's is a wonderful, caring church. I am proud to be a member.

God Bless,

Dottie Rivard

Dear St. Peter's Pastors & Members,

Thank you for remembering me at my graduation. Thanks also for the Bible and devotion book.

Andrew Riley

PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

Bulletin—Noon on Wednesdays Proclaimer—15th of every month Prayer List—5 pm on Wednesdays Dear St. Peter's Church,

Your continuing benevolence to our congregation is greatly appreciated.

During this glorious Easter season, we wish you all well and join in hymns of praise singing, "Alleluia, He is Risen!"

In His Service,

Margaret Miller, Financial Secretary

Lamb of God Lutheran, Simpsonville, SC

Help Us Repair Our Chrismon Ornaments

When? Saturday, June 22nd

Time? 10 am to Noon

Where? Fellowship Hall

Please Bring: White thread, scissors, needles, pins, glue gun, & glue sticks

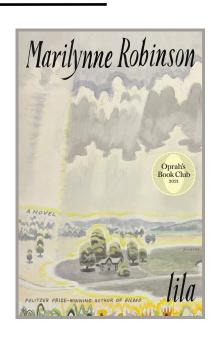
- Bring a drink & snack & help us overhaul and restore our ornaments.
- ★ Don't sew? No problem! You can press, fluff, glue, and replace ribbon.

BOOK CLUB: In June we will be reading *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. This is an Oprah Book Club book from 2021.

Doll rescues Lila & together they live a life on the run. Lila struggles to harmonize the life of her past with her husband's Christian world.

We will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Room. If you have questions, please call Brenda Hedgecock.





Our Prayer List

Member Needs

Steve Alford

Kay Amick

Landis Ballington

Mike Bickley

Mitchell Bowman

Sam Bruce

Olin Chassereau

Tyler Dennison Charlie Eargle

Summer Eargle

Kathy Fornal

Bob Hundley

Darla Jennings

Michelle L. Jones

Sheila Kinnard

Connie Lindler

Trudy Moore

Iennifer O'Neill

Marvin Parson

Mike Rowell

Sam & Patti Shannon

Dick Sullivan

James Thompson

Elizabeth Ward

Christen Weidner

Nancy Zeffiro

Homebound

Betty Amick (Wellmore)

Meredith Arnold

Wanda Arnold

Grace Harmon

Frank & 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

N&N-World Mission Prayer League

NALC Mission Congregations:

Immanuel, Sumter, SC

Lamb of God, Simpsonville, SC

The NALC

Family & Friends of the St. Peter's Congregation

Lanier Amick (father of LeAnne Ballentine)

Jerry & Ashley Anderson (niece & nephew of Cynthia Johnson)

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

Robert Blackledge (dad of Jennie Porth)

Debra & Mark Bumgarner (mother & step-father of Alvson Shirer)

Jonathan Buster (grandson of Paul & Diane Robison)

Kathie Cashion (mother of Hillarie Vaughan)

Robert Caulder (papa of Dalton & Ellie Summers)

Mr. Charles (Chicken Salad Chick)

Warren Chassereau (son of Pr. Olin & Claudia Chassereau)

Diane Chavz (cousin of Diane Robison)

Bobbie Clamp (sister of Johnnie Amick)

Charlie Clamp (friend of Rylee & Gracie Ray Smith)

Danny Covington (uncle of Elizabeth & Michael Covington)

Keagan Cox (granddaughter of Claude & Elizabeth Lindler)

Hewitt Dickerson (family of Charlie & Marie Eargle)

Janet Eleazer (sister-in-law of Zack & Julynn Spence)

Gil Ferro (husband of Barbara Ferro)

Edwin Hook (grandfather of Addison & Meredith Cook)

Ellen Hughes (mother of neighbor of Wayne O'Neill)

Aunt Kaye (aunt of Robert Prielipp)

Jan Kincaid & family (friend of David Spence)

Baby Eloise Lance (cousin of Karen Cook)

June Marcolini (sister of Chris Marcolini)

Millie McMillan (mother of Keith McMillan)

Herbie Meetze (brother of Elizabeth Lindler)

Jeff Morris (family of Mike & Christen Weidner)

Jerry Nunamaker (brother-in-law of Donna Shealy)

Baby Eme Viola Okam (friend of Julie Werner)

Jim Orth (nephew of Doreen Edmondson)

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

Jimmy Price (guest of St. Peter's)

Tammy Seal (sister of Debbie Dent)

Arthur Shealy (brother of Carl Shealy)

Brandon Shealy (grandson of Fulmer & Joyce Shealy)

George & Jackie Shull (parents of Kim Massey)

Kim Sims (daughter of Joyce M. Porth)

David Smith (lifelong friend of Steve & Carol Wyndham)

Fred Smith (great uncle of Rylee Smith)

Nancy Senn Smith (cousin of Wayne O'Neill)

Dave & Pat Sommers (friends of Wayne O'Neill)

*Roger Spires (friend of Russell Rawl)

Billy Switter (family of Bob & Patti Switter)

Catherine Taylor (daughter of Dick & Patricia Derrick)

*Fern Ulmer (aunt of Keith McMillan)

Chandra Valdario (friend of Jennie & Brett Porth)

Military

David Ballington (Army)

Michael Edmondson (Army)

Brian Gilbert (Marines)

Alex Schneider (Marines)

Matthew Teeter (Marines-deployed)

Kyle Weed (Navy)

Kyle Williams (Navy)



Updated 5-16-2024

Serving in June

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	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Acolyte Early	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Late	Addison Merrell	Scarlett Ellingson	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jacob Johnson
Altar Flowers	Charlie & Marie Eargle	Bob & Jeanne Dernbach	Tommy & Jenny Stone	Derek & Pr. Cassie Boehringer	Ricky & Julie Werner
Altar Guild	Bobbi Buff & Kayla Ellingson	lingson			
Bulletins	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman	dy Coleman			
Camera	Crystal Dennison	Debbie Arnold	Crystal Dennison	Debbie Arnold	Crystal Dennison
Coffee Time	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Service Committee
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Chip Rhoads	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Kelly Rhoads Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: B. Hedgecock Pat Allen	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Diane Robison Paul Robison
Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Catherine Porth Terry Coker	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Debbie Marcolini Dr. Carl Shealy	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Jenny Stone Marie Eargle	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Jenny Stone Barbara Weed
Greeters Early	Carol Arnold	Paul & Diane Robison	Volunteer	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	Jean Hundley
Late	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Marie Eargle	Volunteer
Lectors Early	Dot Rish	Paul Robison	Addison Cook	Chip Rhoads	Kelly Rhoads
Late	Anna Stiglbauer	Volunteer	Dr. Carl Shealy	Marie Eargle	Tommy Stone
Pew Crew	David & Linda Heffner	ır			
Ushers Early & Late	Paul Duell & Tommy Stone—Co-Chairs 8:30—Volunteers / 11:00—Terry Coke	/ Stone—Co-Chairs / 11:00—Terry Coker & John Stiglbauer	k John Stiglbauer		



June Birthdays

1st	Steve Black Carrie Merrell Nancy Wylie	
2nd	Donna Shealy Julie Werner	
3rd	Dwight Amick Chris Marcolini Amberly Womble	
4th	Gavin Shealy	
5th	Ann Dixon	
6th	Wilson Oxner Christy Riley	
7th	Barbara Oswalt	
8th	Teresa Ellisor	
9th	Leighann Pearson	
11th	Kathy Fornal	

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12th	Randy Weed
13th	Alli Bledsoe Allyson Morris Rhonda Rawl
14th	Preston Bledsoe Barbara Whiteside (91)
18th	Sam Harmon Bill Jennings
19th	Mary-Charles Bledsoe Steven Johnson Robert Pell
20th	Dixie Black Karen Jordan Emmy Kupchinsky Hudson Kupchinsky
21st	Isabella Ludy Sandra Martin

22nd	Victoria Davis Joyce M. Porth
23rd	Sheryll Gill Sheila Harmon Christen Weidner
24th	Jim Teeter Susan Thompson Jake Weidner
25th	Abigail Davis
26th	Pat Allen Robert Mobley Belverly Taylor
27th	Anna Coutsos
29th	Reagan Boland Jim Elliott Amanda Johnson Coleman Szuhy

June Anniversaries

2nd	Landis & Linda Ballington	51 years	
4th	Claude & Lisa Leitzsey	30 years	
6th	George & Susan Bailey	32 years	
6th	Mark & Stacie Craps	32 years	
6th	Curry Hook & Catherine Porth	16 years	
6th	Nathan & Erika Galub	9 years	
6th	Ted & Michele Zee	32 years	
7th	Charles & Penni Henry	38 years	
8th	Tommy & Erica Sweatman	22 years	
9th	Allan & Katelyn Smith	12 years	
9th	Fulmer & Joyce Shealy	57 years	
11th	Bob & Jeanne Dernbach	41 years	

12th	Alden & Abby Crapps	4 years
12th	Barry & Terri Powell	14 years
12th	Doug & Christy Riley	25 years
13th	Richard & Karen Connor	54 years
14th	Mark & Edie Beaver	40 years
15th	Steve & Carol Wyndham	38 years
18th	Pr. Judson & Carrie Merrell	19 years
19th	Jonathan & Amanda Hoyle	14 years
21st	Derek & Pr. Cassie Boehringer	10 years
29th	Joe & Karen Price	50 years
29th	Buck & Hillarie Vaughan	28 years
29th	Randy & Carolyn Weed	39 years

JUNE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Coffee Time
10:00 am Angel Choir
10:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Chancel Choir

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Jr & Sr. Youth/YR

MONDAY

6:30 pm Matins Choir 6:30 pm Boy Scouts/SH

TUESDAY

10:00 am Staff Meeting/CR

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study / FH6:30 pm Mustard Seeds/FH7:00 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



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Lutheran Men 6:30 pm	4 Education 6 pm Evangelism 7:15 pm Youth 7:15 pm	5	6	7	8
9 Council 4 pm/CR	10	11 Service 6pm/CR Worship & Music 7:15 pm	12	13	14	Scrappers 10 am— 4 pm/FH
16	17	18	19	20	21	Repair Chrismon Ornaments
23 Baby Shower Drop-In for Molly	24	25 Loving Group 10:30 am Book Club 6:30 pm	26	27	28	29
Youth Mission Trip to Florida						
Office hours & print deadlines may during the summer months.					_	







