



PROCLAIMER

May 2026

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home: (hohm) *noun*—*the place where one lives permanently, as a member of a family or household*

When we think of home, what comes to mind? For so many of us, we think of the house we currently live in. Many of us are blessed to still own "The Homeplace" and maybe our thoughts & memories go there when we think of home. For me, I don't necessarily think of a time, or place, but I think of the safe feeling that you can only get when you are home. Home is that steadfast place where you surround yourself with your closest loved ones. Maybe that's where the say, "home is where the heart is" comes from.

Our Church is Home. Of course, it is God's house, but it is so much more than that. How many of us have made the comment that St. Peter's just felt like home from the first time we came here? This place is special for so many reasons. Over the last few weeks, I have had the privilege of working on the sanctuary ceiling with so many of the "guys". Now the "guys" range in age from in their 20s to well into their 80s. Some have been here their entire lives, some most of their lives, and others not as long. One shared feeling though was that it was our duty to our church to take care of God's House, and that this was our home. But why is it that this place feels like home? Is it the stories and memories? Is it the family ties that bind? I think it is something much bigger.

Matthew 18:20: *"for where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them."* That verse makes me feel safe. This church makes me feel safe. Spending time in prayer, and with my Creator makes me feel safe. The Holy Spirit is truly at work in this place, and that also makes me feel safe. When I think of our church, I think of kids running around carefree & full of smiles, because they know they are safe here. I think of lessons being taught & passed down from one generation to the next. I think of how amazing it is that we were all brought to this place at the same time, how we have come to love one another, & the peace that comes from all of it. Home is where we feel safe, but also where we find peace. Church is where we come to feel God's peace and why this place is "Home".

Together In Christ!

Clay



St. Peter's By the Numbers March 1-31, 2026*

Actual Received YTD	\$ 179,919.61
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 177,303.56
Difference YTD	+ \$ 2,616.05
<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>	

Funds	March Fund Totals
General	\$ 68,151.75
Boy Scouts-admin.	\$ 40.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 115.00
David Davis	\$ 290.00
Easter Lilies	\$ 592.00
EKKA	\$ 2049.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 925.60
Endowment Fund	\$ 2,625.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,855.00
Music Camp	\$ 200.00
Music Ministry	\$ 160.00
Relay for Life	\$ 460.00
Safety	\$ 250.00
Snack Sacks	\$ 1,275.00
SPLC Disaster Relief	\$ 80.00
Tartu Seminary	\$ 2,074.00
World Hunger*	\$ 351.12
Youth Ministry	\$ 50.00
Sam Harmon Mem.	\$ 1,795.00
March TOTAL GIVING	\$ 83,618.47
<i>*Noisy Offering</i>	

Electronic Sign Fund

About \$5,000 from our goal.

Ministry Highlights

Church Council met April 19th @ 3 pm.

Absent: Matt Hendrix

- **Cemetery** workday was held April 25th.
- **Education:** VBS is June 7-11 from 5:30-8 pm. Dinner served each night.
- **Evangelism:** St. Peter's night at the Blowfish baseball game on May 29th. See Dot for tickets.
- **Homecoming:** Carol & Clay have fun things ready. Belly's BBQ, slaw, chips, & sweet tea. Bouncy House & blow-ups for kids & kids at heart. Dress is casual. BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair). Tables & tents provided for eating. Restrooms at Scout Hut
- **Kitchen:** Helped with Easter breakfast where we served 175 people. Thanks to the congregation for their contributions.
- **Property:** Sanctuary Project on pages 8-9.
- **Safety:** provided traffic assistance for Easter. Will also assist with VBS & voting. BLS course set for April 25 @ 9 am & 1 pm.
- **Scouts:** Eagle Scout project added stepping stones to Prayer Garden between buildings.
- **Service:** Relay for Life May 1st—with Super Heros theme. Missions Market set for October 31st. Also collecting pop tops for Ronald McDonald House. Serving dinner on Thursday night during VBS.
- **Staff Support:** met to go over timelines.
- **Stewardship:** report on left.
- **Worship & Music:** Easter attendance was 481. Special thanks to the Fulmers for the fabulous job of decorating the Sanctuary, Property for putting up crosses, & Joyful Believers for decorating the cross out front. Easter anthem had both choirs & brass. Special thanks to Craig for writing the Brass parts. Attendance was down for mid-week Lenten services. Will be discussing next meeting. Children's choirs will be singing 3rd Sunday of each month alternating between the services.
- **Youth:** Young Adults heading to Canada May 23-30 for mission trip. Youth going to Virginia for the NALC Continental Youth Gathering in July. Details are slow arriving to us, so please be patient.
- **Carolina Missions District Meeting in Salisbury, NC** will be May 1st & 2nd. Both pastors will be in attendance. Delegate is Clay Morrell.

Next meeting is May 19th @ 3 pm



Honoring the Past Celebrating the Future



FOOD—GAMES—FUN

Join us for Homecoming! Belly's BBQ, chips & slaw, Bouncy House, Water Slide, Obstacle Course, Fellowship, & Laughs. **Dress is casual. Please bring a camp chair.** Meat & sweet tea provided. Bring a dessert to share if you'd like.

SUNDAY

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MAY

CEMETERY

12:30 PM—3 PM

Call Carol or Clay with questions.

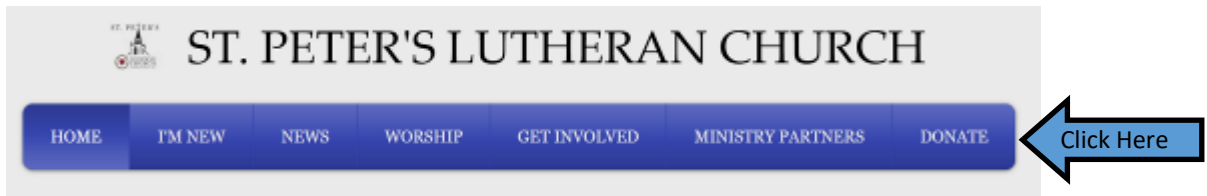


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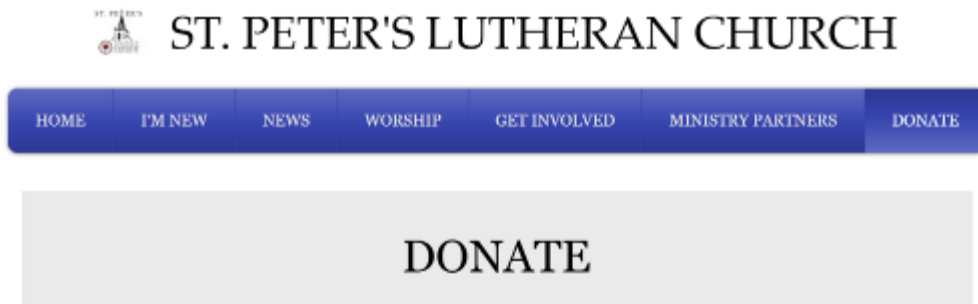
Everything You Wanted to Know About _____ But Were Afraid to Ask This month: Online Giving

So, you have decided you are ready to try online giving to the church. You use it for other things, so why not church? Do we have that option? YES. Is it easy to use? Also, YES. Here's the rundown.

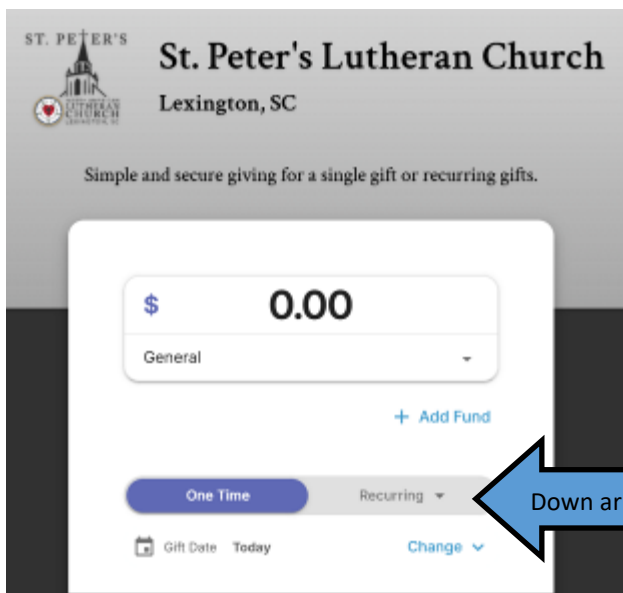
Go to the church website at www.stpeterslexsc.org and you'll see this:



Click on the DONATE button on the far right and you'll get this:

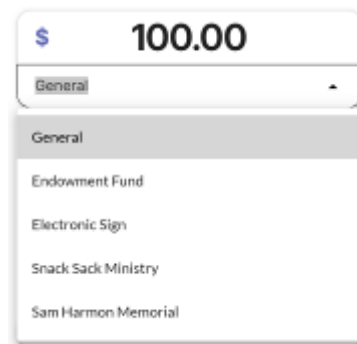


Read & scroll down. There's a button at the bottom that looks like this - guess what? Click there.



Now for the fun part. This screen has lots of things to do. Here's what it looks like:

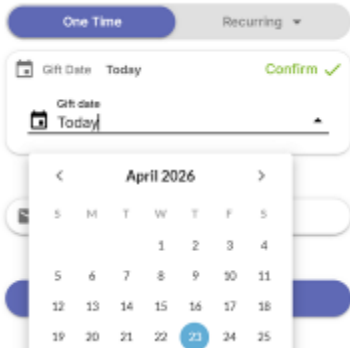
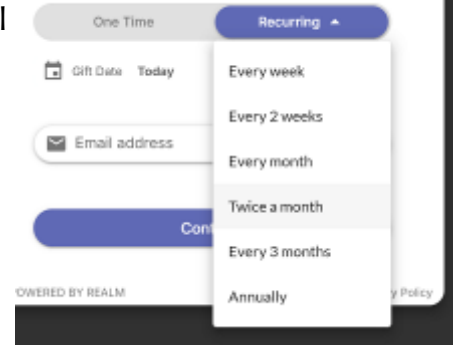
- ★ Type in the amount you wish to give.
- ★ Select which fund. Choices will appear when you click the down arrow. These funds occasionally change as needs change. This is how it looks today. Select a fund and click "Continue" in the purple box at the bottom.





News You Can Use

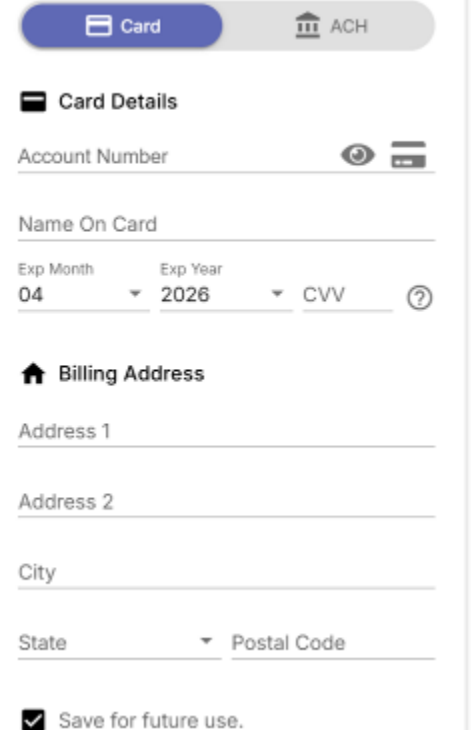
- ★ Select “one time” or “recurring”. Recurring gives you several choices and will look like this when you click on the arrow.



- ★ You will be asked to select the “Gift Date”. It preselects “Today”, but you’d prefer another date (and this applies to “one time” or “recurring”), you may click on the down arrow and a calendar will appear like the one on the left.

- ★ Click on the date you prefer.
- ★ Enter your email address & click “continue”.

- ★ At this point you may choose to “Sign in” or “Continue as Guest”. The “Sign In” option has you create a user name and password.
- ★ The next screen will let you select whether your gift is paid with a credit card or comes out of your checking account (ACH).
- ★ Complete the information on that screen. It allows you to save it for future use if you prefer.
- ★ Click “Give” at the bottom in the purple box.
- ★ If you chose “GUEST”, the next screen lets you play that fun game where you prove to a machine that you are, in fact, NOT a machine. I failed, so went back to the sign-in option.
- ★ The next screen will show the amount of your gift and a receipt number. You will also receive an email confirmation.
- ★ If you have ANY problems with this process, please call me. I’m more than happy to help.



Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol Wyndham
Chaos Coordinator



Thank you for your gift!

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. But this one does have approval of Stewardship/Finance.



SAVE THE DATE
Music Camp
 Grades 1-5
July 17-19

Watch for more information in the June Proclaimer.



Peanut Butter & Jelly Needed!

If you are able, please bring large plastic jars of peanut butter and/or jelly to go in our Snack Sack bags. We need these by May 10th. Please put them in the bin in the PLC. **THANK YOU!**

If you prefer to donate funds, please mark your check "Snack Sacks"

PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

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



Dot will have our tickets & wristbands ready for us before May 29th. Watch the bulletin for details.



Relay for Life

- Friday, May 1
- 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!](#)



Join us for

Wingard Wednesdays

with St. Peter's Lutheran Church Children's Ministry

9 a.m. at Wingard Park

May 6-27

Meet Pastor Cassie at the picnic shelter for a Children's Bible story, play time, & a snack. Wingard Park is located at 631 Old Chapin Rd.

Contact Pastor Cassie at (678)492-3956.
Weekly gatherings will take place weather permitting.

Watch for details on
Park Pop-Ups
Thursdays this summer

Babies—5th grade

Park play time, fellowship, quick Bible story, & popsicles

Thursdays @ 5:30 pm on these dates:

June 4 @ Wingard

June 25 @ Virginia Hylton

July 16 @ Wingard

July 30 @ Virginia Hylton

Watch for other monthly activities for children's ministry August—December.

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



Click picture below to register your child.

It's time for VBS!

June 7-11
5:30 to 8pm

Cokesbury Kids

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD



Meet the “Guys”

On the day after Easter, while the rest of the world was recovering from chocolate overload, a group of our guys arrived at the church bright & early to begin phase 3 of a project to save us a lot of money! On February 3rd, a few boards fell out of the ceiling in the Narthex. Pr. Judson & Clay got on ladders and made the needed repairs. Upon further inspection, Property determined that most of the boards in the ceiling were about to do the same. With a wedding coming up in mid-March, a crew was assembled to tackle Phase 2—the worst spots in the back near the steeple. It was determined that with Holy Week & Easter fast approaching, we would have to wait to complete the job. Phase 3, which began April 6th was completed early afternoon on April 7th.



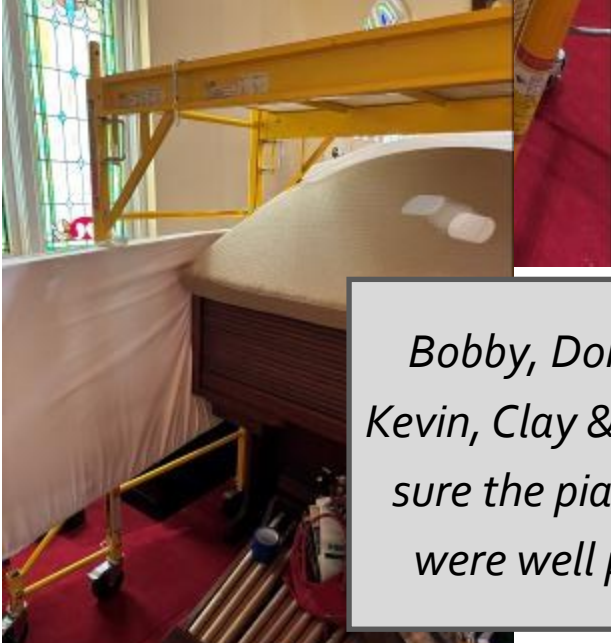
Above are the ones still around at the end. Bob Weed, Claude Lindler, Dory Arnold, Tommy Stone, Steve Wyndham, Kevin Gobbi, Bobby Harmon, Barry Powell, & Clay Morell. Not Pictured (came other days to help): Alden Crapps, Ean Crapps, Bill Jennings, Josh Lever, Tanner Long, Pastor Judson Merrell, Wilson Oxner, Carl Shealy, Parker Shealy, Kyle Weed, and Mason Weed

A special thanks to Tanner Long for providing the scaffolding.

What started as a quote of \$100,000 and 6 weeks out of the sanctuary, ended in days for under \$3,000 because some wonderful “guys” in our congregation offered their tools, their knowledge, and their sweat equity to repair God’s House! Way to go, guys!!



Bobby, Dory, Claude, Kevin, Clay & Steve made sure the piano & organ were well protected.





Dates to Remember

This list gets **updated weekly** as things are added/deleted or updated. Please update your calendars as well.

May 3—Angel & SonShine Choirs sing blessing @ 11 am worship

May 3—Handbells Play @ 11 am worship

May 3—Homecoming Celebration @ 12:30 pm /Outside (dress is casual—more details on page 3)

May 16—Cemetery Cleanup @ 9 am / All are welcome!

May 17—Angel & SonShine Choirs sing @ 11 am worship

May 17—Church Council Meeting @ 12:30 pm

May 17—Bob Dernbach Ordination @ 4 pm/Silverstreet Lutheran

May 23-30—Young Adult Mission Trip to Canada

May 24—Confirmation / Pentecost @ 11 am worship

May 25—Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 26—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC

May 29—St. Peter's Night at the Blowfish (See Dot for tickets)

May 30—Women's Ministry Door Decoration 10 am—noon/FH

May 31—Last day of SonShine Choir for the Summer—starts back August 9th / Noisy Offering



June 7—New Member Lunch & Learn @ 12:30 pm / FH

June 7-11—Vacation Bible School @ 5:30-8 pm / PLC

June 14—1st Communion Lunch & Learn @ 12:30 pm / FH

June 20—Cemetery Cleanup @ 9 am / All are welcome!

June 21—Kids sing VBS Songs @ Coffee Time / PLC

June 21—Church Council Meeting @ 3 pm in Conference Room

June 21—1st Communion Lunch & Learn @ 12:30 pm / FH

June 28—1st Communion Lunch & Learn @ 12:30 pm / FH

June 30—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC



July 6-11—Continental Youth Gathering in Virginia

July 17-19—Music Camp w/Molly in PLC

July 18 — Cemetery Clean-Up @ 9 am

July 19—Church Council Meeting @ 3 pm / CR

July 26—Kids sing Music Camp Songs @ Coffee Time / PLC

July 28—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC



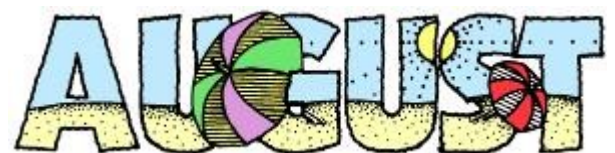
August 9—Women's Tasting Event @ 3-5 pm / FH

August 9—First Day Back for SonShine Choir @ 9:45 am

August 9—Children's Ministry Surprise Event @ 3 pm

August 16—Angel & SonShine Choirs sing @ 8:30 am

August 16—Church Council Meeting @ 3 pm / CR



Serving in May

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Acolyte Early	Homecoming			May 24 Pentecost/Confirmation	May 31
Late	C.J. Williams	Volunteer	Volunteer	Gospel Procession	Volunteer
Altar Flowers	Miles Hendrix	Scarlett Ellingson	Carter Ellingson	Gospel Procession	James Watkins
	Surprise	Michael Hook	Brian & Karen Cook	Marion & Linda Gable	Bill & Ellen-Marie Knehans
Altar Guild	Jean Hundley & Jackie Jumper				
Bulletins	Russell & Robin Rawl				
Coffee Time	Amanda Johnson	Amanda Johnson	Lydia Circle	Jean Hundley & Crew	Service Ministry
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Judson Wine: Pastor Cassie	Bread: Pastor Judson Steve wyndham Wine: Ellen Knehans Michele Zee	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Donna Alford Brenda Hedgecock	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Judy Nichols Dot Rish	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Judy Nichols
Late	Bread: Pastor Judson Wine: Pastor Cassie	Bread: Pastor Judson Martin Bowers Wine: Catherine Oxner Dr. Carl Shealy	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Marie Eargle Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Catherine Oxner Barbara Weed	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Ernie Chaplin Marion Gable
Greeters Early	Rochelle Roof	Jean Hundley	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock	Rochelle Roof	Kay Keisler
Late	Sheila Kinnard	Rochelle Roof	Marie Eargle	Elizabeth Lindler	Sheila Kinnard
Lectors Early	Steve Wyndham	Michele Zee	Dot Rish	Judy Nichols	Judy Nichols
Late	Martin Bowers	Debbie Marcolini	Marie Eargle	Catherine Oxner	Tommy Chaplin
Pew Crew	Fulmer Sisters				
Ushers Early & Late	Adam Davis & Toby Porth—Co-Chairs Collin Davis, Don Nichols, Yeats Porth, Dot Rish, Meagan Schneider, Paul Schreiber, Bob Weed, & Dennis Wessinger				





May

BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Jean Hundley Bob Martin
3rd	Blakely Jumper Charles Henry
4th	Hayden Porth Tony Harmon
6th	Amanda Hook
7th	Rosemary Davis 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	Don Nichols
18th	Buffy Pearson
19th	Bailey Cotten Rachel Powell

21st	Hannah Harmon 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	2 years
10th	Danny & Brenda Young	43 years
13th	Chris & Debbie Marcolini	26 years
15th	Mark & Doreen Edmondson	16 years
18th	Brian & Karen Cook	24 years
19th	Paul & Debbie Arnold	47 years
19th	Eric & Kayla Ellingson	19 years
19th	Ben & Valeri Wilson	19 years

20th	Johnnie & Betsy Amick	54 years
21st	Rich & Beverly Smith	27 years
24th	Rusty & Kim Massey	40 years
24th	Clay & Jessica Morell	12 years
25th	Marion & Linda Gable	30 years
26th	Bill & Ellen-Marie Knehans	36 years
28th	Chris & Angie Meetze	43 years

**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 Handbells
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts / SH
 5:00 pm Youth / YR

MONDAY

12:00 pm 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
 6:00 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 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Relay for Life @ LHS	2
3 Homecoming Picnic	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 	11	12 Service 6 pm/FH Safety 6:30 pm/CR Evangelism 7 pm/FH	13	14	15	16 Cemetery Clean-Up 9 am
17* Council 12:30 pm	18	19 Finance 7 pm	20	21	22	23
24 Pentecost/Confirmation	25 	26 Loving Group 10:30 am	27	28	29 	30 Women Event 10 am / FH
31 						

Women's Event – Let's Make a Welcome Mat

**May 30
10am-noon/FH**

\$20 for supplies

[Click here to sign-up.](#)



***Bob Dernbach's Ordination @ 4 pm Silverstreet Lutheran (all are invited)**