

PROCLAIMER

April 2025

Breakfast: The Most Important Meal of the Day

St. Peter's Lutheran

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We have all heard this saying at some point in our lives. I remember when my brother and I would stay with my grandmother for the weekend and she would cook us waffles. Not one or two, but a stack! And she would add a whole pound of bacon. It was glorious! I always looked forward to those weekends at her house.

As a church with more than one service, we too must look at breakfast as the most important meal of the day. Each Sunday we have "Coffee Time" that lasts from 9:30-10:00. Those 30 minutes are so important because it's what keeps us from being two different church bodies under the same roof. It gives us the chance to greet each other, to talk about our weeks, and to genuinely care for one another. It is the place that Pr. Cassie and I often find out about upcoming surgeries or doctor visits. We learn who is sick, who is healing, and what the important things are coming up in the lives of our church family.

Lately we have been putting an emphasis on building up this time and I hope you can join us. Sometimes it's doughnuts & coffee, and sometimes it's breakfast casseroles and grits. The food is good, but the time together is better, and that is what makes it so important! Please join us!

Blessings!

Pr. Judson

Church Business

St. Peter's By the Numbers February 1-28, 2025*	
Actual Received YTD	\$ 100,152.58
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 107,503.51
Difference YTD	- \$ 7,350.93
<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	February Fund Totals
General	\$51,896.50
Boy Scouts	\$9,334.00
Cemetery Endowment	\$40.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$175.00
David Davis	\$290.00
Electronic Sign	\$75.00
Endowment	\$879.00
Maintenance	\$2,740.00
Missions Market	\$75.00
Music Camp	\$1,045.00
Music Ministry	\$50.00
NALC Disaster Relief	\$40.00
Safety	\$400.00
School Supplies	\$400.00
Snack Sacks	\$550.00
SPLC Disaster Relief	\$1,075.00
Youth Ministry	\$125.00
Mike Bickley Mem.	\$100.00
TOTAL GIVING for February	\$69,289.50

Ministry Highlights

Church Council met March 16th @ 4 pm.
Attendance: Tommy Stone was absent.

- **Education:** *The Jesus Storybook Bible* has been chosen for grs. 1-5 Sunday School classes. Children's bulletins are available for worship.
- **Evangelism:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper fed 195 people & brought in 163 pounds of food & \$468 for Mission Lexington. St. Peter's night at the Blowfish baseball game planned for Friday, May 30th. **Details on page 8.**
- **Homecoming:** Sunday, May 4th this year. It will be catered again this year.
- **Finance:** Yes, we are a little behind in general fund, but January is the time we have our large insurance payment. In addition we had the floors in the PLC stripped & waxed (budgeted, but still \$1770). By the end of the first quarter we should be fine. Total revenue is ahead by \$4,360.
- **Property:** New flooring being planned for our nursery.
- **Safety** is sponsoring a Basic Life Saving Classes at 9 am & 1 pm on Saturday, March 29th. Youth Scholarships available for ages 12-18. If you are interested, please call Jo Wessinger.
- **Scouts:** Join us for the Pinewood Derby and spaghetti fundraiser. Lots of camping trips planned in coming months. Raising funds for a "new" van. Two new Eagle Scouts—Andrew Ellisor & Wills Ullman.
- **Service** Relay for Life is May 2nd. Alzheimer's Walk will be Saturday, October 4th.
- **Worship & Music:** Preparations for Easter are going as planned. Music camps being planned. Designing a funeral banner to be purchased with memorial money.
- **Youth:** Carolinas Mission Region retreat was great. Nine of our youth attended.
- **Carolina Missions District Convocation** will be May 2nd & 3rd in Stanley, NC.

Next meeting is April 27th @ 4 pm



Thanks & More

To Our Church Family,
Just saying thank you doesn't feel sufficient! The out-pouring of love & prayers for Josh & our entire family is overwhelming. We are grateful for every phone call, voice mail, text, card, gift card, and other gifts of kindness. A very special thank you to Pastor Judson, Pastor Cassie, & Clay for your frequent visits & prayers.
Josh improves daily & with your continued prayers & God's healing Grace, we feel a 100% recovery is a realistic goal.
Truly the presence of God is felt. Prayers lifted—God answered.
In Christ's Love,
Steve & Donna Alford
Josh, Ryan & Jennifer Lever
"May the Lord reward you for what you have done."
~ Ruth 2:12

Dear St. Peter's,

We wanted to thank you for your partnership in the Dam to Dam Relay. Allowing us the use of your facilities* on February 22, 2025 has helped us tremendously. One hundred percent of the profit from this race goes to help people in our communities. We support Mission Lexington as they serve families in need in the community. We also contribute to the Faith Home Recovery Center in Greenwood. Thank you again for helping us support these worthwhile organizations.

We hope this partnership will continue and we look forward to talking to you soon. If you have any concerns please let us know.

Sincerely,

Simon Froese & Matt Porth

*Our church parking lot was one of the first exchange places on the route from the Lake Murray Dam to the Greenwood Dam. By allowing them to use the restrooms at the Scout Hut they were able to donate more funds to Mission Lexington.

Mini Music Camp

ages 1-5

Saturday, April 5

10 am to Noon

Fellowship Hall

Theme: Praise Him

We will sing songs, play games, do arts & crafts, and have a snack. Call Kayla with questions.

Saturday

April 12th

9 am



Holy Week & Easter



**Palm
Sunday**
April

13

8: 30 & 11 am



**Maundy
Thursday**
April

17

11: 15 am & 6: 15 pm



**Good
Friday**
April

18

11: 15 am & 6: 15 pm



**Easter
Sunday**
April

20

7 am & 11 am

Easter Breakfast at St. Peter's is like the "Best Breakfast Pot Luck" you've ever had the pleasure of eating.

Pastor Cassie has created a sign-up genius & if you are able to participate, you are encouraged to sign-up. There are things that can be done ahead, like milk, juice, fruit, grated cheese, as well as casseroles, donut holes, sweet breads, etc. No time to cook? We also need servers and a clean-up crew.

[If you are willing to bring something or help with serving or clean-up, please click here.](#)

**Watch for a Club 345 event
during Holy Week.**



KIDS AGES 0-5TH GRADE

BETTY LOU'S BUNNY BASH

12th
April

Fulmer Family
Egg Hunt in memory
Of Ms. Betty Lou

9:30 am to
11:00 am in
Parish Life Center

COME ENJOY A HUNT AND SNACK AND A VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY



B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Basket)

Service Committee

BRING BACK

THE 80's

40
YEARS of IMPACT

American Cancer Society

RELAY FOR LIFE PRESENTS:

"DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' FOR A CURE"

MAY 2, 2025 6-10PM
LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/LEXINGTONSC



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

Evangelism Ministry

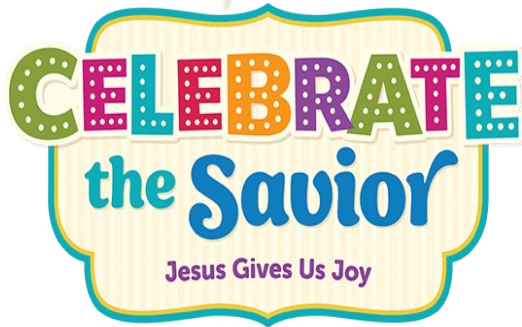
Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring St. Peter's Night at the Blowfish game on Friday, May 30, 2025. This means:

- We will get all-you-can-eat Ballpark Menu (hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken sandwiches, fresh lettuce, tomatoes, onions, Cole slaw, chips, brownie, Coke products, and bottled water) served in the Stadium Club until the top of the 7th inning.
- A veteran from our church will be honored.
- Our choirs will sing the National Anthem before the first pitch and will sing again at the 7th inning stretch.
- We need at least 50 people, but can have as many as 200.
- All seats in sections 101 and 102 behind the home dugout will be ours if we have at least 68 people.
- Parking is \$3 per game paid at entrance to the lot on Game Day.
- Tickets include all of the above except parking.
- Reduced tickets for the first 100 adults are \$20. Children (12 & under) are \$15. Children 2 & under are free.
- After these reduced tickets are sold the price will be \$27 for adults & children over the age of two.
- Ticket sales begin April 1st after each service out in front of the church, in the PLC during Coffee Time, and in the church office on Tuesdays & Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm. Tickets are to be paid in full when ordered.
- Deadline is April 30th.
- Please do not put money in offering plates. Give it to Dot Rish.
- Questions? Ask Pastor Judson or Dot.



Summer Activities



VBS—June 8-12

Yes, I know summer is still a few months away, but I also know that some of you are already dreaming of warmer weather and making your summer plans. Here are some of the major things already on the calendar for Summer 2025.

MUSIC CAMP

June 28-29



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JULY 7-12

Interest meeting May 4th @ 10 am/YR

YOUTH Week 2025
JULY 20-25



Charity Crafts—Mondays from 9:30 am to Noon in Fellowship Hall

Come join us as we make items for charity. We have made 160 ribbon dresses for missionaries to give to girls, 73 winter hats for children & adults in Western NC, & are working on quilts for that area as well.

We need helpers! NO SKILLS NEEDED, WE WILL TRAIN YOU!! We need folks to:

Iron fabric	Cut fabric	Cut quilt squares	Match & lay out quilt squares on tables for sewers
Sewers	Knitters	Crocheters	Folks to wind yarn into balls

We have fabric, yarn, two sewing machines, one iron, (we could use an ironing board) and sewing & craft supplies that have been donated. **We need workers & ideas. Come join us.**

Matthew 25:40 ~ *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it for one of the least of these my brothers, you did it for me.”*

News You Can Use

Welcome to our series...

Everything You Wanted to Know About _____ But Were Afraid to Ask **This month: *Coffee Time***

I know, it's sounds like a daunting task. Be in charge of Coffee Time on Sunday morning. Will you have 20 people or 120 people? Will you fix for 120 and then we have horrible storms and nobody shows up for church? Ok, I can't answer those questions, but I can offer some great advice.

- **YOU DON'T HAVE TO SERVE SEVERAL COURSES!** We have some teams that go all out and fix casseroles, grits, fruit trays, and coffee cake. We have some that bring donuts. Whichever you prefer is perfectly okay! Yes, paper goods are furnished. Remember, it's not about the food, it's about the fellowship.
- **What should I do?** Grab some friends, your Sunday School Class, or your committee & make a plan. If nobody knows how to work the coffee pot, get in touch with Landis Sandel or Larry James or Steve Wyndham (*They would much rather take the time to teach you how to do it than have to deal with the mess that can be made*). Why only men? It's Biblical. Hebrews.
- **Clean up afterwards.** That's not as difficult as it sounds. Wipe up any spills, put stuff away, rinse out coffee pots. Turn off coffee maker. Empty trash. Written instructions are posted.
- **What time should I have it ready?** Coffee Time officially begins at 9:30 am. Yes, I realize that worship is not often out by that time, but we have folks who come early for Sunday School just to grab a cup of coffee and catch up with fellow church members.
- **Still have questions?** Call me or Landis Sandel or Larry James.

The important thing is to have fun!

Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol Wyndham

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



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Our Prayer List

Member Needs

Landis Ballington
Godfrey Burnett
Olin Chassereau
Marilyn Dozier
Charlie Eargle
Don Fornal
Sam Harmon
Regina Heyward
Lonnie Huffstetler
Larry James
Michelle L. Jones
Josh Lever
Claude Lindler
Barbara Novak
Jennifer O'Neill
Brady Porth, Jr.
Gene Porth
Oddie Porth
Russell Rawl
Charles Risinger
Mike Rowell
Reba Sandel
Joyce Shealy
Jullynn Spence
James Thompson
Christen Weidner

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

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

Family & Friends of the St. Peter's Congregation

Hal Adams (life-long friend of Doug Schreiber)
Lanier Amick (father of LeAnne Ballentine)
David Ball (father of Rosemary Davis)
Susan Bedard (twin sister of Sara Victoria)
Robert Blackledge (dad of Jennie Porth)
Debra Bumgarner (mother of Alyson Shirer)
Brent C. (friend of Johnnie & Betsy Amick)
Kathie Cashion (mother of Hillarie Vaughan)
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)

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

Jack Carlton (grandson of Barbara Ferro)
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)
Jarvis Manvel (friend of Buck Ray)
Betty McLeod (cousin of Toni Coker)
Millie McMillan (mother of Keith McMillan)
Chris Meetze (husband of Angie Meetze)
Bruce Merchant (friend of Terry Coker)
Sally Nemec (mother of Laura Riley)
David Parson (brother of Marvin Parson)
Johnny Payne (brother of Wayne O'Neill)
Ronda Porth (daughter of Joyce H. & Oddie Porth)
Gloria Price (mother of Kristi Kohl)
Jimmy Price (grandfather of Kaylee Kohl)
Jayce Richardson (3-yr-old nephew of Natalie Weber)
Bob Reynolds (family of Terry & Toni Coker)
Rhett Sharpe (friend of Tom & Gloria Shealy)
Charles & Nancy Shealy (friends of Johnnie & Betsy Amick)
Richard Shealy (brother of Tom Shealy)
Balance Shipman (friend of Christen Weidner)
Jackie Shull (mom of Kim Massey)
Shari Smith (wife of Randall Smith)
Donnie Snyder (friend of Terry Coker)
Fern Ulmer (aunt of Keith McMillan)

Please update
family
members.
THANK YOU!

Military

David Ballington (Army)
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)



Updated 3-25-2025

Serving in April

	April 6	April 13	April 20-EASTER	April 27
Acolyte Early	<i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>	Addison Cook	<i>Gospel Procession</i>	<i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>
Late	Lilly Johnson	Scarlett Ellingson	<i>Gospel Procession</i>	Carter Ellingson
Altar Flowers	<i>Lent-No Flowers</i>	<i>Lent-No Flowers</i>	Fulmer Family & Cynthia Johnson	Michael & Natalie Carter
Altar Guild	Donna Alford, Pat Allen, Bobbi Buff			
Bulletins	Angie Meetze & Jenny Stone			
Coffee Time	Stewardship/ Finance	<i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>	<i>Easter Breakfast</i>	<i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: LeeAnn Crapps B. Hedgecock	<i>Sunrise:</i> Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Chip Rhoads Kelly Rhoads	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Addison Cook Angie Meetze
Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Jenny Stone Barbara Weed	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Marie Eargle Debbie Marcolini	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Clay Morell Barbara Weed
Greeters Early	Rochelle Roof	Jean Hundley	<i>Sunrise:</i> <i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock
Late	<i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>	<i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>	<i>Divine Service:</i> Marie Eargle	<i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>
Lectors Early	Karen Cook	Dot Rish	<i>Sunrise:</i> Rachel Price	Dot Rish
Late	<i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>	Tommy Stone	<i>Divine Service:</i> Marie Eargle	Catherine Oxner
Pew Crew	Angie Meetze & Jenny Stone			
Ushers Early & Late	Jeff Elliott & Buck Vaughan—Co-Chairs Mark Edmondson, Steve Ellisor, Matt Hendrix, Dr. Carl Shealy			



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



April Birthdays

1st	Melanie Webb
4th	Mackenzie Smith
5th	Charlee Branham Cindy Evans Caroline Shirer William Shirer
6th	Chris Jordan
8th	Amy Blobaum Emily Carter Elizabeth Cartin Alden Crapps Karen Gobbi
9th	Caroline Hendrix Buck Vaughan
10th	Adam Davis Brenda Rawl Greg Webb

11th	Allison Black Doug Riley Sonja Shull
12th	Christopher Lunsford
13th	Mary Howard
14th	Julianna Schreiber
15th	Curry Hook
16th	Michelle Jones
18th	Pr. Judson Merrell
19th	Virginia Brooks Bledsoe Grayson Webb
20th	Calvin Porth Zach Taylor
22nd	Edie Beaver

24th	Doreen Edmondson Annelise Williams
26th	Lauren Buie Nicholas Sawyer Will Womble
27th	Grayham Carter Pr. Olin Chassereau Drew Sweatman
28th	Ryan Lever Walker Wilson
29th	Brooks Galub Jennifer O'Neill Ben Wilson
30th	Sandy Coleman

April Anniversaries

2nd	Steve & Teresa Ellisor	31 years
5th	Charlie & Marie Eargle	56 years
10th	Rudolph & Kathy Cooper	49 years
10th	Chip & Kelly Rhoads	21 years
12th	Michael & Gloria Sargent	45 years
14th	Jeff & Kristi Kohl	18 years
21st	David & Sheila Kinnard	35 years
22nd	Darin & Lynn Roberts	8 years
23rd	Keith & Ashley Powell	9 years
23rd	Grayson & Kelly Webb	3 years
24th	Jesse & Laura Riley	15 years

28th	Dustin & Amy Hoffman	18 years
29th	Carl & Donna Shealy	25 years
30th	Don & Kathy Fornal	42 years



APRIL 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
 4:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
 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

1:00 pm Staff Meeting/CR

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study / FH
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

CR=Conference Room

FH=Fellowship Hall

GR=Gathering Room behind PLC








PLC=Parish Life Center

SH=Scout Hut

YR=Youth Room



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lenten Worship 11:15 am & 6:15 pm	3 Mustard Seeds 6:30 pm/ FH	4	5 Mini Music Camp 10am- Noon
6 Confirmation 12:30 pm	7	8 Safety 6:30 pm Service 6 pm/FH	9 Lenten Worship 11:15 am & 6:15 pm	10 Mustard Seeds 6:30 pm/ FH	11	12  Egg Hunt  CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY
13  Palm Sunday Finance 2 pm/FH Education 2 pm Evangelism 3:15 pm W&M 3:15 pm	14	15	16 No Bible Study Mustard Seeds 6:30 pm/ FH	17  Maundy Thursday 11:15 am 6:15 pm	18  Good Friday 11:15 am 6:15 pm	19
20  EASTER SUNDAY 7 am and 11 am	21 The Church Office  Will Be Closed:	22	23 Mustard Seeds 6:30 pm/ FH	24	25	26
27 Council 4 pm/CR	28	29	30 Mustard Seeds 6:30 pm/ Ramblin' Mule			

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