

PROCLAIMER

February 2025

Defense & Offense—Know Your Plays

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"Defense leads to what?!" Coach Tony asks, towering over a bunch of eager, out of breath 8-year-old boys in red jerseys. "Offense!!" the boys yell out, all hands in the middle. Every time my son thunders down the hallway at our house I try to keep in mind that those bursts of energy are preparing him to charge the court in a game. Basketball has been fun this season. We have three games left in the season.

If we can protect our goals and prevent obstacles from getting the better of us, then we can really thrive. Maybe Coach Tony would agree with that metaphor. It's fairly popular to try to establish some goals or some things we'd like to accomplish in our next trip around the sun. What do you think your February will look like? Have any obstacles come your way yet?

Well, there are all kinds of ways that we address the difficulties in life. Nobody is perfect. What does your faith have to do with your goals and obstacles? Where is God in your defense and offense? Here are some of the best plays in the "book".

Defensive Tactics

Psalms 121:1-2

Psalms 138:7

Matthew 6:34

John 14:1

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Philippians 4:6-7

1 Peter 5:7

Offensive Tactics

Isaiah 41:10

Isaiah 42:16

John 3:16

Romans 8:28

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 2:8-9

Titus 3:5-6

Which of these verses speaks to your life at the moment? What words of hope are you taking along with you? We're still early on into this year's season. Jesus is with you wherever you go. However things end up, our victory is already won in Christ.

Blessings!

Pastor Cassie

Church Business

St. Peter's By the Numbers January 1—December 31, 2024*

Actual Received YTD	\$ 632,510.19
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 606,937.39
Difference YTD	+ \$25,572.80

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

PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

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

There is a 4' tall oscillating fan and a heater (that looks like a radiator) that have gone missing from the **Gathering Room**. If you have borrowed these, please return them. The women are cold...and they don't do cold.

I'M LOST. WHAT ARE ALL OF THESE INITIALS?

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)

Ministry Highlights

by Rachel Price

Church Council met January 19 @ 4 pm.

Absent: Donna Alford & Jeff Elliott

- **Bus/Van:** The old van has been listed for sale. The trailer has been sold.
- **Education:** Our focus will be on 5th grade and trying to get those kids to Sunday School and how to get their parents to Sunday School. Larry James mentioned that we should get out all the information about Sunday School classes & that the nursery is available for all ages. Doreen said that Clay could do a temple talk. Committee has great attendance at the events, but folks don't show up for Sunday School.
- **Evangelism:** working on Shrove Tuesday which will be March 4th @ 6 pm in PLC.
- **Property & Grounds:** Damage from Hurricane Helene has been repaired on the roof over the youth room. Pastor Cassie asked to have research done on replacing flooring in the nursery because of all the little ones & the wear & tear.
- **Scouts:** Scout Sunday is February 9th. They are looking for past Eagle Scouts from troop 309.
- **Service:** Relay for Life is May 2nd. Disaster Relief has a large sum of money & are researching larger project. Youth are going to NC this summer for their mission trip.
- **Worship & Music:** Doreen asked if we can have an earlier time for Christmas Eve worship. Pastors will take this to the committee.
- **Youth:** Working on many activities including visits to local assisted living facilities. Jr. & Sr. youth are headed to the beach in March for an NALC event.
- **Committee Meeting Proposal:** Doreen asked with handbells @ 4 pm, would Council consider moving earlier so handbells doesn't have to make adjustments. Still working on the concept of all committees meeting on Sundays to streamline the process for communication.
- **Annual Review of Church Membership** per our constitution has begun.

Next meeting is February 9 @ 4 pm



Church Business

Funds	December Fund Totals
General	\$84,259.38
Bereavement Meals	\$15.00
Boy Scouts	\$5,130.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$625.00
David Davis	\$290.00
Ekka	\$500.00
Electronic Sign	\$5,675.00
Endowment	\$28,580.00
LaVie Pregnancy	\$100.00
Maintenance	\$5,595.00
Missions Market	\$53.88
NALC Disaster Relief	\$40.00
Pastor's Gift	\$340.00
Poinsettias	\$120.00
Safety Ministry	\$800.00
School Supplies	\$700.00
Snack Sacks	\$1,850.00
SPLC Disaster Relief	\$570.00
World Hunger- Noisy Offering	\$1,191.16
Youth Ministry	\$575.00
Youth Missions	\$10.00
Grace Harmon Mem.	\$90.00
Connie Lindler Mem	\$310.00
Sam Shannon Mem	\$50.00
TOTAL GIVING for December	\$137,469.42

SAVE THE DATES

Feb. 2—Soup Supper @ 6 pm

Mar. 4—Pancake Supper @ 6 pm

Mar. 5—Ash Wednesday Worship

Mar. 12, 19, 26—Lenten Worship

Mar. 14-16—Youth Retreat

Mar. 15—Eagle Ceremony/PLC

Mar. 22—Ladies Retreat/FH

Mar. 22—Pinewood Derby Set-up/PLC

Mar. 23—Pinewood Derby/PLC

Mar. 23—Spaghetti Lunch / PLC

Apr. 2, 9—Lenten Worship

Apr. 5—Mini Music Camp / FH

Apr. 12—Bunny Bash / PLC

Apr. 13—Palm Sunday Worship

Apr. 17—Maundy Thursday Worship

Apr. 18—Good Friday Worship

May 2—Relay for Life

May 4—Homecoming

May 30—Blowfish Game

June 7—Confirmation Brunch

June 8—Confirmation

June 8-12—Vacation Bible School

June 27—Music Camp Decorating

June 28-29—Music Camp

July 7-12—Youth Mission Trip

July 20-25—Youth Week



Music Ministry



Soup
Supper

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. We'll have everything from Barry's Cheeseburger Soup to Marion's Liver Nips. The congregation brings the sides. This year's assignments are:

A-H brings Desserts

I-P brings Sandwiches

Q-Z brings Salads

We will have some fun entertainment from our music department including some things you might not hear from us on a Sunday morning. It's a chance for us to let our hair down...except for Barry, of course.

Join us for the best party of the year!

It's Time to Join the Choir!

This is a great time of year to join one of our choirs! Christmas is over & we will start working on music for Lent & Easter in the next few weeks.

Matins Choir: leads worship at 8:30 am & meets on Monday nights at 6:30 pm for rehearsal. They gather on Sunday mornings @ 8 am to go over the Psalm & the anthem. Craig Davis is the director.

Chancel Choir: leads worship for our 11 am worship. They meet Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm and Sundays @ 10:15 am for rehearsals. Barry Moore is director for this group.

Handbells: play several times during the year. They meet for rehearsals on Sundays @ 4 pm. Barry Moore directs this group.

Instrumentalists: are needed during the year at various occasions. If you are proficient and willing, please contact Craig Davis.

I will sing
OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Women's Ministry

FEBRUARY BOOK

We will be reading

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane

by Lisa See

Tea will be served at the discussion meeting on February 25th @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The cost of the book is \$9.98 plus tax for a total of \$11.17. If you would like the book ordered, please put your money in an envelope with:

To: Brenda Hedgecock

From: Your Name

On the front of the envelope

Please let Brenda know if you put it in the breezeway.

One-Day
Ladies Retreat



Come, Holy Spirit

The Third Person of the Trinity

Saturday, March 22nd

9 am to 2 pm

Fellowship Hall

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Missions Market

November 15, 2025

9 am—1 pm



CALLING ALL SCRAPBOOKERS

If you enjoy working on scrapbooks and would be interested in gathering with other like-minded folks to "scrap" & share ideas. There is a small group meeting monthly to work on our books.

No experience required. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th from 10 am—4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Debbie Marcolini @ 803-318-2872 if you have questions or plan to attend.



Everything You Wanted to Know...

...but were afraid to ask.

This Month: Coffee Time

So, you want to host but aren't sure what's involved. Here's what you need to know.

- * Any group or committee is welcome to host.
- * Pick your Sunday and sign up on the sheets in the PLC Kitchen.
- * It's easier with friends, so grab a couple of other families to help. If you are new and don't know lots of folks, call Pastor Cassie or Carol (or grab them at Coffee Time) and they'll help with introductions. This is a great way to get to meet your church family!**
- * The menu is up to you! Coffee, doughnuts & juice are fine, or you can get crazy and have grits and casseroles. We've even had corndogs—so the sky's the limit.
- * Coffee is provided by the church. The coffee maker is tricky, so if you don't know how to operate it, Landis Sandel or Larry James will be happy to teach you.
- * All plates, cups, napkins, and plastic wear are provided by the church.
- * Clean up is your responsibility. Wipe off tables and clean any big messes on the floor. Please take home any dish cloths or towels and wash and return them.

If you have other questions call Landis Sandel (608-2957) or Larry James (606-5565).

**Another great way to meet folks is to serve with them in Ministry (like being a greeter). Join a choir, join a Sunday School class, sit with folks you don't know at Coffee Time, or come to one of our many "family" gatherings. Don't let the folks that go to a different worship service be strangers.

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



Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

There really are no words to express our gratitude for all the gifts and gift cards you shared with some of our families at Pleasant Hill Elementary School. You are so generous and gracious! These families were so appreciative and were so excited. I cannot possibly convey to you the joy that we saw: so special! We are very thankful for you. Thanks for making such a difference in people's lives.

Sincerely,
Margaret Mitchum
Principal, PHES

Dear Rev. Judson & St. Peter's Lutheran,

Thank you for your generous donation. Your gift allows us to continue offering our Christ-centered services at no cost to women and men who are in their most vulnerable moments facing difficult pregnancy decisions. Because of your support, individual lives are being changed and whole communities impacted.

Without your generous support many of our clients would not have received the love and compassion they needed. They may have made the devastating decision to abort their child, but because of you they were connected to the life-affirming care they needed and chose life.

We are humbled by your generosity and thankful for your commitment to our cause.

Malaena Richardson
Executive Director

Church Family,

Our heartfelt thanks to you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits, and food. I am feeling much better as I have improved each day since my surgery. The power of prayer is alive and well and I am truly blessed.

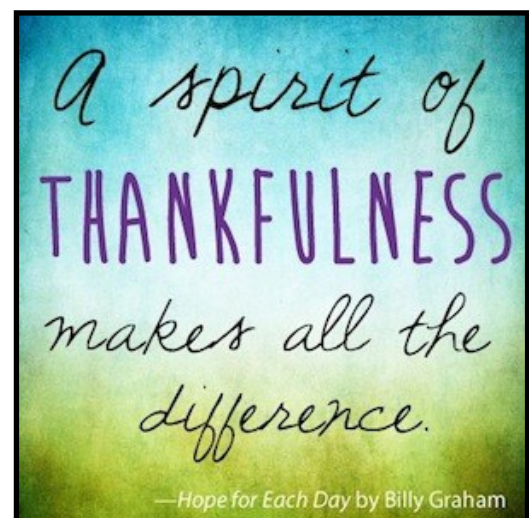
Please continue to pray as I have my second surgery January 10th.

Sincerely,
Julynn & Zack Spence

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the calls, texts, visits, delicious meal, and especially the prayers you sent our way during the sudden death of Wayne. A special thanks to Pastor Judson, Pastor Cassie and Carol for helping Wayne's children through this difficult time and for the beautiful service.

God bless you all,
Stan & Lynda Whiteside
Wayne Whiteside's Family



Our Prayer List

Member Needs

Steve Alford
Landis Ballington
Olin Chassereau
Charlie Eargle
Don Fornal
Kathy Fornal
Sam Harmon
Lonnie Huffstetler
Larry James
Michelle L. Jones
Josh Lever
Claude Lindler
Keith McMillan
Jennifer O'Neill
Gene Porth
Oddie Porth
Jerry Richey
Mike Rowell
Julynn Spence
Dick Sullivan
Belverly Taylor
James & Susan 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

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)

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)
Susan Bedard (twin sister of Sara Victoria)
Robert Blackledge (dad of Jennie Porth)
Bettie Boehringer (grandmother of Derek Boehringer)
Debra Bumgarner (mother of Alyson Shirer)
Joyce Carter (niece of Jane & Godfrey Burnett)
Kathie Cashion (mother of Hillarie Vaughan)
Robert Caulder (papa of Dalton & Ellie Summers)
Keagan Cox (granddaughter of Claude & Elizabeth Lindler)
Hewitt Dickerson (family of Marie Eargle)
Mary Ellen Seay Donaldson (friend of Toni Coker)
Jay DuBose (friend of Richard Shirer)
Pam Eargle (sister-in-law of Charlie & Marie Eargle)
Gil Ferro (husband of Barbara Ferro)
Jack (grandson of Barbara Ferro)
Jill Graves (cousin of Vickie Davis)
Joe & Sally Grooms (friends of Paul & Diane Robison)
Sarah Harmon (friend of Zack & Julynn Spence)
Jan Kincaid (friend of David Spence)
Baby Eloise Lance (cousin of Karen Cook)
Lisa (friend of Robert Prielipp)
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)
Leverett Owens (friend of Mike & Christen Weidner)
Sandra Page (friend of Doug & Christy Riley)
David Parson (brother of Marvin Parson)
Johnny Payne (brother of Wayne O'Neill)
Nell Poole (friend of Elizabeth Lindler)
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)
George & Jackie Shull (parents of Kim Massey)
Claudette Staggs (family of the Bolands)
Catherine Taylor (daughter of Dick & Patricia Derrick)
*Fern Ulmer (aunt of Keith McMillan)
Jennifer Watkins (daughter of Russell & Carolyn Watkins)

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



Serving in February

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Acolyte Early	Drew Sweatman	SCOUT	Drew Sweatman	Addison Merrell
Late	Wilson Oxner	SCOUT	Camryn Merrell	Jacob Johnson
Altar Flowers	Michael & Natalie Carter	Chris & Angie Meetze	Steve & Carol Wyndham	Jay & Rachael Freeman
Altar Guild	Linda Gable, Kaylee Kohl, Camryn Merrell, Hayden Porth, and Barbara Weed			
Bulletins	Debbie Arnold & Sandy Coleman			
Coffee Time	VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED	Busters Sunday School Class	Dot Rish & LeeAnn Crapps	Jean Hundley & Crew
Communion Servers Early	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Scouts	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Brenda Hedgecock Jenny Stone	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Chip Rhoads Kelly Rhoads
Late	Bread: Pastor Cassie Wine: Pastor Judson	Bread: Pastor Judson Pastor Cassie Wine: Scouts	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Marie Eargle Kayla Ellingson	Bread: Pastor Cassie Pastor Judson Wine: Bobbi Buff Cindy Evans
Greeters Early	Bob & Patti Switter	SCOUTS	Jean Hundley	Ed & Brenda Hedgecock
Late	VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED	SCOUTS	Marie Eargle	VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED
Lectors Early	Steve Wyndham	SCOUTS	Chip Rhoads	Karen Cook
Late	Larry James	SCOUTS	Marie Eargle	Donna Shealy
Pew Crew	Fulmer Sisters			
Ushers Early & Late	Jeffrey Crapps & Keith Powell—Co-Chairs Nathan Galub, Chris Marcolini, Brady Porth, Jr., Dr. Carl Shealy, & Jim Teeter			

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

THANK YOU!!

Jesus doesn't need our help;
He lets us participate so we'll
know more about Him.

~ Bob Goff



February Birthdays

2nd	Jake Leitzsey Cohen Lindler
3rd	Elliott Porth Rochelle Roof
4th	Missy Porth
5th	Carson Ray
7th	Ava Hoyle
8th	Myra Cantrell David Heffner Dennis Wessinger
10th	Kimberly Jumper Lilly Johnson
11th	Audrey Wilson

12th	Caroline Davis Rachel Price
13th	Joshua Lever Barbara Novak
15th	Brent Harmon John Michael Weidner
16th	Jody Chumley Lee Dixon MaryAnne Jones
17th	Barry Powell Keith Powell
18th	Pr. Gary Blobaum Alyson Shirer Patti Switter

20th	Andrew Henry
22nd	Martin Bowers Addyson Galub Reagan Poole Jennifer Williams
23rd	Elizabeth Lindler Garrett Webb
24th	Fisher Sims
25th	Trish Isley
26th	Johnnie Amick
27th	Jackie Jumper

February Anniversaries

3rd	Michael & Natalie Carter	29 years
9th	Zack & Julynn Spence	34 years
10th	Matt & Allison Hendrix	15 years
12th	Tetie & Lonna Paul	37 years
13th	Frank & Peggy Howard	76 years

17th	Ashley & Allison Black	24 years
18th	Brent & Sheila Harmon	31 years
22nd	Reggie & Becky Shealy	28 years
27th	Marty & Tina Lindler	32 years



**FEBRUARY
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

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

TUESDAY

11:00 am Staff Meeting/CR

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study / FH
 6:30 pm Mustard Seeds/ FH
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

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 GR=Gathering Room behind PLC
 PLC=Parish Life Center
 SH=Scout Hut
 YR=Youth Room



February 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2  @ 6pm	3 Lutheran Men 6:30 pm	4	5	6	7	8
9 Scout Sunday Council 4 pm	10 Kitchen Committee PLC	11 Service 6 pm	12	13	14 School Holiday	15 Scrap Booking 10am-4pm/FH
16	17 School Holiday	18	19	20	21	22 Dam to Dam Relay
23	24	25 Loving Group 10:30am /FH Book Club 6:30pm /FH	26	27	28	

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, a great lunch, and a whole lot of fun!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

ST. PETER'S

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