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June 2026

## Importance of Endowment Fund

### St. Peter's Lutheran

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#### Valerie Porth

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You may wonder—why should I also give to the St. Peter's Endowment Fund?

Give because a contribution to the Endowment Fund is an amazing gift that is never depleted. Your gift is added to the balance of the Fund, and the Fund grows. As the Fund grows, the annual distribution increases, enabling the ministries of SPLC to increase. Far into the future, when we can't know what the appropriate ministries will be, the future church leaders will make decisions based on current needs, and your gift will be part of that future ministry. After all other gifts have been expended, the Fund continues to provide a reminder of the faith and witness of its donors. That is the reason to give.

The purpose of our Endowment is to provide continuing financial support for the ministries of SPLC in perpetuity. Ministries can include, but are not limited to, the funding of missions, capital additions & improvements, & special programs. Endowment distributions go to purposes that are not covered by the church's annual budget.

The annual Endowment distribution amount is determined by a formula designed to continually preserve the market value of the Fund. The investment policy & distribution methodology, both part of the Policy, work together to ensure that the Fund will always be growing, even though distributions are made annually to support SPLC's ministries.

How can you give to the Endowment Fund?

- You can give a gift of any amount today! Simply write a check and mark it for the Endowment Fund. If you like, your gift can be in honor or in memory of someone.
- You may want to either make a gift of appreciated securities from an investment account or donate part of the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA. Both of these options of potential tax benefits that can make a significant difference for you taxwise. *\*\*Please consult your tax professional to see if you qualify.\*\** Then call the church office to find out how to transfer the stock directly from your account to the SPLC Endowment Fund account.

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# Church Business

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- You can also leave a gift to the Endowment Fund through your will. A gift from a lifetime of accumulated wealth may often be your largest single contribution. Your attorney can write an amendment to your will that includes a bequest to the SPLC Endowment Fund.

Feel free to contact any of our current SPLC Endowment Board members to discuss giving further.

Adam Davis, Chair  
 Brian Cook, Treasurer  
 Jeff Elliott, Secretary  
 Catherine Oxner  
 Bill Jennings



Blessings!  
**Adam**

Funds	April Fund Totals
General	\$ 56,698.10
Boy Scouts	\$ 60.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 75.00
David Davis	\$ 190.00
Easter Lilies	\$ 32.00
EKKAS (Lent Offering)	\$ 1,588.00
Electronic Sign	\$ 695.60
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,025.00
Evangelism Special Fund	\$ 1,545.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,065.00
Missions	\$ 500.00
Office Expenditures	\$ 10.69
Refunds	\$ 33.66
Relay for Life	\$ 620.00
Safety	\$ 300.00
Snack Sacks	\$ 400.00
Tartu Seminary	\$ 1,588.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
Sam Harmon Memorial	\$ 276.50
<b>April TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 67,747.55</b>

## St. Peter's By the Numbers April 1-30, 2026\*

Actual Received YTD	\$ 275,186.47
Actual Spent YTD	\$ 225,150.51
Difference YTD	+ \$ 50,035.96

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



## Ministry Highlights

Church Council met May 17th @ 12:30 pm.  
 Attendance: Brian Cook, Greg Webb, & Mary Rae  
 Oxner were absent.

- Education:** We have 30 kids registered for VBS. Wingard Wednesday will transition from only pre-schoolers to all kids through 5th grade, meeting 4 times over the summer. August 9th is Critter Keeper event in PLC.
- Evangelism:** Blowfish update—121 adults, 16 kids. Jerry Howard is our veteran.
- Property:** Crosses are down. Lights in sanctuary have been cleaned.
- Safety:** Will provide safety & medical assistance during VBS in the building and in the parking lot. Tuesday of that week is the primary, so added security will be in place.
- Scouts:** winding down for the summer.
- Service:** Prepping for Service night at VBS. Did an inventory on disaster relief supplies. Will purchase needed items to complete flood buckets.
- Stewardship:** looking good!
- Worship & Music:** We will provide "breakfast for dinner" again for opening night of VBS. Choirs will sing *National Anthem* for Blowfish game on May 29th. Music Camp w/Molly will be July 17-19 for grades 1-5. Details to come.
- Youth:** Clay met with parents to create summer schedule around vacations.

**Next meeting is June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3 pm.**



# VBS & Book Club

Join us for an exciting week at Vacation Bible School! Sunday–Wednesday we will have:

- ♪ Dinner
- ♪ Bible Story
- ♪ Crafts
- ♪ Games
- ♪ Music

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Wednesday Night Foam Party
- Thursday Night Service Party

Check-in begins at 5:15 pm in the PLC.  
Car line dismissal begins at 8:00 pm.

## THURSDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT!

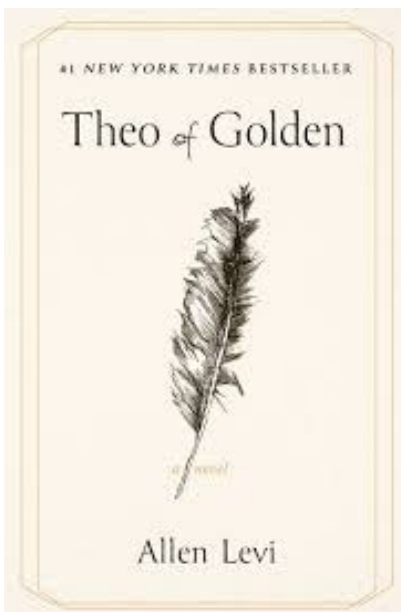
We invite parents and siblings to stay for dinner @ 5:30, join as we share the songs we have learned, and help us with a service project to bring joy to others. Dismissal on Thursday night is @ 7:30 pm.

## June 7-11



## NIGHTLY DINNER MENU

- ★ Sunday–Breakfast for Dinner
- ★ Monday–Mr. Jerry’s Corndogs
- ★ Tuesday–Deli Sandwiches
- ★ Wednesday–BBQ Sliders
- ★ Thursday–Pizza



*Theo of Golden* is a breakout novel by first-time author Allen Levi about an elderly, mysterious man named Theo who arrives in the small town of Golden, Georgia, & begins a quiet mission of anonymous generosity, buying pencil portraits of residents from a local coffee shop and returning them to their owners in exchange for their stories, leading to connection, healing and reflection on kindness and human goodness.

**Women’s Book Club – Thursday, June 25 @ 6:30 pm / GR**



Welcome to our series...

## Everything You Wanted to Know About \_\_\_\_\_ But Were Afraid to Ask

### This month: What to Do When...

You know those times when something out of the ordinary happens and you're not quite sure what to do involving church? Yes, we know them all too well around here. So, this month, we're going to give you a few helpful hints.

- ◆ **I'm having out-patient surgery.** This is an easy one. **Call the church.** Our pastors want to know when you're having surgery of any kind so they can pray for you! Many times they will come to the hospital for prayer. I know what you're thinking, "it's just out-patient." That really doesn't matter. Surgery is surgery and you still need prayer. In Lexington County, 52.7% of all surgeries are outpatient. Let them know the date, time, and place and they will be there. Be sure to also let them know if it's okay for me to put you on the prayer list that goes in the bulletin each week.
- ◆ **My surgery is a little personal.** It's okay. **Call the church.** We deal with personal stuff all the time. That's one reason we have both a male pastor and a female pastor. We want you to be comfortable when you need us.
- ◆ **There has been a death in the family.** Also an easy one. **Call the church!** Our pastors want to know as soon as possible when there has been a death effecting the church family! They will want to pray with you and be your guide on the next steps. They will plan to accompany you to your visit with the funeral home and will help you with arrangements for the service. We know you need to call family, but please make sure we are one of your first calls. We can help!
- ◆ **There has been an accident/emergency and we are at the hospital.** **Call the church!** Our pastors make multiple hospital visits a week at all hours of the day and night and are happy to do so.
- ◆ **It's after hours and I need a pastor!** It's okay, **call their cell phones!** I am in the office Monday—Thursday from 9 am to 6 pm (later on days when I have choir rehearsals) and am happy to relay information, but they are both available 24/7 for any and all pastoral needs.

**Pastor Judson: 704-798-4280**

**Pastor Cassie: 678-492-3956**

**Remember**, the pastors don't have a crystal ball. And, as convenient as it would be, nobody from the hospital flags them down when they enter to tell them a church member is there. 😊

My first question whenever someone comments that they didn't hear from the church when they were in the hospital is, "did you call the church to let us know?" If you didn't, then you should!

**Serving Him & Loving it!**

*Carol Wyndham, Chaos Coordinator*

*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.*





## Dates to Remember

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

**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 25—Women’s Book Club @ 6:30 pm / GR**

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

**June 30—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC**



**July 3—Office Closed for Independence Day**

**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**

**July 30—Women’s Book Club @ 6:30 pm / GR**



**August 9—Sunday School Promotion Day**

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

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

**August 9—Children’s Ministry Surprise Event @ 3 pm/PLC**

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

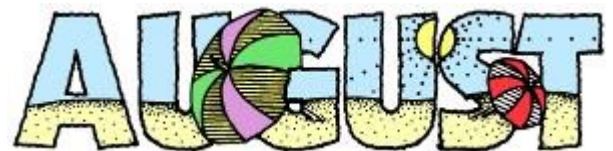
**August 16—Church Council Meeting @ 3 pm / CR**

**August 25—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC**

**August 27—Lutheran Men @ 6 pm / FH**

**August 27—Women’s Book Club @ 6:30 pm / GR**

**August 30—Endowment Event**



**September 7—Office Closed for Labor Day**

**September 13—Golden Age Luncheon @ 12:30 pm / PLC**

**September 14—Women’s Bible Study w/Lisa Leitzsey @ 6:30 pm / GR**

**September 20—Church Council Meeting @ 3 pm / CR**

**September 24—Women’s Book Club @ 6:30 pm / GR**

**September 29—Loving Group @ 10:30 am / PLC**





# Thank you!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

We are so overwhelmed with gratitude for your generous donation of bookbags and other school supplies. We know they will meet the needs of our students and support their academic success!

Susannah Hammontree  
Springdale Elementary

Dear Church Family—

I want to sincerely thank everyone for the kind words, texts, calls, prayers, and sympathy cards during the passing of my Dad. The love and support show to my family and me has meant more than words can express. We are truly grateful for our church family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
*Buck Vaughan*

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone that supported, helped, or came out to support **Relay for Life**. We raised over \$5,000! We could not have done that without your generosity! Thank you!

*For those wondering, we donated the left-over canned drinks to Homecoming.*

St. Peter's Family,

Thank you for your continued support of the Snack Sack Ministry. Your gifts of money and PB&J are much appreciated!

Stay tuned for school year 2026-2027!

Snack Sack Ministry

### I'M CONFUSED. WHERE IS MY EVENT/MEETING?

*Sometimes there's not enough room to print out things like Parish Life Center or Conference Room, so we use initials.*

Here's a hint.

- CH=Choir Room (on nursery hall)
- 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





# Thank you!



Tommy "Belly" Shealy & Gloria shopped all over Lexington County to get the best meat at the best price, worked his magic, and made 200 fabulous BBQ sandwiches! Gloria Shealy, Donna & Steve Alford helped at the "Sandwich Making Station".

Paul & Diane Robison made their wonderful slaw out of 10 heads of cabbage—*by hand!*



## THANK YOU!

There were lots of wonderful people who worked behind the scenes to make Homecoming 2026 a great success. Here are just a few...

**Jason Williams**—made sure the Scout Hut was "company ready"

**Jackie Jumper**—made sweet tea and lemonade.

**Bobbi Buff**—washed dishes & coolers.

**Dory Arnold & Marion Gable**—provided safety throughout the day

**Carl Shealy**—set up & covered tables

**Steve & Teresa Ellisor**—awesome clean-up crew!

**Steve Wyndham**—"lifeguard" to make sure everyone was safe on the water slide.

**Mr. Larry**—PICTURES of it all!

**Dessert Makers**—WOW!!

Love y'all,  
Carol & Clay





# Serving This Month

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
<b>Acolyte</b> Early	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>
Late	Camryn Merrell	Scarlett Ellingson	Carter Ellingson	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Charlie & Marie Eargle	Steve & Carol Wyndham	Landis & Linda Ballington	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kayla & Scarlett Ellingson, Cindy Evans, & Laura Riley			
<b>Bulletins</b>	Angie Meetze & Jenny Stone			
<b>Coffee Time</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	Evangelism Ministry	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	Kitchen Ministry
<b>Communion Servers</b> Early	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> Wine: <b>Steve Wyndham</b>	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> <b>Pastor Judson</b> Wine: Ellen Knehans Michele Zee	<b>Bread: Pastor Judson</b> <b>Pastor Cassie</b> Wine: LeeAnn Crapps Brenda Hedgecock	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> <b>Pastor Judson</b> Wine: <b>Ellen Knehans</b> <b>Steve Wyndham</b>
Late	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> Wine: <b>Martin Bowers</b>	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> <b>Pastor Judson</b> Wine: Jenny Stone <b>Ernie Chaplin</b>	<b>Bread: Pastor Judson</b> <b>Pastor Cassie</b> Wine: Marie Eargle Catherine Oxner	<b>Bread: Pastor Cassie</b> <b>Pastor Judson</b> Wine: <b>Ernie Chaplin</b> Jenny Stone
<b>Greeters</b> Early	Rochelle Roof	<b>Jean Hundley</b>	Paul & Diane Robison	<b>Jean Hundley</b>
Late	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>	Rochelle Roof	Marie Eargle	<b>Volunteer Appreciated</b>
<b>Lectors</b> Early	<b>Steve Wyndham</b>	Kim Massey	Paul Robison	<b>Steve Wyndham</b>
Late	<b>Martin Bowers</b>	<b>Tommy Chaplin</b>	Marie Eargle	<b>Tommy Chaplin</b>
<b>Pew Crew</b>	Angie Meetze & Jenny Stone			
<b>Ushers</b> Early & Late	<b>Paul Duell &amp; Bobby Harmon—Co-Chairs</b> Terry Coker, Brian Cook, Ken & Chris Lunsford, Steven & Jacob Johnson			

## PUBLISHING DEADLINES:

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

*We always have very strict print times, and during the summer, we have to sometimes print early. Please get information to the office ASAP to be included. THANKS!*





## June Birthdays

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

11th	Kathy Fornal Stanley Smith
12th	Randy Weed
13th	Rhonda Rawl
14th	<b>Barbara Whiteside (93)</b>
18th	Bill Jennings
19th	Steven Johnson Robert Pell
20th	Dixie Black Karen Jordan Emmy Kupchinsky Hudson Kupchinsky Luke Taylor
21st	Isabella Ludy Sandra Martin

22nd	Debra Carlsen Victoria Davis Joyce M. Porth
23rd	Sheryll Gill Christen Weidner
24th	Jim Teeter Jake Weidner
25th	Abigail Davis Avalee Morell
26th	Megan Aguilar Pat Allen Belverly Taylor
27th	Anna Coutsos
29th	Jim Elliott Amanda Johnson Coleman Szuhly

## June Anniversaries

<b>2nd</b>	<b>Landis &amp; Linda Ballington</b>	<b>53 years</b>
4th	Claude & Lisa Leitzsey	32 years
6th	George & Susan Bailey	34 years
6th	Mark & Stacie Craps	34 years
6th	Curry Hook & Catherine Porth	18 years
6th	Nathan & Erika Galub	11 years
6th	Ted & Michele Zee	34 years
7th	Charles & Penni Henry	40 years
8th	Tommy & Erica Sweatman	24 years
9th	Allan & Katelyn Smith	14 years
<b>9th</b>	<b>Fulmer &amp; Joyce Shealy</b>	<b>59 years</b>
12th	Alden & Abby Crapps	6 years

12th	Barry & Terri Powell	16 years
12th	Doug & Christy Riley	27 years
<b>13th</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Karen Connor</b>	<b>56 years</b>
14th	Mark & Eadie Beaver	42 years
15th	Steve & Carol Wyndham	40 years
18th	Pr. Judson & Carrie Merrell	21 years
19th	Jonathan & Amanda Hoyle	16 years
21st	Derek & Pr. Cassie Boehringer	12 years
<b>29th</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Karen Price</b>	<b>52 years</b>
29th	Buck & Hillarie Vaughan	30 years
29th	Randy & Carolyn Weed	41 years

**JUNE  
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 Handbell Rehearsal\*  
 5:00 pm Youth

**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\*

\*No Rehearsals during summer

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 2026

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

	<b>1</b> No Matins Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Wingard park 5:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> New Member Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm FH  VBS Volunteer Training 4 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Primary	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30—8 pm</b>						
<b>14</b> Kids sing @ Coffee Time  1st Communion Lunch & Learn /12:30 pm FH	<b>15</b> No Matins Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  CEMETERY 9 am
<b>21</b> 1st Communion Lunch & Learn /12:30 pm FH  Council 3 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Primary Run- off and School Board election	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Virginia Hylton park 5:30 pm  Book Club 6:30 pm/GR	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 1st Communion Lunch & Learn /12:30 pm FH	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Loving Group 10:30 am/ PLC				 taste and see that the LORD is good,  how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! psalm 34:8

**Do what lasts.  
Get around to everything else.  
~ Bob Goff**