



Saint Peter
Lutheran Church
Southport, NC

Weekly News



Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Our mission is to inspire a community of vibrant disciples who gather in fellowship to worship, learn, serve and witness to others.

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- **Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Service** with Holy Communion will be offered. All are invited. The live service can be viewed on the Church Facebook page **here.**
- **Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Service** The 11:00 a.m. service will be broadcast to the Church Facebook page **here.**
- **Sunday Bulletin** - Each Thursday afternoon our new Sunday Worship Bulletin is ready for viewing by clicking **here.**



Giving Garden Open House

Sunday April 28 from 9:45am to 10:45am.

Join us for a tour and thank you for your support in this important ministry!

Saint Peter's Giving Garden will have an open house Sunday April 28 from 9:45am to 10:45am. The Garden Team will give tours of the newly expanded garden and

share information about our growing and harvesting seasons. Our garden gives our produce to the food pantry in Boiling Spring Lakes and is looking for a record year in pounds of produce grown and given this year.

5th Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Music Notes & Organ Pipes



Music Notes: The Keys of the Kingdom will be featured at both services this Sunday. Conductor Bonnie Weaver leads the group. She is a retired Band Director, Choir Director, and Worship Leader and has worked in public school districts and churches in Raleigh and Wilmington. She and her husband Eddie have provided accompaniment for several Saint Peter Advent Cantatas and Sunday anthems. They are the backbone of worship at Saint Peter's Wonderful Wednesday services.

Wednesday services feature a contemporary Christian sound. If you haven't attended yet, we encourage you to check it out.

Organ Pipes: "See How Great a Flame Aspires" is this Sunday's prelude. Based on the Welsh tune "Arfon" and arranged by Lani Smith. A little different for a prelude in that this piece builds to full organ on the last measure.

Meditation on "Blackburn" arranged by Dennis Eliot is the communion meditation. Based on the early American hymn tune composed by William Hay Macdowell Hunter (1841- 1927) from Liverpool.

The postlude is "Rondeau" composed by Johann Krieger. From the baroque period, Johann was of such stature that Handel confessed how much he owed to Krieger because of his gift of melodic invention. A rondeau is a musical form in which the opening and closing lines are identical.

The postlude is "Ye Servants of God" arranged by Franklin Ritter. The tune is the well known hymn "Hanover" or by name; "Ye Servants of God" and "Worship the King." This arrangement goes from march-like to legato with an exuberant full organ ending.

Pastor Jason's Thought of the Week



Psalm 8:3-5

3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

Houston, we have a problem.

At our Men's breakfast, NASA flight director Jeff Bantle described mysterious discoveries revealed by the Hubble and Web telescopes. As he spoke, I sat in awe contemplating the complexity and vastness of God's creation. I was perplexed to hear the outer galaxies and stars are accelerating as the universe expands. To me, that seems to defy laws of motion. So, after the presentation I asked Jeff to explain this discovery further, and our church member and physicist Rick Collins gave me an answer to consider. He said, "bodies expanding in motion can accelerate if they are in a vacuum." Ponder that. I contemplated that for part of the day wondering how to explain it, then it came to me... bodies expanding in motion can accelerate if they are in a vacuum, "Eureka!"

Did that make you laugh? Surely someone will tell me that joke sucks. Ba, dum, bum. I'll be here all-day folks.

Bantle displayed a telescope picture of a swath of galaxies, the size of a pinhead, from the furthest reaches of the known universe and said, "there are more stars present than all the grains of sand on earth." And yet, the Scriptures are more profound than the immensity of our universe. Contemplate the vastness of creation and realize that, even in our smallness, the Scriptures proclaim that God is more than mindful of us. God loves us, makes sacrifices for us, and redeems us. Yes, we are small, and 93 million miles from the sun, and 28 billion lightyears away from the furthest stars. But the Scriptures declare that we are important, made in God's image, loved, and on God's mind. We are crowned, honored, and created with purpose to reflect the image of God. So live as you were created to live, as a disciple that marvels at God's love and creation while reflecting the ways of God incarnate, our savior Jesus.

Pastor Wade's Thought of the Week

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Worship, Learn, Serve, and Witness

Faithful people of Saint Peter Lutheran, our Psalm reading for this coming Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Easter, is Psalm 22:25-31. Within its verses we will hear, and sing, these words, *"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord."* The season of Easter turns our hearts, our souls, to the goodness of our God. It has been revealed to us through Jesus, God the Son! In the midst of our congregation, in the hall of our sanctuary, we lift our hearts to the Lord; we sing our praises to God; that every man and woman might know the glory of our God. Jesus said this to us, "when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." May our praise and thanksgiving be music to Your ears Lord as we lift You up. See you Sunday morning Saint Peter! May our work for the Lord be strong! P Wade

Men of Faith

I'm lifting up a "thank you" to Don Brekke for bringing Jeff Bantle to our breakfast last week. What an interesting presentation. And, We had a great turn out!!! And of course, as usual, Tony and his crew put together an excellent breakfast. There was even a new dish on the buffet. Thanks Tony and crew. I'm already looking forward to May's presentation. It's John Mosely from the Maritime Museum. Watch for details about that. Rob Schutt is making preparations for our trip to Myrtle Beach. If you haven't spoken with him, please do. We're thinking about putting together a couple of projects, in coordination with the property committee. These are just in the idea phase, but I think we could make them happen relatively easily. I hope we can make some plans for these soon. Lastly, if you have any ideas for a guest speaker please contact me. I'm trying to start some ideas for this Fall. Gimme a call and let's talk. P Wade

Saint Peter Communication Team

Pastor Jason and I would like to reaffirm our desire to have the new mission statement in front of all of us as much as possible; to commit it to heart; on our website; in our newsletters; on our bulletins (for now). 😊 The new mission statement is intended to bring us together with a focused energy for the glory of our God. Yes, the mission statement relates to our communication plan in the language we use at all of our communication levels, internally and externally. Included with this is the strategic plan of growing Saint Peter in the years ahead of us. We pray that you will find your way of participating with us in the ways the Holy Spirit moves you. Sincerely, P Wade

HELP for Those Who Had a Devastating Fire

On Sunday, April 21, 2024, Pastor Wade addressed the congregation of both services about the devastating house fire that left Fred and Clara Balling with nothing more than the clothes they were wearing, a cell phone and their dogs. Their lives have forever changed.

Pastor Wade requested that the congregants pray on what they may be able to give. Checks can be made out to Saint Peter and be sure to note in the memo "House Fire" so funds can be correctly applied. If you are giving cash, please put your name on the envelope and the words "House Fire". Those of you who want to give on-line through the Saint Peter website, click on the GIVING drop down tab, click on VANCO and then click on "Fred and Clara's House Fire". You can also access it via this link <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z7G1/campaign/C-14TEE>.

Fred and Clara have expressed their heartfelt thanks to the Church Council and to the congregation for undertaking the Ask Campaign on their behalf. They ask for your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Paula Ruane



Letter about Saint Peter from Anonymous

April 22-26

Our Church last Sunday, as I positioned myself in the first few pews of our church, I had the opportunity to look at the chancel area in a new way. Our beautiful cross looks down upon the entire nave – reminding us that our Risen Christ sees us and pours out His love for us.

The altar is adorned with sacred cloths which show our dedication to honor and beautify the wonderful bread and wine, which will be set there when we receive Christ's body and blood.

I watched our Pastor's - - - always respectful of the spaces in which they serve, and looking happy and content, to be serving our Lord. The banners have been changed again. Thank you Lord, for our altar crew, who serve the church, and You, with such joy and dedication.

The flowers reflect the "day of our Lord" and our lector smiles as she prepares to read Your word, Father. We are so blessed to know that ASL is offered; at both services with thanksgiving and grace.

Our sermon - - - always well prepared, and focused upon Your abiding love for Your church. Father, the Bell Choir – the music – well chosen and beautifully delivered by our Organist, lights up our hearts; and our Choir's anthem serves to put a "Chrystal Crown" upon our worship – bringing both a special joy, and a unique reflection of our beautiful Savior.

Father, thank You for all of this. We do not take it for granted – this beautiful, Christ-filled service of the Sacrament and Word. In Jesus, Amen

Anonymous

Sunday School Adult Bible Study 9:45am



THEMES:

Formations Guide

April Theme: First Peter

Connections Guide materials (with individual booklets)

May: The Contemplative Life

June: The Life of Peter

July: The Book of Daniel

August: Exemplary Leaders

Ladies Tea Time

The ladies tea on May 4th is now full and there is a wait list. It is going to be a fabulously delightful afternoon of fellowship, tea, food and fun.



Synod Gathering **May 30-June 1, 2024**

Synod Gathering 2024 is scheduled for Thursday, May 30 – Saturday, June 1, at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory.

Church members and visitors, pastors, and deacons from across the synod will gather to develop community, grow in faith, and grow skills for building God's church. All are invited! You are invited!

If you would like to now more check out:

<https://nclutheran.org/event/synod-gathering-2024/>



Wonderful Wednesday's

PREACHING THIS WEDNESDAY 4/24 - REVEREND ROBIN JOHNSON

Wonderful Wednesday Worship is in the Labyrinth at 5:15pm followed by a meal.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Signup sheets will be in the narthex, **please make sure that you sign up so we have enough food for everyone.**



April 24th - Wonderful Wednesday Team Picnic
Hamburger, Hot Dogs and Potato Salad & Ice Cream

May 1st - Church Council
Italian Lasagna, Salad, Bread and Dessert

MEMORY CAFÉ



A welcoming place for people living with memory challenges and their care partners.

1st Wednesday of each month, 1-3 pm

Upcoming Café
MAY 1, 1-3 PM

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT:

stpeterlutheran-nc.org/memory

OR EMAIL US AT:

splcmemorycafe@stpeterlutheran-nc.org

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Prayer Requests **for Our Saint Peter Family and Friends**



Eddie Lawrence, Bill Craig, John McDonald, Judy Reynolds, Dave Roth, Carl Jablon, Christa Glassman, Paul Hillsinger, Jacqui Ellis, Gordo DuPont, Susan Epstein, Lori Collins, Janice Fox, Linda Ingher, Orrin and Larry Foss, Dennis Dietrich, Katie Miller, Steven Dungan, Ray DeChristopher, Sophia Diaz, Gisela Allen, Paul Stream, Twylla Ford, Pat Whiting, Marilyn Lingo, Rebecca Tousignant

Worship Service on Easter Sunday Last Week



8:30 am Worship - 87
11:00 am Worship - 122



Financial Summary

Saint Peter Financial Summary – March 31, 2023

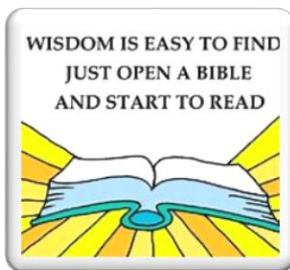


Year to date Income	\$ 178,277.39
Year to date Expenses	<u>126,385.15</u>
Net Income before budgeted items	51,892.24
Provision for Major Repairs	3,000.00
Net Income after Budgeted Items	\$ 48,892.24
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Daily Spiritual Readings

April 29 – May 5

Scripture citations taken from the Three year Daily Lectionary
in the HYMNAL, pg. 1121 (Year B)



Monday	Galatians 5:16-26
Tuesday	James 3:17-18
Wednesday	John 14:18-31
Thursday	Acts 10:1-34
Friday	Acts 10:34-43
Saturday	Mark 10:42-45
Sunday	John 5:1-6

Important Dates

Sun 04/28	<p style="text-align: center;">8:30 am Worship Service (S) 9:30 am Giving Garden Open House (GG) 9:30 am Keys to the Kingdom Practice (S) 9:45 am Youth Group (Pastor's Office) 9:45 am Adult Sunday School (Pastor's Office) 11:00 am Worship Service (S)</p>
Mon 04/29	<p style="text-align: center;">9:00 am Giving Garden Work (GG) 5:00 pm Seat Notes Practice (S/MPR)</p>
Tues 04/30	<p style="text-align: center;">9:00 am Communications Team Meeting (Pastor's Office) 9:30 am Duet Practice (S) 10:00 am Admin Meeting (Pastor's Office) 11:00 am Sisters of Prayer (S) 4:00 pm Hand Bell Choir</p>
Wed 05/01	<p style="text-align: center;">1:00 pm Memory Café (FH/K) 3:00 Ladies Tea Time Meeting (CR) 3:30 pm (S/MPR) WW Keys Setup 5:15 pm WW Worship (Labyrinth) 5:45 pm WW Meal (FH) 6:30 pm Choir Practice (S/MPR)</p>
Thurs 05/02	<p style="text-align: center;">2:00 pm Woman's Small Group Meeting (CR) 3:00 pm Property Committee (MPR)</p>
Fri 05/03	<p style="text-align: center;">9:00 am Woman's Bible Study (CR) 9:00 am Giving Garden Work (GG) 1:00 pm Organ Practice (S) 1:00 pm Prep – Ladies Tea Party (FH/K)</p>
Sat 05/04	<p style="text-align: center;">All Day –Ladies Tea (1:00-3:00 actual Tea) (FH)</p>

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The Rev. Wade Brinkopf, Associate Pastor

Lois Moore, Director of Worship and Music Arts

Rod Roskom, Associate Director of Worship and Music

Dale Giannatasio, Accompanist

Cindy Ledbetter, Director of Handbell Choir

Sally Lawrence, Treasurer

Don Brenner, Financial Secretary

Ginny Crane, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper

Three Parish Nurses; Wendy McKernan, Bess Holt and Nick Giannatasio will be sharing the parish nurse's role in rotation. Wendy McKernan will be the nurse on rotation for the month of April. Call the parish nurse's cell phone at 910-457-6039 with any needs.

NEWSLETTER Submission Deadline is Monday by 10:00 am.

PUBLICATION REQUEST FORM

click below

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