



Saint Peter
Lutheran Church
Southport, NC

Weekly News



Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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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.**

Moretz Scholarships are due no later than April 1st for tuition assistance for college, trade school and/or CEU training.

Download the form at

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and drop it off at the church office or scan and email it in.

4th Sunday in Lent

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Music Notes & Organ Pipes

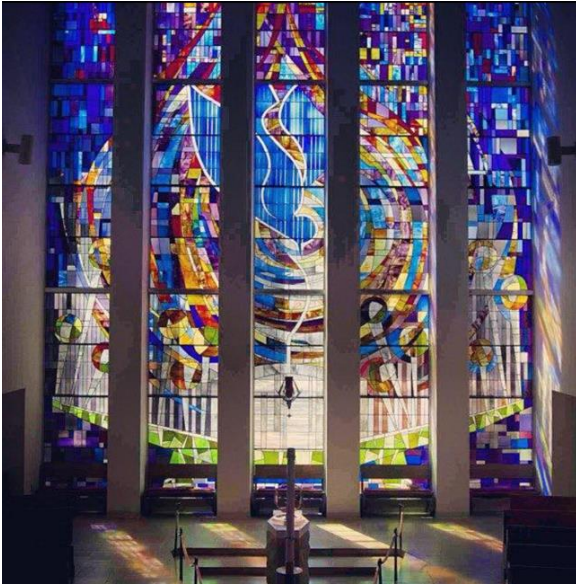


Music Notes: On this fourth Sunday in Lent, the Choir sings at the 8:30 am service repeating the anthem, "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" by Trevor Manor. Cellist, John Illingworth joins us once again on this very special anthem. J.W. Pepper explains the music this way, "the work depicts the sacrificial love of Christ in an unforgettable way."

Organ Pipes: The communion meditation is "A Lenten Prayer" composed by Dorothy Harvell. This prayerful and expressive piece features a quiet solo reed melody.

This week's postlude is "All Glory Be To Thee" a majestic composition by Gertrude Haupt Richolson (1895–1974). Born in Indiana, Gertrude was a lifelong church musician and composed a number of organ and choral works.

Pastor Jason's Thought of the Week



LTSS's baptismal font and Holy Spirit stained glass window at Christ's Chapel



The altar and cross at Christ's Chapel

In 2011 I enrolled at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) in Columbia, SC. As the landscape of theological education was changing in those days due to the decline of mainline Protestantism, many seminaries around the country were adjusting to lower enrollment by merging. LTSS became involved in another option. In 2013, the thriving Lenoir-Rhyne University (LRU) sought to buy the seminary and use its campus in Columbia to continue theological education for seminarians and expand other undergraduate opportunities. It wasn't long before the multi-year pandemic hit, which furthered the thrust for online instead of on campus learning. Over time, the cost for retaining the Columbia campus became prohibitive.

Below is a letter from SC Bishop Aebischer that provides more details regarding the decision to relocate LTSS and the LRU undergraduate programs from Columbia, SC to the campus of LRU, in Hickory, NC. Continue to hold the faculty, students, governing bodies, and support staff in your prayers through this change. When significant change comes to the church, I like to ponder the words of Jesus, "behold, I am making all things new." I like to remember that the church is about death and resurrection. Rebirth, regeneration, and resurrection are important words to the church. And with a new beginning, there will be blessings and opportunities that would not have happened without relocation. I look forward to seeing new things from LTSS and LRU as a new phase begins, and God's grace continues to change lives.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary announced that it is planning to move from Columbia, South Carolina, to the main campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina in January. The final approval of this move will come from the university's trustees later this month.

This is hard news for those of us who were formed on the campus in Columbia and for all those who have precious memories of those holy spaces and places. Even in the midst of sadness, however, I am giving thanks that our beloved seminary, which has a long history of pilgrimage, will go on to have a new chapter in Hickory.

I learned this news when Lenoir-Rhyne and LTSS leaders met with me to share their plan and ask for advice, and their reasons for the move are clear. By embedding the seminary on the campus in Hickory, Lenoir-Rhyne will save about \$2.1 million per year in operating costs and eliminate significant deferred maintenance costs on the Columbia campus. That campus is far larger than the seminary's current program requires, especially since, like other mainline seminaries, LTSS now enrolls many hybrid and commuter students. Online education opens to each of us all kinds of opportunities to continue our education from the comforts of our home office, but that reality has significant impact and brings real changes in the ways institutions like Southern Seminary can function when 75% or more of the student body is online...

Lenoir-Rhyne University leaders have assured me that this is not downsizing or a change in the seminary's curriculum or strategic plan. In fact, by saving in operating costs, the seminary hopes to be able to expand its program in the years to come...

In Christ,

*The Rev. Virginia S. Aebischer, Bishop
ELCA - South Carolina Synod*

Special Congregational Meeting - March 10th at 10am

The Church Council has called a special Congregational Meeting to present their recommendation for increasing Pastor Wade Brinkopf's call from 60% to 75% on March 10th at 10am. Please plan to attend the meeting. Thank you.



Pastor Wade's Thought of the Week

Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus at Saint Peter Lutheran,

The last verse of Psalm 23 speaks these words, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long." (KJV) We used Psalm 23 for the celebration of life for Delaine Hapner last week. I love the King James Version of Psalm 23. It has a spiritual depth to it, with its old English, that other translations of this favorite Psalm just can't match. As people of faith and followers of Jesus our understanding of 'dwelling in the house of the Lord' is magnified in many ways. I'm thinking of our labyrinth, and our columbarium, the giving garden, our sanctuary, the fellowship hall, the view you have looking out your window right now. Take a moment and look out your window right now, what do you see, and how do you see 'the house of the Lord' there? How does the body and blood of Jesus, which dwells in you, give you understanding and movement for every new day? Come find me and share what you've seen.

Please join us for Wonderful Wednesday this week where we will hear Mark's narration of Jesus entering the temple upon His arrival in Jerusalem. Our Lenten journey grows closer and closer to Jesus' passion. We'll be singing Holden Evening Prayer and sharing our Lenten Soup Supper fellowship. See you there everyone. May our work for the Lord be strong. P Wade

Men of Faith Update



Good afternoon Men of Faith. The month of March will be dedicated to our "All Church Clean-up." On Saturday March 16th we will meet at the church at 9:00 am with everyone else and join in the 'all church clean-up.' Doug is going to pick up some bagels for us, and we'll have cream cheese and butter and jelly, plus coffee in the fellowship hall. Dan has a sign-up sheet for helping with specific tasks around the church. You can send Dan an email and get your name on a project;

there is lots of projects we need to take care of both inside and outside. I'm hoping we can have a great turn out from Men of Faith. Wear your t-shirt for the day; many hands make quick work! We have a guest speaker for April 20th. Don Brekke' neighbor was a NASA flight crew member. He has a presentation which Don believes we will all enjoy. I'm looking forward this already. If you have any thoughts on future guest speakers, let's sit down and talk. I have a name to contact with the Lion's here in Southport. Hopefully that will be on the horizon. Thanks Men of Faith for your support and service out in the Giving Garden. The crew out there really appreciated the help with moving soil, mulch, building fence. Our garden has doubled in size. Praise the Lord. May our work for the Lord be strong! P Wade

Meet Nurse Nick Giannatasio



Meet Nurse Nick Giannatasio. Did you know our dear former pastor is a Registered Nurse?

Following his discharge from the Navy, Nick went to work on the Railroad. After five years, mostly on strike, Nick began exploring careers that offered him the opportunity for meaningful and steady employment. When some friends encouraged him to investigate nursing, he found what he was searching for, and the rest is history! He graduated from Saint Vincents Hospital School of Nursing in 1978, passed the nursing boards and became a Registered Nurse. Nick's career in nursing includes working in the state Psychiatric Hospital, Operating Room, and Renal Dialysis while pursuing higher degrees. Nick continues to hold an active nursing license in the state of North Carolina.

When Nick heard we were looking for additional Parish Nurses at Saint Peter, he once again answered our call and offered to join the team. With his vast nursing experience and deep understanding of the importance of spiritual health, he will become an excellent resource to our congregation. Welcome Nurse Nick!



Lutheran Disaster Response of the Carolina's Forum

**March 17, during the 9:45am Sunday School hour
in the Fellowship Hall**

Program leaders Rev. RuthAnn Sipe and Rev. Ray Sipe will present strategies and tips for being personally ready for disasters such as hurricanes. Come hear their stories of those who were and weren't ready when trouble came, and learn how you can be prepared. No one wants to be stuck up a creek without a paddle!

Here is a short video of from LDR that will give insights to the importance of being ready: https://youtu.be/8_cOWwHTfVU



Lutheran Disaster Response of the Carolina's Workshop

Monday, March 18th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall with lunch

Did you know Saint Peter:

- has showers in the FH bathrooms
- is registered as potential RedCross Shelter
- has facilities for our congregation and community
- has a backup generator that can work for days following a power outage

Do you know what our church should and should not offer during a disaster? There are many unanswered questions about how our church should respond when trouble calls.

At the March 18th Disaster Preparedness Workshop, all members of our church, especially our council leaders, security team, emergency personnel, and health ministry leaders are encouraged to attend to ask questions and learn the do's and don'ts for how our church should respond during a disaster. The Sipe's will share their expertise that will aid us in creating a Disaster Plan at Saint Peter.

More information regarding LDR's preparedness initiatives can be found at: <https://ldrcarolinas.org/resources>

Please sign up in the Narthex to register so we can have can plan for lunch.

March Ladies Lunch and Munch

The March ladies Lunch & Munch will be held on Thursday, March 14th, **11:00am** at the Thai and Vine restaurant – 106 South 58th Street, Oak Island. We are only able to take 15 members for this luncheon so please DO NOT signup if there is any chance that you can not attend. Any cancellations will forfeit the \$10 deposit check which will be deposited into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



Welcome Our New Church Members



JEAN and TODD ANDERSON

Jean and Todd are new arrivals from Maryland where they attended Saint John Lutheran in Sett Air, MD. They are both originally from Bethlehem, PA. They are both currently working but are looking forward to retirement soon. Jean works at Doshier Medical and Todd is a "road warrior" restoring historical properties from NC to DC to NJ. They both enjoy swimming, biking, and our beaches. They have two daughters and four grandkids in CT and PA.



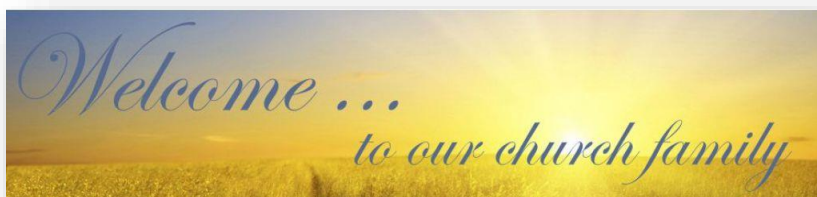
NANCY LEE BROOKS

Nancy is a former teacher and originally from Chicago as a cradle Lutheran. She moved to Southport from Arvada, CO where she attended King of Glory Lutheran church and still serves on their church council until May. She has two daughters and three grandkids. Daughter Ruth and her husband who live on Oak Island encouraged her to relocate from the ice and snow. Nancy is friendly and outgoing and the "church family" is very important to her. She is a widow and retired and wants to stay busy. Her hobbies include quilting, painting, piano, bridge, crafts, book clubs, choir, and volunteering.



LEE CONRADI

Lee is recently retired as a New York State employee from the Long Island area. She is married and has two daughters. A son died 10 years ago from cardiac complications. Unfortunately, her family are "non-believers" which she finds difficult to understand. She loves people and feels that Saint Peter has the Holy Spirit present within it, and she loves that communion is served weekly. Lee likes art, card making and gardening. However, she seems to be allergic to many things outside of her home.



Welcome Our New Church Members cont.



JACQUELINE "JACKIE" COOPER

Jackie is originally from Winston-Salem, NC. I challenge anyone to ask her about the "dash" in Winston-Salem. She is an accountant, restaurant owner, and currently co-owner of Cooper Electric Contracting. She is married to husband, Donnie, and has a married son and grandson in Richmond, VA and a daughter in Southport. Her daughter owns a chiropractic business. She was invited to a Saint Peter Wonderful Wednesday by Sharon Jordan and a Thursday women's group. After visiting 12 to 14 churches in the area, that's all it took.



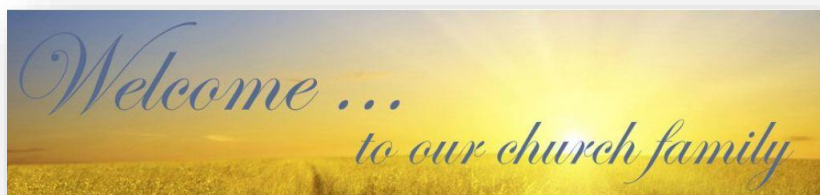
FRANCIS "JEFF" and CAROL CORELLI

Francis and Carol are retired educators from the Hopewell Valley school district in Pennington, NJ with Francis achieving the level of high school principal. Carol has a cousin on Oak Island who "showed them around" years ago and they immediately fell in love with the area. They have three children and five grandkids, and they all live in Mercer County, NJ. They will become very familiar with I-95 Northbound. They love music, boating and fishing. Francis is a former high school vocal music teacher, church organist, choir director, and Minister of Music at Bethel Lutheran, Trenton, NJ.



LAURIE and GARY CUDDY

Laurie and Gary were married on Caswell Beach in 2008 by Saint Peter's own Pastor Joe Tursi. Both are retired educators from Hinsdale Central school district in Olean, NY. Laurie retired as a school administrator and teacher and Gary retired as a school counselor. Laurie's parents owned a home on Caswell Beach and she has been vacationing here since she was 19 and attending Saint Peter. They have two kids and three grandkids in Wake Forest, NC and Olean, NY. They like golfing, cooking, gardening, travelling, and grandchildren.



Welcome Our New Church Members cont.



JANE McDERMOTT

Jane was born in Boston and raised through the Catholic school system. She is a retired registered nurse from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston from 1974 to 2004, and Doshier Memorial Hospital from 2004 to 2014. That's four decades of nursing and selfless service. Bravo.



RAY "TY" MOSER and JEFFERY (JEFF) FEIST

Ty is a born and raised North Carolinian and a baptized Methodist as both his father and grandfather were Methodist ministers. In 2017 he joined the First Congregational Church of Christ in Asheville, NC. He is retired from banking and likes photography, singing, tennis, and enjoying our beautiful coastline. Jeff is a native of rural Kansas. He is a retired banker with professional working experience as a non-profit executive and Human

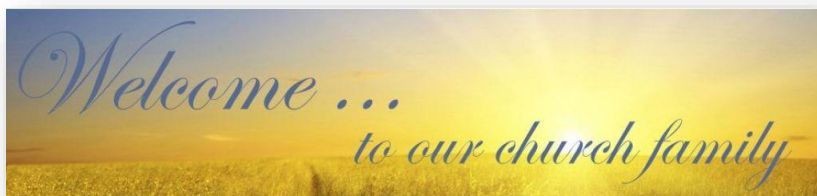
Resources Director. He has lived in Stillwater and Tulsa, OK; Dallas, TX; Junction City and Wichita, KS; and Asheville, NC. Jeff enjoys reading mystery novels, biographies, beach novels and personal fitness. Choir members Lori and Fran invited them to visit Saint Peter as they were seeking an open and affirming congregation. They have found it at Saint Peter.



NANCY and TOM NOVELLY

Nancy was born Catholic, rooted in Vatican II theology, and grew up in Westlake, OH and Westport, CT. She is retired after 41 years as the Director of Catholic Music and Liturgy. Nancy has a master's degree in Liturgy and an undergraduate degree in organ and German. Tom was also baptized, raised, and wedded in

the Catholic church. He is a retired IBM IT specialist. He enjoys the guitar and environmental issues. They have one daughter in Broadway, VA. Saint Peter's wonderful music and choir, organist, a welcoming congregation, and fabulous preaching brought them to Saint Peter. They have been vacationing in the Southport area for 20 years.



HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

Sacred Journey to the Resurrection *Join Us*



Maundy Thursday, March 28th 7pm
Live Re-enactment of The Last Supper
featuring Handbells



Easter Sunday Celebration

with music and singing

8:30am & 11:00am Worship

9:30am Refreshments

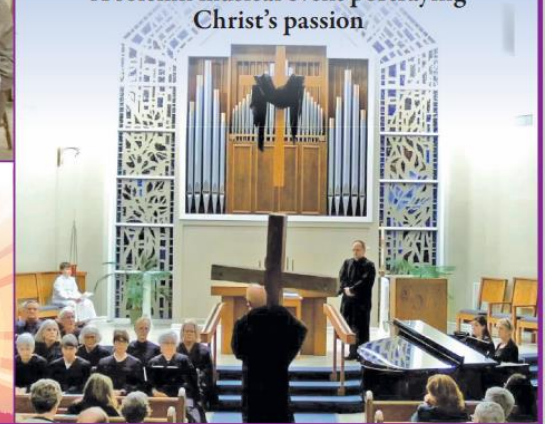
9:45am Egg Hunt

"He Has Risen"

Friday, March 29th • 7pm

Good Friday Service

A solemn musical event portraying
Christ's passion



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Sunday School Adult Bible Study 9:45am

THEMES:

World Hunger Materials

March 3 Crucifixion

March 10 (no class) Congregational Meeting

March 17 (no class) LDR Forum in FH

March 24 Resurrection

Formations

April Theme: The book of Jonah

Connections materials (with individual booklets)

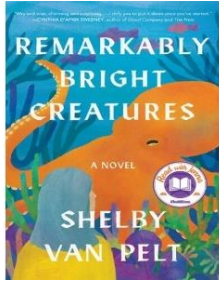
May: The Contemplative Life

June: The Life of Peter

July: The Book of Daniel

August: Exemplary Leaders

Book Club



March

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

April

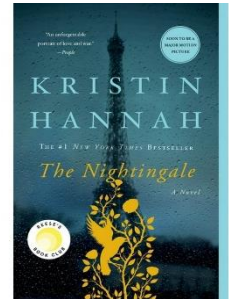
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

May

The Witch Elm by Tana French

June

Horse by Geraldine Brooks



Any questions please call Cathy Zuccarello.

Saint Peter Spring Clean-up Day

There will be a spring cleanup day on Saturday March 16th at Saint Peter. Everyone in the congregation is invited to come out and help. There will be something that everyone can help with. We will be cleaning windows inside and out as well as the screens, pressure washing the sidewalks, cleaning the HVAC vents, cleaning the sanctuary pews and alter areas. Lunch will be served.

Please sign up for the Saint Peter Spring Cleanup in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Please contact Pastor Wade (MOF) or Dan Sees (Property Committee) with any questions. **Men of Faith**, please note the spring-cleaning day will take the place of the March Men of Faith breakfast.



VBS - Save the Date – Calling All Volunteers



This year's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held July 8th -July 12th. This will be a fun filled week with our theme being SCUBA, DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD! Please contact Colleen Weathers or Keidra Koenig if you can volunteer!

Maundy Thursday The Last Supper "Live"

On Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7pm Saint Peter Lutheran Church members will present Leonardo DaVinci's Last Supper Tableau.

This is a presentation with the 12 disciples and Jesus at the table for the Last Supper and will be presented by members of our congregation as a reflection of the betrayal of Jesus. After the presentation there will be Holy Communion. The disciples will be exiting with the stripping of the altar and the eternal candle will be removed. All will exit quietly.



Prayer Requests for Our Saint Peter Family and Friends



Janice Fox, Charles Dietrich, Brenda Wilson, Linda Ingher, Orrin and Larry Foss, Elaine Bastedenbeck, Judy Reynolds, Dennis Dietrich, Katie Miller, Steven Dungan, Ray DeChristopher, Jamie Hensler, Wayne and Judy Huffman, Sophia Diaz, Gisela Allen, Paul Stream, Twylla Ford, Pat Whiting, Judy and Susan [no last names]

Worship Service Attendance Last Week

8:30 am Worship – 102
11:00 am Worship – 127



Financial Summary

Saint Peter Financial Summary – January 31, 2023

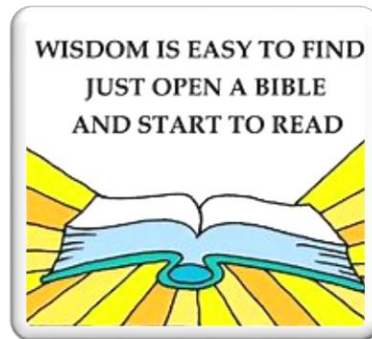
Year to date Income	\$ 65,902.38
Year to date Expenses	<u>39,440.00</u>
Net Income before budgeted items	26,462.38
Provision for Major Repairs	1,000.00
Net Income after Budgeted Items	\$ 25,462.38
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Daily Spiritual Readings

March 11– March 17

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

Monday	Hebrews 3:1-6
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:6-13
Wednesday	John 8:12-20
Thursday	Hebrews 4:1-13
Friday	Hebrews 4:14-5:4
Saturday	John 12:1-11
Sunday	John 3:14-21



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click below

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Important Dates

Sun 03/10	<p>8:30 am Worship Service (S) 10:00 am Congregational Meeting (S) 10:00 am Youth Group (Library) 11:00 am Worship Service (S) 12:30: pm Living Last Supper Cast Meeting (S)</p>
Mon 03/11	<p>3:00 pm Every Man A Warrior Book Review (CR) 6:00 pm Sea Notes Choral Society Practice (S/MPR)</p>
Tues 03/12	<p>9:00 am Communications Team Meeting (Pastor's Office) 10:00 am Admin Meeting (Pastor's Office) 10:00 am SAVVY Caregiver Program (MPR) 11:00 am Sisters of Prayer (S) 1:30 pm Finance Committee (CR) 2:30 pm Book Club (FH) 4:00 pm Endowment Committee (CR) 4:00 pm Tutoring (Children's Room)</p>
Wed 03/13	<p>3:00 pm Worship & Music Committee (CR) 3:30 pm WW Keys Setup (S/MPR) 5:15 pm WW Worship (S/MPR) 5:45 WW Meal (FH/K) 6:30 pm Choir Practice (S/MPR)</p>
Thurs 03/14	<p>9:30 am Christian Education (CR) 10:00 am Elder's Rising Shepard's Meeting (FH) 11:30 am 40 Day Devotions (MPR) 11:45 am Communications Advisory Committee (CR) 1:00 pm Fellowship Committee (MPR) 2:00 pm Woman's Small Group Meeting (CR)</p>
Fri 03/15	<p>9:00 am Woman's Bible Study 9:00 am Giving Garden Work (GG) 1:00 pm Organ Practice (S/MPR)</p>
Sat 03/16	<p>8:00 am CHURCH CLEANUP</p>

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The Rev. Jason W. Huebner, Senior Pastor

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. Nick Giannatasio will be the nurse on rotation for the month of March. Call the parish nurse's cell phone at 910-457-6039 with any needs.

NEWSLETTER Submission Deadline is Monday by 10:00 am.

Saint Peter Evangelical Church Council

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