

February 2026

Saint Peter's Lutheran Church

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Bee-loved by Jesus!

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Council

Council President: Jan McCulloh

Council Vice President: Dr. Alan King

Treasurer: Linda Lambirth/ Ken Kluttz

Council Secretary: Kathy Lentz

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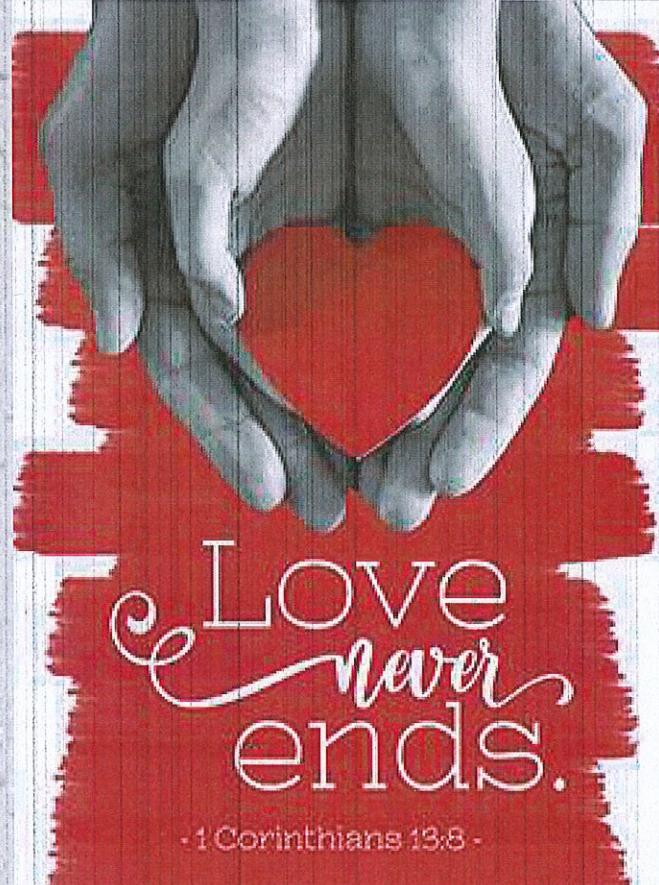
Christian Education: Nathan Pressley

Cemetery: Ken Kluttz

Youth: Jan McCulloh

Care for Congregation: Glenda Vickers

Worship/Music: Mark Shue



Nursing Home/Homebound

- **Junior Lyerly:** 1435 Sides Road, Salisbury, NC 28146
- Sue Misenheimer: Trinity Oaks (306-A)
728 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144
- **Judy Peeler:** Trinity Oaks (D-4)
820 Klumac Road, Salisbury NC 28144
- Buddy Waller: 9325 Fisher Road, Rockwell, NC 28138
- **Brenda H. Trexler:** Brookdale Senior Living (#28)
2201 Statesville Boulevard, Salisbury, NC 28147
- Lynn DeBerry: 3665 St. Peter's Church Road
Salisbury, NC 28146
- **Jean Holshouser:** Trinity Oaks (251-D)
728 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144
- Marcia Ritchie: 403 Garner Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146



“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? Psalm 13:1 Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies

What does it mean to lament? In the Bible, a lament is a prayerful expression of deep sorrow, grief, or pain directed toward God, serving as a faithful way to process suffering rather than running from it. It is a significant biblical theme comprising over a third of the Psalms and the book of Lamentations, typically moving from raw complaint to renewed trust in God.

The Bible is full of examples of Laments. The Book of Lamentations is a collection of five poems mourning the destruction of Jerusalem, expressing intense grief, shame, and trauma. As stated above, over a third of the book of Psalms are considered to be Psalms of lament. David and other psalmists cry out to God about suffering, often asking “How long, O Lord?” while ultimately affirming trust. The book of Job is one long lament where Job laments his birth and sufferings. He questions his circumstances while holding onto God. Even the New Testament has Jesus expressing lament. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus expresses profound agony, asking for the cup to be removed but submitting to the Father’s will. And let’s not forget Jesus at Lazarus’ Tomb where he weeps and mourns over his friend’s death demonstrating sympathy for human suffering.

When I was in CPE (clinical pastoral education) at Egelston Children’s Hospital, I lost count of the number of times I heard “I can’t get angry with God over this/whatever situation.” It was as if they didn’t think God could handle their raw and honest emotions. Yet, lament is a NECESSARY part of our relationship with God during life’s hardest moments!

This Lent season, we are going to explore lament for our midweek services. It is called **Holy Lament: A Worship Series for Lent**. We will gather each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm beginning February 25 and ending March 25. (Meal prior is being discussed) This series explores various kinds of lament found in scripture. Each week we will consider what it means to sit with our grief rather than try to push it aside. We will discover that many faithful believers have wrestled with grief, sorrow, and questions for God about why the innocent suffers. This series understands lament as one of the more faithful things we can do. When we approach God with honesty and humility, and we admit that some things are too big for our hearts to bear, we will find there not a disapproving God but one who weeps with us. We will find a God who can take our grief and disappointment and transform them into holy joy and renewed hope. We will learn, ultimately, that Jesus’ death on the cross – the place to which the season of Lent leads us – is the reason we never mourn as those without hope.

I pray you will consider joining me each Wednesday in Lent to learn how to lament.

Blessings!

Pastor Sue Lynn

Inspiring Story: The Necklace

Inspirational Christian Story

The cheerful little girl with bouncy golden curls was almost five. Waiting with her mother at the checkout stand, she saw them, a circle of glistening white pearls in a pink foil box.

"Oh mommy, please, Mommy, can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?" Quickly the mother checked the back of the little foil box and then looked back into the pleading blue eyes of her little girl's upturned face.

"A dollar ninety-five. That's almost \$2.00. If you really want them, I'll think of some extra chores for you and in no time you can save enough money to buy them for yourself. Your birthday's only a week away and you might get another crisp dollar bill from Grandma."

As soon as Jenny got home, she emptied her penny bank and counted out 17 pennies. After dinner, she did more than her share of chores and she went to the neighbor and asked Mrs. McJames if she could pick dandelions for ten cents. On her birthday, Grandma did give her another new dollar bill and, at last, she had enough money to buy the necklace.

Jenny loved her pearls. They made her feel dressed up and grown up. She wore them everywhere; Sunday school, kindergarten, even to bed. The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or had a bubble bath. Mother said if they got wet, they might turn her neck green.

Jenny had a very loving daddy and every night when she was ready for bed, he would stop whatever he was doing and come upstairs to read her a story. One night as he finished the story, he asked Jenny, "Do you love me?" "Oh yes, daddy. You know that I love you." "Then give me your pearls." "Oh, daddy, not my pearls. But you can have Princess, the white horse from my collection, the one with the pink tail. Remember, daddy? The one you gave me. She's my very favorite." "That's okay, Honey, daddy loves you. Good night." And he brushed her cheek with a kiss.

About a week later, after the story time, Jenny's daddy asked again, "Do you love me?" "Daddy, you know I love you." "Then give me your pearls." "Oh Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have my baby doll, the brand new one I got for my birthday. She is beautiful and you can have the yellow blanket that matches her sleeper." "That's okay. Sleep well. God bless you, little one. Daddy loves you." And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss.

A few nights later when her daddy came in, Jenny was sitting on her bed with her legs crossed Indian style. As he came close, he noticed her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek. "What is it, Jenny? What's the matter?" Jenny didn't say anything but lifted her little hand up to her daddy. And when she opened it, there was her little pearl necklace. With a little quiver, she finally said, "Here, daddy, this is for you."

With tears gathering in his own eyes, Jenny's daddy reached out with one hand to take the dime store necklace, and with the other hand he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave them to Jenny. He had them all the time. He was just waiting for her to give up the dime-store stuff so he could give her the genuine treasure.

So it is, with our Heavenly Father. He is waiting for us to give up the cheap things in our lives so that he can give us beautiful treasures. Isn't God good? Are you holding on to things that God wants you to let go of? Are you holding on to harmful or unnecessary partners, relationships, habits and activities that you have become so attached to that it seems impossible to let go? Sometimes it is so hard to see what is in the other hand but do believe this one thing God will never take away something without giving you something better in its place.

- Author unknown

Ways you can SERVE



Volunteer at our Food Pantry. We need volunteers on Friday to scan and package, and on Saturdays to distribute., the second and third Saturday of each month.. Reach out to Debbie Hill if interested.



Meals on Wheels delivers meals to shut-ins. If you would like to be a driver and brighten someone's day reach out to George Lentz on how you can help.



Our church prepares and serves meals at Jeannie's kitchen every other month for the homeless. You can serve by reaching out to the group that is hosting to see what they need help with.



Our garden ministry is not just during the summer months. Reach out to Lorrie Olive if you would like to be involved in this ministry.



We have new council assignments for committees. Please consider joining one of the committees and helping with our ministries. You can reach out to the council member assigned to the committee you would like to join.

Jan McCulloh: Youth

Dr. Alan King: Indoor Property

Frank King: Outdoor Property

David Najarian: Outreach

Glenda Vickers: Care of Congregation

Nathan Pressley: Christian Education

Ken Kluttz: Cemetery

Mark Shue: Music & Worship



- Indoor/Outdoor Property: 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm
- Christian Ed./Youth: 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:00pm

you're in our PRAYERS

If there is anyone listed on our prayer list, that needs to be added or removed, please call the church office. Thank You! 704-279-5054

Disciples of St. Peter's:

Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Jake & Phyllis Trexler, Jerry Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil & Carol Boyette, Brenda H. Trexler, Thelma Barger, Judy Peeler, Lynn DeBerry, Jean Holshouser, Marcia Ritchie, Mary Miller, Buddy Waller, and Sue Misenheimer.

Friends of St. Peter's Family:

Chris Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Jerry (Marcia Ritchie's brother), Annette McKinney, Vicki Brawley (friend of Joy King), Ruth Small (Debbie Hill's aunt), Susan and Ronnie Loflin, Lisa Roseman, Sheila Barringer, Emil Isbanioly (Leslie Puckett's nephew), Rachel (PSL's Niece) Angie Parker Hughes, Kitty "Surachna" Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Bonnie Christian, and Stacy Fraley.

february BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Gladys Harwood
- 2- Madison Puckett Gilbert
- 5- Jeremy Sapp
- 8- Debbie Hill, Marshall Puckett
- 9- Joseph Najarian
- 11- Samantha Waller Goodspeed
- 16- Larry Nesbitt
- 19- Molly Blackwell
- 21- Carolyn Boyd
- 22- Kelsie Williams
- 23- Betty Pierce
- 24- Dwight Morgan

february ANNIVERSARIES

- 25- M/M Dwight Morgan
- 27- M/M Tripp Blackwell



Emma Blackwell
Ethan DeBerry
Daniel Troutman
Bryan Smart

thank you
♥

Dear Pastor Sue Lynn, Council Members, and the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Family,

On behalf of the Starnes family, we want to express our deepest gratitude for allowing Scott Starnes's Celebration of Life to be held in the church sanctuary on January 23. Because the family's home church wasn't large enough to accommodate his family and friends, it was such a blessing to be able to hold his service at St. Peter's. Pastor Sue Lynn and Alan King were so helpful and accommodating, especially when weather concerns necessitated the service be held a day earlier.

Scott's wife Gina and his daughters Savanna and Taylor were thankful for the congregation's kindness during such a difficult time. They also appreciate Pastor Sue Lynn and Duncan for their assistance during the service by welcoming attendees and operating the soundboard. May God bless each of you with health, joy, and peace in 2026.

Kind regards,
Amy and Kent Cozart

worship

Just as the son of man came not be served but to serve.

Matthew 20:28

Lector(s)

2/1- Joy King
2/8- Mark Shue
2/15- Jan McCulloh
2/22- Marty Puckett

Assistant Minister

2/1- Ian Shue
2/8- Mark Shue
2/15- Jan McCulloh
2/22- Marty Puckett

Live stream: Nathan Pressley

Organist: Lucy Shue

Power Point: Brian White

Communion Preparers

1st Sunday: Crystal Nesbitt
2nd Sunday: Jan McCulloh
3rd Sunday: Lorrie Olive
4th Sunday: Linda Lambirth
5th Sunday: Eleanor Morgan

Sound System

1st Sunday- Daryle Olive
2nd Sunday- Duncan White
3rd Sunday- William Barger
4th Sunday- Duncan White
5th Sunday- William Barger

Money Counters

1st Sunday: Ken & Joyce Kluttz
2nd Sunday: Jamie Lyerly & Debbie Hill
3rd Sunday: Ken & Joyce Kluttz
4th Sunday: Jamie Lyerly
5th Sunday: Jamie & Jill Lyerly

Council Members Assisting with Holy Communion

February: Jan McCulloh & Ken Kluttz

Ushers

2/1: Jan McCulloh, Ken Kluttz, William Barger, Bobby Lambirth
2/8: Jan McCulloh, Ken Kluttz, Vic Cozart, George Lentz
2/15: Jan McCulloh, Ken Kluttz, Debbie Hill, Jamie Lyerly
2/22: Jan McCulloh, Ken Kluttz



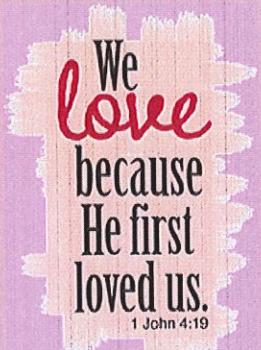
St. Peter's Giving & Attendance

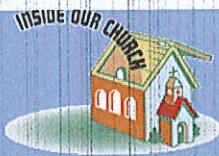
Total given for January: \$9,663.02

Monthly Requirement: \$16,002.92

Deficit for January: \$6,352.93

Average Attendance for January: 47





Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone, please contact Lorrie Olive or Dena Najarian to sign up.



Church Envelopes & Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements and Offering envelopes for the new year are ready for pick-up in the Narthex.



Blessing Box

Our little blessing box has been used frequently during the past two months. If you would like to contribute to this mission you can place items in the Narthex labeled "Blessing Box" or place them directly into the box. When placing in the box, make sure that the food is in closed containers and the door is latched when finished.



Food Pantry

For the month of January we served 24 neighbors, distributed 912 lbs. of food, and had 26 lbs. donated. The pantry is open the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9-10:30 am. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Debbie Hill.

Installation of Council Members

President/ Youth: Jan McCulloh

V. President/ I, Property: Alan King

Secretary: Kathy Lentz

Treasurer: Linda Lambirth

Cemetery: Ken Kluttz

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Us Stock the Shelves!

What is needed? Just about anything can help!

Cereal, oatmeal, grits, pancake/muffin mixes, syrup, cereal/fruit bars, pastas & sauces, peanut butter & jelly, canned fruit/fruit cups, canned/pouch meats.

Gift Cards & Monetary Donations are always welcomed as that will allow for the purchases of staple items such as: milk, eggs, butter, cheese, meats, and paper products.



The Youth will be hosting a lunch on Sunday, February 8th following worship. They will be taking up a love offering and proceeds will be used to fill the food pantry.



Oliver Shue is wrestling at Carson High School.



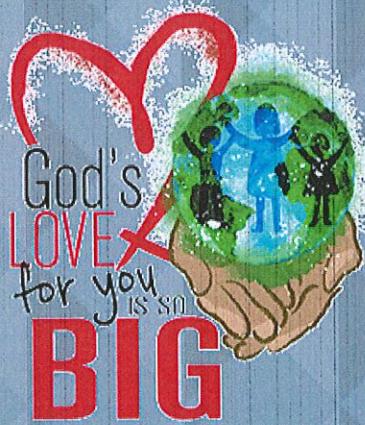
Dear Church Family:

Our preschool has been working really hard on using their manners! They are learning how it is important to share, using please and thank you, and being kind to one another.

This coming month we will anticipate what the Groundhog will tell us about the weather, and celebrate Valentine's Day with a party, on February 12th.

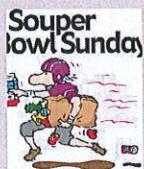
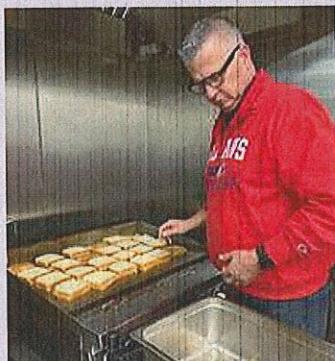
We hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Love,
St. Peter's Lutheran Preschool



Jeannie's Kitchen

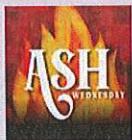
The church council served 140 bowls of chili beans, chicken noodles, grilled cheese, crackers, fruit cups and fresh fruit at Jeannie's Kitchen, January 27th. A big thank you to all who furnished food and/or served. Our next month to serve will be in March.



February 8th: Youth sponsored luncheon following Sunday service. A love donation will be collected and proceeds will go towards the food pantry.



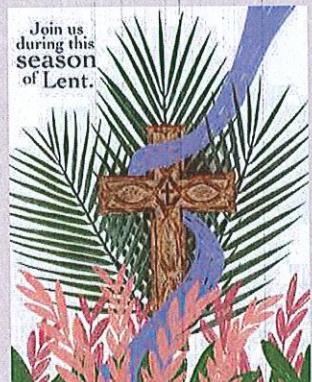
February 17th: The Lutheran Men will sponsor a pancake/sausage dinner for Shrove Tuesday on February 17th, from 5-6:30 pm. All are welcome!



February 18th: Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 pm.



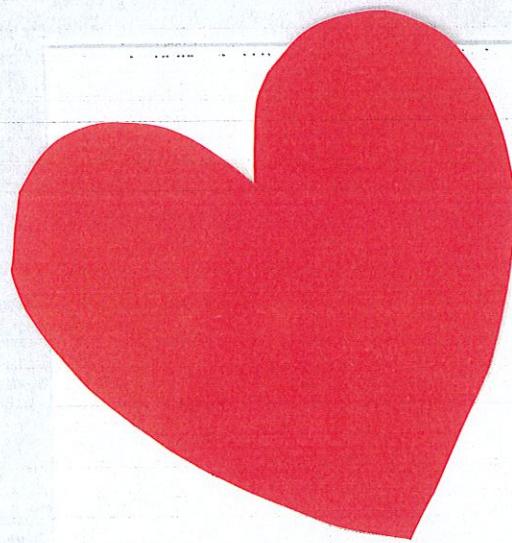
February 22nd: First day of Lent





**Saint Peter's
Lutheran
Church**

Love one
ANOTHER
as I have
LOVED you
-JOHN 15:12



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**Send Someone a Valentine
from our church.**

28 Ways to Love One Another in the Month of February

Do:

- 1) Seek peace with one another (Mark 9:50)
- 2) Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)
- 3) Honor one another (Romans 12:10)
- 4) Live harmoniously with one another (Romans 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8)
- 5) Accept one another as Christ accepted you (Romans 15:7)
- 6) Teach and instruct one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)
- 7) Have equal care for one another without division (I Cor. 12:25)
- 8) Show warm and visible affection for one another (I Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12; Romans 16:16; 1 Peter 5:14)
- 9) Serve one another (John 13:14; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10)
- 10) Carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- 11) Be patient, forbearing with one another. (Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13)
- 12) Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- 13) Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)
- 14) Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19)
- 15) Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21)
- 16) Humbly consider one another above yourself (Phil. 2:3; 1 Peter 5:5)
- 17) Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
- 18) Encourage one another (I Thes. 4:18; 1 Thes. 5:11; Hebrews 10:25, 3:13)
- 19) Spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)
- 20) Confess sins to one another (James 5:16)
- 21) Pray for one another (James 5:16)
- 22) Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)

Don't:

- 23) Destroy one another (Galatians 5:15)
- 24) Be conceited, provoking and envying one another (Galatians 5:26)
- 25) Lie to one another (Colossians 3:9)
- 26) Slander one another (James 4:11)
- 27) Grumble against one another (James 5:9)
- 28) Judge one another (Romans 14:13)

February 2026



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am-Coffee Time/ Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship-PSLW	2 Christian Ed./ Youth 6:00 	3 	4	5	6	7
8 8:00am- Council Meeting 9:30 am- Coffee time/ Sunday School/ 10:30 am- Worship-PSLW 10:30- Youth Sponsored Lunch	9 	10	11	12	13	14 Food Pantry 9-10:30
15 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast 9:30 am-Coffee time/ Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship-PSLW	16 	17 Pancake Supper 5-6:30 pm 	18 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm 	19	20	21 Food Pantry 9-10:30
22 1st Sunday of Lent 9:30 am- Coffee time/ Sunday School 10:30 am-Worship- PSLW	23	24	25	26	27	28



Free Dental Clinic



March 6-7, 2026

Friday: 6am-5pm

Saturday: 6am-3pm

Rowan Community Center

Providing Free:

- Cleanings**
- Extractions**
- Fillings**

Serving Patients Who:

- Must be 18 Years or Older**
- Do Not Have Acess to Regular
Dental Care**

**For More Information
Scan Here:**



**Care Will be Provided on a
First Come First Serve Basis**

SALISBURY MOM CLINIC

MARCH 6-7, 2026

**Salisbury Mall,
JCPenney Building
1935 Jake Alexander Blvd W**

The NC Dental Society Foundation
needs your help to bring necessary
dental care to our neighbors in NC.

**There are opportunities and roles for
everyone. Join the team.**

tinyurl.com/26SalisburyMOM

**Can't make it? Consider a donation in
support of the Foundation's MOM program.**

ncdentalfoundation.org/give/



WHAT WE DO

The NCDS Foundation facilitates free dental clinics for adults from underserved households. Clinics are staffed by volunteer dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, laboratory technicians, health professionals, and general community volunteers from the host city and across the state. From prevention and education to treatment, the Foundation focuses on individuals in dire need.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Dentists
- Oral surgeons
- Assistants
- Hygienists
- Spanish Interpreters
- Medical professionals
- Non-clinical volunteers



St Peter's Lutheran Church Minutes December 14, 2025

Members Present: Alan King, Ken Kluttz, Ellen Troutman, Jan McCulloh, Linda Lambirth, Kathy Lentz, Pastor Sue Lynn White, Frank King, Mysti Dean, and Glenda Vickers.

Members Absent: All present

Devotions: Pastor Sue Lynn

Breakfast-Provided by Jan McCulloh. Thank you, Jan.

Meeting called to order – Alan King.

Approval of Agenda- Frank approved; Larry seconded.

Approval of Minutes- Larry approved, and Ken seconded.

Pastor's Report - Reminded everyone of planned vacation on December 22,23,31, and a full first week of January 5-9. Pastor will make sure someone is available. Pastor Sue Lynn met with Lucy on the December 13th. Worship is planned for a year. The report is attached.

Treasurer's Report – Ken reported the General Fund is \$13,907.00; Good Neighbor fund is \$573.00. The pastor has a member who may need help after surgery. Pastor Sue Lynn will handle the donation. The new roof has been installed, and donors from the Preschool paid \$30,325.00 in full. Overage due to more sheeting needed. No cost to St Peters.

Approval of Treasure Report- Jan approved; Glenda seconded.

Committee Reports:

Indoor/Outdoor Property

The Ice Machine is not working. Mark will check it out, and if it can't be fixed, we will send it back due to a one-year warranty.

Cemetery/Finance-Cemetery

The army medallion for John Trexler's columbarium was installed by the Trexler family and Ken. It looks very nice.

Christian Education/Youth: Jan McCulloh, Ellen Troutman, Pastor Sue Lynn, Lorrie Olive, Linda Lambirth currently serve on these committees.

Youth – Jan McCulloh-Next meeting to be held on January 21 at 6 pm. Report attached

Christian Ed – Ellen Troutman -Christmas Bags will be packed after church on the 21st. Report attached.

Care for Congregation/Outreach - Alan, thank Misti for keeping the pantry stocked.

Glenda Vickers Report-

Glenda reported that we have received 30 Angel Tree gifts and 21 gift cards for the pantry folks. Linda reported that we served 106 in November at East Rowan Helping Ministries. Thank everyone who helped make it a success.

Worship and Music – Mark Shue, Ellen Troutman, Pastor Sue Lynn, Linda Lambirth, Sierra Pressley, Nate Pressley, Lorrie Olive.

1. The Christmas Contata service is next Sunday, 21st.
2. Candlelight service on Christmas Eve starts at 6:30 pm.
3. Longest night Christmas, the blue service is next Sunday, the 21st at 6:30 pm.

Old Business –

The Roof – A new roofing project has started to replace the roof at the Sanctuary. Alan thanked Ken for all his help. Council is seeking advice that will take a couple of years. Men's Lutheran and Jan's soup luncheon together now have a balance of \$1,883.00.

Preschool- A parent at the preschool was aggressive and highly rude to another individual outside in the parking area. Alan obtained legal advice and banned the parent from the church campus.

Pantry – The changes East Rowan Helping Ministries had made to scan all items have become overwhelming. A committee meeting attended by Mickey York, Barbara York, Pam Honeycutt, Tammy Fisher, from St James, and Alan, Ken, Debbie, and both Pastors. This committee voted to present a motion to both councils to withdraw from East Rowan Helping Ministries.

Alan presented a motion to leave East Rowan Helping Ministries the first of January, allowing this committee to serve as a board of directors of both St Peters and St James. This committee listed above to be responsible for the administrative duties of the pantry. The committee recommended to name it East Rowan Community Pantry. A sub committees will be appointed to care for many of the responsibilities. Allan made the motion and Pastor Sue Lynn seconded, all approved after discussion was made. Pastor Sue Lynn offered to write the grants. Linda Lambirth offered to serve on the board.

Cleaning Contract- An amendment was added to the cleaning contract to add an end date. Jan made a motion that this contract is valid for only one year. A discussion was made, and the amendment change to ("Contract:") is effective as of January 1, 2026, and will end on ("Expiration Date") December 31, 2026. All approved

New Business:

Jerry Sides resigned from the Council, not by choice, due to health reason. Ken is following through in Jerry's absence. We all thank Jerry for serving on church Council.

Council selected officers for the following year.

Nominated President – Jan McCullough.
Nominated Vice President – Alan King.
Nominated Treasurer - Linda Lambirth.
Remained Secretary – Kathy Lentz.

Committee Chairs Assignments.

Indoor – Alan King.
Outdoor – Frank King.
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Approval of Council Officers and Committee Assignments.

Mark made a motion to accept the Council officers and committee chair assignment for 2026. Frank's second. Discussion -Alan will ask the congregation if anyone is interested in taking Jerry Sides' position during his absence. All approved.

Alan asked Misti Dean, Glenda Vickers, Ellen Troutman and Larry Nesbit to stand. Alan thanked the outgoing council members for their dedication and service.

Linda Lambirth volunteer to do council breakfast in January.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Lentz subject to Council approval.

Members Present: Linda Lambirth, Ellen Troutman, Sierra Pressley, Jan Mcculloh, Lucy Shue

1. Sunday School

- a. Women of the Bible Speak started March 2
 - i. Going well. Continue this book for a couple months
 - ii. Ideas for next book
 - 1. Gary Chapman Book
 - 2. Guidepost 'Where I Found God Today'

2. Women to provide soups for after Worship lunch on Nov 30

3. Women's Fellowship

- ★ i. Winter Fellowship
 - ii. Ask St James to Attend – can we get something in their announcements and a sign up sheet so we know how many to expect?
 - iii. Bring something special to talk about with group
- ★ iv. Dec 6 from 11-1
 - v. Prayer Chain
 - vi. Bring Food to share
 - vii. Jan to get table cloths
 - viii. Lorrie and Linda to decorate tables (greenery and Christman ornaments)

4. Christmas Bags

- a. Begin asking for donations in December
- b. Pack bags Dec 22; 40 bags this year; set aside shut-in bags to deliver before Christmas Eve
- c. Linda – tangerines; Jan – Apples

5. Jan to refresh the children's boxes for worship

6. Confirmation/First Communion

- a. Are there students old enough for confirmation classes/first communion

7. Budget

- a. Revised for 2026 to \$1000

8. Next meeting

- a. January 12 @6 pm

Upcoming/Committee Responsibilities:

Graduation Gifts

VBS

Sunday School

Christmas Bags

Children's Church

Rally Sunday

Homecoming Speaker (SS)

Women Fellowship

Youth Committee Meeting

November 10, 2025

Members Present: Ellen Troutman, Lucy Shue, Oliver Shue, Jan McCulloh, Sierra Pressley

Possible events for Youth this Fall/Winter

- Christmas Party
 - Speedway Christmas lights – Dec 7 at 6 pm. Jan to put sign up sheet in narthex and determine meeting place near speedway.
- Movies/Bowling/Shopping – maybe Thanksgiving Day or Thanksgiving weekend?
- Youth Service Day
 - Assist with Pantry and fill blessing box
 - Second Saturday of the month from 830 - 1030

2026 Mission/Service Opportunities

- The Dwelling
 - There are 2 half weeks this summer for service
 - July 15 – 19; *This is a special week from Wednesday-Sunday that allows for a group to finish their time with worship at The Dwelling.
 - \$440 for this half week; one free chaperone
 - Need to determine how many are interested. Ellen, Oliver, Joshua, Jan
 - Fund Raiser?
- Budget 2026 - \$800; we have approx. \$1000 in mission fund and \$2500 in Youth account

Next Events/Meeting

- January 12, 2026 @ 6 pm

Youth Gathering

- Next National Youth Gathering
 - June 28 – July 2, 2027 Minneapolis MN

Pastor's Report
December 14, 2025 Council Meeting

Pastoral Care:

- 2 home visits with communion
- 3 hospital visits
- 0 office visit
- 5 phone visits plus random texts and calls
- 1 baptisms
- 2 funerals with separate visitations for planning
- 0 confirmations

Worship:

- Met with Lucy Saturday December 13 to finalize Advent 4's bulletin which will be the Christmas Cantata. We also discussed Christmas Eve's music and First Sunday of Christmas (12/28) Lessons and carols bulletin.
- Will be meeting with Worship & Music Committee Wednesday December 17 to finalize ushers, lectors, and worship assistants for special services.

Synod:

- I missed the November gathering of pastors at New Sarum in November, but was able to attend December's gathering. It is a great time to catch up with area Lutheran clergy and support one another.
- I have missed several Monday morning text study gatherings at the Synod office due to things that needed attending to at the office. However, we are having a breakfast gathering this Monday December 16 that I will be attending. We will reconvene after the first of the year.
- I met with the TEEM candidate from Bethel Lutheran December 9 via Team Meetings. She is planning on attending our weekly text study group on Monday mornings so we can catch up either before or immediately after each week. We are being intentional on keeping our time to one hour or less.
- Due to other commitments and illness, I was not able to attend neither Bishop Emily's nor Pastor Spence's installations in November.
- The monthly Women's Clergy Lunch Bunch is Thursday December 18.

Ministry/Outreach/Community:

- Meetings attended: Mutual Ministry x 2, Pantry meeting
- The Community Thanksgiving Service was well attended. The monetary offering for the Food Pantry totaled \$543 and several bags of nonperishable food items were collected. I picked up the food after Thanksgiving.

- I enjoyed the Women's Fellowship on Saturday December 6. It was very well organized and there were many in attendance.
- I attended my first Speedway Christmas Lights on Sunday December 7 with the youth and several adults. What an amazing evening...except for driving home in the pea soup fog!!
- The East Rowan Ministerial Group will be meeting on Tuesday December 16 for a luncheon at Lower Grace Stone Parsonage. I am looking forward to fostering ecumenical relationships!
- Wednesday December 18 is the preschool Christmas Program and activities at Happy Farms. I have been asked by the staff to attend so as to open with prayer and then to join the staff for lunch afterwards.

Eastern NC Via de Christo:

- My obligation to VDC has reduced to the monthly Secretariat meetings. I have not been asked to serve as a Spiritual Director for the weekends in 2026 and I am not volunteering.

Continuing Education:

- I have been accepted into Cohort 16 of the School of the Spirit. The first meeting is a two hour Zoom orientation and then 5 in person meetings, as well as monthly Zoom gatherings with small group members. Here are the dates for the in person retreats:
 - January 26 – 27, 2026 in Statesville
 - April 27 – 28, 2026 in Statesville
 - June 1 – 2, 2026 in Statesville

Personal:

- Planned 2025 vacations:
 - December 22-23 and December 31
- Planned 2026 vacations:
 - January 5-9

As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask.

PASTOR SUE LYNN
Vacation, Sick, and Continuing Education Days
For 2025 Calendar Year

Vacation Days: 4 weeks (20 days and includes 4 Sundays)

January 12 Sunday	April 22 Tuesday	April 23 Wednesday	April 24 Thursday	June 16 Monday
June 17 Tuesday	June 18 Wednesday	July 21 Monday	July 22 Tuesday	July 23 Wednesday
Sept. 25 Thursday	October 6 Monday	October 7 Tuesday	October 8 Wednesday	November 24 Monday
November 25 Tuesday	November 26 Wednesday			

Sick Days:

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Continuing Education Days & Required Synod Events:

May 12 FOH 4 CEU	May 13 FOH 5 CEU	May 14 FOH 6 CEU	May 15 FOH 7 CEU	May 29 Assembly
May 30 Assembly	May 31 Assembly	6/23 SOS Zoom 2 hrs	Jul 24 SOS Zoom 1 hr	Jul 28 SOS Statesville
Jul 29 SOS Statesville	Aug 28 SOS Zoom	Sept 8 MESS Trng	Sept 9 MESS Trng	Sept 10 MESS Trng
Oct 2 Clergy Day	Oct 3 Clergy Day	Oct 13 Fall Convo	Oct 14 Fall Convo	Oct 15 Fall Convo
Oct 23 SOS Zoom	Oct 27 SOS Statesville	Oct 28 SOS Statesville	Nov 5 Boundary	

Youth Events:

July 6 WNC	July 7 Disaster	July 8 Response	July 9 Camp	July 10 at	July 11 Lutheridge
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