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Council Secretary- Jamie Lyerly
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Outdoor Property- Andy Cornelison
Christian Education- Ellen Troutman
Cemetery- Vic Cozart
Youth- Jan McCulloh
Care for Congregation- Mysti Harris Dean



... God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit ...
Romans 5:5, NIV

Nursing Home Members and Homebound

Junior Lyerly-1435 Sides Rd. Salisbury, NC 28146
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Nancy Blackwelder & Debbi Duke- 959 Flannery Place NW Concord, NC 28027



From the

Pastor's Desk

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 19-20 NRSVUE)

Since my arrival here at St. Peter's, there has been one lament that keeps rising up: “When will our pews be filled again?” “When will the families return?” “Streaming online has made it too convenient

for those who are capable to come to worship to watch from home instead.”

These are all very real concerns. Not just from a financial perspective...because if anyone has been keeping an eye out...we spend more time in monthly deficit (amount needed to meet the 2024 budget) than in monthly surplus!!! No...I'm definitely not talking about a money perspective. I'm talking about a relationship perspective.

Saturday, April 27 your council leaders and I spent time in a spiritual retreat. We talked about our own faith journeys, what brought us joy, and how we could reimagine using our space at St. Peter's. During one of the sessions, we asked the question, “If you could change anything about your experience at church, what would it be?” And guess what...the one main answer was about seeing people back in worship.

See...here is the thing. We were created to be in relationship with each other. We are relational beings. (I can't say that enough!!!) Yes, worship can be an experience for the individual. Yes, our own faith life can be strengthened. But honestly...that is a very small part of what worship is all about!!

Worship is communal!! We are meant to be gathered into the Body of Christ and that is what worship is all about. We come together to be nourished, fed, and strengthened by the Word and the Meal. We desperately need the Communion of all the Saints as often as we can because there are days, weeks, months where we just can't manage on our own. We can't believe week in and week out what the words of the Apostles' Creed says. That is why we say it communally because the rest of the Body of Christ uplifts us when we can't do it on our own.

And once we have been to the Banquet Table, we can honestly remember that Jesus is with us always...even to the end of the age...because each week He is shared in, with, and under the very bread we eat and the wine we drink.

Friends, I'm in no way knocking our Online Outreach by broadcasting our services each week. We reach many of our homebound members so that in one small way they can feel connected to the Body of Christ if even only for an hour each week. It also serves as a way to reach others in the greater community near and far. It is truly a vital part of our ministry here at St. Peter's and it will continue. However, I think we all know one or two people...part of our Body of Christ...who haven't returned to the communal worship. Jesus commissioned his disciples to go forth...into the community...into Christ's body...and teach all that He commanded. It isn't a solo mission. It takes the whole Body!

Blessings! ~ Pastor Sue Lynn

Youth News

St Peters Youth had very successful fundraiser on Saturday April 20, raising over \$2,000 to help fund their trip to New Orleans in July. Three youth and three adults are planning to go to the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer where we will worship, fellowship, and serve with over 14,000 Lutherans from across the United States. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraisers by donating money, buying a BBQ plate, serving the meal, cleaning and preparing the fellowship hall, or by donating desserts. We are excited to share our experiences from the National Gathering with you all when we return!

Calling all Graduates!

Christian Ed would like to recognize all high school and college graduates during worship on Sunday May 19. If you are a 2024 graduate, please plan to attend service that day and stay after for a reception honoring YOU! Please also send a pic and short bio to saintpetersnc@gmail.com so that we can let everyone know your future plans. Blessings for all graduates and prayers for a healthy and successful future!

Vacation Bible School

Be sure to mark your calendars for June 12, 13, and 14 for Vacation Bible School! Children from PreK- 6 grade are invited to attend. A virtual link will be created and shared to pre-register your child for VBS. We will begin each night with a meal followed by songs, bible stories, crafts, science experiments, and games. Please plan to attend and bring a friend! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Pastor Sue Lynn, Ellen Troutman, or Jan Mcculloh.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES:

April pantry clients served: 15

Food donations: 52 pounds

May food pantry distribution will take place on Saturday May 11 & May 18, 2024, 9:00 - 10:30am. There are spots still open for volunteers both days.

The next RHM shelter meal will be Tuesday May 28, 2024 at Jeannie's Kitchen on Long St. in Salisbury. For more information, contact Lynn DeBerry.

EARLY SUMMER WORSHIP AT THE SHELTER IS BACK!!!!

Beginning June 2, 2024 through August 11, 2024, early worship will take place at the Shelter at 8:30am. This service will be an abbreviated service of prayer, Word, devotion and Holy Communion.

It's Time To Celebrate!!

It is not everyday that we get to celebrate like this. We have two dear ladies, Sue Misheimer and Ruth Shaver who have birthdays in May and it is their 90th. Now that calls for a party!!

They have decided to have their parties together so mark your calendars for Sunday May 19th. We will gather downstairs for this gala and it will start at 3:00pm.

So put on your party hat and prepare for a good time with lots of good food, good fellowship and laughs!



WELCA:

The Rowan Conference WELCA Spring Gathering was held on Saturday April 13, 2024 at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, China Grove, NC. Below are the minutes from the time spent together.

Minutes for the 2024 Rowan Conference Spring Gathering April 13, 2024

The Rowan Conference Spring Gathering was held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, China Grove, NC. A light breakfast was provided as the Women of the ELCA registered. Presider of the Rowan Conference, Patsy Evans, welcome everyone and read the Land Acknowledgement. Diane Kane, president of the Mt. Moriah Women of the ELCA, welcomed us and gave us directions to the restrooms and encouraged us to continue to enjoy the light breakfast.

The Rev. Kay Overcash, Retired ELCA Minister, gave the opening prayer. The opening hymn was "Here in This Place", #718 from WOV.

Presider, Patsy Evans, led us in saying the Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement.

We held an election for Presider and only one name was on the ballot: Amy Goodman. She was elected. Karen Overcash, Board Liaison, did the Installation Service for our new Presider Amy apologized for having to leave early as she had a job that took precedence.

Karen Overcash, Rowan Conference Board Liaison, delivered the NC Women of the ELCA President's message from Lisa Philbeck. Lisa greeted us and reflected on our program "Called to be political (But I don't want to be political!) She reminded us that Jesus was political We have a voice and we do make a difference.

Director of Communications, Jackie Kimball, read the minutes from the 2023 Rowan Conference Fall Gathering. Roll call was taken with 4 churches represented out of 18. There was 1 Pastor, 1 Guest, and 25 Members present for a total of 27 in attendance.

President, Patsy Evans, asked for a host church for the 2024 Fall Gathering and the 2025 Spring Gathering. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Mt. Ulla, volunteered to host the Fall 2024 Gathering. Dates and time will be sent later. Pasty reminded us of the NC SWO Annual Gathering at Lenior Rhyne University. Dates are June 21-23, 2024. She encouraged each of us to consider attending. She asked for volunteers to be on a nominating committee for the Director of Communications at the Spring 2025 Gathering. She encouraged us to consider accepting an office.

Rev. Kay Overcash provided an offering prayer. Baskets were placed on a table for us to drop our offering. The following offering were taken: Regular Offering Moms Demand Action was \$71.00, Pennies Offering Sleep in Heavenly Peace was \$110.00, and the In Kind Offering Main Street Mission in China Grove was \$56.00.

We sang the hymn "We All Are One in Mission", #755 from WOV before the program.

Karen Overcash introduced our program leader, Karen Birkedal, a Board member. The program "Called to be political (But I don't want to be political!) was introduced with the thoughts of 4 women on politics. Each woman had a different perspective on what it meant to be political. We focused on the following Bible verses: Leviticus 19:33-34, Psalm 82:3-4, Proverbs 31:8-9, and Isaiah 58:6-7. We had table discussions following each of the readings on our thoughts and reactions to the verses according to our society today. Mrs. Birkedal talked about the climate of the society that Martin Luther faced during his writings. Mrs. Birkedal handed each of us a pinwheel to remind us that the "Holy Spirit is always blowing into our lives."

Presider, Patsy Evans, led us in saying the Benediction and Blessing. Patsy Evans thanked Karen Birkedal for being our presenter today and everyone for attending.

The closing hymn was "Bind Us Together", #748 from WOV.

Rev. Kay Overcash led us in prayer lunch. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches, and dessert.

Via de Christo: (Information taken from ENCVDC brochure found on their website)

Do you want to feel closer to God?

Could your faith walk use a boost?

Would you like to serve God more enthusiastically and intentionally?

What is the mission of Via de Cristo?

By grace, with the Holy Spirit, VDC encourages Christians to recognize and respond to their personal calling, empowering them to influence their environments with the Gospel.

Via de Cristo means “the Way of Christ,” and is a Lutheran Lay movement designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God’s grace. This structured three-day weekend, is a combined effort of lay people and clergy, that strives to give you time apart with God and give you tools to help you on your spiritual journey and walk with Christ.

Via de Cristo is not a church and Christians of all denominations are welcome. VDC points Christians to Christ and encourages them to serve where you already are – your home church, your workplace and your community.

The Via de Cristo weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. The focus of the retreat is to grow in Christian faith, love, and grace.

Does this sound interesting? More information can be found on their website:
www.encvdc.org Questions can also be emailed to encvdc@gmail.com

Youth Gathering Offering:

As part of the Gathering, there are three distinct ways offerings are lifted up; In-kind offering, Saturday morning offering, and a special offering.

In-Kind Offering:

In the aftermath of a storm, hurricane, or tornado, New Orleans residents regularly find themselves without electricity. This quickly becomes a health crisis as people try to manage life in the hot, humid Gulf Coast summers. City leaders and community organizers identified the eight most-requested items to help residents as they wait for the power grid to be restored.

The goal is to create 3,000 disaster relief kits filled with these items to help New Orleans get through the days immediately following a natural disaster. It takes about \$100 to create an entire disaster relief kit. We have been encouraged to collect items for our region – Region 9 – or raise funds to complete an entire kit. Region 9 has been asked to collect small lanterns that are powered by AA batteries (Another region is collecting batteries).

However, since our group is flying, it will be difficult to carry the extra weight of small lanterns. But...if you would like to purchase items to be shipped directly to New Orleans, the lanterns can be purchased from either the Amazon wish list link or the Target wish list link:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZF2T76OOFHIN?ref_=wl_share

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=e7018790-eb8c-11ee-8811-17f737ff4d39&type=CHARITY>

Next month we will explore who will benefit from the Saturday Morning Offering.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Disciples at St. Peter's:

Marlene Shue, Rose Swicegood, John Trexler, Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Frank King, Jerry Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil & Carol Boyette, Ruth Shaver, Carolyn and Buddy Waller, Brenda H. Trexler, Kathie Brown, Debbi Duke, Ellen Troutman, Lynn DeBerry, and George Lentz

Friends of St. Peter's Family:

Chris Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Gary Lyerly, Martha Eller (Rose Swicegood's sister), Jerry (Marcia Ritchie's brother), Annette McKinney, Pat Ridenhour, Butch Pierce (broken hip, Ronnie Pierce's brother), Katie Barker, Stacy Fraley, Dena Robbins (Lesly Robbins sister), Vicki Brawley (Cancer, friend of Joy King), Ruth Small (cancer, Debbie Hill's Aunt)



- 5/5- Kayla Davis, Joshua Hastings
5/6- Terri Robinson
5/8- Ronnie Pierce, Brian Bowler
5/10- Jan McCulloh, Ken Early
5/11- Loy Morgan
5/12- Rose Swicegood, Chloe Roberson
5/15- Ellen Troutman, Sue Misenheimer
5/18- Daniel Troutman, Layla Cooper
5/19- Tabitha Holshouser
5/22- Drew Kader, Robert Evans
5/23- Shirley McCulloh
5/26- Earnest Cooper
5/28- Ruth Shaver, Brent Cornelison
5/31- Mariah Poole, Daniel Nance, Mysti Dean

- 5/12- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Evans
5/18- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lyerly

St. Peter's Giving

Total given for April, 2024: \$11,654.00

Monthly requirement: \$16,103.80

Deficit for April 2024: \$4,449.80

Needed per week: \$3,716.26

Avg. attendance for April 2024: 72



Memorials and Gifts

In loving memory of Thelma (Tootsie) Burlison

Given By: Frank and Barbara King, Alan and Joy King, John and Brenda Trexler, Bobby and Linda Lambirth, Timothy and Amy Shaver, Norma Holsouser, William and Julie Lippard

The Estate of Ruth Lyerly gifted to the general fund in April

A BIG Thank you to Lorrie Olive for her Gift of Altar Lilies and other flowers in April



~WORSHIP ASSISTANTS~

Lector

5/5- Phyllis Trexler
5/12- Joy King
5/19- Ellen Troutman
5/26- Alan King

Assistant Minister

Mark Shue
Sierra Pressley
Lynn DeBerry
Jan McCulloh

Communion Preparers

1st Sunday- Lynn DeBerry
2nd Sunday- Jan McCulloh
3rd Sunday- Sierra Barger
4th Sunday- Linda Lambirth
5th Sunday- Rotation

Council Members Assisting with Holy Communion

May- Vic Cozart & Andy Cornelison
June- Marty Puckett & Mark Shue
July- Marty Puckett & Mysti Dean
August- Lynn DeBerry & Mark Shue
September- Ken Kluttz & Andy Cornelison

Sound System

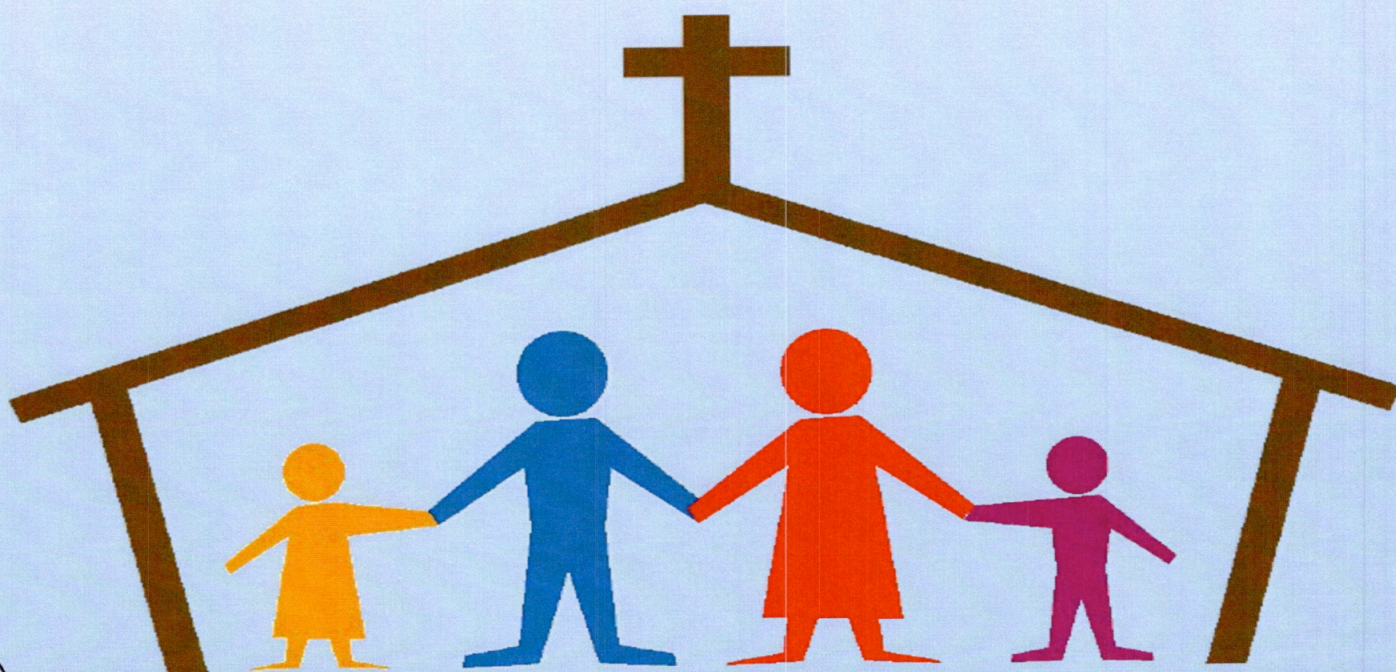
5/5- Shelby Barger
5/12- William Barger
5/19- Daryle Olive
5/26- Shelby Barger

Ushers

Vic Cozart, Andy Cornelison, Bobby & Linda Lambirth
Vic Cozart, Andy Cornelison, Carson & Marshall Puckett
Vic Cozart, Andy Cornelison, David Nagarian, Debbie Hill

Money counters

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



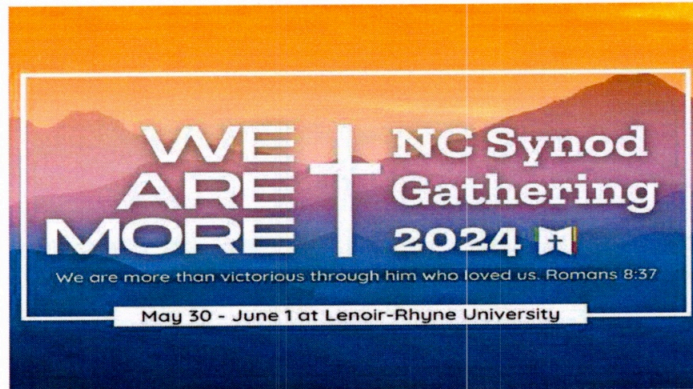
Worship & Music News:

On May 26, 2024, the worship music will change settings for the summer. We will be using Setting 8 (found on pages 184 – 192) in our ELW which is a more upbeat and contemporary setting. We realize the music may be new for many. However, the Worship & Music Committee is excited about exploring all the diverse liturgy our hymnal offers.

The Worship & Music Committee would like your feedback as we explore the different styles of music for worship. If something speaks to your heart in worship, we want to know. If we try something that is a distraction to your worship experience, we want to know. We want to try to find a happy balance so music enhances your time in worship in community and with God.



**News from the
Worship & Music
Committee**



Details:

Who Is Invited? YOU are invited!! This is an opportunity to meet and fellowship with people from across the synod – AND it's not just for pastors! **Church members and visitors, deacons, pastors, and church professionals** will gather to learn, play, worship, and grow together.

When & Where?

Location: Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory

Dates: Thursday May 30 – Saturday June 1 – Each day is designed to stand alone – come for one, two, or all three days!

Registration Details:

Key Dates: Early Registration: April 24. Final Registration: May 8

There will be no onsite registration. Please register by May 8.

Pricing (Early Registration) Early Registration Program Fees:

1 day: \$45 **Meals:**

2 days: \$74 Breakfast: \$9

3 days: \$100 Lunch: \$11

Dinner Thursday: \$20

Lodging per night: Dinner Friday: \$18

Shared room: \$35

Single room: \$45

Meals & Housing:

HOUSING: On-campus housing is available at cost or you may choose to arrange your own accommodations at a Hickory area hotel.

MENU: Meals are included in registration. Most meals will be provided by Lenoir-Rhyne with the exception of Thursday dinner. On Thursday, participants will enjoy dinner during the Synod Block Party prepared by The Dwelling's (Winston-Salem) Minister of Meals.

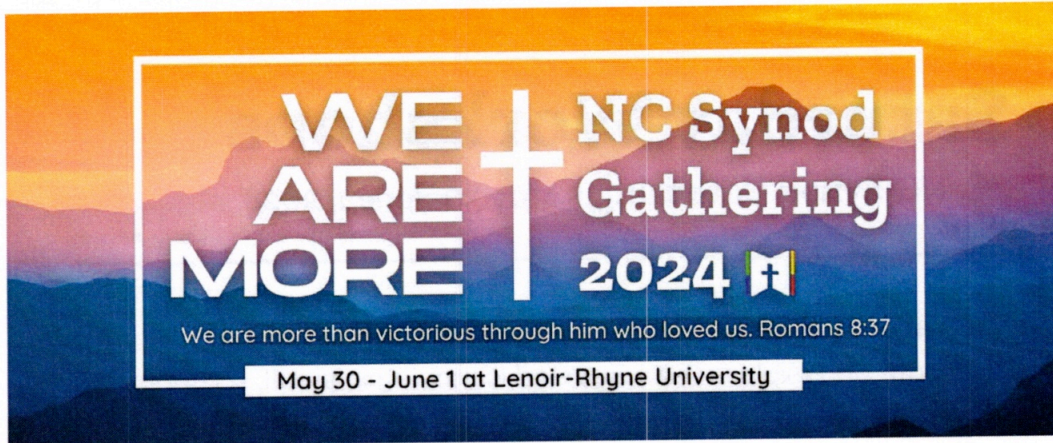
Allergies and other accommodations should be noted in your registration.

Questions?

Go to the website for info: <https://nclutheran.org/event/synod-gathering-2024/>

Questions about the Gathering? Contact Lexi Barnhill at the Synod Office at

lexi@nclutheran.org



Everyone is invited!

Join church members and visitors, pastors, and deacons from across the synod Thursday, May 30 - Saturday, June 1 at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory.

Synod Block Party—Thursday at 6 PM

Don't miss the Corn Hole Tournament, outdoor games & snacks with synod partners, and dinner prepared by The Dwelling, Winston-Salem.

Camp-led Vespers—Friday at 4:30 PM

Worship with Lutheridge and Lutherock summer staff and enjoy storytelling by Pastor Mary Canniff-Kuhn.

Service Project—Saturday at 1 PM

Pack 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger.

Workshops

Choose from a wide set of daily offerings including laughter as medicine, stress relief, ministry in rural settings, & disaster preparedness. Friday features spiritual options. Saturday intensives will have church members especially in mind.


Learn More & Register Now!

Register by April 24 and SAVE.

nclutheran.org/event/synod-gathering-2024/



Saturday Workshops

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

Vitality in Scrappy Congregations

Celebrate and explore the ways God is moving in small, scrappy congregations.

Flight Check: Final Gathering Preparations

Adults traveling to New Orleans: get up-to-the-minute details of our time together at the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer!

Lay Communion Visitation Training

Receive prayers & liturgies for the gift of holy communion. Explore how to partner with your pastor in communion visitation

The Work of Welcome: Walking Beside Our New Neighbors

Hear from refugees, volunteers, Lutheran Services Carolinas' leadership, and rostered ministers sharing their experiences resettling refugees with LSC's New Americans Program.

Preparing Your Congregation for Disaster

Learn why your congregation needs a disaster preparedness plan, develop one for your congregation, and explore the theology of disaster response—where and how we see God at work.

How to Facilitate Conversations on Reproductive Health

A resolution passed at the 2023 NC Synod Assembly urging us to study the ELCA Social Statement and Bishop Eaton's message on reproductive health.

Current Year

**** Unposted transactions have been included on this report ****

ASSETS

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

PARK STERLING CHECKING

General Budget	\$23,226.98
Good Neighbor Fund	302.16
Maintenance	5,543.25
Special Projects	545.97
Sunday School	2,999.96
On Site Pantry Giving	2,646.55
Mission Trip	966.86
youth K5 - 12	3,364.52
Back Pack - Noisy Offerin	141.59
Church Endowment Fund	4,956.63

Subtotal Checking Accounts 44,694.47

SAVINGS/INVESTMENT ACCTS

Reserve Acct (2996)	10,124.93
Capital Improvements 3550	2,669.58
Memorial Fund (2988)	7,434.76
Truist Perpetual Cemetr	121,244.91
Perpetual Cemtry (3803)	45,833.67
Music Savings Account	20,128.85
Scholarship - F&M # 2147	62,056.55
W. Trexler Scholarship	62.67

Subtotal Savings/investment Accts 269,555.92

OTHER ASSETS

Sales Tax receivable	517.28
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TOTAL ASSETS \$314,767.67

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

PAYROLL W/H PAYABLE

941 Taxes Payable	\$2,253.94
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TOTAL LIABILITIES 2,253.94

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	\$312,513.73
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TOTAL EQUITY 312,513.73

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$314,767.67

May 2024

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30 am- Coffee Time 9:45 am- Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship-Pastor Sue Lynn White	6 Preschool Board Meeting 6:00pm	7 Christian Education/Youth & Family Meeting 6:30pm	8	9	10	11 RHM East Food Distribution 9:00-10:30am
12 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00 am- Council Meeting 9:30 am- Coffee Time 9:45 am- Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship-Pastor Sue Lynn White	13	14	15	16 Preschool Graduation 6:30pm	17	18 RHM East Food Distribution 9:00-10:30am
19 Day of Pentecost 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast 9:30 am- Coffee Time 9:45 am- Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship-Pastor Sue Lynn 3:00pm- 90th Birthday Celebration for Ruth Shaver & Sue Misenheimer Senior Sunday Recognition & Reception	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 The Holy Trinity 9:30 am- Coffee Time 9:45 am- Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship-Pastor Sue Lynn White	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 RHM Shelter Meal	29	30 June 1st Synod Gathering in Hickory, NC	31	