



Weekly News



Wednesday May 14, 2025

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 WORSHIP SERVICES!

- **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.**

5th Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Sunday Banners – Easter Season

The joy of this season is represented by **White** banners spring colors indicating the new life of Christ's resurrection. The **Empty Cross at Sunrise, the Lilies,** and the **"Alleluia"** complete the Passion of our Lord.

Pastor Jason's Thought of the Week

Rev. 21:1,3 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more...See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them...

Every Sunday we pray, "Thy kingdom come." We long for the day when the troubles of this world are gone, and God's eternal kingdom is fully present. We desire heaven. We long for eternity among the saints, surrounded by God's everlasting love, light, grace, and peace.

Sometimes we forget the inbreaking of God's kingdom has already begun. We have a foretaste of the feast to come. Yet, sometimes we miss the opportunities to connect with the taste of heaven that is already present. If you want more fulfillment, more love, more grace, and more of heaven in your life, how do you get those things? There are many ways. First, come regularly to the Table of the Lord. Open God's Holy Word. Commune with God in prayer. Let your mind absorb the words and methods of the saints and mystics who were close to God and therefore recognized more of God's presence in their lives.

This earth is passing away, and the old ways are changing, even at seminaries. This week I received a letter from Luther Seminary in Minnesota, sharing that only

40 students are enrolled in the old school way of living and learning on campus. Over 300 students have opted to enroll in seminary on-line. This makes me reflect on the passage from revelation, "the home of God is among mortals." In the past, one who really wanted to connect with God for the deepest of theological learning would make a huge commitment, uproot their lives, and move to live and study on the campus of a seminary. Now, one can have that learning opportunity from home. **If you've ever felt called to ministry, I encourage you reach out to me and explore the new ways of on-line classes at seminaries.** Or encourage others with gifts for ministry to consider seminary. You are never too old. It will make you a better person, connect you with God in immeasurable ways, and bless everyone around you. Check out the links below. [Luther Seminary \(luthersem.edu\)](http://luthersem.edu) in Minneapolis, MN - I took one class there but was fully enrolled in [Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary www.lr.edu/colleges/ltss](http://www.lr.edu/colleges/ltss) now in Hickory, NC. Pastor Wade attended [Wartburg Seminary](http://www.wartburgseminary.edu) in Dubuque, IA www.wartburgseminary.edu. Heaven and earth will someday pass away, and the fulness of God's kingdom will come. But until then, look for ways to help yourself and others experience the foretaste of the feast to come.

**Celebration of Life Service for Wills City
Saturday, May 17th at 1pm**

Livestream link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1373803493940174/?ti=ls>

Pastor Wade's Thought of the Week

Good Shepherd Sunday, Let Those With Ears Listen

Last Sunday we heard the good Shepherd say, "He and the Father are one." I added the emphasis with all of you that Jesus and the Father have a 'oneness' of heart. You all know that I take a considerable amount of teaching from commentaries I'm reading for the week, and this week was no different. I would like to share the quote with you all where the thought came from. "When Jesus said: "I and the Father are one," He was not moving in the world of philosophy and metaphysics and abstractions; He was moving in the world of *personal relationships*. No one can really understand what a phrase like "a unity of essence" means; but anyone can understand what a unity of hearts means. Jesus' unity with God came from the twin facts of perfect love and perfect obedience. He was one with the Father because He loved God perfectly and obeyed God perfectly. **And He came to this world to make us what He is.**" (*William Barclay, The Gospel of John. Volume 2: The Daily Study Bible Series. p.88*)

I bolded that last sentence for emphasis. Maybe we all should read it again and again ... and again. As a community of vibrant disciples who gather together in fellowship to worship, learn and study Jesus, may this be our objective as children of the most high God; a oneness of heart with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen!

Men of Faith

Hey Men of faith there are a couple of announcements for us. Rob Schutt is finalizing orders for our evening out to the ball park. If you haven't spoken to him He has all the details.

This coming Saturday were having breakfast with the Women of Faith. Vicki Carlson and the team from Saint Peter put together a presentation of their trip to Israel. We'll be watching that video after breakfast. Be sure to come on in. We are gathering at 8:00am, breakfast will be at 8:30am and the presentation will begin around 9:00am. See you all there.

Our June 21, 2025 MOF Breakfast Guest speaker will be Gerard Haviland who will give us a talk on the "Liberty Ships" made in Wilmington.

Music Notes



Music Notes: This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us to "love one another". The Choir sings at the 11:00 am service a Mark Hayes arrangement of "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go". This piece features a stunningly beautiful piano accompaniment. It needs and expert player. We are so fortunate at Saint Peter to have Laurie Russ as our Choir accompanist. Perhaps you've noticed when Laurie isn't available we will have accompanists within our membership, Nancy Novelly and Karen Sirian. Saint Peter is so fortunate to have such expert players to call on. Thanks to Nancy and Karen for filling in.

Special Music for the 8:30 this Sunday is performed by Janet Porterfield on flute and accompanied by Karen Sirian on piano - "His Eye is on the Sparrow" by Charles H. Gabriel. This arrangement is by Jack Schrader who has provided a wonderful blues-gospel setting for Civilla D. Martin and Charles H. Gabriel's encouraging song about God's loving care.

Organ Pipes: This Sunday's organ prelude is an original composition for solo organ by Nancy Novelly. It is based on the tune CHRISTIAN LOVE by Fr. Paul Benoit, a Benedictine priest and musician. The words of this hymn are found in our hymnal, #359, set to a different tune.

The Communion Meditation is based on the 9th century Latin chant "Ubi Caritas" ("Where there is love, there God is"), found in our hymnal at #653. Dr. Mary Beth Bennett, a wonderful composer living in VA, has set the tune with lush chords, shifting keys, and melody in the pedal.

Today's postlude is a rousing, lively setting based on the chant tune "Veni Sancte Spiritus" ("Come, Holy Spirit") and set as a hymn by Martin Luther (#395 in our hymnal). Nobody does it better than Bach!

Thank You From The Family Of Bill Hogan



On behalf of my family, I want to express our gratitude for the love and support extended to us by our Saint Peter Church family and friends throughout Bill's illness and passing at the end of February.

Many days when I could not find the words to reach out to God, I was always reassured that others were praying for us.

I thank you for those prayers and cards and emails and text messages and visits to our home and finally Hospice in Wilmington. There really are no words big enough to let each of you know how much that meant to me and my family.

May God bless each of you today and always.

Lonna Hogen, Jennifer Hogan Cohen and our entire family.

3rd Sunday Potluck This Week



5/18/2025 following 2nd service

Don't forget to sign up for the 3rd Sunday Potluck and what dish you will be bringing. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Women of Faith Gathering

The first 2025 Women of Faith Gathering will be Friday, June 6th beginning at 12 noon. A light lunch will be served. The sign-up form is in the Narthex so we can plan accordingly. I hope to see you there so we can begin planning for our Women of Faith ministry.



[Events Planning Meeting and Potluck Supper](#)

Join us for the Potluck Supper and Events Planning Meeting this Sunday, May 18 at Noon sponsored by the Saint Peter Communications Team

The purpose of this meeting is to plan church events for September 2025 through June 2026 Church year. Why? We will select dates for events like Journey to the Manger, Women's Retreat, Saint Peter Fish Fry, etc. Having this information will help you plan your travels without missing events you'd like to attend. In addition, this will allow us to schedule events without overlapping one another. More importantly, this will provide the Communications Team with time to produce quality artwork and descriptive content for internal and external publicity. This is the first time Saint Peter has attempted to involve Church Committees and Membership in the planning process. Please help us make this a success!

[Saint Peter ViaDeCristo Invites You on a Group Visit!](#)

A Group visit to the Ark and Museum of Creation

The Saint Peter ViaDeCristo group is organizing an exciting trip to visit the Ark and Museum of Creation in Williamsport, Kentucky. This trip promises to be a memorable experience, filled with discovery and fellowship.

Trip Details

- Dates: October 1st to 5th
- Location: Williamsport, Kentucky

About the Ark and Museum of Creation

The Ark and Museum of Creation is a renowned destination that offers a fascinating look at biblical history and the natural world. Visitors can explore exhibits that delve into the creation story, view replicas of the Ark, and engage with interactive displays.

Contact Information

For more information about the trip or to express interest in joining, please reach out to:

- Dan Sees or
- Colleen Weathers

We look forward to an enriching and enjoyable journey with all participants!



Wills Citty Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive 6/17

Donate Blood
In Memory of
Wills Citty

(Son of Cindy Killian)



St Peter Lutheran Church

Held in the Fellowship Hall

4843 Hwy 211 Southport-Supply Rd. SE
Southport, NC 28461

Tuesday, June 17th
10am-2:30pm

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
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Oak Island Loggerheads – June 8
Lois Moore Singing the National Anthem



OAK ISLAND LOGGERHEADS

**A CAN'T MISS
EXPERIENCE!**

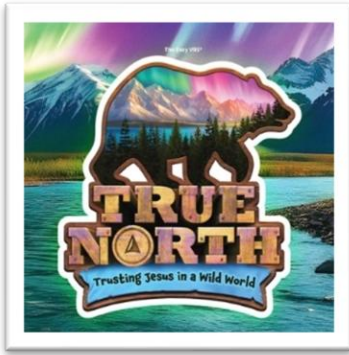
**WATCH WOOD-BAT
BASEBALL GAMES! ENJOY
COLD BEERS, TASTY FOOD,
AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN!
CREATE LASTING MEMORIES
AND ENJOY PROMOTIONS
FOR THE KIDS!**



**SCAN THIS CODE TO
GET TICKETS!**

**COME OUT AND CHEER ON THE OAK
ISLAND LOGGERHEADS!**





[VBS Sign Up Has Begun](#)

Registration for VBS being held at Saint Peter Lutheran Church July 7-10 from 9am-1pm can be done by clicking the link below:

<https://vbspro.events/p/splcvbs>

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When requesting an article, a thank you, an announcement, etc. to be printed in the Newsletter, please submit all requests using the Publications Request Form (PRF). You can find the fillable form on our website at the link below:

[PRF – Saint Peter Lutheran Church \(splc-nc.org\)](#)

Saint Peter Lutheran Church Core Values.

...deeply held principles guiding us to work together in ministry...

Empathy

We embrace the feelings, thoughts and experiences of others offering mutual care.

Romans 12:10-15

Generosity

We nourish and bless others through giving and sharing

Acts 20:35

Trust

We have confidence and faith in the words and actions of others.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

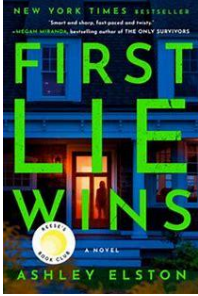
Unity

We join in harmony to serve our Lord and one another in Mission.

1 Peter 3:8



Book Club News

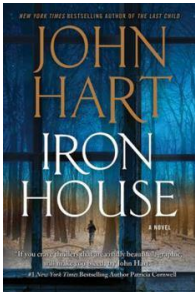
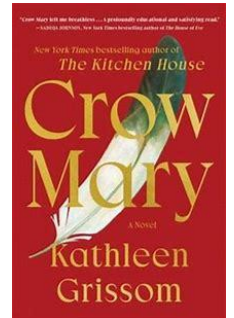


June 10 "First Lie Wins" by Ashley Elston

"First Lie Wins" follows Evie Porter, a woman adept at adopting new identities, as she navigates a world filled with deception, betrayal and danger. A fast-paced read thriller with secret identities, a mysterious boss, and a cat and mouse game that keeps the reader guessing the whole way through.

September 9 "Crow Mary" by Kathleen Grissom

In Montana during the summer of 1872 Crow Mary marries Abe Farwell, a white fur trader, and accompanies him to his trading post in the Cypress Hills of Saskatchewan, Canada. In the Spring of 1873 they are preparing to return to Montana when they witness the Cypress Hills Massacre, in which 40 innocent Nakoda are killed by a drunken gang. Following the massacre, Crow Mary single-handedly rescues 5 Nakoda women who are being held captive and abused by the gang – thus she sets off a whirlwind of colliding cultures that brings out the best and worst in a cast of unforgettable characters and pushes the love between Farwell and Crow Mary to the breaking point.



October 14 "Iron House" by John Hart

This book is a thriller about two brothers, one woman, and an explosive secret that threatens to tear their whole world apart. Strong healthy Michael and weak, sickly Julian were two orphaned brothers who clung to each other in an abusive environment of Iron House. It is a twisted, tumultuous, ultra violent tale of family abuse and corruption.

Adult Sunday School in the Conference Room

*Using the "Connections" book
(more are in the conference room):*

- ✓ May: Sunday Worship Discussion



Church Financial Health

Saint Peter Financial Summary	- April 30, 2025
Year to date Income	\$ 225,738
Year to date Expenses	<u>178,784</u>
Net Income before budgeted items	46,954
Provision for Major Repairs	<u>4,000</u>
Net Income after Budgeted Items	\$ 42,954
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Prayer Requests for Our Saint Peter Family and Friends



Cindy Killian, Mike Foss, Lee Dixon, Rob Schutt, The Templeton family, The Simon family, John Landis, Maise Lee, Joshua Farris, Don Jones, Dave and Beverly Lockley, Jerry Binder, Cameron Simmons, Robert Bernius, Micah Squires, Don Roach and family, Michael Gyarmathy, Allan Millen, Dr. Michael Cotton, Lisa Toporovicz, Jacqui Ellis, Susan Epstein, Janice Fox, Dennis Dietrich, Jerry Binder, Bridget, Kathy Jordon, Paul Stream, Chuck McNeill, Joanne Harbour, Karen Schrank, Audrey Pedersen, Nancy Francisco, Ron King, Janet Lundy.



Worship Service Attendance



LAST WEEK

8:30 am Worship - 104
11:00 am Worship - 79

Saint Peter Facebook Posts

"Did you know more people see our Facebook posts when you click Like? Liking and sharing our posts and events will lift us up in the Facebook algorithm so more people will find out about our church. What an easy way to tell others about Saint Peter Lutheran Church!". Please make sure you click like on all of our Facebook posts.



Daily Spiritual Readings

May 19– May 25

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



Monday	Acts 11:19-26
Tuesday	Acts 11:27-30
Wednesday	Luke 10:25-28
Thursday	Acts 15:36-41
Friday	Acts 16:1-8
Saturday	Luke 19:1-10
Sunday	John 13:31-35

On The Horizon – Save the Dates



May	17	- Men & Women of Faith Breakfast, 8am
May	17	- Memorial Service – Wills City, 1pm
May	18	- Third Sunday Potluck & Event Scheduling Meeting, after 11am worship service
May	19	- Dementia Caregivers Support Meeting, 1pm
June	6	- Women of Faith Gathering, 12pm
June	8	- Saint Peter Outing - Oak Island Loggerheads Baseball Game, 6pm (Lois Moore singing the National Anthem)
June	17	- Wills City Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive, 10am
June	21	- Men of Faith Breakfast, 8am
July	7-10	- Vacation Bible School
August	5	- MOF - Pelicans Baseball Outing, 7pm
August	17	- Shareholders Mission Trip Celebration, 5pm
Oct	1-5	- Church Group Visit – The Arc & Museum of Creation
Nov	20-21	- Tentative: Women of Faith Retreat, Caswell Beach Baptist Conv. Center

We Need Your Google Review of Our Church

Please provide your review of Saint Peter Lutheran Church.
Just click the link below, click 5 stars and you are done! Comments are optional.

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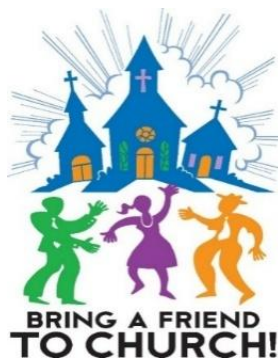


Weekly Calendar 05/18 - 05/24



Sun 05/18	8:30 am Worship Service (S) 9:45 am Adult Sunday School (CR) 11:00 am Worship Service (S) 12:00 pm After Service Potluck & Event Planning Meeting (FH)
Mon 05/19	9:00 am Giving Garden Work (GG) 1:00 pm Faith Fueled Fitness Class (FH) 3:00 pm Mission Trip Group Meeting (FH) 6:30 pm Sea Notes Practice (S/MPR)
Tues 05/20	9:00 am Communications Team Meeting (CR) 10:00 am Admin Team Meeting (Pastor's Office) 11:00 am Sisters of Prayer (CR) 4:00 pm (FH) BERT Meeting
Wed 05/21	10:00 am Personnel Committee (MPR) 1:00 pm Dementia Caregivers Support Group (MPR) 6:30 pm Choir Practice (S/MPR)
Thurs 05/22	2:00 pm Women's Small Group Study (CR)
Fri 05/23	9:00 am Giving Garden Work (GG) 9:00 am Women's Bible Study (CR) 1:00 pm Organ Practice (S)
Sat 05/24	11:00 am L & T Robbins Brother's Celebration of Life (FH)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE MOST CURRENT, UP TO DATE 2025 CHURCH CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE MEMBER PORTAL](#)



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The Rev. Wade Brinkopf, Associate Pastor

Vicki Carlson, Parish Deacon/Director of Discipleship

Lois Moore, Director of Worship and Music Arts

Rod Roskom, Associate Director of Worship and Music Arts

Bonnie Weaver, Director of Handbell Choir & Keys to the Kingdom

Laurie Russ, Accompanist

Ann Miller, Treasurer

Don Brenner, Financial Secretary

Ginny Crane, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper

Stefanie Norris, Communications Coordinator

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

[NEWSLETTER Submission Deadline is Monday by 10:00 am.](#)

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