

The Sunday Spirit



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
6175 St. Peter's Church Road
Conover, North Carolina
March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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As We Gather During the Gospel readings this Lenten season, we have read of encounters that Jesus had along the way to Calvary. Today he meets a blind man and the formerly blind man meets the Pharisees. This blind man knew no theology. The Pharisees considered him ignorant. Yet the blind man knew something the learned Pharisees

did not. He was blind, and then he saw. And what he saw was what the Pharisees could not – the Savior of the world. Jesus has opened our eyes also to see our Savior and all that He has done for us.

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Welcome to St. Peter's! We welcome our **guests** and ask you to fill out the “Welcome Guest” card in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate and take home a “welcome” bag. We invite members and friends to fill in the red attendance pew pads. We are so glad you came!

Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM & 4:30 PM

Since our church feels a Biblically founded stewardship regarding the Lord's Supper, we ask that you prayerfully consider these truths. **Baptized Christians** who have been instructed in the Lord's Supper and share the faith in Christ we proclaim are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper.



+ *I know that I am a sinner in thought, word and deed and from my heart I repent (turn from) all my sins against God and other people, intending to change and correct my sinful life.*

+ *I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin through His death and resurrection for me.*

+ *I believe that the Risen Christ is present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine (fruit of the vine), I receive His true Body and Blood. I believe that these gifts are “given and shed for me for the forgiveness of my sins.”* -Pastors Kevin and Eric and the Board

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room during holy communion today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area. You can also leave a prayer request in the prayer box that is on the door.

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Audrey Haus in celebration of her and Pastor Eric's 21st wedding anniversary (March 16) and in honor of their daughter, Anna, whose birthday is today.

Today's 8:15 am Radio Service Broadcast is sponsored by Pastor Eric & Audrey Hauss in honor of their 21st wedding anniversary (March 16th).

Homebound and Sunday Morning Workers Service is today at **4:30 PM**. This shortened service is designed for anyone unable to join the regularly scheduled communion services at St. Peter's.

Sunday Evening Lenten Worship This evening at **7:00 PM** in the sanctuary you are invited to the fourth of five Lenten Vespers services. The series "Christ on Trial" finds the woman caught in adultery on the witness stand. A Lenten Meal sponsored by the Thursday Night Small Group - pizza & salad - will be served at **6:00 PM**.

Next Sunday– March 26, 2023 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Rom.8:1-11 5:8-14; John 11:17-27; Psalm 130

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship

10:45 AM Service of the Word, DS Setting III

6:00 PM Lenten Meal - Pintos, slaw & cornbread

7:00 PM Lenten Vespers - "Christ on Trial - A Young Man Named John

----- 2023 Holy Week Services -----

*** Palm Sunday – April 2 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM**

*** Maundy Thursday Worship - April 6 12 Noon and 7:00 PM**

*** Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 7**

12 Noon – St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Community Service

7:00 PM - St. John's Lutheran Church - Community Service

*** Easter / Resurrection Sunday - April 9**

6:45 AM Sunrise Service in the Church Cemetery

9:30 AM Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion

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Children Sunday School Classes Today

9:30 – 10:30 AM

***Preschool-Kindergarten - Room #2 Education Bldg -
Brenda Fulbright & Emily Schwandt**

***1st - 3rd Grades - Room #9 Education Bldg - Terry
Sigmon**

***4th - 6th Grades - Room #8 Education Bldg - Ashton Sigmon**

***Middle & High Schoolers - Room #4 Education Bldg - John Adams**



Adult Sunday School Classes Today
9:30 – 10:30 AM



- * **Sanctuary Class - Expository Teaching on Proverbs** with Pastor Eric
- * **Parish Hall Class - “Growing Older & Wiser”** with David, Donna, Richard and Scott.
- * **Adults of All Ages - “The Story”** with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt, Education Building, Room #1.
- * **Ladies Class - “The Miracles of Jesus and What We Can Learn From Them”** with Beth Lail, Education Building, Room #10.
- * **Multi-Purpose Room Class - “The Story”** with Pastor Kevin.
- * **Library Class - “The Story”** with Marla Early.

Mid Week Small Groups

- * **Wednesday Evening Couples Small Group** meets at **6:30 pm** in the Spirit Center.
- * **Confirmation Class** meets on Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
- * **Thursday Morning Small Group** meets at **10:00 am** in the Spirit Center studying “The Story”.
- * **Thursday Evening Small Group** meets at **6:30 PM** at the home of Shirley Dellinger. Join us! (contact Tonya Darden 828-850-2260).
- * **Friday Morning Small Group** meets at **10:00 am** in the Spirit Center studying “The Story”.
- * **Saturday Morning Men’s Small Group** meets at **7:30 am** in the multi-purpose room of the church studying “The Story”.
- * **A New Member’s Class** is being scheduled. Tentative dates for this eight week class are Tuesday, April 25th through June 13th. This class begins at **7:00 PM**. Please contact Pastor Kevin to express your interest.

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The Evangelism Team will meet **Tuesday, March 21** at 6 pm.

Easter Egg stuffing party will be held on **Thursday, March 23** at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come and stuff!

The Eggstravaganza will be held on **Saturday, April 1st from 2-4 pm.** Volunteers are needed as well as nut-free candy and kid's stickers. (*Place these items in the box outside church office or in the Spirit Center. We have received plenty of plastic eggs .*) If you can help, contact Ashton Sigmon (828-244-8904) or Audrey Hauss (828-310-1524).



Church Members in Need of Prayer Terry Bolick, Aidan Cox, Catherine Fox, Judy Gantt, Sandra Jenkins, Darrell Little, Darrell Reiter, Shirley Shell, Whitney Terry.

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Bob Bowman, Donald Gantt, Jean Hoke, Annette Holler, Lorene Huffman, Margaret Laws, Bobby Little, Gerald Matthews, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Reva Reinhardt, Deborah Rufty, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, George Smith, Carol Starnes, Georgia Walker, Mary Ann Winebarger

Trinity Village: Ruby Matthews

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Conover Rehab: Alberta Winebarger

College Pines Rehab: Judy Gantt

Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ *Teddy Gardner***(friend of Pastor Eric & Audrey Hauss)*
- ◇ *Judy Norton****(sister of Collene Lafone)*
- ◇ *Marie Pritchard****(daughter-in-law of Mike & Patricia Pritchard)*
- ◇ *Susan Carlton ***(daughter of Dina Coffey)*
- ◇ *Deacon Cunningham**(son of nephew of Carmen Lander)*
- ◇ *Reagan Swanson**(9-year old daughter of teacher at Bunker Hill)*
- ◇ *Glenn Sherrill*(father of Debbie Thomas)*
- ◇ *Larry Herman*(brother-in-law of Betty Goble)*
- ◇ *Angel*(co-worker of Emily Allen)*
- ◇ *Marlys Cartwright*(friend of St. Peter's)*

(Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

Birthdays This Week of Active Members Lauren Reinhardt (23), Brenda Dellinger (24), Marlene Pennell (24), Bobby Little (24); John Jones (25).

Camp Linn Haven School Supplies Drive Please place items in the box outside church office or in the Spirit Center. Thank you for your help!!!

Camp Linn Haven St. Peter's Weekend is May 26-29th, Memorial Day weekend 2023.

A Spring Fling Celebration will be hosted by St. Peter's youth & mission team on **Saturday, May 6** from 9 am to 2 pm. Vendors applications are available outside the church office or in the narthex. Contact Ashton Sigmon (828-244-8904). The celebration will include local vendors, crafts, art experts and a BBQ lunch fundraiser.

The Lights Are On! 48 LED light bulbs were installed in the sanctuary by trustees Matt Witherspoon and Russ Darden along with Adam Watts and Danny Schwandt. “We were once blind but now we see!”

Thank You Notes Thanks so much to the pastors and my church family for your prayers, visits, calls, cards and food during my recent foot surgery. Love, Shirley Shell

Fellowship Outing The Fellowship Group is planning to attend the production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technical Dreamcoat” at the Wolfhart Theatre in Wytheville, VA on Sunday, May 7. Tickets are \$65.00 for lunch and show. If you’d like tickets, please contact Betty Goble (828-308-4251) by Monday, April 3.

LWML News March 18 was National Quilting Day and the LWML would like to recognize and thank the dedicated ladies and men who gather each Monday morning in the Parish Hall to make quilts which are sent all over the world. The LWML will be serving them lunch on Monday !

Given to the LWML Mites in loving memory of Susie Reitzel by the LWML; Pat Sigmon; Mark & Pat Killian

Given to the LWML Meat Fund in loving memory of Susie Reitzel & Floy Starnes by Ernest & Carol Starnes

Given to the Quilters in loving memory of Jim & Lou Rector, Susie Reitzel, Floy Starnes, and Vi Roth by Jean Davis

Given to the Sunday School (General Fund) in loving memory of Vi Roth by LWML; Margaret Laws and Glenda, William & Matthew Thornburg; Alberta Winebarger; Judy Carsey; Mark & Pat Killian; Archie & Irene Sigmon

Given to the General Fund in loving memory of Floy Starnes by Baxter Watts

Given to the Backpack Ministry in loving memory of Jim & Lou Rector by Mark & Pat Killian

Today’s Servants

Altar Guild: Debbie Adams, Trudy Huffman

Musicians (8:15 AM): Drew Stiles, Thom Bumgarner, Jeff Winebarger, Chris Erwin, Oz Hefner, Chris Powell.

Organist (10:45 am service): Carolyn Paschal

Acolyte: Reece Bolton

Greeters: 8:15 am Eunice Reiter 10:45 am Christal Sigmon

Readers: 8:15 am Kevin & Elliott Gantt 10:45 am Donna Sipe

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (19) 8:15 am Contemporary Service w/communion
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
 10:45 am Liturgical Service w/communion
 4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service
 5:00 pm Senior Youth (Grades 6-12)
 6:00 pm Lenten Meal - *Pizza & Salad*
 7:00 pm Lenten Vespers "Christ on Trial"
- Mon. (20) 8:30 am Quilters
 6:15 pm Girl Scouts
- Tues. (21) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
 6:30 pm Evangelism Team Meeting
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (22) 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study for Couples - *in Spirit Center*
 6:30 pm Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (23) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
 6:00 pm Easter Egg Stuffing Party
 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study
 7:00 pm Elders meeting
- Fri. (24) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- Sat. (25) 7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study
- Sun. (26) 8:15 am Contemporary Service
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
 10:45 am Liturgical Service
 4:30 pm Small Group Bible Study
 6:00 pm Lenten Meal - *Pintos, slaw, corn bread*
 7:00 pm Lenten Vespers "Christ on Trial"

Last Week

March 12, 2023: 8:15 am - 131 10:45 am - 60 7 pm Lenten Service - 78
Sunday School Adults - 68 Youth - 12

Offerings

General Fund - \$6,728.00; Sunday School \$365.00; Building Bridges - \$300.00;
Alaskan Missions - \$ 10.00; Building Fund - \$295.00; Helping Hands Fund - \$80.00
General Fund Needed Weekly - \$10,992.86

SERMON NOTES

“Open My Eyes Lord”

John 9

I. Jesus Sees With Compassion Those Who Are Blind

II. Jesus Opens the Eyes of Those Who Are Blind

III. We Thank Him, Walk in His Light and Partner with Him

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Safety Precaution

Due to security reasons, the church council has voted that all of the exterior doors will be locked during worship services except for the front doors of the sanctuary. The exterior doors will be unlocked before and between worship services.

COVID-19 Protocol

The 8:15 am service can be viewed and enjoyed on a large screen in **the Spirit Center** where masks are required and social distancing is maintained.