

The Sunday Spirit



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
6175 St. Peter's Church Road
Conover, North Carolina
March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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As We Gather today we talk about freedom. There probably is no greater feeling on earth than to experience freedom. We live in a nation that is free, and we have freedom to do many things. We are free to worship, free to express our opinion, and free to do almost anything we want to do. Yet, because of our sinful nature, we are held in slavery and captivity. As believers we celebrate the fact that God has set us free. The Holy Spirit gives to us freedom through the knowledge of truth and the message of salvation. Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit has set us free from the power of sin, from the snares of Satan, and even from death itself. That's true freedom!

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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!

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room after services 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.

Sunday Evening Lenten Worship This evening at **7:00 PM** in the sanctuary you are invited to the final Lenten Vespers services. The series "Christ on Trial" finds John the disciple of Jesus on the witness stand. A Lenten Meal of pintos, slaw and cornbread will be held at **6:00 pm**.

Next Sunday– April 2 - Palm Sunday

Scriptures: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-66; Psalm 118:19-29

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship w/Palms & Holy Communion

10:45 AM Service of the Word, DS Setting III w/Palms & Holy Communion

Today's altar flowers are given by Jan Sigmon and family with thanks and praise to God for the gifts of love and laughter that Steven W. Sigmon gave us during his 74 years of life. His family remembers him on his 77th birthday tomorrow with joy.

Today's 8:15 am Radio Service Broadcast is sponsored Craig & Donna Lackey and Lynn & Connie Fox in honor of Catherine Fox's 90th birthday.

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 from 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 Call Committee will meet **Monday, March 27 at 7 pm** in the church library. Contact Mark Gantt (828-455-4755) if you need more information.

The Stephen Ministry Team will meet **Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 pm**.

Easter Eggstravaganza is happening this Saturday, April 1st, **2:00 to 4:00 PM**. Use the enclosed flyer to invite family and friends!

Living Kidney Donation Terry Bolick, a life long member of St. Peter’s, is in need of a kidney. Kidney donation involves minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery and a few days in the hospital, returning to work within 4-6 weeks. A kidney is a gift of life to those like Terry with kidney failure. Information booklets are available in the church office or by contacting Atrium Health at 704-355-6649.

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).

Church Members in Need of Prayer Terry Bolick, Aidan Cox, Vickie Dagenhart, Catherine Fox, Zorra Fulbright, Judy Gantt, Sandra Jenkins, Darrell Little, Darrell Reiter, Shirley Shell, Terry Sigmon, Ronnie Starnes, Whitney Terry.



Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Bob Bowman, Vickie Dagenhart, Donald Gantt, Judy 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

Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ 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)
 - ◇ Bob Grundy*(cousin of Carolyn Paschal)
 - ◇ Kathy Sigmon*(sister of Johnny Bryant)
 - ◇ Jaxson Silas Pennington*(grandson of Randy & Kim Pennington)
 - ◇ Molly Brooks*(niece of Carmen Lander)
 - ◇ Mack Stafford*(uncle of Greg Eckard)
 - ◇ David "Pete" Fulbright*(friend of Pat & Mark Killian)
 - ◇ Jessica Carter*(friend of Nancy Bruce)
- (Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

Christian Sympathy

- ◇ Family of Teddy Gardner (friend of Pastor Eric & Audrey Hauss)

Birthdays This Week of Active Annette Hollar (3/26); Alice Layne (3/27); Sandy Eckard (3/29); Larry Lander (3/29); Catherine Fox (3/30); Shirley Shell (3/30); Debra Shipman (4/1).

Anniversaries This Week Darrell & Linda Little (3/28);

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!!!

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.

Save the Date - Thursday, April 13 at 7 pm The LWML will be hosting a speaker from the Hope for Justice Center in Charlotte, NC to discuss human trafficking in North Carolina. This event is open to everyone to learn more about this topic.

Thank You Notes

- I want to thank everyone that brought food, send cards, called and most of all prayer for me during my illness at the hospital and at home. It meant so much to me. Love , Pat Smith
- Pastor Kevin, Pastor Eric and the entire fellowship of St. Peters - I wanted to personally thank you for the wonderful service and meal. My Mom, Floy Starnes, loved each and every one of you. Her favorite thing to tell me on Sunday night was how she loved her church and its people. Thank you for loving her all these years. Ya'll are so special! - Lori Parker
- Pastor Roth and family would like to thank the many from our congregational family and community for your love and care as we continue to mourn the loss of our wife, mother, and grandmother. With your cards, calls, food and other expressions of love, you have made this difficult time easier to bear. Also, thank you to our pastors, musicians, and technology staff for a very beautiful and meaningful service which was shared with our extended family in many parts of the country. God bless you all.
- Dear St. Peter's Church Family - Thank you so much for your kindness and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you for all the calls, cards, and text messages we received. Thank you for the meal that was prepared for our family. Pastor Kevin and Pastor Eric, we appreciate you showing up at Trinity Village to visit Mom. Thank you for a beautiful service. We are blessed with such a great church family! - Love, Ronnie & Crystal Starnes

Memorials

Given to the LWML Mites in loving memory of Floy Starnes by Mark & Pat Killian

Given to the Domestic Missions Fund in loving memory of Vi Roth, Floy Starnes and Susie Retizel by Craig & Donna Lackey

Given to the Helping Hands Fund in loving memory of Floy Starnes by Gary Eckard

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 Pam Medlin 10:45 am Joy Eckard

Readers: 8:15 am Erin Sigmon 10:45 am Richard Hallman

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (26) 8:15 am Contemporary Service
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Liturgical Service
6:00 pm Lenten Meal - pinto beans
7:00 pm Lenten Vespers "Christ on Trial" - John
- Mon. (27) 8:30 am Quilters
6:15 pm Girl Scouts
7:00 pm Call Committee Meeting - *in church library*
- Tues. (28) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
6:30 pm Crocheting & Looming Class
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (29) 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study for Couples - *in Spirit Center*
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (30) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
6:00 pm Boy Scout Council Meeting
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Team Meeting
- Fri. (31) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- Sat. (1) 7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study
11:00 am Youth lunch and set up for Eggstravaganza
2:00 - 4:00 pm Easter Eggstravaganza
- Sun. (2) 8:15 am Contemporary Service w/Palms & Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Liturgical Service w/Palms & Holy Communion

Last Week

March 12, 2023: 8:15 am - 150 10:45 am - 74 7 pm Lenten Service - 75
Sunday School Adults - 77 Youth - 17

Offerings

General Fund - \$11,015.20; Sunday School \$119.00; Building Bridges - \$152.00;
Domestic Missions - \$100.00; Backpack Ministry - \$25.00; International Missions -
\$1,314.00; Senior Youth - \$ 200.00; Building Fund - \$ 485.00

General Fund Needed Weekly - \$10,992.86

SERMON NOTES
“Freedom Provided by the Holy Spirit”
Romans 8:1-11

I. Freedom through Christ (vs. 2-4)

II. Freedom to serve Christ. (vs 5-10)

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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.