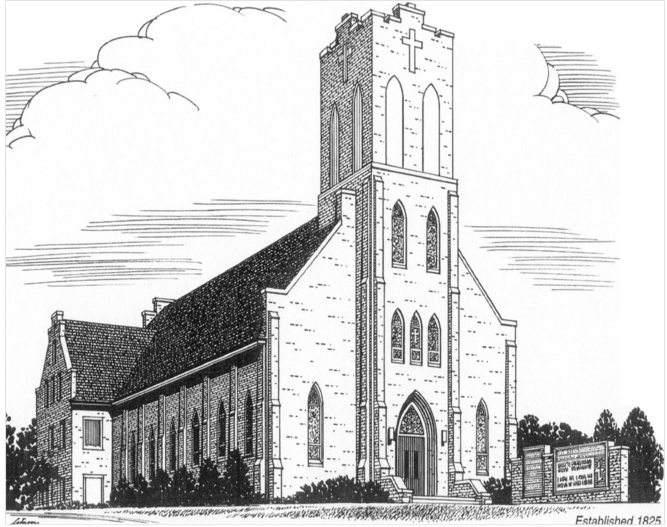


# The Sunday Spirit

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**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**6175 St. Peter's Church Road**  
**Conover, North Carolina**  
**May 14, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

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**As We Gather** On this Mother's Day we give thanks for our moms! Mothers are alive, prepared and different! Moms are **alive** with love for their children. In the same way, believers are alive with love for their Lord. Mothers are always **prepared** to teach their children. Christians are always

prepared to point people to the Savior. Moms are **different** because they do loving things that only moms can do! Christians are also different. Living to please the Lord, we attract people to Him. So, be like a Mom: **Be Alive! Be Prepared! Be Different!**

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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 service 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.

**Second Sunday Social—Mother's Day!** The Special Events Committee is sponsoring a fellowship social after the first service today in the Spirit Center. They have a little something special for Mother's Day to say thank you to all the Moms. We love you! Coffee, juice, breakfast treats and a Mother's Day cake will be served. Please join us!



**Today's 8:15 am Radio Service Broadcast** is given to the glory of God and in honor of Craig's birthday, their wedding anniversary, and Darrin Lackey and Lynn Fox's birthdays by Craig & Donna Lackey.

**The Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary (May 13) and for all the moms on Mother's Day by Eddie & Robin Little.

**Graduation Sunday - Next Sunday!** On **May 21** we will honor our high school and college graduates at both our 8:15 am and 10:45 am worship services.



**Next Sunday– May 21, 2023 - Ascension Sunday & Graduation Sunday**

Sermon: “The Ascended and Soon Coming King!”

Scriptures: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53; Psalm 47

- 8:15 AM Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion**  
**10:45 AM Service of the Word, DS Setting III w/Holy Communion**  
**4:30 PM Homebound/Workers Communion Service**

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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 & Scott.
- \*Adults of All Ages - “The Story”** with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt, Education Building, Room # 1.



- \*Ladies Class - “God’s Psychiatry, The Healing of Mind and Soul”** by Charles Allen 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

**Sunday Afternoon Small Group** meets today at **4:30 PM** at the home of Seth and Carolyn Paschal (304-590-0504). Study: "The Story."



**A New Grief Share Class** will start next **Monday, May 22 at 6:30 pm** in the multi-purpose room! This Support group for those grieving the death of a loved one includes excellent instructions from professional grief counselors. You are encouraged to attend. Contact Sandra Jenkins (828-638-5224) for more information.

- ◆ **A New Member's Class** meets **on Tuesday at 7:00 pm** in the multi-purpose room!
- ◆ **Wednesday Evening Couples Small Group** meets at **6:30 pm** in the Youth Room, 3rd Floor of sanctuary building. Study: "The Chosen."
- ◆ **Thursday Morning Small Group Bible Study** meets in **10:00 am** in the Spirit Center. Study: "The Story."
- ◆ **Thursday Evening Small Group Bible Study** meets at **6:30 pm** at the home of Shirley Dellinger.
- ◆ **Friday Morning Small Group Bible Study** meets at **10:00 am** in the Spirit Center. Study: "The Story"
- ◆ **Saturday Morning Men's Small Group Bible Study** meets at **7:30 am** in the multi-purpose room. Study: "The Story"
- ◆ **Sunday Evening Small Group Bible Study** meets at the home of Carolyn & Seth Paschal at 4:30 pm. Study: "The Story"

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**"The Spring Fling *was a wonderful thing!*"** Thanks to all those who served along side of organizer Ashton Sigmon. We were able to love and serve our community in the name of the Lord Jesus! Well done!



**Gift Bag for Confirmand Kaitlyn Webb** In the narthex, you will find a gift bag for Kaitlyn who will be confirmed into the Christian faith on Sunday, June 4th. Please leave a card, note or small gift to encourage Kaitlyn as she continues her faith walk.

# Vacation Bible School

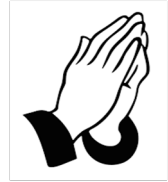
**Vacation Bible School Team Meeting** Please join us at **6:30 pm on Monday, May 15** as we plan our upcoming VBS for our church and community. Ages middle school and up are welcome to work with us as we share Jesus with others during the week of June 18th. Contact Ashton Sigmon at 828-244-8904.

**St. Peter's Kids Camp** will be held Monday through Friday, **June 26-30, 2023!** Volunteers are needed to serve during this annual Kids Camp. Please contact Theresa Cook (828-612-6815), Audrey Hauss (828-310-1524) or Bob Watts (828-781-7012) to express your willingness to serve!

**Fellowship Group** They group will meet for lunch at Captain's Galley on **Sunday, May 21 at 1:00 pm.** If you wish to attend, please contact Betty Goble at 828-308-4251 by Tuesday, May 16. All are welcome!!!

**Pregnancy Care Center Collection** The Ruth Circle will be collecting items during the month of May for the Pregnancy Care Center. Please place your items in the playpen located at the back of the sanctuary. They are in need of infant clothing, baby blankets, wipes, bibs, and diapers!

**Church Members in Need of Prayer** Terry Bolick, Aidan Cox, Vickie Dagenhart, Betty Eckard, Judy Eckard, Judy Gantt, Howard McCrary, Windy Pruitt, Anna Carol Spencer.



## Pray for Our Homebound Members

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

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon      Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Conover Rehab: Donald Gantt, Alberta Winebarger

## Prayers for Expectant Mothers

Christin and Chris Sigmon - Due Date, July 15, 2023

Whitney and Ryan Terry - Due Date, July 22, 2023

Kat and Taylor Laney—Due Date, June 24, 2023

EmilyAnn & Garrett Pfeifer - Due Date, November 11, 2023

## Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ Susan Carlton\*\*(*daughter of Dina Coffey*)
- ◇ Molly Brooks\*\*\*(*niece of Carmen Lander*)
- ◇ Jessica Carter\*\*\*(*friend of Nancy Bruce*)
- ◇ Jane Turbeville\*\*\*\*(*aunt of Teresa Graudin*)

- ◇ *Mike King\*\*\*\*(brother of Sandra Bryant & Brenda Dellinger)*
  - ◇ *Steven Eckard\*\*\*(brother of Joy Eckard)*
  - ◇ *Tommy London\*\*\*(father of Windy Pruitt)*
  - ◇ *Marlys Cartwright\*\*(friend of St. Peter's)*
  - ◇ *Rev. Brian Roberts\*\*(former Vicar at St. Peter's)*
  - ◇ *Ruby Yount\*\*(friend of Sherry Bumgarner)*
  - ◇ *Tommy London\*(father of Windy Pruitt)*
  - ◇ *Mike Cline\*(uncle of Windy Pruitt)*
- (Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

## Christian Sympathy

- ◇ *The family of Jeannette Rector (sister of Annette Hollar)*
- ◇ *The family of Davey Whisnant (family member of Sherry Bumgarner)*



**New Baby** Maureen & Rodney Price welcomed a baby boy **Owen Jeffrey** on May 7, weighting 7 lbs, 2 oz. and 19 inches long. Congratulations to the Price family of their new, beautiful little blessing!

**Birthdays This Week of Active** Kayla McArthur (5/14); Cherie Reynolds (5/14); Dallas Sigmon (5/16); Ernest Starnes (5/17); Judy Sigmon (5/18); Dorothy Willis (5/18); John Adams (5/19); Staci Bumgarner (5/19); Billy Canipe (5/20); Dorothy Sigmon (5/20)

**Anniversaries This Week** Craig & Donna Lackey (5/15); Steve & Kim Rector (5/16); Terry & Lisa Bentley (5/17); Chris & Emily Sherbino (5/17); Chris & Tina Watts (5/17); Perry & Dorothy Sigmon (5/20)

**Honariums** Given to Domestic Missions Fund in honor of May birthdays (Craig Lackey 5/10; Darrin Lackey 5/19 and Lynn Fox (5/22) and May anniversary (Craig & Donna Lackey 5/15) by Lynn & Connie Fox; given to the Domestic Missions Fund in honor of May birthdays and anniversary (Craig Lackey 5/10; Darrin Lackey 5/19 and Lynn Fox 5/22 and Craig & Donna Lackey's anniversary 5/15) by Catherine Fox

## Memorials

- ◆ Given to the Quilters in loving memory of Herman Griffin by the Ladies Sunday School Class
- ◆ Given to the Blessing Box Fund in loving memory of their mothers, Elizabeth Eckard Huffman & Paulina Herman by Jerry & Sandy Eckard
- ◆ Given to the Helping Hands Fund in loving memory of Floy Starnes by Wendy Bentley Bumgarner

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (14) *Mother's Day*  
8:15 am Contemporary Service  
9:15 am Second Sunday Social - *in Spirit Center*  
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:45 am Liturgical Service  
4:30 pm Small Group Bible study
- Mon. (15)  
8:30 am Quilters  
6:15 pm Girl Scouts  
6:30 pm Vacation Bible School Meeting  
6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
- Tues. (16)  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm New Members Class
- Weds. (17)  
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study for Couples  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- Thurs. (18)  
10:00 am Small Group Bible Study  
6:30 pm Small Group Bible study
- Fri. (19)  
10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- Sat. (20)  
7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study
- Sun. (21) *Ascension Sunday & Graduation Sunday*  
8:15 am Contemporary Service w/Holy Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:45 am Liturgical Service w/Holy Communion  
4:00 pm End of Year Youth Group Cookout (*Grades 6-12*)  
4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service  
5:00 pm Church Council

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### Last Week

May 7, 2023 - 8:15 am service - 145    10:45 am service - 64  
Sunday School Adults 68    Youth 11

### Offerings

General Fund - \$9,332.00; Domestic Missions - \$50.00; Backpack Ministry - \$50.00;  
Building Bridges - \$40.00; Building Fund - \$1095.00

***General Fund Needed Weekly - \$10,467.00***

### Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Carolyn Paschal & Jeannette Gantt

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

Organist (10:45 am service): Carolyn Paschal

Greeters: 8:15 am Carol Alley    10:45 am Christal Sigmon

Readers: 8:15 am: Elliott & Kevin Gantt    0:45 am David Icenhour

## SERMON NOTES

### “Like A Mom: Be Alive! Be Prepared! Be Different!” 1 Peter 3:15-16 / Acts 17

#### I. Be Alive!

vs 15 “But in your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord!”

#### II. Be Prepared!

vs 15 “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

#### III. Be Different!

vs 16 “Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

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