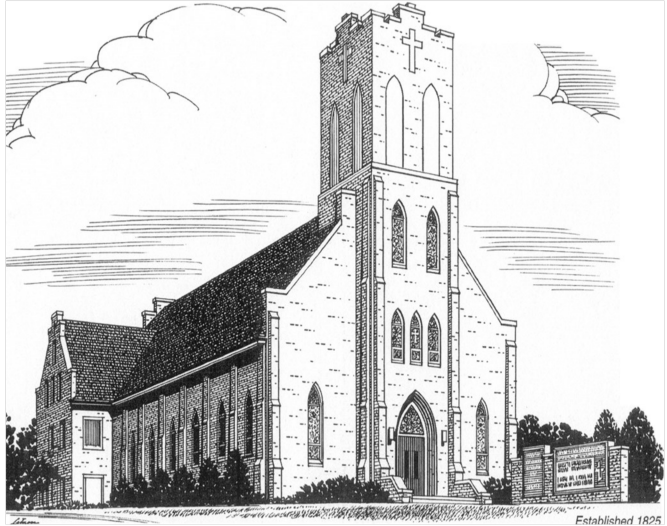


The Sunday Spirit

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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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As We Gather Today, we see that Heaven is the believers home. Heaven is described by Jesus as a permanent place, and it had been prepared for those who believe in him. As children of God, through faith in Jesus, we who believe have the right to call the home of the Son of God, our home also. Jesus tells his disciples, and he tells us, not to let our hearts be troubled....but to believe in him where he promises to make preparations for our reception and eternal residence. No more worry, no more doubt, no more fear. There is the true home for those who believe. After our tedious and laborious pilgrimage of earth, we become partakers of Christ's eternal home. Heaven is Christ's eternal home, as it is ours; and the way to heaven leads through Him. Faith in His redemption opens the portals of heaven. HOME SWEET HOME!

+ Share +

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 during 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.



Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

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 of Elders

Today's 8:15 am Radio Service Broadcast is given to the glory of God by the Thursday Evening Bible Study Group.

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Patricia's brother, Eric Eckard, for his birthday on May 4 by Mike & Patricia Pritchard.

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

**Next Sunday– May 14, 2023 - Sixth Sunday of
Easter & Mother's Day**

Sermon: "Mom... and the Holy Spirit." John 14:15-21
Scriptures Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21;
Psalm 66:8-20

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship
10:45 AM Service of the Word, DS Setting III

Calling All Brass Players We are looking for musicians for our **May 28 Pentecost Service** and the **July 2nd Patriotic Service**. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact Drew Stiles, praise band leader, at 828-514-2065.

+ Grow +

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 - “The Anointing Breaks the Yoke”** 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



A New Grief Share Class will start on **Monday, May 22 at 6:30 pm** in the multi-purpose room! All are welcome! 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! All are invited!
- ♦ **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”
- ♦ **Men’s Small Group Bible Study** meets at **7:30 am** in the multi-purpose room. Study: “The Story”

+ Serve +



Graduation Sunday - On May 21 we will honor our graduates at both our 8:15 am and 10:45 am worship services. If you are graduating or have a family member graduating from **high school or college**, please send information and a photo to Nancy in the church office at secretary@stpetersconover.org.

Deadline to turn information into the office is Friday, May 12.

Gift Bag for This Year’s Confirmand! **Kaitlyn Webb** will declare her allegiance to the Lord Jesus and be confirmed in the Christian faith on Sunday, June 4th during the 8:15 am service. In the narthex, you will find a gift bag for her. Please leave a card, note or small gift to encourage Kaitlyn as she continues her faith walk.

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!

Fun and Fellowship Group Let's do lunch or dinner! There has been an interest in starting a monthly lunch or dinner group. If you are interested in joining us for a late lunch on Sunday, May 21, please contact Betty Goble at 828-308-4251.

Church Doors Closed & Locked After your team or event meeting, please make sure that all the church doors are pulled shut and locked before you leave! If you have any questions, please reach out to Matt Witherspoon, Harry Fulbright, Russ Darden, Wayne Huffman or Heath Sigmon on the Trustee Team.

Living Kidney Donation Terry Bolick, a life long member of St. Peter's, is in need of a kidney. Information booklets are available in the church office or by contacting Atrium Health at 704-355-6649.



Church Members in Need of Prayer Terry Bolick, Aidan Cox, Vickie Dagenhart, Betty Eckard, Judy Eckard, Catherine Fox, Judy Gantt, Audrey Hauss, Howard McCray, John Van Horne.

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Bob Bowman, Donald Gantt, Jean Hoke, Annette Holler, Lorene Huffman, Margaret Laws, Bobby Little, Gerald Matthews, Ruby Matthews, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Reva Reinhardt, Deborah Ruffy, 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

Maureen and Rodney Price - Due Date, May 13, 2023

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

Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ Susan Carlton* (daughter of Dina Coffey)
- ◇ Molly Brooks**(niece of Carmen Lander)
- ◇ Jessica Carter**(friend of Nancy Bruce)
- ◇ Preston Killian****(cousin of Aiden Cox)

- ◇ *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)*
 - ◇ *Davey Whisnant*(family member of Sherry Bumgarner)*
 - ◇ *Ruby Yount*(friend of Sherry Bumgarner)*
- (Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

Christian Sympathy

- ◇ *The family of David "Peter" Fulbright (friend of Pat Killian)*

Birthdays This Week of Active Somer Sparks (5/7); Anna Carol Spencer (5/8); Daniel Rainey (5/8); Donald Hefner (5/9); Craig Lackey (5/10); Aishia Pacheco (5/10); Whitney Terry (5/10).

Anniversaries This Week John & Janet Adams (5/11); Jeff & Sonja Winebarger (5/12); Eddie & Robin Little (5/13).

Over 80 Birthdays This Month The LWML has given to the Backpack Ministry in honor of the following May over 80 birthdays: Ernest Starnes, Dorothy Willis, Jeannette Gantt, Patricia Sigmon.

Board of Elders 2023

*Kevin Gantt	A – B
*Mike Pritchard	C – F
*Scott Fulbright (Head Elder)	G – H
*Richard Hallman	I - L
*Danny Goforth	M – P
*Scott Medlin	Q – Sig
*Al Layne	Sipe – Z

Shepherd Group

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (7) 8:15 am Contemporary Service
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Liturgical Service
- Mon. (8) 8:30 am Quilters
6:15 pm Girl Scouts
- Tues. (9) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting
6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
6:30 pm Crocheting & Looming Class
7:00 pm New Members Class
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (10) 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study for Couples
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (11) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
10:00 am LWML Monthly Meeting
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Team Meeting
6:30 pm Small Group Bible study
- Fri. (12) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- Sat. (13) 7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study
- 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

Last Week

April 30, 2023 - 8:15 am service - 126 10:45 am service - 82
Sunday School Adults 63 Youth 9

Offerings

General Fund - \$8,023.00; Senior Youth - \$110.00; Domestic Missions - \$50.00;
Building Bridges - \$20.00; Backpack Ministry - \$40.00; Building Fund - \$400.00

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 10:45 am
Readers: 8:15 am Kevin Gantt 10:45 am Alex Scott Fulbright

SERMON NOTES
When There's Worry or Doubt....Home Sweet Home”
John 14:1-6

I. Heaven is a place to live (v. 2a)

II. Heaven is a place Jesus has prepared for us. (v. 2b)

*III. Heaven is a place of continued RELATIONSHIP with Jesus
(v. 3a)*

IV. Heaven is a place of Jesus' glorious presence. (v. 3)

V. HOME SWEET HOME

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.