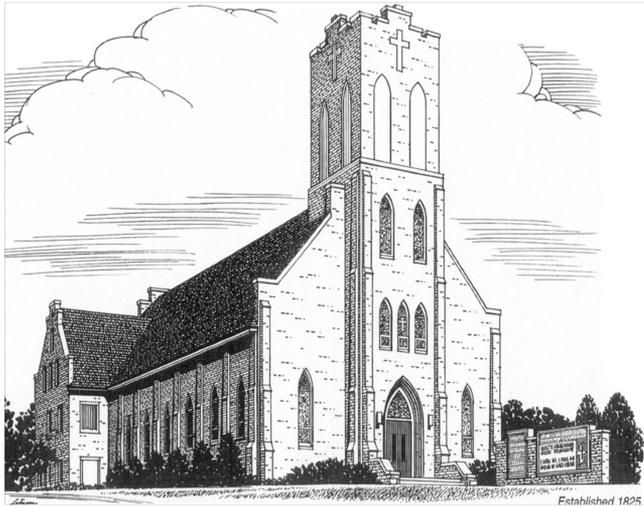


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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

6175 St. Peter's Church Road

Conover, North Carolina

July 16, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Pentecost

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As We Gather Though you may be familiar with Jesus' parable of the sower, you may be surprised to hear that you do not really know it yet! That's because on the one hand, the Word of God does not change. Yet on the other hand, we need to keep hearing it again and again, because our circumstances are constantly changing. The parable of the sower tells of this mystery. The seed is God's Word, God's work of planting repentance and faith in ears who hear. We may think of the various kinds of soil Jesus mentions to be various sorts of people. Actually, however, He is describing each individual in their changing circumstances. There are times when we are "good soil," that is, we understand God's Word and take comfort in it. There are other times, however, when we either cannot or will not hear it. Sometimes we become hard paths, rocky or distracted by worries or fears. For this reason, God never ceases planting, speaking, and growing faith in the heart, and we return repeatedly to continue hearing, reading, learning, and receiving God's Word because He never gives up on you!

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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 Eric and the Board of Elders

A special welcome to Pastor Morgan Lane who will be leading our 8:15 am and 10:45 am worship services and to **Pastor Richard Tucker** who will be leading our 4:30 pm worship service today. Pastor Eric is in Ghana on a mission trip.

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following communion today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area.

Today's 8:15 am Radio Service Broadcast is given to the glory of God and in honor of Michelle Ward's birthday (July 25) by Bobby Little
(Last week's radio broadcast was in memory of Jim Davis birthday (July 13) by Jean Davis & Family)

Today's altar flowers are given by Pastor Roth and family to the Glory of God and honoring the memory of our wife, mother and grandmother, Althea "Vi" Roth. She would have celebrated her 86th birthday this Thursday, July 20. We miss you Vi!

Next Sunday - July 23 - Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: Guest Pastor, Rev. Dennis Quackenboss

Scriptures: Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; Psalm 119:57-64

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship

9:30 AM Voters Meeting

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

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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** - with Pastor Morgan Lane

***Adults of All Ages - "More to Your Story"** by Max Lucado 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, Ladies Sunday School Room (*old youth room*).

***Multi-Purpose Room Class - “The Sermon on the Mount”** with Christal Sigmon

Mid Week Small Groups

A Grief Share Class meets on **Mondays 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. Contact Sandra Jenkins (828-638-5224) for more information

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Church Members in Need of Prayer Terry Bolick, Amber Bowman, Bob Bowman, Aidan Cox, Mike Early, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Gantt, Dixie Ingram, Richard Hallman, Darrell Reiter, Bonnie Sigmon, Gary Smith.

Pray for Our Homebound Members

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

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Carolina Rehab: George Smith

Conover Rehab: Alberta Winebarger

Prayers for Expectant Mothers

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

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

Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ *Gibson Darden*(brother of Russ Darden)*
- ◇ *Tommy London***(father of Windy Pruitt)*
- ◇ *Bob & Mary Lou Grundy***(cousins of Carolyn Paschal)*
- ◇ *Jan Hunt*(cousin of Pastor Eric Hauss)*
- ◇ *Rebecca Caffey*(mother of Chris Sherbino)*

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



Birthdays This Week of Active Members Brenda Hefner (7/16); Betty Eckard (7/17); Joyce Hollar (7/19); Chris Sigmon (7/19); Matthew Thornburg (7/19); John Van Horne (7/19) Claudia Mundy (7/21)

Anniversaries This Week Mark & Barbara Propst (7/16); Gavin & Kayla Griffin (7/17); Nathan & Kristen Lewis (7/21)

Ghana Mission Trip If a need arises while Pastor Eric is on his mission trip, please contact Nancy in the church office or our Head Elder, Alex Scott Fulbright.

Call Committee Update Meetings One of the first steps in the process is completing a congregational profile. This self evaluation is used by the district president to match up potential pastors for us to consider. Before the profile is sent to the district office you will have the opportunity to see what the committee has put together. Come out on **Sunday, July 16 at 2:00 pm** or **Monday, July 17 at 6:30 pm** to see the profile and discuss the next steps.

School Supplies Collection We are collecting school supplies for our senior high youth to take with them to their servant week event at Camp Linn Haven the end of July. These supplies will be put into backpacks and taken to schools in that area to give to families that need help getting their children ready for back to school. A collection box is in office hall way. Thank you for giving from your heart!

Amber Pill Bottle Collection Elliott Gantt with our Boy Scout Troop 341 is collecting and cleaning amber pill bottles for reuse by the Cooperative Christian Ministries Pharmacy in Hickory. This is part of his Eagle Scout project. Please remove all labels from the bottles and place in the collection box located in the back hallway near the church offices. Thank you for your help!

Announcements for bulletin Please have all announcements for each week's bulletin into the church office by Wednesdays at 5pm. Thank you!



Choir Retreat “Sing to the Lord a New Song” (Psalm 96)

If you have a song in your heart and a desire to “praise the Lord”, then please come join us on **August 12** from 8:30 am to 4 pm in the Spirit Center to preview music that will be presented during our 10:45 worship service. A continental

breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more details, please contact Carolyn Paschal (304-590-0504).

Social Group Outings

*The group will be attending the Wolfhart Theatre to hear “The Million Dollar Quartet” on Saturday, August 26. They will leave the church at 4 pm. There are a few seats still available. If you are interested, the cut-off date is Friday, July 21.

*Laughter is good medicine! Make plans to join us to hear Chonda Pierce at Tri-City Baptist Church on Sunday, September 17 at 7 pm. If you would like to attend, please order your ticket by Thursday, July 20.

*Contact Betty Goble at 828-308-4251 for more information on these events. All are welcome to come out and enjoy the fellowship!

Thank You Note Thank you does not come close to saying how much the Special Events Committee appreciated your help making Pastor Kevin's retirement lunch and the 4th of July cookout a great success. Thank you to Pastor Eric for his pit master skills. Thank you to Jack Sigmon, Kenny Ballard and Mark Gantt for your grilling skills. To list all of you individually would fill a page, so let me say "thank you to everyone that put out tables, decorated the Spirit Center, brought a dish to hare, cleaned up after and most of all for being there to share in the fellowship." It takes a village and we could not have done it without all of you! - Betty Goble

200th Anniversary Committee Meeting The committee will have their first meeting on **Sunday, July 30 at 4 pm** in the Spirit Center to begin planning for this celebration! All are welcome! Please come out and bring your ideas. For more details, contact Staci Bumgarner (828-310-7777).

Aidan's Army Last year, Aidan Cox, was gifted a dream from DREAM ON 3. This year is his year to "pay it forward" and make someone else's dream come true. Click on the QR code to register! Please come out and support a good cause! We can't wait to see you!

A promotional poster for the Aidan's Army Basketball Tournament. The left side features a close-up of a basketball hoop and net. The right side has a dark background with white text. At the top right is a white arrow pointing right. Below it, the text reads "AIDAN'S ARMY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT" in all caps. Underneath that is "3 vs 3" in a large, bold font. At the bottom right, the date and location are listed: "SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH" and "LENOIR RHYNE UNIVERSITY". A QR code is positioned in the lower-left area of the text block.

**AIDAN'S ARMY
BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**

3 vs 3

SATURDAY,
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If you know of a member of the congregation who is sick, hospitalized, or has special needs, please contact the church office at 828-256-2970 or Pastor Eric.

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.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (16) 8:15 am Contemporary Service w/Holy Communion
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Liturgical Service w/Holy Communion
 2:00 pm Call Committee Update Meeting
 4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service
- Mon. (17) 8:30 pm Quilters
 6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
 6:30 pm GriefShare Class
 6:30 pm Call Committee Update Meeting
- Weds. (19) 6:30 pm Basketball League
- Thurs. (20) 6:30 pm LWML Ladies Dinner (*wear your favorite hat*)
- Sun. (23) 8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
 9:15 am Sunday School - *Children & Youth Only*
 9:30 am Voters Meeting
 10:45 am Liturgical Service

Last Week

July 9, 2023

8:15 am Worship Service 139 10:45 am Worship Service 54
Sunday School - Adults 44 Youth 5

Offerings

General Fund - \$10,126.00; Kids Kamp - \$137.00; Domestic Missions - \$50.00;
Building Fund - \$625.00; Helping Hands Fund - \$40.00

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, Tom Delgreco

Organist (10:45 am service): Carolyn Paschal

Greeters: 8:15 Pam Medlin 10:45 Joy Eckard

Readers: 8:15 Kevin Gantt, & Elliott Gantt 10:45 Richard Hallman

SERMON NOTES

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