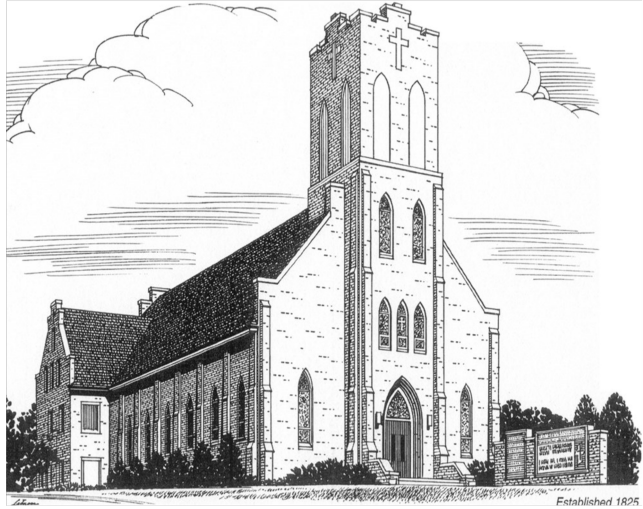


# The Sunday Spirit

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## **ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**6175 St. Peter's Church Road**

**Conover, North Carolina**

**September 10, 2023**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost**

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**As We Gather.....**we begin to look at the phases of forgiveness. Over the next four weeks, we are going to look at Matthew's gospel and dig into just what is "FORGIVENESS". Today, we delve into the mysteries of forgiveness. How does it work, and what are some of the misconceptions about forgiveness. We "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." But how do we handle sin, not only within ourselves, but how do we handle the sin of others? Do we handle it by the law of the flesh, and pridefully point out the sins of others, or do we handle it through the love of Jesus. How is there reconciliation? How is there forgiveness? The real presence of Christ makes all the difference in the world when it comes to reconciliation and forgiveness. With Christ and His love at the center of forgiveness, the results can be amazing so that all involved can move forward in his kingdom.

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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 following each service today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area.

**Join us for 2nd Sunday Social today** at 9:15 in the Spirit Center. Everyone is invited for light refreshments and fellowship!

**Today's 8:15 am Radio Service Broadcast** is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary (Sept. 11) by Donald & Sandra Gantt .

**Congratulations to Kalissa Killian and Janessa Grady** with Girl Scout Troop 1991 on receiving their Bronze and Gold Awards today! We are very proud of your accomplishments!

**Next Sunday - September 17 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Friends & Family Sunday**

Sermon: Pastor Eric (*Sermon series on Forgiveness*)

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20; Psalm 32:1-7

**8:15 AM Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion & Reception of New Members**

**9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Classes**

**10:45 AM Service of the Word, DS Setting V w/Holy Communion & Reception of New Members**

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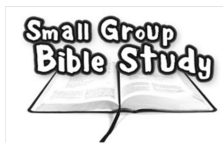
**Children & Youth Sunday School Classes Today**

**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**

- \*Ladies Class - “God’s Psychiatry, The Healing of Mind and Soul”**  
by Charles Allen with Beth Lail, Education Building, Grover Herman Room
- \*Adults of All Ages - “More to Your Story”** by Max Lucado with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt, Education Building
- \*Multi-Purpose Room Class - “The Sermon on the Mount”** with Christal Sigmon



- \*Sanctuary Class** - with Pastor Eric studying the “Gospel of John”.

**Mid Week Small Groups**

**\*Couples Tuesday Evening Bible Study** will meet this week at **6:30 pm** in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor of Sanctuary building. They are doing Season 2 of “The Chosen.”

**\*Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets at **10 am in the Spirit Center** with Kim Kaylor as the leader. They are studying “the “Life of Moses” and his leadership qualities that we can apply to our lives as well.

**\*Thursday Night Bible Study** meets at **6:30 pm at the home of Shirley Dellinger** with Tonya Darden and Christal Sigmon as leaders. They will be doing a study in Romans with JD Greer from Right Now Media.

**\*Friday Morning Bible Study** meets at **10 am in the Spirit Center** with Pastor Eric as the leader. They are studying the series “The Chosen.”

**\*Confirmation Class**, Christianity 101, for students in the seventh grade and above will be held on **Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM beginning September 13th** taught by Pastor Eric. Students will study the Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism. Please sign up with Pastor Eric or Nancy in the church office.

## + Serve +

**Church Members in Need of Prayer** Terry Bolick, Aidan Cox, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Darrell Freeman, Alice Freeman, Harry Fulbright, Judy Gantt, Jimmy Goble, Clayton Milstead, Grace Pruitt, Jeanette Reese, Reva Reinhardt, Bonnie Sigmon, Terry Sigmon, Dorothy Sigmon, Perry Sigmon, Gary Smith.

### Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Rosella Bollinger, Donald Gantt, Judy Gantt, Jean Hoke, Annette Holler, Kathleen Houston, 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 Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon, Reva Reinhardt

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Conover Rehab: Alberta Winebarger

Greens in Viewmont: Gary Eckard

### Prayers for Expectant Mothers

Emily Ann & Garrett Pfeifer - Due Date, November 11, 2023



### Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ Gibson Darden\*(brother of Russ Darden)
- ◇ Brenda Goble\*\*\*(sister-in-law of Jimmy Goble)
- ◇ Tommy London\*\*father of Windy Pruitt)
- ◇ Dawn Good\*\*(\*friend of Chris & Cathy Powell)
- ◇ Cindy Killian\*\*\*(friend of Sherry Bumgarner)
- ◇ Joyce Smith\*\*(\*friend of Michael & Angela Martin)
- ◇ Brianna Farus\*(niece of Carolyn Paschal)

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

### Christian Sympathy

- ◇ The Family of Jan Hunt (\*cousin of Pastor Eric)

**Birthdays This Week of Active Members** Pauline Eckard (9/10); Cloie Everett (9/10); Aniston Schwandt (9/10); Larry Adams (9/12); LaDonna

Bolton (9/12); Beulah Price (9/12); Leslie Rothenberger (9/12)

**Anniversaries This Week** John & Heidi Jones (9/10); Donald & Sandra Gantt (9/11)

**Friends & Family Sunday Video** Members that are working on the video will **Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm** in the church sanctuary. See Christal Sigmon if you need additional information (828-695-7071).

**Friends & Family Sunday - September 24** Please mark your calendars and be in prayer for family & friends that you would like to invite to share the good fellowship and good news we have here at St. Peter's. We will be highlighting the many groups and organizations that are active here at the church!



**Crocheting & Looming Class** All are welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month (**Sept. 12 & Sept. 26**) and be part of this amazing group. For more information, contact Donna Sipe (828-256-3299).

**St. Peter's Youth (SPY) Group News** Make plans to join us on **Saturday, September 16** to attend the "*Marvel - Universe of Super Heroes*" exhibition at Discover Place in Charlotte. Cost is \$12.00 per person (and need to bring money for lunch). Contact Erin Sigmon or Kim Kaylor if you plan to go. This is open for 4th thru 12th graders.

**Bible Journaling 101** will begin on Monday, **September 18 at 6:30 pm** in the Spirit Center. Bible journaling is a creative way to express your faith, remember key Bible verses, and fellowship as Christians in a most unique fashion. The focus is not on ART but solely on the significance of the message and what it means to you. There is no right or wrong way to express yourself. All you need is a Bible and a pencil to get started! We hope to see you on the 16th on September! Questions - see Kim Kaylor.

\*Note--looking for anyone with magazines they are planning to discard, please bring to the church and leave in the basket in the hallway outside the church office or spirit center marked "magazine discards".

**Golden Agers Group** The Golden Agers Group will meet on **Tuesday, September 19 at 10 am**. A presentation by the Western Piedmont Council on Aging: Project CARE/Dementia Awareness by Karen Phoenix will be given. Lunch immediately following at El Paso Mexican Restaurant in Conover. Please consider joining this wonderful group for fellowship, learning and fun! For more details, see Kim Kaylor.

**New Email Addresses for our Music Department and Family Ministry**  
music@stpetersconover.org, familyministry@stpetersconover.org

**Handbells** will meet on **Sunday, September 24 at 4 pm** in the Education Building, Room 7. If you are interested in being part of the handbells, please come out! No experience is necessary!!!

**Eagle Scout Project Update** Thank you to everyone who brought in amber pill bottles! My next step is to count, clean, and sort the bottles before taking them to Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry. If you would like to help with this step, please come to the Spirit Center on **Sunday, Sept 24 at 2 pm**. All are welcome!!! While my collection for my Eagle Scout project will officially end on this date, St. Peter's will remain a collection site. Please continue to bring in your pill bottles and place in the collection bin in the back hallway of the church building. Thank you for your support! - Elliott Gantt

**A GriefShare class** will resume in the fall. This class is open to members and friends in the community. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Sandra Jenkins (828-638-5224).

### Memorials

*\*Given to the **Quilters** in loving memory of Larry Landers, Bobby Bowman, Joyce Adams & Everette Mathews by Jean Davis*

*\*Given to the **Senior Youth Fund** in loving memory of Everette Mathews by Frances Houston.*

### **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.

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.



**SERMON NOTES**  
**“The Mysteries of Forgiveness”**  
**Matthew 18:15-20 / Ezekiel 33:7-9**

***I. THE MYSTERY OF THE LAW OF THE FLESH***  
***(Ezekiel 33:7-9)***

***II. THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY OF FORGIVENESS***  
***(vs. 18-20)***

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