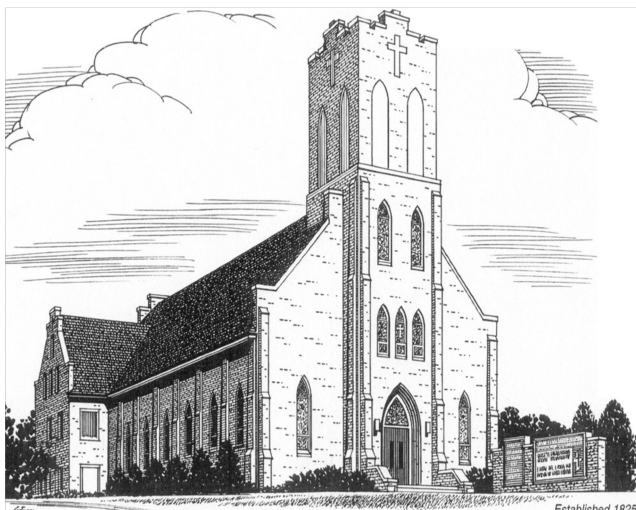


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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

6175 St. Peter's Church Road

Conover, North Carolina

September 17, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost

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As We Gather.....we look at the second phase of forgiveness.....the TRUTH of forgiveness! It is a difficult word to hear, because we find forgiveness difficult—both to receive and to give. However, it is also an urgent word, because receiving and giving forgiveness is central to our faith. Thus the circle of Christ's love, the TRUTH of forgiveness, expands ever wider to encircle others. This is not cheap grace. This gift of God's grace has no limitations and is not bound by conditions. Forgiveness certainly does not mean acceptance of sin, abuse, and violence against us. It does not give people license to hurt us or exercise strength and power over us. God's unconditional love displayed in the person of Jesus Christ gives us a blueprint to live by. Forgiveness is a gracious gift. That's the TRUTH! As Christ has forgiven us, we, too, are called to forgive one another.

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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 communion today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area.

A special welcome to our new members today: Patti Dellinger, Janet Good, Joy Lail, Betty Laws and Steve Laws! We are so blessed you are part of the St. Peter's Church Family !!!

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

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

Today's 8:15 am Radio Service Broadcast is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Donald, by Delores Wells.

Next Sunday - September 24 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost and Friends & Family Sunday

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

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philipians 1:12-14; Matthew 20:1-26; Psalm 25:1-10

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Classes

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



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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.”

***Confirmation Class** will be held for all students in the 7th grade or above, on **Wednesday at 7 pm**. Contact Pastor Eric if you need additional information.

***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.”

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Church Members in Need of Prayer Terry Bolick, Aidan Cox, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Eckard, 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*))
- ◇ Tommy London****(*father of Windy Pruitt*)
- ◇ Dawn Good****(**friend of Chris & Cathy Powell*)
- ◇ Joyce Smith****(*friend of Michael & Angela Martin*)
- ◇ Brianna Farus***(*niece of Carolyn Paschal*)
- ◇ David Mingus*(*brother of Cathy Powell*)

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



Christian Sympathy

- ◇ Family of Bonnie Little Starnes (sister of Darrell Little & Linda Edwards)
- ◇ Family of Sandy Rector Gunter (daughter of Carl & Sue Betty Rector)

Birthdays This Week of Active Members Brenda Hefner (9/19), Toni Miller (9/19), Rosa Fulbright (9/20), Alice Freeman (9/21), Kim Rector (9/23), Savannah Couch (9/24), Keilee Cox (9/24), Deborah Rufty (9/24), Paula Timmerman (9/24).

Anniversaries This Week Alex Scott & Rosa Fulbright (9/20). Chris & Christin Sigmon (9/21).



Bible Journaling 101 begins **Monday, September 18 at 6:30** in the Spirit Center! All you need is yourself and a love for the Lord. We will discuss all the important aspects of Journaling and what you will need moving forward. This is a unique and creative way to study

God's word and have it "stick" forever in our hearts and minds! Come and check it out!

Golden Agers will meet **Tuesday, September 19th at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker today will be from the Council on Aging and will be discussing "Project Care" and dementia awareness. Lunch for the GA's will follow at El Paso Mexican Restaurant in Conover. Please consider joining this wonderful group of believers in Christ! Ask for a copy of our calendar of events for the year, it's available now in the Office! For more details, see Kim Kaylor.

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!

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 All are welcome to come to the Spirit Center on **Sunday, Sept 24 at 2 pm** to help clean, count and sort the pill bottles we have collected. If you have any questions, please see Elliott Gantt.

Sunday Lunch Bunch If you haven't joined the lunch bunch, you are missing the fun and fellowship! Join us **Sunday, September 24 at 1 pm** at Palermos on Hwy. 70. Please contact Betty Goble (828-308-4251) by Wednesday, Sept. 21 so she can make the reservations.

“Journeys for Jesus ” Mission Presentations Please join us in the Spirit Center on **Sunday, October 1 at 6:30 pm** as we hear from Pastor Eric and the Alaska Mission Teams on their experiences this summer on God’s mission fields in Ghana and Alaska. The Mission Team will also give a visual report on their “We are One in Christ” Community Celebration held at the Fairgrounds in August. Come out and enjoy a yummy dessert bar and fellowship as they share their stories.

“Calling all YOUTH” Youth meeting this evening at 6:00 pm in the Youth room. Please be at the church before 6 pm as we have a “Mystery” trip/challenge. Bring money for ice cream after our trip! We will return to the church by 8:00 pm.

Memorials

****Given to the Senior Youth Fund** in loving memory of **Everette Mathews** by **Charles & Sherry Bumgarner**.*

****Given to the LWML Mites and The Quilters** in thankfulness to God for 63 years of marriage to her husband, **Floyd Gantt, Jr.** by **Jeanette Gantt**. (Sept. 23rd would have been their 67th wedding anniversary)*

****Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of **Joyce Adams** by **Jerry & Sandy Eckard***

****Given to the Backpack Ministry Fund** in loving memory of her mother, **Joyce Hollar Pope**, on the occasion of her birthday, **Sept. 14** by **Angela Steiblin-Pope**; given in loving memory of **Sandy Rector** by **Scott & Pam Medlin and family***

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.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (17) 8:15 am Contemporary Service w/*Holy Communion and Welcome of new members*
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
 10:45 am Liturgical Service w/*Holy Communion and Welcome of new members*
 4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service
 6:00 pm Youth Group Meeting - *Mystery Trip/Challenge*
- Mon. (18) 8:30 am Quilters
 6:15 pm Girl Scouts
 6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
 6:30 pm Bible Journaling
- Tues. (19) 10:00 am Golden Agers - *meet in Parish Hall*
 6:30 pm Couples Bible Study
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (20) 6:30 pm Basketball League
 6:30 pm Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (21) 10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
 6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study
- Fri. (22) 10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
- Sun. (24) 8:15 am Contemporary Service
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
 10:45 am Liturgical Service
 1:00 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch - *Palmeros on Hwy.70*
 2:00 pm Eagle Scout Project - *sorting/counting/cleaning pill bottle collection*
 4:00 pm Handbells - *meet in Education building*

Last Week

September 10

8:15 am Worship Service - 151 10:45 am Worship Service - 70
 Sunday School - Adults 56 Youth 16

Offerings

General Fund - \$8,498.00; Senior Youth Fund - \$140.00;
 Backpack Ministry - \$80.00 Building Fund - \$570.00
 General Fund Needed Weekly - \$10,467.00

SERMON NOTES
“The Truth of of Forgiveness”
Matthew 18:21-35

- I.** _____ *is commanded by God for the Christian.*
- II.** _____ *is intentional, it is not just a matter of emotions.*
- III.** _____ *is for who people are, not for what they do.*
- IV.** _____ *is hard! What must we do?*
- a.** _____
- b.** _____
- c.** _____

Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Audrey Hauss, Debra Shipman

Praise Band (8:15 AM): Drew Stiles, Thom Bumgarner, Jeff Winebarger, Chris Erwin, Oz Hefner, Chris Powell, Tom Delgreco, Emily Allen, Sarah Freeman, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner

Organist (10:45 am service): Carolyn Paschal

Readers: 8:15 am Kim Kaylor 10:45 am Al Layne

Greeters: 8:15 am Donna Sigmon 10:45 am Robin Little