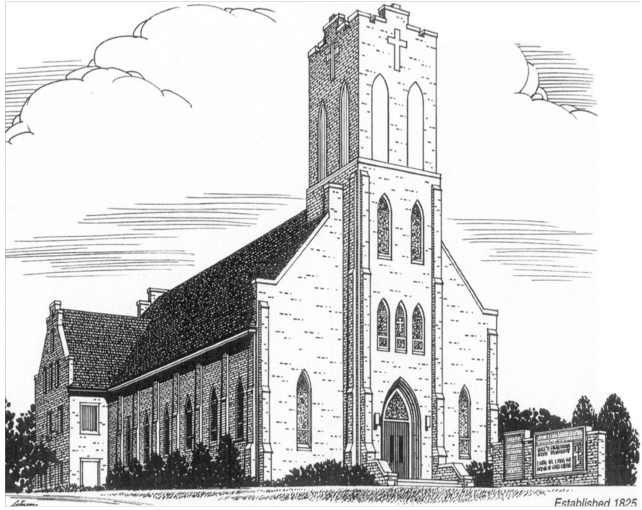


The Sunday Spirit

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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
6175 St. Peter's Church Road
Conover, North Carolina
October 8, 2023
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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As We Gather.....we look at the fourth and final phase of forgiveness.....the OBEEDIENCE of forgiveness! Again, Jesus speaks to his disciples, and to us with the parable of the two sons and their father who asked them to work in a vineyard. Only one son obeyed his father. God is not concerned with our words, but with our actions. He desires obedience and repentance so that His will may be accomplished here on earth through humble vessels. But we have a problem. How can we grant forgiveness to others, and gain forgiveness for ourselves, if we are not obedient?

It is our sinful nature that we battle against. The Lord is good; there is nothing evil in Him. Nor will there ever be. He is a just God who desires our obedience and repentance. What stops us from following him? Fear...Pride? Maybe it's our sinful desire to be the authority of our lives. Whatever it is, we are to repent! Own up to our sin so that we may experience the forgiveness of our loving God. And when there is obedience in Jesus, there is **FORGIVENESS**.

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

Today's radio broadcast is given to the Glory of God and in honor of our pastor, church staff, BASIC band and choir by St. Peter's Audio & Visual Team.

Correction Last week's radio broadcast was given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Layton & Anna Gantt's 2nd wedding anniversary by Kevin & Susan Gantt.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the many women, past and present, who have given their time, talents, and treasures to the LWML of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

The flowers located to the side below the communion rail are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bexley Gail Sigmon's baptism today by her grandparents, Jonas & Gina Shook.

Today is Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Sunday. Members of the LWML will be participating in today's services. We invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of the LWML by asking a member or giving the website www.lwml.org. LWML welcomes women of any age to join one of their groups.

Next Sunday - Oct 15, 2023 - HOMECOMING
“Home is Where St. Peter’s is”

10:00 AM - ONE SERVICE ONLY (*No Sunday School)
Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. John Denninger
Followed by a covered dish lunch in the Spirit Center

***Fall is in the air!** That means Homecoming, a time to gather at home to remember and to look forward. Invite your family and friends to come next Sunday, October 15 and enjoy time together with the St. Peter’s congregation. You may also want to dress in the styles that our grandparents and great-grandparents did! We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!!!!*

Holy Baptism - Bexley Gail Sigmon This morning during the 8:15 am worship service it is our joy to baptize into God’s family the infant daughter of Chris & Christin Sigmon. Bexley was born on June 3, 2023 and today she will be born again by water, God’s Word and the work of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord bless Bexley with faith that leads to eternal life.

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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 - “The Book of Romans”** with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt, Education Building, Room #1
- *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

***"HeARTS in the Margin" Monday Evening Bible Study** meets at **6:30 pm** in the Spirit Center. Please join us for this unique and creative way to study God's word and have it "stick" forever in our hearts and minds!

***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, Brenda Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Eckard, Alice Freeman, Harry Fulbright, Jimmy Goble, Larry Hefner, Mary Ruth Hefner, Sandra Jenkins, Doris Lail, Debbie Milstead, Grace Pruitt, Jeanette Reese, Reva Reinhardt, Shirley Shell, Chris Sherbino, Dorothy Sigmon, Perry Sigmon, Gary Smith.

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Rosella Bollinger, Gary Eckard, Donald 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, Carol Starnes, Georgia Walker, Mary Ann Winebarger

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Conover Rehab: Alberta Winebarger

Prayers for Expectant Mothers

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

Emily & Danny Schwandt - Due Date, January 22, 2024

Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ Gibson Darden**(brother of Russ Darden))
- ◇ Tommy London***(father of Windy Pruitt)
- ◇ Brianna Farus**(niece of Carolyn Paschal)
- ◇ David Mingus****(brother of Cathy Powell)
- ◇ John McCordy**(friend of St. Peter's)

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



New Baby Jordan Winebarger & Savannah Manness welcomed a new baby girl, Allie Leigh Winebarger, on September 15, 2023. Allie's grandfather is Randy Winebarger and great-grandmother is Alberta Winebarger. Congratulations to the Winebarger family on their beautiful little blessing!

Birthdays This Week of Active Members

Bobby Huffman (10/8); Alice Little (10/9); Jan Sigmon (*Steve*) (10/10); Keegan Lail (10/10); Debbie Milstead (10/11); Pat Smith (10/11); Carolyn Starnes (10/11); Brenda Eckard (10/12); Jeff Bowman (10/13); Doris Lail (10/13); Libby Sigmon (10/14); Dennis Winebarger (10/14)



Anniversaries This Week

Jason & Windy Pruitt (10/9); Jonas & Gina Shook (10/14)

October Over 80 Birthdays

The LWML has given a donation to the Backpack Fund in honor of the following October over 80 birthdays: Bobby Huffman (10/8); Pat Smith (10/11); Carolyn Starnes (10/11); Ruth Thompson (10/16); Georgia Walker (10/19); Rosella Bollinger (10/21); Carol Starnes (10/24); and Ruby Matthews (10/26)

Ushers Needed If you recently passed Pastor Eric's physical test to be a usher, then we need you!!! Please see Jack Sigmon if you are able to help!

Homecoming Sunday Decorating All members are invited to assist in preparing the Sanctuary and the Spirit Center for our Homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 15. Please bring potted plants, home canned goods, fall fruits and vegetables, and all things fall and harvest-related to the church on **Saturday, October 14 at 10 am**. Many hands make light work!!!

Calling All Veterans All veterans are invited to attend a planning service meeting on **Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 pm** in the church library of the Education Building. We will be discussing ideas for our Veterans Day Service which will be held on Sunday, November 12. For more information, please contact Danny Goforth (301-616-8683) or Pastor Eric.

SPY (St. Peter's Youth) Lock-In (*Grades 6-12*)



Dropoff: Friday, October 20 at 5 pm at church

Pickup: Saturday morning, October 21 at 7:30 am

Please be at the church at 5 pm with your gear to spend the night. Please don't bring a lot of items because space is tight. We will leave for Scarowinds at 5:30 pm. If you wish...you may bring a friend. The cost for them is simply just right - at only \$25.00 to be paid that night. Bring money for food and if you aren't too queasy - at midnight - all the best food will be totally greasy! Please let Kim Kaylor know by 5 pm, October 13 if you plan to attend and will be bring a friend so she can order tickets.

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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 EDUCATION BUILDING, Room # 1** 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. (8) 8:15 am Contemporary Service w/Baptism of Bexley Sigmon and kids talk
9:15 am Second Sunday Social - *in Spirit Center*
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Liturgical Service
- Mon. (9) 8:30 am Quilters
6:15 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Journaling Class
- Tues. (10) 6:30 pm Couples Bible Study
6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (11) 6:30 pm Basketball League
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (12) 10:00 am LWML Monthly Meeting
10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm Crocheting & Looming Class
6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study
- Fri. (13) 10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
2:00 pm Feed the Bunker Hill Bears Football Team
- Sat. (14) 10:00 am Decorate for homecoming
- Sun. (15) *Homecoming Sunday*
ONE SERVICE ONLY - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am Worship Service - followed by covered dish lunch

Last Week

October 1

8:15 am Worship Service - 120 10:45 am Worship Service - 64
Sunday School - Adults 59 Youth 11

Offerings

General Fund - \$10,428.00; Radio Sponsorship - \$100.00;
Building Fund - \$475.00; Cemetery Fund - \$750.00
General Fund Needed Weekly - \$10,467.00

SERMON NOTES
“Forgiveness Begins with Obedience”
Matthew 21:28-32

I. Obedience

II. Repentance

III. Forgiveness

Today’s Servants

Altar Guild: Jeannette Gantt, Susan Gantt

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 Brenda Griffin 10:45 am Jan Sigmon

Greeters: 8:15 am Vickie Miller 10:45 am Jan Sigmon