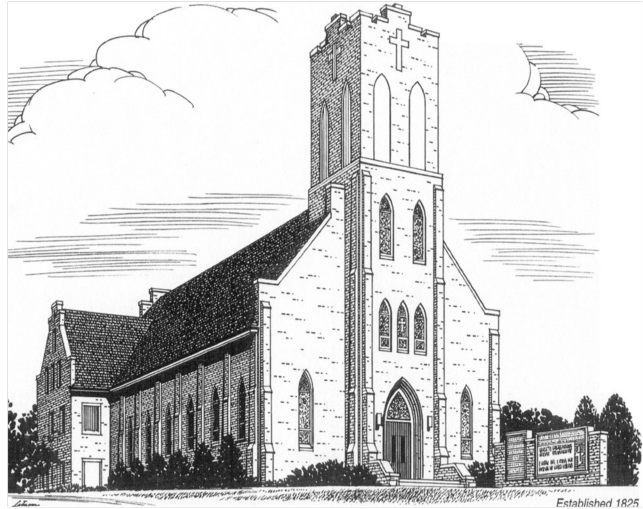


# The Sunday Spirit

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**January 7, 2024**

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**As We Gather**.....we witness in our gospel text the Baptism of our Lord which reveals to us the two testimonies about Jesus as our Savior. John wrote in his Gospel that when the Light of the world came into the world the world did not recognize it. The world loved the darkness more than the light. This was the constant challenge that Jesus faced his entire lifetime. Jesus came as the Light of the world but the world did not understand. Jesus taught and preached among the people, his people, yet they did not understand. Jesus performed miracles: healed the sick, calmed the storm, fed the five thousand, and raised the dead. Yet in spite of all this, the people, his own people, did not recognize Jesus as the Savior. At the end of his earthly ministry, even after all the signs and wonders, the religious leaders still did not recognize him. But yet, in the Kingdom of God, Jesus' baptism revealed that which the people could not see. He was the Messiah....He was the Savior, and there were both earthly and heavenly testimony to that truth.

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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 from our table out front. 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.

### **Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM & 10:45AM 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 radio broadcast** is given to the Glory of God.

**Next Sunday - January 14, 2023 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

Proclaimer: Pastor Eric

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;  
John 1:43-51

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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** - “**The Gifts of Christmas**” by Shelia Walsh 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 Twelve Disciples**” 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 at the **Home of Oz & Brenda Hefner at 6:30 pm.** They are doing “**The Chosen**” Bible Study, Season 3.
- \***Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets at **10 am in the Spirit Center** with Kim Kaylor as leader. They are studying “**Daniel**” and his leadership qualities that we can apply to our lives as well.

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

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

**\*Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study** meets at **7:30 am**. They are studying “Deuteronomy.”

## + Serve +

**Church Members in Need of Prayer** Terry Bolick, Nancy Bostian, Nancy Bruce, Charles Bumgarner, Aidan Cox, Mary Deese, Betty Eckard, Brenda Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Eckard, Jimmy Goble, Catherine Huffman, Joyce Hollar, Sandra Jenkins, Doris Lail, Debbie Milstead, Seth Paschal, Windy Pruitt, Shirley Shell, Teresa Taylor, Bob Watts

### Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Rosella Bollinger, Jean Hoke, Annette Holler, Kathleen Houston, Lorene Huffman, Margaret Laws, Bobby Little, Gerald Matthews, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Reva Reinhardt, Jeanette Reese, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Carol Starnes, Georgia Walker, Mary Ann Winebarger

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Rock Barn Living : Alberta Winebarger

The Greens on Tate Blvd: Brenda Eckard

### Prayers for Expectant Mothers

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

### Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ Gibson Darden\*\*brother of Russ Darden)
- ◇ John McCordy\*\*(friend of St. Peter’s)
- ◇ Steve Stewart\*\*\*(nephew of Oz Hefner)
- ◇ Fay Spicer\*\*\*mother of Susan Gantt)
- ◇ Ronnie Bowman\*(brother of Alice Freeman & grandfather of Myron Bowman)
- ◇ Bill Richardson\*(friend of St. Peter’s)
- ◇ Jeremiah Buff\*(nephew of Darrell & Alice Freeman)
- ◇ Rhyn Schenk\*(brother-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- ◇ Roger Wyke\*(friend of Sherry Bumgarner)
- ◇ Glenn Sherrill\*(father of Debbie Thomas)



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

## Christian Sympathy

◇ *The Family of Boyd Cook (neighbor of Charles & Sherry Bumgarner)*

**Birthdays This Week of Active Members** Allie Herman (1/7); Delores Wells (1/8); Steve R. Sigmon (1/9); Lynn Starnes (1/9); Sandra Bryant (1/9); Mike Rufty (1/11); Stacey Eckard (1/11); Cheryl Pennell (1/12); Nancy Wray (1/12); Joe Eckard (1/13); Greg Hollar (1/13)



**Anniversaries This Week** Gary & Cheryl Pennell (1/12)

**The LWML Monthly Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, January 11 at 10 am.** Please join us in the parish hall. Pastor Kevin Graudin will be sharing with us information on his mission trip to Latvia this past summer. All are welcome!

**The Stephen Ministry Team** will **Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 pm.**

**The Golden Agers** will meet on **Tuesday, January 16 at 9:45 am.** We will be traveling to the Catawba County Historical Society for a tour and then eat lunch at the Western Steer in Newton. All are welcome. For more information, contact Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945).

**The Mission Team** will meet on **Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm.**



**Updated Church Directory Information Needed** We will be printing an updated church directory the end of January, 2024. If your address, phone numbers and/or email addresses have changed, please contact Nancy in the church office.

### St. Peter's Youth Group News (SPY)

The Senior Youth (6-12th graders) will meet **TONIGHT**, January 7 at 6:30 pm to work on their Messy Bible Project; and have Taco and Movie Night! Bring a friend to share in the fun too!!!





**Senior Youth - SAVE THE DATE !!!**  
**Sunday, January 28, 2024**  
**Bojangles Coliseum, Charlotte NC**  
**Show Starts: 5:00 pm**

Winter Jam has announced the artists that will be featured on the 2024 tour: Crowder, Lecrae, Cain, Katy Nichole, Seventh Day Slumber, and Newsong

Price for the concert for youth is \$20.00; and other adults that want to attend with us the ticket price is \$39.99. Please let Eric Sigmon (828-244-1055) or Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945) if you wish to attend by **January 15**. We will leave the church at 2:00 pm and return home by 9:30 pm.

**Memorials**

- **Given to the Boy Scouts** in loving memory of Donald Gantt by Joyce Huffman; by Larry & Debbie Adams; by Darrell & Eunice Reiter; by Randy Hefner; by Mikeal & Marla Early; by Steven & Bridget Detter ; by Dan & Paula Timmerman; by Darin Gantt & Katie Fine
- **Given to the Quilters** in loving memory of Pauline Eckard by William, Glenda & Matthew Thornburg and Margaret Laws ; by David & Wendy White; by Ardmore Moravian Church Ladies Circle; by Christian Hedrick, Libby Brown, Jerry & Janice Sigmon & Dianne & Ben Burgsteiner
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Donald Gantt by Oz & Brenda Hefner
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Pauline Eckard by Oz & Brenda Hefner
- **Given to the LWML Food Fund** in loving memory of Gary Smith by Mikeal & Marla Early
- **Given to the Building/Sound System Fund** in loving memory of Ray Clontz by Tamara & Stephen Wakefield
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Gary Smith by Carl & Sharon Cline
- **Given to the LWML Missions** in loving memory of Pauline Eckard by Miriam Circle

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (7) 8:15 am Contemporary Worship Service w/Communion and  
Installation of Church Council & Officers  
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:45 am Liturgical Worship Service w/Communion and  
Installation of Church Council & Officers  
6:30 pm Senior Youth (6-12th grade)
- Mon. (8) 8:30 am Quilters  
6:15 pm Girl Scouts  
6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice  
6:30 PM HeARTS in the Margin Bible Study
- Tues. (9) 9:00 am Winkel Pastor's Group  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm Naomi Circle
- Weds. (10) 6:30 pm Small Group Couples Bible Study  
6:30 pm Basketball League  
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 Thursday Night Bible Study  
6:30 pm Stephen's Ministry Team Meeting
- Fri. (12) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- Sat. (13) 7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study  
8:30 am Church Council & Elders Retreat -*Catholic Conference Center*
- Sun. (14) 8:15 am Contemporary Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:45 am Liturgical Worship Service  
12:30 pm Kids in Christ (Grades 1-6)

### Last Week

#### Worship Services Attendance

12/31/2023 - 10:45 am Service (*one service only*) - 131  
7:00 pm service - 48

#### Offerings

General Fund - \$11,103.00; Boy Scouts - \$40.00  
**General Fund Needed Weekly - \$10,467.00**

**SERMON NOTES**  
**“The Revealing of the Savior”**  
**Mark 1:4-11**

**I. The Testimony of John (vs. 4-8a)**

**II. God’s Heavenly Witness (vs. 8b-11)**

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**Today’s Servants**

Altar Guild: Audrey Hauss, Debra Shipman

Greeter: Both Services - Vickie Miller

Readers: 8:15 am Danny Goforth 10:45 am

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