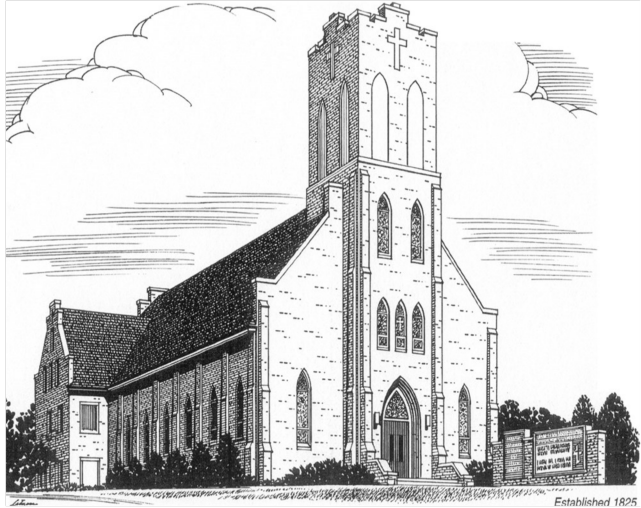


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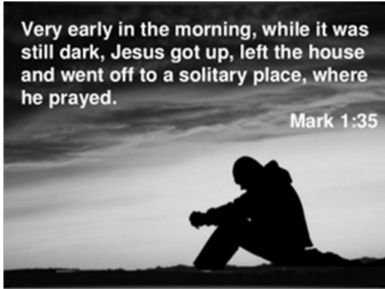
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**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**6175 St. Peter's Church Road**  
**Conover, North Carolina**  
**February 4, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

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**As We Gather.....**We witness where Jesus practiced prayer in solitude. We see the imperative of prayer. If praying was so important to Jesus, who was perfectly holy, how much more important should it be to us? Today in Mark’s Gospel, we witness prayer as his priority, and it occurred in his solitary place, and it is his words with purpose declaring his obedience on earth, which is to do his Father’s will. Here we see how Jesus took advantage of the still of the morning,

and through Jesus example, we see how prayer sets us up to know and do the Father’s will in our lives. Jesus never lost sight of His personal relationship with the Father or the purpose for which He came. He was faithful in prayer. And so we also should never lose sight of our relationship with our Lord, and through Jesus example, we can have our own Prayer Closet, and go to it daily.

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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!



**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

**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 radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God and in honor of Jean Davis' Feb 2 birthday by Joy Lail  
(Broadcast is on WAIZ Radio - 630 AM and 105.9 FM)

**Next Sunday - February 11, 2024 - Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Proclaimer: Pastor Eric

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12c; 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9; Psalm 50:1-6

**Children's Bulletins** are available in the narthex and by both side entrance doors.



**Souper Bowl Lunch Today** Make plans to join us at 12 Noon in the Spirit Center for a lunch of delicious soups and scrumptious desserts!

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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 - “Angels: Standing Guard”** with Christal Sigmon
- \***Sanctuary Class - “The Gospel of John”** with Pastor Eric.

## **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 Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will meet again on **Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 pm** at the home of John & Heidi Jones. 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."

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**Church Members in Need of Prayer** Terry Bolick, Nancy Bostian, Aidan Cox, Betty Eckard, Brenda Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Eckard, Jimmy Goble, Catherine Huffman, Joyce Hollar, Sandra Jenkins, Malla Killian, Robbie Killian, Doris Lail, Norma Lancaster, Seth Paschal, Windy Pruitt, Shirley Shell, Teresa Taylor, Bob Watts, Dot Winebarger

### **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  
Trinity Village: Dot Winebarger

### **Friends Needing Prayer**

- ◇ *Gibson Darden\*\**(brother of Russ Darden)
- ◇ *John McCordy\*\*\**(friend of St. Peter's)
- ◇ *Fay Spicer\*\*\**(mother of Susan Gantt)
- ◇ *Ronnie Bowman\*\*\*\**(brother of Alice Freeman & grandfather of Myron Bowman)
- ◇ *Bill Richardson\**(friend of St. Peter's)
- ◇ *Rhyne Schenk\**(brother-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- ◇ *Dana Isenhour\*\*\**(cousin of Jan Sigmon)
- ◇ *Todd Davis\**(son of Jean Davis & brother of Carol Alley)  
(Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

### **Christian Sympathy**

- ◇ *Family of Andy Rulleman* (former member of St. Peter's)
- ◇ *Family of Patricia Maynor* (friend of Nancy Bruce)

**Birthdays This Week of Active Members** Alan Pruitt (2/4); Donna Sigmon (2/4); Gaige Griffin (2/5); Eddie Coulbourn (2/6); Richard Hallman (2/6); Karen Smith (2/6)

**Anniversaries This Week** Harold & Terry Starnes (2/6)

**February Over 80 Birthdays** The LWML has given to the Quilters in honor of the following birthday: Jean Davis (2/2)

**St. Peter's Senior Youth (SPY) Meeting - Tonight - 6:30 pm** The Senior Youth (grades 6-12) will meet in the Youth room to work on their Messy Bible Project and make Valentine's for our shut-ins and homebound members! Snacks will be provided! Make plans to join the fun and bring a friend

**LWML Circle Meetings - Tuesday, February 6** *Miriam Circle* meeting at 10:00 am; *Ruth Circle* at 6:30 pm; *Lydia Circle* at 6:30 pm; and *Naomi Circle* at 7:00 pm

**LWML Monthly Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 8 at 10:00 am** in the parish hall.


**LCMS Gift Planning Session** Rev. Dr. John Denninger, gift planning counselor with the LCMS, will be here at St. Peter's on **Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 pm.** He will share how you can choose to leave money to your church as a outright gift, or as a gift inside of your estate planning documents. Giving money to your church can be done in many ways, and Dr. Denninger will discuss those. Please join us in the church sanctuary Tuesday evening.

**Ash Wednesday Services - Wednesday, February 14** Please join us at 12 Noon or 7 pm for our Service of Confession and Repentance with Holy Communion. Our Lenten Services will be on The Beatitudes - "The Promise of Heaven".

**Ash Wednesday Pancake Meal** The Youth of St. Peter's invite you to join them for a pancake meal in the Spirit Center on **Wednesday, February 14 at 5:30 pm.** A free will donation will be accepted to go towards future youth activities.

**Attention College Students of St Peter's** Being connected to your church is still as important as ever and we want you to feel our love and support. I have "care packs" ready for you to encourage you as you study and work towards your degree. What's a "care pack"...well trust me you will love getting them! Please email Kim your address at your respective collegiate location (or home address if you are a community college student). I will also send you monthly online devotions. Email [kimkaylor58@gmail.com](mailto:kimkaylor58@gmail.com) or call or text 828-324-5945. - Kim Kaylor

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**GROW** with our Mission Team  
**SHARE** the love of Jesus.

**Important Dates**  
2/20/24-Mission Team Meeting  
3/1/24-Commitment Deadline

**Interested?**  
Contact: Catherine  
Huffman, Pat  
Killian, or Kay  
Watts

July 5 - July 14, 2024 - Circle, AK  
July 12 - July 21, 2024- Ninilchik, AK

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (4)            8:15 am Contemporary Worship Service w/Holy Communion  
                      9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
                      10:45 am Liturgical Worship Service w/Holy Communion  
                      12:00 Noon Souper Bowl Lunch - *in Spirit Center*  
                      6:30 pm Senior Youth (grades 6-12)
- Mon. (5)            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. (6)            9:00 am Winkel Pastors Group  
                      10:00 am Miriam Circle  
                      6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
                      6:30 pm Ruth Circle  
                      6:30 pm Lydia Circle  
                      6:30 pm LCMS Gift Planning Session w/Rev. Dr. Denninger  
                      7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
                      7:00 pm Naomi Circle
- Weds. (7)            6:30 pm Basketball League  
                      6:30 pm Choir Practice  
                      7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (8)            10:00 am Small Group Bible Study  
                      10:00 am LWML Monthly Meeting  
                      6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study
- Fri. (9)            10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
- Sat. (10)            7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study
- Sun. (11)            8:15 am Contemporary Worship Service w/Kid's Talk  
                      9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
                      10:45 am Liturgical Worship Service  
                      2:00 pm Kids in Christ (K-6th graders)  
                      5:00 pm Church Council

### Last Week

#### Worship Services Attendance

January 28, 2024

8:15 am Service - 138    10:45 am - 62

Sunday School & Bible Classes

Adults - 53    Youth - 17

#### Offerings

General Fund - \$10,394.00; Senior Youth - \$200.00; Boy Scouts - \$100.00;  
Building Fund \$1,076.00

**General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$10,745.00**

**SERMON NOTES**  
**“Jesus and the Prayer Closet”**  
**Mark 1:35-39**

- I. His PRIORITY** (v. 35a)
- II. His PLACE** (v. 35b; Matthew 6:6)
- III. His PRAYER** (Gospels of Matthew, Luke, John)
- IV. His PURPOSE** (vs. 36-39)

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**Today's Servants**

Altar Guild: Debbie Adams & Trudy Huffman

Greeter: 8:15 am Mary Deese 10:45 am Donna Sipe  
Readers: 8:15 am Jan Sigmon 10:45 am David Icenhour

Praise Band (8:15 AM): Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner,  
Chris Powell, Tom Delgreco, Danny Bolton, Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner,  
Brian Morrow, Emma Spencer

Organist (10:45 am service) Judy Eckard, Guest Organist