



### **200th Anniversary Team Update**

This is a picture of the St. Peter's congregation in 1873 in front of the newly built "frame church" that served as the congregation's place of worship for 75 years. It's been 150+ years since this photo was taken, but many of our original St. Peter's families still have descendants who are faithful members. Do you recognize any of these people from your family? If you have old photos from St. Peter's history or can identify anyone in this picture, please contact Dwight Reese at [dwightleereese@gmail.com](mailto:dwrightleereese@gmail.com).

Plans for St. Peter's Bicentennial Celebration in 2025 are coming together! We would love your input! Look for a survey in next week's bulletin and share your ideas with us! Anyone is welcome to join us at our next planning meeting on **February 25th at 3:00 pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room in the church office area. Contact Staci Bumgarner (828-310-7777) if you have any questions about the 200th Anniversary Team.

**Camp Linn Haven Work Days** Camp Linn Haven will be holding work days this spring to get the camp ready for this summer. The dates are: April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18. Contact Teirsa Lane (828-733-2135) if you will be coming to help. Lunch will be provided.

**St. Peter's Bicentennial Planning Survey**--2025 is the year we celebrate St. Peter's 200th birthday! Please help us determine what events, activities and memorabilia you are most interested in to commemorate this celebration of our church family. Our guiding verse for the Bicentennial is **Colossians 2:6-7. So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.** Survey deadline: **February 25, 2024**

Please fill out the survey in your bulletin, or at this link or scan the QR code below. We appreciate your input!

<https://forms.gle/tUeHWAXZJARyyECA8>



**Call Committee Update** Since two pastors have not accepted the calls to St. Peter's, the committee feels it is time to solicit more names for consideration. The nomination process is now open through the end of the day on Thursday, February 18. These names will be submitted to the district president, who will then send us a list of pastors for consideration.

Any member may submit nominations for any pastor in good standing with the Missouri Synod. Simply write the following information and place it in the offering place or give to any member of the call committee.

- Pastors Name
- Current congregation and location
- Your relationship (if any)
- Reasons you think he should be considered
- Your name (anonymous nominations will not be considered)

May God grant us all wisdom and patience as the call process moved forward.

**Girl Scout Cookies** The Girl Scout Troop here at St. Peter's is once again selling cookies! Cookies are \$5.00 per box. The assortment available are: thin mints, caramel delights, peanut butter patties, peanut butter sandwich, adventurefuls, shortbread (trefoils), and toast yay. The troops goal is to sell 700 boxes each. Call or text Malla Killian (828-638-8615) with you order. Thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts!

**New - Dementia Awareness Meeting** We will begin this much needed support group for caregivers of those struggling with all of the dementia related illnesses. Monthly guest speakers with a variety of expertise in dementia awareness and caregiving will be provided. Our first meeting will be **March 21 from 2-3 pm** in the Spirit Center. We will then meet on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Kim Kaylor (828-324-5945) for more information. Please help us spread the word in our community to those you feel would benefit from these conversations.

**Backpack Food Ministry** We are currently delivering 53 food bags to Lyle Creek Elementary School and also assisting River Bend Middle School as needed. If you would like to help support this mission project, please contact Brenda & Oz Hefner (828-238-0532).

**Child Protection & Abuse Training - Saturday March 9** If you are a paid staff member or church volunteer providing your service to St. Peter's and in that capacity you work with the youth and/or children, then please make plans to attend this important training. **The training will be held from 10 am to 1 pm in the Spirit Center.** Lunch will be provided. One of the requirements for our new insurance carrier was to update our protection policy and procedures. Training is **required** for all individuals (*high school age and older*) individuals who work in any capacity with our young people. The training will be provided by the Catawba County Department of Social Services. Attendance will be taken per the requirement of our policy. Please make every effort to attend this training. If you cannot attend, an additional training will be scheduled in the near future. To insure that there are enough materials ordered, please sign up on the clipboards in the narthex and Spirit Center or contact Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945) by **Friday, March 1**. Copies of St. Peter's Protection Policy and Procedures are available in the church office if you'd like on.

**CPR "Hands on Course" Training - Saturday March 9** A "Hands-on CPR Training" will be held **from 8:30 am to 9:30 am in the Spirit Center.** *This CPR training is open to all members of the congregation.* Please sign up on the clipboards marked "CPR Training" in the narthex and Spirit Center or contact Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945). Deadline to sign up is **Friday, March 1** so materials can be ordered.

**Easter Eggstravaganza** will be held on Saturday, March 30. We need nut-free candy, stickers, small prizes and plastic Easter Eggs. Bins to place these items in are located in the hallway outside the church offices and in the Spirit Center. If you can help, contact Ashton Sigmon (828-244-8904).

**Our Savior Lutheran Church, LCMS** will hold their annual Chicken Pie Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, February 24. The dinner will be drive-thru and take out only from 4-6 pm. Cost is \$12.00 per meal and includes 1/4/ chicken pie, rice & gravy, cole slaw, green beans and dessert.

**St. Peter's Long Sleeve T-shirts** For Sale Long sleeve sky blue t-shirts will be for sale in the Spirit Center. Cost \$15.00 for youth sizes, \$20.00 for Adult Small to X-large, and \$25.00 for Adult 2-3XL. Please see a mission team member to purchase a shirt.

**Special thanks** to Bob Marlowe and Diane Gantt for all their help in the past few weeks in the church office. You are so appreciated!

**St. Peter's Team Spotlight - St. Peter's Praise Band** Jesus used everyday people such as fishermen, carpenters and tax collectors to accomplish extraordinary things. Today he uses everyday people such as plumbers, socialworkers and jewelry makers to lead in worship through music. St. Peters is blessed to have talented individuals who give freely of their time to grow the kingdom of God through music. Thanks to the individuals - Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner, Chris Powell, Tom Delgreco, Danny Bolton , Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Brian Morrow & Emma Spencer -who give countless hours to practicing, setting up, preparing, rehearsing and leading in worship as a part of using their talents that God so generously gave them. If you would like to share your talent, please join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary.

*Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."*

