



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.

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.

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!

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).

Correction in the LWML Circles Insert

Beulah Price is a member of the Miriam Circle.

Right Now Media Did you know that St Peters has a subscription to Right Now Media? It is the world's largest streaming service for Biblical Content and you can access all this for FREE. Several of our Sunday School classes and small groups use Right Now Media for guided Bible Studies. There is also a kids section where you do not have to worry about screening content before your children watch anything. To activate your free subscription, reach out by email to Kim Gantt at pchefkimgantt@gmail.com to get set up. You can download the Right Now Media App and watch from your phone anytime anywhere!

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.

Social Group Outing Join us for a trip to the Wolfhahrt Theatre in Virginia on Sunday, May 19 for the "Tapestry of Fire and Rain". This show celebrates the long friendship of two of the best American singer/songwriters - Carole King and James Taylor. We will leave following the 8:15 am worship service and will return around 7 pm this evening. This show includes lunch. Tickets will be approximately \$65

per person. If you'd like to attend, please contact Betty Goble (828-308-4251) **by Tuesday, February 6.**

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).

Disaster Relief Assistance Due to the recent weather events in our country, there is a need for help with disaster relief. If you can assist, please see Pastor Eric or contact Pastor Eric Hollar (828-244-7201).

Sign Up Sheets for 2024 are located in the narthex for altar flowers, ushers and greeters for both services and Communion set-up assistants. Please share your time and talent this coming year.

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.

Thank You Notes

- ◆ The Naomi Circle would like to thank Shirley Dellinger for her 50 years of service she has given as the chairwoman. She has been a wonderful leader, Christian example and friend! Many projects, visits, meetings and celebrations have been well attended during her 50 years of service. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We love you and look forward to sharing our continued studies with you. - The Ladies of the Naomi Circle
- ◆ Dear friends of St. Peter's congregation - Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls, food, attendance at the funeral and most of all the prayers for our family after the passing of our beloved Donald. Thank you to Pastor Eric for the many hospital visits and the beautiful service he delivered, and to Carolyn for the music, the Audio/Visual team for livestreaming the service so that friends far away could join in the funeral service, and to the ladies of the church for the delicious meal. - The Family of Donald Gantt

St. Peter's Team Spotlight - St. Peter's Audio/Visual Team is responsible for setting up and operating our audio and visual equipment, which includes microphones, speakers, screens, streaming our services on the radio, Facebook and YouTube. They work closely with the pastor, praise band, choir and other groups to make sure that everyone can be heard and seen. Our current team members are Kevin Sigmon, John Jones, Alex Scott Fulbright, Jason Fulbright, Staci Bumgarner, Nathan Lewis, Ashton Sigmon, and Savannah Couch. If you are interested in knowing more about this team and think you would like to join them, then stop by on Monday evenings around 6:30 pm when the Praise Band practices. No experience is necessary! We are so thankful for all the hard work behind the scenes that this team does!