

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 (*middle 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) **DEADLINE IS TODAY.** Copies of St. Peter's Protection Policy and Procedures are available in the church office if you'd like one.

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 **TODAY** so materials can be ordered.

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.



Church Workday - Saturday, March 16 - 8:00 am Please come out and lend a hand as we spruce up our grounds and church buildings to get ready for Easter! All ages are welcome! Grab a pair of gloves and meet us in the parking lot that Saturday morning!

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.

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!

Cub Scout Discount Cards St Peter's Cub Scout Pack 341 is selling Scout Discount cards now for \$10.00 each. They have a Hickory and a Catawba County card available. These include discounts to places like: Arby's, McDonald's, Burger King, Hwy 55 Burgers, Domino's Pizza, Advance Auto, Parkway House and others. Contact James Schronce, scout leader at 828-244-9348 if you'd like to purchase one to support our cub scouts.

Donations Needed for Easter Breakfast The Youth are requesting the following items for the breakfast: eggs, butter, spray oil, milk, and sugar free syrup. If you can donate, please let Kim Kaylor, Erin Sigmon or Jack Sigmon know by March 20 if you can help with these needs.



St. Peter's Kids Camp 2024 will be held Monday through Friday, **June 24-28**. This promises to be an exciting week filled with devotions, crafts, service projects and fun trips! The cost is \$150 per camper (\$50 registration deposit fee and balance is due the day of camp). Volunteers are needed to serve during this annual Kids Camp. Please contact Theresa Cook (828-612-6815), Audrey Hauss (828-310-1524) or Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945) to express your willingness to serve!

Forms for camp are in the narthex!

Thank You Notes

- Thank you all for lifting my brother, Gib, up in prayer during his cancer battle! He is able to continue his treatments at home now and getting back on his feet and hopefully into remission. Thank you again, we have truly felt your prayers and love. - Russ Darden

The Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley is in need of infant sleepers, baby bottles, cloth baby dolls, and boys clothing (18-24 months sizes). You can place items in the playpen located in the back hall way of the church.

Central Latino is in need of volunteers to help tutor students from K to 5th grade. Central Latino is a local non-profit that is a community resource for the Hispanic/Latin communities of Catawba and surrounding counties. They offer tutoring, education programming, and cultural enrichment opportunities. If you are interested, please contact Ginny Romeo, director, at 828-381-4252



St. Peter's Team Spotlight - St. Peter's Mission Team Our team is responsible for mission programs in our community as well as outside our local area, and also supporting the missions of the Synod and District. The Mission Team will have a very busy year in 2024. They are planning two mission trips to Alaska in July (July 5-14 in Circle, AK and July 12-21 in Ninilchik). If you have a servant's heart, they encourage you to sign up and experience this life-changing event. In April they will be having a BBQ Plate Fundraiser (Sunday, April 21) selling pork and brisket plates. On May 4, they will have a booth at our Spring Fling Vendor Fair selling BBQ and chicken pies. The Mission Team is also part of the Building Bridges Outreach in conjunction with our sister congregations of St. John's Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran. This group builds handicap ramps to help those unable to get in and out of their homes due to disabilities or health reasons. Donations are accepted to both our missions and building bridges programs. Mission team members are: Shelley Dellinger, Bill Totty, Russ Darden, Tonya Darden, Wayne Huffman, Catherine Huffman, Pastor Eric Hauss, Audrey Hauss, Pat Killian, Scott Medline, Pam Medlin, Donna Sipe, Bob Watts and Kay Watts. We'd love to have you join our team, reach out to a member for more information!

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Immediately before Sunday School
In the church sanctuary**

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