

The Sunday Spirit



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Fourth Sunday In Lent

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JOHN

the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

3:14-15

As We Gather We witness in the wilderness wanderings, Israel's people received terminal snakebites from venomous snakes. But God healed those who looked UP to a snake lifted on a pole. We have all received a snakebite even more deadly, the ancient serpent, the devil, has caused all humanity to fall into sin. It's an eternally terminal condition, but God heals and forgives those who look UP to the cross of

Jesus, who was lifted on a pole for us. Today's Gospel contains THE most familiar verse in the world, "*God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall NOT perish but have eternal life.*" We must look up to Christ glorified on the cross, a symbol and sacrament of God's love for the whole world's salvation, and as a light for us as believers. As we approach Holy Week and draw nearer to the cross, may the light and love of God shine in our hearts and help us to experience the fullness of God's love, the fullness of new life in Christ, as we look to the cross of Christ.

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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 the services today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Sharon Lail Richards birthday (March 12) by Beth Lail (*Broadcast is on WAIZ Radio - 630 AM and 105.9 FM*)

Next Sunday - March 17 Proclaimer: Pastor Eric

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

There will be a called voters meeting at 9:30 am just prior to the start of Sunday School for the congregation to receive information on a placement call of Peter Frank. Please check your bulletin for an information sheet on Peter.

Lenten Meal and Services Join us this evening for a meal in the Spirit Center at **6 pm** followed by our Lenten Service in the sanctuary at **7 pm**.



+ **Grow** +

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 Keys to the Kingdom”** 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 - “Varieties of Belief”** with Pastor Eric.

Mid Week Small Groups

- *”HeARTS in the Margin” Monday Evening Bible Study** meets on Monday at 6:30 pm in the Spirit Center with Kim Kaylor as leader.
- *Couples Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will meet **Wednesday, Feb 28 at 6:30 pm** at the home of Oz & Brenda Hefner. They are doing the “Chosen” series.
- *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 **NOT meet this week - March 15**. Class will resume on Friday, March 22.

***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, Polly Bowman, Aidan Cox, Betty Eckard, Brenda Eckard, Judy Eckard, Jimmy Goble, Sandra Jenkins, Malla Killian, Doris Lail, Norma Lancaster, Scott Medlin, Windy Pruitt, Teresa Taylor, Dot Winebarger, Mary Ann Winebarger, Marshall Wray

Pray for Our Homebound Members

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

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)*
 - ◇ *Todd Davis*(son of Jean Davis & brother of Carol Alley)*
 - ◇ *Bob Grundy*(cousin of Carolyn Paschal)*
 - ◇ *Pamela Summers****(friend of Carolyn Paschal)*
 - ◇ *Stephanie Otto****(daughter of Ronnie Starnes)*
 - ◇ *Bob Foringer****(friend of Nancy Bruce)*
 - ◇ *Stephen Eckard****(brother of Patricia Pritchard & Richard Eckard)*
 - ◇ *Angelo Cruz***(friend of Richard & Brenda Hallman)*
 - ◇ *Reshea Tucker***(daughter of Pastor Richard Tucker)*
 - ◇ *Jimmy Decker**(son-in-law of Carolyn Paschal)*
 - ◇ *Hope Russell*(niece of Betty Eckard)*
- (Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)



Christian Sympathy

- ◇ *The Family of Eloise Hollar Smith (sister-in-law of Mary Deese and Carolyn Starnes)*
- ◇ *The Family of BoBo Paschal (cousin of Seth Paschal)*

Expectant Mothers

- ◇ *Hannah Grabowskis - due April 1 (granddaughter of Gracie Bolick)*
- ◇ *Michelle Huffman - due Sept. 27 (granddaughter of Gracie Bolick)*
- ◇ *Anna Gantt (daughter-in-law of Kevin & Susan Gantt)*

Birthdays This Week of Active Members Doris Bolick (3/10); Debbie Thomas (3/10); Michael Martin (3/11); Rodney Price (3/12); Janet Van Horne (3/13); Ruth Hefner (3/14); Theresa Cook (3/15); Eric Starnes (3/15); Kim Gantt (3/16)

Anniversaries This Week Tony & Donna Sigmon (3/10); David & Debbie Icenhour (3/14); Nelson & Selena Gurganious (3/15); Eric & Audrey Hauss (3/16)

Church Council will meet today at **4 pm in the Spirit Center**. If you cannot attend, please let Bob Watts know.

The Crocheting & Looming class will meet **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm** in the Spirit Center. All are welcome!

The monthly LWML meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 14 at 10 am** in the Parish Hall.



Church Work Day - Saturday, March 16 at 8 am Grab your favorite pair of work gloves and meet us in the parking lot as we spruce up our church campus in preparation for Easter weekend. All ages are encouraged to come and help!

LWML Fundraiser The LWML will be having a fundraiser to cover the costs for Samaritan's Purse Shoebox shipping costs. Members are currently taking orders for Rada knives. This fundraiser will remain open throughout this year. Payment will need to be made at the time of order. Please see a LWML member for a catalog.

Items needed for VBS Craft Project VBS planning has begun! We are in search of junk jewelry for one of our craft projects. We are looking for old costume jewelry you no longer wear or is broken; plus pins, watches, or rings that are bright or tarnished. All are appreciated! A donation basket is in the narthex.

DONATIONS
NEEDED



Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 30. **We need nut-free candy, stickers, and small prizes. NO MORE PLASTIC EGGS ARE NEEDED.** 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).

St. Peter's Youth Group News

- ◇ **Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)** will meet **TODAY at 1:45 pm**. They will travel to Skateland for an afternoon of skating and fun! If you own your own skates, please bring them. Feel free to invite a friend! You will need money for arcade games. We will return to the church by 4:30 pm.

Memorials

- ***Given to the Sunday School Fund** in loving memory of Pauline Eckard by Judy & Greg Eckard*
- ***Given to the Quilters Fund** in loving memory of Pauline Eckard by Judy & Greg Eckard*
- ***Given to the Domestic Missions Fund** in loving memory of Pauline Eckard by Judy & Greg Eckard*

Last Week

Worship Services Attendance

March 3, 2024

8:15 am Service - 139 10:45 am - 63 7 pm Lent - 63

Sunday School & Bible Classes

Adults - 65 Youth - 12

Offerings

General Fund - \$11,750; Backpack Ministry - \$50; Easter Lilies - \$36; Domestic Missions - \$50; Radio Sponsorships - \$200; Autism Support Group - \$25; Building Fund - \$525

General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$10,995

SERMON NOTES

“We Look to the Cross of Christ” John 3:14-21

WE MUST LOOK TO THE CROSS OF CHRIST:

I. For the World’s Salvation

II. As the Light for Believers

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Today’s Servants

Altar Guild: Audrey Hauss & Debra Shipman

Greeter: 8:15 am Joy Lail 10:45 am Karen Hoyle
Readers: 8:15 am 10:45 am

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) Carolyn Paschal, Organist
Office: Bob Marlowe, PBS (professional bulletin stuffer)