

The Sunday Spirit



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Fifth Sunday In Lent

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As We Gather.....we ask..."how do we measure greatness?" Our world tends to define greatness in terms of power, privilege, and prestige. We measure the importance of a person by external circumstances...the house they own, the car they drive, the nature of their lifestyle. We are impressed by the people's visible achievements: their prestigious honors and academic degrees, the importance of their profession, and sometimes even the accomplishments of their children. James and John, brothers, and disciples of Jesus, were not so different -as we can see in this passage. They sought favored positions for themselves, directly asking for the seats at Jesus' right and left hands when we came into his kingdom. But Jesus' kingdom is nothing like that of this world. When Jesus speaks of greatness, he links it to service....not power or authority. And Jesus' greatness is defined by total, unconditional trust in God. Adding to that, greatness is measured in humility and service, and we do that following the example of Jesus.

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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 communion 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.

Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM, 10:45 AM & 4:30 PM 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



Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary (March 16) by Pastor Eric & Audrey
(*Broadcast is on WAIZ Radio - 630 AM and 105.9 FM*)

Next Sunday - March 24 - Palm Sunday Proclaimer: Pastor Eric
Opening: John 12:12-19; Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 15:1-39;
Psalm 118:19-29 (*Children & Youth will have a Palm Sunday Parade at 8:15 service.*)

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

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**.

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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 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 meets at **10 am in the Spirit Center** with Pastor Eric as leader. They are doing “The Chosen” series.

***Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study** meets at **7:30 am**. They are studying “Hebrews”.

+ 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)

- ◇ *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)*
- ◇ *Angelo Cruz**** (friend of Richard & Brenda Hallman)*
- ◇ *Reshea Tucker**** (daughter of Pastor Richard Tucker)*
- ◇ *Hope Russell** (niece of Betty Eckard)*

(Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

Christian Sympathy

- ◇ *The Family of John Pless (friend of Amy Rucker)*

Expectant Mothers

- ◇ *Hannah Grabowskis - due April 1 (granddaughter of Gracie Bolick)*
- ◇ *Michelle Huffman - due Sept. 27 (granddaughter of Gracie Bolick)*
- ◇ *Anna Gantt - due July 22 (daughter-in-law of Kevin & Susan Gantt)*

Safe Travel

- ◇ *Pastor Kevin & Teresa Graudin will be in South Africa for a week starting March 18. They will be teaching the children of our LCMS missionaries to Africa who are gathering in Cape Town for a conference. Prayers requested for a safe and successful trip.*

Birthdays This Week of Active Members Patty Sigmon (3/17); Sherry Yount (3/17); Sandra Jenkins (3/18); Lauren Reinhardt (3/23)

The Golden Agers will meet at **10 am on Tuesday, March 19 in the parish hall.** Their guest speaker will be Lilliana Adrian from CVMS who will give a program on “Diabetes Awareness.” After our program we will meet at Naganos for lunch.

The Mission Team will meet **Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm.** If you are interested in being a part of the team, please join them in the conference room located by the church offices.

Dementia Awareness Meeting Our first meeting will be held **Thursday, March 21 from 2-3 pm in the Spirit Center.** This support group is open to all caregivers of those struggling with all of the dementia related illnesses. This is open to anyone in the church and community. Please spread the word to any that you feel would benefit from this support. Contact Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945) for more information.

The Elders will meet **Thursday, March 21 at 7 pm.** If you cannot attend, please let Pastor Eric know.

Sunday Lunch Bunch The group will meet at the Box Car Grille in Claremont on **Sunday, March 24 at 1 pm.** Please let Betty Goble (828-308-4251) if you plan to join them by Tuesday, March 19. Come and join us for food and fellowship!

St. Peter's Youth Group News

Leprechaun Treasure Hunt....All Senior Youth (Grades 6-12) are invited to our meeting on **March 24 at 6:30 pm** as we will go on a treasure hunt! Join us for the fun and fellowship!!!



Memorials

- ***Given to the Quilters*** in loving memory of Pearl Lail by Scott & Susan Slater
- ***Given to the Music Program (Basic Band)*** in loving memory of Frances Bolton by the Multi-Purpose Room Sunday School Class
- ***Given to the Senior Youth*** in loving memory of Bobby Mise by the Multi-Purpose Sunday School Class
- ***Given to the Senior Youth Convention Fund*** in loving memory of Gary Smith by the Thursday Morning Bible Study
- ***Given to Kids Camp*** in loving memory of Gary Smith by the Thursday Morning Bible Study

Last Week

Worship Services Attendance

March 10, 2024

8:15 am Service - 139 10:45 am - 59 7 pm Lent - 60
Sunday School & Bible Classes
Adults - 56 Youth - 6

Offerings

General Fund - \$7,851.56; Sunday School - \$100; Domestic Missions - \$110; Easter Lilies - \$60. Autism Support - \$25 ; Senior Youth Convention - \$350; Senior Youth - \$70; Music Program - \$70; Building Fund - \$994

General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$10,995

SERMON NOTES

SERMON NOTES “Following the Example of Jesus!” Mark 10:32-45

I. Not with selfish lives

II. But with HUMBLE lives

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Audrey Hauss & Debra Shipman

Greeter: 8:15 am LaDonna Bolton 10:45 am Christal Sigmon

Readers: 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am Donna Sipe

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

Office: Bob Marlowe, PBS (professional bulletin stuffer)