

The Sunday Spirit



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Third Sunday In Lent

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As We Gather.....we look closely at the very first words of our text in Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth, where he says: *'The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.'* (v. 18). So we ask the question.....the cross,... Is it

necessary for your view of God? Is it foolishness? Or is it the power of God to you? As Christians, we come by way of the cross of Christ; to some a stumbling block, to others we will seem foolish because our lives show we seek the kingdom of God. So while the world seeks blindly for God, we know the only hope is in the God who seeks us; a Holy and Loving God. What kind of God goes to a cross? The God Who is Love, and so we preach Christ crucified. We risk being foolish, we risk being offensive, but we will not risk letting others go through life not knowing that Jesus was crucified for our sins, our salvation. So "Lift High the Cross"...not lift high us.

+ Share +

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!

Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM & 10:45AM 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

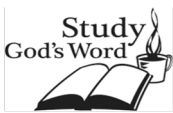
Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following communion today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in honor of their granddaughter, Alaina's 7th birthday (Feb. 28) by Mike & Patricia Pritchard (*Broadcast is on WAIZ Radio - 630 AM and 105.9 FM*)

Next Sunday - March 10 Proclaimer: Pastor Eric
Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21; Psalm 107:1-9

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**.



+ **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 at **10 am in the Spirit Center**. They are doing "The Chosen" Bible Study with Pastor Eric as leader.

***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, Joyce Hollar, 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, 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

Trinity Village: Dot Winebarger⁴



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)*

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

Christian Sympathy

- ◇ *Family of Jake Hefner (brother of Ron Hefner, uncle of Dwight Reese and Randy Miller)*

Birthdays This Week of Active Members Howard McCray (3/4); Christin Sigmon (3/4); Kalissa Killian (3/5); Christopher Watts (3/5); Hayden Sigmon (3/6); Danny Goforth (3/7); Steve Miller (3/7); Ruth Eckard (3/8); Kathleen Houston (3/8); Patricia Isenhour (3/8); Mark Propst (3/8); Kaitlyn Webb (3/9)

Anniversaries This Week Alex Scott & Rosa Fulbright (3/8)

March Over 80 Birthdays The LWM has given a donation to the Backpack Fund in honor of the following: Blanche Hefner (3/1) - she is St. Peter's oldest member age 99; Howard McCray (3/4); Kathleen Houston (3/8); Patricia Isenhour (3/8); Mary Ruth Hefner (3/14); Brenda Dellinger (3/24); Annette Hollar (3/26); Catherine Fox (3/30); Shirley Shell (3/30)

LWML Circle Meetings on Tuesday, May 5 Miriam Circle at 10 am at the church; Ruth Circle at 6:30 pm at the church; Lydia Circle at 6:30 pm at the church; Naomi Circle at 7:00 pm at the home of Teresa Graudin

LWML Fundraiser The LWML will be having a fundraiser to cover the costs for Samaritan's Purse Shoebox shipping costs. Beginning Sunday, March 3, members will be 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.

The Autism Support Group will meet **Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 pm** in the Spirit Center. Members of the community are invited to join them! For additional information, contact David Sigmon.

**DONATIONS
NEEDED**



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 box is in the narthex.

Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 30. *We need nut-free candy, stickers, and small prizes.* 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

- ◇ **The Senior Youth (Grades 6-12)** will meet **today at 12 noon** to travel to Bo's Entertainment in Lenoir. They will stop for dinner on the way home. You will need money for food and arcade games. We will return to the church by 6:30 pm in time for the Lenten Service.
- ◇ **Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)** will meet **Sunday, March 10 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.

Last Week

Worship Services Attendance

February 25, 2024

8:15 am Service - 162 10:45 am - 64 7 pm - 65
Sunday School & Bible Classes
Adults - 53 Youth - 16

Offerings

General Fund -\$8,189; Radio Sponsorship - \$100; Domestic Missions - \$225.88;
Autism Support - \$25.00; Easter Lilies - \$24.00; Building Fund \$1,146.00

General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$10,745.00

(Special gift received from the Estate of Pauline Eckard - \$22,631.67 which will go to Domestic Missions, the Quilters, and Sunday School)

SERMON NOTES
“Lift High the Cross....Not Lift High Us!”
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

I. The Cross marks TRUE wisdom

II. The Cross contains power

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Audrey Hauss & Debra Shipman

Greeter: 8:15 am Mary Deese 10:45 am Joy Eckard
Readers: 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am Landon Griffin

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)