

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

MARCH 16, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: *“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”* This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. *“O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire”* (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

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, 10:45 am and 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.” - Pastor Frank and Pastor 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 celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary by Pastor Eric & Audrey Hauss

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary by Pastor Eric & Audrey Hauss

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

Lenten Services start at **7:00 pm in the sanctuary with a meal before at 6:00 pm** in the Spirit Center. The theme for this year's Lenten Services is "The Hand of the Lord." The meal this evening is bbq and all the fixings!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

***Babies - Kindergarten** - Room #1 Education Building- Brenda Fulbright & Alice Layne

***K-2nd Grade** - Room #8 Education Building - Emily Schwandt

***3rd - 6th Grades** - Room #7 Education Building - Terry Sigmon

***Middle & High Schoolers** - Room #4 Education Building - John Adams

***Confirmation Class** - Library in the Education Building - Pastor Frank, Pastor Eric & Kim Kaylor will lead these sessions.

***Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 "Grit don't Quit" by Bianca Olthoff with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt . This study is a five-session series that will help us learn how to keep going through every difficult circumstance no matter how many times we fall.

***Ladies Sunday School Class** - Grover Herman Room Education Building, with Beth Lail. They are studying “A Woman’s Wisdom, How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything.”

***Adults - Multi-Purpose Room Class** - They are studying “The Cross” with Christal Sigmon

***Pastor’s Class - Parish Hall - Genesis Bible Study** “Calling of Abram” with Pastor Eric and Pastor Frank

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Terry Bolick, Nancy Bostian, Johnny Bryant, Sherry Bumgarner, Patty Couch, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Mary Ruth Hefner, Scott Houston, Darrell Little, Johnny Lytton, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, V. Lynn Starnes, Mickey Stewart, Janet van Horne, and Marshall Wray

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Joe Eckard, Annette Hollar, Kathleen Houston, Scott Houston, Bobby Little, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Jeanette Reese, Reva Reinhardt, Glenn Shell, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Carol Starnes, Mary Ann Winebarger

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Trinity Ridge: Mickey Stewart

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick

Friends Needing Prayer

- Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Ann Hefner (family of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Mitchell Bumgarner (friend of Scott Medlin)
- John Bruce (uncle of Nancy Bruce)
- Jerry Bolick (husband of Doris Bolick)
- Eddie Forrest (father of Ashton Sigmon)
- Lowell & Karen Rothenberger (parents of Peter Rothenberger)
- Diane Maynor (friend of Nancy Bruce)
- Michael Carrigan (friend of Joyce & Greg Hollar)

- Dennis Teague (former member of St. Peter's)
- Donald & Sandra Hefner (son and daughter-in-law of Blanche Hefner)
- Bobby Carrigan (cousin of Lisa Bentley)
- Johnny Stiles (father of Drew Stiles)
- Brian Roberts (former vicar of St. Peter's)
- Bill Sherrill (uncle of Debbie Thomas)

(*names are listed for 4 weeks and can be renewed by calling the office*)

Expectant Mothers

- Sydney Schenk - due May 12 (step-daughter-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Ashlyn Martin - due Sept. 13 (daughter-in-law of Mike & Angie Martin)

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays This Week Kim Gantt (3/16); Patty Sigmon (3/17); Sherry Yount (3/17); Sandra Jenkins (3/18)

Anniversaries This Week Eric & Audrey Hauss (3/16)

The 200th Anniversary Team will meet **today at 1:30 pm** in the multi-purpose room.

Church Council will meet **today at 4:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. If you cannot attend, please let David Sigmon know.

Alaska Mission Trips If you would like to join the Mission Team this summer to share the Gospel with our friends in Alaska, please contact Tonya Darden, Catherine Huffman or Pat Killian. Tentative dates are July 4-13 for Circle and Central, Alaska and July 11-20 for Ninilchick, Alaska. An informational session will be held on **Tuesday, March 18 at 7 pm** in the multi-purpose room for those interested in serving.

Golden Agers will meet **Tuesday, March 18 at 10 am**. Our program this month will be painting Easter Crosses through SAarts of Statesville.

Donations Needed! Our annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 9-10:30 am. We need candy (NO NUTS) , stickers and small prizes for this event. We do NOT need any plastic eggs this year. Please leave your items in the boxes in the hallway outside the church office. Thank you for your help in this annual community outreach event!

LERT Volunteer Training St. John’s Lutheran Church will host a LCMS Lutheran Emergency Response Team (LERT) training on **Sun., March 30 from 1-4 pm.** LERT groups offer ways to volunteer with communities that have experiences hardships from disasters. The course fee is \$15 to cover the cost of the books and materials. Register on the LCMS-LERT.org website or contact Heather Bassett at 828-514-3467.

Singers Needed Many times making a commitment to “long-Term” weekly rehearsals is not feasible due to our busy schedules. There is an opportunity to share your voice on Good Friday. Rehearsals will be on Monday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15 through April 14th. These rehearsals will be held at Bethel under the direction of Pastor Morgan Lane. We have a great time of fellowship with our Sister churches while preparing music for the Good Friday Service. So that enough music packets are prepared, please see Carolyn after the service or contact her at 304-590-0504 (leave a message).

Last Week - March 9, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 154 10:45 am 71 7:00 pm (Lent) 71

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance

Adults 60 Youth 13

Offerings

General Fund - 10,664.94; Sunday School \$42.00; Lenten Service - \$566.00

In order to meet the budget for 2025 that was approved by the congregation, our weekly General Fund offerings must average \$11,184.22

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Senior Youth Gathering - \$361 ; Domestic Missions - \$5 ; Radio Sponsors - \$200
Easter Lillies - \$13.; Building Fund \$620

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (16)	8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School, Bible Classes & Confirmation Class 10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion 12:15 pm Handbells 1:30 pm 200th Anniversary Team Meeting 4:30 PM Homebound/Workers Communion Service 4:30 pm Church Council - in Parish Hall 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group - <i>in multi-purpose room</i> 6: 00 pm Lenten Meal - bbq and all the fixings 7:00 pm Lenten Service - Rev. Luke Self , proclaimer
Mon. (17)	8:30 am Quilters 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm Bible Journaling 102 - <i>in Spirit Center</i>
Tues. (18)	10:00 am Golden Agers 2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wed. (19)	6:30 pm Adult Choir 6:30 pm Basketball League 6:30 pm Bible Journaling - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</i>
Thurs. (20)	10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</i> 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddy Program - <i>meet in Parish Hall to leave for lunch</i> 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Tonya Darden & Christal Sigmon in multi-purpose room</i>
Fri. (21)	10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Pastor Eric in Parish Hall</i>
Sat. (22)	7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i> 9:00 am 200th Anniversary Grounds Clean-Up Day & Playground Dedication and cookout
Sun. (23)	8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School, Bible Classes & Confirmation Class 10:45 am Traditional Service 12:15 pm Handbells 12:30 pm 4th Sunday Lunch Bunch- at Captain's Galley 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group - <i>in multi-purpose room</i> 6:00 pm Lenten Meal - baked potato bar & desserts 7:00 pm Lenten Service - Rev. Eric Hollar, proclaimer

***Bold = activities that don't happen on a typical week**

SERMON NOTES

“Broken Before Blessing: Clinging to Christ’s Promises”
Genesis 32:22–32

1. What events led Jacob to be along that night?
2. What was the purpose behind the man dislocating Jacob’s hip?
3. How has God first broken you before bringing blessing into your life?
4. In what ways can we hold fast to Christ’s promises?

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Today’s Servants

Altar Guild: Debra Shipman, Audrey Hauss

Communion Set-Up Bob Wats, Chris Watts, Adam Watts, Ethan Watts

Praise Band: (8:15 am service) Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner, Tom Delgreco,

Danny Bolton, Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Emma Spencer, Kim Rector, Olivia Owens,

Brian Morrow, Chris Powell, Melody Frank, Emily Sherbino

Organist: (10:45 am service) Carolyn Paschal

Office: Bob Marlowe

Readers: 8:15 am Danny Schwandt 10:45 am Russ Darden

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Mike Pritchard 10:45 am

Greeters: 8:15 am Joy Lail 10:45 am Christal Sigmon

Ushers: 8:15 am Al Layne

10:45 am Stanley Dellinger, Larry Eckard, Ray Goble