

# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

**FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT**



**ST. PETER'S**

LUTHERAN CHURCH

↔ CONOVER, NC ↔

**Welcome to St. Peter's!** We are glad you are here! We ask everyone to fill out an “attendance card” and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We welcome our first-time guests and visitors and request that you fill out the back side of the attendance card as well. Guests and visitors please take a “welcome” bag from our table out front.

**Today's radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her darling husband, Larry Lander, by Carmen Lander. You are truly missed. (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASSES**

**\*Ages 2-5** - Room #1 Education Building- Brenda Fulbright & Alice Layne

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

**\*3rd - 5th Grades** - Grover Herman Room Education Building - Terry Sigmon

**\*Middle & High Schoolers (6-12th Grades)** - Room #4 Education Building - John Adams

**\*Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 - A study on “What Does Lasting Joy Look Like?” by Pastor Joby Martin with Kim Gantt , Kevin Gantt & Kim Rector.

**\*Ladies Sunday School Class** - Education Building, Room 7 with Beth Lail They are studying “The study of Angels, their nature, roles, and significance, highlighting their functions as messengers and servants of God.”

**\*Adults - Multi-Purpose Room Class** - They are studying “Heroes of Faith” with Christal Sigmon

**\*Pastor's Class - Parish Hall** - Adult Bible Study - “Faith that Lives - A Bible Study on the Book of James” Join Pastor Eric for a four-week Bible study beginning today, exploring the practical wisdom of the New Testament book of James. Written to early Christians facing real struggles, James calls believers to a living faith—one that trusts Christ

and shows itself in daily life through perseverance, humility, mercy, and prayer. Together we will discover how faith in Jesus shapes how we speak, serve, endure trials, and care for others. Come grow in God's Word and be encouraged to live out the faith you confess.

## PRAYERS

**Church Members in Need of prayer** Carol Abbott, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Shirley Dellinger, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Audrey Hauss, Mary Ruth Hefner, Dale Johnson, Donald Killian, Barb Nordyke, Eunice Reiter, David Sigmon, Emma Spencer, Teresa Taylor, John Thomas, Ethan Watts and Marshall Wray

### Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Carol Abbott, Rosella Bollinger, Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Delmar & Betty Eckard, Joe Eckard, Annette Hollar, Kathleen Houston, Patricia Isenhour, Bobby Little, Hazel Moser, Jeanette Reese, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Ernest & Carol Starnes, Dorothy Willis, Mary Ann Winebarger

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws

### Friends Needing Prayer

- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Tom McGarity (friend of Pastor Frank)
- Judy Sherrill (cousin of Debbie Adams)
- Anne Conte (sister-in-law of Carolyn Paschal)
- Penelope Deal (granddaughter of Jeannie Deal)

### Pregnancies

- Ainsley McCoy, due in April (*daughter-in-law of Alyson Mains*)
- Amber Potter, due in July (*granddaughter of David & Dale Johnson*)
- Whitney Terry, due in July (*daughter of Terry & Donna Sigmon*)
- Allison Bentley, due in July, (*daughter-in-law of Terry & Lisa Bentley*)
- Kirby Caudill, due in August, (*daughter of Rob & Amy Rucker, granddaughter of Colleen Lafone*)
- Rose Marie Propst, due in September (*daughter-in-law of Mark & Barbara Propst*)

### **Christian Sympathy**

- The family of Joy Spaeth (grandmother of Chris Sherbino)
- The family of Linda McCoy (sister of James “Hemi” Huffman)
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**Birthdays This Week** Bobby Bowman (3/22); Lauren Reinhardt (3/23); Brenda Dellinger (3/24); Layton Gantt (3/24); Bobby Little (3/24); John Jones (3/25); Teresa Houston (3/26); Annette Hollar (3/26); Alice Layne (3/27)

## **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kids Kamp 2026** Kids Kamp this year will be the week of June 22-26 for rising 2nd through 7th graders. The theme for this year will “Powered by Prayer.” Cost for the camp is \$150 per camper. Registration deadline is Sunday, May 10. All forms and a \$50 deposit **ARE REQUIRED** before a spot can be served. (You can also pay in full at the time of registration. Packets are available in the Narthex or the church office

**Confirmation Class Photos Needed** The 200th Anniversary Team is still looking for Confirmation pictures from the class of 2005 and 2006 when Pastor Birner was here. The 2005 class was: Randall Keith Bowman and Baillie Elizabeth Setzer; and the 2006 class was: Tammy Bailey, Judy Crump, Crystal Gates and Chad Cox. If you have a photo of either of these classes, please contact Dwight Reese.

**Easter Egg Stuffing Party** Calling all volunteers to join us on **Wednesday, March 25 at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall as we will stuff Easter eggs with candy, stickers, and other prizes in the plastic eggs that we will hide for our Easter Eggstravaganza on March 28. All are welcome! Bring your favorite drink and snack and join us for a morning of fun!

## **Exciting Opportunity: Join the Mt. Pleasant Church Plant Vision Team!**

The Lord has given us a chance to explore planting a new LCMS church in Mt. Pleasant, SC. As the next stage of Pastor Eric's ministry draws near, we have an opportunity to send him into this mission field and share the Gospel with a rapidly growing community that needs to hear the clear truth of God's Word. The Charleston area is home to approximately 875,000 people, yet there are only 3 LCMS churches serving this vast population. While there are other churches in the region, we believe the Gospel needs to be clearly proclaimed. This is a community ripe for harvest, and the Lord is opening doors for us to share His love and truth. We are forming a Vision Team to prayerfully explore this opportunity. The team will clarify our mission, learn about the Mt. Pleasant community, evaluate church planting models, and develop a proposal for moving forward. This is a chance to be part of something transformational—to help bring the light of Christ to a place where it is greatly needed.

### ***Will you join the Vision Team for planting a church in or near Mt.***

***Pleasant, SC?*** If you feel the Lord calling you to be part of this Gospel-centered mission, please speak with Pastor Eric, Pastor Frank, or contact the church office. Let us pray for God's guidance as we explore how He might use us to spread the Good News in this growing community.

**Right Now Media** Did you know that St Peters has a subscription to Right Now Media? It is the world's largest streaming service for Biblical Content and you can access all this for FREE. Several of our Sunday School classes and small groups use Right Now Media for guided Bible Studies. There is also a kids section where you do not have to worry about screening content before your children watch anything. To activate your free subscription, reach out by email to Kim Gantt at [pchefkimgantt@gmail.com](mailto:pchefkimgantt@gmail.com) to get set up. You can download the Right Now Media App and watch from your phone anytime, anywhere.

## Join Us During Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday, March 29** - Worship Services with Palm Processional at 8:15 am and 10:45 am
- **Maundy Thursday, April 2** - Worship Services with Holy Communion at 12 Noon and 7 pm
- **Good Friday, April 3** - Combined Worship Services with Bethel Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran - 12 Noon at Bethel Lutheran and 7 pm at St. John Lutheran

## Join Us for a Full Easter Morning Celebration! - Sunday, April 5

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this Easter Sunday, we invite you to experience the complete joy of our Lord's resurrection through three unique and meaningful gatherings:

Begin your morning with our intimate Sunrise Service at 6:45 AM in the church cemetery, where we'll greet the dawn just as Mary did at the empty tomb. Then, join your church family for a time of fellowship and celebration at our Easter Breakfast in the Spirit Center. Finally, lift your voices in our Festival Service at 9:30 AM in the church sanctuary, filled with special music and the fullness of Easter joy!

If you know of a member of the congregation who is sick, hospitalized, or has special needs, please contact the church office at 828-256-2970 or Pastor Frank or Pastor Eric

### **Last Week**

#### Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 153 10:45 am 64 7 pm Lenten Service 47

#### Sunday School Attendance

Adults 59 Youth 15

#### Offerings

*(Needed in General Fund weekly to meet budget \$12,829.50)*

General Fund - 17,389; Sunday School - \$55

#### Dedicated Fund Offerings

Autism Support Group - \$50; Crocheting & Looming - \$50; Missions - \$526.47; Kids Kamp Registration - \$50; Easter Lilies - \$143; Young Adult Ministry - \$30; Building Fund - \$1,670; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$150

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (22)                    8:15 am Contemporary Service  
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
 10:45 am Traditional Service  
 12:15 pm Handbells  
**5:30 pm Lenten Meal**  
**7:00 pm Lenten Service - *chicken, rice-n-gravy, green beans, dessert***
- Mon. (23)                    8:30 am Quilters  
**6:00 pm Handbells - *special practice***  
 6:15 pm Girl Scouts  
 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
- Tues. (24)                    **10:00 am Golden Agers -*Outing to Howard's Farm in Statesville***  
***WEAR OLD CLOTHES AND OLD SHOES***  
 2:30 pm Staff Meeting  
 4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring - *in Education Building*  
**6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class - *in Spirit Center***  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (25)                    **10:30 am Easter Egg Stuffing Party - *in Parish Hall***  
**5:00 pm Barnabus Team**  
 6:30 pm Adult Choir  
 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor, Leader *in Parish Hall*
- Thurs. (26)                    10:00 am Small Group Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, Leader  
*in Parish Hall*  
 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddy Program  
**4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring - *in Education Building***  
 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader  
*in Multi-purpose room*
- Fri. (27)                    10:00 am Small Group Bible Study with Pastor Eric, Leader  
*In Parish Hall*
- Sat. (28)                    7:30 am Men's Bible Study  
**9:00 - 10:30 am Easter Eggstravaganza**  
**5:00 pm Sunshine Group Outing to JD's BBQ - *if riding the church van, please meet in the parking lot at 4:30 pm***
- Sun. (29)                    ***Palm Sunday***  
 8:15 am Contemporary Service with Palm Processional  
 9:15 am Fifth Sunday Social - *in Spirit Center*  
 9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
 10:45 am Traditional Service  
 12:15 pm Handbells  
**12:30 pm Kids in Christ Outing (Grades K-6) - *Outing to Kaledium Children's Museum in Winston-Salem***  
**6:00 pm Church Council**

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

## SERMON NOTES

### "Humility of the Host"

(From the Mountain to the Morning Sermon Series)

Matthew 26:20-30; Mark 14:17-26; Luke 22:14-30, 39; John 13:1-30

1. When have you demonstrated humility? What did it cost you?
2. How does Jesus washing His disciples' feet show you what humility looks like?
3. What does it mean for you that Jesus says "This is my body, this is my blood" given and shed "for the forgiveness of sins"?
4. How do Christ's promises free you to demonstrate humility despite the cost?

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**Today's Servants**

**Altar Guild:** Debra Shipman, Audrey Hauss

**Praise Band:** Drew Stiles, leader; Bradley Abernathy, Emily Allen, Thom Bumgarner, Tom Delgreco, Melody Frank, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Oz Hefner, Olivia Owens, Kim Rector, Emily Sherbino, Emma Spencer, Jeff Winebarger

**Adult Choir:** Charles Bumgarner, Sherry Bumgarner, Greg Eckard, Judy Eckard, Trudy Huffman, Carmen Lander, Scott Medlin, Carolyn Paschal, Emily Sherbino, Jan Sigmon, Drew Stiles, John Thomas.

**Handbells:** Betty Goble, Alice Layne, Carolyn Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Cheryl Sigmon, Drew Stiles, Bill Totty

**Organist:** Carolyn Paschal

**Office:** Bob Marlowe

**Readers:** 8:15 am David Sigmon 10:45 am John Thomas

**Greeters:** 8:15 am Eunice Reiter 10:45 am Judy Sigmon

**Acolytes:** 8:15 Lucas Brittain/Sawyer Frank

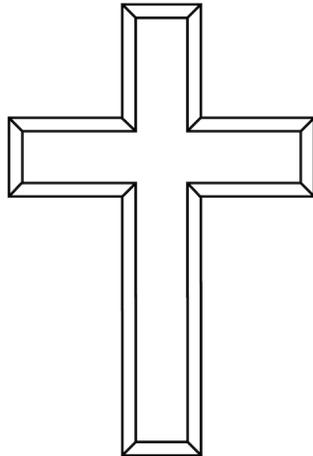
**Ushers:** 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe

**Communion Set-Up:** Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe

**Prayer Room:** 8:15 am Scott Medlin 10:45 am John Thomas

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Karen Watts by Michael & Teresa Biggs
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Donald Bowman by Gary, Libby & Parker Hart; by Emmett & Jane Wike
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of Donald Bowman by Sandra Gantt ; in loving memory of Charles Bowman by Sandra Gantt; in loving memory of Karen Watts by Sandra Gantt
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Dan Timmerman, Jr. by Sandra Gantt



## Stewardship Corner

Have you ever considered how you might continue to bless others for generations to come? As you think about the legacy you will leave your loved ones, we invite you to also consider remembering the church in your estate planning. Legacy gifts can include a portion of your estate, financial assets, property, or other planned contributions.

This is more than a gift—it is an eternal act of love, reflecting God’s goodness through your life. By remembering the church in your will or estate plans, you help ensure that the mission and ministry of our church continues to grow and serve our community, long into the future, long beyond your time on earth.

If this church has been meaningful to you, I encourage you to pray about how God might be calling you to steward your resources—not only in this life, but as part of the legacy you leave behind. The Bible says, “*The righteous leave a lasting inheritance...*” — Proverbs 13:22

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and dedication to our church family. - Beth Lail, Stewardship Chair

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## Cemetery Committee News

Dear Church Family,  
This is a friendly reminder regarding active membership in our congregation. According to church guidelines, members are asked to be present for worship services at least **two times each year** in order to be considered an **active member** of the church.

Active membership is important because certain church privileges—such as **eligibility for burial in the church cemetery**—are reserved for those who maintain active status.

We warmly encourage everyone to attend when you are able. Your presence strengthens our church family, and we are always blessed to worship together.

If you have any questions or special circumstances that affect your ability to attend, please feel free to reach out to the church office. Thank you for being a valued part of our church community!

- Bob Watts, Cemetery Committee