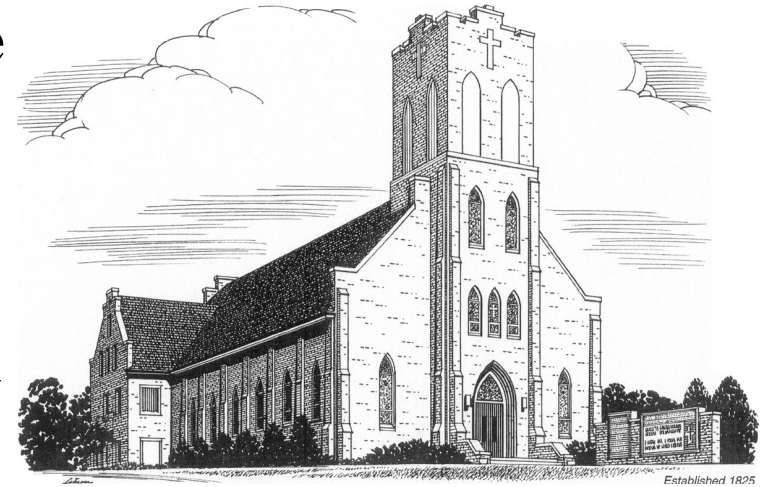


The Sunday Spirit

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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
6175 St. Peters Church Road
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Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 16, 2020

The Rev. Kevin Graudin, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Eric Hauss, Assistant Pastor
Ms. Sarah Freeman, Youth Minister
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As We Gather The Epiphany season reveals to us that Jesus of Nazareth is God with us. This “aha” moment comes today in his teaching on the mountain. He speaks with God’s authority and explains that God’s commandments are a matter of the heart not just external actions. This same Christ forgives our

failing to obey God’s commands and changes our hearts that we might live a new obedient life.

Assisted Listening System is available in the sanctuary entrance. Speak with an usher who will provide you with a hearing lanyard.

Shawls and Wraps are available for you if you get cold. They are located in the room left of the foyer. – The Crocheters & Loomers.

Altar Flowers! You? Please sign-up on the calendar near the church offices.

Mobile Homebound and Sunday Workers Communion Service will be held this afternoon, **4:30 pm**, in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend this abbreviated worship service.

Next Sunday - February 23rd - Transfiguration Sunday
 “Seeing Jesus As He Really Is” Pastor Kevin Graudin
 Scripture Readings: Psalm 2:2-12, Exodus 24:8-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9.

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:45 AM Divine Service, Setting I

Ash Wednesday Services February 26th 12 noon and 7:00 pm



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

“Confession and God’s Grace” Psalm 51 This will be a service of repentance, confession, the imposition of ashes, absolution and Holy Communion.

Additional **Lenten Services** during this solemn season will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm.

An Ash Wednesday Meal (Strove Tuesday style pancake meal) will be served by the mission team at

6:00 pm in the Spirit Center.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	8:15 am	Contemporary Worship Service/
	9:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Classes
	10:45 am	Worship Service – DS I with Communion
	4:30 pm	Mobile Homebound & Communion Service
Mon.		Pastor Eric’s Day Off
	8:30 am	Quilters
	6:15 pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00 pm	Small Group Bible Study –Multi Purpose
Tues.	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Adult basketball
Wed.	6:30 pm	Crocheters and Loomers
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
	8:00 pm	BASIC Band practice
Thurs.	10:00 am	Small Group Bible Study – Multi Purpose
Fri.		Pastor Kevin’s Day Off
	10:00 am	Small Group Bible Study
Sat.	7:30 am	Men’s Bible Class – Multi Purpose Room
	9:00 am	Church Council Planning Retreat
Sun.	8:15 am	Contemporary Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Classes
	10:45 am	Traditional Worship Divine Service I

Attendance for February 9, 2020

8:15 am Service – 209

10:45 am Service – 59

Offerings

General Fund – \$8,560.00

Building Fund – \$689.00

MISSIONARIES

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TODAY'S SERVANTS

Greeters

8:15am – Dot Winebarger & Janet VanHorne

10:45am—Eddie & Robin Little

Readers

8:15am – Bob Watts

10:45am – Alex Scott Fulbright

Praying Elder

10:45 am - Robbie Killian

Altar Guild

Patty & Savannah Couch

Sound Crew

Steve L. & Patty Sigmon

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Sunday School - Today 9:30-10:30 am 2nd floor education bldg.

- *Opening 2 yrs. – 3rd grade - Room #1 Judy Eckard
- *Babies – 2 yrs. old - Room #1 Kim Yancey
- *Preschool - Kindergarten - Room #1 Brenda Fulbright,
- *Preschool - Kindergarten Maureen Price, Sherry Bumgarner
- *First – Third Grades Room #9 Terry Sigmon
- *Fourth – Sixth Grade Room #8 Josh McArthur
- *Seventh – Eighth Grade Room #4 John Adams
- *High School Youth Room Sarah Freeman

Sunday Morning Adult Classes Today 9:30 am

- * **“The Book of Isaiah”** Sanctuary Study Group Front right section sanctuary - Pastor Eric
- * **“Does God Still Heal?”** Adult Ladies Class 2nd Floor Education Bldg - Beth Lail. ***Begins today!***
- * **“Thrive in Marriage”** Younger Adult Class 2nd Floor Education Bldg, - Kevin Gantt /Kim Gantt.
- * **“The Story”** -Multi-Purpose Room – David Sigmon
- * **“The Story”** – Meeting in the **Parish Hall** – Pastor Kevin
- * **Grief Share Support Group** (9:30 – 11:00 AM) 2nd Floor Education Bldg Library – Sandra Jenkins, Pat Couch.

Small Group Bible Studies this Week

- * **“Is Genesis History?”** Monday Evening Small Group **7:00pm**
Alan and Kim Yancey’s home. Call: 828-217-2269.
- * **“Jesus the Reason”** Monday Evening Small Group **7:00pm** Multi-Purpose Room – John & Debbie Thomas 828-612-8999
- * **“Older & Wiser”** Wednesday Morning Women’s Group **9:30am** Sherry Kenworthy home. Call: 828-310-4405
- * **“The Book of Acts”** Thursday Morning Small Group **10:00am**
Multi-Purpose Room - Pastor Kevin
- * **“The Advent of the Lamb”** Thursday Evening Group **6:30pm**
Shirley Dellinger’s home. Christal Sigmon 828-695-7071.



****"The Book of Genesis, Part 2"*** Friday morning Group **10:00am**
Multi-Purpose Room - Pastor Eric

****"The Book of Galatians"*** Saturday morning Men's Group
7:30am Multi-Purpose Room – Darrell Freeman.

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Announcement Deadline Please submit any announcements by **12:00 noon** on **Thursdays** for ***The Sunday Spirit***. You may call the church office or email, jgantt@stpetersconover.org. or judy@eckard.com.

Lenten Meals Sponsors Needed Please consider sponsoring a Lenten Meal on Sunday evenings in March. A sign up sheet is located in the hallway near the church office.

2019 Giving Statements can be found in the alphabetic organizer across from the multi-purpose room.

2020 Offering Envelopes are located in the narthex.

Church Members In Need of Prayer Doris Lail, Selena

Gurganious, Donald Killian, Lou Rector, John Thomas, Richard Hallman, Steve Sigmon, Joyce McCray, Jerry Eckard, Debra Rufty, Jim Moser, Bob Bowman, Finley & Edna Eckard, Hazel Bowman, Helen Queen and those who are homebound and those in nursing homes.



Prayer for Friends *Ryan Parnell, Penny Cranford, Erin Sipe, Nadia Yancey, Gary Killian, Harry Stanley, Bruce Keller, Kathy Wallace, Wally Reed, Priscilla Benton, Sharron Abernethy, Melodee Frye, Leo Purdue and Heather Bassett. STARTING TODAY (02-16-2020), names will be listed for one month, and can be added back upon request.*

Prayers for Those in the Military *Pastor Mark Seaman (Chaplain deployed to Kuwait), Isaiah Cortese (Grandson of Pat*

2020 CHURCH OFFICERS

President: Mark Gantt
Secretary: Pat Couch
Treasurer: Beth Lail
Financial Secretary: John Jones
Asst Financial Secretary: Annissa Beck
Sunday School Super: Brenda Fulbright
Asst Superintendent: Terry Sigmon
Trustees: Alan Yancey, Head Trustee; Chad Bailey, Bob Hoyle, Gary Eckard, Adam Watts.

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Stewardship: Vacancy

Church Elders

Kevin Gantt
Craig Lackey
Scott Fulbright
Russ Darden
Ned Combs
Bob Watts
Robbie Killian

Shepherd Groups (Last names)

A-B
C-F
G-H
I-J
M-P
Q-Sigmon
Sipe-Z

many opportunities to serve others who are in need. If you are interested in this event please see Sarah to get information. **All forms and deposits are due by Sunday, March 1st.**

Camp Linn Haven Brochures for the Summer 2020 season are available at the bulletin stations and in the office.

Sigmon stationed in Afghanistan), Saibyn Ruff (Husband of Katelynn Isenhour Ruff stationed in Afghanistan).

Prayer for Pregnant Moms and Their Babies Katie & Cody Plemmons (due Feb. 23rd, 2020), Logan & Cassie Propst (due March 2020), Kyle & Kara Davis (due July 2020).

Birthdays of Active Members Patricia Pritchard, Rita Jeff Winebarger, Lochlan Sigmon, Carter Link.

Wedding Anniversaries Lynn & Connie Fox, Donnie & Margaret Bolton

Church Council Retreat will be held this Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the parish hall. Lunch and snacks will be provided. We will assess the needs of our congregation and set goals for the future.

A Disaster is Coming! Are we prepared? Whether it's responding to a disaster in our own community or pooling resources from our area to respond to a disaster, the need to collaborate efforts is essential. Please join others along with Pastor Ed Grant as we discuss how we can be collectively prepared when the next disaster strikes. **Sunday, February 23 – 6:00PM @ St. John's Lutheran.**

Hurricane Rebuilding A group from our area is heading to the Fayetteville area to help rebuild homes that were damaged nearly 2 years ago from Hurricane Florence. We're joining others from the Southeastern District to be the hands and feet of Christ. The date for the group servant event is **March 16-20**. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Eric Hollar at hollar76@yahoo.com or 828-244-7201.

Are you excited for the new Sound/Video system?

The Sound/Video committee is organizing project time lines and training. **Join our Crew!** We need more people to help run the system and we want to make sure you receive training for the new system. Please contact Kevin Sigmon 256-6672(h) or 320-1418(c) or call the church office to learn about this new technology.



The Dementia Caregivers Group will meet on Thursday, **February 27th at 2:00pm** in the Spirit Center. The speaker for this month will be Karen Pheonix with the Western Piedmont who will be presenting a program called "Visual 101". This program will explain the feelings dementia patients experience. Hope to see you there.

Blood Drive St. Peter's will host a Community Blood Drive, **Saturday, March 7th, 9:00am-2pm** in the Spirit Center. You can sign up with Vickie or Steve Miller at vmiller51@yahoo.com or Joan Bolick at jpbolick1@gmail.com. Please help us by donating!

A New Card Ministry This group will meet once a month to hand make and send cards to those in need of encouragement. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please see Audrey Hauss, 828-310-1524 or Brenda G. Hefner, 828-238-0532.

Miriam Circle's Project for February and March is collecting food items for the Backpack program. Can you help us make this great? We need canned meat, vegetables, fruit, pop tarts, viennas, granola bars, cheese crackers, soup, mac & cheese, ravioli. Please place items in box in back hallway. Thank you for supporting us!

Scrip Gift Cards Purchase your gift cards from the LWML. There are order forms in the back of the church if you would like to see what cards are available. See Sherry Kenworthy (828-310-4405)

Thrivent Members Please do not forget to call (1-800-thrivent) or go online (thrivent.com) to check about your Choice Dollars. You will need to do this **before March 31** to be able to collect your **2019** contributions.

Dear St. Peter's Family, We wish to give heartfelt thanks to everyone who offered up prayers to God for our family during the illness and death of our loved one. Your outpouring of love through prayer, the numerous get well and sympathy cards tell us that God is in the midst of this congregation. Special thanks to Pastor Eric for his support and delivery of a beautiful service, to Judy Eckard and John Thomas for



+ St. Peter's Youth (S.P.Y.) Corner +

At A Glance:

Sun. Mar. 1st: CLH Teen Week Forms DUE

Sun. Mar. 22nd: Youth Quake *Mandatory* Meeting

Fri. Mar. 27th-Sun. Mar. 29th: Youth Quake Conference

Youth Choir will not be meeting for a while. We will be regrouping for the future.

Youth Quake *Mandatory* Meeting

We are so excited to have 20 participants going to the youth conference in High Point on March 27-29th! In preparation, **ALL PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR PARENTS** are asked to come to a final information meeting **Sunday, March 22nd at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall**. We will have a short devotion, go over any final details, and settle up everyone's payments and paperwork.

Cub Scouts Pack 341 World's Finest Chocolate Sale

Cub Scouts Pack 341 is selling World's Finest Chocolate bars! They are \$1.00 each and a wide selection is available in the back hallway. This fundraiser will help with increased dues for the pack. Please leave your money in the envelope and know we thank you.

The Youth & Organizations Committee is looking for committee members! This group will get together once a month to discuss the many activities going on at St. Peter's and how we as a congregation can better support them. Anyone is welcome, but especially any interested members involved in organizations like Youth activities, Quilters, LWML, LLL, Golden Agers, Backpack Ministry, Boy/Girl Scouts, Stephen Ministries, Crocheters & Loomers, Autism and Dementia Support Groups, and Adult Basketball. If interested, please contact Erin Sigmon (828-244-1055) with weekday evenings that you are available.

CLH High School Servant Week

All youth *currently* in Grades 8-12 are eligible to participate in the Teen Servant Week at Camp Linn Haven this summer. The dates for this week are Sunday, July 19th-Saturday, July 25th. The counties surrounding the camp are some of the most impoverished in NC with

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Dodgeball Tournament St. John's Lutheran, Saturday, March 7 at 6pm in the gym. Create a teams of 6 with each player paying \$10. Each team must have 2 team members of the opposite sex. If you get eliminated , \$5 will get you back in. Invite your friends and family and bring a chair. Contact Denise Johnson @828-320-5370

Chicken Pie Dinner The LWML of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Hickory is hosting their annual Chicken Pie Dinner on **Saturday, February 22, 5-7pm.** Dinner includes – ¼ chicken pie, rice and gravy, cole slaw, green beans, dessert and drink. Adults \$10, Children (10 & under) \$5. Pay at the door, take-outs available.

Community Theatre Reminder for *'The Odd Couple'* show today, **February 16th at 3pm** in Newton at the Green Room. Please let Betty know if you need to carpool or meet at the Green Room. Betty will be at the church at 2:15pm at for anyone that wants to carpool. *'Sordid Lives'* at the Newton Performing Art Center on **Saturday, Mar. 28th** Call Betty for more information or to put your name on the list. Tickets will be ordered **Wednesday, Feb 19th.** Tickets are \$15. We will meet for dinner before the show.

Planning ahead *'On Golden Pond'* at the Green Room on **Sunday, Apr. 19** and *'Shakespeare in Love'* at the Hickory Community Theatre on **Sunday, Mar. 15th.** Betty will order tickets soon for both shows.

Coming this summer- a little road trip for a Sunday late lunch at the Depot in Dobson or a Saturday afternoon stroll on the streets of Mayberry. Come join the fun. Betty Goble 828-308-4251.

Trip to Lancaster, PA to see Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theatre. The dates are June 29 thru July 2, 2020. Christian tours motor coach, three nights accommodations and six meals for the price of per person double \$ 749, triple \$ 699, quad \$ 675 and single \$929. Want more information? Please contact Oz (320-5650) or Brenda (238-0532).

their musical contribution to the service, to Diane Gantt and others for the service bulletin, to the LWML for the altar flowers and wonderful meal following the service, to those who served as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers and to all who have given memorials. We all prayed for earthly healing but God had a different plan and granted our loved one his divine heavenly healing. Praise the Lord for his love and goodness. - The Floyd Gantt, Jr. Family

A Special Thank you goes to the mission team and all who helped clean up the downed trees and debris from my yard caused by storm damage. Special shout out goes to each of the following: Catherine Huffman, Wayne Huffman, Bob Watts, Charles Bumgarner, Craig Lackey, Peter Rothenberger, Nelson Gurganious, Alex Scott Fulbright, and Darrell Freeman. I appreciate your hard work. God bless you for your dedication to help others. ~Theresa Cook

Memorials The Dee Warren family have given to the LWML in memory of Linda Duncan. Louise Goble has given to the Quilters in memory of Linda Duncan. Doris Kaylor and Johnny Lytton, Mark & Pat Killian, Wayne & Donna Gantt, Lee Industries, David & Wendy White, Mark Hoover have given to the Quilters in memory of Jr. Gantt. Jim & Hazel Moser have given to the Quilters. Lynn & Connie Fox and Catherine Fox have given to the LWML in memory of Clyde Fox whose birthday would have been Feb. 16 and in memory of Jr. Gantt. Catherine Fox has given to the LWML in honor of Lynn & Connie Fox whose anniversary is Feb. 16. Craig & Donna Lackey have given to the Building Fund in memory of Clyde Fox's birthday and in honor of Lynn & Connie Fox's anniversary. Gracie Bolick has given to the Sound System Fund in memory of Jr. Gantt. Mike & Angie Martin have given to the Helping Hands fund in memory of Jr. Gantt. Margaret C. Laws & Glenda Thornburg have given to the Quilters in memory of Jr. Gantt, Linda Duncan and John Lail. Ruby Matthews has given to the Sound System fund in memory of Linda Duncan and Jr. Gantt. Barbara White has given to the Assisted Listening System in memory of Carl White.