

Sermon Notes

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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
6175 St. Peters Church Road
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First Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2020

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The Rev. Eric Hauss, Assistant Pastor
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As We Gather Today we celebrate the first Sunday in Lent. Let us welcome this season of reflection, sacrifice, and dedication. In so doing, we will receive the much-needed grace it offers and be made ready to celebrate the Resurrection. Today, let us enter into the

desert with and in Jesus, and overcome the devil through the strength He alone can give.

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 this morning are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Keith and Jeremy Sigmon.

Fellowship Fifteen! Please stop by the Spirit Center between the 8:15am service and Sunday School to enjoy some snacks, beverages and get to know your fellow worshipers.

Autism Worship Service “Great Big Jesus Party” Our first service for those on the autistic spectrum and their families will be held **this Thursday, March 5th at 7:05pm in the Spirit Center.** This service, designed for our special needs community, is open to all.

Lenten Worship will be held **tonight at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Pastor Eric will be leading us through a study of Isaiah 52:13-53:6, written 600 years before Calvary and vividly portrays the cross. Bring your Bible!!

A Lenten Meal will be served in the Spirit Center beginning at 5:30pm by the LLL.

Next Sunday - March 8 - Second Sunday in Lent “The Hope Diamond - John 3:16” Pastor Kevin Graudin
Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-9, Romans 4:1-8, John 3:1-17, Psalm 121.

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 III
	5:30 pm	Pre-service meal
	7:00 pm	Lenten 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.	9:00 am	Circuits 16-17 Pastors at St. Peter’s
	10:00 am	Miriam Circle / Parish Hall
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	Ruth Circle / Beth Lail
	7:00 pm	Naomi Circle / Christal Sigmon
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Adult basketball
Wed.	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Youth & Organization Meeting
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
	8:00 pm	BASIC Band practice
Thurs.	10:00 am	Small Group Bible Study – Multi Purpose
	6:00 pm	Autism Support Group - Spirit Center
	7:05 pm	Great Big Jesus Party <i>Autism Worship Service</i>
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	Blood Drive at St. Peter’s
Sun.	8:15 am	Contemporary Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Classes
	10:45 am	Traditional Worship Divine Service III
	5:00 pm	Church Council meeting
	5:30 pm	Pre-Service Meal
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service

Offerings

General Fund – \$9,473.00
Building Fund – \$583.00

MISSIONARIES

Peter and Lucy Hoffman
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TODAY'S SERVANTS

Greeters

8:15am – Sarah Freeman and Amy Rucker
10:45am—Steve & Christal Sigmon

Readers

8:15am – Kevin Gantt
10:45am –
Praying Elder - Kevin Gantt

Altar Guild

Audrey Hauss

Sound Crew

Kevin Sigmon

Attendance for February 23, 2020

8:15 am Service – 218
10:45 am Service – 71

Attendance for Ash Wednesday

12:00 noon—58
7:00 pm - 112

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship with Children's Talk

9:30 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:45 AM Divine Service, Setting III w/Children's Talk



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

- *Opening 2 yrs. – 3rd grade - Room #1 Judy Eckard
- *Babies – 2 yrs. old - Room #1 Kim Yancey
- *Preschool - Kindergarten - Room #1 Brenda Fulbright,
Maureen Price, Sherry Bumgarner
- *Preschool - Kindergarten
- *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
- * **“What the Bible says about the End Times”** Adult Ladies Class
2nd Floor Education Bldg - Beth Lail.
- * **“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

Small Group Bible Studies this Week

- * **“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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The Naomi Circle will meet this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the home of Christal Sigmon.

The Ruth Circle will meet this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the home of Beth Lail.

Miriam Circle will meet this Tuesday at 10:00am in the parish hall. We would love to have you ladies that don’t normally come to visit us. We do a topic each meeting, some business, and good fellowship.

Miriam Circle’s Project for March is collecting food items for the Backpack program. We need canned meat, vegetables, fruit, pop tarts, granola bars, cheese crackers, soup, mac & cheese, ravioli. Place items in box in back hallway.

The Youth & Organizations Committee will have its first meeting **Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall. Anyone involved with the various groups at St. Peter’s is welcome to join! Please contact Erin Sigmon (828-244-1055) for more information.

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!

Church Members In Need of Prayer Grady Deal, Holland Dellinger, Mickey Stuart, Lynn Starnes, Bobby Little, Marshall & Nancy Wray, Doris Lail, Selena Gurganious, Donald Killian, John Thomas, Steve Sigmon, Joyce McCray, Jerry Eckard, Jim Moser, Bob Bowman, Finley & Edna Eckard,



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.

Administration Chair:	Donna Sipe
Christian Education Chair:	Sandra Jenkins
Evangelism Chair:	Scott Medlin
Finance Chair:	Mike Pritchard
Program & Music Chair:	Kevin Sigmon
Missions Chair:	Catherine Huffman
Welfare Chair:	Doris Bolick
Youth & Organizations Chair:	Erin Sigmon
Service & Worship	Al Layne
Stewardship	Vacancy

Church Elders	Shepherd Groups (Last names)
Kevin Gantt	A-B
Craig Lackey	C-F
Scott Fulbright	G-H
Russ Darden	I-J
Ned Combs	M-P
Bob Watts (<i>Head Elder</i>)	Q-Sigmon
Robbie Killian	Sipe-Z

•**CLH Boosters Club Weekend--May 29-31, 2020:** Please prayerfully consider becoming a CLH Boosters Club member! Through prayer, service projects and financial donations, we help promote an environment for Christian growth and fellowship. Pick up a registration form from a bulletin station if you are interested in becoming a member and/or attending the weekend.

•**Senior Week at CLH:** If you're 55 or older, Senior Week at CLH is a great opportunity for you to have a change of scenery while growing in your faith and fellowship with others. Senior Week (**August 8th-14th**) costs \$205 and includes meals and lodging. Transportation can be arranged for anyone who wishes to go but does not want to travel alone. Camperships are available; please call Teirsa Lane (828)733-2135 with inquiries.

Contact Sarah Freeman (828)381-9061 with any questions you have about the 2020 summer season.

Hazel Bowman, Helen Queen and those who are homebound and those in nursing homes.

Friends Needing Prayer *Darrell Reiter, Penny Cranford, Erin Sipe, Nadia Yancey, Gary Killian, Harry Stanley, Bruce Keller, Kathy Wallace, Wally Reed, Priscilla Benton, Sharron Abernethy, Melodee Frye, Leo Purdue. STARTING (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 Sigmon stationed in Afghanistan), Saibyn Ruff (Husband of Katelynn Isenhour Ruff).*

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

Birthdays of Active Members Blanche Hefner, Denise Batdorf, Derrick Lail, Kelsey Broome, Howard McCray, Chris Watts, Kalissa Killian, Hayden Sigmon, Steve Miller, Danny Goforth

Sympathy St Peter's extends Christian sympathy to the family of Terry Hedrick, brother of Tammy Cloninger and Karen Watts and nephew of Betty Hedrick and Catherine Fox. May our Lord grant peace and comfort to all who mourn his passing.

Hurricane Rebuilding A group is heading to the Fayetteville area to help rebuild homes that were damaged nearly 2 years ago from Hurricane Florence. 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.

Excited about 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.

Cards for Christ 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.

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 direct your Choice Dollars to St. Peter's. 2019 Choice Dollars must be designated before **March 31**.

Memorials The Howard & Joyce McCray Family has given in to the Sound System in memory of our lost loved ones. Joan Bolick has given to the LWML mites in memory of Jr. Gantt. Patricia R. Sigmon, William & Mildred Roberts and Dallas & Linda Ross have given to the Quilters in memory of Jr. Gantt. Patricia R. Sigmon has given to the Sound System in memory of John Lail. Finley & Edna Eckard have given to the Sound System in memory of Jr. Gantt.

Thank you! I would like to give a special thank you to all who sent prayers to God on my behalf during my illness. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family and I appreciate you. Praises be to God for your love and goodness!
Deborah Rufty



Music Camp will be held this summer from **July 6—July 10**, with the performance on Friday night July 10. Campers should be rising 1st through 9th

(NEW) graders who love to sing and act. The theme is “Jailhouse Rock!” Watch the bulletin for more information and registration forms.

Lenten Pre-Service Meals served at 5:30pm in the Spirit Ctr.

March 1 - LLL - Something delicious

March 8 - Sanctuary Sunday School - Spaghetti

March 15 - St. Peter's Youth - Tacos/Nachos

Easter Egg Stuffing Party

ALL youth are invited to come help stuff Easter eggs on **Thursday, April 2nd from 5:30-7:00pm in the parish hall**. Dinner will be provided--let Sarah know if you can attend! The more eggs we help fill, the more we will have at the Eggstravaganza!

CANDY DONATIONS & Easter Eggstravaganza

This year's Easter Egg Hunt & Community celebration will occur on **Saturday, April 4th from 2:00-4:00pm in the Spirit Center**. We are asking for candy donations in the weeks leading up to the event. Please make sure these candies are nut-free for those that have allergies. A collection bin will be placed in the back hallway of the church. We need many volunteers to help with this event. If you can help set up, hide eggs, serve refreshments, or sit at the activity tables please let Sarah Freeman (828)-381-9061 or Brenda Fulbright (828)-256-7935 know.

School Supplies Donation Drive

Several of our young people have signed up to participate in the Teen Servant Week at Camp Linn Haven this summer. During this event, one of the organizations they will partner with is Avery County Schools. Avery County is one of the most impoverished in the state and over half the children and parents there cannot afford school supplies at the beginning of the school year. Please prayerfully consider donating school supplies that our youth can take with them as a part of this mission. A donation box/more information will be outside Sarah's office until July 19th.

CAMP LINN HAVEN NEWS

- **Summer Registration happening now:** full schedule as well as registration forms can be found at camplinnhaven.org OR through the church office. Spots are filling up quickly!
- **CLH Work Weekends:** Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning, repairing and landscaping the campus. Work weekends are every Saturday from April 18th to May 16th. Lunch is provided for workers Saturday afternoon.
- **4th Annual CLH Homecoming:** On **Saturday, May 30th from 10:00am-4:00pm**, come join the fun and fellowship with all those who've enjoyed this space over the years! Afternoon activities include a FREE picnic lunch, games, and devotional service.

Zumba instructors will teach at different times during this two-hour class. Suggested donation is \$10 which will go toward providing meals for the **Feed the Needy** program on the 4th Saturday of each month at Christ Lutheran in conjunction with the Hickory Soup Kitchen. Thanks to Thrivent for supporting this project!

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

At A Glance:

- Sun. Mar. 1st: CLH Teen Week Forms DUE
- Sun. Mar. 15th: Youth Sponsored Lenten Meal
- Sun. Mar. 22nd: Youth Quake *Mandatory* Meeting
- Fri. Mar. 27th-Sun. Mar. 29th: Youth Quake Conference
- Thurs. Apr. 2nd: Easter Egg Stuffing Party
- Sat. Apr. 4th: Easter Eggstravaganza

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 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.**

Youth Lenten Meal

The youth will provide a Taco/Nacho meal on Sunday, March 15th before the Lenten Service. Proceeds of this meal will help fund youth activities that arise throughout the year. **Youth & parents: please arrive at 4:30pm to help prepare and serve at 5:30pm and clean up after the meal.** All are encouraged to come help!

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.

March 22 - Mission Team - Baked Potato/ Salad
March 29 - Monday Night Study - Soup/Sandwich

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.
judy@eckard.com

2020 Offering Envelopes are located in the narthex.

+ Community Activities +

Concordia Installation Service With praise and gratitude to Almighty God Concordia Lutheran Church would like to invite you to the installation of Rev. Michael A. Geml as Senior Pastor on March 15th, 2020 at 3:00pm. A reception will be held following the service in the Family Life Center.

Dodgeball Tournament St. John's Lutheran, Saturday, March 7 at 6pm in the gym. Create a team of 6 with each player paying \$10. Each team must have 2 team members of the opposite sex. Contact Denise Johnson @828-320-5370

Community Theatre 'On Golden Pond' at the Green Room on **Sunday, Apr. 19** and Coming this summer- If you are interested in a little Saturday road trip to Mayberry and stroll the street with early dinner at the Depot or make a late Sunday lunch at the Depot. 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. A representative from Christian Tours to talk about our trip. The Meeting will be **Thursday, March 5th at Sapphire Hills at 6:30pm**. Any questions contact Oz @828-320-5650 or Brenda @828-238-0532

ZumbaThon! March 14 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church Family Life Center. Several area certified