

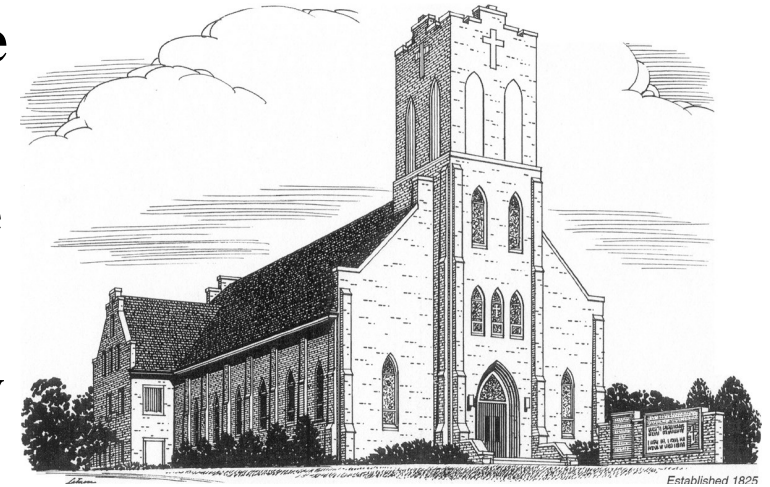
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The Sunday Spirit

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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
6175 St. Peters Church Road
Conover, NC 28613

Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020

The Rev. Kevin Graudin, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Eric Hauss, Assistant Pastor
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As We Gather In today's Gospel reading, an old and empty teacher of religious law has the courage to look for answers by coming to Jesus. He is told that even when a person is old, they can be born anew by water and the Spirit working through God's Word. If you are tired and empty, seek God with all of your heart and you will be found by Him!

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 by Shirley Dellinger in loving memory of her husband, Paul, whose birthday is March 13th.

Last Sunday's Flowers were placed by Cheryl Sigmon in loving memory of her husband Keith Sigmon who passed away last year on March 4 and Jeremy Sigmon who passed away March 24, 2008.

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

Lenten Worship will be held **tonight at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Pastor Eric will be leading us through a study of Isaiah 53:7-12. Bring your Bible!!

A Lenten Meal (Spaghetti) will be served in the Spirit Center beginning at **5:30pm** by the Sanctuary Sunday School.

Next Sunday -March 15 Third Sunday in Lent Pastor Eric Hauss
Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-8, John 4:5-26, Ps 95

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:45 AM Divine Service, Setting III w/Holy Communion

4:30 PM Mobile Homebound/Workers Communion Service

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
	5:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
	5:30 pm	Pre-service Lenten Meal
Mon.	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
		Pastor Eric's Day Off
	8:30 am	Quilters
	6:15 pm	Girl Scouts
	6:15 pm	Stephen Ministry
Tues.	7:00 pm	Small Group Bible Study – Multi Purpose
	10:00 am	Golden Agers - Parish Hall
	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
	8:00 pm	BASIC Band practice
Thurs.	10:00 am	Small Group Bible Study – Multi Purpose
	10:00am	Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Fri.		Pastor Kevin's Day Off
	10:00 am	Small Group Bible Study
Sat.	7:30 am	Men's Bible Class – Multi Purpose Room
Sun.	8:15 am	Contemporary Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School & Bible Classes
	10:45 am	Traditional Worship Divine Service III with Communion
	4:30 pm	Mobile Homebound/Workers Communion
	5:30 pm	Pre-Service Lenten Meal
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service

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TODAY'S SERVANTS

Greeters

8:15am – Vickie Miller & Tina Watts
10:45am—Eddie & Robin Little

Readers

8:15am – Bob Watts
10:45am – Russ Darden

Altar Guild

Audrey Hauss

Sound Crew

Steve & Patty Sigmon

Attendance for March 1, 2020

8:15 am Service – 200
10:45 am Service – 74
7:00 Lenten Service - 85

Offering on March 1, 2020

General Fund – \$13,418.00
Building Fund – \$1,715.00



Today is Girl Scout Sunday Troop 1991 would like to thank God for all His blessings on this troop. We would like to thank all of the members of St. Peter's for their support of our troop and thank the parents for entrusting their daughters to me to teach them valuable life lessons. Thank you and God Bless you all. -Malla Killian

Girl Scout Promise: *On my honor I will try, to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout law.*

Good Friday Joint Worship Service with Bethel Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church will be held at St. John's on **April 10th at 7:00 pm.** St. John's is located at 2126 St. Johns Church Road NE, Conover, NC.



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Sunday School - Today 9:30-10:30 am

2nd floor education building

Opening—Room #1 Judy Eckard

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

Sunday Morning Adult Classes Today 9:30 am

- * **“The Book of Isaiah”** Sanctuary Study Group Front right section sanctuary - Pastor Eric
- * **“Book of Philippians”** 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.

+ Serve +

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.

Church Members In Need of Prayer Mary Ann Winebarger, Donna Sipe, Grady Deal, Carol Starnes, Holland Dellinger, Mickey Stewart, Lynn Starnes, Bobby Little, Nancy Wray, Doris Lail, Selena Gurganious, Donald Killian, Steve Sigmon, Joyce McCray, Jerry Eckard, Jim Moser, Bob Bowman, Finley & Edna Eckard, Hazel Bowman, Helen Queen and those who are homebound and those in nursing homes.



Friends Needing Prayer *Eric Eckard, Jimmy Christenbury, 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).*



BIBLE STUDY

2020 CHURCH OFFICERS

President: Mark Gantt
 Secretary: Pat Couch
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 Financial Secretary: John Jones
 Asst Financial Secretary: Anniisa 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
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 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

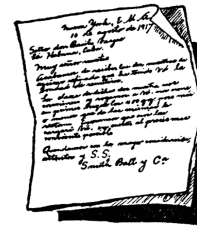
- **Senior Week at CLH:** If you're 55 or older, Senior Week at CLH is a great opportunity for you to have a change of scenery while growing in your faith and fellowship with others. Senior Week **(August 8th-14th)** costs \$205 and includes meals and lodging. Transportation can be arranged for anyone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

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

Birth Announcements Larry & Ruth Hefner announce the birth of a great-grandson, Wyatt Hardie Plemmons, born to Katie & Cody Plemmons on March 1st at Catawba Valley Medical Center.

Birthdays of Active Members Kathleen Houston, Patricia Isenhour, Mark Propst, Kaitlyn Webb, Doris Bolick, Jimmy Goble, Debbie Thomas, Michael Martin, Rodney Price, Janet Van Horne, Mary Ruth Hefner, Deanna Butcher

Wedding Anniversaries Ray & Brenda Dellinger, Alex Scott & Rosa Fulbright, Tony & Donna Sigmon.



Letter from Our Missionaries It is with much joy and thankfulness that we write this. What a blessing you have been with your prayers and support of God's mission in the Czech Republic. The hours of labor have been long with many challenges but very rewarding. We now have a Czech Pastor who is coming to Olomouc to

continue working with our Student Group and eventually with our Senior Club. Our time of service is ending on March 15th and we will miss our Czech friends. Part of our hearts will always be here and so encouraged that God is truly at work here. Please continue to pray that the Gospel seeds planted here will bear much fruit and spread. Thank you, our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ, for your obedience and sacrifice for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Blessings and Peace, Peter & Lucy Hoffman.

Memorials were given in memory of Linda Duncan's 68th birthday on March 8 to the LWML and in honor of Jimmy Goble's 60th birthday on March 10th to St. Peter's by their brother and sister-in law, Paul & Brenda Goble.

Hurricane Rebuilding A group is heading to the Fayetteville area, March 16-20, to help rebuild homes that were damaged by Hurricane Florence. Please contact Pastor Eric Hollar at hollar76@yahoo.com or 828-244-7201.

Attention!!! The floor in the Spirit Center is scheduled to be repaired on Thursday, March 12. We need to be off the floor for several days following the repair. Please be sure not to schedule any events for the following weekend.

The Golden Agers will meet Tuesday at **10:00am** in the Parish Hall. We will have short devotions, a topic and go out to eat lunch.

New Sound/Video System Crew Forming 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. 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**.

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.



Thank You We would like to express a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the ladies of the LWML who prepared and provided both breakfast and lunch to the monthly Pastor's Bi-Circuit Winkel meeting,

hosted by St. Peter's this past Tuesday. This was one of the most highly attended meetings we have had in a long time, and our ladies made the other pastors who attended feel right at home. Thank you for your service and dedication to the ministries here at St. Peter's and for God's kingdom throughout. In front of the other pastors, you made us look good! HA HA! With Christian love, Pastor Eric & Pastor Kevin.

2020 Offering Envelopes are located in the narthex.

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 in the back hallway of the church until July 19th.

CAMP LINN HAVEN NEWS

CLH Golf Tournament: The CLH Boosters Club is hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 2nd at Ole Still Golf Club in Hickory, NC. Funds raised through this tournament will go towards building a new bridge at camp. Cost to participate is \$75/person or \$280 for a 4-player team. Registration & food will begin at 11:30am with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. Please contact Sarah Freeman (828)-381-9061 if interested.

• **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.

• **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.

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

At A Glance:

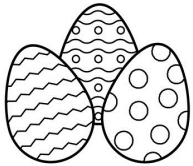
- Sun. Mar. 15th: Youth Sponsored Lenten Meal
- Sun. Mar. 22nd: Youth Quake *Mandatory* Meetin
- Fri. Mar. 27th-Sun. Mar. 29th: Youth Quake Conference
- Fri. Apr. 3rd: Easter Egg Stuffing Party
- Sat. Apr. 4th: Easter Eggstravaganza

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.



Easter Egg Stuffing Party

ALL youth are invited to come help stuff Easter eggs on **Friday, April 3rd from 5:00-8:00pm in the Spirit Center.** 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.

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

+ 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. Concordia Lutheran Church is located at 216 5th Avenue SE, Conover, NC.

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.

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

