

Sermon Notes

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

Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020

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As We Gather She was just trying to get by, as we all do. She had made her share of mistakes in life, and was living with them. Keeping a low profile. Hiding her shame. Gently, slowly, Jesus guided her to the place she actually ran to tell the very people she'd been trying to avoid that she had found the Messiah. Jesus draws us out too, makes us whole and fills us with bubbling joy.

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

Altar Flowers this morning are placed to the glory of God by Joan Bolick in honor of her father, Robert Propst's 85th birthday and in memory of her mother, Margie Propst who passed away 5 years ago.

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

Mobile Homebound and Worker Service is this afternoon, **4:30 pm**, in the sanctuary. Holy Communion will be celebrated.



Lenten Worship will be held **tonight at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Pastor Kevin will be leading us through a study of Psalm 22. Bring your Bible!!

A Lenten Meal (Taco & Nachos) will be served in the Spirit Center beginning at **5:30 pm** by the youth.

Next Sunday March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent "A Blind Man Encounters the Light of the World - Christ" John 4
Scriptures: Isaiah 42:14-21; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-39; Psalm 142

- 8:15 AM** Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 AM** Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
- 10:45 AM** Divine Service, Setting III

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| Today | 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 |
| 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 |
| | 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 |
| Sun. | 8:15 am | Contemporary Worship |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday School & Bible Classes |
| | 10:45 am | Traditional Worship Divine Service III |
| | 4:00 pm | Youth Quake Meeting |
| | 5:30 pm | Pre-Service Lenten Meal |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Service |

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TODAY'S SERVANTS

Greeters

8:15am – Al & Alice Layne
10:45am—Joy Eckard & Gaye Marlowe

Readers

8:15am –
10:45am – Alex Scott Fulbright

Altar Guild

Audrey Hauss

Sound Crew

Jason Fulbright & John Jones

Attendance for March 8, 2020

8:15 am Service – 163
10:45 am Service – 82
7:00 Lenten Service - 97
Sunday School Attendance: 103

Offering on March 8, 2020

General Fund – \$8,162.00
Building Fund – \$555.00
Lenten Service - \$900.00

Pastoral Installation Service Concordia Lutheran Church invites you to the installation of Rev. Michael A. Geml as Senior Pastor this afternoon at **3:00 pm**. Concordia Lutheran Church is located at 216 5th Avenue SE, Conover, NC.

Good Friday Joint Worship Service April 10th at 7:00 pm.

Because over 500 people attended this service last year, it will again be held at St. John's which 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 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 - Room #1 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
- * **“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.
- * **“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.
 This class will begin a study of "Believe" by Randy Frazee around April 16th. For more information contact Tonya Darden at 828-850-2260 or Christal Sigmon at 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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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 Mike Pritchard, Johnny Reitzel, Mary Ann Winebarger, Grady Deal, Carol Starnes, Holland Dellinger, Mickey Stewart, Lynn Starnes, Bobby Little, Nancy Wray, 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 *Jannette Rector, Eric Eckard, Jimmy Christenbury, Erin Sipe, Teddy Brown. STARTING (03-16-2020), 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), Captain William Thornburg (Son of Glenda Thornburg) stationed at Jacksonville, NC.*

Prayer for Pregnant Moms and Babies Kyle & Kara Davis (due July 2020). Charlie and Lauren Reinhardt (due May 2020).

2020 CHURCH OFFICERS

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

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 Youth & Organizations Chair: Erin Sigmon
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 Stewardship: Vacancy

| Church Elders | Shepherd Groups (Last names) |
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| 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 |

MISSIONARIES

Peter and Lucy Hoffman
 Olomouc, Czech Republic

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.



Easter Lilies The LWML is sponsoring the placing of Easter Lilies in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The cost of each lily is \$10.00. If you would like to order, fill out the form below and give it along with payment to Jeannette in the church office.

Deadline March 30th.

No. ordered _____ Amount due _____

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____



Birth Announcement Mark & Barbara Propst announce the birth of their granddaughter, Evalyn Blake Propst, born to Logan & Cassie Propst on March 6. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Birthdays of Active Members Theresa Cook, Eric Starnes, Kim Gantt, Sherry Kenworthy, Dalton Chapman, Patty Sigmon, Erin Allen, Jaylen Winebarger, Edith Sain.

Wedding Anniversaries Nelson & Selena Gurganious, Eric & Audrey Hauss.

Thank You We had a successful blood drive last Saturday. We collected 24 pints of blood. If you participated with this event we sincerely thank you.

Thank You Darrell and I would like to thank our congregational family for the prayers, phone calls and the cards he received during his stay in the hospital and after he came home. Darrell & Eunice Reiter

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.

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.

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!” Registration forms are in the mail basket in front of Judy’s office.

2020 Offering Envelopes are located in the narthex.

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 +

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. If you have questions, or want to go, contact Brenda Hefner.

St. Peter’s Youth (S.P.Y.) Corner

At A Glance:

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

St. Peter’s Kids Kamp will be held June 22-26, 2020. This camp is for rising 2nd-7th graders. Activities during each day include breakfast, devotions, crafts, service projects, games, lunch and an

afternoon activity off campus. Please put the dates on your calendars, registration forms with more details will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Youth Shout Out

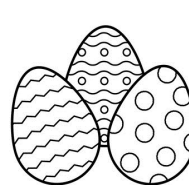
We are very proud of Emma Spencer, Lyla Killian, and Keilee Cox for participating in the Little Miss Bunker Hill pageant last weekend! Congratulations to these young ladies for their hard work and accomplishments!

Youth Lenten Meal

The youth will provide a Taco/Nacho meal TODAY 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. 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.