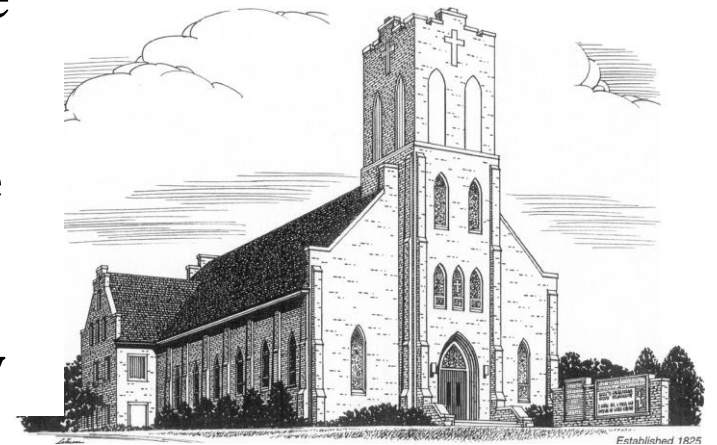


# The Sunday Spirit

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

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 14, 2018**

**The Rev. Kevin Graudin, Pastor**  
**Mr. Eric Hauss, Certified Lay Minister**  
**Miss Sarah Freeman, Youth Minister**  
**Mrs. Judy Eckard, Music Director**  
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**Preparation for Worship** To begin this week of prayer for Christian unity, it's fitting to pray as Jesus did, that his followers "may become completely one" (John 17:23, NRSV).

**Welcome** Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

**A Nursery Room is available** on the second floor of this building, 4th room on the left.

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**  
"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father – and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith

**Next Sunday – Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

Scriptures: Psalm 65:5; 146:5-9, Jeremiah 29:4-14, 1 Peter 3:15-22, Mark 4:1-9, 26-32

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 AM Divine Service Setting III with Holy Communion

4:30 PM Mobile Homebound Communion Service

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**Children's Sunday School Today 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.**

\*Babies - Room #1 annex Pam Medlin

\*Preschool - Room #1 Brenda Fulbright

\*Kindergarten – Third Grade - Room #9 Terry Sigmon

\*Fourth – Sixth Grade - Room #8 Josh McArthur

\*Seventh – Eighth Grade - Room #4 Jan Sigmon

\*Ninth – Twelfth Grade - Room #7 Staci Bumgarner  
Sarah Freeman

**Five Adult Sunday Classes Today 9:30 – 10:30 AM**

- \*Sanctuary Study Sanctuary - Eric Hauss  
“The Book of Revelation
- \* Women’s Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Education Bldg - Beth Lail  
“Christmas, A Gift for Every Heart”, by Dr. Charles Stanley
- \* Younger Adult Class 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Educ Bldg, - K Gantt /K Gantt  
“The Circle Maker” by Mark Batterson .
- \*Sigmon’s Adult Class 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Educ Bldg – Steve Sigmon  
“Break Away” by Andy Stanley
- \*Younger Men’s Bible Study All Purpose Room near church  
Offices. - “Measure of a Man”

**The Circle Maker Bible Study** Join Kevin Gantt & Kim Gantt’s Sunday school class today as they study “The Circle Maker” by Mark Batterson. This class is located in the church library, second floor in the education building.

**Weekday Adult Small Group Bible Studies**

- \*Monday Evening Small Group 7:00 pm at Alan and Kim Yancey’s (1436 Wedge Wood Drive, Conover, 612-0856)
- \*Monday Evening Small Group 7:00 pm at Kevin and Teresa Graudin’s (2515 27<sup>th</sup> Ave Cir. NE, Hickory, 578-4682)
- \*Thursday Morning Small Group 10:00 am in multi purpose room. Pastor Kevin facilitating 828-578-4682.
- \* Thursday Evening Small Group 6:30 pm at Steve/Christal Sigmon’s (1435 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Court NE, Conover, 828-850-2260)
- \* Friday Morning Small Group 10:00 am at church Multi-purpose room (256-2970)

**Thursday Night Small Bible Study Group** began a new study entitled 'Crossing the Waters' Thursday Jan 4th. Consider joining us for this journey through the life of Christ as an Alaska fisherwoman leads us across the waters of time and culture out onto the Sea of Galilee through a rugged season of commercial

fishing in Alaska with her family and through the waters of the New Testament beside the fisherman disciples. Contact Tonya Darden 850-2260 if interested.

**NC Lutherans for Life Seminar** will be held at St. Johns Lutheran Church on January 28 from 3:00pm-4:30pm. Speaker for the seminar will be the Rev. Michael Salemink, National Executive Director of Lutheran for Life. The topic will be “Going Gracefully—Accompanied Suffering Instead of Assisted Suicide”. Refreshments will be served following the seminar.

### + **Serve**

**Stephen Ministry** Pastor Kevin, Larry Landers and Pam Medlin returned yesterday from training as Stephen Leaders and are excited about this ministry new to our church! Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry trains God’s people to “bear one another’s burdens and in this way fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2) In the next few months, Larry, Pam and Pastor Kevin will be helping us to understand the work of Stephen ministers and how each of us can play an important part.

**Church Council Meeting** for January 2018 will be held tonight Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM in the parish hall. All newly elected and returning council members and elders are needed.

**Elders To Be Nominated** There are four positions on the Board of Elders that have yet to be filled. They are Elder of Stewardship, Public Relations, Family Life and Expansion. We have received two nominations: Larry Eckard for Elder of Public Relations and Michael Pritchard for Elder of Stewardship. These nominees will be elected at the January 28<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting. Please submit your nomination to President John Thomas, 828-612-8999.

**Prayer Chain** If you have a prayer need of any kind, please call or email the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Judy Eckard ([judy@eckard.com](mailto:judy@eckard.com), 828-455-1246) and she will place your request on St. Peter's phone and email prayer chain.

**Pray for and Visit the Sick** Members: Marshall Wray, Nelson Gurganious, Solomon Queen (Abernethy- Laurels), Floy Starnes (Trinity Village), Debbie Milstead, Mikeal Early, Joe Little, Pat L. Sigmon (Trinity Village), John Sigmon, Mary Ann Winebarger, Helen Queen (Abernethy-Laurels), Hazel Bowman, Sheliah Auton (Brian Center, Tate Blvd.) and all homebound members. Rev. Donnie Hofman, Gilda Huffman, Shirley Sigmon, Erin Sipe and all who are confined to their homes or nursing homes because of ill health and those who are in crisis situations.

**Birthdays** Brian Caldwell, Sharon Hefner, Crystal Starnes, Michael Pritchard, Grace Pruitt, Alice Cazire

**Anniversaries** Harry & Brenda Fulbright, John & Debbie Thomas

**Memorials** Michael Anderson, The Del Starnes Family and Alberta Winebarger have given in memory of Betty Hawn... Jim & Hazel Moser have given to the Backpack Fund in memory of Joyce Hefner, Bud Winebarger and Betty Hawn... Oz & Brenda Hefner have given to the Mission Team in memory of Richard Hefner and Betty Hawn.

“Audrey and I would just like to express a most humble **THANK YOU** for the gifts, cards, letters, words of encouragement and prayers shown us during the Christmas Season and into the New Year. We thank you for the love and support you, our church family has shown and we want you to know how much we greatly appreciate it. There were so many thoughtful and kind gestures. It is such a privilege and honor to be a part of this congregation. To God be the Glory....”

**Thank You** to the LWML, Quilters and Miriam Circle for the Christmas gifts. It was very thoughtful of you to remember me as I am still recovering from surgery and facing another surgery in the future. Mary Ann Winebarger

**2017 Offering Statements are ready to be picked up.** They can be found in the back hallway of the church near the office area.

**2018 Offering Envelopes If you have not picked yours up they** are ready and can be picked up in the back hallway of the church. At the end of the year, please discard your 2017 envelopes.

**Thrivent Members** should not forget to call Thrivent or go online to designate where to send your Choice Dollars. Any questions, or if you need help doing this, call Judy Eckard, 455-1246.

**Miriam Circle Mission Project:** We are collecting large gallon cans of food for the Hickory Soup Kitchen and the Corner Table. We will be collecting these through the end of March. We invite you to help us make this a success. Just leave the cans in the back hallway. Questions, call Dixie Ingram @310-3312. Items needed are: tomato sauce, tomato paste, green beans, fruit, baked beans, corn, lima beans, pudding and yams.

**Scrip Gift Cards** Get your Scrip gift cards from Sherry Kenworthy or Jeannette Gantt today.

**February 4 is Super Bowl Sunday** and it's also Soup Bowl Sunday. It will be held in the Spirit Center and we will begin eating at 12:15. There will be a \$25.00 first prize for the voted best soup. We will also have a cake auction. Please come and share your best soup and make to sell or buy a wonderful cake. Drinks, desserts and utensils will be provided by the Mission Team. If you have questions, call Catherine Huffman @381-5880.

## St. Peters Youth (S.P.Y.) Corner

### Young Adult Mission Trip Summer 2018: Bringing Hope to the High Country

Who: rising 9th graders through college-aged youth (*plus any interested adult leaders!*)

When: July 22-28, 2018

Where: Camp Linn Haven; Linville, NC

Why go?: Youth servants will share the Hope of Christ through various ministries including working with Habitat for Humanity, providing maintenance work at The Crossnore School and children's home, cleaning and painting in area schools that cannot afford basic maintenance, and providing care through local Hospice.

**\*\*An interest meeting will be held Sunday, January 28th at 3pm in the multi-purpose room. Please contact Sarah Freeman (828-381-9061) for further information.**

### Camp Linn Haven Summer Registration begins now!

With summer being right around the corner, it is never too early to plan your or your child's week at CLH. Spots are on a first come, first serve basis and fill up quickly. The full schedule as well as registration forms can be found at [camplinnhaven.org](http://camplinnhaven.org) OR through the church office. Contact Sarah Freeman with any questions.

### Youth Super Bowl Viewing Party

Who: Jr. and Sr. Youth (grades 6-12)

When: Sunday, February 4th @ 6:15pm

Where: Kevin & Erin Sigmon's Home

Contact Sarah Freeman (828-381-9061) or Erin Sigmon (828-244-1055) with any questions. Snacks will be provided!

### Interested in helping with the Youth?

What a blessing it is to help our young members grow in their faith and community with one another! Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with the youth. This could include: being an event chaperone, driving a van during outings, donating baked goods for gatherings, etc. Contact Sarah Freeman (828-381-9061) if you'd like to be placed on a volunteer contact list.

## ELDER SHEPHERD GROUPS

_____ (Expansion)	Abbott – Steve Bolton
Bob Watts (Christian Ed)	Bost – Cazire
Russ Darden (Administration)	Chapman – Duncan
Jimmy Goble (Service/Worship)	Earls – Fulbright
_____ (Family Life)	Gantt – Hefner
Barry Matthews (Welfare)	Helton – Kenworthy
Brian Caldwell (Youth)	Killian – Lewis
Wayne Huffman (Evangelism)	Little – Miller
_____ (Public Relations)	Mills – Rector
David Sigmon (Finance)	Reese – D. Sigmon
Bobby Gantt (Program/Music)	E. Sigmon – W. Sigmon
Terry Bolick (Synod Affairs)	Sipe – Thompson
_____ (Stewardship)	Thornburg – Yancey

## SERVING THE CONGREGATION

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**Acolytes** – 8:15, Kaylyn Hall 10:45, Kaylyn Hall

**Sound Crew** – Bobby Gantt

**Altar Guild** – Debbie Adams



<b>Offerings</b>		<b>Attendance</b>	
General Fund	\$9,648.83	<b>Worship Services</b>	<b>17</b>
Budget required weekly	\$9,320.13	8:15 Service	202
Needed to meet budget	\$9,320.12	10:45 Service	63
Offerings to date	\$9,648.83	Total	265
Building Fund	\$946.00	<b>Sunday School</b>	
Budget required weekly	\$865.38	Youth	19
Needed to meet budget	\$865.38	Adults	77
Offerings to date	\$,946.00	Total	96
Spirit Fund	\$204.00		
Offerings to date	\$204.00		
Spirit Checking Balance	\$608.03		
Spirit Fund Mortgage	\$26,000.00		

### **ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Today	8:15am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:30am	Sunday School & Bible Classes
	10:45am	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00pm	Church Council
Mon.	8:30am	Quilters
Tue.	6:30pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00pm	Adult Basketball
Wed.	7:00pm	Confirmation Classes
	7:15pm	Crocheting & Knitting
	7:30pm	Adult Choir
	8:30pm	BASIC Band
Thurs.	10:00am	Bible Study / Multipurpose Room
	7:00pm	Elders Meet
Fri.	10:00am	Bible Study / Multipurpose Room
		Pastor Kevin's Day Off
Sun.	8:15am	Contemporary Worship Service
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