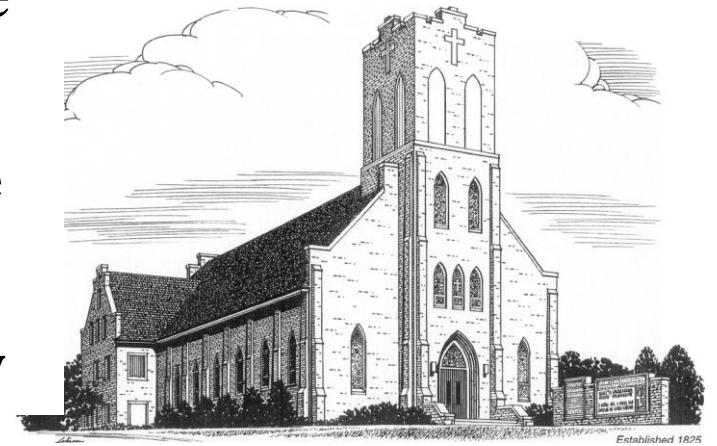


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**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
6175 St. Peters Church Road
Conover, NC 28613**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sanctity of Life Sunday
January 21, 2018**

**The Rev. Kevin Graudin, Pastor
Mr. Eric Hauss, Certified Lay Minister
Miss Sarah Freeman, Youth Minister
Mrs. Judy Eckard, Music Director
Mrs. Jeannette Gantt, Secretary**

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Preparation for Worship Mold us today, Lord, as we worship with your beloved community. Make us ready to praise and serve you with passion and vigor. Amen

Welcome This is the house of the Lord, and all are welcome to enter and praise our loving Creator. May God's love fill you with kindness, mercy and joy.

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

Life Sunday On January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court handed down its landmark decision in the case of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion at any time during a pregnancy in all 50 states. Since that day, nearly 60 million abortions have been performed in the US. Today we acknowledge God as the author of human life and affirm the sanctity of human life. Lutherans for Life is an extension of our church body that equips Lutherans to be Gospel motivate voices for life. Their website www.lutheransforlife.org.

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.

Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1: 21-28; and Psalm 111.

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Congregational Voters' Meeting
10:45 AM Divine Service Setting III

Altar flowers this morning are given by John & Debbie Thomas. to the glory of God in thankfulness for another year of marriage as we celebrated our wedding anniversary on January 19th.

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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

Isabella Alfaro was a visitor last Sunday.

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

- *Sanctuary Study Sanctuary - Eric Hauss
“The Book of Revelation
- * Women's Group 2nd Floor Education Bldg - Beth Lail
“Christmas, A Gift for Every Heart”, by Dr. Charles Stanley
- * Younger Adult Class 2nd Floor Educ Bldg, - K Gantt /K Gantt
“The Circle Maker” by Mark Batterson .
- *Sigmon's Adult Class 2nd Floor Educ Bldg – Steve Sigmon
“Study on 1st Peter.”
- *Younger Men's Bible Study All Purpose Room near church
Offices. - “Measure of a Man”

Have you ever wondered: What were the key teachings of Apostle Peter in his recorded sermons to the early church? Why would Apostle Peter, known as the apostle to the Jews, write a letter to the gentiles in Asia Minor? What caused the Romans to become intolerant of Christians and persecute them as outlaws? How did it happen that Apostle Peter, a Galilean fisherman, wrote a letter in beautifully worded and constructed Greek? You are invited to join Steve Sigmon's class and learn the answers to these questions, and more, as we began a study of 1 Peter.

Weekday Adult Small Group Bible Studies

- *Monday Evening Small Group 7:00 pm at various homes.
Facilitated by Kim Yancey, 612-0856
- *Monday Evening Small Group 7:00 pm at Kevin and Teresa
Graudin's (2515 27th Ave Cir. NE, Hictory, 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 32nd St. Court NE, Conover, 828-850-2260)
- * Thursday Night Small Group Tonya Dardens 828-850-2260
"Crossing the Waters"
- * Friday Morning Small Group 10:00 am at church Multi-purpose
room (256-2970)

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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 28th 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, 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: Edith Sain (Trinity Village), John Sigmon, Marshall Wray, Nelson Gurganious, Floy Starnes (Trinity Village), Debbie Milstead, Mikeal Early, Joe Little, Pat L. Sigmon (Trinity Village), Mary Ann Winebarger, Solomon & 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.

Death St. Peter's mourns along with the family of Pastor Dave who was called to be with Jesus on Thursday afternoon. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 27th. Time is still to be determined.

Birthdays Mary Sigmon, Steve Bolton, Christian Sigmon, Johnny Lytton, Jr. Gantt, Billy Houston, Landon Griffin, Terry Bolick, Emily Earls, Richard Sigmon, Mark Killian, Gavin Griffin, Ashlynn Isenhour, Louise Eckard, Troy Adams

Anniversary Barry & Carolyn Matthews

Soup Bowl Sunday - February 4, 2018 12:15pm On Super Bowl Sunday, St. Peter's will enjoy Soup Bowl Sunday. Bring your best soup and/or a cake to share or simply come to eat. Donations will support the Mission Team. There will be a \$25.00 first prize for the voted best soup. We will also have a cake auction. The meal will be held in the Spirit Center beginning at 12:15 pm. Drinks, desserts and utensils will be provided by the Mission Team. If you have questions, call Catherine Huffman @ 828-381-5880.

Memorials Larry & Debbie Adams have given to the Mission Fund in memory of Richard Hefner.

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.

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

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.

Spirit Center's New Vacuum Cleaner – The LWML has purchased a small commercial vacuum cleaner with funds from the Scrip Card account. The vacuum is stored in the unlocked supply room of the Spirit Center where the washer and dryer are located. It is our hope that groups using the Spirit Center will take the time to clean the floors faster and more efficiently with the vacuum cleaner. Doing so will ensure that the floors are in good shape for the next event. Thank you for helping keep the Spirit Center a cleaner facility.

You Did It Again! – Once again you have helped the LWML raise a record amount of Mites for the year 2017! Through the contributions of the Circles, the church members, and the LWML, \$2,647.76 was collected during the past year. This money will be used for the Carolinas District LWML projects as well as the International LWML ones. Thank you for your support of this effort. Please continue to collect coins as well as dollars and place the money in the big mite boxes at the entrances to the church. Together we can do Mitey deeds for our Lord!

A Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 28th during the Sunday School hour. Copies of the agenda and financial report can be picked up at the bulletin stations.

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 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

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

Sound Crew – Steve L. & Patty Sigmon

Altar Guild – Debbie Adams

Offerings		Attendance	
General Fund	\$8,508.72	Worship Services	1/14
Budget required weekly	\$9,320.13	8:15 Service	217
Needed to meet budget	\$18,640.26	10:45 Service	76
Offerings to date	\$18,157.55	Total	293
Building Fund Deficit	\$482.71		
Sunday School	\$202.00		
Building Fund	\$805.00		
Budget required weekly	\$865.38	Sunday School	
Needed to meet budget	\$1,730.76	Youth	17
Offerings to date	\$1,751.00	Adults	89
Spirit Fund	\$430.00	Total	106
Offerings to date	\$634.00		
Spirit Checking Balance	\$1,038.03		
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 / Communion
	4:30pm	Mobile Homebound Communion Service
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 & Looming
	7:30pm	Adult Choir
	8:30pm	BASIC Band
Thurs.	10:00am	Bible Study / Multipurpose Room
	7:00pm	Elders Meeting
Fri.	10:00am	Bible Study / Multipurpose Room
		Pastor Kevin's Day Off
Sun.	8:15am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Voter's Meeting
	10:45am	Traditional Worship Service / Holy Communion

Go in Peace!
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