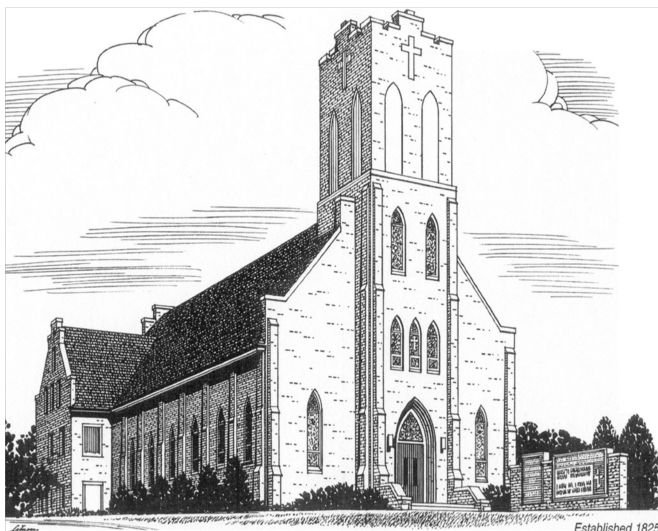


# The Sunday Spirit

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## **ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**6175 St. Peter's Church Road**

**Conover, North Carolina**

**May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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**As We Gather**....we see that a lot is made from the word “love”. To most of us, we associate it with feelings and emotions. It is hailed as essential in relationships. Movies portray it, singers sing about it, artists paint portraits of it, and books explain how to keep it. In John 15, we read and hear Jesus giving a powerful small sermon on what it means to remain in God’s love. Jesus moves the discussion away from feelings and emotions, and moves them to actions and sacrifice. Verse 12 emphasizes the importance of love as a central teaching of Jesus Christ. He instructs his followers to love one another in the same way that he has loved them, which is characterized by selflessness, compassion, and sacrifice. This verse underscores the significance of love in Christian faith and encourages believers to emulate Jesus' love in their relationships with others.

## Share +

**Welcome to St. Peter’s!** We welcome our **guests** and ask you to fill out the “Welcome Guest” card in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate and take home a “welcome” bag from our table out front. We invite members and friends to fill in the red attendance pew pads. We are so glad you came!

## Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM Services



Since our church feels a Biblically founded stewardship regarding the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you prayerfully consider these truths. **Baptized Christians** who have been instructed in the Lord’s Supper and share the faith in Christ we proclaim are welcome to receive the Lord’s Supper.

+ *I know that I am a sinner in thought, word and deed and from my heart I repent (turn from) all my sins against God and other people, intending to change and correct my sinful*

*life.*

- + *I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin through His death and resurrection for me.*
- + *I believe that the Risen Christ is present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine (fruit of the vine), I receive His true Body and Blood. I believe that these gifts are “given and shed for me for the forgiveness of my sins.”*

-Pastors Eric and the Board of Elders

**Need Prayer?** Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following communion today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

**Today's radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God by the Wednesday Night Couples Bible Study

**Next Sunday - May 12, 2024 - Proclaimer: Pastor Eric Hauss**  
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53; Psalm 47

**Children's Bulletins** are available in the narthex and by both side entrance doors.

## + Grow +

### Children & Youth Sunday School Classes Today

9:30 – 10:30 AM



\***Preschool-Kindergarten** - Room #2 Education Bldg -  
Brenda Fulbright & Emily Schwandt

\***1st - 3rd Grades** - Room #9 Education Bldg - Terry Sigmon

\***4th - 6th Grades** - Room #8 Education Bldg - Ashton Sigmon

\***Middle & High Schoolers** - Room #4 Education Bldg - John Adams

### Adult Sunday School Classes Today

\***Ladies Class** - “**Book of John: Jesus, The Word, The Messiah, The Son of God**” with Catherine Huffman & Beth Lail, Education Building, Grover Herman Room

\***Adults of All Ages** - “**The Book of Romans**” with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt, Education Building, Room #1

\***Multi-Purpose Room Class** - “**Meeting Jesus**” with Christal Sigmon

\***Sanctuary Class** - “**Varieties of Belief**” with Pastor Eric

## **Mid Week Small Groups**

**\*"HeARTS in the Margin" Monday Evening Bible Study** meets at **6:30 pm in the Spirit Center** with Kim Kaylor as leader.

**\*Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets at **10:00 am in the Spirit Center** with Kim Kaylor as leader. They are studying "Ezekiel" and his prophecies concerning the captivity and the exiles.

**\* Thursday Night Bible Study** will meet at **6:30 pm at the home of Shirley Dellinger** with Tonya Darden and Christal Sigmon as leaders. They are currently doing a study in Romans with JD Greer from Right Now Media.

**\*Friday Morning Bible Study** meets at **10:00 am in the Spirit Center** with Pastor Eric as leader. He is re-visiting his 2017 study of "A Study of the Book of Revelation". This session on the Book of Revelation will help answer the many mysterious questions that arise with the Book of Revelation. "What do the seven stars represent?", "What was Jesus message to the seven churches?", "What is the mark of the beast?", "Who are the 144,000".

**\*Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study** meets at **7:30 am**. They are studying "Hebrews".

## **+ Serve +**

**Church Members in Need of Prayer** Terry Bolick, Nancy Bostian, Donald Bowman, Aidan Cox, Betty Eckard, Brenda Eckard, Judy Eckard, Scott Honeycutt, Scott Houston, Malla Killian, Margaret Laws, Darrell Little, Jackson Terry, Windy Pruitt, Dot Winebarger, Mary Ann Winebarger, Marshall Wray

## **Pray for Our Homebound Members**

Those at Home: Rosella Bollinger, Polly Bowman, Donald Bowman, Tina Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Brenda Eckard, Jean Hoke, Annette Holler, Kathleen Houston, Scott Houston, Lorene Huffman, Doris Lail, Bobby Little, Gerald Matthews, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Reva Reinhardt, Jeanette Reese, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Perry Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Carol Starnes, Dot Winebarger, Mary Ann Winebarger

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon  
Brookdale: Blanche Hefner  
Kingston Manor: Barbara White  
Rock Barn Living : Alberta Winebarger  
Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman



### **Friends Needing Prayer**

- ◇ *John McCordy\*\*\*(friend of St. Peter's)*
  - ◇ *Todd Davis\*\*\*\*(son of Jean Davis & brother of Carol Alley)*
  - ◇ *Bob Grundy\*\*\*\*(cousin of Carolyn Paschal)*
  - ◇ *Eddie Forrest\*\*\*\*(father of Ashton Sigmon)*
  - ◇ *Savannah Isenhour\*\*\*\*(cousin's granddaughter of Jan Sigmon)*
  - ◇ *MargieReynolds\*\*(mother of Danny Reynolds\*)*
  - ◇ *Aaron Bumgarner\*\*(nephew of Brenda Hallman)*
  - ◇ *Abbey Bumgarner\*\*(niece of Brenda Hallman)*
- (Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

### **Expectant Mothers**

- ◇ *Amber Bolton - due July 10 (wife of Ethan Bolton and daughter-in-law of Dan & LaDonna Bolton)*
- ◇ *Anna Gantt - due July 22 (daughter-in-law of Kevin & Susan Gantt)*
- ◇ *Anna Goble - due August 1 (granddaughter-in law of Ray Goble)*
- ◇ *Alexis Deal - due August 24 (daughter-in-law of Jeannie Deal)*
- ◇ *Michelle Huffman - due Sept. 27 (great-granddaughter of Gracie Bolick)*
- ◇ *Rebecca Martin - due October 8 (step-daughter of Nancy Bruce)*

### **Christian Sympathy**

- ◇ *The Family of Norma Lancaster*
- ◇ *We grieve the death of our dear sister, Georgia Walker who died on April 27. Her funeral was held yesterday here at St. Peter's. Please remember her family: son John (Judy) Walker, Jr.; son David (Tara) Walker, Sr.; daughter Jenny (Richard) Hill; daughter Deborah Walker; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family and friends in your prayers in the days ahead. We mourn for Georgia but we rejoice with the sure and certain hope in the Resurrection and Life Eternal that has been promised to us in Jesus.*

**Birthdays This Week of Active Members** Henry Reinhardt (5/5); Cheryl Sigmon (5/5); Mallory Watts (5/6); Ty Watts (5/6); Somer Sparks (5/7); Owen Price (5/7); Anna Carol Spencer (5/8); Donald Hefner (5/9); Craig Lackey (5/10); Aishia Pacheco (5/10); Whitney Terry (5/10)

**Anniversaries This Week** Mark & Diane Gantt (5/6); John & Janet Adams (5/11)

**May Over 80 Birthdays** The LWML has given to the Domestic Missions in honor of the following over 80 birthdays: Linda Little (5/4); Ernest Starnes (5/17); Dorothy Willis (5/18); Jeannette Gantt (5/24); Patricia (Glenn) Sigmon (5/30)

**Eagle Scout Court of Honor & Reception for Elliott Gantt** The Congregation is invited to join Elliott as he receives his Eagle Scout Award **today from 2-4 pm in The Spirit Center.**

**GriefShare Support Group** A new group will start back **today at 5 pm.** The Group will meet in the multi-purpose room by the church offices. This is open to anyone in our community that would like a safe, comforting place to talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction and guidance on how to make it through. For more information, you can contact Sandra Jenkins, facilitator at 828-638-5224 or call the church office.

**Church Council** will meet at **6:30 pm today in the Parish Hall.** If you cannot attend, please let Bob Watts know.

**LWML Circle Meetings** On **Tuesday, May 7** all four of our circles will meet. The Miriam Circle meets at 10 am at the church; the Ruth Circle and Lydia Circles meet at 6:30 pm at the church, and the Naomi Circle will meet at 7 pm at the home of Celeste Burt.

**Child Protection Training Make-Up Session** "Darkness to Light" make-up session will be on **Thursday, May 9th from 6 to 8:30** in the Library of the Educational Building. **This is the final offering for training** to enable our members to work with children while on our campus. Please eat prior to arrival (if you can) as we will move through the modules without a break. Please let Kim Kaylor know that you plan to attend by emailing her at [kimkaylor58@gmail.com](mailto:kimkaylor58@gmail.com) or by calling her at 828-234-5945 no later than May 6.

**Last Week**

**Worship Services Attendance**

*April 28, 2024*

Worship Services

8:15 am 135    10:45 am 69

Sunday School

Adults 51    Youth 12

General Fund - \$8,158. ; Sunday School - \$67; International Missions - \$85; Senior Youth Convention - \$170; Kids Kamp - \$195; Autism Support - \$25; Domestic Missions - \$15  
Building Fund - \$731

**General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$10,995**

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (5)            8:15 am Contemporary Service w/Holy Communion  
                      9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Services  
                      10:45 am Liturgical Services w/Holy Communion  
                      2:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor & Reception for Elliott Gantt  
                      5:00 pm Youth Fundraiser - Pampered Chef Food Prep Party  
                      6:00 pm GriefShare Support Group - *meet in multi-purpose room*  
                      6:30 pm Church Council - *meeting in Parish Hall*
- Mon. (6 )            8:30 am Quilters  
                      6:15 pm Girl Scouts  
                      6:30 pm Bible Journaling Class  
                      6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
- Tues. (7)            10:00 am LCMS Circuit Forum - *in Statesville*  
                      10:00 am Miriam Circle - *meet at church*  
                      2:30 pm Staff Mtg  
                      6:30 pm Ruth Circle - *meet at church*  
                      6:30 pm Lydia Circle - *meet at church*  
                      7:00 pm Naomi Circle - *meet at home of Celeste Burt*  
                      7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (8)            6:30 pm Basketball League  
                      6:30 pm Adult Choir  
                      7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Thurs. (9)            10:00 am Small Group Bible Study  
                      10:00 am LWML Monthly Meeting - *in Parish Hall*  
                      6:00 pm Child Protection Training - *in Education Bldg*  
                      6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study
- Fri. (10)            10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- Sat. (11)            7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study
- Sun. (12)            *Mother's Day & Compassion Sunday*  
                      8:15 am Contemporary Service - *Baptism of Jackson Cole Terry*  
                      9:15 am Second Sunday Social & Bake Sale - *in Spirit Center*  
                      9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
                      10:45 am Liturgical Service

### St. Peter's Youth Group News

The Senior Youth (*Grades 6-12*) will attend the Hickory Crawdads Baseball Game on **Sunday, May 19 at 1 pm**. The congregation is also invited to join the youth at this outing. Fans can bring their church bulletin to receive a discounted \$6.00 ticket to most Sunday games. The Crawdads will donate \$4.00 of each ticket purchase back to their respective church. Come out and join us at the ball park!

**SERMON NOTES**  
**“All We Need is Love”**  
**John 15:12**

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

**I. The source of true love**

**II. The goal of true love**

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**Missionaries**

Rev. Dr. John & Melinda Bombaro  
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**Today's Servants**

Altar Guild: Patty Couch & Savannah Couch

Greeter: 8:15 am Donna Sigmon 10:45 am Joy Eckard

Readers: 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am Donna Sipe

Praise Band (8:15 AM): Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner, Chris Powell, Tom Delgreco, Danny Bolton, Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Brian Morrow, Emma Spencer

Organist (10:45 am service) Carolyn Paschal

Office: Bob Marlowe, PBS (professional bulletin stuffer)



**Items needed for VBS Craft Project** VBS planning has begun! We are in search of junk jewelry and buttons for one of our craft projects. We are looking for old costume jewelry you no longer wear or is broken; plus pins, watches, or rings that are bright or tarnished, and any buttons you might have. All are appreciated! A donation basket is in the narthex.

**Items needed for Alaska Missions** The Mission Team is in need of old keys for our cross project in Circle and Ninilchek, Alaska. Please bring any old keys you might have and place in the same basket with any junk jewelry and buttons. Thank you for all your donations!

**Kids Kamp 2024** applications are available in the narthex and the church office. Camp this year will be held June 24-28.

**Vacation Bible School 2024 - “Camp Firelight”** will be held July 14-18 here at St. Peter’s. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ashton Sigmon (828-244-8904).** She needs to know as soon as possible so she can order our t-shirts.

**Thank You Notes**

- ◇ Thank you for all the prayers for my brother, Gib Darden, over the past year. A praise report, his latest biopsy shows the marrow transplant has been successful! We are so appreciate of all the our pouring of prayers! - *Russ Darden*
- ◇ Thank you for the donation of 160 twin size handmade quilts for our ministry. God bless you! - *Stephen Nickel, Vice-President of Donor Ministries, Samaritan’s Purse*
- ◇ Thank you to all the friends and family of Howard “Babe” McCray for the food, the donations to the church, and mostly thank you for your fellowship, friendship, thoughts and prayers as they are greatly needed and much appreciated. Please continue to pray for us in the coming difficult days. - *The Family of Howard McCray*

**LWML Fundraiser** The LWML will be having a fundraiser to cover the costs for Samaritan's Purse Shoebox shipping costs. Members are currently taking orders for Rada knives. This fundraiser will remain open throughout this year. Payment will need to be made at the time of order. Please see a LWML member for a catalog or you can order from the link on our website [www.setpetersconover.org](http://www.setpetersconover.org).

**Abide In My Love Word Search**

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**Memorials**

- ◇ *Given to the General Fund in loving memory of Howard McCray by Kevin, Misty & Kermit Hollar*
- ◇ *Given to the LWML Mites in loving memory of Glenn Sherrill by Jeannette Gantt ; in loving memory of Howard McCray by Caldwell Community College Friends*

**Graduation Sunday** On **May 19** we will honor our graduates at our 10:45 am worship service. *(one service only that day)* If you are graduating or have a family member graduating from **high school or college**, please send your/their information (school graduating from, degree, future plans, etc.) and a photo to Nancy in the church office at secretary@stpetersconover.org. **Deadline to turn information into the office is Wednesday, May 8.**

**Gift Bag for This Year's Confirmands** **Reece Bolton and Ethan Watts** will declare their allegiance to the Lord Jesus and be confirmed in the Christian faith on **Sunday, May 19 at our 10:45 am worship service** *(one service only)*. In the narthex, you will find a gift bags for them. Please leave a card, note or small gift to encourage Reece and Ethan as they continue their faith walk.

### **Church Workday - Saturday, May 18**

A church workday will be held here at the church on **Saturday, May 18 starting at 8 am**. Projects will be for the outside grounds and inside the church buildings. Please bring your work gloves, weed eaters, trimmers, gardening tools, etc. All ages are welcome to come out and assist!

**Reminder: Sunday Spirit Bulletin Deadline** each week is Wednesday at 5 pm

### **Board of Elders Shepherd Groups - 2024**

<i>Last Name Starts With</i>	<i>Elder</i>
A-B	Darrell Freeman
C-F	Mike Pritchard <i>(Head Elder)</i>
G-H	John Thomas
I-L	Richard Hallman
M-P	Danny Goforth
Q-Sig	Scott Medlin
Sip-Z	Al Layne

### **Youth Group Fundraiser - TODAY - Sunday, May 5 - 5 PM**

Do you LOVE Pampered Chef Products?

The Youth of St. Peter's Lutheran invites all of the members to attend our congregational "Pampered Chef" fundraiser today at 5:00 pm in the Spirit Center.

Come out and see your youth be transformed into "Chef's" as they assist Kim Gantt with food preparations. New Products will be shown, we'll do a few giveaways, and purchases will benefit the youth. All products ship directly to you. We will go FACEBOOK LIVE during the event as well. See Erin or Kim for more information. We hope to see you there!!!

