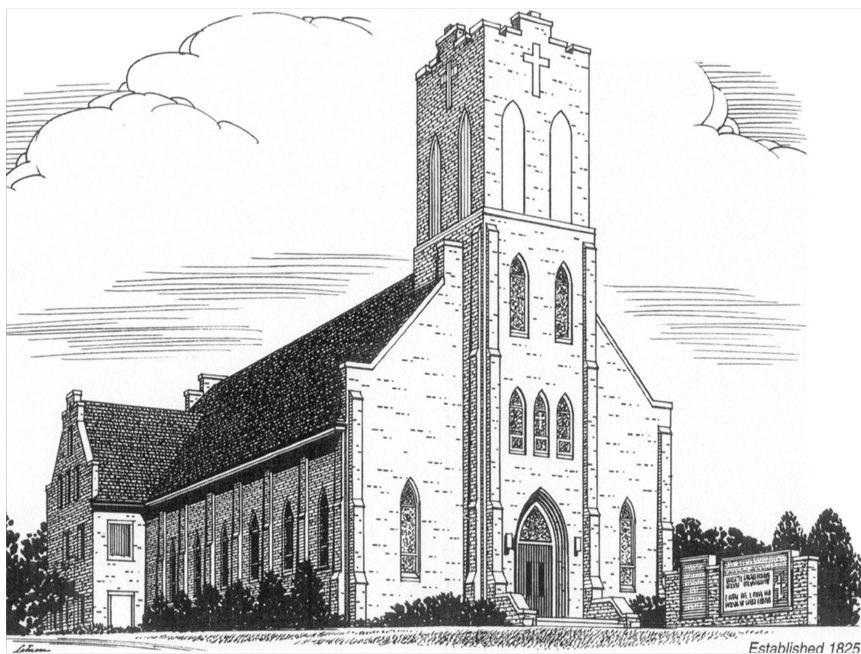


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025**



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Easter

The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *"Peace be with you."* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

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!

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left after the Sunrise Service or during communion during the 9:30 am festival service. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in memory of Larry, my darling husband of 50 years...I miss you dearly, Carmen Lander.

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

Pastor Eric is preaching at New Hope Lutheran Church in Mooresville today, as they currently in a pastoral vacancy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

***Babies - Kindergarten** - Room #1 Education Building- Brenda Fulbright
Alice Layne

***K-2nd Grade** - Room #8 Education Building - Emily Schwandt

***3rd - 6th Grades** - Room #7 Education Building - Terry Sigmon

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

***Confirmation Class** - Library in the Education Building - Pastor Frank,
Pastor Eric & Kim Kaylor will lead these sessions

***Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 “The book of Joshua”
by John McCarthy with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt

***Ladies Sunday School Class** - Grover Herman Room Education Building,
with Beth Lail. They are studying “Great Stories of the Bible.”

***Adults - Multi-Purpose Room Class** - They are studying “The Cross” with
Christal Sigmon

***Pastor’s Class - Parish Hall - Genesis Bible Study** “Calling of Abram”
with Pastor Eric and Pastor Frank

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Terry Bolick, Johnny Bryant, Sherry Bumgarner, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Eckard, Brenda Griffin, Mary Ruth Hefner, Scott Houston, Catherine Huffman, Darrell Little, Seth Paschal, Mike Pritchard, Alan Pruitt, Dorothy Sigmon, Libby Sigmon, V. Lynn Starnes, Mickey Stewart, and Marshall Wray.

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Rosella Bollinger, Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Joe Eckard, Annette Hollar, Kathleen Houston, Scott Houston, Bobby Little, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Jeanette Reese, Reva Reinhardt, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Earnest & Carol Starnes, Mickey Stewart, John Van Horne, Mary Ann Winebarger

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Conover Nursing & Rehab Libby Sigmon

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Friends Needing Prayer

- Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Jerry Bolick (husband of Doris Bolick)
- Linda Tilley (family of Selena Gurganious)
- Greg Mundy (friend of Annissa Beck & Dana Deal)
- Pam McNeal (family of Annissa Beck)
- Jaycee Lynne (friend of Bob & Gaye Marlowe)
- Tony Medlin (brother of Scott Medlin)

(*names are listed for 4 weeks and can be renewed by calling the office*)

Expectant Mothers

- Sydney Schenk - due May 12 (step-daughter-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Ashlyn Martin - due Sept. 13 (daughter-in-law of Mike & Angie Martin)
- Katelynn Ruff - due Oct. 27 (granddaughter of Nelson & Selena Gurganious)

Christian Sympathy

- For the family and friends of Janet Van Horne, especially her husband John, and their daughters Julie and Jana.
- For the family and friends of Dusty Ferrell, friend of Brenda & Ron Hefner

Birthdays This Week Chris Sherbino (4/27); Angela Honeycutt (4/28); Catherine Huffman(4/30); Perry Sigmon (5/1) Elaine Bollinger (5/2); Keith Randall (5/3).

Anniversaries This Week Larry & Debbie Adams (4/28); Randy & Toni Miller (5/3).

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just to say "Thank you" is not enough. Our combined traditional and brunch Easter breakfast with the youth was amazing. We are thankful and grateful to you for attending and anyone that brought breakfast items. YOU made this event a success and I am blessed. God's Blessings, Betty

200th Anniversary Memorabilia Needed If you have any photos or St. Peter's memorabilia you could share with the 200th Anniversary Team, they would greatly appreciate it. Please see Staci Bumgarner, Dwight Reese or Harry Fulbright for more information.

New Sunday School Study Starts today! We'll use a Right Now Media Study led by Pastor and big wave surfer John McCarthy in the wild west of Ireland for a six-part journey through the book of Joshua. Epic footage and inspiring teaching will encourage you to be strong and courageous as you cling to God's Word and take your next brave step of faith. Education Building, Room #2, Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt

Evangelism Team Meeting Join us for the first meeting of our newly revitalized Evangelism Team! Our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus and the hope of the Resurrection while serving neighbors in love within our community. The meeting will be held on **Today at 2:00 pm** in the multi-purpose room. If you feel called to share God's love with others in our area, we'd love to have you join us! For questions, please contact Marla Early.

Child protection training and background checks are required on all volunteers that will be helping with either Kids Kamp or Vacation Bible School. If you have not done either of these and plan to help this summer, please contact Nancy in the church office for the necessary paperwork.

Online Giving Did you know that you can give your offerings on line? You can sign up through our website stpetersconover.org and click on "Online Giving". You can give through bank draft, debit or credit card. You can do a one time offering or set up for weekly, monthly etc.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids in Christ (Grades K-6) will meet on **today at 12:45 pm** for an outing to the Catawba Science Center. We will have a fun afternoon learning about bugs, turtles, fish and more! We will have dinner after leaving the Science Center.

The Senior Youth (Grades 6-12) will meet **Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 pm** in the youth room. Join us for devotions, snacks and some fun! Bring a friend too!

Graduation Sunday - May 18th we will honor our graduates at both our 8:15 and 10:45 services. 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. Please send any photos in a jpeg file. **The deadline to turn information into the office is Monday, May 12.**

Our Kid’s Kamp theme is “Making a Difference” We are collecting the following items: canned goods, old eye glasses, new kids’ jackets and coats, gently used toys and books. We will have baskets located in the hallway outside the church offices, the Spirit Center and the Parish Hall through June 22.

MEMORIALS

Given to the Evangelism Committee in honor of Shirley Dellinger’s 90th Birthday from the Naomi Circle

SUNSHINE GROUP OUTINGS

Sunshine Group Upcoming Outings - please contact Betty Goble with any questions

Date of Outing	Outing	Notes
Sunday, April 27	4th Sunday Lunch Bunch at Boxcar Grill in Claremont	RSVP was Weds. April 23
Fri. May 9	Green Room Theatre to see “Escape to Margaritaville - Jimmy Buffet music”	Meet at 4:45 pm at the church to carpool

Last Week - April 20, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

Munday Thursday 111 Good Friday 100 Easter Sunrise 59 Easter Festival Service 264

Offerings

General Fund - \$9,398.00

In order to meet the budget for 2025 that was approved by the congregation, our weekly General Fund offerings must average \$11,184.22

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Domestic Missions - \$100; LWML - \$20; Helping Hands- \$30; Building Fund -\$755

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (27)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service</p> <p>9:30 am Voters Meeting</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class (YOUTH ONLY)</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service</p> <p>12:30 pm 4th Sunday Lunch Bunch - at Boxcar Grill in Claremont</p> <p>12:45 pm Kids in Christ (Grades 6-12) Outing to Science Center</p> <p>2:00 pm Evangelism Team - in Multi-Purpose Room</p> <p>4:30 pm Griefshare Support Group - in Multi-Purpose Room</p>
Mon. (28)	<p>8:30 am Quilters</p> <p>6:15 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor in Spirit Center</p>
Tues. (29)	<p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (30)	<p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Journaling - with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</p>
Thurs. (1)	<p>10:00 AM Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</i></p> <p>6:00 pm Autism Support Group - in Spirit Center</p> <p>6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - with Tonya Darden & Christal Sigmon <i>in Multi-Purpose Room</i></p>
Sat. (3)	<p>7:30 AM Men's Small Group Bible Study</p>
Sun. (4)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>12:00 pm 200th Anniversary Old Fashioned Day & Potluck Picnic on the Grounds</p> <p>6:00 pm Senior Youth Meeting (Grades 6-12) - in Youth Room</p>

***Bold = activities that don't happen on a typical week**

SERMON NOTES

"Three That Testify"

1 John 5:4-10

1. Do you think that “doubting” is the right word to describe Thomas?
2. What causes you not to believe the words of Jesus?
3. How do the Spirit, the water, and the blood help you to trust Jesus?

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Christal Sigmon, Steve Sigmon

Praise Band: (8:15 am service) Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner, Tom Delgreco,

Danny Bolton, Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Emma Spencer, Kim Rector, Olivia Owens,

Brian Morrow, Chris Powell, Melody Frank, Emily Sherbino

Organist: (10:45 am service) Carolyn Paschal

Office: Bob Marlowe

Readers: 8:15 am Beth Lail 10:45 am John Thomas

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Danny Goforth 10:45 am Richard Hallman

Greeters: 8:15 am Joy Lail 10:45 am Donna Sipe

Ushers: 8:15 am Open

10:45 am Stanley Dellinger, Eddie Little, Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
OLD-FASHIONED DAY

& Potluck Picnic on the Grounds
(following the 10:45 service)

Musical Guest: Willow Creek

PRIZES FOR BEST PERIOD
CLOTHING CATEGORIES:

MAN / WOMAN
YOUTH
COUPLE / FAMILY



BRING YOUR PRIZE-WINNING
FARE & ENTER THE:

PIE JUDGING CONTEST
CAKE JUDGING CONTEST
JAM/JELLY CONTEST



MAY
4
SUNDAY



Get your old-fashioned clothes together (from any era in the last 200 years) and enter the Best Period Clothing Contest at Old-Fashioned Day on May 4th! Make and bring your family's traditional recipes to share at our potluck Picnic on the Grounds following the 2nd service. Do you have an award-winning pie, cake or jam/jelly recipe? Enter your dish in the appropriate contest for our distinguished judges to sample! Our special musical guests will be the bluegrass gospel group Willow Creek! It's going to be a fun day for all ages!

** If you have a pop-up canopy that we can use to provide shade at our picnic, please contact Staci Bumgarner at 828-310-7777.