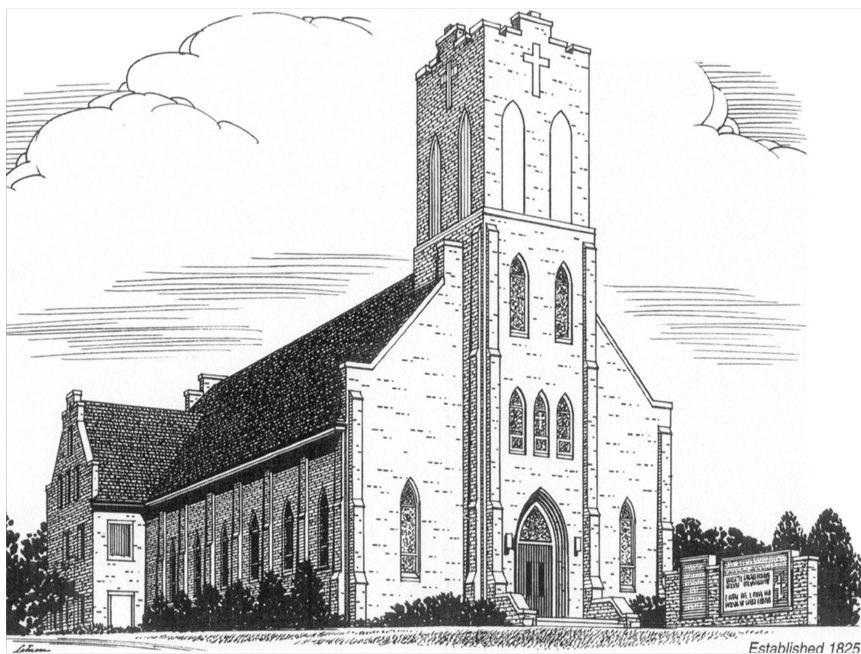


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

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Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him”* (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me”* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength”* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. *“And no one will take your joy from you”* (John 16:22).

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!

A Special Welcome to Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola today as our guest

proclaimer as part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration. Rev. Dr. Paavola is the River of Life Campus Pastor at First Immanuel Lutheran Ministries in Cedarburg, WI. He was previously a professor of theology at Concordia University Wisconsin and served twelve years as pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Butternut, WI. He has been blessed by the Lord with the gifts of storytelling, motorcycle riding, and Model T restoring. He is the author of several books from Concordia Publishing House, including *Our Way Home: A Journey through the Lord's Prayer*. It is a joy to have Dr. Paavola and his wife, Holly, with us this weekend!

Second Sunday Social will be held following our 8:15 am worship service in the Spirit Center. Also, 200th memorabilia will be on display for you to enjoy! Please join us for light refreshments and fellowship!

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following the service today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar. 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 loving memory and honor of all mothers. Happy Mother's Day!

The altar flowers and the additional flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Jared & Meghan Kaylor by Kim Kaylor. (The two baskets of flowers will be donated to the altar guild.)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

***Special presentation on the Lord's Prayer** during the Sunday School hour by Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola. This class will be held in the Spirit Center.

***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, Mary Ruth Hefner, Scott Houston, Catherine Huffman, Darrell Little, Seth Paschal, Mike Pritchard, Alan Pruitt, Dorothy Sigmon, Libby Sigmon, Earnest Starnes, V. Lynn Starnes, Mickey Stewart, Tommy 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

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Rock Barn Living: Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Friends Needing Prayer

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)

Andrew Miller (friend of David Sigmon)

Elliott Abernethy (family of Anna Carol Spencer)

Doris Kaylor (family of Anna Carol Spencer)

Ronnie Sigmon (brother-in-law of Johnny & Sandra Bryant)

Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)

Gene Setzer (friend of Kim Kaylor)

(*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)

Birthdays This Week Kayla McArthur (5/14); Cherie Reynolds (5/14); Dallas Sigmon(5/16); Ernest Starnes (5/17).

Anniversaries This Week John & Janet Adams (5/11); Jeff & Sonja Winebarger (5/12); Eddie & Robin Little (5/13); Craig & Donna Lackey (5/15); Steve & Kim Rector (5/16); Dustin & Christian Sigmon (5/16); Terry & Lisa Bentley(5/17); Chris & Emily Sherbino(5/17); Chris & Tina Watts (5/17).

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

We Are One in Christ - School Supply Collection St. Peter's has joyfully committed to providing 1,300 spiral notebooks (700 wide-ruled, 600 college-ruled) and 1,000 composition notebooks for the **"We Are One in Christ" back-to-school event at the Hickory Fairgrounds on August 2nd**. We are also helping with the cost of backpacks and pencil cases. While we gladly welcome notebook donations, financial contributions would allow us to purchase supplies in bulk at better prices. Any amount helps—please mark your donations "We Are One in Christ Supplies."

We're also seeking volunteers to lead fun games and activities for the children during the event. If you'd like to help run activities like ring toss, cornhole, or ball games—or if you have other game ideas—we'd love to hear from you! To contribute or volunteer, please contact Marla Early, Evangelism Chair, or Pastor Frank. Thank you for helping make a difference in our community.

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.

Blessing Box Alternatives Meeting While our Blessing Box has been a blessing to many, we are seeking more effective ways to serve our community and be better stewards of our resources. We invite you to join us for an important discussion about alternative methods for feeding and supporting our neighbors in need on **Sunday, June 1 at 3:00 PM**. Several promising alternatives have been identified, but these new initiatives will require additional support from our congregation. More details about the meeting location and specific proposals will be provided soon.

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.

Child protection training and background checks are required for all volunteers that 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.

Our Kid's Kamp theme is "Making a Difference" It is our goal to introduce kids to organizations that help the less fortunate and teach them how they can contribute to the needs of others. We need your help in collecting items that the kids will donate to various charities. 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. We will collect items through June 22.

Last Week - May 4, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 136 10:45 83

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 43 Youth 17

Offerings

General Fund - \$10,037; Sunday School - \$61

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 - \$15; Senior Youth Gathering - \$100; Building Fund - \$1,207

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (11)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with 200th Anniversary Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola</p> <p>9:15 am Second Sunday Social - <i>in Spirit Center</i></p> <p>9:45 am Special Prestation on the Lord's Prayer by Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola - <i>in Spirit Center</i></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>11:00 am Traditional Service with 200th Anniversary Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola</p> <p>1:30 pm 200th Anniversary Team - <i>in Multi-Purpose Room</i></p>
Mon. (12)	<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 - <i>in Spirit Center</i> <i>Pastor Eric's day off</i></p>
Tues. (13)	<p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (14)	<p>6:30 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p>
Thurs. (15)	<p>10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</i></p> <p>6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Tonya Darden & Christal Sigmon in Multi-Purpose Room</i> <i>Pastor Frank's Day Off</i></p>
Fri. (16)	<p>10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Pastor Eric in Parish Hall</i> <i>Pastor Frank's Day Off</i></p>
Sat. (17)	<p>7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study</p>
Sun. (18)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>12:00 pm Handbells rehearsal</p> <p>3:00 pm Senior Youth Outing - <i>Bowling at Pin Station</i></p> <p>4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service</p> <p>6:00 pm Church Council</p>

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

SERMON NOTES

1. What work of Christ, accomplished for your benefit, is described in this Sermon?

2. In what ways does the Holy Spirit empower you to live differently?

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Jeannette Gantt

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 Kevin Gantt 10:45 am Scott Medlin

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Kevin Gantt 10:45 am Richard Hallman

Greeters: 8:15 am Joy Lail 10:45 Joy Eckard

Ushers: 8:15 am Open

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

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Janet van Horne by St. Peter's Ladies Sunday School Class
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Catherine Fox on Mother's Day, in honor of Craig Lackey's birthday (May 10); in honor of Craig & Donna Lackey's anniversary (May 15), in honor of Darrin Lackey's birthday (May 17), in honor of Lynn Fox's birthday (May 22) by Lynn & Connie Fox
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Janet van Horne by Jerry & Sandy Eckard; by Clara Jane & Emmett Wike
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of her mother, Pauline Herman, and his mother, Elizabeth Eckard Huffman by Jerry & Sandy Eckard
- **Given to the LWML Mites Fund** in loving memory of her moms, Gladys Sigmon, Willie Gantt and Mattie Hedrick and in loving memory of Janet van Horne by Jeannette Gantt
- **Given to the Senior Youth Gathering** in loving memory of Janet van Horne by the Miriam Circle-LWML; in loving memory of their mothers, Cathleen Eckard & Pauline Eckard by Greg & Judy Eckard
- **Given to the LWML Mites Fund** in loving memory of Janet van Horne by Sandra Gantt

YOUTH NEWS

The Senior Youth (Grades 6-12) are invited to attend an outing at Pin Station Bowling Alley on **Sunday, May 18 at 3 pm.** Please meet in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend! We will stop for pizza afterwards. Permission slips are needed for all youth under the age of 18. If you need more information, contact Kim Kaylor.

GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

The Golden Agers will be doing a tour and have a presentation of the Independent Living Community on the campus of Trinity Village on **Tuesday, May 20.** This is a change due to a scheduling conflict with the Adult Life Program tour. Be at the Spirit Center at **9:45 am** to meet to leave for the tour. Lunch afterwards will be the Olive Garden Restaurant.

