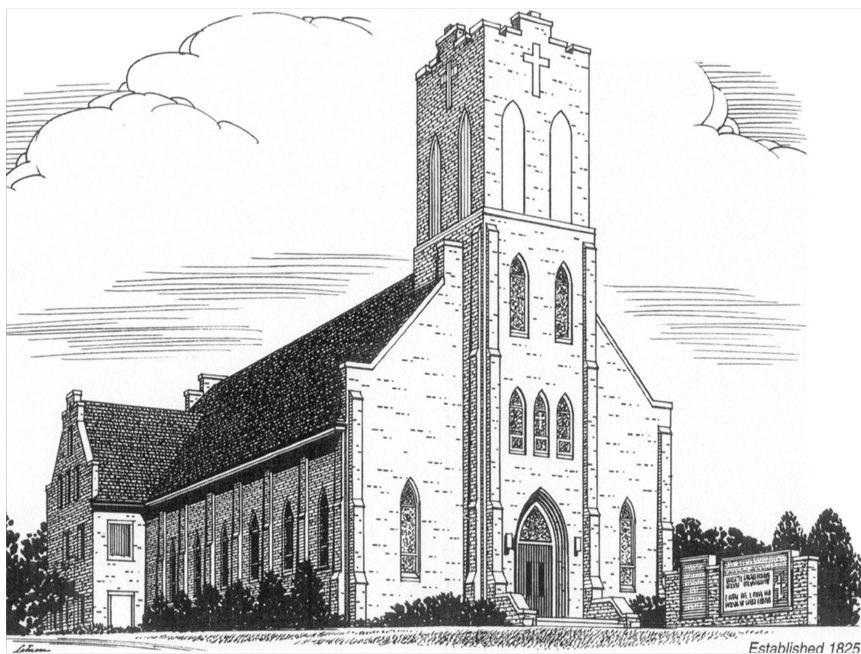


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025**



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights”* through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, *“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid”* (Is. 12:2).

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 , 10:45 am and 4:30 pm Services

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, where the risen Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine, offering His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome to commune all baptized Christians who:

- Believe in Jesus Christ as their only Lord and Savior
- Trust they receive Christ’s body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of sins
- Acknowledge their sinfulness and desire to live a new life in Christ

As this Sacrament is a public confession of our shared faith, we ask visitors to speak with a pastor or an elder before communing. This ensures all who commune receive this gift as a blessing rather than to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). We are happy to answer any questions you might have about the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor Frank, Pastor 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. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

Congratulations to our graduates! We are so proud of you! May God continue to bless you on life's journey! (*see graduation insert*)

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God in honor of Craig's birthday (May 10); Craig & Donna's anniversary (May 15); Darrin Lackey's birthday (May 19); and Lynn Fox's birthday (May 22) by Craig & Donna Lackey

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Dennis Pace by Donna Pace.

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

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, Mary Ruth Hefner, Scott Houston, 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

Linda Tilley (family of Selena Gurganious)

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)

Dave Abernathy (father of Brad Abernathy)

Melinda Revis (cousin of Audrey Hauss)

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

Expectant Mothers

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 Judy Sigmon (5/18); Dorothy Willis (5/18); John Adams (5/19); Staci Bumgarner (5/19); Billy Canipe (5/20); Dorothy Sigmon (5/20); Lynn Fox (5/22); Lyla Killian (5/22); Scott Medlin (5/22); Michael Sheahen (5/22)

Anniversaries This Week Perry & Dorothy Sigmon (5/20); Darrell & Alice Freeman (5/21); Mike & Patricia Pritchard (5/21); Daniel & Cherie Reynolds (5/23)

New Baby Myers Sadie Schenk was born on May 8 to Sydney & Carson Schenk. She is the granddaughter of John Schenk & Nancy Bruce.

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of Rev. Luke Self The congregation is invited to the installation service for Rev. Luke Self at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2126 St. John's Church Road NE, Conover NC **today at 4 pm**. He will be installed as the Associate Pastor at St. John's.

The Mission Team will meet **Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 pm** in the multi-purpose room. All those going on the Alaska Missions Trip need to attend this meeting.

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting will be held **Wednesday, April 28 at 5 pm** in the Education Building. All those that are interested in helping with VBS are asked to attend. For questions, see Ashton Sigmon.

Order "Our Way Home" by Daniel Paavola - A Book on the Lord's Prayer After Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola's presentation on the Lord's Prayer last Sunday, several people expressed interest in his book "Our Way Home: A Journey through the Lord's Prayer." If you would like a copy, the church office is now taking orders. The cost is \$16 per book, with a potential discount depending on our order size. To place an order, please contact the church office by Thursday, May 22. Payment will be due when the books arrive.

GriefShare If anyone is interested in attending a GriefShare Class this summer, please contact Sandra Jenkins. (828-638-5224)

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.

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.

Child protection training and background checks are required for all volunteers that helping with either Kids Kamp or Vacation Bible School. (Anyone 18 and over) 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.

Last Week - May 11, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 200 10:45 74

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 90 Youth 13

Offerings

General Fund - \$9,661.00; Sunday School - \$37.57

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

Senior Youth Gathering - \$965; Fellowship Refreshment - \$385; LWML - \$30; Kids Kamp - \$770
200th Anniversary - \$15; Building Fund - \$1,217.23; Audio/Visual - \$25; Cemetery Fund - \$20;
Helping Hands Fund - \$30

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (18)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion & Recognition of our graduates</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School, Bible & Confirmation Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion & Recognition of our graduates</p> <p>12:00 pm Handbells rehearsal</p> <p>3:00 pm Senior Youth - bowling at Pin Station</p> <p>4:00 pm Installation Service of Rev. Luke Self at St. John's Lutheran</p> <p>4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Worship Service</p> <p>6:00 pm Church Council</p>
Mon. (18)	<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. (20)	<p>9:00 am Winkel Pastors Group</p> <p>9:45 am Golden Agers - Outing to Trinity Village Independent Living & Lunch</p> <p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:30 pm Mission Team</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (21)	<p>6:30 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Journaling 101 - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</i></p>
Thurs. (22)	<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. (23)	<p>10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Pastor Eric in Parish Hall</i></p>
Sat. (24)	<p>7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study</p>
Sun. (25)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School, Bible & Confirmation Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service</p> <p>12:30 pm 4th Sunday Lunch Bunch - at Captain's Galley Seafood</p> <p>1:00 pm Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)</p>

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

SERMON NOTES

“Our Triune God....The Source of Salvation” (John 16:12-15)

I. Everything that belongs to the Father belongs to the Son

II. Everything that belongs to the Son belongs to the Spirit

III. Everything that belongs to the Spirit belongs to believers

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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 Lisa Brittain 10:45 am Trudy Huffman

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am John Thomas

Greeters: 8:15 am Vickie Miller 10:45 am Christal Sigmon

Ushers: 8:15 am Open

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

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Free Children's Books The Building Trustees have been cleaning out the small room where books were stored in the Education Building to make room for our new handicap door entrance. There are boxes of books that the teachers did not want to keep available for taking. The books are located in the hallway of the Education Building.

Fourth Sunday Lunch Bunch will meet on Sunday, May 25 at 12:30 pm. Please let Betty Goble know Wednesday, May 21 if you plan to attend, so she can make reservations.

Thank You - We wanted to say thank you so much for the quilts. The children and the children's home really appreciate you! The children will love them! All the time and effort that has been put into them is such a blessing! We could not do it without you! You all are true servants of God. May God bless you in all your endeavors for Him. - Jean Davis, Executive Director, Ebenezer Christian Children's Home

VBS Items Needed Our Vacation Bible School will be held this year, **July 27 - July 31.** Our theme this year is "Egypt: Joseph's journey from prison to palace." If you have any Egyptian themed items at your house (palm trees, etc.) that we can borrow, please let Ashton Sigmon or Laura Frank know.

The 200th Anniversary Team is looking for an actual photograph (not a Newspaper clipping) of this 1994 confirmation class for their records. If you have one that they can borrow, please contact Dwight Reese. ([see photo below](#))



Nine Confirmed At St. Peter's Lutheran

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Conover, recently confirmed nine youth. At front, from left, are Chasity Starnes, junior marshal; Jacob Lail; Travis Smith; and Shane Christopher Jr., marshal. Center, from left, are

Rebecca Eckard, Jennifer Sigmon, Leah Hefner, Shanna Bumgarner and Kelli Reitzel. At back, from left, are Vicar Timothy Wilmot; Robbie Killian; Robbie Patterson; and the Rev. Delbert R. Roth, pastor.

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. Meet at the Spirit Center at **9:45 am** to meet to leave for the tour. Lunch afterwards will be the Olive Garden Restaurant.

YOUTH NEWS

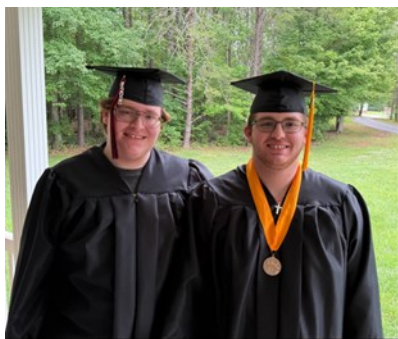
- **The Senior Youth (Grades 6-12)** are invited to attend an outing at Pin Station Bowling Alley on **today at 3 pm**. Please meet in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend! We will stop for pizza afterwards. Permission slips are needed for all youth under the age of 18.
- **Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)** will meet in the Parish Hall at **1 pm on Sunday, May 25** for an afternoon of fun! Bring a friend! Permission slips are needed for all youth.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of Janet van Horne by Jeannette Gantt; by Larry & Debbie Adams
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Janet van Horne by Summie & Angela Lackey; by Gary, Libby & Parker Hart

A GREAT TIME AT OUR OLD-FASHIONED DAY!!!





Dallas Sigmon graduated from Catawba Valley Community College with an Associates Degree in Welding. He plans to attend Appalachian State University in the fall to study Industrial Design.

Hayden Sigmon will graduate from Bunker Hill High School. He will be attend Lenoir-Rhyne University in the fall to study Accounting and Finance. They are the sons of Kevin & Erin Sigmon and the grandsons of Wilson Sigmon and Anna Carol Spencer.



Jalen Walker will graduate Summa Cum Laude from North Stanley High School. In high school, he was active in basketball, soccer, National Honor Society, Student Council, and is currently Student Body President. He plans to attend Mary Baldwin University in the fall and study Exercise Science and also play basketball. He is the son of George & Jennifer Walker and the grandson of Judy Sigmon.

Honoring Graduates

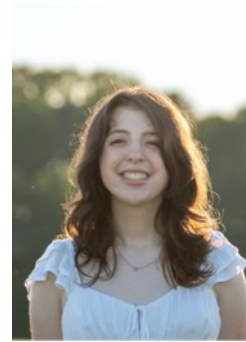
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Rachel Beck will graduate from Bunker Hill High School. She played volleyball and basketball all four years, and was co-captain her junior year and captain her senior year. She was also on the track team and competed in regionals in the shot put and triple jump her senior year. She was on A-B honor roll all 4 years. She will attend UNC-Charlotte University in the fall to study criminal justice. She is the daughter of Annissa Beck and the late Jason Beck and granddaughter of Shirley Dellinger.



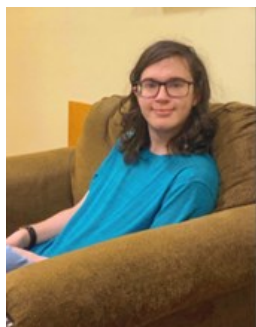
Zorra Fulbright will graduate from Discovery High School and will be attending Western Carolina University in the fall. She is the daughter of Alex Scott & Rosa Fulbright and the granddaughter of Harry & Brenda Fulbright.



Aiden Cox will graduate Cum Laude from Bunker Hill High School. He is currently attending real estate school with plans to pursue a career as a realtor. He is the son of Chad & Mandy Cox and Somer & Chris Sparks, and the grandson of Oz & Brenda Hefner and Penny Cox.



Elliott Gantt will graduate from St. Stephens High School. He was a member of the football team. He will be attending NC State University in the fall where he plans to study Business Management and Sales. He is the son of Kevin & Susan Gantt and the grandson of Sandra Gantt.



Jacob Ryan Frye will graduate from Northern Guilford High School in Greensboro, NC. He is an honor student and member of the Beta Club. He is still deciding which college to attend, and will study computer science. He is the son of Jeanna & Mike Scalcione and grandson of Dixie Ingram.



Ada Jones will graduate from Hickory Christian Academy. She was on Student Council, house leadership team, praise band and was involved in HCA Sports. She plans to attend Florida State University in the fall as part of their Presidential Scholars Program to study international affairs. She is the daughter of JP & Sarah Jones and Lindsey & Mike Duch and granddaughter of John & Heidi Jones.