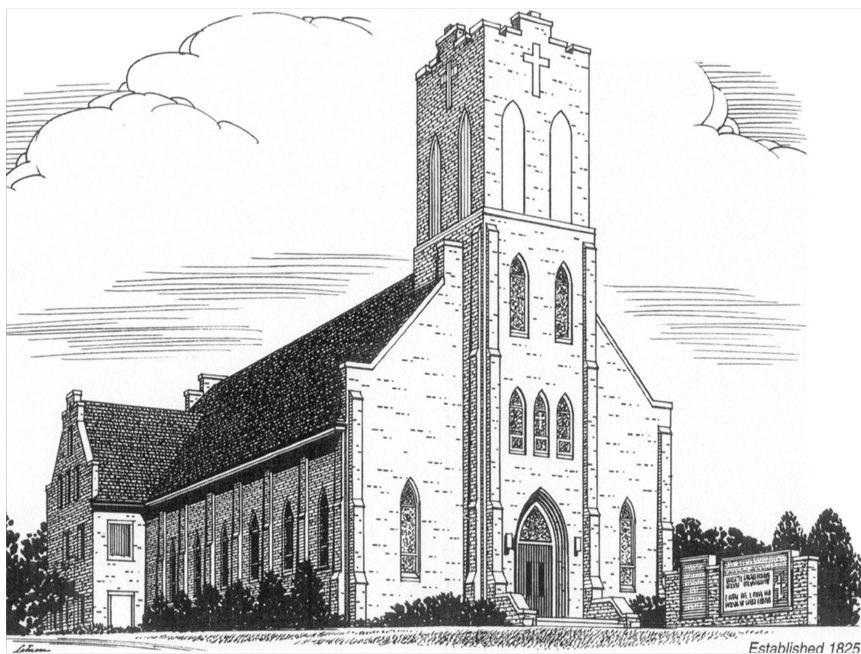


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter—*The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep*

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hired hand, who cares nothing for the sheep flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”* (1 Peter 2:25).

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.” - Pastor Frank and Pastor Eric and the Board of Elders

Pastor Eric is in Ghana this week training future pastors. He will return late on Saturday, May 10th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Pastor Frank will be traveling to the Southeastern District Convention in Richmond, VA on Thursday, May 8th, and Friday, May 9th. In the case of pastoral emergencies, Pastor Eric Hollar from Bethel will be available.

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room today during 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.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God in honor of our anniversary by Randy & Toni Miller.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Leroy & Alice Houston, and son Clyde Miller, by Teresa Houston.

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, Catherine Huffman, Darrell Little, Seth Paschal, Mike Pritchard, Alan Pruitt, Dorothy Sigmon, Libby Sigmon, Earnest Starnes, 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

Conover Nursing & Rehab: Libby Sigmon

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Rock Barn Living: Alberta Winebarger

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)

Andrew Miller (friend of David Sigmon)

Elliott Abernethy (family of Anna Carol Spencer)

Doris Kaylor (family of Anna Carol Spencer)

(*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)

Birthday that was missed last week Teresa Taylor (5/3)

Birthdays This Week Linda Little (5/4); 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).

May Over 80 Birthdays: The LWML has given a donation to the Quilters in honor of the following birthdays: Perry Sigmon (1), Linda Little (4), Donald Hefner (9), Ernest Starnes (17), Dorothy Willis (18), Dorothy Sigmon (20) and Jeannette Gantt (24).

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Celebrating our Mothers Sunday, May 11th is a special day to honor mothers across the world. In celebration of your mother and all the ways she impacted your life with love and encouragement, you are invited to bring a small 4x6 or 5x7 framed photo to be placed in the church windows. Please remember to collect your treasured photo at the end of the service as you leave. Thank You!

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 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

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.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Youth (Grades 6-12) will meet **today 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.**

Last Week - April 27, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 147 10:45 75

Offerings

General Fund - \$9,098.25

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 - \$25; Evangelism- \$25; Helping Hands- \$70; Building Fund -\$1149.00

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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>
Mon. (5)	<p>8:30 am Quilters</p> <p>6:15 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p>
Tues. (6)	<p>10:00 am Miriam Circle</p> <p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Lydia Circle</p> <p>6:30 pm Ruth Circle</p> <p>7:00 pm Naomi Circle</p>
Wed. (7)	<p>5:00 pm Confirmation Class - Multi-Purpose room</p> <p>6:00 pm Barnabas Team Meeting - in Multi-Purpose room</p> <p>6:30 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p>
Thurs. (8)	<p>10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</i></p> <p>10:00 am LWML Meeting - in Spirit Center</p> <p>6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Tonya Darden & Christal Sigmon in Multi-Purpose Room</i></p>
Fri. (9)	<p>4:45 pm Sunshine Group outing for dinner and play at Green Room Theater</p>
Sat. (10)	<p>7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study</p>
Sun. (11)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service - 200th Anniversary Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola</p> <p>9:15 am Second Sunday Social</p> <p>9:45 am Special Presentation on the Lord's Prayer by Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola—in Spirit Center</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Traditional Service - 200th Anniversary Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola</p>

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

SERMON NOTES

"Fed, Led, and Protected: Life with the Good Shepherd"

John 10:11-16

1. What words of the Lord have become so familiar that they have lost some significance?
2. How has the Lord fed you in the last week? Led you? Protected you?
3. How do Jesus' words from our Gospel lesson impact the way you read Psalm 23?

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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 Melody Frank 10:45 am David Icenhour

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Mike Pritchard 10:45 am John Thomas

Greeters: 8:15 am Donna Sigmon 10:45 Karen Hoyle

Ushers: 8:15 am Open

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

THANK YOU

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