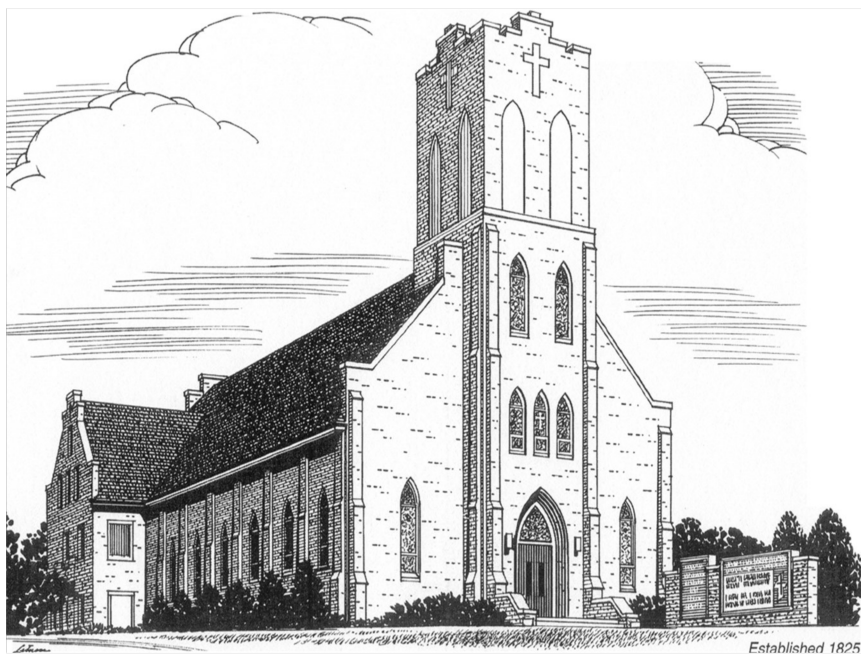


# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 25, 2025**



**ST. PETER'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### ***The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus***

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you"* (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

**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 following the services 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 honor of Kadrian Huffman by Jimmy Huffman.

**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

**\*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, Darrell Little, Scott Medlin, Clayton Milstead, 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, 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)

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)

Anne Schenk (sister-in-law of Nancy Bruce)

Kathy Whaley (friend of Nancy Bruce)

Carrie (niece of Scott Medlin)

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

### **Christian Sympathy**

- The family and friends of Scott Houston, especially his wife Christy, their daughters Jessica and Tracy, and his parents, Billy and Kathleen.
- The family and friends of Grace Winstead (sister-in-law of Ruth Thompson, aunt of Sherry Cogdell)

### **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** Jordan Correll (5/24), Gary Eckard (5/24), Peyton Eckard (5/24), Jeanette Gantt (5/24), Kadrian Huffman (5/25), Eugene Sigmon (5/28) , Mickey Stewart (5/28), Terry Starnes (5/30), Emily Sherbino (5/31)

**Anniversaries This Week** Tony & Jan Sigmon (5/26), Gregory & Joyce Hollar (5/28), Steve & Christal Sigmon (5/28), Kevin & Erin Sigmon (5/29), David & Lisa Brittain (5/31).

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## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting** will be held **Wednesday, May 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## Family Softball & Kickball Game Day

Dust off your ball gloves, grab the kids (or the grandkids) and come relive the golden age of competitive church softball leagues! In celebration of St. Peter's 200th anniversary, we are inviting our sister churches to join us for a fun evening of fellowship, laughter and hopefully no serious injuries. (We're kidding!) The kids will be invited to play a game of kickball followed by a friendly game of softball for the adults--for bragging rights only! Spectators are asked to bring a lawn chair and not razz the players too much! We'll have food trucks on hand--Thee Stuffed Waffles, Pooter Pop & Cocina Tres Hermanos. Join us on Sunday, June 29th from 4-7 p.m. at St. Peter's Ball Field!!!



### **Last Week - May 18, 2025**

#### **Worship Services Attendance**

8:15 am 175    10:45 70

#### **Sunday School Attendance**

Adults 55    Youth 16

#### **Offerings**

General Fund - \$7504.40    Sunday School - \$91.55

***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 - \$250.00; Kids Kamp - \$220.00; Quilters - \$50.00; Building Fund - \$2,347.00

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (25) 8:15 am Contemporary Service  
9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:45 am Traditional Service  
**12:30 pm 4th Sunday Lunch Bunch - at Captain's Galley Seafood**  
**1:00 pm Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)**

Mon. (26) **Memorial Day - Church office closed**

Tues. (27) 2:30 pm Staff Meeting  
**6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class**  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
*Pastor Eric's day off*

Wed. (28) **5:00 pm VBS Planning Meeting- in Education Building**  
6:30 pm Adult Choir  
6:30 pm Basketball League  
**7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting - in Multi-Purpose Room**

Thurs. (29) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - *with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall*  
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - *with Tonya Darden*  
*& Christal Sigmon in Multi-Purpose Room*  
*Pastor Frank's Day Off*

Sat. (31) 7:30 am  
Men's Small Group Bible Study  
12:00 pm Camp Linn Haven Rededication Service - *lunch & service*

Sun. (1) 8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion  
12:00 pm Handbells rehearsal  
**3:00 pm Blessing Box Alternatives Meeting - in Multi-Purpose Room**  
**6:00 pm Senior Youth Meeting (Grades 6-12) - in Youth Room**

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

If you know of a member of the congregation who is sick, hospitalized, or has special needs, please contact the church office at 828-256-2970 or Pastor Frank or Pastor Eric

## SERMON NOTES

### “Asking and Doing in His Name”

*John 16:23–30*

1. Do you remember the first time you prayed from your heart?
2. What prayers are you still waiting for God to answer?
3. How can you be sure that the Father will respond to your prayers with love?
4. What do you need to ask for with confidence or do with boldness?

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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 Christian Queen 10:45 am Donna Sipe

**Prayer Room:** 8:15 am Kevin Gantt 10:45 am Open

**Greeters:** 8:15 am Marla Early 10:45am Judy 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.

**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.

**Anniversary Team Update** The team is looking for a Confirmation photo from the class of 2004. (They have a combined Confirmation, preschool and graduation photo but would like one only of the Confirmands.) The names are: Kyle Clinton Batdorf, Tyler Brock Bentley, Allison Diane Bolick, Dakota Lee Bowman, Lauren Mae Bowman, Rachel Madelyn Braun, Norman Bolick "Bo" Coley, John Mark Eckard, Jr., Kadrian Ellen Huffman, Dustin Lee Jones, Brooke Danielle Killian, Bryant Leroy Miller, Nicholas Pope, Cody Justin Propst, Kayla Denise Ross, Samantha Sears, Cassie Danielle Sigmon. If you have a photo they can borrow, please contact Dwight Reese.

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

**Online Giving** Did you know that you can give your offerings on line? You can sign up through our website [stpetersconover.org](http://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.

**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.

**Conversation Partners Needed** Centro Latino is seeking conversation partners for the next summer session of English classes for adults. Classes are held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, by the Lenoir-Rhyne University campus in Hickory. Volunteers do not need to speak Spanish. They would converse with the students in English on Thursdays from 5-7:00 pm. The classes are for 6 weeks starting June 5, and they will not meet the first week of July. If you would like to partner with Centro Latino, please contact Jane Guelzow at 828-638-7005 or Central Latino at 828-330-0447.

**Wreaths Across America** This year's National Wreath Laying Day will be Saturday, December 13, 2025. This year's theme is "Keep Moving Forward." This year's theme was inspired by Joshua Byers, who was the Company Commander of Fox Troop in the 2/3ACR service in Iraq in 2003 when an IED struck his Humvee. As the smoke filled the air, Josh gave his driver a last command: "...keep moving forward." Though Josh didn't make it home, this command saved lives and became a battle cry for his unit and family. Orders for wreaths will be coming soon.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the LWML** in loving memory of Janet van Horne by Steve & Vickie Miller
- **Given to the Building Fund-Audio/Visual Fund** in loving memory of her dad, Ralph Lail, by Beth Lail
- **Given to the Building Fund-Audio/Visual Fund** in loving memory of his mom, Linda Sigmon by Kevin Sigmon
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Janet van Horne by Barry & Carolyn Matthews
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of Janet van Horne by the LWML

## YOUTH NEWS

- **Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)** will meet in the Parish Hall at **1 pm TODAY** for an afternoon of fun! Bring a friend! Permission slips are needed for all youth.
- **Senior Youth (Grades 6-12)** will meet **Sunday, June 1 at 6 pm** in the youth room for devotions

## SUNSHINE GROUP OUTINGS

**The Depot at Cody Creek** - The group is planning a trip The Depot at Cody Creek Restaurant in Dobson, NC on **Saturday, June 21**. They will leave the church at 3 pm and stop for frozen treat on the way home. Contact Betty Goble by Tuesday, June 10 so she can make reservations.

### Rededication of Camp Linn Haven and Mountainside Lutheran Church



Please RSVP if you will be attending the lunch, as they needed a count to prepare the food. You can email [camplinnhaven@gmail.com](mailto:camplinnhaven@gmail.com) or use the google docs form link below.

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