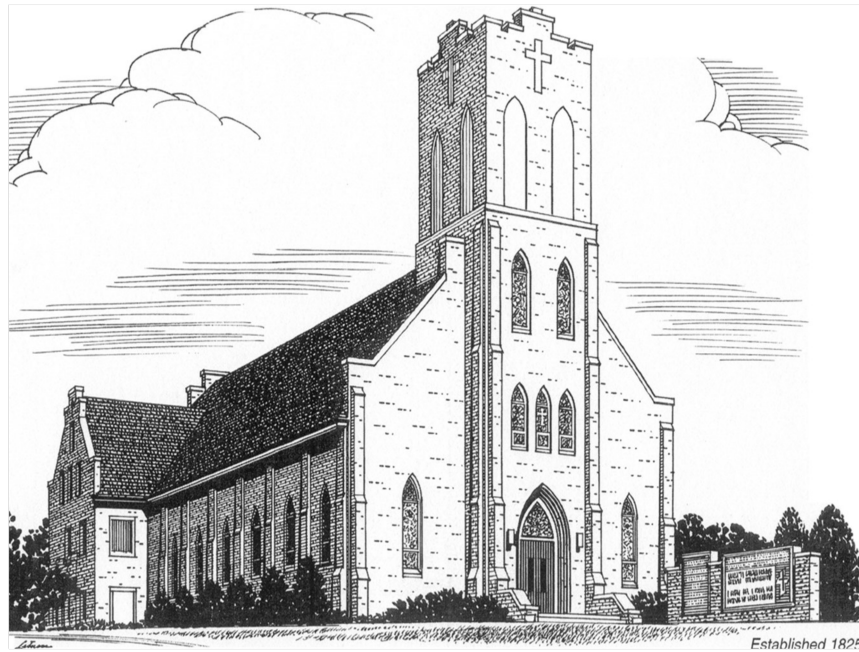


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**Festival of St. Peter
and St. Paul
June 29, 2025**



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

The Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul

Jesus is *"the Christ, the Son of the living God."* So confessed St. Peter. And Christ promised to build His Church on it by the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 16:16–19). He does this so we don't try to build the Church ourselves, on this or that person, or by any human means. *"Let no one boast in men ... whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas,"* for *"all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's"* (1 Cor. 3:21–23). The same Lord *"who worked through Peter ... worked also through"* Paul and is still at work in His Gospel and Sacraments (Gal. 2:7–8). The Church of every age must be recalled to *"hear the word of the gospel"* — the free forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake apart from the Law — *"and believe."* The Holy Spirit makes *"no distinction"* among men, but cleanses *"hearts by faith"* alone. So *"we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus"* (Acts 15:7–11). Both were imprisoned (Acts 12:1–11), both wrote Scripture (2 Peter 3:15–16), both opposed the world — and sometimes each other (Gal. 2:11–16) — all so *"that the truth of the gospel might be preserved"* for us (Gal. 2:5).

Welcome to St. Peter's! We are glad you are here! We ask everyone to fill out an "attendance card" and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We welcome our guests and visitors and request that you fill out the back side of the attendance card as well. Guests and visitors please take a "welcome" bag from our table out front.

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following the service today. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God

Fifth Sunday Social today Please join us in the Spirit Center for light refreshments and fellowship immediately after the 8:15 am worship service.

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

Today we welcome into God's family through Holy Baptism Mack Everette Reinhardt. Mack was born on December 15, 2024 and is the son of Charlie and Lauren Reinhardt and brother of Henry. May God bless Mack and keep him close in faith all of his life.

Commissioning of Alaska Mission Team This morning we are commissioning of individuals who will be leaving for Alaska in July. The group will lead Vacation Bible School for the children and a Bible Study for the adults. We ask the Lord's protection and strength as they bring Christ to those in Alaska. *(please see additional bulletin insert for names)*

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 - A study on "Esther" by Danielle Brown with Kim Gantt, Kevin Gantt & Kim Rector.

***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 Carol Abbott, Terry Bolick, Johnny Bryant, Sherry Bumgarner, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Eckard, Janet Good, Mary Ruth Hefner, Sandra Jenkins, Darrell Little, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, V. Lynn Starnes, Mickey Stewart, Tommy Stewart, and Marshall Wray.

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Carol Abbott, 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, Ernest & Carol Starnes, Tommy & Mickey Stewart, John Van Horne, Dorothy Willis, Mary Ann Winebarger

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Friends Needing Prayer

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

Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)

Dave Abernathy (father of Brad Abernathy)

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

Michelle Shoup (friend of Dixie Ingram)

John Hallman (son of Richard & Brenda Hallman)

Patti Oliver (cousin of Deborah Rufty)

Ashley McComb (daughter of Seth & Carolyn Paschal)

Robert Kanipe (friend of David & Grayston Sigmon)

Jim Totty (father of Bill Totty)

Lowell & Karen Rothenberger (parents of Peter Rothenberger)

Randy Shook (son-in-law of Joy Lail)

Andres Rodreguiz (friend of Seth & Carolyn Paschal)

Tim Self (friend of Adam Watts)

(*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 Amy Bowman (6/29); Trudy Huffman (6/29); Ashton Sigmon (6/29); John Thomas (6/29); Carol Abbott (7/1); Sherry Bumgarner (7/1); Terry Little (7/1); Bob Marlowe (7/2); Kim Sipe (7/2); Carolyn Goble (7/4); Audrey Hauss (7/4); Brian Lafone (7/4); Paisley Bowman (7/5)

Anniversaries This Week Dwight & Jeannette Reese (6/30); Peter & Leslie Rothenberger (7/1); Johnny & Sandra Bryant (7/2); Bobby & Crystal Gantt (7/2); Jerry & Doris Bolick (7/5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements need to be into the church office by next Tuesday, July 1 due to next week being a short week due to the July 4th holiday.

100th Birthday Party The congregation is invited to come and celebrate Reba Reinhardt's 100th birthday on **Saturday, July 12 from 2:00-4:00 pm**. Please NO gifts. If you'd like to do something in her honor, she requests donations be made to the St. Peter's Crocheting & Looming group.

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.

"We Are One in Christ " Back to School Bash 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."
Boxes for contributions are located in the back hallway of the main church building near the restrooms.

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.

Blessing Box Update

After our June meeting, we're strengthening our Blessing Box ministry with regular stocking and usage tracking. We need donations of canned meals, hygiene products, baby food, pet food, laundry detergent, and basic food staples. Pop-top items are especially helpful. Please bring your donations to the back hallway of the church building. Join us for our next Blessing Box meeting on Sunday, July 13 at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary to discuss our progress and future plans. Thank you for supporting this important community resource!



Independence Day Family Cookout Sunday, July 6 Following the 9:30 AM Worship Service

Join us for our annual family day cookout!

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. You are asked to sign up in the narthex to bring slaw, baked beans, pickles, potato salad or sliced onions and tomatoes, lettuce and homemade ice cream! Join us as we celebrate our nation's independence and wear your RED, WHITE and BLUE!



Last Week - June 22, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 133 10:45 83

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 48 Youth 16

Offerings

General Fund - \$8,619 Sunday School - \$80

***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

Quilters - \$40; Evangelism - \$30; Kids Kamp - \$1,950; Building Fund - \$380;
Building Audio/Visual - \$25

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (29)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service - commission Alaska Mission Teams</p> <p>9:15 am Fifth Sunday Social</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service - commission Alaska Mission Teams</p> <p>3:00 pm Final parent meeting for National Youth Gathering <i>- in Spirit Center</i></p>
Mon. (30)	<p>8:30 am Quilters</p> <p>6:00 pm Confirmation Check-in</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p> <p><i>Pastor Eric's day off</i></p>
Tues. (2)	<p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Barnabas Team Meeting - in Multi-purpose room</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (2)	<p>6:30 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p>
Thurs. (3)	<p><i>Pastor's Frank day off</i></p> <p>Alaska Mission Team to Gustavus leaves</p>
Fri. (4)	<p>Church Office Closed - July 4th Holiday</p> <p>Alaska Mission Team to Circle leaves</p>
Sun. (6)	<p>9:30 am Independence Day Worship Service ONE SERVICE ONLY</p> <p>11:00 am Family Cookout following service</p>

***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
“Walking Together in Step with the Truth”
Galatians, Chapter 2

1. When have you experienced a disagreement with a fellow believer?
How did they respond to you? How did you respond to them?
2. What specific issue prompted Paul to confront Peter?
3. What foundation did Paul use for his response to Peter?
4. How will you approach your next disagreement with a brother or sister in Christ?

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<p style="text-align: center;">Today's Servants</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Altar Guild: Annissa Beck, Pam Medlin</p> <p>Praise Band: (8:15 am service) Drew Stiles, leader; Bradley Abernathy, Emily Allen, Tom Bumgarner, Tom Delgreco, Melody Frank, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Oz Hefner, Emily Owens, Kim Rector, Emily Sherbino, Emma Spencer, Jeff Winebarger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Organist: (10:45 am service) Carolyn Paschal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office: Bob Marlowe</p> <p>Readers: 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am Richard Hallman</p> <p>Prayer Room: 8:15 am Mike Pritchard 10:45 am John Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters: 8:15 am Vickie Miller 10:45am Donna Sipe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers: 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe</p>

YOUTH NEWS

- **Final Parent Meeting for the National Youth Gathering** will be **today at 3 pm** in the Spirit Center. All parents need to be in attendance. For more information, contact Kim Kaylor.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- ***Given to the Building Fund*** in loving memory of Libby Sigmon and Steven Houston by Craig & Donna Lackey
- ***Given to the General Fund*** in loving memory of Libby Sigmon by Dorothy Williams; by Gary & Sharon Parrott ; by Lee Industries
- ***Given to the Building Fund - Audio/Visual*** in loving memory of Libby Sigmon and in thanks to the audio/visual team for their hard work in all they do for each worship service and special services from the Family of Libby Sigmon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Invites Families to our 2025 Vacation Bible *Egypt Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace*

Our 2025 Vacation Bible School called *Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace* will be hosted at St. Peter's every evening from **Sunday, July 27 to Thursday, July 31**. Families step back in time at Egypt, exploring the life of Joseph and learning the love of Jesus every step of the way.

Kids participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Egyptian eats, visit Joseph in prison and then in his palace home, and collect reminders of God's Word. Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

Adults are welcome to volunteer (background checks are required) or they can attend Pastor Frank's Bible Study in the Sanctuary.

Vacation Bible School will begin with a meal at 5:00 and then activities will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day.

Register today! *Students and volunteers who register before Sunday, July 20th will receive a free t-shirt!* You can register online at <https://www.stpetersconover.org/ministries/vbs/> or complete the form in your bulletin.

ALASKA MISSION TEAMS

Gustavus Team (Travel dates July 3-13)

Tonya Darden	Russ Darden
Karen Smith	Gunner Smith
Kay Brusca	Dianna Just
Don Neufeld	

Circle/Central Team (Travel dates July 4-13)

Pat Killian	Catherine Huffman
Audrey Hauss	David (DJ) Johnson
Annis Beck	Rachel Beck
Stephanie Pannell	

Ninilchik Team (Travel dates July 11-20)

Dianna Just	Tonya Darden
Betty Goble	Donna Pace
Melodie Briggs	Don Neufeld

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Proposal - Informational Meeting

St. Peter's Lutheran Church invites the entire congregation, especially parents of children who will soon be confirmation age, to an important informational meeting on **Sunday, July 13 at 1:00 PM** in the Education Building.

We will be presenting a proposal for a new approach to confirmation instruction. This proposed program aims to make confirmation more flexible while maintaining accountability, replace the "graduation mindset" with a focus on confirmation as the beginning of adult church membership, allow students to be confirmed when they're ready, and increase parental involvement through mentoring.

This is still in the proposal stage, and we sincerely want your feedback and input before finalizing any changes. Please come with your questions and suggestions as we work together to strengthen our confirmation program. Contact Pastor Frank with any questions prior to the meeting.