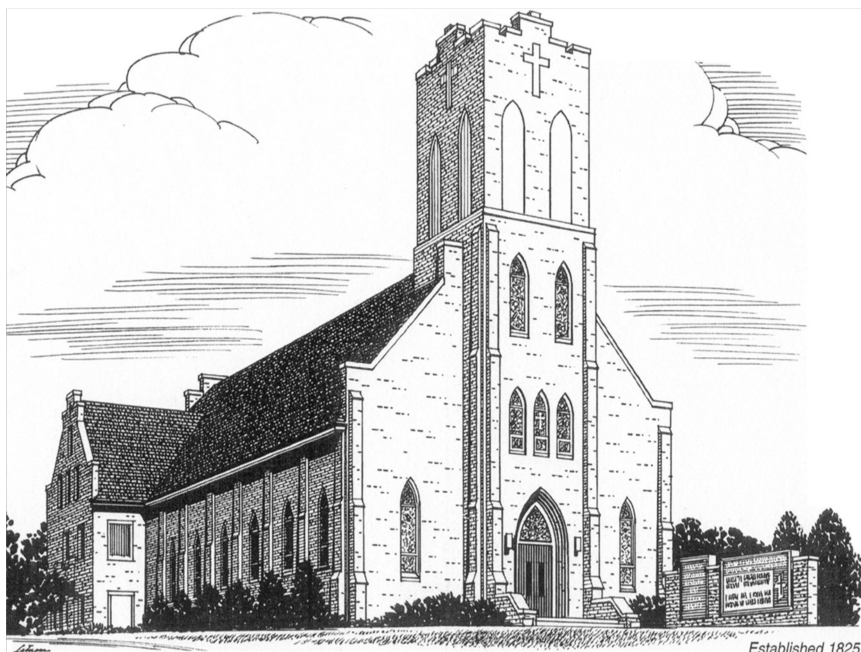


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

Fifth Sunday after Trinity
July 20, 2025



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

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Jesus Makes Fishers of Men

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1–11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18–25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11–21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8–15).

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 first-time 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.

Holy Communion Today at 8:15 am; 10:45 am and 4:30 pm

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

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God in loving memory of his wife Althea "Vi" Roth, who would have celebrated her birthday today, by Pastor Delbert Roth

Children's Bulletins and Devotional Books for youth and adults 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 - 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, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Janet Good, Audrey Hauss, Mary Ruth Hefner, Sandra Jenkins, Bobby Little, Darrell Little, Patti Oliver, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, Kim Rector, 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, Patricia Isenhour, 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)
 - Anne Schenk (sister-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
 - Patti Oliver (cousin of Deborah Rufty)
 - Jim Totty (father of Billy Totty)
 - Andres Rodreguiz (friend of Seth & Carolyn Paschal)
 - Tim Self (friend of Adam Watts)
 - Jacob 'Levi' Baker (friend of Carter Link)
 - Talynn Clark (great granddaughter of Johnny & Sandra Bryant)
 - David & Angie Todd (friends of Melissa Sigmon)
 - Will Walker (husband of Legina Walker)
 - Marsha Eggelton (sister of Carolyn Paschal)
 - Bob Grundy (cousin of Carolyn Paschal)
 - Daniel Eckard (nephew of Patricia Pritchard)
 - Angela Kirby Hunter (friend of Judy Dellinger)
 - Chris Penley (Newton-Conover High School principal)
- (*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)

Christian Sympathy The family of Bill Sherrill (uncle of Debbie Thomas; father of Patrick Sherrill)

Safe Travels For those attending the National Youth Gathering - Kenny Ballard, Rachel Beck, Jaxson Fisher, Elliott Gantt, Lyla Killian, Hayden Sigmon, Emma Spencer, Serenity Tupman, Ethan Watts, Kim Kaylor, Erin Sigmon, Jack Sigmon, Peter Rothenberger, and Pastor Frank

Birthdays This Week Claudia Mundy (7/21); Debbie Adams (7/22); Dan Bolton (7/23); Susan Gantt (7/24); Lily Spencer (7/25)

Anniversaries This Week Nathan & Kristen Lewis (7/21); Bruce & Earlean Fulbright (7/23); Al & Alice Layne (7/26)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You Appreciation Dinner Sponsored by the St. Peter's Lutheran Youth - Saturday, August 9 at 5:30 pm The congregation is invited to an appreciation dinner to thank everyone for supporting the youth who attended the National Youth Gathering. Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex and on the table in the back hall of the church to attend the dinner. Reservations are NEEDED since we will have the dinner catered. Please sign up on the sheets or email the church office at secretary@stpetersconover.org by Sunday, August 3.

VBS Set-Up and Decorating will start on **Friday, July 25 at 3 pm.** All ages are welcome to come help us set up our VBS stations. See Ashton Sigmon or Laura Frank if you need more information.

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." We need pop-up tents and 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 will be part of the "We Are One in Christ" back-to-school event at the Hickory Fairgrounds on **August 2nd**. We have all the notebooks that we need, but are accepting contributions to help offset the cost. 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 Evangelism Chair Marla Early or Pastor Frank.

GriefShare A new GriefShare class will begin Sunday, August 3 at 4:30 pm. Anyone who is interested please contact Sandra Jenkins at 828-638-5224.

St. Peter’s Camp Linn Haven Weekend - August 29-September 1
Forms to sign up for St. Peter’s weekend are available in the narthex. Price per person - Ages 16 and up - \$120; Ages 12-15 - \$110; and Ages 2-11 - \$ 100. Please complete the form and return to the church office or give to Erin Sigmon. Checks payable to Camp Linn Haven.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- ***Given to the Crocheters & Loomers*** in honor of Reva Reinhardt’s 100th birthday by Jeannette Gantt
- ***Given to the Building Fund - Audio/Visual*** in honor of the Praise Team and Audio/Visual Team by Kevin & Erin Sigmon

Last Week - July 13, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 154 10:45 am 68

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 56 Youth 16

Offerings

General Fund - \$11,267.41; Sunday School - \$ 55.00

***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

Evangelism - \$220; Senior Youth Gathering - \$500; Crocheting - \$50; LWML - \$20;

Building Fund - \$606; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$20

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (20)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Studies</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>1:30 pm 200th Anniversary Team Meeting - multi-purpose room</p> <p>2:00 pm Housewarming Shower for Emily Allen - Spirit Center</p> <p>4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service</p> <p>6:00 pm Church Council - Parish Hall</p>
Mon. (21)	<p>8:30 am Quilters</p> <p>6:15 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p> <p><i>Pastor Eric's day off</i></p>
Tues(22)	<p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (23)	<p>6:00 pm Elders Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p>
Fri. (25)	<p>3:00 pm VBS Set Up & Decorate</p>
Sat. (26)	<p>9:00 am "We are one in Christ" Back to School Meeting - St. John's Lutheran Church</p>
Sun. (27)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service</p> <p>9:15 am Voters Meeting</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service</p> <p>12:30 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch - at Captain's Galley</p> <p>5:00 pm VBS Meal - in Spirit Center (bring desserts & fruit)</p> <p>6:00 pm VBS Activities & Classes</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

“Hear the Call....Obey the Call” Luke 5:1-11

1. The call is heard through the Word (vs 1-5)
2. The call is obeyed in faith (vs 6-8)
3. The call leads to a life of service (vs 9-11)

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Carolyn Paschal

Praise Band: Drew Stiles, leader; Bradley Abernathy, Emily Allen, Thom Bumgarner, Tom Delgreco, Melody Frank, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Oz Hefner, Olivia Owens, Kim Rector, Emily Sherbino, Emma Spencer, Jeff Winebarger

Adult Choir: Charles Bumgarner, Sherry Bumgarner, Greg Eckard, Judy Eckard, Trudy Huffman, Carmen Lander, Scott Medlin, Carolyn Paschal, Emily Sherbino, Jan Sigmon, Drew Stiles, John Thomas.

Handbells: Betty Goble, Alice Layne, Carolyn Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Cheryl Sigmon, Drew Stiles, Bill Totty.

Organist: Judy Eckard

Office: Bob Marlowe

Readers: 8:15 am Tina Watts 10:45 am John Thomas

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Scott Medlin 10:45 am Richard Hallman

Greeters: 8:15 am Donna Sigmon 10:45 am Joy Eckard

Ushers: Open

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Invites Families to our 2025 Vacation Bible School *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.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Box Ministry Update

We continue to need your generous donations to support our neighbors in need. Our current focus is on providing essential food items and personal care products. Please drop off your contributions in the designated area at the back hallway of the church or at the church office. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community outreach!

Priority Items Needed for the Blessing Box

- Food Essentials:
 - o Canned meals with pop-tops (Chef Boyardee, canned meats)
 - o Basic food staples (cereal, oatmeal, grits, cornbread mix)
 - o Microwave-ready meals
 - o Canned fruits and vegetables
 - o Cooking essentials (oil, salt, pepper, seasonings)
 - o Bottled water
- Personal Care Items:
 - o Hygiene products (soap, shampoo) for adults and children
 - o Laundry detergent
 - o Baby food and wipes
- Other Needed Items:
 - o Pet food
 - o Children's items (coloring books, clothing, shoes)

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