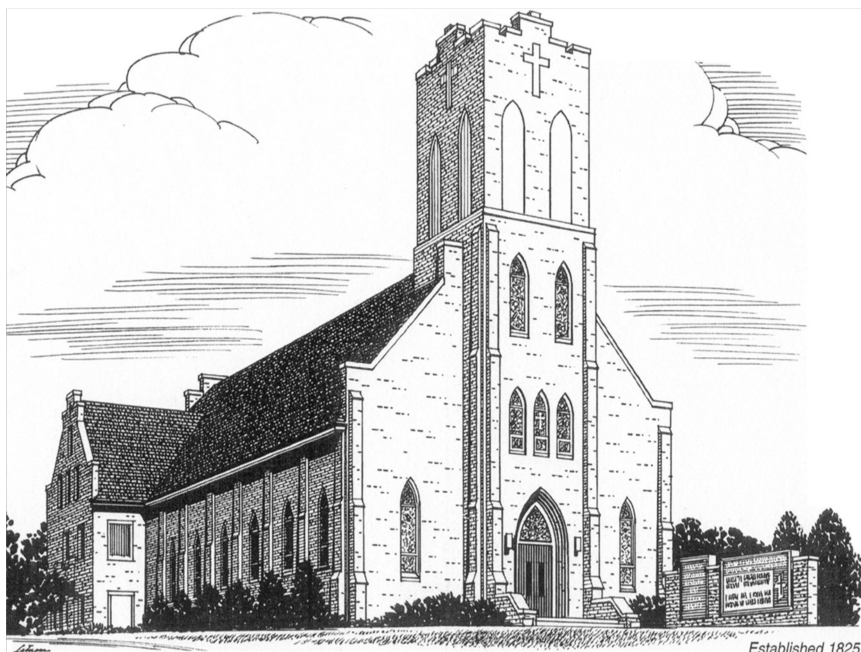


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

Seventh Sunday after Trinity
August 3, 2025



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, *"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . ."* (Gen. 3:19). In other words, *"The wages of sin is death"* (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For *"the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 6:23).

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

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. 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 memory of Harold Ingram's birthday (August 4) given by Dixie Ingram & Family

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** "The Promise Land" with Pastor Eric and Pastor Frank

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Carol Abbott, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Donald Bowman, Johnny Bryant, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Janet Good, Mary Ruth Hefner, Sandra Jenkins, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, Kim Rector, Mickey 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

- Anne Schenk (sister-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Jim Totty (father of Billy Totty)
- Andres Rodreguiz (friend of Seth & Carolyn Paschal)
- 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)
- 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)
- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Tommy & Ann McDonald (cousins of Sherry Bumgarner)
- Charlie Speaks (friend of Sherry Bumgarner)

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

Christian Sympathy

- The family of Mike Hefner, a former educator in Catawba County

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 Barbara Propst (8/4); Janet Adams (8/6); Eunice Reiter (8/6); Wanda Sigmon (8/6); Emma Witherspoon (8/6)

Anniversaries This Week Danny & Linda Goforth (8/3); Brandon & Amber Bowman (8/7)

August Over 80 Birthdays The LWML has given a donation to Missions in honor of the following over 80 birthdays: Eunice Reiter (8/6); Wanda Sigmon (8/6); Wayne Bostian (8/11); Clayton Milstead (8/14); Harold Starnes (8/28); and Wilson Sigmon (8/28).

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Sunshine Group The group is planning to attend the Gateway Baptist Church Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 13. If you would like to attend, please let Betty Goble (828-308-4251) know by August 5.

Bible Study Groups Resuming in August - Join One to Dive Deeper into God's Word

- Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am on Saturdays, starting August 9 in the multi-purpose room.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, leader, starting August 21 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. They are studying the Book of Revelation.
- Thursday Evening Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, leader, starting August 7 at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. They will be studying "The Risen Christ: Jesus' Final Words on Earth."

New Church Pictorial Directory We are looking for a couple of people to head up a team to start looking into the process of doing a new pictorial directory here at St. Peter's, as it has 4 years since we did our last one. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

YOU'RE INVITED



St. Peter's Bicentennial

as we celebrate 200 years
of God's faithfulness!

Schedule of Events

8:15 - History of the Lutheran Church in our area
with Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast

9:30 - Bicentennial Worship Service
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast

11:00 - History Walk in the Parish Hall

11:45 - Covered Dish Lunch in Spirit Center

Sunday

24

2025

August

Last Week - July 27, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 163 10:45 am 73

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 8 Youth 22 (no Adult Sunday School due to Voters Meeting)

Offerings

General Fund - \$10,6505 Sunday School - \$6

***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

Building Fund - \$766; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$38; Evangelism - \$420; Radio Sponsor - \$100;
Domestic Missions - \$5; Senior Youth - \$40

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun (3)	<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>4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p> <p>6:00 pm Senior Youth Meeting - in youth room</p>
Mon. (4)	<p>8:30 am Quilters</p> <p>6:15 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p>
Tues(5)	<p>9:00 am Winkel Pastors Group</p> <p>10:00 am Miriam Circle</p> <p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 pm Naomi Circle</p> <p>6:30 pm Lydia Circle</p> <p>6:30 pm Ruth Circle</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (6)	<p>5:00 pm Barnabas Team Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p> <p>6:30 pm Adult Choir</p>
Thurs. (7)	<p>6:00 pm Autism Support Group - in Spirit Center</p> <p>6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader <i>- in multi-purpose room</i></p>
Sat. (9)	<p>7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p> <p>5:30 pm Thank You Dinner sponsored by the Senior Youth</p>
Sun. (10)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service</p> <p>9:15 am Second Sunday Social - in Spirit Center</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>10:00 am Ghana Mission Trip Presentation by Pastor Eric <i>- in Spirit Center</i></p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service</p> <p>1:00 pm Evangelism Team</p> <p>4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group</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

"The Fruit of Slavery"

Romans 6:19-23

1. When in life do you observe that certain actions always lead to the same results?
2. When do you find yourself torn between right and wrong choices? Or between choosing what's *selfless* instead of what's *selfish*?
3. Does this internal conflict ever leave you discouraged and questioning your salvation?
4. What practices can help you remember that Christ has set you free from slavery to sin through your baptism?

Rev. Peter Frank, Senior Pastor

314-882-7117 (cell)

pfrank@stpetersconover.org

Rev. Eric Hauss, Assistant Pastor

828-896-5180 (cell) 828-441-9559 (home)

pastor_e@stpetersconover.org

Nancy Bruce, Administrative Asst

secretary@stpetersconover.org

Kim Kaylor, Family Ministry Director

828-234-5945 (cell)

familyministry@stpetersconover.org

Rev. Jason & Emily Groth, Missionaries

lcms.org/Groth

Carolyn Paschal, Music Director

304-590-0504 (cell)

music@stpetersconover.org

Drew Stiles, Praise Band Leader

stilesdrew70@gmail.com

Church Office

Phone: 828-256-2970

Website

stpetersconover.org

Church WiFi

Stpeters1364

Church Address

6175 St Peters Church Rd, Conover NC 28613

Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Jeannie Deal, Julie Robinson

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: Carolyn Paschal

Office: Bob Marlowe

Readers: 8:15 am David Sigmon 10:45 am David Icenhour

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Mike Pritchard 10:45 am Richard Hallman

Greeters: 8:15 am Vickie Miller 10:45 am Donna Sipe

Ushers: Open

THANK YOU NOTES

- Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude for the words of encouragement, phone calls, visits, cards, and especially the prayers lifted up during the months of illness and preceding passing of our beloved husband and dad. Thank you Pastor Frank and Pastor Hauss for the visits and guidance shared with Darrell and the family members during this difficult time. Your words and scriptures were a source of comfort at his service. - The Family of Darrell D. Little
- This week at VBS, we went to Egypt, and found a man named Joseph in prison, and the kids enjoyed learning his journey from prison to palace. We sought out, Gods sightings too. God's HOPE, SPECIAL ABILITIES, HIS WISDOM, and one of the hardest FORGIVENESS, with all those sightings, Joseph found his FAMILY. This amazing week would NOT have been pulled off, if it wasn't for our AMAZING VBS volunteer family!! Thank YOU is an understatement, sometimes there are not enough words to capture the true essence of a thankful heart, and to know the difference YOU have made in all our kids lives this week. To ALL the section leaders, rotational leaders, our dinner DIVA ladies, Boy Scouts, Audio/Visual Team, Pastor Frank and Pastor Eric, Nancy in the church office, and to all the adults, parents and kids who attended and prayed for VBS this week..my heart is overwhelmed with such joy!

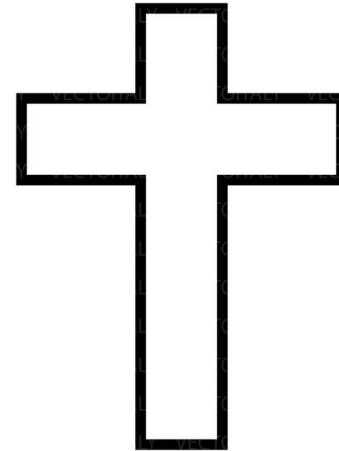
"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well" ~Romans 12:6

"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus"
~Galatians 3:26

I am honored to be part of this VBS family!
Love, Ashton Sigmon

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Darrell Little by Dan & Paula Timmerman ; by Oz & Brenda Hefner
- **Given to the Quilters** in loving memory of Libby Sigmon by John & Barbara Davis
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of BHHS classmate, Darrell Little, by Jeanette Gantt



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.



Words to Find:	is	God	Christ
For	death	is	our
the	but	eternal	Lord
wages	the	life	
of	gift	through	
sin	of	Jesus	

Why do so many young people leave your congregation after Confirmation?

PROF INSIGHTS: FACULTY-LED WORKSHOP FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY

BEGINNING WITH THE *Communal* END IN MIND

Confirmation, Christian Formation
and the Life in the Congregation



Guest Speaker
DR. PETER NAFZGER
CONCORDIA SEMINARY

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2025, CONOVER, NC

A conversation for every parent, grandparent, pastor,
and concerned church member about why confirmed
young people leave the church and what to do about it.

Friday, Sept. 19 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$40 per person (which includes lunch on Saturday)
with quantity discounts available.

\$20 special price for St. Peter's members!

Register today at:

STPETERSCONOVER.ORG/WORKSHOP



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
← CONOVER, NC →