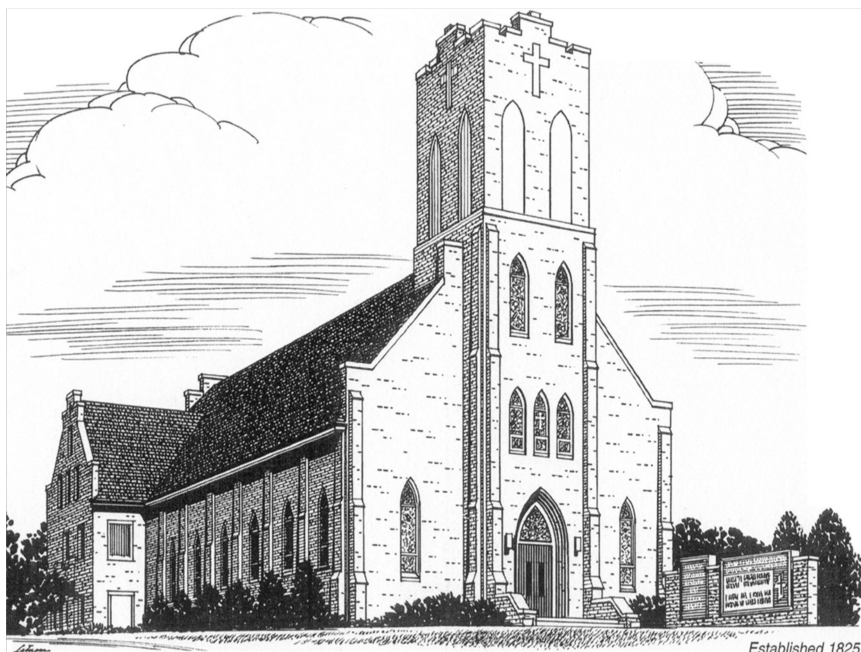


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
August 31, 2025**



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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.

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 and in loving memory of Dwight Lafone's earthly birthday (Aug. 19) and his heavenly birthday (Sept. 3) by the Lafone and Rucker families. We love and miss you. *(Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service)*

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

Fifth Sunday Social will **NOT** be held today due to many of our members being at Camp Linn Haven for St. Peter's Family weekend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

***NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY** due to the number of youth that are at Camp Linn Haven this weekend.

***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** - Education Building, Room 7 with Beth Lail. They are studying “The Book of Acts.”

***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, David Duncan, Betty Eckard, Jimmy Goble, Janet Good, Brenda Hallman, Mary Ruth Hefner, Sandra Jenkins, Bill Jones, Carter Link, Angela Martin, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, Kim Rector, David Sigmon, 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, 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

Greens at Viewmont: Reva Reinhardt

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Friends Needing Prayer

- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Tommy & Ann McDonald (cousins of Sherry Bumgarner)
- Charlie Speaks (friend of Sherry Bumgarner)
- Madison White (granddaughter of Carol Alley)
- Tommy London (father of former member)
- Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Possum & Phyllis Mathews (friends of Bob & Gaye Marlowe)
- Todd Starnes (son of Ernest & Carol Starnes)
- James Lofton (brother-in-law of Ruby Matthews)
- Judy Sherrill (cousin of Debbie Adams)
- Mike Brittain (cousin of Debbie Adams)
- Sarah Brummet (wife of Pastor Daniel Brummet , former vicar at St. Stephens LCMS)

*(*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 Treva Pope (8/31); Crystal Gantt (9/1); Selena Gurganious (9/1); Robin Little (9/3); Heidi Jones (9/4); Peter Rothenberger (9/4); Rob Rucker (9/4); Myron Bowman (9/6)

Anniversaries This Week Larry & Brenda Eckard (9/1); Robert & Karen Hoyle (9/1); Brandon & Kelsey Broome (9/3); Greg & Judy Eckard (9/3); Keith & Renae Randall (9/4)

Safe Travels

- Alice Layne from Belize
- Pastor Frank to and from Israel

Christian Sympathy

- The Family of Leslie Barnette, education and friend of many in our community
- The Family of Kevin Harris, nephew of Lori & Darrell Propst

Births

- Ellie May Naderi, daughter of Sean & Megan Naderi and great-niece of Nancy Bruce

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

All committee chair are requested to begin their budget requests for fiscal year 2026. If we start early we can allocate the funds that will best serve the congregation. If you have any questions, please call David Sigmon: 828-381-1883.

Feed the Athletes This fall we will providing the pregame meal for the Bunker Hill football team on Friday, September 26 and for the St. Stephens football team on Friday, October 3. We will be feeding approximately 60 people per meal. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meals as well as provide desserts. (desserts requested are brownies, cookies with no icing, and pound cakes.) Monetary donations will also be accepted to help offset the cost of purchasing the food for the meal. (please write on memo line "Feed the Athletes." Please see Pastor Eric or call the church office if you would like to volunteer or need more information.

Festival of the Tables Festival of the Tables will be November 15, 2025 at 5:30 in the Spirit Center, with fellowship, dinner, entertainment, and a raffle. If you are willing to host a table (this is someone willing to decorate a table and provide table settings for 8 people). Please let Audrey Hauss, Theresa Cook or Brenda (Oz) Hefner know by Sunday, September 28th if you would like to be a table host. Cost is \$20 per person to attend and proceeds go to The Corner Table and St. Peter's Mission Team.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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nostalgic drive-in diner food and a
kid-friendly movie under the stars!



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Last Week - August 24, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

9:30 am 286 (one service only)

Offerings

General Fund - \$9,886.23

***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 - \$340; Evangelism Fund - \$75; 200th Anniversary Fund - \$2,000; Kids Kamp \$250
Building Fund - \$902; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$50

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (31)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes (<i>*NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL</i>)</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service</p> <p>4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p>
Mon. (1)	Labor Day - Church Office Closed
Tues. (2)	<p>9:00 AM Winkel Pastor's 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 Ruth Circle</p> <p>6:30 PM Lydia Circle</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (3)	<p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Choir</p>
Thurs. (4)	<p>10:00 am Bible Study with Kim Kaylor - <i>in Parish Hall</i></p> <p>11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Study with Terry Sigmon - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p>
Fri. (5)	10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Eric - <i>in Parish Hall</i>
Sat. (6)	7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i>
Sun. (7)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:39 am Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>12:00 pm Handbells</p> <p>4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></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

1. What work of Christ, accomplished for your benefit, is described in this sermon?

2. In what ways does the Holy Spirit empower you to live differently?

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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 Emma Spencer 10:45 am Russ Darden

Prayer Room 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am Richard Hallman

Greeters: 8:15 am Mary Deese 10:45 am Donna Sipe

Ushers: 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Minute St. Peter's Family: First, thank you Your continued generosity has allowed us to serve, grow, and share God's love. Every gift you offer has made our services, programs and outreach ministries possible.

As we look ahead, we're having to evaluate long and short-term facility needs. To meet these needs and continue thriving in our mission, we are prayerfully asking our congregation to consider increasing your financial support for the general and building funds.

Whether it's a small increase in weekly giving or a one-time offering, every bit helps and is deeply appreciated. Every contribution, no matter the size, has a meaningful impact! With your support, we can continue to be a place of hope, healing, and spiritual growth for all who walk through our doors.

Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, and love. We are excited about what God is doing through St. Peters, and we look forward to continuing this journey together. With gratitude and blessings, Beth Lail, Stewardship Chair

Sunshine Group Outings

- They planning to see "Pride and Prejudice" at The Green Room Theatre in Newton on Friday, October 10. If you would like to attend, please let Betty Goble (828-308-4251) know if you want to attend by Friday, September 5, so she can reserve tickets.
- They are planning to see "Dearly Departed" at the Hudson Uptown Building (HUB) on Friday, October 24. This is a dinner show and the cost will be approximately \$40 per person. Please let Betty Goble know by Wednesday, September 3, if you want to attend so she can reserve tickets.

Conversation Partners Needed Central Latino is seeking conversation partners for the fall session of English classes for adults held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, near Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory. Laura Bahlmann and Jane Guelzow are teachers for the class. Volunteers do not need to speak Spanish. They would converse with the students in English on Thursdays from 5-7 pm for 6 weeks beginning September 18. If you are able to serve as a conversation partner for this session, please call Jane Guelzow at 828-638-7005.

Lyle Creek Lunch Buddy Program The lunch buddy program with Lyle Creek Elementary School will start back on Thursdays at 11:45 am, starting September 4. Please consider joining us to meet with students during lunch to provide positive support and friendship. We will leave from the parish hall at 11:45 am to carpool to Lyle Creek or you can meet there. For more details, contact Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945).

Friends and Family Sunday: Generations of Faith

Join us for our special Friends and Family Sunday on September 14th at both services. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite someone who has made a significant impact on your faith journey to experience our church community.

Our theme, "Generations of Faith," celebrates the beautiful ways the Christian faith is passed down and shared between generations. Whether it's a parent, grandparent, mentor, or friend, this is the perfect occasion to honor that person by extending an invitation.

To help you with invitations, we have special postcards available. These cards are designed to make inviting your loved ones simple and meaningful. Let's fill our sanctuary on September 14th with generations of faithful people, connecting the past, present, and future of our faith community!

Bible Studies - Join a Bible study this fall!

- Wednesday Night Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor, leader at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
- Thursday Morning Bible study with Kim Kaylor, leader at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall - studying Revelation
- Thursday Night Bible study with Terry Sigmon, leader at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room of the church, studying "The Risen Christ: Jesus' Final Words on Earth
- Friday Morning Bible study with Pastor Eric, leader at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall., studying "The Chosen" series

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the General Fund** in celebration of St. Peter's 200th Anniversary and in loving memory of her parents and grandparents - Dalthard "Jim" & Hazel Sigmon Carp by Vertie Sigmon

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