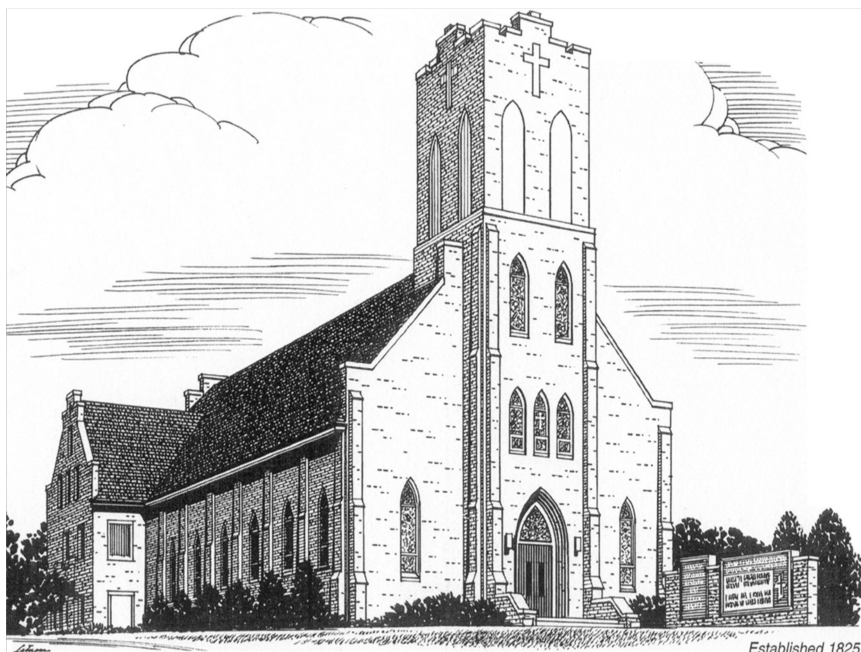


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 28, 2025**



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

"You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).

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 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 in honor of their son Scottie's birthday (Sept. 27) by Kenneth & Linda Goble
(Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service)

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of blessing us with 32 years of a wonderful marriage. (Oct. 2) God is good! Given by Danny & Donna Sipe

SUNDAY SCHOOL

***Ages 2-5** - Room #1 Education Building- Brenda Fulbright & Alice Layne

***K-2nd Grade** - Room #8 Education Building - Emily Schwandt

***3rd - 5th Grades** - Grover Herman Room Education Building - Terry Sigmon

***Middle & High Schoolers (6-12th Grades)** - Room #4 Education Building - John Adams

***Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 - A study on “The Book of Jude” by Eric Geiger 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** - Lectionary Study with Pastor Eric and Pastor Frank

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Carol Abbott, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Sherry Bumgarner, Stanley Dellinger, Shirley Dellinger, David Duncan, Betty Eckard, Janet Good, Scottie Goble, Mary Ruth Hefner, Oz Hefner, Karen Hoyle, James “Himey” Huffman, David Johnson, Carter Link, Angela Martin, Barb Nordyke, Seth Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Randy Pennington, Alan Pruitt, Amy Rucker, 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

- Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Possum & Phyllis Mathews (friends of Bob & Gaye Marlowe)
- Sarah Brummet (wife of Pastor Daniel Brummet , former vicar at St. Stephens LCMS)
- Lee Hartley (family of Judy Eckard)
- Tim & Roxanne Atwood (friends of Bob Marlowe)
- Sawyer Lackey (grandson of Craig & Donna Lackey)
- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Tom Hottman (brother-in-law of Carmen Lander)
- Tammy White (friend of Nancy Bruce)
- Carson Hollar (son of Rev. Eric Hollar)
- Tyler Coulbourn (nephew of Sandra Jenkins)
- Madison White (granddaughter of Carol Alley)
- Scott Rudisill (friend of Nancy Bruce)
- Bo Todd (brother of Mike Pritchard)

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

Expectant Mothers

- Katelynn Ruff - due Oct. 27 (granddaughter of Nelson & Selena Gurganious)

Birthdays This Week Halle Spencer (9/29); Larry Hefner (10/3); Angie Little (10/3); Linda Edwards (10/4)

Anniversaries This Week Dan & Ladonna Bolton (9/30); Chris & Somer Sparks (10/1); Danny & Sonna Sipe (10/2); Dan & Paula Timmerman (10/4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Elections If you would like to be considered for a position on church council in 2026 (*positions available will be announced soon*), please contact Daivd Sigmon or Nancy in the church office to add your name to the list.

Feed the Athletes This fall we will providing the pregame meal 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.

Our Community Truck-or-Treat Event will be held on **Friday, October 31 starting at 6 pm**. Invite your friends and family *to the event. There will be candy, crafts, goodies and a free hot dog meal!* Prizes will be given for the best decorated trunk! **We also need candy (NO NUTS PLEASE), stickers and/or small prizes for this event!** **Boxes are in the hallway outside the church office.** Please contact Ashton Sigmon or the church office if you can volunteer and/or decorate your vehicle trunk.

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. We have one person that is willing to help, but we need one or two more. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

You are invited to share your musical talents as we sing for two special services coming up in October - Homecoming and Confirmation/Reformation. *No prior experience necessary, just a love for singing!* Come join us for practice on **Wednesday, October 1 and October 8 at 6:30 pm** to rehearse for the Homecoming Sunday and **on Wednesday, October 15 and 22 at 6:30 pm** to rehearse for the Confirmation/Reformation Sunday. We will practice in the church sanctuary! We'd love to have you join us for this one or both of these services! For more information, see Carolyn Paschal.

Updated Youth Confirmation Program St. Peter's updated Confirmation program helps students develop spiritual maturity throughout their faith journey. The foundation begins with regular worship attendance and consistent participation in our Junior High/High School Sunday School class for essential Bible instruction. If you have children or grandchildren who might be ready for confirmation (6th grade through high school), please speak with one of the pastors to discuss readiness and program details. Our self-directed, community-centered approach will help young people deepen their understanding of and commitment to their baptismal faith!

Last Week - September 14, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 133 10:45 am 57

Sunday School

Adults 52 Youth 16

Offerings

General Fund - \$10,574.61; 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

Feed the Athletes - \$40; LWML - \$500; Radio Sponsors- \$300; 200th Anniversary - \$1,632.50;
Senior Youth - \$40; Building Fund - \$427; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$88

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (28)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service 12:15 pm Confirmation Class - in Education Building 12:30 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch - meet at El Paso Mexican in Viewmont 1:00 pm Evangelism Team Meeting - in Education Building 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group</p>
Mon. (29)	<p>8:30 am Quilters 6:15 am Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p>
Tues. (30)	<p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (1)	<p>6:30 pm Basketball League 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor - <i>in Parish Hall</i> 6:30 pm Adult Choir</p>
Thurs. (2)	<p>10:00 am Bible Study with Kim Kaylor - <i>in Parish Hall</i> 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies 6:00 pm Autism Support Group - in Spirit Center 6:30 pm Bible Study with Terry Sigmon - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p>
Fri. (3)	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Eric - <i>in Parish Hall</i> 2:00 pm Volunteers arrive for meal for football team 2:30 pm Meal for St Stephens High School football team 9:00 pm Senior Youth (grades 6-12) Lock-in</p>
Sat. (4)	<p>7:00 am Pickup senior youth from lock-in 7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p>
Sun. (5)	<p><i>LWML Sunday</i> 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 12:15 pm Confirmation - Elder Questioning 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group</p>

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

SERMON NOTES

“Today’s Grace for Today’s Needs”

Matthew 6:24-34

1. Tomorrow’s Worry Is Not Ours (vs. 24, 34)

2. Today’s Gifts Are Sufficient (vs. 26–30)

3. The Kingdom of God Secures Our Future (vs. 31–33)

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Today’s Servants

Altar Guild: Theresa Cook, Tony Darden

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 Pascal, 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 Mike Pritchard 10:45 am Carmen Lander

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

Greeters: 8:15 am Marla Early 10:45 am Karen Hoyle

Ushers: 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Open

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 10:00 am in the Parish Hall, studying "The Chosen" series

Tutors Needed for Partnership with Central Latino's Opening Doors Program

This program provides tutoring for children from Spanish-speaking homes in Grades 1-5 throughout the school year. This program is designed to provide academic support, foster confidence, success and independence in a child's learning journey. Tutors will assist students with homework and work to enhance their reading and writing skills. We need 5-10 volunteers to tutor and another 2-3 volunteers to work check-in on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting the week of October 7. Tutoring would be here on the campus at St. Peter's and will be part of our evangelism outreach in the community. Times would be from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. You could tutor both days, once a week, once every other week, it is flexible. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with these students, please contact Nancy in the church office.

The Quilters are looking for additional hands to help them tack quilts on Monday mornings from 8:30 am to 12 noon. (You don't have to stay the whole time and no experience is necessary, they will teach you.) For more information, see Brenda Griffin or Catherine Huffman.

Sunshine Group The Sunshine Group is planning an outing to the Winston Theatre Alliance to see "The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon." on Sunday, November 16. They will leave at 12 Noon (after the 2nd service ends). After the movie we will stop for dinner. If you'd like to attend, please contact Betty Goble by October 1. Ticket cost is approximately \$25 per person.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INFORMATION

- **The Catawba County Hunger Walk**, presented by Ashure Ministry, Hickory Soup Kitchen, and The Corner Table will be held on **Sunday, October 5** starting with registration at 2 pm and the walk at 3 pm. You can register to walk at www.cchungerwalk.com.
- **Corner Table Pop-Up Vendor Event** will be held on **Thursday, October 2 from 6-8:00 pm** at Sapphire Hills Event Center, 6610 NC Hwy 16 North, Conover NC. Donations of non perishable food items and/or cash donations will be accepted at the event to support the Corner Table.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kids in Christ (Grades K-6) will have an outing to the Johnny Wilson Farm in Granite Falls for a fun afternoon in their pumpkin patch, corn-maze and seeing the farm animals on **Sunday, September 28**. Meet in the Parish Hall at **12:45 pm**. Eat lunch before you come! Questions - contact Kim Kaylor.



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.

A Stewardship Note

Dear St. Peter's Brothers and Sisters,

I want to take a moment to share something that is both deeply spiritual and practical: the blessing of **giving**. Scripture reminds us that generosity is not only an act of obedience but an act of worship and trust in God's provision.

In **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**, Paul encourages the church, saying: ***"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously"***. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, ***"for God loves a cheerful giver."***

When we give—whether through tithes, offerings, or acts of service—we are participating in the Kingdom work that reaches far beyond the walls of our church. We understand that times can be uncertain, but Scripture reminds us as **Philippians 4:19** promises: ***"And my God will meet ALL your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."***

I encourage you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give. No gift is too small when it is given in faith. And if you have never taken that first step of consistent giving, now is a wonderful time to begin.

Thank you for being a generous and faithful part of our church family. May the Lord bless you abundantly as you continue to sow into His Kingdom.

In His grace and love,
Beth Lail, Stewardship Chair

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



October 12, 2025

Worship Service at 9:30 am

Guest Preacher: Rev. Kevin Graudin

Followed by Covered Dish Lunch

*Come Home to Faith,
Family & Fellowship*



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