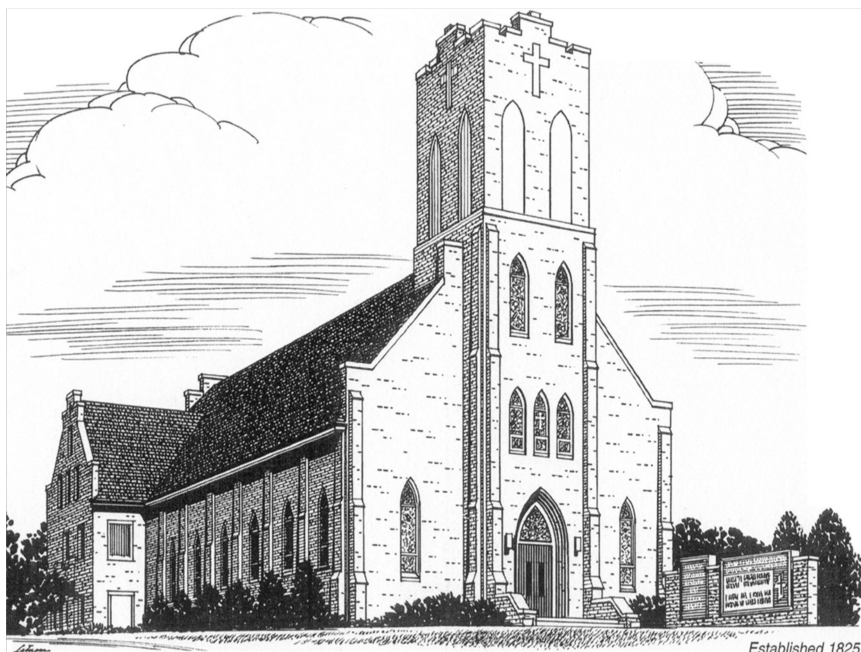


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**Holy Cross Day
Friends & Family Sunday
September 14, 2025**



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jesus in Our Good Samaritan

The Law cannot help us or give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God (Gal. 3:15–22). So it is that two figures of the Law, the priest and the Levite, passed by the injured man on the side of the road (Luke 10:23–37). Only the promised Seed of Abraham can rescue us and make us righteous before God. Only the Samaritan, our Lord Jesus, had compassion, as did the Samaritans of old (2 Chronicles 28:8–15). He came down to us in our lost and dying condition, pouring on the oil and wine of the Sacraments. He placed us on His own animal, bearing our sin and brokenness in His body on the cross to restore us. Jesus brought us to the inn, that is, the Church, and gave the innkeeper two denarii, that His double forgiveness might continue to be ministered to us. In this way the Lord, by whose Law we are torn and stricken, heals us and revives us by His Gospel and raises us up with Himself.

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 (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

Second Sunday Social Join us in the Spirit Center following the 8:15 am service for refreshments and fellowship followed by a presentation from the Alaska Mission Team on their trip this past summer.

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, Stanley Dellinger, David Duncan, Betty Eckard, Jimmy Goble, Danny Goforth, Janet Good, Brenda Hallman, Mary Ruth Hefner, Karen Hoyle, Hemi Huffman, Sandra Jenkins, Bill Jones, Carter Link, Angela Martin, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, Kim Rector, Amy Rucker, 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

- 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)
- 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)

*(*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 Brenda (Oz) Hefner (9/19); Toni Miller (9/19); Scott Deese (9/19); Rosa Fulbright (9/19)

Anniversaries This Week Chris & Christin Sigmon (9/21); Mike & Deborah Rufty (9/27)

September Over 80 Birthdays The LWML has given a donation to LWML MITES in honor of the following: Gracie Bolick (9/7), Beulah Price (9/12) and Janice Hoke (13).

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

All committee chair are requested to begin their budget requests for fiscal year 2026. Please get your requested budget turned in by the end of the month. 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.

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 David Sigmon (828-381-1883) or Nancy in the church office to add your name to the list.

Golden Agers The group will meet on **Tuesday, September 16 at 9 am** for an outing to the Billy Graham library. Please meet in the Parish Hall. They will stop for lunch on the way back. All are welcome!

Feed the Athletes This fall we will be 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.

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 at the school. For more details, contact Kim Kaylor (828-234-5945).

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.

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)
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (14)	<p><i>Friends & Family Sunday</i></p> <p>8:15 am Contemporary Service</p> <p>9:15 am Second Sunday Social - in Spirit Center</p> <p>9:45 am Alaska Mission Team Presentation - in Spirit Center</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service</p> <p>12:00 pm Sunshine Group - outing to Winston-Salem</p> <p>1:30 pm 200th Anniversary Team</p> <p>4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group</p> <p>6:00 pm Senior Youth (Grades 6-12) - in Youth Room</p>
Mon. (15)	<p>8:30 am Quilters</p> <p>6:15 am Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p>
Tues. (16)	<p>9:00 am Golden Agers - Outing to Billy Graham Library</p> <p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Barnabas Team Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (17)	<p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor- <i>in Parish Hall</i></p>
Thurs. (18)	<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. (19)	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Eric - <i>in Parish Hall</i></p> <p>6:00 pm Training Session: Youth Workshop - in Spirit Center</p>
Sat. (20)	<p>7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p> <p>8:30 am Training Session: Youth Workshop - Spirit Center</p>
Sun. (21)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion with Guest pastor, Rev. Dr. Peter Nafzger</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion with Guest pastor, Rev. Dr. Peter Nafzer</p> <p>12:00 pm Handbells</p> <p>4:00 pm Circuit Forum - at Christ Lutheran Church</p> <p>4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group</p> <p>6:00 pm Church Council</p>

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

SERMON NOTES

“Looking to the Cross through Generations of Faith”

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

1. How religious are you?
2. Is Christianity merely a religion or is it something more?
3. What is the wisdom of God and why does the world consider it foolish?
4. Consider all those who have helped you in your faith journey? What was it that they did? How can you do that for others?

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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 Christian Queen 10:45 am Tonya Darden

Prayer Room 8:15 am Danny Goforth 10:45 am Richard Hallman

Greeters: 8:15 am Eunice Reiter, Mary Deese, Vickie Miller 10:45 am Joy Eckard, Karen Hoyle, Christal Sigmon

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