

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

Homecoming Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
October 12, 2025



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

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Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

“Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence” (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you.

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, *“Friend, move up higher,”* giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

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.

A special welcome to Rev. Kevin Graudin as our Homecoming preacher today! “God has been so good to me throughout my life. I was born into a Christian home with a mom and dad, brother and sister. I came to believe in the Lord Jesus at a very early age. After graduating from the Concordia Seminary, I served as a pastor in Illinois, South Carolina and Maryland. I met and married my sweet wife Teresa in South Carolina and the Lord gave us three children. Ten years ago, November 1, 2015, I received the Call to serve St. Peter’s and was privileged to be the congregation’s shepherd until July 2023. Currently Teresa and I are enjoying our two grandchildren, participating actively at Concordia Lutheran Church in Conover and celebrating the freedom that retirement provides to travel, explore and discover new things. We are delighted to be back for this bicentennial homecoming.” - Pastor Kevin

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in honor of the October 14th birthdays of Dennis Winebarger and Becca Lackey by Teresa Taylor (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

The flowers around the altar area are given to the glory of God and placed by LWML members in gratefulness for all His many blessings over the 200 years of St. Peter's congregation. May He continue to raise up servants to carry on His mission in this place and community!

Homecoming offering envelopes are in your bulletin. This offering will go toward 200th Anniversary expenses.

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Carol Abbott, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Sherry Bumgarner, Shirley Dellinger, David Duncan, Betty Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Janet Good, Mary Ruth Hefner, Oz Hefner, James "Himey" Huffman, David Johnson, Carter Link, Angela Martin, Barb Nordyke, Seth Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Alan Pruitt, Reva Reinhardt, Amy Rucker, Mickey Stewart, Teresa Taylor, 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)

- 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)
- 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)
- Judy Sherrill (cousin of Debbie Adams)
- Doris Linebarger (friend of Debbie Adams)
- Brenda Reed (friend of Debbie Adams)
- Kim Johnson (friend of Debbie Adams)
- Sandra S. Gantt (friend of Debbie Adams)

*(*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)

Christian Sympathy

- The family of Lisa Foster (friend of Nancy Bruce)

Birthdays This Week Brenda Eckard (10/12); Doris Lail (10/13); Jeff Bowman (10/13); Dennis Winebarger (10/14); Jason Fulbright (10/16); Ruth Thompson (10/16); Georgiana Sigmon (10/17); Sawyer Frank (10/18); Joy Lail (10/18); Carmen Lander (10/18); Danny Schwandt (10/18)

Anniversaries This Week Jonas & Gina Shook (10/14); Richard & Darlene Eckard (10/17)

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Bag for This Year's Confirmands Lyla Killian, Emma Spencer, and Serenity Tupman, will affirm their faith in the Lord Jesus and be confirmed in the Christian faith on **Sunday, October 26 at our 9:30 am worship service** (one service only). In the narthex, you will find gift bags for them. Please leave a card, note or small gift to encourage Lyla, Emma and Serenti as they continue their faith walk.

All Saints' Sunday - November 2 We will remember our family and friends that have entered the Church Triumphant since last All Saints' Sunday (November 3, 2024) For our special tribute, we request that families submit pictures of those who have died to Staci Bumgarner (stacibumgarnerpc@gmail.com) or bring them by the church office **by Wednesday, October 22.**

Church Worker Appreciation Month Please join the LWML as we recognize the dedicated Pastors and Staff at St. Peter's during this time of appreciation. Baskets will be placed at the front of the church from October 19 - November 2 for your cards and notes of love and thanks. We are continually blessed by the ongoing devotion of these servants of Christ. We thank God for their presence among us!

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.

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.

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing Party Join the LWML **Thursday, November 13 at 6 pm** in the Parish Hall as we gather to pack Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes for delivery.. Refreshments will be served during the event. There are some empty Shoeboxes left from last year. After Homecoming Sunday, please find these located in the back hallway of the church. Feel free to take one and begin packing your own shoebox. Please include if possible, \$10 shipping fee for your box. We appreciate your support in this worthwhile activity. We look forward to seeing you there!

4th Sunday Lunch Bunch Our group will be going to the Yellow Deli in Hiddenite on **Sunday, October 26** following the Confirmation/Reformation Service. We will plan to arrive when the restaurant opens at 12 noon. We will reserve the church van for this outing, so please let Betty Goble know if you'd like to ride with us from the church, or if you will drive and meet the group there.

Blessing Box Ministry Needs Canned meats with pop-tops, canned fruits and vegetables, oatmeal, grits, cornbread mix, salt & pepper, microwave ready meals, soap and shampoo (please drop your contributions in the box at the back hallway of the church or at the church office)

Last Week - October 5, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 155 10:45 am 76

Sunday School

Adults 54 Youth 22

Offerings

General Fund - \$10,074.60 ; Sunday School - \$60.30

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

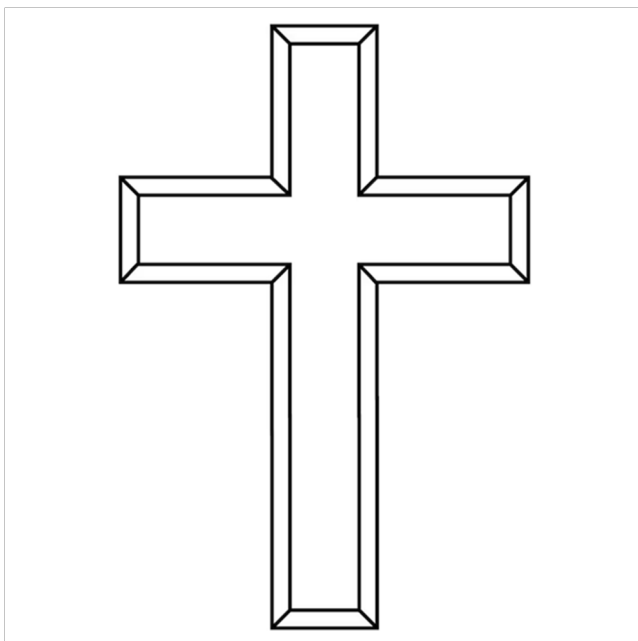
Feed the Athletes - \$20 ; LWML - \$190; Senior Youth - \$90 ; Bible Study - \$92.05

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (12)	<i>Homecoming Sunday</i> 9:30 am Homecoming Worship Service with Rev. Kevin Graudin, as guest pastor (ONE SERVICE ONLY) 11:00 am Covered dish lunch - in Spirit Center 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group
Mon. (13)	8:30 am Quilters 6:15 am Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (14)	2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class - in Spirit Center 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wed. (15)	6:30 pm Basketball League 6:30 pm Adult Choir
Thurs. (16)	11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies 6:30 pm Bible Study with Terry Sigmon - <i>in multi-purpose room</i>
Fri. (17)	10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Eric - <i>in Parish Hall</i>
Sat. (18)	7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i>
Sun. (19)	8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion 9:15 am Third Sunday Social - in Spirit Center 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Voters Meeting - in Spirit Center 10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion 12:00 pm Handbells 1:30 pm 200th Anniversary Team Meeting 4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service 6:00 pm Church Council

***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



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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Sandra Jenkins, Barbara Nordyke

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: 9:30 am Jan Sigmon

Prayer Room 9:30 am Mike Pritchard

Greeters: 9:30 am Mary Deese

Ushers: Open



Family Trivia Night!

Gather your family and friends for a fun-filled evening of trivia for *all ages*! Bring your team of **6-8 people** and put your knowledge to the test.

 **Date:** October 25, 2025 -- 5-8 PM

 **Location:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church -- Spirit Center

 **Cost:** \$10 per person (includes pizza, drink & desserts!)

Don't miss this chance for great food, laughter, and friendly competition. Register your team today at this link: <https://forms.gle/tfaqnabMWMp6yfdq9> (link is also on Facebook) or see Staci Bumgarner or Laura Frank.