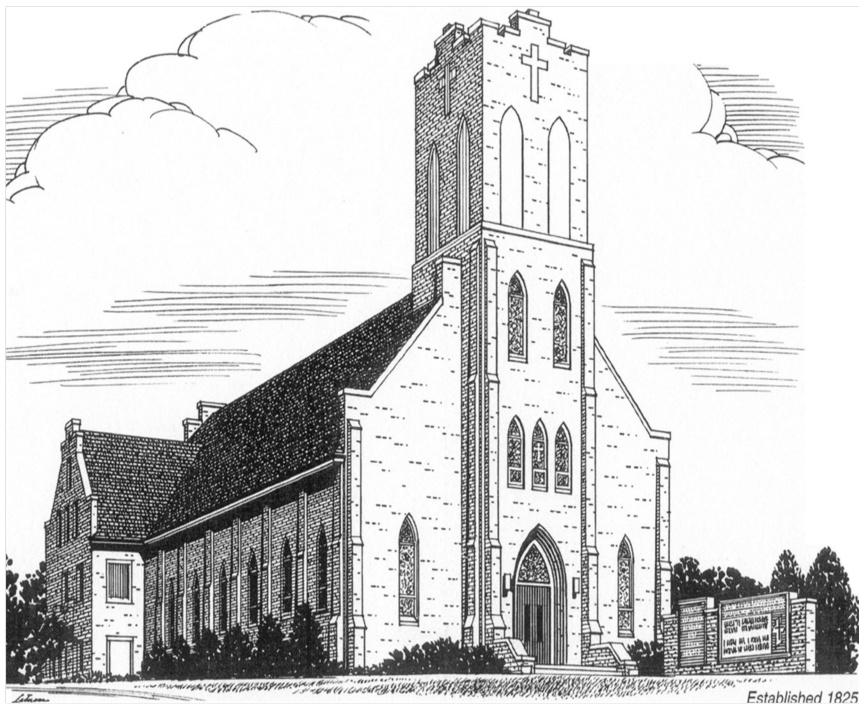


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 19, 2025



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

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In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to “*fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul*” and to “*love the sojourner*” (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that “*God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*” (1 Cor. 1:9).

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 honor of Sawyer's 13th birthday (Oct. 18) by Pastor Frank, Laura, Melody & Everett

Third Sunday Social Please join us following the 8:15 am worship service in the Spirit Center for refreshments and fellowship.

A Voters Meeting will be held this morning in the Spirit Center following the social time.

Our Senior pastor Peter Frank has been honored to preach the Homecoming message at Bethel Lutheran Church today.

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

***NO Adult Bible Classes due to the Voters Meeting being held today**

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, Dale Johnson, David Johnson, Carter Link, 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, Carol Alley

Friends Needing Prayer

- 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)
- 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)
- Bud Coffey (grandfather of Ashton Sigmon)

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

Births

- Katelynn Ruff - twin girls , Annalise Rose (7 lbs 2 Oz) and Briella Daisy (7 lbs 12 oz) born October 14 - great-grandparents are Nelson & Selena Gurganious

Birthdays This Week Rosella Bollinger (10/21); Mary Lou Sigmon (10/21); Angela Martin (10/23); Jeannie Deal (10/24); Danny Sipe (10/24); Carol Starnes (10/24); Judy Dellinger (10/25); Teagan Sigmon (10/25)

Anniversaries This Week Eugene & Mary Lou Sigmon (10/23); Ryan & Whitney Terry (10/23); Donald & Roxanne Killian (10/24)

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.

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)

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.** Volunteers are requested to come at 3 PM to help get the hot dog supper ready, and those doing car trunks are requested to arrive between 5-5:30 pm. Please contact Ashton Sigmon or the church office if you can volunteer and/or decorate your vehicle trunk.

"Ephesians: The Mystery Revealed" New Bible Study Starting Soon

Join Pastor Frank for a new six-week Bible study, "Ephesians: The Mystery Revealed," beginning Sunday, November 2, from 9:30–10:30 AM in the Parish Hall. This study explores Paul's letter detailing God's eternal plan in Christ—how through Jesus, all the mysteries of God are made known. Discover how Baptism unites all believers into one body, how we are saved by grace alone through faith, and how the "mystery of Christ" brings Jews and Gentiles together in unity. We'll meet on November 2, 16, 23, 30, December 7, and December 28 (note: not consecutive due to 2nd Sunday Socials and the holidays). Whether you're new to Ephesians or revisiting its rich theology, this study will deepen your understanding of God's gracious revelation in Christ. All are welcome!

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

Last Week - October 12, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

9:30 am 245

Sunday School

No Sunday School due to Homecoming

Offerings

General Fund - \$6,336.20

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

200th Anniversary (Homecoming offering) - \$847; Building Bridges - \$2,000; Senior Youth - \$145

Building Fund - \$825

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (19)	8:15 am Contemporary Services with Holy Communion 9:15 am Third Sunday Social - in Spirit Center 9:45 am Sunday School for youth only 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 <i>Pastor Peter preaching at Bethel's Homecoming Service</i>
Mon. (20)	8:30 am Quilters 6:15 am Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (21)	10:00 am Golden Agers - in Spirit Center 2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting - in multi-purpose room 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wed. (22)	5:00 pm Barnabas Team Meeting 6:00 pm Elders 6:30 pm Adult Choir 6:30 pm Basketball League 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor - in Parish Hall
Thurs. (23)	10:00 am Bible Study with Kim Kaylor - in Parish Hall 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies 6:30 pm Bible Study with Terry Sigmon - in multi-purpose room
Fri. (24)	10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Eric - in Parish Hall 5:30 pm Sunshine Group Outing to Hudson Uptown Theatre
Sat. (25)	7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - in multi-purpose room 9:00 am Senior Youth Rake & Run Service Project 5:00 pm 200th Anniversary Family Trivia Night
Sun. (26)	Confirmation Sunday & Reformation Day (Wear red) 9:30 am Confirmation & Reformation Day Worship Service with Holy Communion (ONE SERVICE ONLY) 11:30 am Sunday Lunch Bunch at Yellow Deli in Hiddenite 1:00 pm Kids in Christ (Grades K-6) - Outing to Bo's Family Arcade 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group

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

SERMON NOTES

“Enriched in Christ for Every Good Work” 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I. The Source: The Grace of God in Christ

II. The Purpose: Serving in Word and Deed

III. The Confidence: God’s Faithfulness to the End

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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: 8:15 am Liam McArthur 10:45 am David Icenhour

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

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

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.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Youth Rake & Run Service Project - Saturday, October 25

Do you have leaves that need to be raked or twigs that need to be picked up in your yard? If so, the senior youth would love to help you out for a donation. Please contact Kim Kaylor or Nancy in the church office if you would like to have your name added to the list by Thursday, October 23.

Kids in Christ Outing - Calling all kids K-6th grade for a fun afternoon at Bo's Family Arcade in Lenoir. We will leave the church at 1 PM for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Invite a friend too! Remember to grab a permission slip from the narthex if you plan to go! 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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP



FOR POT PIE WEEK!

🍰 Pound Cake 🍰
Donations Needed!
(We need 40 total!)

Sunday, 11/2 @ 2 PM
Pot Pie Workers meeting
Optional to attend!

Tuesday-11/4 @ 9 AM
Clean Pot Pie House
Wash pans & utensils
****We especially need**
men on this day!**

Wednesday-11/5 @ 9 AM
Wash pots
Clean pressure cookers
Ready Pot Pie House
Clean out refrigerators

Thursday-11/6 @ 9 AM
Cook Chickens
Pick Chickens
Clean some more!

Saturday-11/8-Pot Pie Day!!
Lots of hands needed! Jobs for all ages!
Come learn a St. Peter's tradition!
Start Dough-8 AM
Workers eat when 1st pots come off the fire!