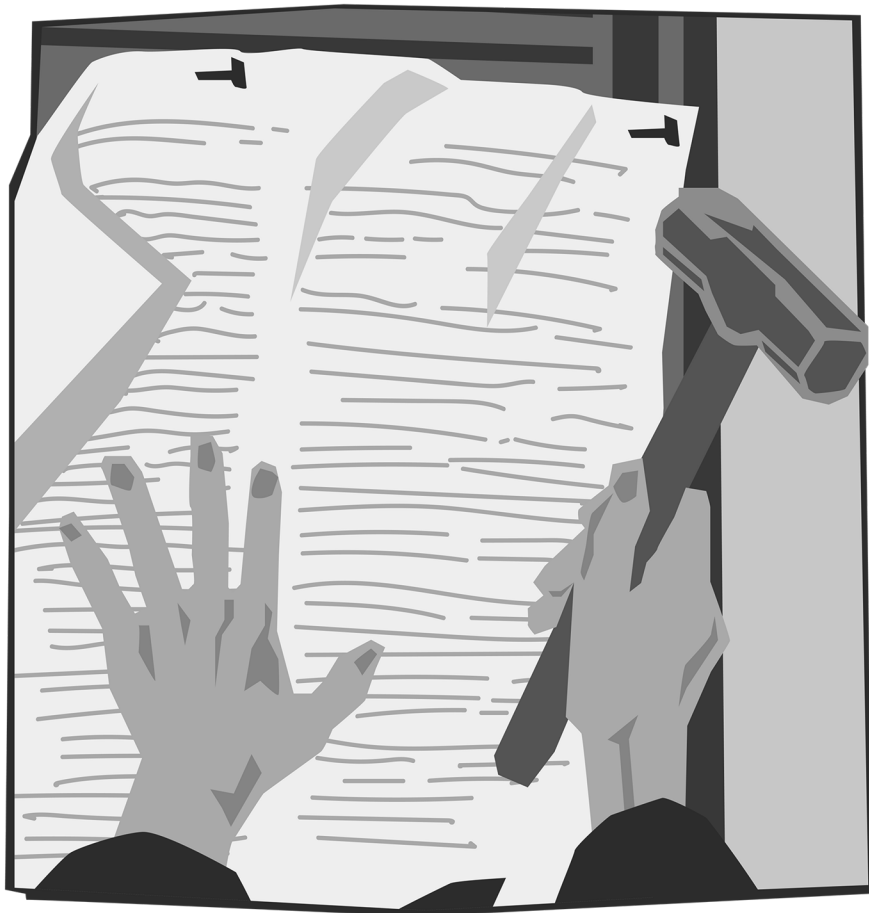


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**Confirmation Sunday
& Reformation Day
October 26, 2025**



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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. *"The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"* (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. *"For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation"* (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, *"This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"* (Gen. 28:17)

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

Confirmation Sunday - This morning, Lyla Killian, Emma Spencer, and Serenity Tupman, will be confirmed in the Christian faith. We pray that Lyla, Emma and Serenity will continue in the faith they profess and be an instrument of Jesus' love in our world throughout their life!

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 loving memory of her husband Gary who entered the Church Triumphant on October 27, 2023 by Pat Smith

The altar flowers are giving to the glory of God and in honor of our confirmands, especially my granddaughter Lyla, by Sandra Jenkins

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Carol Abbott, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Sherry Bumgarner, David Duncan, Betty Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Janet Good, Mary Ruth Hefner, James "Himey" Huffman, Dale Johnson, Malla Killian, Carter Link, Barb Nordyke, Seth Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Alan Pruitt, Reva Reinhardt, Amy Rucker, Mike Sheahen, 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

- 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)
- 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*)*

Christian Sympathy

- The family of Bud Coffey (grandfather of Ashton Sigmon)
- The family of Wayne Fortenberry (brother-in-law of Brenda Eckard)

Birthdays This Week Ruby Matthews (10/26); Ethan Watts (10/27); Jeannette Reese (10/28); Christy Houston (10/29); Sarah Killian (10/30); Joy Eckard (10/31)

Anniversaries This Week Josh & Kayla McArthur (10/26); Phillip & Kim Sipe (10/28); Steve & Patty Sigmon (10/30); Tommy & Lynn Starnes (11/1)

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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!

Thanksgiving Community Meal On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, the Mission Team will once again be preparing a Thanksgiving meal for homebound members and people in need in the St. Peter's community. They need your help in providing plain pound cakes (no icing), and turkeys to fix. (Turkeys need to be brought by the church no later than Wednesday, November 19.) Please submit a name(s) of someone you know who would like a meal. Sign up sheets are in the narthex and in the hallway at the back of the church, please sign up by Sunday, November 16. All meals are to be picked up (*no delivery available*) in the Spirit Center between 10:30-11:30 am on Thanksgiving morning. Please see Catherine Huffman, Tonya Darden, or a mission team member for questions.

"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, 9, 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!

Festival of the Tables - November 15 Doors open at 5 pm with the event beginning at 5:30 pm. Cost of tickets is \$20 per person with entertainment by “Anointed by Grace.” The meal will be: chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, corn, slaw, rolls and dessert. If a table hostess has not contacted you about attending, and you would like to come, please contact Audrey Hauss.

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 or Nancy in the church office to add your name to the list.

Feed the 5000 Food Drive The Feed the 5000 Food Drive was started in 2009 at St. Peters to collect food for use at Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries. The idea for the food drive was inspired by Jesus miracle of feeding 5000 with five small loaves of bread and two fish. This year’s food drive will run from Sunday October 26 through Sunday November 16. Non perishable food donations may be brought to the church and left in the baskets at the entrance or back hallway. Boy Scout Troop 341 sponsored by the church will sort and box the food for delivery in conjunction with Scouting for Food. Scouting for Food is a two Saturday effort, November 15 and 22, to collect food from the community to help support Ashure Ministry (formerly ECCCM). Thanks for considering helping with this worthwhile project to help families in our area. Monetary donations may be made payable to the church with memo food drive to help purchase food.

Last Week - October 12, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 118 10:45 am 67

Sunday School

Youth - 9 (No adult classes due to Voters Meeting)

Offerings

General Fund \$5,662 ; Sunday School - \$2

***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 - \$80

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (26)	Confirmation Sunday & Reformation Day 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
Mon. (27)	8:30 am Quilters 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (28)	2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class - in Spirit Center 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wed. (29)	6:30 pm Adult Choir 6:30 pm Basketball League 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor- <i>in Parish Hall</i>
Thurs. (30)	10:00 am Bible Study with Kim Kaylor - <i>in Parish Hall</i> 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies 6:30 pm Bible Study with Terry Sigmon - <i>in multi-purpose room</i>
Fri. (31)	10:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Eric - <i>in Parish Hall</i> 3:00 pm Volunteers arrive to help with hot dog meal 5:00 pm Volunteers arrive to set up for trunk-n-treat 6:00 -7:30 pm Trunk-n-Treat Community Event
Sat. (1)	7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i>
Sun. (2)	All Saints Sunday 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 1:00 pm Evangelism Team Meeting - in multi-purpose room 2:00 pm Pot Pie Volunteers Meeting - in Parish Hall 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group - <i>in multi-purpose room</i>

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

SERMON NOTES

"She Shall Not Be Moved"

Psalm 46

1. When have you experienced life feeling "shaky" or unstable?
2. Psalm 46:5 reads, "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved."
Who is the "she" in this verse?
3. How does knowing Christ is present in His Church through Word and Sacrament affect your understanding of the Church?
4. How can our congregation be a community that helps one another remain rooted in Christ when life gets shaky

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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: Darrell Freman

Prayer Room : Kevin Gantt

Greeter: Eunice Reiter

Ushers: Open

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!



YOU'RE INVITED TO

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

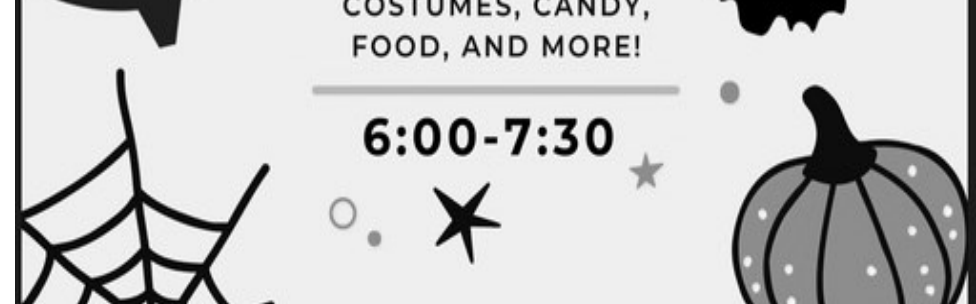
TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST

6175 St. Peter's Church Rd.
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COSTUMES, CANDY, FOOD, AND MORE!

6:00-7:30



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Senior Youth (Grades 6-12) will meet on **Sunday, November 2 at 6:00 pm** in the Youth Room. Join us for devotions, fellowship & refreshments. Bring a friend or two!

Kids in Christ (Grades K-6) will meet on **Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 pm** in the Spirit Center for an afternoon of crafts, devotions, and a service project. Bring a friend!

Christmas Play Practice Schedule

Date	Time	Who Practices
Sun. Nov 2	2:00 pm	All ages except Pre-K
Sun. Nov 9	1:00 pm	All ages except Pre-K
Sun. Nov 16	1:00 pm	All ages except Pre-K
Sun. Nov 23	NO PRACTICE	
Sun. Nov 30	2:00 pm	All ages
Sun. Dec 7	1:00 pm	All groups with music and Pre-K
Sun. Dec 14	2:00 pm	Just main speakers and soloists
Sat. Dec 20	12:00 noon	Dress rehearsal all ages - pizza lunch will be served
Sun. Dec 21	9:00 am	Meet in Spirit Center to get ready for program
Sun. Dec 21	9:30 am	Program <i>"The Night before Jesus"</i>

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to Kids in Christ** in loving memory of Todd Starnes by Ernest & Carol Starnes

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Meals We are looking for 3 groups or families to volunteer to provide one of the meals on November 30, December 7 and December 21. The meals will be served from 5:30-6:30 pm and the Advent Service will follow at 7:00 pm. If you would be willing to help, please contact Betty Goble by Sunday, November 16.

Attention Veterans We would like for you to bring any photos, memorabilia, uniforms, etc. that you would like to be displayed for our Veterans Day Celebration on Sunday, November 9 to the church office by Thursday, November 6. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Paschal.

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.