

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

December 7, 2025



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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

Baptisms This morning, it is our joy to baptize into God's family, Lukas Charles Griffin, son of Landon Griffin & Shay Haas, in a private service after the 10:45 am service. May God bless him and keep him close in their faith all lifelong.

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

Last Sunday's radio broadcast was sponsored by Teresa Taylor in honor of her son Brian Christopher Carrigan's 44th birthday (Dec. 7). *(We apologize for not getting name in last week)*

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** - Study of "Ephesians - The Mystery Revealed" with Pastor Frank

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Carol Abbott, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Sherry Bumgarner, Keilee Cox, Betty Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Janet Good, Mary Ruth Hefner, Malla Killian, Judy Little, Randy Miller, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, Amy Rucker, Karen Smith, Teresa Taylor, Dorothy Willis, 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,
John Van Horne, Dorothy Willis, Mary Ann Winebarger

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger, Reva Reinhardt

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman, Dorothy Willis

Friends Needing Prayer

- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Andreas Rodriguez (friend of Carolyn Paschal)
- Don Hauser (friend of Bob & Kay Watts)
- Matt Dellinger (son of Judy Dellinger)
- Guy Mundy (friend of Kim Kaylor)
- Blake Fraley (friend of Mike & Patricia Pritchard)
- Fayne Cradic (friend of David Johnson)

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

Christian Sympathy

- The family of Nancy Birner (mother of Pastor Paul Birner)

Birthdays This Week Ray Goble (12/8); Kevin Sigmon (12/8); Dustin Sigmon (12/9); Darlene Eckard (12/11); Greg Eckard (12/11); Tommy Stewart (12/12); Gaye Marlowe (12/13)

Anniversaries This Week Rodney & Maureen Price (12/12)

December Over 80 Birthdays The LWML has given a donation to the Helping Hands Fund in honor of the following December birthdays: Ray Goble (12/8); Tommy Stewart (12/12); Betty Smith (12/18)

200th Anniversary Celebration - An Afternoon Featuring the Music of Bach & Luther - Today at 4:00 pm. Join us for a serene and inspiring afternoon celebrating the timeless connection between faith and music. Experience the profound beauty of Johann Sebastian Bach's compositions alongside the enduring hymns of Martin Luther, whose words and melodies shaped centuries of worship and art. The presentation will feature, Carolyn Paschal, Rev. Morgan Lane and the St. Peter's church choir. Let the harmonies of Bach and the words of Luther lift your spirit and renew your soul!

**Wreaths Across America Ceremony - St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Saturday, December 13 at 11 AM - church cemetery - rain or shine**

Join us as honor and remember our veterans by placing wreaths on their graves.

The Sunshine Group will be attending the Gateway Baptist Church Christmas Dinner on **Saturday, December 13 at 5pm**. Please plan to arrive early to walk around and view the tables. Check in at the door to be seated. Questions, please contact Betty Goble.

Guest Speaker - Second Sunday Social - December 14

Following our December Second Sunday Social, Mrs. Jean Davis, Executive Director of Ebenezer Children's Home, will be giving a presentation. Her presentation will be on their current building project, Esther's Home, which is located in Hudson, NC. Donations to purchase items for the new home may be made with Walmart gift cards or going to their registry at <https://www.walmart.com/cp/gifts-registry/1094765>. Select registry type: any location; select registry name: Ebenezer; Select State - NC. You may purchase any of these yourself and bring them on the 14th. They are also in need of electricians, plumbers, and sheet rock hangers. You can find out more by visiting their website www.ebenezerfamily.org.

Volunteers needed at Samaritan's Purse Processing Center We still need 3-4 volunteers to help process shoeboxes at the Charlotte center on **Tuesday, December 16**. Our time slot is from 2-6 pm. We will leave the church around 12 noon and grab a lite lunch on the way down. If you can help, contact Betty Goble by Friday, December 12.

Lists with names and addresses of our Homebound/Nursing Home members are on the table outside the church office. Please pick up one and send them a Christmas greeting!

End of Year Giving Those end of year gifts make a real difference as we continue to share the gospel of Jesus to those in our community and beyond! Reminder that all cash/check gifts sent via the postal service **must** have an official postmark of December 31 or earlier to be counted as a contribution in 2025.

Serving in 2026 We are currently working on our master list for readers, communion set-up, ushers, and greeters for next year. If you would like to be removed or added from the current list, please contact the church office. We appreciate everyone that has served in 2025!

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.

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

Worship Services Attendance

Thanksgiving Eve 11/26 77

Sunday, 11/30 8:15 150 10:45 48

Sunday 11/30 Advent 48

Sunday School

Adults 66 Youth 19

Offerings

General Fund - \$8,076.20 Sunday School - \$101

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

Building Fund - \$797; Building Fund/Audio-Visual - \$50; Crocheting & Looming - \$20; Senior Youth - \$217.35; Poinsettias - \$12.50; Thanksgiving Eve - \$697; Advent - \$341

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (7) 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 Christmas Program Practice (All groups with music)
 4:00 pm 200th Anniversary - An Afternoon with Bach & Luther
 5:30 pm Advent Meal - Soup & Sandwiches - sponsored by Betty & her rowdy friends
 7:00 pm Advent Service
- Mon. (8) 8:30 am Quilters
 6:15 pm Girl Scouts
 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
- Tues. (9) 2:30 pm Staff Meeting
 6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class - in Spirit Center
 6:30 pm Ruth Circle
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Wed. (10) **5:00 pm Barnabas Team**
 6:00 pm Elders
 6:30 pm Adult Choir
 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor - *in Parish Hall*
- Thurs. (11) 10:00 am Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, leader - *in Parish Hall*
 11:00 am LWML Lunch - meet in Spirit Center to leave for lunch at Boxcar Grille
 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies
- Fri. (12) 10:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Eric - *in Parish Hall*
- Sat. (13) 7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - *in multi-purpose room*
 11:00 am Wreaths Across America Ceremony - in church cemetery
 4:30 pm All Youth (all ages) meet to go Christmas Caroling and for dinner afterwards (meet in Spirit Center)
 5:00 pm Sunshine Group Outing -to Gateway Baptist Church
- Sun. (14) 8:15 am Contemporary Service
 9:15 am Second Sunday Social - followed by presentation from Ebenezer Christian Children's Home
 9:45 am Sunday School (*youth only*)
 10:45 am Traditional Service
 12:00 pm Handbells
 2:00 pm Christmas Program Practice (just main speakers & soloists)
 5:00 pm Congregational Christmas Party -bring a covered dish
 7:00 pm Advent Service
 *Bold = activities that don't happen on a typical week

SERMON NOTES

"Advent Repentance: Making Straight the Way of the Lord"

Matthew 3:1-12

- I. In the Wilderness of Our Sin
- II. Advent Repentance Bears Fruit
- III. Christ Straightens By His Spirit and Fire

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Patti Dellinger, Stanley Dellinger

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 Frank Family 10:45 am Tonya Darden

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

Greeters: 8:15 am Donna Sigmon 10:45 am Donna Sipe

Ushers: 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe, Eddie Little, Stanley Dellinger

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the Crocheting & Looming class** in loving memory of Mickey Stewart by Patricia McKean; by Bradley & Courtney Saine ; by Jerry & Sandy Eckard; by Julie Robinson
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Bobby Bowman and for their 59th wedding anniversary (Dec. 3) by Faye Bowman
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of Chris Mundy and Nancy Birner by Jeannette Gantt

THANK YOU NOTES

The Feed the 5000 Food Drive in conjunction with this years scouting for Food was a success. 3,374 pounds of food was collected for Ashure Ministry (formerly Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries). The Scouts would like to thank the congregation for there generous support of this much needed community service.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program Practice Schedule

- Sunday, December 7 - 1:00 pm - All groups with the music
- Sunday, December 14 - 2:00 pm - Just main speakers & soloists
- Saturday, December 20 - 12 noon - Dress rehearsal for all ages & pizza lunch will be served
- Sunday, December 21 - 9:00 am - Meet in Spirit Center to get ready for program
- Sunday, December 21 - 9:30 am - Program "The Night Before Jesus"
- All Youth will meet on **Saturday, December 13 in the Spirit Center** to go Christmas Caroling and have dinner afterwards. (Congregation is also invited to go with the youth.)

