

# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

The Epiphany of our Lord  
January 4, 2026



**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.

**Today's radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Dellinger's Birthday by Brenda Dellinger (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

### **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*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASSES**

**\*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, Shirley Dellinger, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Janet Good, Mary Ruth Hefner, D. J. Johnson, Malla Killian, Judy Little, Seth Paschal, Amy Rucker, Karen Smith, Teresa Taylor, John van Horne, 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)
- Blake Fraley (friend of Mike & Patricia Pritchard)
- Fayne Cradic (friend of David Johnson)
- Debbie Keffler (friend of Danny & Linda Goforth)
- Barbara Little (friend of Danny & Linda Goforth)
- Amy Lookadoo (friend of Emily Allen)

- Maggie Stiles (daughter of Drew Stiles)

- Scott Rudisill (friend of Nancy Bruce)

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

**Birthdays This Week** Gina Shook (1/4); Carolyn Paschal (1/4); Tonya Darden (1/6); Shelley Dellinger (1/6); Delores Wells (1/8); Sandra Bryant (1/9); Steve (Christal) Sigmon (1/9); Lynn Starnes (1/9)

**January Over 80 Birthdays** The LWML has given to the Mission Team in honor of the following birthdays: Clara Petrovich (1/1); Delores Wells (1/8); Nancy Wray (1/12); Joe Eckard (1/13); Grace Pruitt (1/20); Billy Houston (1/23); Richard Sigmon (1/25); Fate Adams (1/31)

## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **2nd Sunday Social, January 11: Pastor Frank's Israel Trip**

#### **Presentation**

Join Pastor Frank in the Spirit Center from 9:45-10:30 am after 2nd Sunday Social on January 11th. He'll share about his trip to Israel this past September and discuss the possibility of leading a St. Peter's group to Israel in 2027 for an immersive Bible study tour.

This wouldn't be just a sightseeing trip—it would be an opportunity to study Scripture in the very places where biblical events occurred. Imagine reading about Jesus calming the storm while sitting on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, or discussing David and Goliath while standing in the Valley of Elah. These experiences create lasting connections between the biblical text and the land, deepening understanding and faith.

Whether you're interested in joining a future trip or simply want to hear about the journey, all are welcome. Come with your questions and curiosity about how the land of the Bible can enrich your study of God's Word.

**The 2026 Flower Chart** is out at the front of the church. Please sign-up for any dates you'd like to sponsor flowers in honor or memory of that someone special!

## **New Pastor's Class on Haggai — Starting January 18 - Taught by Pastor Eric**

What happens when God's people lose focus — and how does God call them back? Join us in the Parish Hall beginning Sunday morning, January 18th for a three week session on the Book of **Haggai**, as we explore the timely message of encouragement, correction, and hope for God's people in every generation. Nothing required except being your Bibles, and your Old Testament curiosity.

## **Sunshine Group News**

- The group is planning any outing to see the play "Little Women" at the Winston Theatre Alliance in January on Jan. 11th Tickets are approximately \$25 per person. (Due to possible weather concerns, they will check the forecast and order tickets on Jan. 5) Please let Betty Goble know by TODAY if you'd like to attend.
- The 4th Sunday Lunch Bunch will be going to eat at Brookwood Restaurant in Maiden on Sunday, Jan. 25. Please let Betty Goble know by Sunday, Jan. 18 if you plan to attend, so she can make reservations.

## **New Opportunity: Confirmation Journal Mentor Program**

St. Peter's is launching a Confirmation Mentor Program! We're looking for adults willing to journey through the *Guided by Truth Enduring Faith Confirmation Journal* to prepare for mentoring future confirmation students. This program will equip you to guide our junior high confirmands while deepening your understanding of Luther's Small Catechism and the foundations of our faith.

Participants will complete approximately two sections per week at home. We'll meet once a month on a Sunday afternoon for eight months starting in January for discussion and coaching. Interested? Please speak with Pastor Frank to sign up. Space is limited for this first cohort, so don't delay!

## New Centro Latino Tutoring Program: Help Needed!

We're excited to announce a new partnership with Lyle Creek Elementary and Centro Latino to provide tutoring for Latino students in grades K-5. Starting **Tuesday, January 20**, we'll meet **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 pm** in our Education building with the initial goal of helping 5-10 elementary students with reading and vocabulary. An orientation meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 13 at 4:30 pm** for all those interested in helping.

### How You Can Help:

- **Volunteer as a tutor:** We need one tutor per student (a background check is required). Educators especially welcome!
- **Provide snacks:** We'll need snacks for students from 4:30-5:00 pm each session
- **Lead activities:** Help with games and activities before tutoring begins
- **Donate resources:** We're building a library of reading materials and age-appropriate books

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and share the love of Christ. If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Pastor Frank or Lucas Nordyke.

#### Last Week

##### Worship Services Attendance

Christmas Eve 7:00 pm 225; 11:00 pm 90    Christmas Day 47  
Dec. 28 8:15 am 153; 10:45 am 51

##### Sunday School

Adults 10   Youth 14 (no adult classes due to Voters Meeting)

##### Offerings

12/28 General Fund: \$7,757.55 ; Sunday School \$5

*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

12/28 Building Fund Audio/Visual \$70; Building Fund \$846

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (4)	8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion <b>6:00 pm Senior Youth Meeting (Grades 6-12)</b>
Mon. (5)	8:30 am Quilters 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (6)	<b>10:00 am Miriam Circle</b> 2:30 pm Staff Meeting <b>6:30 pm Lydia Circle</b> <b>6:30 pm Ruth Circle</b> <b>7:00 pm Naomi Circle</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wed. (7)	6:30 pm Adult Choir 6:30 pm Bible Journaling 101 with Kim Kaylor, Leader
Thurs. (8)	10:00 am Small Group Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, Leader <b>10:00 am LWML Monthly Meeting</b> 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies <b>6:00 pm Autism Support Group</b> 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader
Fri. (9)	10:00 am Small Group Bible Study with Pastor Eric, Leader
Sat. (10)	7:30 am Men's Bible Study <b>9:00 am- 4:00 pm Church Council Planning Retreat</b>
Sun. (11)	8:15 am Contemporary Service <b>9:15 am Second Sunday Social</b> 9:45 am Sunday School <b>9:45 am Second Sunday Presentation - Pastor Peter Israel Trip</b> 10:45 am Traditional Service <b>1:00 pm Confirmation Sermon Study &amp; Acolyte Training</b>

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

## SERMON NOTES

1. What work of Christ, accomplished for your benefit, is described in this Sermon?
2. In what ways does the Holy Spirit empower you to live differently?

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**Today's Servants****Altar Guild:** Susan Gantt, Jeannette Gantt**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 Bob Watts 10:45 John Thomas**Greeters:** 8:15 am Joy Lail 10:45 am Joy Eckard**Ushers:** Open**Communion Set-Up:** Open

### **Additional Bulletin Announcements – January 7, 2024**

**The Audio/Visual Team** needs you! Please contact Kevin Sigmon. (828-320-1418). No experience necessary—just a willing heart!

**Altar Guild Members Needed** Volunteers are needed to assist with filling candles for services and changing altar paraments to the proper color for the church liturgical year. We also need volunteers to make communion wafers. Contact Jeannette Gant (828-244-3115).

**Sign Up Sheets for 2024** are located in the narthex for altar flowers, ushers and greeters for both services and Communion set-up assistants. Please share your time and talent this coming year!

**Blessing Box** Our Blessing Box has helped many families in our community this past year that have been in need of non-perishable food and personal hygiene products. Please consider bringing some items and leaving them in the blessing box or dropping off at the church office for us to replenish it each week.

**Lutheran Women's Mission League (LWML) News** The LWML would like to thank the members of St. Peter's for all their support this past year. It has been an emotional year for our church with the retirement of Pastor Kevin and the loss of so many of our dear members. A big thank you to Pastor Eric for holding us together and tending our sorrows and joys! Also, special thanks to all the wonderful ladies of St. Peter's, both in our hostess groups and circles, we could not have done everything without you! For this upcoming year, if you would like to add your name to a hostess group, please contact Jan Sigmon. If you would like to join a circle, simply show up at one our meetings! All are welcome! May God continue to guide us all into the New Year and bless us.

**St. Peter's Long Sleeve T-shirts For Sale** Long sleeve sky blue t-shirts will be for sale in the Spirit Center. Cost \$15.00 for youth sizes, \$20.00 for Adult Small to X-large, and \$25.00 for Adult 2-3XL. The Mission Team will be selling them on the second Sunday, **January 14**, in the Spirit Center after each of the worship services.