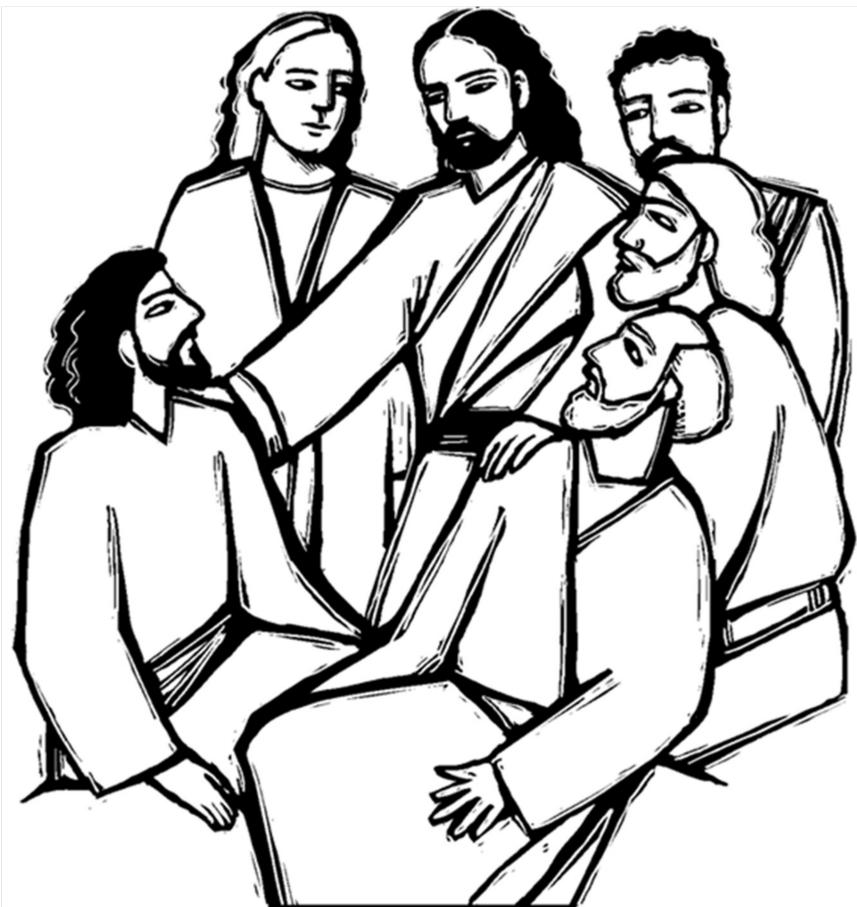


# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**The Confession of St. Peter**  
**January 18, 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 honor of their 57th wedding anniversary by Rayford & Marlene Pennell  
(*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

### **Holy Communion Today - 8:15 am , 10:45 am and 4:30 pm**

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 study of Angels, their nature, roles, and significance, highlighting their functions as messengers and servants of God.”

**\*Adults - Multi-Purpose Room Class** - They are studying “The Cross” with Christal Sigmon

**\*Pastor’s Class - Parish Hall** - Study on “Haggai” - with Pastor Eric

## **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, Karen Smith, Teresa Taylor, John Thomas, 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, Jeanette Reese, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Ernest & Carol Starnes, 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, Shirley Dellinger

### **Friends Needing Prayer**

- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Amy Lookadoo (friend of Emily Allen)
- Denise Caldwell (sister of Debbie Thomas)
- Sonya Fields (friend of Pat Killian and the Alaska Mission Team)
- Susan Holbrook (friend of Sherry Bumgarner)
- Diane Maynor (friend of Nancy Bruce)
- Judy Sherrill (cousin of Debbie Adams)
- Ripley Stapleton (friend of Debbie Adams)

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

### **Pregnancies**

- Amber Potter, due in July (*granddaughter of David & Dale Johnson*)

**Birthdays This Week** Shannon Cline (1/18); Mike Pritchard (1/18); Grace Pruitt (1/20); Amy Sigmon (1/21); Mary Sigmon (1/21); Christian Sigmon (1/21); Lisa Brittain (1/22); Billy Houston (1/23); Landon Griffin (1/23)

**Anniversaries This Week** John & Debbie Thomas (1/19)

### **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **New Pastor's Sunday School Class on Haggai — Starting Today - 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 this morning 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.

**Offering Envelopes 2026** Any envelopes that were not picked up in the past two weeks have been put in the boxes in the hallway outside the church office. If you did not find your church offering envelopes, please let Julie Robinson or the church office know. If you give electronically, you did not get envelopes.

**Mission Team Meeting** The Mission Team will have a meeting on **January 20 at 6:30 pm** in the multi-purpose room. If you have any interest in going on a mission trip in 2026 or have any suggestions for trips, please attend this meeting. Questions, please see Tonya Darden.

**Alaska Missions Informational Meeting** If you are interested in knowing more about serving in Alaska this year, plan to join us on **Sunday, February 1 at 2 pm** in the Spirit Center and learn how the Lord is using our churches, in conjunction with Alaska Missions for Christ to share the love of Jesus in remote communities in Alaska. Questions, please see Tonya Darden.

### **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.

#### **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

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.

**Lenten Meals** Lent is around the corner (end of February), and we need groups to sponsor a Lenten meal. Please consider leading a group of friends, family, Sunday School groups or circles to provide a meal. If you are willing to sponsor a meal and join Betty's "Band of Misfits", please contact Betty Goble or the church office. The dates still open for meals are 15 & 22.

## **Sunshine Group News**

- The 4th Sunday Lunch Bunch will be going to eat at Brookwood Restaurant in Maiden on **Sunday, Jan. 25**. Please let Betty Goble know today if you plan to attend, so she can make reservations.
- The Sunshine Group is planning a trip to the Winston Theatre Alliance to see "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way" on **Saturday, February 21**. We will stop for dinner on the way to the play. Please let Betty Goble know by February 1 if you want to join in the fun.,

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

January 11, 2026

8:15 am 184 10:45 am 67

#### Sunday School Attendance

Adults 87 Youth 19

#### Offerings

General Fund - \$9,098; Sunday School - \$2

#### Dedicated Fund Offerings

Helping Hands - \$25 ; Cemetery Fund - \$750; Autism Support Group - \$25; Kids in Christ - \$25;

Senior Youth - \$125 ; Radio Broadcast - \$100

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (18)	8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion <b>1:30 pm 200th Anniversary Team Meeting</b> <b>3:00 pm Confirmation Journal Mentor Meeting</b> <b>4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service</b> <b>6:00 pm Church Council</b>
Mon. (19)	8:30 am Quilters 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (20)	2:30 pm Staff Meeting <b>4:30 pm Tutoring with Centro Latino &amp; Lyle Creek Elementary - In Education Building</b> <b>6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting - in multi-purpose room</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Thurs. (22)	11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies <b>4:30 pm Tutoring with Central Latino &amp; Lyle Creek Elementary - in Education Building</b> 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader
Fri. (23)	10:00 am Small Group Bible Study with Pastor Eric, Leader
Sat. (24)	7:30 am Men's Bible Study
Sun. (25)	8:15 am Contemporary Service <b>9:15 am Sunday Social - in Spirit Center</b> <b>9:45 am Voters Meeting - in Spirit Center</b> 9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service <b>12:30 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch - Brookwood Restaurant in Maiden</b> <b>2:15 pm Kids in Christ (K-6th graders) meet for outing to the</b> <b>Green Room Theatre to see "Jack and the</b> <b>Beanstalk" and dinner afterwards - meet in Parish</b> <b>Hall</b>

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

## SERMON NOTES

*Life in the Kingdom* Sermon Series

"Treasure: The Kingdom of Heaven Is of Great Value"

Matthew 13:44

For the next four weeks, you'll notice something different in your bulletin—the back page study questions have moved! Instead, we've prepared a special ***Life in the Kingdom Sermon Series Notes & Study Guide*** as a separate booklet.

This comprehensive guide includes a place for sermon notes, daily Scripture readings, and reflection questions for all four weeks of our series. We want to encourage you to engage more deeply with what God is teaching us about Kingdom living throughout the week, not just on Sunday morning.

We encourage you to use it daily as you journey through this series with us. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand—let's explore it together!

If you did not bring your booklet back, additional booklets are available in the Narthex and by the side door entrances.

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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 Christian Queen 10:45 am Scott Medlin

**Greeters:** 8:15 am Mary Deese 10:45 am Christal Sigmon

**Acolytes:** 8:15 am Jakhi Bowen/ Jeffrey White 10:45 am Open

**Ushers:** Open

**Communion Set-Up:** Open

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Kids in Christ (K-6th graders)** will meet at the church in the Parish Hall at 2:15 pm on **Sunday, January 25** for an outing to the Green Room Theatre to see “Jack and the Beanstalk” and then go to dinner afterwards. Please be sure that you have a signed permission slip.
- **Note date change...The Senior Youth** will be going snowtubing on **Saturday, January 31** at Seven Devils Ski Resort. They will leave the church at **8 am** and our time to tube is from 10am-12 noon. Cost is \$25 per youth. (Checks can be made payable to St. Peter’s.) Lunch will be provided. Please dress warm and make sure you have a signed permission slip. See Kim Kaylor for details.

## THANK YOU NOTES

- We wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the St. Peter’s Congregation for the handmade quilts and winter hats that warmed the children and youths hearts at Sipe’s Orchard Home. We are so thankful! - Sipe’s Orchard Home Staff
- Thank you for your donation of handmade quilts to our medical ministry, World Medical Mission. Each gift is a blessing and aids us in spreading His hope to the least of these. - Sincerely, Scott Huggett, Director of World Medical Missions, Samartha’s Purse International Relief
- Carolina Caring is thankful to have your church as one of our Community Faith Partners. On behalf of our patients, families, staff and volunteers, I thank you for your most generous annual gift of \$500. We are grateful for every prayer, every gift of time, every financial contribution, and every gift in kind donation that you provide. Thank you again for your partnership in caring for our community. - Sincerely, Tara Bland, Executive Director

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of John Van Horne, Alan Pruitt and Seth Paschal by Jeanette Gantt
- **Given to the Building Fund - Audio/Visual** in loving memory of her husband, Floyd Gantt, Jr., whose birthday have been January we and who passed away on January 25, 2020 and in honor of the following family members birthdays: Fisher Davis (1/12); Brandon Broome (1/19); Christian Sigmon (1/21); Dustin Sigmon (1/29); Beverly Davis (1/31); Hadley Broome (2/3) by Jeanette Gantt
- **Given to the Helping Hands Fund** in loving memory of John Van Horne by the Lydia Circle
- **Given to the Senior Youth Fund** in loving memory of John Van Horne, Alan Pruitt & Seth Paschal by Judy Little
- **Given to the Kids in Christ Fund** in loving memory of John Van Horne, Alan Pruitt & Seth Paschal by Judy Little
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Alan Pruitt by Pat Smith; by Richard & Gloria Huffman ; by Robert & Ashley McMillan; by Michael & Debra Beroth; by St. Stephens Lutheran ELCA Monday Night Circle
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Seth Paschal by Barry & Carolyn Matthews
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of John Van Horne by Gary, Libby & Parker Hart ; by Emmett & Clara Jane Wike
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of John Van Horne by Barry & Carolyn Matthews
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Alan Pruitt by Barry & Carolyn Matthews

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Israel Bible Study Tour Meeting

We are exploring organizing a Bible study tour to Israel in February 2027. Following our initial meeting this past Sunday, we're planning a follow-up meeting for those interested in learning more. Please join us on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the Education Building.

At this meeting, we will discuss specific details about the potential trip, including itinerary and costs. This meeting is for all St. Peter's members who have an interest in going. While members from other congregations are welcome, St. Peter's members would get first priority on registration.

This would be an immersive Bible study experience where we study Scripture in the places where biblical events occurred. If you're interested in deepening your understanding of God's Word through this opportunity, please plan to attend! For questions, contact Pastor Frank.

### Forged in Fire Young College/ Young Adult Ministry

We need your help as we kick-off our new ministry aimed at our college and young adult members. Ways you can help:

- Sign-up to be a "Prayer Warrior"
- Send cards to any of these young adults (we are asking you send 2 per year) - cards and postage will be provided (*get a card, write an encouraging message and mail it - it's that simple!*)

If you can assist in either area of this ministry, please sign up on the sheets in the narthex and indicate which of the two areas (or both) that you would like to participate in. Questions, see Kim Kaylor.



The flyer for St. Peter's Lutheran Church's Super Bowl Lunch is set against a green background with yellow cloud outlines. At the top left is a blue stylized church icon with a cross. To its right, the text "ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CONOVER, NC" is displayed, with "CONOVER, NC" in a smaller font below "LUTHERAN CHURCH". A yellow box in the center contains the event details: "SOUPER BOWL LUNCH SUNDAY, FEB 1" in bold red and black text, followed by "SPONSORED BY ST. PETER'S MISSION TEAM" in smaller black text. To the right, a large white bowl is filled with a vegetable soup containing various ingredients like carrots, beans, and corn. To the left of the bowl, the words "HOT SOUP" are written in white. On the left side, the words "CAKE AUCTION" and "YUMMY DESSERTS" are written in white, slanted text. A yellow box at the bottom left specifies a "SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$5.00 PER PERSON". The bottom right corner features the text "12 NOON IN THE SPIRIT CENTER" in bold black.