

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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 Pastor Frank and Pastor Eric by Dan & Paula Timmerman
(Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service)

The altar flowers are given in memory of her and Ray's wedding anniversary (which is today) by Brenda Dellinger

Second Sunday Social Join us in the Spirit Center following our 8:15 am worship service for light refreshments and fellowship

2nd Sunday Social Presentation: LCMS 101 Join us today during the 2nd Sunday Social for **LCMS 101: Life Together as Synod**, led by Pastor Frank, from **9:45–10:30 am in the Spirit Center**. This will be a clear, helpful orientation to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod: how the LCMS is structured, what the Synod is and is not, and how our Southeastern District fits in. Pastor Frank will also preview the 2026 National Convention in Phoenix and explain why this all matters for the mission and ministry at St. Peter's, including a discussion of pastoral vacancies and a look toward church planting.

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 “What Does Lasting Joy Look Like?” by Pastor Joby Martin 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, Charles Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Pastor Jason Groth, Audrey Hauss, Mary Ruth Hefner, Donald Killian, Barb Nordyke, Emma Spencer, Teresa Taylor, John Thomas, Ruth Thompson, Ethan Watts and Marshall Wray

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Carol Abbott, Rosella Bollinger, Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Delmar & Betty Eckard, 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

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws

Friends Needing Prayer

- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Todd Thomas (son of John Thomas)
- Maurice Eckard (brother of Joy Eckard)
- Fayne Cradic (friend of David Johnson)

- Ann Conte (sister-in-law of Carolyn Paschal)
- Marsha Watson (friend of Pastor Frank)
- Nikki Howard (sister-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Tom McGarity (friend of Pastor Frank)

Pregnancies

- Ainsley McCoy, due in April (*daughter-in-law of Alyson Mains*)
- Amber Potter, due in July (*granddaughter of David & Dale Johnson*)
- Whitney Terry, due in July (*daughter of Terry & Donna Sigmon*)
- Allison Bentley, due in July, (*daughter-in-law of Terry & Lisa Bentley*)
- Kirby Caudill, due in August, (*daughter of Rob & Amy Rucker, granddaughter of Colleen Lafone*)

Christian Sympathy

- The family of Donald Bowman (*father of Keith, Charles & Jeff*)
- The family of Tilley Houser (*aunt of Kim Kaylor*)
- The family of Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola (*200th anniversary speaker*)

Birthdays This Week Erin Allen (3/8); Kathleen Houston (3/8); Patricia Isenhour (3/8); Mark Propst (3/8); Kaitlyn Webb (3/9); Doris Bolick (3/10); Deanna Butcher (3/10); Jimmy Goble (3/10); Debbie Thomas (3/10); Michael Martin (3/11); Rodney Price (3/12); Patti Dellinger (3/14); Ruth Hefner (3/14); Wayne Reinhardt (3/14)

Anniversaries This Week Alex Scott & Rosa Fulbright (3/8); David & Debbie Icenhour (3/14)

March Over 80 Birthdays The LWML has given a donation to the Mites in honor of the following over 80 birthdays: Blanche Hefner (our oldest member) 3/1; Kathleen Houston (3/8); Patricia Isenhour (3/8); and Mary Ruth Hefner (3/14)

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrivent Action Team Cards If you are a Thrivent member and have not yet requested your card for this year, please consider applying for a the \$250 card for the church to be able to purchase snacks and books for the Lyle Creek/Centro Latino Tutoring program. To apply go to www.thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Action Team.”

Israel Bible Study Tour Interest Meeting (Rescheduled) If you are interested in participating on a Bible study tour of Israel, please plan to attend the rescheduled meeting led by Pastor Frank on **Sunday, March 15, from 1:00–2:00 pm** in the Education Building. We will review the current plan and timeline, talk through expected costs and logistics, and outline next steps (including questions like travel requirements and payment timing), with plenty of time for Q&A. This meeting is for anyone who is considering the trip.

Lenten Meals Lent is here and we still need two groups to sponsor a simple 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 March 15 & 22.** *(the meals can be simple - spaghetti, pizza, soup & sandwiches, sloppy joes, etc.)*

Kids Kamp 2026 Kids Kamp this year will be the week of June 22-26 for rising 2nd through 7th graders. The theme for this year will “Powered by Prayer.” Cost for the camp is \$150 per camper. Registration deadline is Sunday, May 10. All forms and a \$50 deposit **ARE REQUIRED** before a spot can be served. (You can also pay in full at the time of registration). If you were a camper last year, you will receive a packet in the mail. Additional packets are available in the Narthex or the church office.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the Quilters** in honor of our oldest member, Blanche Hefner, who celebrated her 101st birthday on March 1 by the LWML
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in honor of the following family birthdays: Kelsey Broome (3/1) and Kim Gantt (3/16) by Jeannette Gantt
- **Given to the LWML** in loving memory of Linda Duncan by Kenneth Goble

Join Us During Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday, March 28** - Worship Services with Palm Processional at 8:15 am and 10:45 am
- **Maundy Thursday, April 2** - Worship Services with Holy Communion at 12 Noon and 7 pm
- **Good Friday, April 3** - Combined Worship Services with Bethel Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran - 12 Noon at Bethel Lutheran and 7 pm at St. John Lutheran

Join Us for a Full Easter Morning Celebration! - Sunday, April 5

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this Easter Sunday, we invite you to experience the complete joy of our Lord's resurrection through three unique and meaningful gatherings:

Begin your morning with our intimate Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM in the church cemetery, where we'll greet the dawn just as Mary did at the empty tomb. Then, join your church family for a time of fellowship and celebration at our Easter Breakfast in the Spirit Center. Finally, lift your voices in our Festival Service at 9:30 AM in the church sanctuary, filled with special music and the fullness of Easter joy!

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

8:15 am 170 10:45 am 64 7:00 pm Lent 56

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 62 Youth 19

Offerings

(Needed in General Fund weekly to meet budget \$12,829.50)

General Fund - \$13,540.72 Sunday School - \$90.05

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Missions - \$1,500; Senior Youth - \$40; Radio Broadcasts - \$200; Easter Lilies - \$222

Building Fund - \$1,815 ; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$418

SERMON NOTES
"Love at the Door of Death"
(From the Mountain to the Morning Sermon Series)
Matthew 26:6-16; Mark 14:3-11; John 12:1-11

1. What are some “crazy things” people do for love? What about for money?
2. Why did Jesus weep at the tomb of Lazarus?
3. What did Mary’s anointing of Jesus signify about His coming death?
4. How does Christ’s love for you free you to love others extravagantly?

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Debra Shipman, Audrey Hauss

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 Tina Watts 10:45 am Carmen Lander

Greeters: 8:15 am Pam Medlin 10:45 am Karen Hoyle

Acolytes: 8:15 Open 10:45 am Open

Ushers: 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe

Communion Set-Up: Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Danny Goforth 10:45 am John Thomas

SUNSHINE GROUP NEWS

- The lunch bunch is planning a dinner outing to JD's BBQ on Saturday, March 28. If you'd like to go, please contact Betty by Sunday, March 15.
- Plans are being made to attend a matinee of "Guys and Dolls" at the historic Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA. on Sunday, August 9. If you would like to attend, please contact Betty by Friday, March 13. (*The show is selling fast and seats are limited.*)
- Several trips planned to the Winston-Salem Theatre Alliance for several shows coming up:
 - * "Chorus Line" - Sunday, April 26
 - * "Ain't Misbehavin'" - Saturday, May 9
 - * "Everybody's Talking about Jamie" - Sunday, May 31
 - * "1776" - Saturday, July 4 - MatineeIf you are interested in attending any of these shows, please contact Betty know by Sunday, March 22.
- An outing to the Green Room Theatre on Sunday, June 14 to see "Four Old Broads". If you would like to attend, please contact Betty by Sunday, March 22.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

GAMES

STORY TIME

Easter

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

CRAFTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 9-10:30 AM
6175 ST PETERS CHURCH RD, CONOVER NC 28613

**Don't Miss the fun at
the Eggstravaganza Extravaganza!
See you there!**

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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

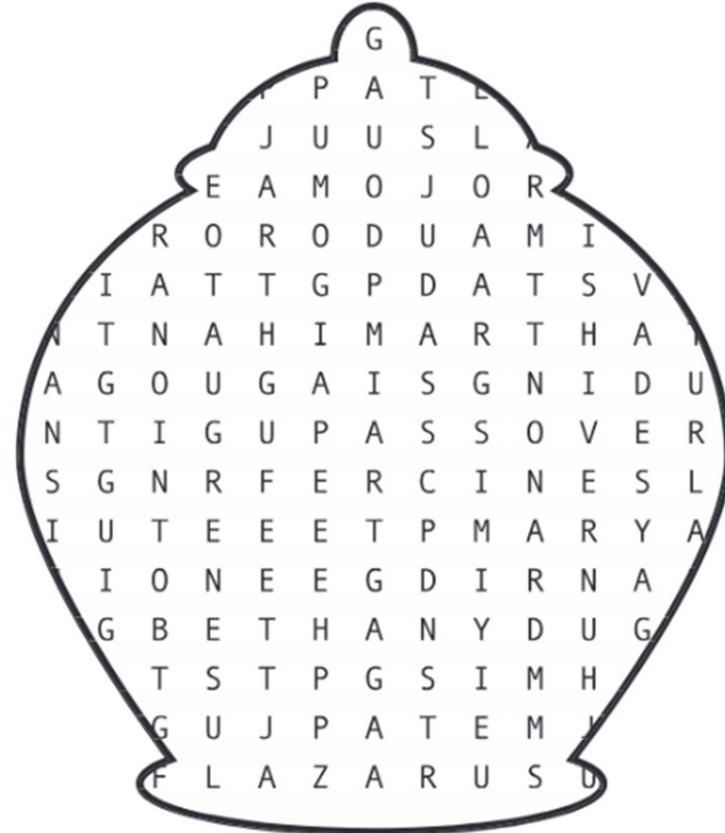
- **Please take a bag of cards** that are located in the narthex to send cards to our college students and young adults of the congregation. Directions are in each bag along with the names and addresses. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make this happen, as only 20 members have currently signed up to support this ministry. Questions, please see Kim Kaylor.
- **Our annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 9 - 10:30 am.** We need donation of candy (NO NUTS), stickers, small prizes and pre-filled eggs. (WE DO NOT NEED ANY EMPTY PLASTIC EGGS THIS YEAR.) Please leave your donations in the bins in the hallway outside the church office. Donations are needed by **Tuesday, March 23.** Thank you for your help with this community outreach event!
- **The Mission Team is collecting buttons** for projects they will do this summer in Alaska. A bucket is in the hallway outside the church offices for you to place the items in.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to a casual housewarming celebration given by Chris & Tina Watts to celebrate being back in their home. It will be on Saturday, March 21, a floating drop-in, from 4-7:00 pm at 917 43rd Ave Court NE, Hickory NC 28601. No gifts, please just your presence is a blessing. They would like for each guest to bring a handwritten recipe so they can fill their kitchen with meals made from people who helped carry them through this season.

Mary Honored Jesus Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.



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