

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

**FOURTH
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 the marriage of her granddaughter, Carson Gantt to Niall Murphy on March 6, 2026 by Sandra Gantt (*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

Pastor Eric is on vacation this week - Sunday through Thursday. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Frank or the church office.

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 “Heroes of Faith” with Christal Sigmon

***Pastor’s Class - Parish Hall** - Adult Bible Study “Justice and the Two Realms” What does the Lord say about justice? How should Christians understand justice in a world that seems to prioritize it over mercy? Join Pastor Frank this Sunday at 9:30 in the Parish Hall as we explore the Bible’s teaching on justice, using Martin Luther’s “two kingdoms” doctrine. We’ll examine what justice means in God’s eyes, how it relates to our vocations, and how Christians are called to pursue justice in daily life while living in both kingdoms. All are welcome for one-session study!

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Carol Abbott, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Shirley Dellinger, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Pastor Jason Groth, Audrey Hauss, Mary Ruth Hefner, Donald Killian, Barb Nordyke, David Sigmon, 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)
- Nikki Howard (sister-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Tom McGarity (friend of Pastor Frank)
- Judy Sherrill (cousin of Debbie Adams)
- Anne Conte (sister-in-law of Carolyn Paschal)

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 Charles Bowman (husband of Amy, and father of Brandon & Lauren)
- The family of Dan Ray Timmerman, Jr. (son of Dan & Paula Timmerman)
- The family of Serene Felts (friend of Aniston Schwandt)
- The family of Karen Watts (sister of Tammy Cloninger and niece of Betty Hedrick)
- The family of Marsha Watson (friend of Pastor Frank)

Birthdays This Week Theresa Cook (3/15); Eric Starnes (3/15); Kim Gantt (3/16); Ma'kla Bolton (3/16); Patty Sigmon (3/17); Sherry Yount (3/17); Sandra Jenkins (3/18)

Anniversaries This Week Nelson & Selena Gurganious (3/15); Eric & Audrey Hauss (3/16)

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **today 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.

Exciting Opportunity: Join the Mt. Pleasant Church Plant Vision Team!

The Lord has given us a chance to explore planting a new LCMS church in Mt. Pleasant, SC. As the next stage of Pastor Eric’s ministry draws near, we have an opportunity to send him into this mission field and share the Gospel with a rapidly growing community that needs to hear the clear truth of God’s Word. The Charleston area is home to approximately 875,000 people, yet there are only 3 LCMS churches serving this vast population. While there are other churches in the region, we believe the Gospel needs to be clearly proclaimed. This is a community ripe for harvest, and the Lord is opening doors for us to share His love and truth. We are forming a Vision Team to prayerfully explore this opportunity. The team will clarify our mission, learn about the Mt. Pleasant community, evaluate church planting models, and develop a proposal for moving forward. This is a chance to be part of something transformational—to help bring the light of Christ to a place where it is greatly needed.

Will you join the Vision Team for planting a church in or near Mt. Pleasant, SC? If you feel the Lord calling you to be part of this Gospel-centered mission, please speak with Pastor Eric, Pastor Frank, or contact the church office. Let us pray for God’s guidance as we explore how He might use us to spread the Good News in this growing community.

Join Us During Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday, March 29** - 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 6:45 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 130 10:45 am 57 7:00 pm (Lenten Service) 52

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 36 Youth 8

Offerings

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

General Fund - \$7,130

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Domestic Missions - \$700; Kids Kamp - \$200; Senior Youth - \$25; Radio Broadcast - \$200; Easter Lilies - \$78; Building Fund - \$2,288; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$3,075 ; Lent = \$295

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (15) 8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion
12:15 pm Handbells
1:00 pm Israel Bible Study Tour Interest Meeting - in Education Building
2:00 pm 200th Anniversary Team Meeting
3:00 pm Confirmation Mentor Meeting
4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service
5:30 pm Lenten Meal - hamburgers, hot dogs, roasted potatoes, desserts
7:00 pm Lenten Service
- Mon. (16) 8:30 am Quilters
6:15 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
- Tues. (17) **10:00 am Golden Agers - Outing to Howard's Farm in Statesville**
WEAR OLD CLOTHES AND OLD SHOES
2:30 pm Staff Meeting
4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring - in Education Building
6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting - in Multi-purpose room
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (18) 6:30 pm Adult Choir
6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor, Leader *in Parish Hall*
- Thurs. (19) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, Leader
in Parish Hall
11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddy Program
4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring - in Education Building
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader
in Multi-purpose room
- Fri. (20) **1:00 pm July 4th Freedom Celebration Planning Meeting**
- in Multi-purpose room
- Sat. (21) 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Senior Youth Outing - snow tubing
- Sun. (22) 8:15 am Contemporary Service
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Traditional Service
12:15 pm Handbells
1:00 pm 4th Sunday Lunch Bunch
5:30 pm Lenten Meal
7:00 pm Lenten Service

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

SERMON NOTES

"Holiness of His Temple"

(From the Mountain to the Morning Sermon Series)

Matthew 21:12-22; Mark 11:12-25; Luke 19:45-48

1. What was the temple set apart to be, and how had it become something else?
2. How does the barren fig tree interpret Jesus' cleansing of the temple?
3. How does Jesus make you as His Holy temple?
4. What does it look like for you to bear the fruit of faith this week?

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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 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 Danny Goforth 10:45 am Frank Family

Greeters: 8:15 am Joy Lail 10:45 am Christal Sigmon

Acolytes: 8:15 Jakhi Bowen, Jeffrey White 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 Kevin Gantt 10:45 am Open



Grow in Faith at the SED Spring Leadership Conference!

You're invited to join fellow believers at the Southeastern District's (SED) One Day Leadership Conference on **Saturday, May 2** at Ascension Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC. This special day, centered on the theme "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" (Ephesians 4:15), is designed to encourage and equip *all* members of the body of Christ, including you!

Join keynote speaker Rev. Jim Henkel for a day of worship, teaching, fellowship, and growth. The conference includes a keynote session, breakout sessions, lunch, and opportunities to connect with other believers from across our district.

The cost is \$25 per person, **but St. Peter's will cover your registration fee!** We want to invest in your spiritual growth and encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Interested in attending? Please speak with one of the pastors so we can arrange carpooling and make sure you're registered. Let's grow together in faith and in our ability to speak the truth in love to our community!

Learn more visit: se.lcms.org/events/.

If you want to attend, please contact the church office at 828-256-2970 or email secretary@stpetersconover.org **by Friday, March 27** so we can register everyone that wants to attend the conference at one time.



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!**

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.

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, deadline is today. Contact Betty Goble.
- 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.

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.

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. Packets are available in the Narthex or the church office.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Donald Bowman by Faye Bowman, Bobby Bowman, Renae Randall & Debbie Killian; by Barry & Carolyn Matthews; by Craig & Donna Lackey
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Reva Reinhardt by Craig & Donna Lackey
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Karen Watts by Craig & Donna Lackey
- **Given to the Senior Youth Fund** in loving memory of Donald Bowman by Judy Little
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of Donald Bowman by the LWML's Ruth Circle
- **Given to the Crocheters & Loomers** in loving memory of Reva Reinhardt by Ann Teague
- **Given to the Senior Youth Fund** in honor of Pam Medlin by a friend