

HE IS RISEN

Easter Sunday April 5, 2026



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 loving memory of my loved ones who have passed: my dad, grandparents, uncles and aunts, whom I loved dearly, while celebrating the hope of the Resurrection on this Easter morning. (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

Holy Communion Today - 9:30 AM Festival Service

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 Peter and his family will be on vacation next week. If you have any pastoral needs while he is gone, please contact Pastor Eric or the church office.

The church office will be closed on Monday.

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Carol Abbott, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Nancy Combs, Shirley Dellinger, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Pastor Jason Groth, Audrey Hauss, Mary Ruth Hefner, Donald Killian, Judy Little, Randy Miller, Barb Nordyke, Teresa Taylor, Mary Ann Winebarger, 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)
- Judy Sherrill (cousin of Debbie Adams)
- Anne Conte (sister-in-law of Carolyn Paschal)
- Penelope Deal (granddaughter of Jeannie Deal)
- Cathy Townsend (sister-in-law of Tina Watts)

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*)
- Rose Marie Propst, due in September (*daughter-in-law of Mark & Barbara Propst*)

Birthdays This Week Dan Timmerman (4/7); Roxanne Killian; (4/7)
Bob Watts (4/9); Barbara “Bobby” White (4/9); Nora Haynes (4/11)

Anniversaries This Week Oz & Brenda Hefner (4/11)

Christian Sympathy

- The family of Debbie Austin, *aunt of Brandy Winters*
- The family of Phillip Hefner, *friend of Nancy Bruce*

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Israel Bible Study Tour Meeting Are you interested in traveling to Israel for a Bible study tour? After discussing it at our last meeting, we are moving forward with plans to travel to Israel next year from **April 25 – May 8, 2027**. We invite you to an important meeting on **Sunday, April 19th at 1:00 PM in the Education Building**. At this meeting, Pastor Frank will share detailed cost information, the registration process, and answer any questions you may have. If you're considering this journey to walk where Jesus walked, you won't want to miss this meeting

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.

Volunteers are still needed for communion set-up and ushering. If you would be willing to help (no experience necessary), please see Darrell Freeman, or sign-up on the sheets in the back of the church on the wall in the narthex, or call the church office.

The Sunday Lunch Bunch will be going to Captain’s Galley Seafood Restaurant on Highway 321 on **April 19 at 12:30 pm**. You can meet the group there or meet after the 2nd service to ride the church van. Deadline to let Betty know if you are going is **Sunday, April 12**.

New cards are out for our Forged in Fire Young Adult Ministry

...please take a bag of cards that are located in the narthex and back hallway to send cards to our college students and young adults of the congregation. Directions are in each bag along with the names and addresses.

LWML NEWS

- Join us at our monthly LWML meeting on April 9 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Our special guest will be Cynthia Scott, daughter of Elizabeth Johnson, a member of the 6888 Regiment of Black Women who served during WWII. A movie shown on Netflix produced by Tyler Perry, "*Six Triple Eight*", highlights the amazing contribution of this regiment. Join us as we learn Elizabeth's life story related by Cynthia. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a friend and men are also welcome to attend this special presentation!
- Join the LWML as we are honored to host the 70th Biennial District Convention of the Carolinas May 1 - 2 at St. Peter's. Registration begins Friday at 4 pm. in the Spirit Center. A worship service with Holy Communion is at 7 pm in the church sanctuary, followed by a President's Reception in the Spirit Center. Saturday's activities begin with registration from 8-9 am in the Spirit Center, followed by a Bible study, program, lunch, and business with adjournment at 3 pm. All women are welcome to attend. Registration is required. Forms are available in the narthex at the front of the church. If you wish to order a shirt from the convention, orders must be placed by April 6. The link for ordering a shirt is on the registration form. We welcome your help in various ways during the convention. Contact Jan Sigmon with any questions or to volunteer.
- Our annual Women's Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, August 27 at 6 pm in the Spirit Center. Our guest speaker will be Rhonda Roderer, ("*Heritage With Heart*"), a renowned family history researcher, sharing her experiences. There may even be a surprise guest present! Watch the bulletin for more information.

SUNSHINE GROUP OUTINGS

- The group is planning an outing to see the play “A Chorus Line” at the Winston Theatre on Sunday, April 26. They will leave after the 2nd Sunday service and stop for dinner on the way back. Deadline if you want to attend is **TODAY**. Please contact Betty Goble.
- The group is planning to go see the Bee Gees/ABBA tribute bands at the COMMA Theatre in Morganton on Saturday, June 13. Cost for tickets will be approximately \$55 per person. If you’d like to go, please let Betty know by **Sunday, April 19**.

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

8:15 am 195 10:45 am 74

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 33 Youth 13

Offerings

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

General Fund - \$10,019.02 Sunday School - \$40

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Domestic Missions - \$280; Kids Kamp - \$600; Radio Broadcast - \$300;
Autism Support Group - \$25; Senior Youth - \$174; Building Fund - \$880;
Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$270

Thru Feb 28, 2026 Year to Date

Income received \$82,442.77 Expenses paid \$128,311.13 = \$45,868.36 (negative)

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (5) *Easter - The Resurrection of our Lord*
6:15 am Youth arrive to help with Easter Breakfast
6:45 am Easter Sunrise Service
Easter breakfast between services
9:30 am Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion
- Mon. (6) **Church Office Closed**
- Tues. (7) **9:00 am Winkel Pastors Group**
10:00 am Miriam Circle
2:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Lydia Circle
6:30 pm Ruth Circle
7:00 pm Naomi Circle
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (8) No events scheduled on calendar
- Thurs. (9) **6:00 pm Autism Support Group - in Spirit Center**
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - *with Terry Sigmon, Leader*
In multi-purpose room
6:30 pm LWML Monthly meeting - In Parish Hall -
program by Cynthia Scott & movie "Six Triple Eight"
- Fri. (10) No events scheduled on calendar
- Sat. (11) 7:30 pm Men's Small Group Bible Study
- Sun. (12) 8:15 am Contemporary Service
9:15 am Second Sunday Social - in Spirit Center
9:45 am Voters Meeting - in Spirit Center
10:45 am Traditional Service
2:00 pm Sunshine Group Outing to Carolina Theatre
6:00 pm Senior Youth (Grades 6-12) Meeting - in youth room

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

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 28:6-7

*“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. **Come, see** the place where he lay. Then **go quickly and tell** his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”*

I. The Resurrection Is Real

II. The Resurrection Is Meant to Be Proclaimed

III. Jesus Meets Us on the Way

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Christal Sigmon, Steve Sigmon

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: 6:45 am Pastors 9:30 am Pastors

Greeters: 9:30 am Pam Medlin

Acolytes: 9:30 am Georgiana Sigmon

Ushers: 9:30 am Open

Communion Set-Up: Open

Prayer Room: 6:45 am Mike Pritchard 9:30 am John Thomas

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**Christ is risen. He is risen indeed,
Alleluia!**



I am writing to you this Easter from Belize, where the sun rises early over the jungle, and the birds begin before the light. It is a beautiful place to sit with the empty tomb.

Easter is not a different Gospel from the one we proclaim every Sunday. It is the ground beneath it. Every sermon, every baptism, every absolution spoken over a burdened conscience, every child who hears for the first time that Jesus loves them, all of it stands or falls on what happened on that first Easter morning outside Jerusalem. The Resurrection is not the conclusion of the Gospel story. It is the reason the story can be told at all.

Here in Belize, I think about that often.

I think about it when I sit with a man who has never heard that his sins are forgiven, not because he has tried harder or felt sorry enough, but because Christ has already paid the price and walked out of the grave to prove it. I think about it when I consider the villages and communities within driving distance of this camp, where the name of Jesus is known, but the freedom of the Gospel is not. I think about it when I remember why I came here in the first place.

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The mission in Belize is not about building something impressive. It is about placing the Easter message, the real one, the one that gives exhausted, guilty, and grieving people a Savior instead of a self-improvement plan, into the ears and hearts of people who have not yet rested in it.

This Easter, I am not primarily asking for your financial support, though if the Lord moves you to give toward the mission here, you can do so at www.lcms.org/groth. What I am asking for is simpler and costs nothing.

Pray for Belize. Pray for the men and women and children here who are one conversation away from hearing that death has been defeated and that the verdict on their life has already been rendered in their favor. Pray for the pastors and missionaries on the ground who carry this message faithfully in the heat and the complexity of a culture not their own. Pray for me, that I would have the clarity to serve well and the humility to stay out of the Holy Spirit's way.

Christ is risen. That is enough. That is everything.

In His resurrection and yours,
Pastor Jason Groth





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