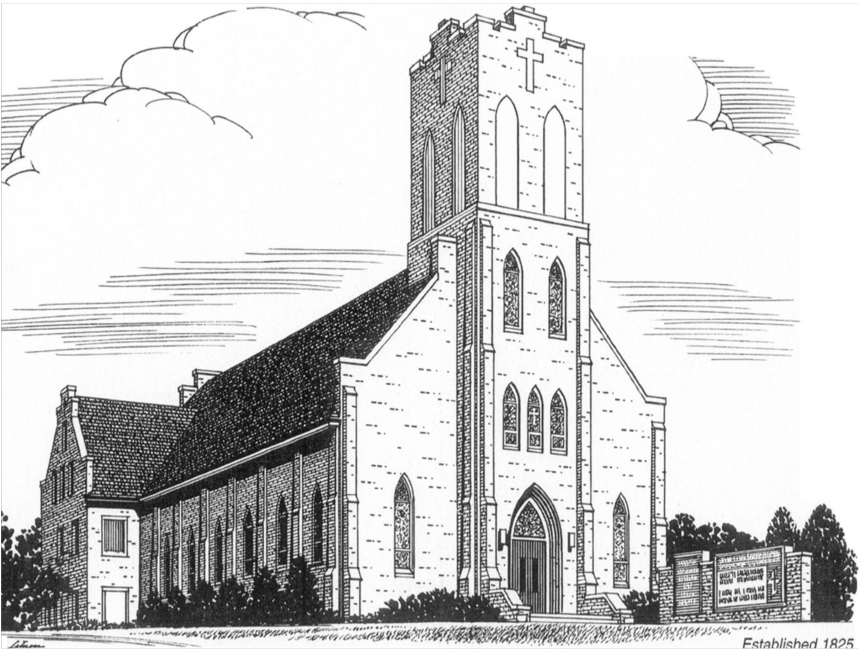


# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 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 honor of Dan's birthday (April 7) by Dan & Paula Timmerman (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

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

**A Voters Meeting** will be held starting at 9:45 am in the Spirit Center. No Adult Sunday School or Bible Classes will be held due to this meeting.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**\*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

## **PRAYERS**

**Church Members in Need of prayer** Carol Abbott, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Nancy Combs, Shirley Dellinger, Delmar & 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)
- Anne Conte (sister-in-law of Carolyn Paschal)
- Penelope Deal (granddaughter of Jeannie Deal)
- Cathy Townsend (sister-in-law of Tina Watts)
- Roger Houston (brother of Teresa Houston)
- Lowell & Karen Rothenberger (parents of Peter Rothenberger)

## **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** Johnny Bryant (4/12); Jean Cook (4/12); Terry Bentley (4/13); Judy Little (4/13); Dina Coffey (4/14); Darrell Little (4/15); Jack Sigmon (4/15); Larry Eckard (4/16); Dixie Ingram (4/16); Donald Killian (4/16); Adam Watts (4/16); Debbie Icenhour (4/17); Brenda Fulbright (4/18); Kaylor Spencer (4/18)

**Anniversaries This Week** Steve & Laura Hall (4/12); Glenda & William Thornburg (4/16); Randy & Debbie Hefner (4/16); Michael & Angela Martin (4/17); Richard & Brenda Hallman (4/18)

**April Over 80 Birthdays** The LWML has given a donation to the Backpack Ministry in honor of the following birthdays: Hazel Moser (4/4); Barbara White (4/9); Larry Eckard (4/16); Dixie Ingram (4/16); Shirley Dellinger (4/22); Sandra Gantt (4/22); and Glenn Shell (4/26)

## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Graduation Sunday - May 17th** we will honor our graduates at both our 8:15 and 10:45 services. If you are graduating or have a family member graduating from high school or college, please send your/their information (school graduating from, degree, future plans, etc.) and a photo to Nancy in the church office at [secretary@stpetersconover.org](mailto:secretary@stpetersconover.org). Please send any photos in a [jpeg file](#). **The deadline to turn information into the office is Wednesday, May 6.**

**Child protection training and background checks** are required for ALL volunteers that helping with either Kids Kamp or Vacation Bible School. If you have not done either of these and plan to help this summer, please contact Nancy in the church office for the necessary paperwork.

**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

**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.

**The Sunshine 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 Goble know by **Sunday, April 19.**

## LWML NEWS

- Join the LWML as we are honored to host the 70th Biennial District Convention of the Carolinas May 1 - 2 here 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 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.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Senior Youth (Grades 6-12)** will meet **TODAY at 6 pm** in the youth room for devotions and some fun activities. Bring a friend with you!
- **A Senior Youth Outing (Grades 6-12)** will be held on **Saturday, April 18**. Please be at the church at 2 pm and eat lunch before you come. We will spend the afternoon at “The Block” in Wilkesboro, NC. The fun includes a trampoline park, putt-putt, roller skating, a climbing wall, arcade and a café. Be sure to bring socks and extra money for any snacks you’d like to purchase. We will stop for dinner on the way home. Be sure to have your permission slip to ride the van.
- **The Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)** will be doing a movie and dinner on **Sunday, April 19**. Please meet in the Parish Hall at 2 pm for a short devotion and then we will leave for the theatre. Be sure you have your permission slip to ride the van. Invite a friend too!

**Online Giving** Did you know that you can give your offerings on line? You can sign up through our website [stpetersconover.org](http://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

6:45 am Sunrise - 140 9:30 am Festival - 253

#### Sunday School Attendance

No Sunday School held for Easter Sunday

#### Offerings

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

\$15,585

#### Dedicated Fund Offerings

Autism Support Group - \$25 ; Backpack Ministry - \$50; Kids Kamp - \$250

Building Fund - \$1,187.93 ; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$25

#### 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. (12)                    8:00 am Contemporary Service  
**9:15 am Second Sunday Social - in Spirit Center**  
**9:45 am Voters Meetings - in Spirit Center**  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 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**
- Mon. (13)                    8:30 am Quilters  
 6:15 am Girl Scouts  
 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
- Tues. (14)                    **9:00 am Winkel Pastors Group Meeting**  
 2:30 pm Staff Meeting  
 4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring - *in Education Building*  
**6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class - in Spirit Center**  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (15)                    **6:00 pm Church Plant Vision Team Meeting - in Multi-purpose room**  
 6:30 pm Adult Choir  
 6:30 pm Bible Journaling - *with Kim Kaylor, Leader, n Parish Hall*
- Thurs. (16)                    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. (17)                    10:00 am Small Group bible Study - *with Pastor Eric, Leader, in Parish Hall*
- Sat. (18)                    7:30 pm Men's Small Group Bible Study  
**2:00 pm Senior Youth (Grades 6-12) Outing to "The Block" in Wilkesboro**
- Sun. (19)                    8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion  
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
 10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion  
**12:30 pm Sunshine Group Lunch Bunch - Captain's Galley on Hwy 321**  
**1:00 pm Israel Bible Study Tour Meeting - in Education Building**  
**2:00 pm Kids in Christ (Grades K-6) Outing - movie & dinner**  
**3:00 pm Confirmation Mentor Meeting**  
**4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service**

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

**SERMON NOTES**  
**“When Easter Ends... Now What?”**  
***John 20:19–31; Acts 5:29–42***

- I. We Gain Peace (*John 20:19 / Acts 5:29–32*)
  
- II. We Gain Presence (*John 20:19–20 / Acts 5:32, 41*)
  
- III. We Gain a Future (*John 20:21–22 / Acts 5:40–42*)

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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 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

**Greeters:** 8:15 am Beth Lail 10:45 am Scott Medlin

**Acolytes:** Jakhi Bowman/Jeffrey White

**Ushers:** 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Eddie Little

**Communion Set-Up:** Open

**Prayer Room:** 8:15 am Danny Goforth

## ITEMS NEEDED

- **The Quilters are in need of new and slightly used flat king and queen sheets.** Donations can be dropped off at the church office, or given to any member of the Quilters. Contact Brenda Griffin or Kay Watts if you need more information.
- **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.
- **Kids Kamp** is collecting items for Ebenezer's Children's Home. Items needed are: small toiletry items (shampoo, lotion, soap, hand sanitizer, tooth paste, tooth brushes, chap stick, lip gloss, comb, brush, hair barrettes, make-up, etc.) and school supplies (pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, small note pads, etc.) Boxes are in the hallway outside the church office. Items need to be collected by Sunday, June 21.

## THANK YOU NOTES

- A huge shout out to anyone that helped with the Easter breakfast in anyway. The combined breakfast/brunch was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you for coming out and having breakfast with us. As is my tradition to name the group, "The Easter Peeps" would like to thank you all for your support! - Thanks again, Betty Goble
- We would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, food, phone calls and all the prayers that were sent up for Charlie during his stay at Baptist Hospital and after his passing. It truly means a lot of our family. Thank you again! - The Family of Charles Bowman

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of Rev. Henry Earl Godfrey by Sandra Gantt; by the LWML's Ruth Circle
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in honor of Barbara White's birthday by the LWML
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of Judy Nance and Rev. Earl Godfrey by Jeannette Gantt
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Dan Timmerman, Jr., Judy Nance and Rev. Earl Godfrey by Ruby Matthews
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of what would have been her 73rd wedding anniversary to Carl on April 4 by Ruby Matthews
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Charles Bowman by Faye & Bobby Bowman, Renee Randall & Debbie Killian
- **Given to the Building Fund** in loving memory of Rev. Earl Godfrey by Barry & Carolyn Matthews
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Charles Bowman by Scott & Angela Honeycutt ; by Gary, Libby & Parker Hart

Find the underlined words in the verse.



Acts 5:29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said:



"We ought to obey God rather than men."

## Stewardship Corner

### \*Giving to St Peters Lutheran Church Through Your IRA

Did you know that if you are age 70½ or older, you can make a gift to the church directly from your IRA and potentially avoid paying income tax on that distribution? This is called a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**.

**\*How it works:** If you are 70½ or older, you may direct funds from your IRA straight to the church. The gift goes directly from your IRA to the church, so it is not included in your taxable income. If you are required to take a **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)**, your gift can count toward that amount.

**Example:** Let's say: You're 73 and must take a \$20,000 RMD. You donate \$10,000 to your church via a QCD. Result: Only \$10,000 is taxed and the other \$10,000 is never counted as income.

**\*Why consider a QCD?** It reduces your taxable income. It may lower taxes on Social Security benefits. It can help reduce Medicare premium costs. And it allows you to give generously without needing to itemize deductions. If you would like to make a QCD or learn more, call or log in to your IRA provider and say: "I want to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to my church." They'll either provide a **QCD form**, or let you request it online. Or you can talk to your financial advisor for details.

**\*Important notes:** Gifts must be made directly from your IRA to the church. Checks should be payable to the church (not to you). Be sure to request a receipt for your records.

Your faithful giving continues to support the mission and ministry of our church—thank you!

Beth Lail  
Stewardship Chair

*(There is an information sheet in the narthex with more details for you to pick up.)*