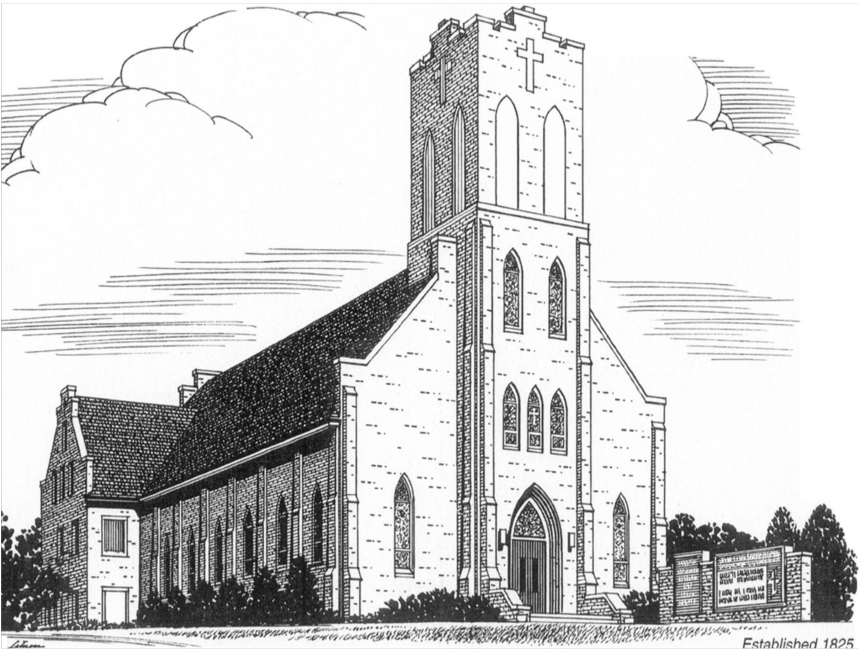


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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 their wedding anniversary today by Randy & Toni Miller (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary by David & Dale Johnson

The additional flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of my PopPop, Pastor Eric Hauss, celebrating 10 years of faithful service by Sophie Kate Slotchiver. May God continue to bless him with strength, joy and renewed vision as he serves, guides and loves his church family.

Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Services

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

Join us at 12 Noon today for a special cookout luncheon celebration honoring Pastor Eric's 10 years of dedicated and faithful ministry to our Lord and to St. Peter's. The meal will be in the Spirit Center.

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 “Kingdom Prayer: Touching Heaven to Change Earth.”

***Adults - Multi-Purpose Room Class** - They are studying “Heroes of Faith” with Christal Sigmon

***Pastor’s Class - Parish Hall** - Adult Bible Study “Learning to Pray the Psalms: God’s Words on our Lips” - led by Pastor Frank.

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need

Carol Abbott, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Shirley Dellinger, Betty & Delmar Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Mary Ruth Hefner, Donald Killian, 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)
- Roger Houston (brother of Teresa Houston)
- Judy Sherrill (cousin of Debbie Adams)
- Eddie Schenk (brother-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Terry Love (brother-in-law of Greg & Judy Eckard)
- Kathy Farus (sister of Carolyn Paschal)

Pregnancies

- 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*)
- Karen Bruce, due in October (*daughter-in-law of Nancy Bruce*)

Deaths

The family of Matt Abee (*friend of Emily Allen*)

Birthdays This Week Keith Randall (5/3); Teresa Taylor (5/3); Linda Little (5/4); Henry Reinhardt (5/5); Cheryl Sigmon (5/5); Mallory Watts (5/6); Ty Watts (5/6); Somer Sparks (5/7); Owen Price (5/7); Anna Carol Spencer (5/8); Donald Hefner (5/9)

Anniversaries This Week David & Dale Johnson (5/1); Randy & Toni Miller (5/3)

May Over 80 Birthdays The LWML has given a donation to the Missions Fund in honor of the following: Perry Sigmon (5/1); Linda Little (5/4); Donald Hefner (5/9); Ernest Starnes (5/17); Dorothy Willis (5/18); Dorothy Sigmon (5/20); Lynn Fox (5/22) and Jeanette Gantt (5/24)

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Bible Study on the Psalms Join Pastor Frank for *Learning to Pray the Psalms: God's Words on Our Lips*, a four-week Bible study meeting Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Parish Hall (May 3, 17, 24, and 31). Together we will read and pray key psalms, learn how Hebrew poetry works through parallelism and imagery, practice turning Scripture into direct prayer, and explore how different psalm types (lament, praise, thanksgiving, trust) give us words for every season of life, all while seeing how the Psalms lead us to Christ. The skills you gain will help you read and pray any psalm with greater confidence and joy.

Pictorial Directory Our new church directory will not be complete without you! Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church directory. Photos will be taken May 5-9 and May 26-27. You can sign up on line at www.ucdir.com and click on photography appointment on the right and enter **nc633** in the church code field and enter **Peters** in the church password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your appointment. You can also call Joy Eckard (828-461-1167) or Julie Robinson (828-302-6629) to sign up, but please do not call the church office.

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.

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. Please send any photos in a jpeg file. **The deadline to turn information into the office is Wednesday, May 6.**

A new GriefShare Support Group has been **postponed**. If you are interested in attending this group, please contact Sandra Jenkins (828-638-5224) .

New Member Classes Starting in May

If you're interested in joining St. Peter's, we'd love to walk with you as you learn and grow in the Word of Christ and in the life of our congregation.

Our New Member instruction begins **May 20**. This year we're introducing a four-track approach, so you can start where you are on your faith journey—without unnecessary repetition.

This is for anyone who is:

- new to the Christian faith,
- new to Lutheranism,
- new to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS),
- or simply new to St. Peter's.

Along the way, you'll learn what we believe, teach, and confess about Jesus Christ, the gifts He gives through His Church, and what it means to share, serve, and grow at St. Peter's.

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 163 10:45 am 74

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 44 Youth 7

Offerings

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

Sunday General Offering \$10,158.74; Sunday School \$59.01

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Kids in Christ - \$80; Kids Kamp - \$200; FCA Football Scholarships - \$534;

Autism Support Group - \$25

Thru March 31, 2026 Year to Date

Income \$152,678.06 less expenses \$182,379.97 = \$29,701.01 (negative)

Budget-to-date is a monthly average. Income and expenses are seasonal so totals may run ahead or behind

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (3) 8:00 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Traditional Services with Holy Communion
**12:00 pm Celebration Lunch/Cookout for Pastor Eric's
10 year anniversary**
6:00 pm Senior Youth Meeting (Grades 6-12) - meet in youth room
- Mon. (4) 8:30 am Quilters
6:15 am Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
- Tues. (5) **9:00 am Winkel Pastors Group**
10:00 am Miriam Circle
2:00 - 8:30 pm Pictorial Directory Photos - in Education Building
2:30 pm Staff Meeting
4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring - *in Education Building*
6:30 pm Lydia Circle
6:30 pm Ruth Circle
6:30 pm Back To school Bash Planning Meeting - at St. John's Lutheran
7:00 pm Naomi Circle
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (6) **2:00 - 8:30 pm Pictorial Directory Photos - in Education Building**
6:30 pm Adult Choir
6:30 pm Bible Journaling - *with Kim Kaylor, Leader, in Parish Hall*
- Thurs. (7) 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - *with Kim Kaylor, Leader, in Parish Hall*
11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddy Program
2:00 - 8:30 pm Pictorial Directory Photos - in Education Building
4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring - *in Education Building*
6:00 pm Autism Support Group - in Spirit Center
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - *with Terry Sigmon, Leader in
Multi-purpose room*
- Fri. (8) 10:00 am Small Group bible Study - *with Pastor Eric, Leader, in Parish Hall*
**1:00 pm July 4th Freedom Celebration Planning Meeting -
in Multi-purpose Room**
2:00 - 8:30 pm Pictorial Directory Photos - in Education Building
- Sat. (9) 7:30 pm Men's Small Group Bible Study
10:00 am - 4:00 pm Pictorial Directory Photos - in Education Building
1:00 pm Sunshine Group Outing to Winston Theatre
5:30 pm Mother's Day Banquet - in Spirit Center
- Sun. (10) 8:15 am Contemporary Service
**9:15 am Second Sunday Social followed by presentation by David
Sigmon on "The Weaving Place" and the Autism
Support Group**
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Traditional Service
12:15 pm Handbells Rehearsal

SERMON NOTES

“Ten Years Walking the Way”

John 14:1-14 / 1 Peter 2:2-10

- I. *The Way of the Unknown Walk*
- II. *The Living Way is not just a Destination*
- III. *Christ Among Us*
- IV. *The Works of Christ continues*

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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: 8:15 am Bob Watts 10:45 am Russ Darden

Greeters: 8:15 am Mary Deese 10:45 am Donna Sipe

Acolytes: 8:15 am Georgianna Sigmon

Ushers: 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Stanley Dellinger, Eddie Little, Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe

Communion Set-Up: Danny & Donna Sipe

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am John Thomas

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Box — Help Needed Our Blessing Box is a simple way we can care for neighbors in our community, and we're thankful for everyone who has helped keep it going. We're currently looking for:

- **Food donors** (nonperishable items)
- **Weekly helpers** to stock the box and remove any expired items
- **A coordinator** to help organize donations and weekly stocking

Church Council is also trying to discern whether there is enough support to continue the Blessing Box ministry into the future, so your involvement now will make a real difference. **If you're interested in helping in any of these ways, please contact Alex Scott Fulbright or Pastor Frank.**

Quilt of Valor Presentation There will be a presentation for Delmar Eckard on **Sunday, May 17** immediately following the 4:30 pm worship service. The congregation is invited to attend as we say thank you to Delmar for his service to our country.

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.

The Mission Team will be selling deep dish chicken pies (9x13) immediately following the 10:45 am worship service. They have **10 pies** available. Cost is \$30 per pie.

Thank You Note During this season, we are sincerely thankful for your recent gift-in-kind donation of quilts to Samaritan's Purse and World Medical Mission. Your gift helps equip ongoing ministry efforts that address both immediate and long-term needs. Thank you for your generosity and for helping extend hope and help. - Sincerely, Stephen Rhyne, Deputy Directory, World Medical Mission

Join us for our 2026 "Celebrating Our Mother's" Dinner

Saturday, May 9

5:30 - 7:30 pm

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Spirit Center

Join us for dinner, music and a program

Dinner: spaghetti, salad, toast, dessert & drink

Tickets: \$15 per adult / \$8 per child

All proceeds go to St. Peter's Youth Programs

To purchase your tickets:

see Kim, Ashton, Jack or Peter

(deadline for purchasing tickets is Sunday, May 3)

