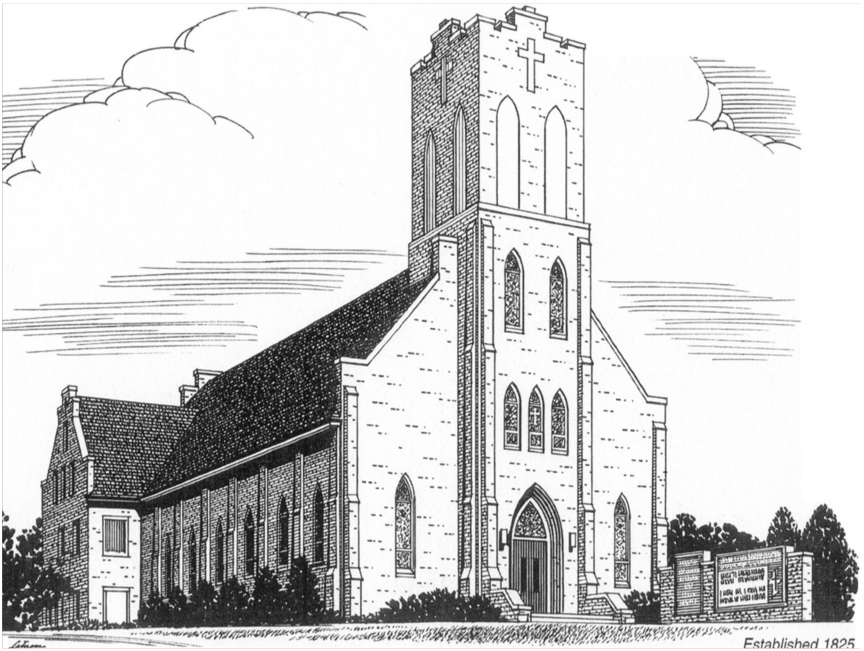


# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 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.

**A Special Welcome to David Scott** who will be sharing his musical talent with us today during the 8:15 am service. David lives with his wife, Tina, in Boone NC and runs his own general contracting firm. He has served in a variety of capacities at Camp Linn Haven over the years, including counselor, worship leader, and most notable song leader. He has shared his music with many churches in the Boone and Catawba County area for many years and continues to enjoy sharing his gift of music with others as a means of inspiration.

**Today's radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God and in honor of Mother's Day, in honor of Craig's birthday (May 10), in honor of Craig & Donna's 50th wedding anniversary (May 15); in honor of Darrin Lackey's birthday (May 19), and in honor of Lynn Fox's birthday (May 22) by Craig & Donna Lackey (*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 our great Creator for his gift of ALL mothers. Special thanks and praise is given by Debra, Amanda, and Reginald for their mother, Nancy Wray, and in memory of their grandmothers, Aussie Wray and Helen Sigmon.

**The additional flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of a faithful servant, Jam Sigmon, given by the LWML, the Lydia, Ruth, Miriam and Naomi Circles. Through her dedication, compassion, and unwavering faith, she has led us and inspired us to share the love of Christ in our community and beyond. Her servant's heart and willingness to say "yes" to God's calling has touched many lives. May the Lord continue to bless her and the work of her hands as she leads others in His Truth. *"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*  
Romans 10:15

**Second Sunday Social Today** Please join us in the Spirit Center immediately following our 8:15 am worship service for our Second Sunday Social followed by a presentation by David Sigmon on the Autism Support Group and on “The Weaving Place.”

## **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, Eddie Coulbourn, Shirley Dellinger, Betty & Delmar Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Mary Ruth Hefner, Donald Killian, Randy Miller, Barb Nordyke, Crystal Starnes, Teresa Taylor, 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)
- Eddie Schenk (brother-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Terry Love (brother-in-law of Greg & Judy Eckard)
- Kathy Farus (sister of Carolyn Paschal)
- Randy Milstead (nephew of Clayton Milstead)
- Chuck Smith (son of Clayton & Debbie Milstead)
- John Laws (brother of Debbie Milstead)
- Carole Glass (friend of Nancy Bruce)
- June Cherry (friend of Carolyn Paschal)
- Tom McGarity (friend of Pastor Frank)

## **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*)
- Hailey Childress, due in August, (*granddaughter of David & Sheree Sigmon*)
- Summer Dupuis, due in September, (*granddaughter of David & Sheree Sigmon*)
- Rose Marie Propst, due in September (*daughter-in-law of Mark & Barbara Propst*)
- Karen Bruce, due in October (*daughter-in-law of Nancy Bruce & John Schenk*)

## Births

- Annabelle “Annie” Lynn Eckard, born May 1, is the 3rd great-grandchild of Jerry & Sandy Eckard. Her parents are Seth & Rebecca Eckard, brother is Myles and her sister is Nora Rose.

## Deaths

- The family of Phillip Hedrick (*father of Kim Gantt*)

**Birthdays This Week** Craig Lackey (5/10); Whitney Terry (5/10); Kayla McArthur (5/14); Cherie Reynolds (5/14); Dallas Sigmon (5/16)

**Anniversaries This Week** John & Janet Adams (5/11); Jeff & Sonja Winebarger (5/12); Eddie & Robin Little (5/13); Craig & Donna Lackey (5/15); Steve & Kim Rector (5/16); Dustin & Christian Sigmon (5/16)

## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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. To get started, please set up a time to speak with **Pastor Frank** or **Pastor Eric** by calling the church office at **(828) 256-2970**.

**The Mission Team will be selling chicken pies** during the Second Sunday Social. They have both deep dish chicken pies and round chicken pies available for purchase. The cost is \$30 for the deep dish pies and \$16 for the round pies. See a mission team member to purchase one.

**Quilt of Valor Presentation** There will be a presentation for Delmar Eckard on **Sunday, May 17** immediately following the 4:30 pm worship service. (Approximately 5:15 pm) The congregation is invited to attend as we say thank you to Delmar for his service to our country.

**Church Directory Update** You can still sign up for the last two photography sessions in May - May 26-27. If you are not able to attend a photography session for our new church directory, you can submit a photo digitally (high quality) as a jpeg file or bring a high quality printed one by the church office. There is a \$15 charge for photos being submitted by this method, and checks need to be payable to “St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.” You can also use your photo from the 2022 church directory and that is also a \$15 charge. *(You will need to call and let us know you want the previous directory photo used and pay the \$15.)* This charge will be paid to Unique Church Solutions as they have to hand crop all of these photos and manually put them in the directory. By submitting a photo or requesting your previous one to be used and paying the \$15 charge, you will get a new church directory. You will need to bring your money by the church office by May 27. Questions, please contact Julie Robinson or Joy Eckard.

**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

8:15 am 145 10:45 am 68

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 52 Youth 13

Offerings

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

General Fund - \$11,713 ; Sunday School - \$60

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Kids Kamp - \$200; Radio Broadcasts - \$100; Missions \$50; Senior Youth - \$20;

Building Fund - \$1,594.90; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$338

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. (10) *Mother's Day*  
8:15am Contemporary Service  
**9:15 am Second Sunday Social**  
**9:45 am Second Sunday Social Presentation - by David Sigmon on The Autism Support Group and "The Weaving Place"**  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Traditional Services  
12:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Mon. (11)  
8:30 am Quilters  
6:15 am Girl Scouts  
6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
- Tues. (12)  
2:30 pm Staff Meeting  
**6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class - in Spirit Center**  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (13)  
6:30 pm Adult Choir  
6:30 pm Bible Journaling - *with Kim Kaylor, Leader, in Parish Hall*
- Thurs. (14)  
10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - *with Kim Kaylor, Leader, in Parish Hall*  
10:00 am LWML Monthly Meeting - *in Spirit Center*  
11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddy Program  
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - *with Tery Sigmon, Leader, in Multi-purpose room*
- Fri. (15)  
10:00 am Small Group bible Study - *with Pastor Eric, Leader, in Parish Hall*
- Sat. (16)  
7:30 pm Men's Small Group Bible Study  
**4:00 pm Senior Youth Outing - Baseball game in Winston-Salem**  
**5:00 pm Sunshine Group Outing - to Green Room Theatre**
- Sun. (17)  
8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion and **recognition of our graduates**  
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion and **recognition of our graduates**  
12:15 pm Handbells Rehearsal  
**2:30 pm Confirmation Mentor Meeting (make-up session)**  
**3:00 pm Confirmation Mentor Meeting**  
**4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service**  
**5:15 pm Quilt of Valor Presentation - honoring Delmar Eckard**  
**6:00 pm Church Council**

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

# SERMON NOTES

## "The God Who Never Lies"

*Titus: A Guide for Life in Christ Series*

Titus 1:1-4

1. What makes someone credible or trustworthy?
2. Why do some people think that God's Word lacks credibility?
3. What event proves the credibility of God's Word for your life?
4. How might you listen to God's Word differently now?

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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 Lisa Brittain 10:45 am Landon Griffin

**Greeters:** 8:15 am Eunice Reiter 10:45 am Donna Sipe

**Acolytes:** 8:15 am Open

**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 Mike Pritchard

## 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.**

**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.

## SUNSHINE GROUP NEWS

- The Lunch Bunch will be going to dinner on Saturday, May 23 at JD's BBQ in Gamewell. We will meet in the parking lot behind the Spirit Center at 4 pm. Ice cream could be involved in this adventure! Let Betty Goble know by May 19 if you plan to join them.
- The Sunshine Group is planning an outing to the Green Room Theatre on Sunday, June 14 to see "4 Old Broads" (*don't look for anyone you know to be on stage!*) Let Betty know by May 24 if you'd like to attend the play.
- Summer Fun - Let's go chasing waterfalls! If you are interested in "chasing" waterfalls, let Betty know. More details to follow.
- Shopping or just strolling the street - A day out to Black Mountain or West Jefferson. Let Betty know if you'd are interested and a date will be decided soon. Who doesn't like a little shopping - just sayin'!!!

## THANK YOU NOTES

- A Big LWML Thanks - Thank you to our church family for supporting St. Peter's LWML as we joined with our sister societies in the Foothills Zone to host the 70th Biennial Convention of the Carolinas District at our church May 1-2. We appreciate the opportunity to open our church facilities for this event. Thank you to the Trustees and other men who worked hard to refurbish some needed areas in record time and to move tables and chairs. Thanks to our Pastors who participated and supported us, as well as Nancy for printing the worship bulletin. Thanks to all the awesome women of the church who cleaned chairs in the Spirit Center, furnished desserts, volunteered to help out as ushers, assisted in the serving of lunch and helped in the setup of the Spirit Center and cleaning up afterwards. There were many behind the scenes jobs that were done not mentioned. Please know that however you helped out, we are grateful. Once again, the love and warmth of St. Peter's has shone through in your welcoming smiles. We could not have done everything without you. God bless! - Jan Sigmon
- Pastor Eric's anniversary cookout was a big success. Special thanks to Jack, our grill master, for the delicious burgers and dogs. Thank you to everyone that brought sides, and helped with setup and clean up! I know they think it was a chance to clean out the fridge as they were asking "are we done yet?" And Pastor Eric was almost speechless with that fancy new portable pastor's spa he received. I think we heard him say "best gift ever!" - Thanks again - Betty Goble
- To all the members of St. Peter's, Audrey and I would like to express our most humble and heartfelt THANK YOU for the wonderful celebration of our 10-Year Anniversary. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped organize and provide the luncheon, as well as to those who shared cards, letters, gifts, and many kind words of encouragement. Words truly cannot express how thankful we are for the love and support you have shown us through your kindness and generosity. We feel incredibly blessed and honored to be part of this congregation. St. Peter's holds a very special place in our hearts, and your shared love for Christ has blessed us far more than we deserve. As we look ahead, we do so with hope and joy as we continue serving the Lord who, through His grace, has united us together as one family in Christ. To God alone be the glory forever and ever. Amen! With love and gratitude, Pastor Eric & Audrey

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the Senior Youth** *in loving memory of Carl Matthews by Barry & Carolyn Matthews*
- **Given to the Building Fund** *in loving memory of Carl Mathews by Barry & Carolyn Matthews*
- **Given to the Building Fund** *in honor of Ruby Matthews by Barry & Carolyn Matthews*
- **Given to the General Fund** *in honor of Pastor Eric's 10 year anniversary at St. Peter's by Rayford & Marlene Pennell*
- **Given to the General Fund** *in memory of their mothers, Pauline Herman and Elizabeth Eckard Huffman by Jerry & Sandy Eckard*

## FORGED IN FIRE: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### Forged In Fire: Young Adult Ministry

Thank you for participating in this rewarding new ministry to stay connected to the Young Adults of St. Peter's. Your help in sending and praying for our College/University students has been most heartwarming. The response has been overwhelming! Thanks to all of you who took cards. Now our focus shifts to those between 21 and 30. Life may have taken them to new cities but the mission is still the same, encouragement to stay grounded in their faith no matter where they currently live and worship. So send a card to say "they are never far from the Lord's heart nor ours as well". Thanks again!

Happy  
Mother's  
Day