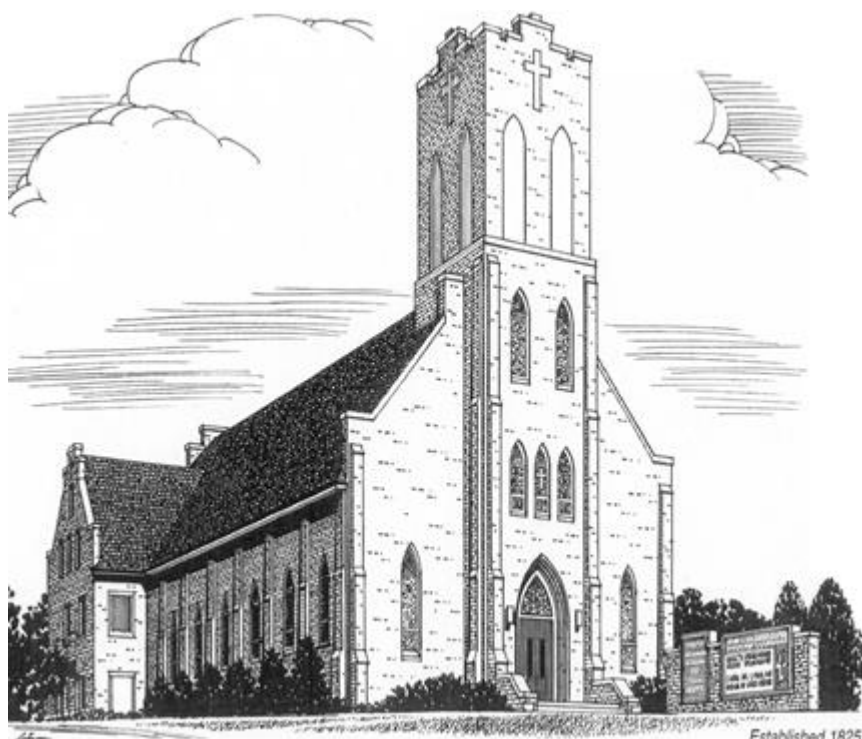


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Established 1825



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

Pastor Peter is attending the LCMS National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona and will return on Friday, July 25.

Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM, 10:45 AM & 4:30 PM 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

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

***Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 - A study on “The Heart of the Family” with Kirk Cameron and Chelsea Cameron 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 on “1st Peter” with Pastor Eric

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

One in Christ Back to School Bash The Evangelism Team is asking the congregation for donations to help buy school supplies to pack in the backpacks for this event, which will held August 1st at the Hickory Fairgrounds. The team can purchase the supplies in bulk at a good discount, which would be cheaper than asking members to purchase the items. If you would like to make a donation, please make your checks payable to “St. Peter’s Lutheran Church” and put “Evangelism - Back to School Bash” on the memo line or on the front of your envelope. Donations need to be received TODAY. If you have any questions, please see Marla Early.

The Sunday Spirit Deadline is Wednesdays at 12 noon.

Vacation Bible School Needs The VBS team is looking for any items that the congregation can donate for them to use for VBS: jungle themed items; knight castle theme items and stuffed animals that are jungle themed (monkeys, elephants, giraffes, etc.) You may bring your items by the church office by Thursday, July 23. Questions, please contact Ashton Sigmon.

St. Peter's 2026 VBS Mission Project: "How Can I Understand?"

This year, our VBS mission offerings will support Lutheran Heritage Foundation's "How Can I Understand?" project. Through LHF, children around the world receive Bible-based, Christ-centered Lutheran books in their own languages, helping them learn about Jesus and grow in the Christian faith. This project supports LHF's work in Ethiopia, where children and families need faithful Lutheran resources that teach God's Word clearly. Thank you for supporting this mission project and helping put the good news of Jesus into the hands and hearts of others. *(see bulletin insert)*

Vacation Bible School Set-Up Dates We are getting ready for VBS and could use some extra hands with setup! If you have a little time to help, we'd love your support! Every helping hand makes a difference and helps create a welcoming, fun environment for our children. Join us on **Friday, July 24 from 3-5 pm or Saturday, July 25 from 12 Noon-2 pm.**

Questions, please contact Ashton Sigmon.

VBS ADULT BIBLE STUDY—THE SABBATH: LIVING THE RECEPTIVE LIFE

God did not give the Sabbath as a burden, but as a gift that teaches us to receive rather than strive, to rest rather than grasp, and to live from Christ's provision rather than our own performance. In this Bible study led by Pastor Frank, we'll explore what Scripture teaches about Sabbath and why it matters for everyday life. You'll learn how God's Word reorients our hearts toward worship, how healthy limits protect us from anxiety and overwork, and how true rest is ultimately found in Jesus, who gives what we cannot earn. Along the way, we'll consider how Sabbath shapes our approach to work, rest, leisure, and the ordinary duties and joys of life.

Invite a friend and come Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30 in the Sanctuary during VBS, approximately 6:15–7:45 PM each evening (between the opening and closing portions of VBS).

Volunteers Needed for Our One in Christ Back to School Bash Help us make a difference in the lives of local students and families! We are looking for volunteers to serve at our upcoming One in Christ Back to School Bash on **Saturday, August 1.** Set-up begins at the Hickory Fairgrounds on Highway 70 at 7:30 am and the event runs from 9 am – 12 noon. Your time and kindness will make a lasting impact in our community. Contact Marla Early if you can help!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Kingdom Quest Vacation Bible School

An Epic Journey to Discover God's Kingdom

JULY 26 – 30, 2026

MEAL 5– 6 PM

VBS 6 – 8 PM

CLASSES

Toddler – High School
and Adult

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Interactive Bible Stories
- Exciting Games & Activities
- Creative Crafts
- Music & Singing
- Friendship & Fun



Sign-Up On line or pick up a form in the narthex or outside the church office.

Online link

https://publicforms.church360.app/public_forms/event_registration?form_id=0aa3b6d770b747fb92f7831ad022d02f

There is also a link on our Facebook page: St. Peter's Lutheran, Conover NC



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

FREE EVENT

AUG 1st 2026

9AM to 12PM

✓ *FREE backpack full of school supplies

- ✓ Food
- ✓ Face Painting
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Clothes Closet
- ✓ Fire Truck
- ✓ Police Car
- and MUCH MORE!

*Tickets for backpack will be handed out as you enter the gate. Distribution will be at set time.

Hickory American Legion Fairgrounds
1 American Legion Ave, Newton, NC 28658

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"We are 1 in Christ" is local churches and organizations coming together in one location to serve the community.



We are ready to start getting

ACCOMMODATIONS

for the trip.

TRIP DATES
OCTOBER 11-14

I need to know roommate info to start making reservations, please let me know if you plan to room with someone or will room alone by Sunday, July 26th.

If we don't have your info, you will not be included in our reservations.

 **Let Betty Goble Know**
828-308-4251

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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 4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service
Mon. (20)	8:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (21)	2:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Fri. (24)	3:00 – 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School Set-up
Sat. (25)	12 Noon- 2:00 pm Vacation Bible School Set-up

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

Last Week

Worship Service Attendance

8:15 am 144 10:45 am 61

Sunday School Attendance

Youth 36 Adults 8

Offerings

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

General Fund - \$9,765.91 Sunday School - \$34.43

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Evangelism - \$2,720; Missions - \$64; Israel Bible Study Tour - \$5,000; Kids in Christ - \$25;
Senior Youth - \$25; Building Fund - \$742

Thru June 30, 2026, Year to Date

Income \$296,331.87 less expenses \$323,216.71 = \$26,884.84 (negative)

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

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Series on The Book of Colossians
"Christ in Everyday Life"

1. Christ in the Home
2. Christ in Your Work
3. Christ in Your Witness

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Pam Medlin & Annissa Beck

Praise Band: Drew Stiles, leader; Bradley Abernathy, Emily Allen, Thom Bumgarner, 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 Siles, Bill Totty

Organist: Carolyn Paschal

Office: Bob Marlowe

Readers: 8:15 AM Danny Goforth 10:45 am David Icenhour

Greeters: 8:15 AM Joy Lail 10:45 am Donna Sipe

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

Communion Set-Up: Danny & Donna Sipe

Prayer Room: 8:15 AM Mike Pritchard 10:45 am John Thomas

THANK YOU NOTES

- Thank you so much for all of the support and the gift bag. – Love, Braeden Little
- Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church: Thank you so much for everything you do for Ebenezer Christian Children's Home. We truly appreciate the love you showed our children while visiting. They really enjoyed the yummy Chick-Fil-A. This is one of their favorite restaurants! The supplies you donated are such a true blessing. We cannot express enough gratitude for how much you have done for the children here at Ebenezer's. We look forward to having your group come and visit with us again! In His Service – Jean, Sherry & the Ebenezer Family

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- ***Given to the General Fund*** in loving memory of Dennis Winebarger by Mark & Barbara Propst, by Larry & Debbie Adams, by Craig & Donna Lackey; by Pat Smith; by Julie Robinson; by Jeff Winebarger; by Darlene Lowman ; by Oz & Brenda Hefner; by David & Jane Thompson; by Betty Killian; by Jonathan-Wesley Furniture; by Jerry & Sandy Eckard; by Jimmy & Janice Shook
- ***Given to the General Fund*** in loving memory of Melvin Eckard by Craig & Donna Lackey; by Pat Smith; by Jack & Libby Queener; by Jerry & Sandy Eckard
- ***Given to the Senior Youth Fund*** in loving memory of Melvin Eckard by Judy Little
- ***Given to the Kids in Christ Fund*** in loving memory of Dennis Winebarger by Judy Little
- ***Given to the Cemetery Fund*** in loving memory of Dennis Winebarger by Jim & Diane Burns