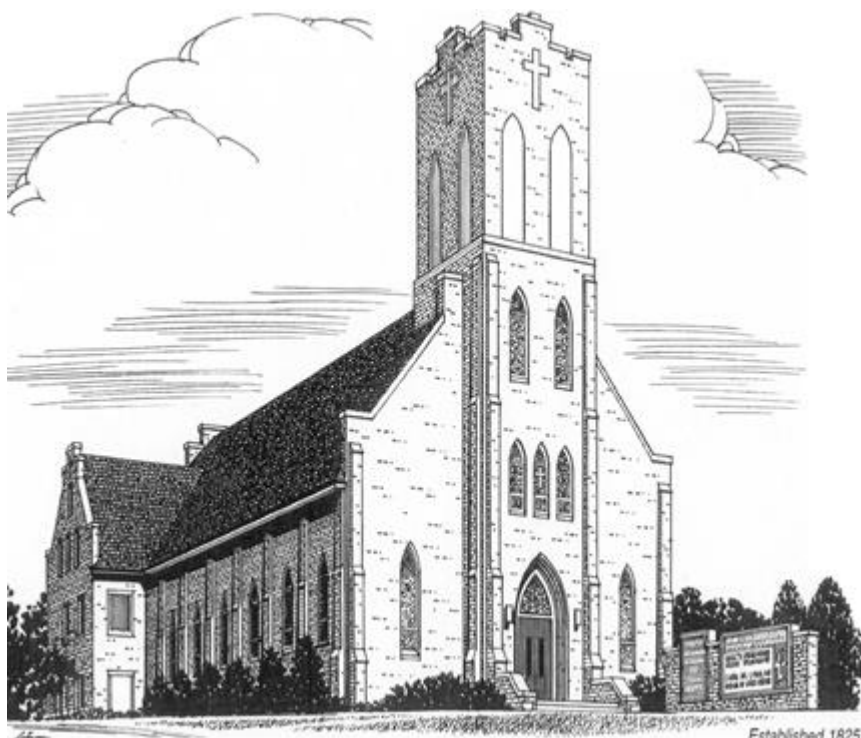


# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

August 16, 2026

Twelfth 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 is sponsored in loving memory of Doris Winebarger & Dennis Winebarger by their family (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

## 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 "God's Comfort" with Christal Sigmon

**\*Pastor's Class - Parish Hall** - Adult Bible Study on 1 Peter with Pastor Eric

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the LWML** in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (August 18) by Perry & Dorothy Sigmon
- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Blanche Hefner by Pat Smith; by Richard & Teresa Yost
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of Gracie Bolick by the LWML Lydia Circle

## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Peter's Camp Linn Haven Family Weekend – Friday, September – Sunday, September 13, 2026** Forms are available to sign-up for the weekend in the narthex. Please complete the back of the form and make checks **payable to Camp Linn Haven**. Forms are due by Sunday, August 23. Cost is per person: Ages 16 and up - \$100; Ages 12-15 - \$85 ; Ages -2-11 - \$75.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** You are invited to come join the Thursday Morning Bible Study that will start back on back on **Thursday, August 20 at 10 am in the Parish Hall**. Join us for coffee and donuts as we kick off our study for this fall. Questions, see Kim Kaylor.

**Bible Journaling** Do you have the desire to fellowship with other ladies over some Scripture and paint? If so, all ladies are invited to join our Bible journaling class will start back on **Wednesday, August 19**. We will meet on Wednesdays at **6:30 pm in the Parish Hall**. It requires no artistic ability, and all supplies are furnished weekly! All you need is a Bible that you are willing to draw inside of (*in the margins and on the pages*), and please do not bring your family Bible! Come and join the fun and bring a friend or two! Questions, please contact Kim Kaylor.

**Festival of the Tables Planning Meeting** Ladies, you are invited to be part of the Festival of the Tables committee as we begin planning for this special event. If you would like to help us with the details and preparations, please join us **Wednesday, August 26 at 6 pm** in the Education Building. The Festival of the Tables event is set for Saturday, November 7. For more information, see Audrey Hauss.

**Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies** We will start back with our weekly lunch buddy program on **Thursday, August 27**. We could use 5 or more lunch buddies this year! You can either meet at the church at 11:40 am to carpool or meet us in the Lyle Creek Elementary School office at 11:4 am. The only “qualifications” you need are being able to talk and have a laugh with the kids! They love to see us come through the door! Please consider joining us! Questions, see Kim Kaylor.

**LWML Annual Women's Dinner – Thursday, August 27 at 6 pm** All women of the church are invited to join us for dinner and a program by Rhonda Roederer from Heritage with Heart. Cost is \$20 person to cover the catered meal. More information is available on the flyers at the front of the church.

**Girl Scouts Need Assistance** The Girl Scouts are looking for someone that can assist one of their young ladies with a project for her Silver Award. She will be making 4 wooden informational signs that will go at Bunker Hill Bridge. They have the wood, but will need it cut down, assist in putting them together and possible placement. If you can help, please contact Malla Killian, scout leader.

### **Volunteers Needed for Centro Latino Tutoring**

St. Peter's is planning to continue offering tutoring for ESL students at Lyle Creek Elementary through Centro Latino this fall, and we are looking for volunteers from the congregation to help serve these students and their families.

Tutoring will begin on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Education Building, following the Lyle Creek school schedule through the end of April. This year, we hope to serve around 10 students, with the possibility of welcoming more as the year goes on. Volunteers will help children practice English through conversational games and activities, with homework help available as needed. We are also exploring the possibility of offering classes for adults, such as ESL tutoring or American History (to prepare for US Citizenship).

An informational meeting and volunteer orientation will be held on **Tuesday, September 1, at 4:30 p.m. in the Education Building.** If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Lucas Nordyke or Pastor Frank. This is a wonderful opportunity to show Christ's love by welcoming and supporting children and families in our community.

## **Junior Confirmation Begins in October**

We're excited to invite families to consider Junior Confirmation as a next step in helping young people grow in Christ through God's Word, worship, and the Catechism.

Junior high and high school students: you're invited to begin or continue Junior Confirmation this October. Our New Testament class will meet on Sunday mornings (through next August), and our Catechism class will include a take-home journal with Wednesday evening check-ins (about once a month, through next September).

Students in grades 6–12 are welcome to start at any time. To get started, please schedule a meeting with Pastor Frank that includes the student and at least one parent/guardian.

**Church Van Reservation and Driver Reminder** If you need to reserve a church van for an upcoming event or activity, please make your reservation through the church office. The church vans are not to be taken off campus without the knowledge of either the church office or a building trustee. For the safety of everyone and to comply with our insurance requirements, only drivers who are listed on the church's insurance policy may operate a church van. This is a requirement of our insurance company and applies to all church-sponsored trips and events. If you plan to drive a church van and are unsure if you are on the church policy, please contact the church office. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe and in compliance with our insurance policy. *(Building trustees are: Danny Schwandt, Matt Witherspoon, Harry Fulbright, Steve Rector, Mike Early and Josh McArthur)*

**Retirement Announcement** We want to let you know that Nancy Bruce will be retiring at the end of this year. Nancy has served faithfully as our Administrative Assistant for more than five years, and we give thanks to God (and to Nancy!) for her dedicated service among us.

Nancy is retiring because her husband, John, is also retiring, and together they are looking forward to spending more time with their eight grandchildren (with two more on the way, and one of them being born in Japan). We will be planning a retirement celebration for Nancy sometime near the end of the year, and we will share the details as soon as the date and plans are finalized.

As we prepare for this transition, we will be re-evaluating the Administrative Assistant position. We welcome your feedback regarding what responsibilities you believe are most important for her replacement(s) to take on. Please feel free to share your thoughts with Vickie Miller, Alex Scott Fulbright, or Pastor Frank.

**Via de Cristo Weekends: Men's September 24-27, 2026; Women's October 1-4, 2026 and Mixed (*both men & women*) October 8-11, 2026**

Via de Cristo, "The Way of Christ", is a highly structured three-day weekend retreat designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christians and bring them to a deeper awareness of living in God's grace. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. It includes Christian fellowship, worship, and instruction led by lay people and clergy, with a focus on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ and the spiritual renewal of the church, family, and community.

Members of St. Peter's are invited to prayerfully consider attending this grace-filled weekend for spiritual renewal and a closer walk with Christ. You may also speak with Scott Medlin, Pam Medlin, Nancy Bruce or Pastor Frank for more information. The cost for first-time attendees is \$125.

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

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| Sun. (16)   | 8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion<br>9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes<br>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion<br><b>1:00 pm Five-Year Planning Team</b><br><b>3:00 pm Confirmation Journal Mentor Meeting</b><br><b>4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service</b> |
| Mon. (17)   | 8:30 am Quilters<br>6:15 am Girl Scouts<br>6:30 pm Praise Band Practice                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Tues. (18)  | <b>10:00 am Golden Agers</b><br>2:30 pm Staff Meeting<br><b>6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting</b><br>7:00 pm Boy Scouts                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Weds.(19)   | <b>6:00 pm New Member Class</b><br><b>6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor, leader – in Parish Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Thurs. (22) | <b>10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, leader<br/>– in Parish Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sat. (23)   | 7:30 am Men's Bible Study                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

- **Bold = activities that do not happen on a weekly basis**

*The work of our church continues all summer long, and your faithful giving helps us keep our mission strong. Thank you for your continued support as we share God's love in our community during these warm summer months.*

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Last Week</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Worship Service Attendance</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:15 am 203 10:45 am 56</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sunday School Attendance</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Youth 18 Adults 65</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offerings</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>(Needed in General Fund weekly to meet budget \$12,829.50)</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Fund - \$12,163.93; Sunday School - \$54</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Dedicated Fund Offerings</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Israel Bible Study Tour - \$4,500; Radio Broadcasts - \$200; Building Fund - \$940;<br/>Building Fund – Audio/Visual - \$25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Thru July 31, 2026 Year To Date</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Income \$331,034.58 less expenses \$357,849.67 = \$26,815.09 (negative)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Budget-to-date is a monthly average. Income and expenses are seasonal so totals may run ahead or behind*</i></p> |
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# SERMON OUTLINE

## "The Kingdom That Cannot Fall"

(Faithful in Exile Sermon Series)

Jeremiah 29:4-14

1. Where do you find yourself resisting daily life in "Babylon"?
2. With whom it is hardest for you to be patient, serve, or seek their good?
3. What do Jeremiah's words and Daniel's actions teach us about faithful life in exile?
4. How does Christ's coming kingdom free you to love and serve others today

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### Today's Servants

**Altar Guild:** Jeannie Deal, Julie Robinson

**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 Emma Spencer 10:45 am Pastors

**Greeters:** 8:15 AM Vickie Miller 10:45 am Christal Sigmon

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

**Communion Set-Up:** Open

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

**Sunday Lunch Bunch** Join us on August 30th following the 10:45 am worship service for an adventure! We will try a new restaurant - Nana Morrison's Soul Food. It is served cafeteria style and they do not take reservations. Please let Betty Goble know by **Sunday, August 23** if you want to go.

### **Sunshine Group News**

- Join us to see the play "Footloose" at the Wolfhart House Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, VA. If interested, please let Betty Goble know which date works best for you - September 20 or 27. Tickets are approximately \$70 for dinner and the show. We would leave after the first worship service and return home around 8 pm. Please let her know by **Sunday, August 23**.
- Join us for a trip to see the Gingerbread Houses at the Grove Park Inn on Wednesday, November 18. We will eat lunch at a local restaurant and then enjoy the Gingerbread House Exhibit. Betty will need a definite count to make reservations for lunch. Watch the bulletin for more details.
- Mark your calendar for a trip to see the Raleigh Ringers Handbell Choir in Winston-Salem on December 6. More information will follow once the tickets go on sale.