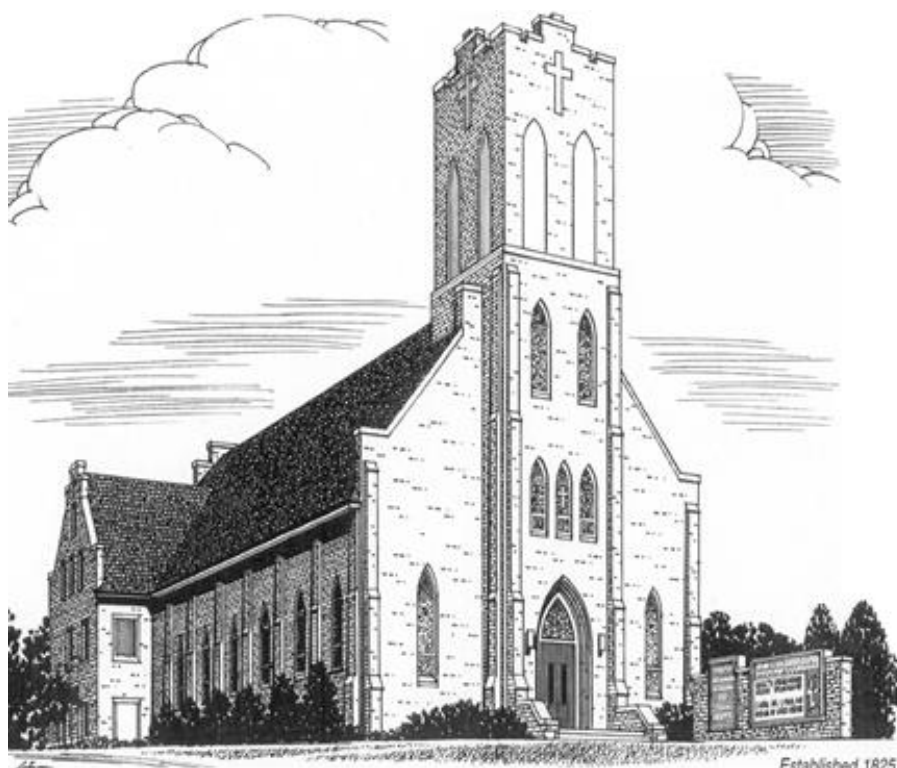


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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 given to the Glory of God and in honor of Donnas birthday (August 24) by Craig & Donna Lackey
(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

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Meeting Day and Time Change Please note that starting this week, August 26, staff meetings will now take place at 9 am on Wednesdays instead of Tuesday afternoons. If you try to contact the church office during Wednesday mornings, please leave a message as we will be our weekly meeting. Thank you.

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 **TODAY**. Cost is per person: Ages 16 and up - \$100; Ages 12-15 - \$85 ; Ages -2-11 - \$75.

Festival of the Tables Planning Meeting Ladies, you are invited to be part of the Festival of the Tables committee as we are beginning to plan 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 11:45 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.

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 the 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.

Dishes in Spirit Center Please pick up dishes that have been left from funeral meals. They are located on the island in the Spirt Center.

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.

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.

Sunday Lunch Bunch Join us on August 30 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 **today** if you want to go.

SUNSHINE GROUP

- 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 Betty know **TODAY**.
- 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.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- ***Given to the Quilters*** in loving memory of Blanche Hefner by Donald & Sandra Hefner
- ***Given to the General Fund*** in loving memory of Blanche Hefner by Jerome & Kimberly Cloninger

THANK YOU NOTES

- Dear St. Peter's, The organization and children truly appreciate all your time, talents and love that went into making the quilts. I can't wait to see the smiles on the kids faces when they choose which blanket to bring home. Thank you for all the good you do in the world! – Katie Hardin, VIA Health Partners
- Dear St. Peter's, Thank you for being the light that gives a child hope. We appreciate you coming along side Ebenezer Christian Children's Home to serve God and the children he has placed in our care. You are helping us provide a safe place for children to laugh, play and dream. Blessings to you and yours to in the days ahead. – Jean Davis, Director of Ebenezer Christian Children's Home

Online Giving Did you know that you can give your offerings online? You can sign up through our website – www.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

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (23)	8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service
Mon. (24)	8:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (25)	5:00 pm Cemetery Committee Meeting – In Multi-Purpose Room 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Weds.(26)	9:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Barnabus Team - in Multi-Purpose room 6:00 pm Elders – in Multi-Purpose Room 6:00 pm Festival of Tables Planning Meeting – in Education Building 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor, leader – in Parish Hall 6:30 pm Men's Basketball League – in Spirit Center
Thurs. (27)	10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, leader – in Parish Hall 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies 6:00 pm LWML Annual Women's Dinner – in Spirit Center
Sat. (29)	7:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:00 am Senior Youth Outing (Grades 6-12) – The Virginia Creeper Trail

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

Last Week

Worship Service Attendance

8:15 am 161 10:45 am 64

Sunday School Attendance

Youth 15 Adults 50

Offerings

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

General Fund - \$7,988.29; Sunday School - \$56.71

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Israel Bible Study Tour - \$1,500; Feed the 5000 Food Drive - \$161; Senior Youth - \$180

Building Fund - \$697.27; Building Fund – Audio/Visual - \$125.00

Thru July 31, 2026 Year To Date

Income \$331,034.58 less expenses \$357,849.67 = \$26,815.09 (negative)

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

“Into The Fire”
(Faithful in Exile Sermon Series)
Daniel 3:1-30

1. When has the Lord brought you through a big “fire” in life?
2. Did the three men expect the Lord to protect them from the fires of the furnace?
3. What little “fires” do you avoid because you don’t want to be uncomfortable?
4. How might knowing that Jesus stands with you at all times allow you to step into the fire?

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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 Kevin Gantt 10:45 am Carmen Lander

Greeters: 8:15 AM Eunice Reiter 10:45 am Judy Sigmon

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

Communion Set-Up: Open

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