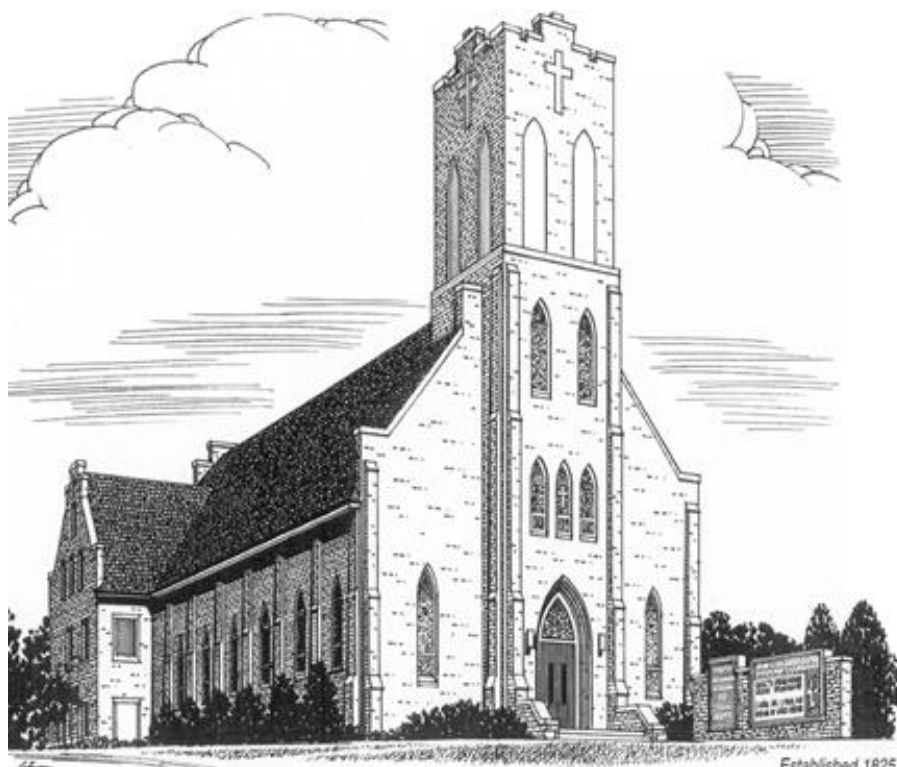


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth 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 and in loving memory of Kathleen Hendrix, Sheliah Auton & Libby Sigmon by Steve & Christal Sigmon (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

Second Sunday Social Please join us in the Spirit Center following the 8:15 am worship service for refreshments and fellowship. A program will follow our fellowship time from the Pregnancy Care Center presented by Janet Shores, RN, who works for the center. They are one of our partners in the community. The Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit agency that provides free and confidential services to women and men experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They offer pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, parenting classes, material assistance, referrals and other programs.

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Basic Training Blessing Gunner Smith will be leaving for Basic Training with the Navy on September 22, 2026. Gunner is the son of Chris Smith and Ashley Smith and grandson of Karen Smith. He will be stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago, IL for 16 weeks for both boot camp and navy diver preparatory classes. Following this he will be stationed at the Naval Surface Warfare Base in Panama City, FL for Navy diver training. His goal is to become a diver with a Navy seal team. Our best wishes and blessings go with Gunner.

Feed the Athletes This fall we will providing the pregame meal for the St. Stephens football team on Friday, September 18. We will be feeding approximately 60 people per meal. Volunteers are needed to help serve the meals as well as provide desserts and fruit and would need to arrive by 2:30 pm. (*Desserts requested are brownies, cookies with no icing, and pound cakes*) Items can drop them off at the church office that week or bring that Friday before 2:30 pm. Please see Pastor Eric or call the church office if you would like to volunteer or need more information.

Pot Pie Sale Update The Pot Pie Sale has been a blessing in past years because of the faithful work of those who have led and volunteered. We are thankful for all the time and effort they have given. While it was previously announced for Saturday, October 7, those who have led this effort in the past are not able to coordinate the sale this year. If someone is willing to step forward to lead, we could hold the sale on the second Saturday of November (November 14), as we have in the past. If no one is able to coordinate it this year, we will need to cancel the sale and look forward to the possibility of bringing it back next year. If you are interested in coordinating this effort, please let the church office know.

All committee chairs are requested to begin their budget requests for fiscal year 2027. Please get your requests to Alex Scott Fulbright or Betty Goble before the September 20th council meeting if possible.

Town Hall Meeting —Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 PM

We will be holding a Town Hall Meeting in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 PM. This meeting will provide an opportunity for members to ask questions of the pastors, Church Council, and elders on any topic (e.g., budget, staffing, and more). Questions may be submitted in advance (please send them to Alex Scott Fulbright or the church office) or shared during the meeting. Our hope is that this gathering will encourage open, respectful conversation, strengthen trust and understanding, and help address questions directly and clearly within our church family.

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

***No adult classes due to Second Sunday Social Program**

Car Cruise-In Sponsorship Opportunities The Senior Youth are excited to host the upcoming car-cruise in here at St. Peter's on September 19 from 4-7:00 pm. We welcome any businesses, families or individuals who would like to support the event through sponsorship. Your contribution will help cover event expenses and provide a fun, family-friendly opportunity for our church to connect with others in our community. Sponsorships of any amount are greatly appreciated! You may put your money in an envelope and mark it "Senior Youth Cruise-In" or bring by the church office. Questions, please contact Kim Kay



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 TH COMING WEEK

Sun.(13)	8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:15 am Second Sunday Social – in Spirit Center 9:45 am Second Sunday Social Presentation – Pregnancy Care Center 9:45 am Sunday School – Youth only 10:45 am Traditional Service
Mon. (14)	8:30 am Quilters 6:15 am Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm Handbells
Tues. (15)	10:00 am Golden Agers – in Parish Hall 4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring – in Education Building 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Weds.(16)	9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm New Member Class 6:30 pm Men’s Basketball League – in Spirit Center 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor, Leader – in Parish Hall 6:30 pm Adult Choir
Thurs.(17)	10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, leader – in Parish Hall 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies 4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring – in Education Building 6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader - In multi-purpose room
Fri. (18)	10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric, Leader – in Parish Hall 2:30 pm Meal for St. Stephens High School Football Team – in Spirit Center
Sat. (19)	7:30 am Men’s Bible Study 4:00-7:00 pm Classic Car Cruise-In and Diner – Church parking lot <i>Bold = activities that do not happen on a weekly basis</i>

Last Week

Worship Service Attendance

8:15 am 155 10:45 am 59

Sunday School Attendance

Youth 17 Adults 62

Offerings

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

General Fund - \$15,119.82 ; Sunday School - \$88

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Senior Youth - \$195; Backpack Ministry - \$50; Senior Youth Gathering - \$200

Building Fund - \$1,245 ; Building Fund – Audio/Visual - \$25

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

SERMON NOTES
"For Such a Time as This"
(Faithful in Exile Sermon Series)
 Esther 4:1-17

1. Where in your life right now does it seem like the Lord is absent, or at least silent?
2. Which pains or successes from the past most tempt you to live in the rearview mirror, instead of watching for what the Lord is doing in the present?
3. How does Christ's sacrifice "at just the right time" (Rom. 5:6) give you confidence that He has not abandoned you in this time?
4. If the Lord has prepared and placed you "for such a time as this", what is the one thing right in front of you where He may be sending you to serve now?

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Theresa Cook, Tonya Darden

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 Stiles, Bill Totty

Organist: Carolyn Paschal

Readers: 8:15 am Christian Queen 10:45 am Trudy Huffman

Greeters: 8:15 AM Marla Early 10:45 am Donna Sipe

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

Communion Set-Up: Danny & Donna Sipe

Prayer Room: 8:15 AM Scott Medlin 10:45 am John Jones



I have to apologize! The last two months have many consisted of getting back into the swing of life in Belize after my operation in Michigan this spring. I have been derelict in my duties during this time! I have started this newsletter three times and failed to complete it! Please forgive me. I offer below the May/June Newsletter for the mission in Belize. May God bless you and your family.



Belize Zoo

One of our family outings these past two months was a visit to the Belize Zoo, where we had the chance to see Belize's national animal, the tapir. With its unusual shape and unmistakable appearance, the tapir is a wonderful reminder that God delights in variety and creativity. The Lord could have made every animal alike, yet His creation overflows with beauty, diversity, and even a bit of whimsy.

It was a blessing to experience that wonder together as a family. Moments like these remind us to pause and rejoice in the work of our Creator, who not only fashioned the world with wisdom and care but also continues to sustain it by His gracious hand. "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all" (Psalm 104:24).



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Trinity Sunday



One of the greatest joys of these past two months has been the continued opportunity to proclaim the Gospel at Christ Lutheran Church in Seine Bight. God's people gather to hear His Word, pray together, and receive the gifts He freely gives through Christ. On Trinity Sunday, we joined Christians around the world in confessing the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While the mystery of the Holy Trinity is beyond our full understanding, the Lord has made Himself known through His saving work in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us and brought us into fellowship with the Triune God through Holy Baptism.

The proclamation of that Gospel continues not only in Seine Bight, but throughout Belize. Whether in worship services, Bible studies, home visits, or conversations with neighbors, the Lord continues to accomplish His work through His Word. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support, which make it possible for us to remain here and share the good news of Christ crucified and risen with the people of Belize.

Visit from Family

One of the greatest blessings of serving overseas is the opportunity to share this beautiful country and the Lord's work with family and friends who come to visit. During May and June, we were grateful to welcome my sister and brother-in-law, my cousin John, and my niece and nephew to Belize. Their visit gave us the chance to spend time together, introduce them to the people and places that have become part of our daily lives, and let them see firsthand the work the Lord is doing here.

Living far from family is one of the sacrifices of missionary service, so these visits are a tremendous encouragement. We are thankful for the time we shared, the memories we made, and the opportunity for our loved ones to better understand the ministry that your prayers and support make possible. We pray the Lord brought them home safely and that they returned with a deeper appreciation for His work in Belize.



Still Getting Settled...One Year in

One of the surprising joys of missionary life is watching our own children become active participants in the life of the Church. Here, Martha is carefully preparing the altar for the celebration of the Lord's Supper at Christ Lutheran Church in Seine Bight. Like many small congregations around the world, everyone has an opportunity to serve according to their gifts. It is a blessing to see our children learning that even simple acts of service help support the ministry of Christ's Church and teach us to love our neighbors.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Proclamation of the Gospel:

Give thanks that the Gospel continues to be preached faithfully in Seine Bight and throughout Belize. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work through His Word to strengthen believers, bring sinners to repentance, and draw many into the saving faith of Jesus Christ.

Families and Christian Service:

We thank God for the encouragement of visits from family, friends, and short-term teams during these past two months. Pray for all Christian families, that the Lord would strengthen them in His Word and raise up each new generation to serve faithfully in the Church, just as Martha joyfully assisted in preparing the altar for the Lord's Supper.

Wisdom and Endurance in Mission:

Please pray that the Lord would continue to grant wisdom, patience, and endurance as we serve in Belize. Ask Him to bless our relationships with the communities we serve, guide the work at Camp Concordia, and open new opportunities to proclaim Christ crucified and risen throughout the country.



Kids Korner

“What do our dogs like or what gets them excited?”

Gideon: “Shadow is a shady character and Queenie is an energetic greeter.”

Esther: “Queenie loves snuggles and Shadow loves a good scratch behind the ear.”

Martha: “Queenie is a ball of energy and Shadow is a goofball.”

Joanna: “Queenie likes belly runs and Shadow loves pets. Especially is Queenie getting them, he likes to steal them.”

Almighty and everlasting God, You have revealed Your glory in all creation and have gathered us into Your Church through the saving work of Your Son. Continue to bless Your mission in Belize, strengthen those who proclaim Your Word, and keep us steadfast in faith, hope, and love, that in all we do we may bear witness to Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

— Pastor Jason Groth



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on “Service Opportunities.”

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Jason and Emily Groth. Make checks payable to:

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