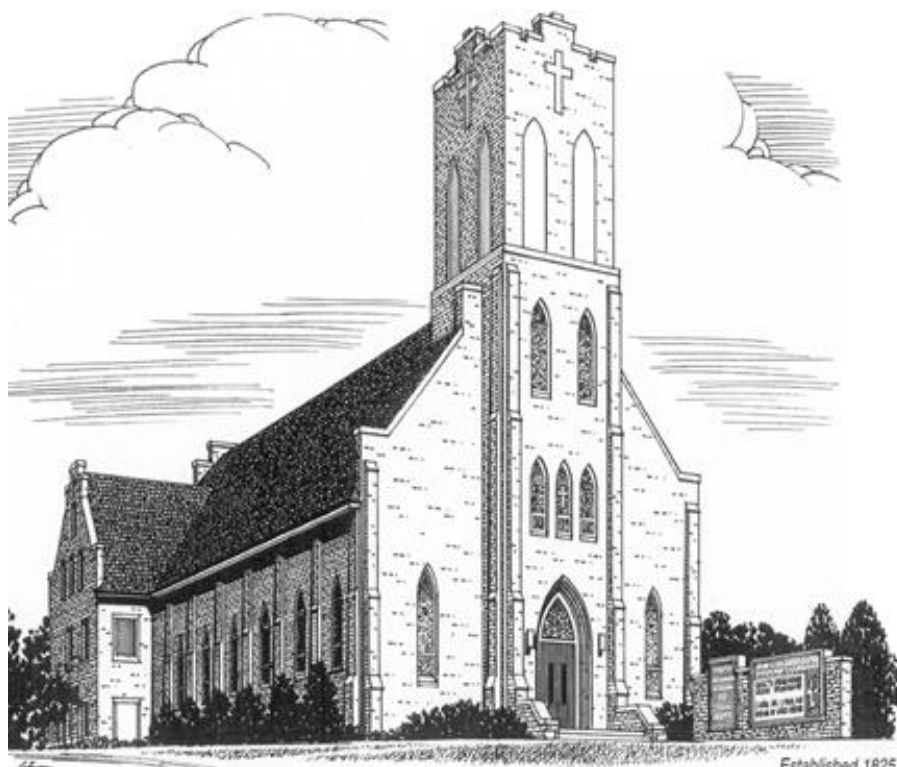


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth 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 Dwight Lafone (August 19, 1944 – September 3, 2013) and in joyful celebration of Baby Caudill's soon to be arrival by the Lafone and Rucker families (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and praising God for the 70th wedding anniversary (*Sept. 8*) of Marshall & Nancy Wray with love and congratulations from their children: Debra, Amanda & Reginald

Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM 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 Elder

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

Church Directory Information Review

We are getting close to having the membership information ready for our new church directory. Before we submit everything, we want to make sure each family’s information is correct. Several copies of the directory information are available for review and correction in the narthex, by the entrances, and in the church office. Please review your family’s information carefully by **Monday, September 7**. Let us know about any typos, details you would like removed or added, missing family members, family members who should not be included, or anything else that should be corrected before the directory is finalized.

Feed the Athletes This fall we will providing the pregame meal for the Bunker Hill football team on Friday, September 11 and 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. (*We will be done serving in time for those going to Camp Linn Haven on Sept. 11.*)

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.

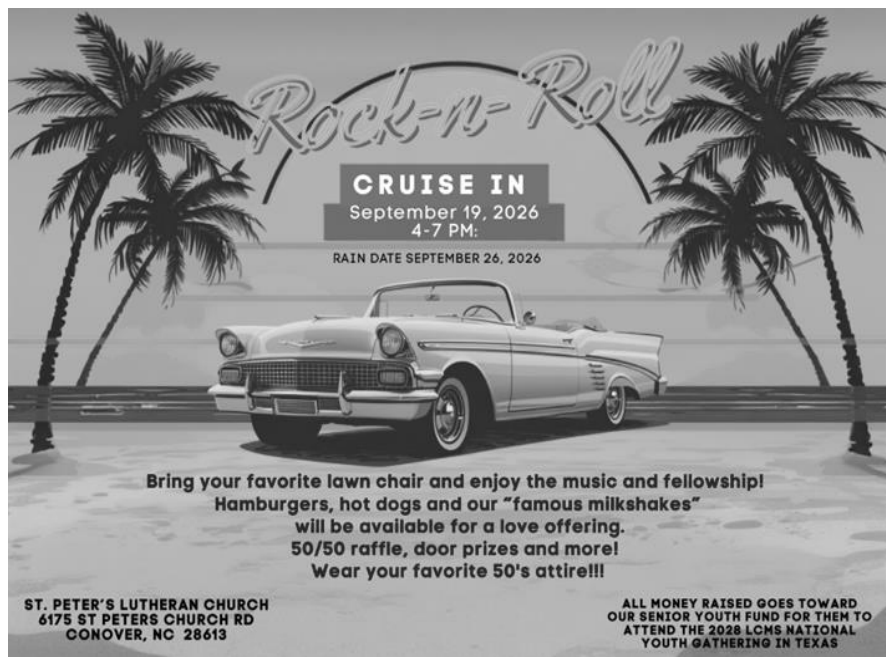
Pot Pie Sale Update The Pot Pie Sale has been a blessing in past years because of the faithful work of those who have led and volunteered. We are thankful for all the time and effort they have given. While it was previously announced for Saturday, October 7, those who have led this effort in the past 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.

Crocheting & Looming Class Update The class has had a busy, productive and fun year. This summer they partnered with Camp Linn Haven and Avery County Schools and were able to donate over 1,300 scarves and toboggans to Avery County School students and families. Class will resume this **Tuesday, September 8 at 6 pm**. Please join us in the Spirit Center. No experience is required; they will teach you a new skill! Come join the fellowship and help us make items for folks in need. Thank you for your support! – Donna Sipe

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.

Lost turquoise stone in parking lot A turquoise stone was found in the church parking lot near the buses. If you are missing a stone out of your jewelry, please see Carolyn Paschal.

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 a 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 Kaylor.



Join A Bible Study This Fall

Come join a study to grow in faith, connect with others, and study God's Word Together!

- Wednesday Night Bible Journaling at 6:30 pm - with Kim Kaylor, Leader. Bring a Bible that you can draw in or write in the margins.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am – with Kim Kaylor, Leader. They are studying a series from “The Chosen.”
- Thursday Night Bible Study at 6:30 am – with Terry Sigmon, Leader. (starts Sept. 4) They are studying Timothy and Titus.
- Friday Morning Bible Study at 10:0 am – with Pastor Eric, Leader. (starts Sept. 11) They are studying 1 Samuel.
- Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study at 7:30 am – with Darrell Freeman, Leader. They are studying Matthew.

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. (6)	8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion 6:00 pm Senior Youth Meeting (Grades 6-12) – in Youth Room
Mon. (7)	Labor Day Church Office Closed
Tues. (8)	6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Weds.(9)	9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Israel Bible Study Pre-Trip Preparation Class 6:30 pm Men's Basketball League – <i>in Spirit Center</i>
Thurs.(10)	10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, leader – <i>in Parish Hall</i> 10:00 am LWML Monthly Meeting – in Spirit Center 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies 6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader - <i>In multi-purpose room</i>
Fri. (11)	10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric, Leader – <i>in Parish Hall</i> 2:30 pm Meal for Bunker Hill Football Team – in Spirit Center
Sat. (5)	7:30 am Men's Bible Study

Bold = activities that do not happen on a weekly basis

Last Week **Worship Service Attendance**

8:15 am 158 10:45 am 59

Sunday School Attendance

Youth 17 Adults 41

Offerings

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

General Fund - \$8,546.00 ; Sunday School - \$61

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Senior Youth - \$417; Radio Broadcast - \$100

Building Fund - \$796.08; 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

"The Mouths of Lions"

(Faithful in Exile Sermon Series)
Daniel 6:1-28

1. What kinds of fears or pressures make you want to stop praying or keep your faith quiet?
2. When you pray, what do you expect from Jesus? Do you expect Him to hear and help?
3. Where do you most need the Lord to “shut the lion’s mouth” for you right now? In other words, what threat feels loudest?
4. What’s one simple prayer you can pray this week when fear shows up again?

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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 Lisa Brittain 10:45 am John Thomas

Greeters: 8:15 AM Mary Deese 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 Kevin Gantt 10:45 am John Thoma

Acolyte Georgianna Sigmon