

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

September 20, 2026
Seventeenth 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 her husband Floyd Gantt, Jr., and for their 70th wedding anniversary (Sept. 23) by Jeannette Gantt (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

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 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

Baptism this Sunday This Sunday, Roxanne Killian will be baptized in a private service at St. Peter’s. Roxanne had long believed she was baptized as a child, but as she and her family sought to confirm it, no record or clear indication of her baptism could be found. She will now receive the Lord’s sure gift of Holy Baptism according to Christ’s command and promise (Matt. 28:19–20). We ask the congregation to keep Roxanne in prayer as she rejoices in His sure promises.

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.

Our Community Truck-or-Treat Event will be held on **Saturday, October 31 starting at 6 pm.** Invite your friends and family to fun event! Prizes will be given for the best decorated trunk! **We also need candy (NO NUTS PLEASE), stickers and/or small prizes for this event! Boxes are in the hallway outside the church office.** Please contact Ashton Sigmon or the church office if you can volunteer and/or decorate your vehicle trunk.

Church Recycling Services Due to issues with Republic Services recycling pickup and the recent cost increase, the building trustees have decided to cancel the recycling services. Please put all recyclable materials in the dumpster, or you may take them home to put in your home recycling pickup. Questions, see Danny Schwandt or Harry Fulbright.

Lunch Bunch News The lunch bunch is planning a dinner outing on Saturday, September 26 to JD's BBQ in the Lenoir area. They will meet at the church at 4 pm to drive there. If you are interested in going, please contact Betty Goble by Thursday, September 24.

You are invited to share your musical talents for our Reformation Service (2nd Service) Sunday, October 25. No prior experience is necessary, just a love for singing! Come join us for practice on Wednesday October 7 and October 21 at 6:30 pm. We will practice in the church sanctuary. For more information, see Carolyn Paschal.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kids in Christ (Grades K-6) will be going on an outing to The Block Entertainment Center in North Wilkesboro, Sunday, Sept. 27 Lots of fun activities to choose from! Meet in the Parish Hall at 12:30 pm to leave. Make sure you have both a permission slip to ride the church van and a waiver from The Block. (visit www.theblockwilkes.com) Questions, see Kim Kaylor.

THANK YOU NOTES

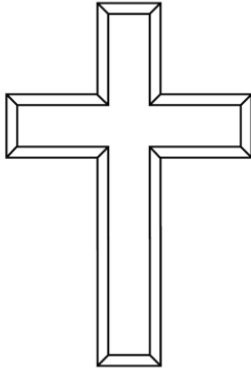
Precious St. Peter's Church Family - Thank you for the opportunity to share what the Lord is doing in and through the Pregnancy Care Center. What a special church family! Thank you for your prayers and support! May all who come behind us find us faithful. To God be the glory! In his love and service, Janet Shores, RN for the Pregnancy Care Center Staff.

WORD SEARCH FUN

Isaiah 55:7

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W V N T B E U A O E R Z H N O F D
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F R N B Q U Y C H D Y F P J Q L W
B X D H M P M G H A D G Q J L D Z

evil mercy abundantly return pardon
thoughts unrighteous way forsake wicked



St. Peter's Elders List

NAME	LAST NAME LIST
Darrell Freeman	A – B
Mike Pritchard (Head)	C – F
John Thomas	G – H
John Jones	I – L
Danny Goforth	M – P
Scott Medlin	Q-Sigmon
Kevin Gantt	Sipe-Z

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.(20)	8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion 2:00 pm Church Council – in Parish Hall 3:00 pm Confirmation Journal Mentor Meeting 4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service
Mon. (21)	8:30 am Quilters 6:15 am Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm Handbells
Tues. (22)	4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring – <i>in Education Building</i> 6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class 6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting – in Multi-purpose Room 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Weds.(23)	9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Elders 6:30 pm Men's Basketball League – <i>in Spirit Center</i> 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor, Leader – <i>in Parish Hall</i> 6:30 pm Adult Choir
Thurs.(24)	10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, leader – <i>in Parish Hall</i> 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies 4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring – <i>in Education Building</i> 6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader – <i>In Multi-purpose room</i>
Fri. (25)	10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric, Leader – <i>in Parish Hall</i>
Sat. (26)	7:30 am Men's Bible Study – <i>in Multi-purpose Room</i> <i>Bold = activities that do not happen on a weekly basis</i>

Last Week

Worship Service Attendance

8:15 am 138 10:45 am 43 Camp Linn Haven 53

Sunday School Attendance

Youth 8 Adults 50

Offerings

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

General Fund - \$4,818.52; Sunday School - \$47

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Senior Youth - \$600; Radio Broadcast - \$100

Building Fund - \$505; Building Fund – Audio/Visual - \$25

Thru August 31 2026 Year to Date

Income \$392,757.41 less expenses \$408,741.12 = \$15,983.71 (negative)

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

SERMON NOTES

1. We want to go our own way
2. God calls us to return
3. God abundantly pardons

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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

Office: Al Layne

Readers: 8:15 am Scott Medlin 10:45 am Pastors

Greeters: 8:15 AM Pam Medlin 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 Darrell Freeman 10:45 am John Thomas

Acolyte: Sawyer Frank