

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

September 27, 2026
Eighteenth 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 honor of Jan Sigmon, Staci Bumgarner and Emily Sherbino, who faithfully give their time, talents, and hearts to serve our church in many years and also to **all** of our other wonderful church volunteers who generously give of themselves to help make our church such a special place by Beth Lail
(Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service)

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of 33 amazing years of marriage by Danny & Donna Sipe

Pastor Frank is supplying at Bethel Lutheran today, as part of the pastor rotation with our other LCMS churches to give Pastor Morgan a break.

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

New Pastor's Bible Study - Pastor Frank will be leading a study called "Hearing and Doing: The Sermon on the Mount" starting next Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. This is a great study to join if you don't currently participate in Bible Study.

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.

Join the 3C Movement Class – “Caffeine, Cardio & Chaos” on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-10 am. Class will start on Monday, October 5. Class will consist of indoor walking, chair yoga, crafts and games. Open to members and non-members!

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.

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.

Decorating for Homecoming- Saturday, October 10 at 9:30 am Calling all volunteers, men and ladies, to help decorate the church sanctuary and set up the Spirit Center for our Homecoming covered dish lunch. We need men to help move tables and chairs. Please bring any canned goods, potted plants, pumpkins, vegetables and fall decorations for us to use for decorating. Many hands make light work.

Pictorial Directory Update We are pleased to announce that our pictorial directory has been updated and completed and sent to the publisher. Thank you to everyone who had photos made, submitted photos and information for it. We appreciate your patient and support throughout the process. Special thanks to Joy Eckard, Julie Robinson, Stanley Dellinger and Dixie Ingram for all their help!

Festival of the Tables Forms with all the information to sponsor a table are in the narthex and outside the church office. Also, forms are in your bulletin to complete if you'd like to host sponsor a table or just attend. See Audrey Hauss if you have any questions.

Council Elections If you would like to be considered for a position on church council in 2027, please contact Alex Scott Fulbright or Nancy in the church office to add your name to the list. Positions open for 2027 are: 3 building trustees; 3 elders; council president, council secretary, council treasurer, financial secretary, assistant financial secretary, Sunday School superintendent; assistant Sunday School superintendent; Missions chair, Youth & Organizations chair, Stewardship chair, Administration chair, Christian Education chair, Evangelism chair, Finance chair, Program & Music chair, and service & worship chair.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kids in Christ (Grades K-6) will be going on an outing to The Block Entertainment Center in North Wilkesboro **TODAY**. Lots of fun activities to choose from! Meet in Parish Hall at 12:30 pm to leave. Please eat lunch before you come. 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.

SUNSHINE GROUP NEWS

- Those attending the outing to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre meet in the back parking lot by the buses at 10:30 am this morning to leave. We should be back around 7:30 pm.
- Those wanting to “chase waterfalls” meet on **Tuesday, September 29** at 8:30 am. Please meet in the back parking lot by the buses.
- If you would like to attend the Lenoir-Rhyne playwrights production of “Come From Away” on **Saturday, November 14**, at 6:30 pm. Please contact Betty Goble by Monday, September 28 to she can order tickets. Join us as one of our own, Kaylyn Hall, will have the lead role. Tickets are approximately \$18 - \$20.

COME FROM AWAY
A REMARKABLE TRUE STORY
Book, Music and Lyrics by
Irene Sankoff & David Hein

Kindness Takes Flight

People. Places. Stories. Forever Changed.

Kaylyn Hall
will be playing
Captain Beverly Bass/Annette
in
Come From Away!

This is your captain speaking...

Betty Goble is planning a group to go see this at Lenoir-Rhyne on Nov 14!

DATE CHANGE DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICT
NEW DATE: Saturday Nov. 14
Ordering Tickets
Monday the 28th

Together, we go further.

PEOPLE
PLACES
KINDNESS
COMMUNITY

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family – Todd, Jerry and I want to thank you for your prayers and concerns for our family over the past two months. We appreciate all the acts of kindness, calls, texts, visits from Pastor Frank and Pastor Eric, the food (thanks for your extra effort Jan), and help with our lawn (Bill, thanks so much) and just knowing how much we're loved by all of you. God has been so good. Todd's recovery from his heart attack and triple bypass surgery is going well, Jerry's recovery from his quadruple bypass is progressing slowly. Once again, thank you so very much. We're so fortunate to have a church family like all of you.

Love, Jerry, Todd & Sandy Eckard



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.(27)	8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:30 am Sunshine Group Outing to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre 10:45 am Traditional Service 12:30 pm Kids in Christ (Grades K-6) Outing to The Block in N. Wilkesboro
Mon. (28)	8:30 am Quilters 6:00 pm Handbells 6:15 am Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (29)	4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring – <i>in Education Building</i> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Weds.(23)	9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm New Member Class 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.30)	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> 6:00 pm Autism Support Group – in Spirit Center 6:30 pm Thursday Night Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader <i>- In multi-purpose room</i>
Fri. (1)	10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric, Leader – <i>in Parish Hall</i>
Sat. (2)	7:30 am Men's Bible Study – <i>in Multi-purpose Room</i>

Bold = activities that do not happen on a weekly basis

<u>Last Week</u>	
<u>Worship Service Attendance</u>	
8:15 am 175	10:45 am 62 4:30 pm 10
<u>Sunday School Attendance</u>	
Youth 14 Adults 55	
<u>Offerings</u>	
<i>(Needed in General Fund weekly to meet budget \$12,829.50)</i>	
General Fund - \$9,088.75 ; Sunday School - \$55.25	
<u>Dedicated Fund Offerings</u>	
Senior Youth - \$555 ; Senior Youth Gathering - \$3,042 ; Feed the Athletes - \$20 ;	
Building Fund - \$385 ; Building Fund – Audio/Visual - \$100	
<u>Thru August 31 2026 Year to Date</u>	
Income \$392,757.41 less expenses \$408,741.12 = \$15,983.71 (negative)	
<i>*Budget-to-date is a monthly average. Income and expenses are seasonal so totals may run ahead or behind*</i>	

SERMON NOTES

Philippians 2:1-18

I. Our Natural Mind Turns Inward (vv. 3–4)

II. Christ Humbled Himself for Us (vv. 5–8)

III. Christ Gives Us a New Way to Live (vv. 9–18)

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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 Siles, Bill Totty

Organist: Carolyn Paschal

Office: Al Layne

Readers: 8:15 am Mike Pritchard 10:45 am Donna Sipe

Greeters: 8:15 am Vickie Miller 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 Mike Pritchard 10:45 am John Jones