

Homecoming



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

October 11, 2026



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.

A special welcome to Rev. Chris Sigmon as our Homecoming preacher today! The Reverend Chris Sigmon grew up on his grandparent's farm overlooking Lake Hickory in northeastern Catawba County, NC. His ancestors were German Lutheran immigrants that traveled down the Great Wagon Road before the Revolutionary War from southeastern Pennsylvania determined to find land and freedom to worship.

His parents are Dorothy and Perry Sigmon who recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in August. Pastor Sigmon has one sister, Mrs. (Kevin) Joy Jary, of Cape Coral, FL.

Pastor Sigmon has three daughters, Mrs. (Jake) Mara Snowman of Napierville, IL, Mrs. (Logan) Mallorie Ables of Fort Wayne, IN and Mrs. (Eric) Marisa Lewis of Vista, CA; and one son, Mr. Aaron Sigmon of Charleston, SC. He also has a granddaughter Marlene who was born on Martin Luther's (10th) birthday and will celebrate her first birthday next month!

Prior to his seminary training, Pastor Sigmon graduated from Bunker Hill in 1981. He then pursued his postsecondary education from NC State University in 1985 with a BS in Education and a Masters in Education in 1989 from Clemson University. He taught Career and Technical Education subjects at Alexander Central HS and in middle and high schools in Indiana.

Pastor Sigmon earned a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne in 2003 and has served two different congregations in the Ohio District, currently serving in rural NW Ohio at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Wauseon.

Pastor Sigmon was baptized at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on February 2, 1963 by the Rev Delbert Roth and also confirmed at this congregation on May 1, 1977.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Frank and Pastor Eric for thanks for all you do for our church family and in loving memory of Dennis Winebarger whose 70th birthday would have been October 14 by Jeff Winebarger & Julie Robinson
(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 honor of Jan (Steve) Sigmon's 80th birthday, by her family. We celebrate Jan's many years of service to her church and community, and especially for the blessing she has been as a loving mother and Nana. May God continue to bless her with joy, good health, and many more wonderful years surrounded by the people who love her.

Join us following today's worship service for our covered dish lunch. Lunch will be in the Spirit Center. All are welcome!

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homecoming Offering Please take a BLUE envelope out of the pews and write "Homecoming" on it and place in the offering plate. All homecoming offerings will go to our General Fund. Thank you for giving hearts to the Homecoming Offering.

Our Community Trunk-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.

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.

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.

All Saints' Sunday - November 1 We will remember our family and friends that have entered the Church Triumphant since last All Saints' Sunday (November 2, 2025) For our special tribute, we request that families submit pictures of those who have died to Nancy in the church office at secretary@stpetersconover.org or bring them by the church office. Pictures submitted by email need to be in a jpeg format. **Please submit all photos by Tuesday, October 20.**

Donations needed The Senior Youth are collecting paper egg crates and clear 2-liter soda bottles for a project. There is a basket in the back hallway of the sanctuary for you to put these items in. They will be collected through Friday, October 16.

Festival of the Tables Forms with all the information to host a table and forms to attend are in the narthex and outside the church office. See Audrey Hauss if you have any questions. The event will be held on Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 am. (Hosts are still needed)

Volunteers Needed to work at Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child processing centers. Dates for St. Peter's are Tuesday, November 24 from 2-6 pm in Charlotte and Wednesday, December 16 from 5-10 pm in Boone. We need seven volunteers for each location. Please contact Betty Goble as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer.

The deadline for bulletin announcements in the Sunday Spirit is Wednesday at 12 noon.

Email Prayer Chain If you would like to be added to our weekly email, please contact the church office, email secretary@stpetersconover.org or call the office at 828-256-2970.

Pastors and Church Staff Appreciation Month

October 18 – November 1, 2026

To: Pastor Frank & Pastor Eric

Thank you – for the countless times you have stretched out your hands in service to others in times of need.

Thank you – for the early Sunday mornings and many hours in preparation for your great sermons.

Thank you – for the thousands of prayers you have prayed for your congregation and others.

Thank you – for the time spent out of church to aid those who needed help or needed a friend.

Thank you – for not judging people and always embracing everyone with open arms.

Please join the LWML as we say “Thank you” to our pastors and our amazing church staff during the month of October. Baskets will be placed in the church foyer from October 18 – November 1 for you to include your cards, gifts or whatever you choose to give . Let’s show our thankfulness for God’s gift of dedicated pastors and staff who give their lives in service to Him and St. Peter’s congregation.

Matthew 25 : 21 – His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness.

THANK YOU NOTES

Pastor Frank & Pastor Eric - Thanks for allowing me to participate in this Homecoming Service. I would like to thank Carolyn Paschal, music director, and Drew Stiles, praise band leader, for allowing me to direct the music for this service. I want to thank Jeff Winebarger, Thomas Bumgarner, Emily Sherbino, Emily Allen, Kim Rector, Jan Sigmon and Ronnie Starnes for singing and playing with me, and Kevin Sigmon for taking care of the sound. – Judy Eckard



Last Week

Worship Service Attendance

8:15 am 152 10:45 am 62

Sunday School Attendance

Youth 19 Adults 63

Offerings

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

General Fund - 9,744 Sunday School - \$102

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Radio Broadcast -\$100; Senior Youth Gathering - \$200; Senior Youth - \$165;
Missions - \$50; Building Fund - \$1,463.84; 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**

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun.(11) **9:30 am Homecoming Worship Service – Guest Pastor, Rev. Chris Sigmon**
 (ONE SERVICE ONLY)
11:00 am Covered Dish Meal – in Spirit Center
11:00 am Sunshine Group Outing - to the Ark & Creation Museum

Mon. (12) 8:30 am Quilters
 9:00 am C3 Movement Class – *in Spirit Center*
 6:15 am Girl Scouts
 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice

Tues. (13) 4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring – *in Education Building*
 6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class – in Spirit Center
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Weds. (14) 9:00 am Staff Meeting
 9:00am C3 Movement Class – *in Spirit Center*
 6:00 pm Israel Bible Study Tour Pre-trip Preparation Class
 6:30 pm Men’s Basketball League – *in Spirit Center*

Thurs.(15) 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. (16) 9:00 am C3 Movement Class – *in Spirit Center*
 10:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Eric, Leader
 - in Parish Hall

Sat. (17) 7:30 am Men’s Bible Study – *in Multi-purpose Room*

Bold = activities that do not happen on a weekly basis

SERMON NOTES

"What a Homecoming that Awaits Us!"

Rev. Chris Sigmon

Isaiah 25:6-9, 1 Peter 1:17-2:3

A. Our Heavenly Homecoming (*1 Peter 1:18-19, 24; Isaiah 25:6-9 OT*)

B. Dressed Appropriately for the Occasion (*1 Peter 1:19-21; Isaiah 61:10-Introit*)

C. Living A Life Worthy of Christ in Our Temporary Home-Fed by the Pure Spiritual Milk (*1 Peter 1:17, 25-2:3*)

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Sandra Jenkins, Barbara Nordyke

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

Greeters: 9:30 am Joy Lail

Communion Set-Up: Betty Goble, Cheryl Pennell

Prayer Room: 9:30 am Kevin Gantt