

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday



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 Gary, who passed away on October 27, 2023 by Pat Smith (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

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

In the Lord's Supper, Jesus Christ gives us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for forgiveness, life, and salvation. We come not because we are sinless or our faith is strong, but because we need His gifts.

Communion also expresses our unity in faith. Therefore, we invite baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Lord's Supper and who confess the faith taught by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to join us. Before receiving, we prepare our hearts together using the Preparation for the Lord's Supper.

Because Scripture warns against receiving this gift unworthily (1 Corinthians 11:27–29), guests are asked to speak with a pastor before communing. An usher or elder will gladly help you connect with a pastor. We welcome your questions.

Pastor Frank, Pastor Eric, and the Board of Elders

Today we welcome our new members

- Jonathan and Anna Goble – Jonathan to be received by adult confirmation, and Anna to be received by profession of faith.
- Kenneth and Linda Goble – To be received by transfer from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (LCMS), Newton, NC.
- Scott and Wendy Kirkpatrick – To be received by adult confirmation.
- Stephanie Pannell – To be received by transfer from other Lutheran.
- Dee Rodriguez Vazquez and Maria Perez – To be received by adult confirmation.

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 – Spirit Center** - Adult Bible Study on “The Sermon on the Mount” with Pastor Frank

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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)

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.

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.

Gift Cards for Christmas If you are giving gift cards for Christmas please consider purchasing them from the LWML. Order forms are located in the hallway at the back of the church sanctuary. Please give your orders to Sherry Yount. All profits from the gift card sales go for on-going needs for the Spirit Center and Parish Hall.

Thanksgiving Community Meal On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, the Mission and Evangelism Teams will once again be preparing a Thanksgiving Meal for homebound members and people in need in the St. Peter's community. They need your help providing plain pound cakes (NO ICING) and turkeys to fix. Turkey need to be brought to the church no later than Wednesday, November 18. Cakes need to be brought to the church by Tuesday, November 24. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and in the hallway at the back of the church to sign up for someone that would like a meal. Please sign up by Sunday, November 15. You can also call the church office (828-256-2970) to sign up. All meals are PICKUP ONLY and pickup will be in the Spirit Center between 10:30-11:30 am on Thanksgiving morning. Please see Catherine Huffman, Tonya Darden, Marla Early or a member of the Missions or Evangelism team for questions.

New greeting cards are in the Narthex and back hallway for you to pick up to send a note to our college students and young adults.

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.

Blessing Box Update Our Blessing Box is a simple way we can serve our neighbors in our community, and we’re thankful for everyone who has helped keep it going. We are currently looking for:

- **Food donors** to bring non-perishable items such as canned goods (pop-top), canned meat, hygiene products, baby food, pop tarts, granola bars and cereal. Donations can be put in the basket in the back hallway of the main church building.
- **Weekly helpers** to help stock the box and remove any expired items and perishable items left in the box.
- Thank you to all who reached out to say they would help this past week.

Contact Betty Goble if you would like to assist in this ministry.



Last Week

Worship Service Attendance

8:15 am 145 10:45 am 66 4:30 pm 16

Offerings

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

General Fund – \$9,167.52; Sunday School - \$1

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Senior Youth - \$100 ; Feed the 5000 - \$100; Blessing Box - \$100

Building Fund - \$947; Building Fund – Audio/Visual - \$1,130

Year to date (thru September 30)

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.(25)	8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion 12:30 pm Lunch Bunch – at Captain’s Galley Seafood 1:00 pm Kids in Christ (K-6th grade) – Outing to Howard’s Farm in Statesville
Mon. (26)	8:30 am Quilters 9:00 am C3 Movement Class – <i>in Spirit Center</i> 6:00 pm Handbells 6:15 am Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
Tues. (27)	4:30 pm Centro Latino Tutoring – <i>in Education Building</i> 6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class – in Spirit Center 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Weds. (28)	9:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00am C3 Movement Class – <i>in Spirit Center</i> 5:00 pm Barnabas Team 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.(29)	10:00 am 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 Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, Leader <i>- In multi-purpose room</i>
Fri. (30)	9:00 am C3 Movement Class – <i>in Spirit Center</i> 10:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Eric, Leader- <i>in Parish Hall</i>
Sat. (31)	7:30 am Men’s Bible Study – <i>in Multi-Purpose Room</i> 4:30-5:45 pm Set up cars for Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:30 pm Trunk or Treat & Free Hot Dog Meal

Bold = activities that do not happen on a weekly basis

SERMON NOTES

"The Sacrament of the Altar: Christ's True Body and Blood"

(Given and Shed for You Series)

Mark 14:22-25

1. What promises did Jesus make to His disciples, and how did He fulfill them?
2. Why do we sometimes struggle to trust Jesus' words when we cannot explain how they can be true?
3. How does Jesus give us the blessings of His death and resurrection in the Lord's Supper?
4. What gives us confidence that we receive His true body and blood when we come to His table?

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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 Stiles, Bill Totty

Organist: Carolyn Paschal

Office: Al Layne

Greeters: 8:15 am Donna Sigmon 10:45 am Karen Hoyle

Readers: 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am Russ Darden

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am John Jones

Communion Set-Up: Betty Goble, Cheryl Pennell



Homeschool Books Arrive

One of the exciting parts of September was finally receiving our homeschool books! Ordering curriculum and getting it shipped to Belize takes a little extra planning, but after making their way through the shipping process, all of our boxes arrived at the freight forwarder in Spanish Lookout.

With four children homeschooling, these books are an important part of our daily family life. We are thankful for the people who help make it possible to continue their education while serving here in Belize. Now that the books have arrived, it is time to unpack everything and get back to learning!



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Reunited in Belize

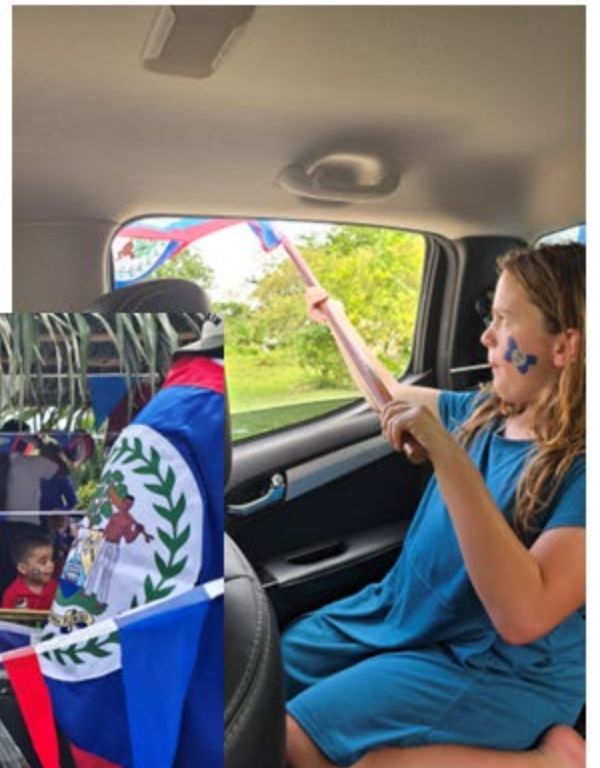
After several weeks apart, our family was finally reunited in September! Emily and Martha returned to Belize after Martha received specialized medical care in the United States for the infection that made her so sick in August.

Gideon, Esther, and Joanna were excited to welcome them home with a sign of their own. This has been a difficult season for our family, and we are deeply thankful for the prayers and encouragement we have received along the way.

We continue to give thanks to God for His mercy toward Martha and for the blessing of being together again. There is something especially sweet about the ordinary joys of family life after a long and difficult separation!



Independence Day 2026





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Family and Health:** Please give thanks to God that our family has been reunited and that Martha has received specialized medical care. Pray that she would continue to regain her strength and that the Lord would grant our family peace and encouragement as we settle back into our daily routines.
- **Peace in Belize:** We give thanks for Belize and the freedom to live, work, and serve our neighbors here. As Belize celebrated Independence Day on September 21, pray for the nation's leaders and communities. Ask the Lord to grant peace and safety throughout the country and to bless the people of Belize with opportunities to flourish in body and spirit.
- **Faithful Service in Every Vocation:** Pray that the Lord would strengthen us in the many responsibilities He has given us, from caring for our family and educating our children to maintaining Camp Concordia and building relationships throughout Belize. Ask Him to help us recognize the opportunities He places before us and faithfully proclaim Christ in our words and actions.

Family Update



We are together again. Until Martha needs to return for more testing and appointments. Thank you for your prayers!

We celebrated by eating at the brewery in Ladyville, Belize

As St. Paul reminds us, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9, ESV). May the Lord keep us steadfast in faith and joyful in the work He has given us, trusting that He will accomplish His good purposes through His Word.

— Rev. 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:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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OR

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