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MAY 2018

Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month. Articles received after the 15th will be included at a later date. Thank you for your cooperation!



MISSION STATEMENT: We at Lutheran Chapel Church are called by God to PROCLAIM Christ as Lord and Savior; to SEEK and INVITE the unchurched into the fellowship of faith; to SERVE God and to NURTURE one another's faith and spiritual growth by being a loving, caring and compassionate community of believers.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

- The church office is generally open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.
- There may be occasions when we are out of the office so, it's always a good idea to call ahead to see if any schedules have been changed.
- Pastor Comer's day off is Friday of each week.

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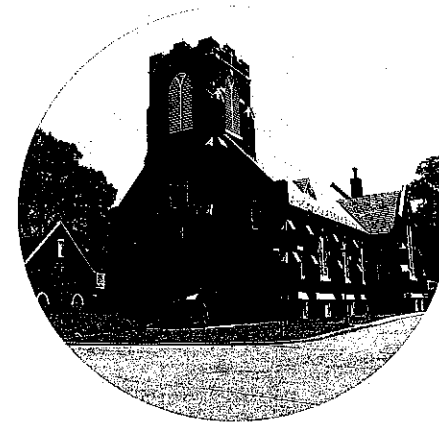
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Please use your assigned envelopes or an envelope in the pew rack (be sure to include your name and amount) for your donation. Using envelopes help us with the process of counting and recording monies. Thanks you your help!

Help us to keep our buildings secure. Please be sure to lock the doors after your group has used the building. Doors have to be pushed to be certain locks engage. If locks are opened by a key—a key must lock them again. Thank You!



Chapel News

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The Evangelical Church: On Making Disciples Intentionally

It is Easter 2018, and the command of the risen Jesus to go and make disciples (re: Matthew 28:19-20) is before us. What does this command mean? Our Lord is specific here.

First, **baptize** these new disciples in the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This means relationship with God. **You are my God, and I belong to You!** Second, **teach** them everything I have commanded you. All the stories, the commandments, the prophecy, the songs, and the visions are for us. Then with this Great Commission goes the **promise** – I AM with you always to the end of the age. Christ is among us now. Christ is in us now. Christ is with us now. Yet Christ also will come to judge the living and the dead and to put all things right.

How is obedience to this disciple making command going on among us? We are in a relationship with God. We are aware of the mystery of His Presence in Word and Sacrament. We have regular Bible study. We know the promise and the hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. So we can sit back and relax now, right?

Wrong. Remember this command begins with our risen Jesus telling us to **GO!** Go and invite. Go and witness. Go and serve. Go and love that neighbor. There needs to be intentional actions by Christ's holy Christian Church to obey Christ's command. What are some intentional things we need to do to obey this Great Commission?

In the article *Developing an Intentional Discipleship System*, Pastor Junius Dotson puts forward five characteristics of a maturing disciple. A growing disciple will:

- Worship – daily prayer and Sunday prayers;
- Live in Community – there is a growing relationship with God and with His people;
- Do Spiritual Practices – seeking to grow closer to God through keeping special prayers at Advent or Lent, by regular Bible study, fasting, meditating, etc.;
- Be Generous and Serve – tithe and be a cheerful giver of time, talent, and treasure in service to others and especially our neighbors in need;
- Become Christlike – exploring the life and teachings of Christ they become godly people.




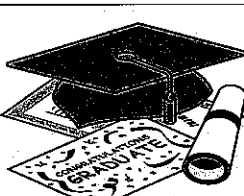
This was a convicting list for me! Am I growing as a disciple of Jesus in these ways? Do the ministries at Lutheran Chapel intentionally make disciples and grow disciples in these ways? As we look towards the festival of Pentecost 2018 on May 20, let us consider our growth in grace and obedience to this Great Commission here at Lutheran Chapel.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—MAY 2018

Nursery Volunteers	MAY 6	MAY 13	MAY 20	MAY 27	
Acolyte Torch Bearer Torch Bearer	Harry Swindler	Karelyn Baker	Kaitlyn Anthony	Maddie Potter	
Bible Bearer Crucifer Banner Bearer	Alex Berghello	Noah Comer	Mary Scott Robinson	Mason Swindler	
Sunday Lector	YOUTH SUNDAY	Ken Lentz	Todd Carpenter	Shirley Carpenter	
Assistant Minister	YOUTH SUNDAY	Kay Lineberger	Norman Overcash	Ann Marie Lentz	
Communion Assistants	Debra Hoffman Ann Marie			Sara Carpenter Sylvia Fogle	
Communion Presenters	Suzie Ward Fred Ward			Katherine Sanders Jason Sanders	
Altar Guild	Delana Clark Ann Behringer	Delana Clark Ann Behringer	Delana Clark Ann Behringer	Delana Clark Ann Behringer	
Ushers	Dan Lineberger Scott Swindler Ken Lentz Chris Angstadt	Dan Lineberger Scott Swindler Ken Lentz Chris Angstadt	Dan Lineberger Scott Swindler Ken Lentz Chris Angstadt	Dan Lineberger Scott Swindler Ken Lentz Chris Angstadt	
Council Persons	Marty Lineberger Dan Lineberger	Marty Lineberger Dan Lineberger	Marty Lineberger Dan Lineberger	Marty Lineberger Dan Lineberger	
Helping Hands	Wendy Robinson	Wendy Robinson	Wendy Robinson	Wendy Robinson	

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Open (10 am—2 pm)	2 8:30 Preschool 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chapel Voices	3 8:00 CAM Volunteer Luncheon (FLC & KIT) 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Monthly Staff Meeting (CR)	4	5 9:00 Church Work Day 9 am—12 Noon
6 YOUTH SUNDAY 11:45 Council Meeting (CR) 5:00 Financial Peace (CR) Last One 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Middle & High School Youth Group 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	7 8:30 Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 10:00 Esther Circle 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 35 (SH) 7:00 Rachel Circle 7:00 Rebecca Circle	8 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Brotherhood Cook Out Picnic Pavilion 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	9 8:30 Preschool 6:00 1st—5th Grade Youth Group 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chapel Voices	10 8:30 Preschool	11	12 9:00 Eagle Scout Event (FLC & KIT) 9 am—9 pm 3:00 Susan Lewis (FH)
13 MOTHER'S DAY NO Luther Choir NO Crossroads Choir NO Chancel Choir NO Middle & High School Youth Group 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	14 8:30 Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 35 (SH)	15 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Secretariat Via de Cristo (Library) 7:00 Worship & Music (CR)	16 8:30 Preschool 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chapel Voices	17 8:30 Preschool	18 6:00 Family Movie Night "Secret Life of Pets"	19 9:00 Clothes Closet (9 am—2 pm)
20 RANKIN LAKE 5:00 Luther Choir—Last one till Fall 6:00 Crossroads Choir—Last one till Fall 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Middle & High School Youth Group 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	21 8:30 Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 35 (SH)	22 8:30 Preschool 11:00 OWLS Trip to Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	23 8:30 Preschool 6:00 1st—5th Grade Youth Group 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chapel Voice	24 8:30 Preschool	25	26
27 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	28 MEMORIAL DAY NO Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers Church Office CLOSED	29 8:30 Preschool	30 8:30 Preschool 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chapel Voices	31 8:30 Preschool 9:45 Preschool Graduation		

**RANKIN LAKE SERVICE
AND
PICNIC
SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018**

WHERE: Rankin Lake,
1750 Rankin Lake
Gastonia, NC
Shelter # 10 & #11

WHEN: 10:30 Worship Service

Picnic Following Service
Bring food to share.
Drinks and paper products
will be provided.

Please bring a chair if you want to
sit anywhere other than under the
shelters.

Please wear red as this is
Pentecost Sunday.

There will only be **1 SERVICE**
this day and there will be
NO SUDNAY SCHOOL



**LOVE OFFERING FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY IS
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Our Love Offering for May will be sent to Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian based ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing. Funds for the construction of homes are obtained through financial contributions from individuals, churches and businesses. The homes are sold to qualified families at no profit and financed with affordable, no-interest mortgages repaid over 20 years. Mortgage money is then recycled back to build more homes for families in need. Habitat is not a give-away program. Habitat relies heavily on volunteers for construction in all homes. The work is a cooperative effort between volunteers and new home buyers who contribute labor to build their homes.

To date, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston has built or renovated over 100 homes in Gaston County. Please prayerfully consider giving to this ministry so that Habitat will continue to grow and help even more families have the opportunity to become a homeowner.

The Social Ministry Committee

Thrivent/Habitat For Humanity faith Build
Dates Help Is Needed
847 Bermuda Avenue, Gastonia

May 19—House wrap, exterior doors & Windows

June 2—Interior Doors ++Also, Thrivent member Day

June 9—Paint Day #1

June 16—Paint Day #2

June 22—Install Cabinets & Vanities

June 23—Hardware/ Shelving/Landscape



**MAY
BIRTHDAYS**

Erin Williamson	02
Abigail Hester.....	04
Rebecca Hester	04
Clayton Lewis.....	04
Evan Escobedo	07
Joshua Carpenter	10
Zachary Beam.....	12
Alisha Hester	12
Helen Hoffman	12
Marty Lineberger.....	13
Jesse Beam	15
Andrew Bell	17
Betty Klimek	19
Bob Thornburg	23
Debi Jean Wankel.....	23
Brandon Williamson.....	25
Peggy Bess	27
Judith Brandt	29
Gene Carpenter.....	29

Happy Birthday to all listed above. If we have missed your Birthday, please let the office know so that we can enter it into the database.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Star Finch.....	02
Lanny & Susan Henderson	03
Charles & Christa Heilig, III	08
Doug & Heather Nigbor.....	15
Carlton & Barbara Peacock.....	19
Jason & Lisa Bradley	22
Michael & Ginny Comer	22
Leon & Kay Moretz	27
Blair & Pam Thornburg	31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

If we have missed your anniversary, please let the church office know so that we can enter it into the database.



MAY CIRCLE MEETING

Esther Circle Hostess (7th)	Susanne Gaines
Esther Circle Program (7th)	Kay Lineberger
Rebecca Circle Hostess (7th)	Susie Cooper Cox
Rebecca Circle Program (7th)	Ann Edwards
Rachel Circle Hostess (7th)	Margaret McArver
Rachel Circle Program (7th)	Margaret McArver



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH

MAY 6—Lanny and Susan Henderson to the Glory of God and in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary.

MAY 13—The children of the congregation in honor of Mothers day.

MAY 20—Helen Hoffman in memory of Ervin Hoffman, Sr.

MAY 27—Blair and Pam Thornburg in Honor of and in memory of our family.

Cost of flowers is \$55.00.
Please be sure to note on your check that it is for flowers for the Altar.



THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
 I want to thank each of you for your calls, visits, food, cards, and especially your prayers during the many months Gary was confined to home—spending the last two months entirely in bed. He really looked forward to getting cards and wanted them all displayed where he could see them. Our bedroom door is still covered from top to bottom with two layers of your cards taped to the door. He read each of them as long as he could, and I read them to him after that. I don't know how long they will remain on the door, but they still lift my spirits each time I pass by them. My family and I will always be grateful for all your many acts of caring and kindness shown to us. Together in Christ,
 Pat Lindler

To My Church Family,
 My family and I wish to express our sincere and grateful appreciation for your prayers, cards, thoughts, visits and concern you shared for Phyllis and us. The women of the church who prepared food for our family prior to the service were such a blessing. The food was delicious (we are hoping to get recipes for the dishes.) We are especially grateful for Pastor's visits and for providing Holy Communion for Phyllis and myself. On his last visit, he prayed and administered Last Rites, assuring us that angels were awaiting to escort her into Heaven. Caring for Phyllis in the home, which she and John Cooper designed proved to be a wonderful and rewarding experience, only due to your prayers. God's Holy Spirit was always present, even as she took her last breath here. Her next breath was in Heaven.
 Thank you,
 Carol, Buddy and family

MERCER UNIVERSITY

The trustees and President of Mercer University and The Faculty and Graduating Class announce that **Amy Lynn Lloyd** is a candidate for the degree of Masters of Science in Engineering in Biomedical Engineering on Saturday, May twelfth, Two thousand and eighteen half past three in the afternoon Hawkins Arena, University Center Mercer University—Macon Georgia

LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS

"Come on people now, Smile on your brother"

"Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor." - 1 Corinthians 10:24

Compassion is one of the core values that defines and directs the ministries of Lutheran Services Carolinas. Through smiles, words of encouragement, and support during difficult times, LSC is there to help thousands of our neighbors in need across North and South Carolina.

In 2017, LSC served more than 7,800 individuals and families including seniors and caregivers, children in foster care, those affected by natural disasters, refugees, families living in supportive housing, and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

This month, consider ways in which you can show compassion to the vulnerable populations within your own community. You could volunteer your time at a local LSC program or make a tax-deductible contribution. Checks can be made payable to Lutheran Services Carolinas and mailed to P. O. Box 947, Salisbury, NC 28145. Gifts also can be made securely online at LSCarolinas.net.

Thank you for partnering with LSC as we work together to bring compassion to all of God's children. For more information, visit LSCarolinas.net or call 1-800-HELPING.



PLEASE VISIT OR WRITE OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mary Beam
 (NEW ADDRESS)
 Wellington House
 850 Majestic Court
 Gastonia, NC 28054

Peggy Bess
 Wellington House
 850 Majestic Court
 Gastonia, NC. 28054

Jerry Carpenter
 2225 Linda Street
 Gastonia, NC 28054

Jerry Fogle
 Covenant Village
 1351 Robinwood Road
 Room B-193 Woodlands
 Gastonia, NC 28054

Betty Hicks
 Brookdale Place
 1750 Robinwood Road
 Room #4
 Gastonia, NC 28054

Dot Lewis
 327 Lewis Road
 Gastonia, NC 28054

Carolyn Lineberger
 259 Bob Friday Road
 Dallas, NC 28034

Betty Petty
 c/o Nancy Rankin
 811 Ashbrook Park Road
 Dallas, NC 28034



CHURCH COOKOUT

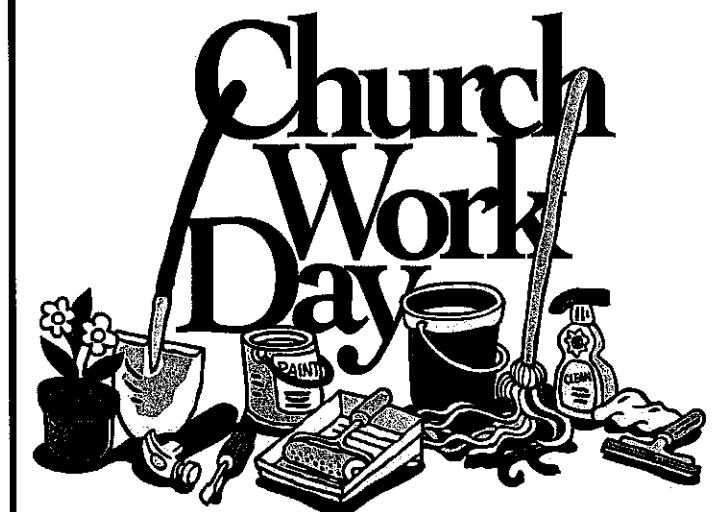
The men of the church, Brotherhood, are sponsoring a hamburger, hot dog cookout on **Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 pm** at our picnic pavilion to celebrate the conclusion of the annual pine needle sale. This will give us the opportunity to thank all who helped, all who purchased, and others who have supported us in the past.

Everyone from our congregation is invited and encouraged to come.



SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

The Spring work day has been rescheduled for **Saturday, May 5th at 9:00 am**. We will have biscuits, coffee, drinks, etc. Plan on coming and helping if you can. We will be doing a general cleanup of our church grounds.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GASTON COUNTY

The following dates are available for host churches and volunteers. Please let Christina Schatz, Volunteer Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County (704-864-6536 EXT. 114) if you are interested in working a day or two. We are doing two houses at the same time. A 5 Bedroom home at 847 Bermuda Avenue (Thrivent House) and a 3 bedroom home at 855 Bermuda Street

May 12—Exterior Siding

May 19— Exterior Siding

May 19— Housewrap, Exterior Doors & Windows.

June 2—Interior Trim

June 2—Interior Doors **Also, Thrivent Member Day

June 9—Interior Trim

June 9—Paint Day #1

June 15—Interior Painting

June 16—Group A: Interior Painting

June 16—Paint Day #2

June 16—Group B: Interior Painting

June 22—Interior Painting and Cabinets

June 22—Install Cabinets & Vanities

June 23—Interior Painting and Cabinets

June 23—Hardware/Shelving/Landscape

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR ASSISTANCE MAKING THESE

TWO HOMES POSSIBLE FOR THESE FAMILIES.



PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Please mark your calendars now for our Preschool Graduation on **Thursday, May 31st at 9:45 am** in the **Family Life Center**. Please come and see our 4 year old students leave for Kindergarten and the rest of the children move up to the next grade. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

PRESCHOOL 2018 SUMMER PROGRAM

The Preschool Summer Program will run from **Tuesday, June 19th to Thursday, August 9th**, from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We will even have a class for children already in school if you or a friend might be interested. Please contact Ms. Janet McKinney at 704-864-5136, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING

Save the dates for our Vacation Bible School this summer. We will be having class starting **Wednesday, June 20th through Sunday, June 24th**. Please contact Megan Landers for further information or for registration and volunteering.



MISSION SUPPORT 2017

To the People of Lutheran Chapel,

Thank You! Your congregational gifts for Mission Support are critical for helping our church to proclaim the Gospel.

We are church together and the synodical and church wide expression of the church rely on this support. I'm excited about the work we are doing. In the last year, we have streamlined the amount of time the average congregation is vacant, we have approved ten new candidates for ministry, we have seven congregations under development, and we are helping congregations experience significant revitalization in stewardship through Stewardship for All Seasons.

We can't do any of this without Mission Support. As we look forward, we have more planned, including investing more in our agencies and institutions, and continuing to become a more diverse church.

We're grateful for your partnership.

Debbie Martin
NC Synod Council Member

**Mission Support
2017**

**Thank You
To the members of
Lutheran Chapel
from the North Carolina Synod
Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America.**

**In grateful appreciation for giving
\$11,622.00**

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and church wide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Timothy M. Smith—Synod Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton—Presiding Bishop**

YOUTH NEWSLETTER

May 2018

Thank you to everyone who made this a great year! You guys are what make youth ministry possible!

I hope that everyone will join us for our Summer Bash! More information to come!

Megan Landers

Graduation Milestone:

If you have a High School or College Senior graduating this year, let us know!

Family Movie Night

Every Month we will be having a Family Movie Night.

This Month's Movie:

"Secret Life of Pets"

Friday, May 18

6:00 pm

Happy Birthday...

Abigail Hester (5/4)

Rebecca Hester (5/4)

Andrew Bell (5/17)



Last Youth Groups of the Year!

On the Last youth group we will be having our end of the year celebration! You do not want to miss this youth group! Middle/High

Upcoming events



5/6—Youth Sunday Service at 10:30am

5/6—Camp Milestone (if attending a Camp, be at 10:30 Service)

5/6—Confirmation Cluster from 2:00-4:00

5/6—Middle and High School Youth Group: 6:30-8:30

5/9—1st-5th Grade Youth Group: 6:00-7:00

5/8—Family Movie Night at 6:00 ("The Secret Life of Pets")

5/20—Luther Choir from 5:00-5:50

5/20—Crossroads Choir from 6:00-6:30

5/20—LAST Middle and High School Youth Group from 6:30-8:30

5/23—LAST 1st-5th Grade Youth Group: 6:00-7:00

6/2—Summer Bash (more information to come!)

6/3—Graduation Milestone at 10:30 Service)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Every Sunday during the 10:30 Service! This is for any child in the 3rd grade and younger! The kids will leave before the first lesson and will promptly return during the hymn after the sermon! We look forward to having your kids join us!

Also, please contact Megan if you are interested in helping out!! megan@lutheranchapelchurch.org

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

May 2018

O.W.L.S.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 22nd at 11:00: Trip to Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard and Winery (see top right for more info.)

July 7th at 2:15: Liberty Mountain: Revolutionary Drama (see bottom Right for more information)

August: Lake Lure Boxed Lunch Tour (more information to come)

September: Narrow Way's Play: Samson (more information to come)

Late Oct.-Early Nov.: Apple picking and Shately Springs Trip (more information to come)

December: Tea at Billy Graham Library (more information to come)



Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors Trip

May 22nd, Leaving Church at 11:00am

Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard and Winery

We will be having lunch and doing a wine tasting! Limited Seating on the bus, so please call the Church office to sign up ASAP!

You are welcome to meet us there or follow us in your own vehicle!

Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors Trip

July 7th

Leaving church at 2:30, please be here by 2:15!

\$25/Person

Limited Seating on the bus, so please call the Church office to sign up ASAP!

Liberty Mountain Revolutionary Drama:

"In September 1780, Major Patrick Ferguson issued a challenge to the rebel militias to lay down their arms or suffer the consequences. In response, people across Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and beyond rallied together to answer Ferguson's threat and fight for their freedom. They marched more than 300 miles through rugged country and weather to face a well-trained group of superior size and strength. What they did at Kings Mountain turned the tide of the American Revolution. Come see the epic battles. Experience the tragedy and heartbreak, the danger and excitement. There is music, laughter, blood, redemption, romance and liberty. Join us for an experience you will never forget."