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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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The Rev. Michael C. Comer

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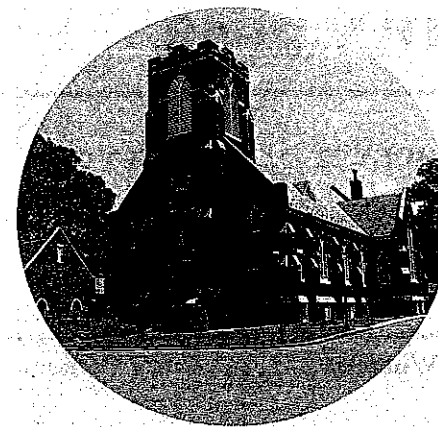
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Please use your assigned envelopes or an envelope in the pew rack (be sure to include your name and amount) for your donation. Using envelopes help us with the process of counting and recording monies. Thanks you your help!

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!



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The Evangelical Church: : God's Love Is Free

Our Outreach team has used the slogan "God's Love Is Free" for a long time. It is simply true and a word of pure good news. The slogan summarizes several Bible verses. For God so loved the world (John 3:16). You did not choose Me, but I chose you (John 15:16). God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). May not feel like it all the time. May not think about it too often. Or worse, I may even take God's love for granted and forget to seek Him day by day. Nevertheless, this is a core truth that God loves us and wants that message of steadfast love to be shared with everyone.

In the parable of the sower (Mark 4), the sower throwing the seed throws it everywhere. Not the most effective agricultural practice. But the parable is about more than farming. It is about spreading the Word of the Lord. The job of the sower is to sow and spread and share God's Word. God will bring the results. God will bring the harvest. We are to repeat this sowing of the Word over and over again until all the world hears the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

One way our Outreach team has obeyed this Word is by passing out "God's Love Is Free" cards. The following are some ways shared by our sister in Christ Barbara Robinson to hand out these "God's Love Is Free" cards. I have supplemented also with a list titled "Evangelism 101" by Pastor John Krahn.

Pray and invite a friend, neighbor, or acquaintance that God has put in your heart to come for worship.

Give a "God's Love Is Free" card to your bank teller at the end of a transaction.

Post a "God's Love Is Free" card on the bulletin board at your grocery store.

Give a "God's Love Is Free" card to a stranger while you wait in line together.

Post an electronic "God's Love Is Free" message on social media from time to time.

Tip a waiter or waitress generously (20% is a good tip) leaving a "God's Love Is Free" card on the table.

Send a "God's Love Is Free" card plus your payment when paying bills by snail mail.

Send a greeting card to a friend with a "God's Love Is Free" card.

Leave a "God's Love Is Free" card on the reading table after a visit at a doctor's office.

Drop by for a short visit with a new neighbor and bring them a small gift and a "God's Love Is Free" card.

Friends in Christ, these are simple ways to share God's love! Pick up some of these cards and tracts in the narthex or on the free table to give this summer. Please share with me testimonies when you stepped out of your comfort zone and tried to "do the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5). Perhaps it is even a good idea to keep count of all the seeds thrown, the invitations given. We cannot control the results, but we can be disciplined in sowing the seed of God's Word day by day .

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—JULY 2018

	JULY 1	JULY 8	JULY 15	JULY 22	JULY 29
Nursery Volunteers					
Acolyte Torch Bearer Torch Bearer	Harry Swindler	Lily Baker	Maddie Potter	Will Clark	Bram Comer
Bible Bearer Crucifer Banner Bearer	Sara Jamison	Baker Sanders	Noah Comer	Alex Berghello	TBA
Sunday Lector					
Assistant Minister	Mark Thornburg	Pam Overcash	Ann Marie Lentz	Josh Carpenter	Kay Lineberger
Communion Assistants	Shirley Carpenter Ann Marie Lentz		Sara Carpenter Gail Brown		
Communion Presenters	Ann Behringer Ron Behringer		Emily Carpenter Todd Carpenter		
Altar Guild	Sara Carpenter	Sara Carpenter	Sara Carpenter	Sara Carpenter	Sara Carpenter
Ushers	Steve Bell Steve Jackson Steve Clark Steve Laws	Steve Bell Steve Jackson Steve Clark Steve Laws	Steve Bell Steve Jackson Steve Clark Steve Laws	Steve Bell Steve Jackson Steve Clark Steve Laws	Steve Bell Steve Jackson Steve Clark Steve Laws
Council Persons	Chris Clark James Hovis	Chris Clark James Hovis	Chris Clark James Hovis	Chris Clark James Hovis	Chris Clark James Hovis
Helping Hands	Katherine Sanders	Katherine Sanders	Katherine Sanders	Katherine Sanders	Katherine Sanders

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No Preschool No Circles 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	3 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 10:00 Clothing Closet Open	4 4th Of July Church Office Closed Preschool Closed No Chapel Voices	5 8:30 Preschool Summer Program	6	7 2:30 OWLS leave for Mt. Revolutionary Drama
8 NO Church Council Meeting 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	9 No Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	10 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	11 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 7:30 Chapel Voices	12 8:30 Preschool Summer Program	13 MOVIE NIGHT CANCELLED	14 8:00 Delana Clark (FLC & KIT) 4:00 Wedding in Chapel 4:30 Reception in FH
15 10:30 WOW Mission Trip Leaves For Knoxville 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	16 No Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	17 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 7:00 Worship & Music (CR) 7:00 Secretarial Via de Cristo	18 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 7:30 Chapel Voices	19 8:30 Preschool Summer Program	20 WOW Mission Trip Returns	21 9:00 Clothes Closet (9 am-2 pm)
22 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	23 No Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	24 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	25 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 7:30 Chapel Voice	26 8:30 Preschool Summer Program	27	28
29 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	30 No Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	31 8:30 Preschool Summer Program				

JULY
BIRTHDAYS

Betty Petty	1
Christa Heilig	5
Nolan Murzynski	5
Austin Bradley	8
Elena Hoffman	8
Tom Rankin	10
Brent Clark	11
Delana Clark	14
Grace Murzynski	14
Sylvia Fogle	15
Ken Lentz	15
Will Clark	21
Monica Goedl	21
Matthew Beam	23
Ray Martin	23
Amy Carpenter	24
Allison Robinson	24
Ed Robinson	25
Susan Lewis	26
Shirley Carpenter	27
Dot Lewis	27
Eric Ramsey	27
Jane Thornburg	28
Steve Clark	29
Sara Carpenter	30
Lillian Robinson	30
BB Bell	31

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.



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick & Julie Murzynski	10
Ervin & Nancy Hoffman	21
Tim & Joy Henderson	24
Jerry & Shirley Carpenter	29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



JULY CIRCLE MEETING

Esther Circle Hostess	NO MEETING
Esther Circle Program	NO MEETING
Rebecca Circle Hostess	NO MEETING
Rebecca Circle Program	NO MEETING
Rachel Circle Hostess	NO MEETING
Rachel Circle Program	NO MEETING



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY

July 1—Given by Charlotte Jenkins to the Glory of God and in honor of the Dirty Collar Workers.

July 8—Given by Kathy Finch & Judy Gault in memory of Bill & Ferel Suders.

July 15—Given by Ken & Ann Marie Lentz in honor of Ken's birthday and in memory of Thad on his birthday.

July 22—Given by Phil, Debbie & Sarah Jamison in honor and in celebration of Ashley Jamison's High School Graduation.

July 29—Given by Mayada K. Besancon in memory of her parents Aline & Worth Kiser's July Birthdays.

July 29 Narthex—Given by Johnny, Susan, Pamela, Chuck and their families in honor of Sara Carpenter's 80th Birthday.

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



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 10, 2018

The next scheduled Council meeting is on Sunday, August 12, 2018 immediately following the 10:30 am worship service in the Conference Room.

The Council made decisions and discussed the following items:

- A motion was made and seconded to welcome Joe Veale into membership at Lutheran Chapel.
- Pastor Michael plans to start a Book of Remembrance of time served with congregation for those members who struggle with memory loss.
- Discussions held in regard to the future of the Boy Scout Troop at Lutheran Chapel. The Troop currently has 3 members under the age of 18.
- End of School Bash has been rescheduled for the fall as a Back to School Bash. More details to follow.
- Continued planning for focus groups to discuss accessibility/building project as well as long range planning.
- 2.4 acres on church campus sprayed for fire ants in May. Treatment good for one year.

LOVE OFFERING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY IS HOUSE OF MERCY

Our Love Offering for July will be given to the House of Mercy. The mission of House of Mercy is to provide care to persons living with advanced AIDS. This ministry cares and provides housing arrangements for those who cannot afford the costs. An environment of complete acceptance and love is provided in a home-like setting. House of Mercy provides a caring structure of regular meals, scheduled medical appointments, and medicines. The program offers individuals the opportunity to deal with spiritual issues and encourages family reconciliation when families are in disarray.

Without our donations, the House of Mercy could not continue to exist because 80% of their operating budget comes from contributions. The Sisters of Mercy fund all of the administrative expenses so that 100% of our donations provide services and supplies needed by residents.

We ask that you please remember this ministry in your prayers and monetary offerings.

Thank you,
Social Ministry Committee



House of Mercy



**RAY & CHARLOTTE
JENKINS**
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PLEASE VISIT OR WRITE OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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63 Honeysuckle Wood
Lake Wylie, SC 29710

Betty Barkley
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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

Margaret McArver
Robin Johnson House
5005 Shepherd's Way Drive
Room B-4
Dallas, NC 28034

Betty Petty
811 Ashbrook Park Road
Dallas, NC 28034



**PRESCHOOL FALL REGISTRATTION IS
NOW UNDERWAY.**

The Fall session will begin on **Monday, August 27th, 2018 at 8:30 am.** Please contact Ms. Janet McKinney at (704-864-5136) with any questions or for registration forms.

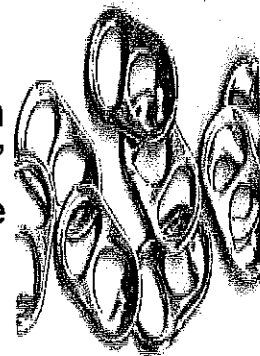
**REGISTER
NOW**

BECAUSE YOU CARE!

I was honored to carry almost 90 pounds of pop tabs to the Gathering of Women of the ELCA. These tabs are sent to Ronald McDonald House to assist those in need of housing while tending to sick children.

Thank you so much and keep "popping" and saving those tabs.

Kay Lineberger

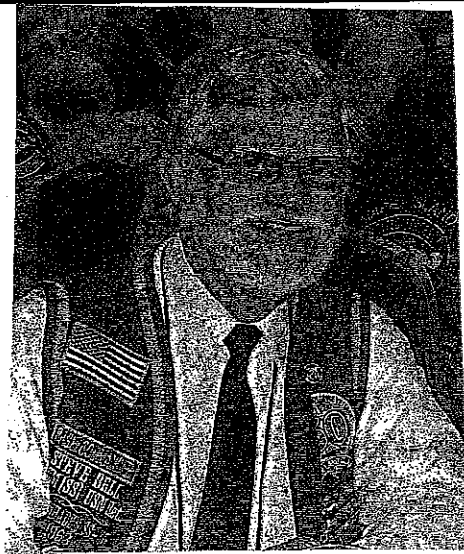


(CANDIDATE FOR)

**NATIONAL JUNIOR
VICE COMMANDER**

Steven D. Bell

Candidate National JVC



Joined the U.S. Navy in 1962. Attended RM'A' School in San Diego, CA followed by Submarine School in Groton, CT.

Reported to first submarine and qualified on the USS Menhaden (SS-377) in 1963 while in Yokosuka, Japan. That tour was followed by a new construction, a DASO, and four patrols on the USS Mariano G Vallejo (SSBN-658) in the Pacific Ocean.

Did a tour of shore duty as an instructor at RM'A/B' School in Bainbridge, MD. Was then selected to the Associate Degree Completion Program (ADCOP) and completed his AAS in Electronic Engineering Technology at Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Returned to sea duty doing tours on the USS Stonewall Jackson (SSBN-634), USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN-640) and the USS Archerfish (SSN 678), all in the Atlantic Fleet.

This was followed by final tour in the Navy on the staff of COMSUBDEVRON Twelve (3 years). Retired in August, 1982 as a RMCM(SS).

Then worked as defense contractor with NAVSEA (both PMS350 and PMS450) on both the SEA-WOLF and VIRGINIA Class submarines supporting the management of the design and construction of the radio rooms and managed the radio room budget for the VIRGINIA Class submarine the last five years of employment. It was during this employment period that a BSEE from Pacific Western University in 1987 and a MS (in Professional Accounting) from Strayer College (now Strayer University) in 1994 was earned.

Have been a member of USSVI since 1997 and was Base Commander Carolina Piedmont Base from 2009—20015, and Commander, District One, Southeast Region from 2012—2015. Also served as North Carolina Subvets Commander from 2010—2013. Serving as Southeast Regional Director from 2016 to present.

While Base Commander, the base was awarded the Robert Link Award, two Meritorious Awards, three Golden Anchor Awards, and four Newsletter of the Year Awards as well as two Overall USSVI Newsletter of the Year Awards (thanks to various membership participation).

Within USSVI have been awarded the Meritorious Award in 2011, Robert Link Award in 2012, and District Commander of the Year in 2013.

Currently resides in Gastonia, NC with his wife Margie (Ma Bell).