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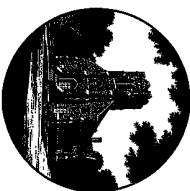
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FEBRUARY 2019

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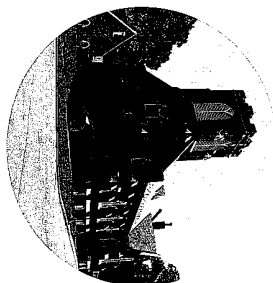
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Please use your assigned envelopes or an envelope in the pew rack (be sure to include your name and amount) for your donation. Using envelopes help us with the process of counting and recording monies. Thanks you your help!

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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ON SCRIPTURE MEDITATION AND GOD'S LOVE VALENTINE'S DAY 2019

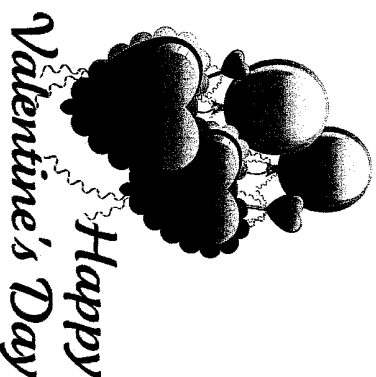
Scripture meditation is a gift of God to us for the journey. It is a filling of our souls with the stories and words of God's Word.

"In our meditation, we ponder the chosen text on the strength of the promise that it has something utterly personal to say to us for this day and for our life, that it is not only God's Word for the Church, but also God's Word for us individually... Often we shall have to stop with one sentence or even one word, because we have been gripped and arrested and cannot evade it any longer. Is not the word "Father" or "love" "mercy," "cross," "sanctification," "resurrection," often enough to fill far more than the brief period we have at our disposal?" from *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Recently I considered the Prophet Isaiah 43:1-7. Meditate on these words spoken to Israel and to you and me. You are Mine (43:1). You are precious in my sight (43:4). I love you (43:4). Do not fear, for I AM with you (43:5). This is God speaking to you here! So much in our broken world wants to pull us down and say we are worthless. It is not true. You and I belong to Christ, and His love for us is now and forever. Happy Valentine's Day 2019!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael

This practice is commended to us throughout Scripture. For instance, Psalm 1 where we are invited to meditate on the law of the LORD day and night, or in Colossians 3 where the Apostle encourages us to dwell in the Word of God are just a few. So have you tried it? Be still and know the LORD (Psalm 46:10). Give five minutes or ten minutes or whatever time you choose to chew on Scripture and let an idea, story, or word be the focus of your heart.



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2019

The next scheduled Council meeting is on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a combined Council meeting and 2019 planning session.

The Council made decisions and discussed the following items:

- Jimmie Sloop was elected by unanimous vote to serve as Vice-President of the congregation and Council.
 - Revenues as compared to expenses through December 31, 2018 reflected a positive balance of \$13,873.96 as of meeting. Final figures for 2018 will be available once all reconciliations complete.
 - Audit has been received and discussed for Church and Pre-School.
 - Council representation assigned for all standing committees
 - Council discussed sharing of our facilities with two Bethlehem Church youth basketball teams. Chris and Brent Clark will serve as church contacts during practices and plan to provide open gym opportunities several Friday nights.
 - Property committee continues to work with vendors for replacing lights in the Family Life Center.
 - Pastor Michael shared the new church brochure with updates to ministry teams and life of the church.
- Worship team planning Lenten worship with meal at 6:15 pm and prayer at 7:00 pm Wednesday's during Lent. Staff will lead Sunrise Service and Volunteers will prepare breakfast following service.

LOVE OFFERING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS TO: WITH FRIENDS INC.—YOUTH CRISIS SHELTER

February's Love Offering will be sent to: With Friends Inc.—Youth Crisis Shelter. With Friends is a not-for-profit comprehensive, community-based youth serving organization. A Team of trained staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist youth and their families. Their mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people ages 7—21, who are homeless, in crisis, or at risk. With Friends provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, outreach services, skill building, spiritual enrichment, recreation, follow-up and re-feral services—all working to promote family involvement and working to reunite and strengthen families. The shelter has proven to be effective in preventing youth from ever entering the foster care system and juvenile justice system. Free services are available for youth in Gaston County as well as surrounding counties. Thanks to caring contributions, the shelter is able to provide services to many youth each year. Their dedicated and committed staff needs our help to continue to serve our troubled youth. We appreciate your help and donations to this organization.

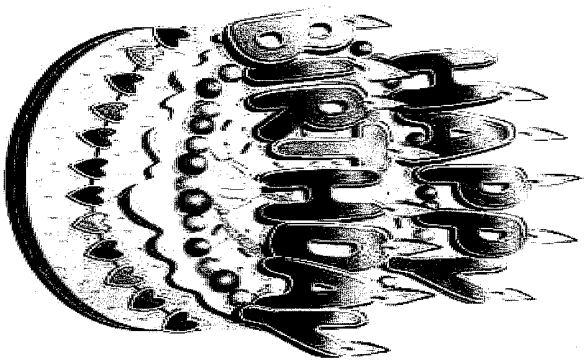
Thank you,
The Social
Ministry
Committee



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Corbin Brown.....1
- Wendy Robinson.....1
- Rachel Anthony.....2
- Jeff Stokes.....5
- Jessica Thornburg.....5
- Jason Lindeberger.....8
- Mary Scott Robinson.....9
- Kay Robinson.....10
- Ron Behringer.....11
- James Hovis.....13
- Alexander Goeld.....15
- Elyse Hoffmann.....22
- Lynda Ellington.....23
- Vickie Beam.....24
- Katherine Heilig.....26
- Henry Hoffman.....28

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.

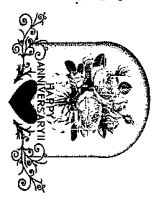


FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Drew & Katie Carpenter.....12
- Ray & Charlotte Jenkins, Jr.....13
- Robert & Kelly Andrews.....17
- Jenny & Bob Williamson.....27

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



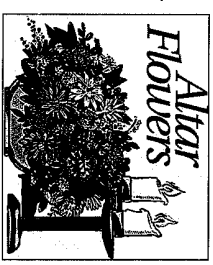
FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETING

- Esther Circle Hostess (Feb. 4)..... Jeannette Myers
- Esther Circle Program (Feb. 4)..... Gail Brown
- Rebecca Circle Hostess (Feb. 4).....
- Rebecca Circle Program (Feb. 4).....

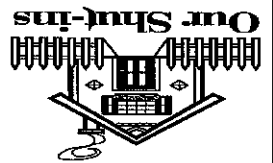
Women of the ELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

- February 3—Given by Amy & Josh Baker in honor of Corbin Brown's 7th birthday.
 - February 10—Given by Ed & Cathy Robinson in memory of Mary Brown Robinson's birthday.
 - February 17—Given by Martin Stamm in loving memory of Jackie.
 - February 24—Given by Othell's Children in memory of Othell Carpenter.
- Cost of flowers is \$55.00. Please be sure to note on your check that it is for flowers for the Altar.



PLEASE VISIT OR WRITE OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Betty Hicks

Woodlawn Haven
301 Craig Street
Room #A-9

Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Dot Lewis

327 Lewis Road
Gastonia, NC 28054

Betty Petty

811 Ashbrook Park Road
Dallas, NC 28034

Charles Albright

63 Honeysuckle Wood
Lake Wylie, SC 29710

Betty Barkley

1711 Fairfield Drive
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



THE MUSTARD SEEDS

Our 5th and 6th grade Sunday School Class has the distinction of having the smallest number of kids on roll, but the have decided to EMBRACE their size. We have named the class the Mustard Seeds and have decided on a project that we are asking the congregation to help us with. In Keeping with our smallness, we have decided to collect pennies. The proceeds for these pennies will go toward ELCA GOOD GIFTS—God's Global Barnyard. Depending on the success of our collection we will purchase various barnyard animals.

Dig in those couches, empty your pockets and purses, ask your friends and neighbors to save their unwanted pennies and bring any rolled or unrolled pennies you might have around your home. Keeping in mind that big things can happen from just collecting pennies, we are not asking for anything but pennies; however, no contribution will be turned down.

The kids are excited about a chance to make a difference in the world. Mustard Seeds this year are Lillian Robinson, Nathan Lilly, Elliott Anthony and Ethan Lineberger. Galvanized collection tubs have been placed on the Sunday School hallway and in the church Narthex. Look for these and lighten your pockets to help our young ones make a difference in the world.

HERITAGE OAKS

Each month the Chapel Class entertains residents at Heritage Oaks Retirement Center by playing Bingo on the last Sunday of every month. Over Christmas, the class gathered donations of basic items needed by the residents such as quilts, pillows, blankets, toiletries and more. The church bus was needed to carry all of these items to the approximately 85 residents! These folks don't have much and hopefully these gifts brought the residents a little joy, but the real reward was working together as a class to share the joy of the season.

LADIES NIGHT

As you are aware, Ladies Night has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 16th at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. The same planned entertainment, "Rev It Up", and the same caterer will provide our delicious meal. Hopefully there are some of you who might have had a conflict on our December date and would like to come to the February 16th event. Steve Clark, Charles Edwards, Bill Anton, and Fred Ward will be happy to get you signed up. We would need to complete our reservations by the first week in February so we can advise the caterer of our number that will be eating.

Also, if there are any members who previously purchased tickets for December, but can't make the February date, we would like to know.

We are very appreciative of the door prizes we have received and held since December. If anyone wants to bring anything else, please bring to the church office or get to Fred Ward.

We look forward to seeing you there for a night filled with good food, good fellowship, and good entertainment.

COLLEGE TREATS

The women's Circles will be collecting goodies to send to our college students for a Valentine treat. Individually wrapped candy, microwave hot chocolate, microwave popcorn, snack crackers, granola bars and pop tarts are excellent choices. The Women of the ELCA are so proud of this project and thank the congregation for their participation. The treat boxes will be mailed on Friday, February 8th. There is a box outside the church office for donations. Thank you.

Happy Valentine's Day



LUTHERAN CHAPEL MEN'S GROUP

18th Annual Long Leaf Pine Needle Sale March 2nd and continuing through March 9th

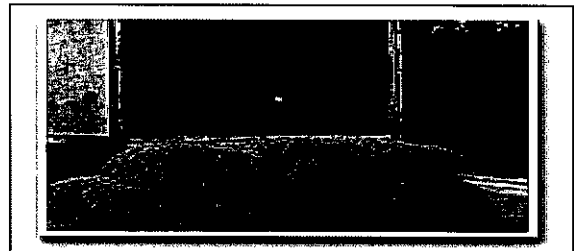
Again this year, the men of the church will be conducting it's annual long leaf pine needle sale. With a lot of repeat customers and great volunteer help we look forward to a successful sale. This year we will again be using the same North Carolina supplier offering NC (Pinehurst area) long leaf pine needles. These pine needles are hand raked and bailed. They are also known for their higher rosin content, better color and longer life. The cost will remain \$4.75 per bundle. We will deliver 12 or more bundles free.

We appreciate your purchase in the past and wanted to let you know that we will be selling and delivering beginning March 2nd and continuing through March 9th.

If you are interested please complete the form enclosed in the church bulleting, call the church office at 704-864-6491, or contact Fred Ward or Steve Clark.

Proceeds will be used to support our youth programs, youth mission trips, beautification of our church campus, and other ministries of our church. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Volunteer help to deliver pine needles would be most appreciated.



SHOWERS

The ladies of Lutheran Chapel Church enjoy providing bridal and baby showers for members of our congregation.

This is a fun way to honor future brides and future mothers during a most special time in their lives. It is also an important time for fellowship with members of our congregation who we may not know or see regularly.

Please make every effort to attend these events for everyone. We want to show what a considerate and loving congregation we are. It's also a perfect way to make a new friend!



YOUTH NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Upcoming events

Sunday, Feb. 3rd

5:00pm: Luther Choir
6:00pm: Crossroads Choir
6:30pm: Crossroads Youth Group

Saturday, Feb. 9th

9:30am: Crossroads Serve Saturday (Clothing Closet Work Day)

Sunday, Feb. 10th

5:00pm: Luther Choir
6:00pm: Crossroads Choir
No Youth Group

Tuesday, February 12th:

7:00pm: Mission Trip Information Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 13th

6:00pm: JAMS Outing to Heritage Oaks

Sunday, Feb. 17th

No Youth Choirs
6:30pm: Crossroads Youth Group

Friday, Feb. 22nd - Saturday, Feb. 23rd

6:30pm: Confirmation Lock-in

Sunday, Feb. 24th

5:00pm: Luther Choir
6:00pm: Crossroads Choir
6:30pm: Crossroads Youth Group

Wednesday, Feb. 27th

6:00pm-7:00pm: Jesus and Me Session

Tuesday, February 27th

7:00pm: Mission Trip Information Meeting

Happy Birthday...

Corbin Brown (2-1)

Mary Scott Robinson (2-9)

Katherine Heilig (2-15)



Crossroads Serve Saturday:

Crossroads (6th-12th) Youth will be having a service project on Saturday, Feb. 9th at 9:30am to help get the Clothing Closet Ready!

There will be an Outing to follow!

MISSION TRIP:

The mission trip will be from Sunday, July 21st - Friday, July 26th!

I will have frequent meetings about the mission trip for those who want to know more!

Last date to sign up is March 30th, 2019

JAMS OUTINGS!!

This year we are going to be doing something a little different! Once a month we will meet outside of the church for an outing or service project!

This month we will be meeting at Heritage Oaks!

Vacation Bible School!

Journey with us to Athens to learn about the Jaw-dropping story of Apostle Paul... from Paul himself!

Mark your Calendars!

June 17th-20th, 2019 with a special presentation during the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 23rd, 2019!

Vacation Bible School


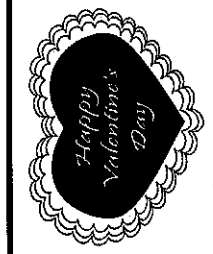
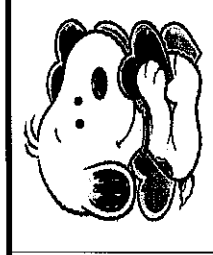
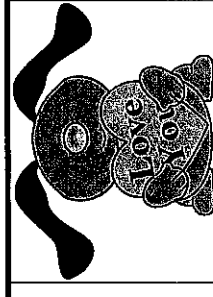
CHILDREN'S CHURCH



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

FEBRUARY 2019

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