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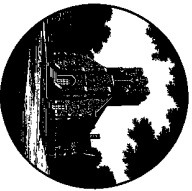
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JANUARY 2019

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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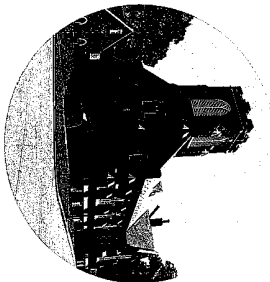
Director Youth & Family Ministry:
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Council President:
Ken Obernauf

WELCA Executive Board LCC:
President—Pam Overcash

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: DAY BY DAY IN 2019

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). As God gives us life, day by day in this new year, let us seek the Presence of Christ with us in worship, in our hearts, and in each moment. A song by Carolina Sandell Berg and Oskar Ahnfelt from our Swedish Lutheran heritage, *Day by Day*, is offered below to sing or to learn for 2019. The music is in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #790, and there are a number of good renditions of this on Youtube.

Day by day, Your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.

Day by day, the blessings, Lord, You send me draw me nearer to my heavenly goal.

Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;

Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know You will provide

me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;

I will seek Your loving will to guide me over the paths I struggle day by day.

I will fear no evil of the tomorrow, I will trust in Your enduring grace.

Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold Your face.

Oh, what joy to know that You are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear.

Oh, what joy to know that You will hear me when I come, O Lord, to You in prayer.

Day by day, no matter what betide me, You will hold me ever in Your hand.

Savior, with Your Presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

Happy 2019 to all!
Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael

LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2018

The next scheduled Council meeting is on Sunday, January 13, 2019 immediately following the 10:30 am worship service in the Conference Room.

The Council made decisions and discussed the following items:

- New Council Members Sherrie Angstadt, Amy Brown, Josh Carpenter and Jimmy Sloop were welcomed and outgoing Council Members Chris Angstadt, Crown Hoffman, Charlotte Jenkins, and Marty Lineberger were thanked for their service. Newly elected Council Members will take their vows on Sunday, January 6, 2019 during the 10:30 am worship service.
- The children's Christmas play and luncheon were both wonderful worship and fellowship opportunities for our congregation. Attendance was excellent.
- Several members are coordinating "Care of Souls" caregiving packages for those in our congregation who serve as care givers for a spouse or family member. God calls us to care for one another.
- New members were voted on for the Memorial (Susan Lewis), Cemetery Endowment (Ervin Hoffman) and Endowment (Drew Carpenter) second term and Nancy Wilman) Committees.
- Executive Committee members were voted on Secretary (Katherine Sanders) and Treasurer (Ed Robinson). Vice President will be voted on at a later date.
- Action items discussed from long range focus group sessions including communications, sharing our facilities, care bags and incorporation of youth/musical variety in existing worship services.
- Revenues as compared to expenses year to date through November 30, 2018 reflect a positive balance of \$2,471.08.

LOVE OFFERING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS CANCER SERVICES OF GASTON COUNTY

Our Love Offerings for the month of January is to be given to Cancer Services of Gaston County. This agency has an active presence in our community. Cancer Services provides education about cancer prevention and detection, assists cancer patients, and funds cancer research. The mission of Cancer Services is to serve the community by actively promoting healthy lifestyles and to provide support and services needed by people living with cancer. They provide cancer patients with limited financial and medication assistance and medical equipment is loaned free of charge. Also, they provide nutritional supplements, wigs, diapers, bed pads, etc. to cancer patient. Educational programs and free cancer screening clinics are provided to promote public awareness of cancer. Contributions are also made to cancer research to find a cure for this disease.

Everyone is personally affected by cancer at some time in their life. By supporting agencies such as Cancer Services, you are helping people who are suffering with this disease. Your donation can help make a difference in their battle against cancer.

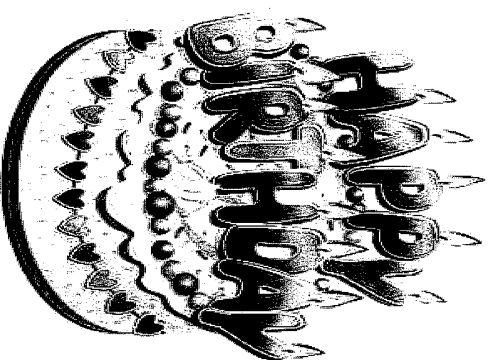
Thank you,
Social Ministry Committee



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marion Rhyne.....	3
Anna Escobedo.....	5
Ralph Hale.....	6
Myra Weaver.....	10
Susan Henderson.....	11
Matthew Carpenter.....	13
Luke Hoffman.....	13
Megan Landers.....	13
Miles Carpenter.....	14
Richard Ramsey.....	15
Ken Obenaut.....	16
Bill Robinson.....	17
Tim Henderson.....	18
David Myers.....	24
Christie Andrews.....	25
Barry Martin.....	25
Darry Shaw Nighbor.....	29
Kirk Nighbor.....	29
Ann Edwards.....	30
Todd Carpenter.....	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.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Susan Cooper & Leon Cox..... 19

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



JANUARY CIRCLE MEETING

- Esther Circle Hostess (Jan. 7)..... Ma Bell
- Esther Circle Program (Jan. 7)..... Barbara Peacock
- Rebecca Circle Hostess (Jan. 7).....
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- Rachel Circle Hostess (Jan. 7).....
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Women of the ELCA

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

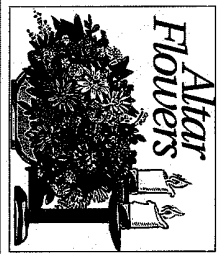
January 6—From Dru Hufsticker and Mary Beth Stone to the Glory of God.

January 13—From Stephen & Debbie Laws to the Glory of God.

January 20

January 27—From Wendy & Scott Robinson in honor of Mary Scott's 13th birthday.

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



OWLS TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendar for 2019 OWLS Trips and Activities.

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm **Bingo** at the Church, bring a pick up to share.

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 11:30 am: Community Lunch at O'Charlies.

March, 2019 Trip to Sims BBQ (Date TBA)

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 11:30 am: Mystery Lunch.

May, 2019: Trip in planning process (TBA)

June, 2019—Grizzlies Ball Game (TBA)

OWLS BIBLE STUDY DATES

All Classes are 10:00 to 11:00 am

Tuesday, **January 22**

Tuesday, **February 26**

Tuesday, **March 26**

Tuesday, **April 30**

Tuesday, **May 21**



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE
















A key action item from our recent congregational focus group sessions centered around improved communications for ministry opportunities with our members. Please note below the following immediate steps have been taken to improve overall church communications:

- 13 members have volunteered to serve in various capacities on the communication "team."
- 10:30 worship service now available via live stream on the Lutheran Chapel Church in Gastonia, NC public group Facebook page. Response thus far has been very positive.
- Volunteers are now posting updates to the Lutheran Chapel Church and Lutheran Chapel Church in Gastonia, NC public page. Event invites created for key church ministry activities.
- Requests for updates to member contact information (address/home phone/cell phone/email) began in November and continues.
- Current phone tree review is underway as well as exploring other options for mass communication via phone/text/email.
- Volunteers will be trained for assistance on updates to church website.
- Current cable provider modem is eight years old and will be replaced by provider as well as an increase in internet speed to allow for better streaming.

We are grateful for the members who have volunteered to help serve the church on this team and welcome any other members interested in serving. If interested, please contact Katherine Sanders at 704-616-8779 or baksanders@earthlink.net. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWER DATES OPEN FOR 2019: January 20, March 3, March 17, June 30, July 7. If you are interested in one of these dates please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242. Cost is \$55.00.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—JANUARY 2019

	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 27	
Acolyte Torch Bearer Torch Bearer	Bram Comer	Ethan Lineberger	Lillian Robinson	Olivia Berghello	
Bible Bearer Crucifer Banner Bearer	Ben Carpenter	Mary Scot Robinson		Alex Berghello	
Sunday Lector	Gene Weaver	Mark Goedl	Nancy Witman	Ken Obenauf	
Assistant Minister	Kay Lineberger	Nancy Witman	Ann Marie Lentz	Baker Sanders	
Communion Assistants	Kathy Carpenter Ed Robinson		Janie Peak Rick Peak		
Communion Presenters	Gail Brown Sara Carpenter		Nancy Hoffman Ervin Hoffman		
Altar Guild	Suzie Ward Judy Anton	Suzie Ward Judy Anton	Suzie Ward Judy Anton	Suzie Ward Judy Anton	
Ushers	Chris Clark Katherine Sanders Steve Bell Mark Goedl	Chris Clark Katherine Sanders Steve Bell Mark Goedl	Chris Clark Katherine Sanders Steve Bell Mark Goedl	Chris Clark Katherine Sanders Steve Bell Mark Goedl	
Council Persons	Chris Clark Katherine Sanders	Chris Clark Katherine Sanders	Chris Clark Katherine Sanders	Chris Clark Katherine Sanders	
Helping Hands	Wendy Robinson	Wendy Robinson	Wendy Robinson	Wendy Robinson	

YOUTH NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Upcoming events

Sunday, Jan. 6th

11:45am: Mission Trip Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 9th

6:00pm: JAMS Outing to Liberty Lanes

Friday, Jan. 11th-Saturday, Jan. 12th

6:30pm-8:30am: Middle and High School Lock-in

Sunday, Jan. 13th

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

Sunday, Jan. 20th

No Youth Choirs
No Youth Group

Wednesday, Jan. 23rd

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

Friday, Jan. 25th

6:00pm-10:00pm:
Confirmation Seminar

Sunday, Jan. 27th

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

Monday, Jan. 28th

7:00pm: Mission Trip Meeting

Happy Birthday...

Nathaniel Hord (1/2)

Luke Hoffman (1/13)

Richard Ramsey (1/15)

Christine Andrews.
(1/25)

Darby Shaw Nigbor
(1/29)

Kirk Nigbor (1/29)



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 Liberty Lanes!

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN JAN 11TH-12TH

The middle and high school youth will be kicking off the new semester with a lock-in!

Please come for night of fellowship!

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

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