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## AUGUST 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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The Rev. Michael C. Comer

### Administrative Assistant:

Claudia Zibell

### Director Youth & Family Ministry:

Megan Landers

### Council President:

Ken Obenauf

### WELCA Executive Board LCC:

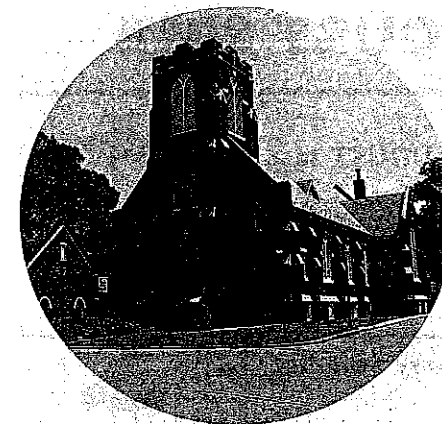
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## THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH: SIMPLE GOOD NEWS AND SMILES

From sunrise to sunset, from each breath and heartbeat, to the encounter with another made in God's image to family, friends and purpose; the gifts of God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit are without measure. Consider wisdom from Proverbs: a cheerful heart has a continual feast (15:15b) and "a cheerful heart is a good medicine, and a downcast spirit dries up the bones" (17:22). Here are some jokes and quotes below: (share some good ones with me in person or by posting on the church Facebook page.)

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." One of the brothers turned to the other and said, "You be Jesus!"

God was talking to one of his angels. He said, "Boy I just figured out how to rotate Earth so that it creates this really incredible twenty-four hour period of alternating light and darkness." The angel said, "What are you going to do now?" God said, "Call it a day."

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason cried all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, Jason replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home and I wanted him to stay with you guys."

























The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. The Christian ideal has been found difficult and left untried. *Orthodoxy*, G.K. Chesterton

It might be reasonably maintained that the true object of all human life is play. Earth is a task garden; heaven is a playground. To be at last in such secure innocence that one can juggle with the universe and the stars, to be so good that one can treat everything as a joke, that may be, perhaps, the real end and final holiday of human souls. *All Things Considered*, G.K. Chesterton

Pride juggles with her toppling towers. They strike the sun and cease, but the firm feet of humility, they grip the ground like trees. *The Ballad of the White Horse*, G.K. Chesterton

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Michael

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—AUGUST 2018

	AUGUST 5	AUGUST 12	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 26	
Nursery Volunteers					
Acolyte Torch Bearer Torch Bearer	Ethan Lineberger	Lillian Robinson	Olivia Berghello	Harry Swindler	
Bible Bearer Crucifer Banner Bearer	Alex Berghello	Noah Comer	Mary Scott Robinson Alex Berghello	Mason Swindler	
Sunday Lector					
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash	Nancy Witman	Kay Lineberger	Mark Thornburg	
Communion Assistants	Janie Peak Rick Peak		Myra Weaver Gene Weaver		
Communion Presenters	Elyse Hoffman Matt Hoffman		Susan Lewis David Lewis		
Altar Guild	Ann Edwards Sylvia Fogle	Ann Edwards Sylvia Fogle	Ann Edwards Sylvia Fogle	Ann Edwards Sylvia Fogle	
Ushers	Scott Swindler Ray Jenkins Don Boyette Mark Goedl	Scott Swindler Ray Jenkins Don Boyette Mark Goedl	Scott Swindler Ray Jenkins Don Boyette Mark Goedl	Scott Swindler Ray Jenkins Don Boyette Mark Goedl	
Council Persons	Charlotte Jenkins James Hovis	Charlotte Jenkins James Hovis	Charlotte Jenkins James Hovis	Charlotte Jenkins James Hovis	
Helping Hands	Debra Hoffman	Debra Hoffman	Debra Hoffman	Debra Hoffman	

# AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5</b> 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>6</b> No Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers NO Esther Circle NO Rachel Circle Rebecca Circle Eating Out	<b>7</b> 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 10:00 Clothing Closet	<b>8</b> 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>9</b> 8:30 Preschool Summer Program—LAST DAY	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 11:45 Council Meeting (CR) 11:45 Outreach Team (Lib) 12:00 Hoffman Reunion (FLC & KIT) 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>13</b> No Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	<b>14</b> NO Preschool 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	<b>15</b> NO Preschool 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>16</b> NO Preschool	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 Clothing Closet (9 am—2 pm)
<b>19</b> HOMECOMING Bishop Tim Smith Pastor 12:00 Cover Dish Luncheon (KIT & FLC) 12:00 Robinson Reunion (FH & KIT) 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>20</b> No Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	<b>21</b> NO Preschool 7:00 Secretariat Via de Cristo (Lib)	<b>22</b> NO Preschool 7:30 Chapel Voice	<b>23</b> NO Preschool	<b>24</b> Outreach Team making Dinner for Ashbrook Football Team (FLC & KIT)	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>27</b> 8:30 Preschool Starts Fall Session 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	<b>28</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	<b>29</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>30</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>31</b>	
			<b>1</b> 8:30 Preschool Summer Program 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>2</b> 8:30 Preschool Summer Program	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

# THANK YOU

DEAR LUTHERAN CHAPEL,

The last two months of our mother's life were filled with love—thanks to you, her many friends at Lutheran Chapel. She was pleased and touched and entertained—as were we, her family—as you brought joy at a very difficult time through the many heart-warming visits, the beautiful flower arrangements, the lovely cards, and the cheerful phone calls. We so appreciate the support given to us—the hugs and shared tears, the kind words and delightful stories, the home-made goodies and home-cooked meals.

A special thank-you to all who made the funeral service and reception such a beautiful celebration of mother's life—Pastor Michael Comer, Lisa Burch, Roger Myers, the Chancel Choir, Mason Swindler, Harrison Swindler, Judy Anton and the entire reception team, and all who attended and expressed their condolences. We especially want to thank Suzy Ward and all who arranged for her "100th birthday cake." Mother would have been delighted. Our hearts are forever touched. Thank you.

The McArver family

LUTHERAN CHAPEL,

The Family of Mary Beam wishes to thank you most sincerely for your expressions of faith, kindness, and sympathy. We deeply appreciate Pastor Michael, the Choir, Ladies of the church, and Dirty Collar Workers for celebrating her life with us.

We are grateful for the love, Support, and friendships openly given at Lutheran Chapel. We are encouraged and blessed to know that our mother is in the company of our Lord. Blessings.

Jay, Julie, Joel Beam

## LONG RANGE SURVEY RESULTS

A few months back. The Long Range Planning Committee provided a survey to members for input on Lutheran Chapel Church ministries. The survey was seeking examples of what we do well as a fellowship, what ministries are needed in our community, and what do we feel God is calling us to do. Our hope from this survey was to obtain ideas from our congregational members to aid in providing a long range vision for our church. While we did receive some really good ideas from this survey, we did not get a large number of responses. We feel there is more feedback to be captured and perhaps there is another way to obtain this needed information from our members. In response, over the next few months, several in person gathering sessions will be planned to allow you the opportunity to voice your ideas for growing our fellowship, calling out the things we do really well and areas that we need to focus on. You will be hearing more about this in the near future so look out for an invitation to share your opinion. Please see Crown Hoffman or Beth Swindler if you have any questions or suggestions on this initiative.

## WITH FRIENDS, INC. YOUTH SHELTER SERVICES

Dear Lutheran Chapel,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of With Friends Youth Shelter Services, I would like to extend our warmest appreciation for your generous donation of \$600 through The Community Foundation of Gaston's Run for the Money 2018 event.

Your continued interest and support of the Youth Shelter will make the difference in the lives of the many young people who seek refuge at the shelter. With this type of leadership and support from the community, we can ensure that our youth are given another opportunity to develop to their full potential.

Please accept our deepest thanks for your continued support and generosity. Feel free to visit the shelter or our website [www.withfriendsyouthshelter.org](http://www.withfriendsyouthshelter.org) to find out more about how your donations are helping youth who are homeless, runaway, abused, neglected, abandoned and in crisis.

Caroline Looney, Executive Director



## PLEASE VISIT OR WRITE OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**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

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

**Dot Lewis**  
327 Lewis Road  
Gastonia, NC 28054

**Cathy Lloyd**  
1718 Farm Pond Court  
Gastonia, NC 28054

**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**

## HOMECOMING

Dear Friends and Family of Lutheran Chapel:

Sunday, August 19, 2018 is our church Homecoming Service and covered dish luncheon. On behalf of the Worship and Music Committee and the entire staff of Lutheran Chapel, we would like to invite you to join us.

We celebrate Homecoming, taking the time to look back over the blessings of the past year and forward into the future with anticipation for what the Lord is going to do in the year to come. It is also a time for those who have been a part of our church body in the past to "come home" and join us to celebrate their time as part of our congregation.

Our guest Pastor for the day will be Bishop Tim Smith. Hope you all are able to attend.

**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  
AUGUST IS  
CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES**

Our Love Offering for August will be for Crisis Assistance Ministry. This ministry would not be possible without the financial gifts, food donations, and volunteer hours that 43 congregations in out county provide. The participation of our congregation is essential to ensure that CAM has an adequate food supply and enough money to meet the requests for assistance that they receive each month. CAM feeds in excess of 400 people and gives approximately \$18,000 in financial assistance per month, and needs a minimum of 14 volunteers daily to adequately process requests for assistance.

It is vital to our community of neighbors that suffer under the burden of poverty and for those in financial crisis that we continue to support this ministry. CAM is continually tweaking their programs to improve the way that the needs of our community are met. The fact that CAM is very successful in meeting the needs of families and individuals is the very reason we need to continue to support them.

Please prayerfully consider your donation and help CAM to meet the essential life needs of food, rent/mortgage, utilities, and prescription medicines of people in need. Our congregation is always very generous each month to our love offerings and we appreciate the support and love that you give to ministries at they work to stop the suffering of our neighbors.

Also, if you are able to give the gift of time, CAM has many volunteer opportunities. You can call (704)867-0676.

Thank you,  
Social Ministry Committee



**AUGUST  
BIRTHDAYS**

Kay Lineberger.....	1
Ann Behringer.....	2
Kimberly Bell.....	2
Patrick Murzynski.....	2
Chris Angstadt.....	5
Rachel Carpenter.....	5
Drusilla Huffstickler.....	5
Steve Bell.....	7
Janie Peak.....	7
Susan-Cooper Cox.....	8
Jim Sloop.....	9
Olivia Berghello.....	10
Thomas Beutler.....	15
Jerry Carpenter.....	17
Steve Jackson.....	19
Carlton Peacock.....	19
Emily Carpenter.....	21
Ginny Comer.....	22
Cathy Lloyd.....	22
Jason Sanders.....	22
Meredith Ramsey.....	23
Charles (Four) Heilig, IV.....	27
Lucinda Thornburg.....	27
Baker Sanders.....	30
Faye Ann Boyette.....	31
Dabney Roberts.....	31
Barbara Robinson.....	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.



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Ron & Ann Behringer.....	1
Erin & Cody Huffstetler.....	3
David & Susan Lewis.....	7
Ed & Cathy Robinson.....	12
Steve & Ma Bell.....	15

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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



**AUGUST CIRCLE MEETING**

Esther Circle Hostess.....	NO MEETING
Esther Circle Program.....	NO MEETING
Rebecca Circle Hostess.....	EATING OUT
Rebecca Circle Program.....	EATING OUT
Rachel Circle Hostess.....	NO MEETING
Rachel Circle Program.....	NO MEETING



**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR AUGUST**

**August 5**—Given by Ann and Ron Behringer in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary (August 1).

**August 12**—Given by Ma and Steve Bell in honor of their 53rd Wedding Anniversary (August 15).

**August 19**—Given by the church in honor of Homecoming.

**August 26**—Given by Terry and Trish Ratchford in honor of our grandchildren, Alex and Olivia Berghello.

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

